

Mother of Titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba passes away



IT News
Imphal, Oct 7: Mother of Titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba, Maharani Tampha passes away at around 11 am today. She was 65 years old. She died of an illness, report from the family said. As per tradition, the last rite of the mother of the titular king will be performed at Kangla and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has granted permission for that.

4 non-locals without valid documents handed over to police

IT News
Thoubal, Oct 7: When apprehension about the influx of non-local particularly the Rohingya migrants in the state of Manipur, four non-locals who were found loitering at Khangabok Part-III area in a suspicious manner were rounded up by locals of the area. When the said non-locals enquired by the locals did not possess any verification documents. However, they stated to have been stayed at a rented room at Hapta in Imphal West. All the four were handed over to Thoubal police for proper verification.

EGM Condemns

IT News
Imphal, Oct 8: Editors Guild Manipur condemn and take serious note of some locales of Khumidok Arapti Madrasa area who intimidated reporters from both the electronic and print media who had rushed to gather news from the area following reports of violence during the local body poll today (7 October 2017). The unruly mob not only threaten the reporters with dire consequence but also prevented them from carrying out their duties as journalists. The EGM considers this as direct attack on the freedom of press and freedom to do our duty as media person and urge the state Home department to take equally serious view and book those concern under the due process of law. EGM also urged the local leaders, clubs of the area to identify the culprit and help bring justice so that similar incident do not take place in future.

Favour early solution to Naga issue; should not hurt Manipur: N. Biren

PTI
Imphal, Oct 8: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has said that solution to the Naga issue should not disturb peace in his state, while maintaining that an early resolution of peace talks between the Centre and NSCN (IM) is desirable in the interest of the entire North-East region. Asserting that any agreement on the Naga issue which hurts the interest of Manipur is unacceptable, Singh told PTI that there will not be any compromise on the matter. Large areas of the state are inhabited by Nagas. "We want early resolution to

any issue that affects the people. The same applies to the ongoing talks between Centre and NSCN (IM)," he said. He was responding to a query on the state government's position on the framework agreement signed between the Centre and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, Issac-Muivah group (NSCN-IM) in August 2015 to bring an end to India's longest running insurgency, which has so far failed to yield a final outcome. Among others, NSCN (IM) has sought integration of Naga inhabited areas of the North-East and autonomy of

the proposed region. The demand mostly affects Manipur as the state has vast areas inhabited by Nagas. "As far as NSCN (IM) is concerned, Manipur government is not a party to the talks with the Centre... However, what we have asked the Centre is that whenever there is a discussion that involves interests of the state, then our views and consent should be taken. There cannot be any compromise on the interest of Manipur," Singh said. He further said: "We have made it amply clear to the Centre that we don't have any problem with whatever

solution that is arrived at, as long as it is confined to the territorial limits of Nagaland." Singh said even other states like Assam and Arunachal Pradesh which can also be affected were also in favour of resolving the Naga issue within Nagaland itself. "I have been in touch with my counterparts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. We want a solution to the Naga issue at the earliest within Nagaland without disturbing others as it is in the interest of the people of the North-East," he added. Asked about the possibility of Centre agreeing to demand of integration of Naga inhabited areas, he said: "I don't think

the government of India would want a solution that is going to create greater chaos and a bigger problem in the region." In case such a scenario were to arise, Singh said, "then the Manipur Assembly will take up the issue and take a resolution against any infringement on the territorial integrity of the state." When asked about lifting of the contentious Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) entirely from the state, Singh said his government has been working to improve law and order situation so that it could be removed in the long run. "However, the current

situation doesn't warrant lifting of the act entirely from the state. We are working to improve the situation. So, as and when it improves, we will work towards it (removing the act)," he said. At present except for seven Assembly constituencies in Imphal valley, the act is in force in the rest of Manipur. Human rights activists have been campaigning for removal of the act from the state as it gives armed forces extraordinary powers that includes immunity from legal action, and the licence to shoot and arrest people without obtaining warrants.

Post Panchayat Election turns murky at Sora; several injured in scuffling

IT News
Imphal, Oct 7: At least 7 persons were seriously injured when a bloody fight took place between two groups of people at Sora in Kakching district at around 10 am today morning. Report said that the swords and other deadly weapons were used during the fight and condition of some among the injured is stated to be serious. Those injured of one group are identified as Md. Abdul Khan, MD, Inaocha and MD Farid, all in their early twenties. Md. Azad Khan and Firoz Khan of the opposing group too were injured in the deadly

scuffled. According to report, heated argument took place between supporters of a candidates after a person identified as Md Azad Khan (50 years) was found posted as polling official at the Sora Junior High School Polling Station. As MD. Azad Khan hail from Sora Maning Leikai, supporter of a specific candidate protest. A minor scuffled even took place between Md. Azad Khan and a person identified as Abe in yesterday's incident. Police which timely intervened the matter brought the situation under control. A written

complaint was allegedly lodged to the Kakching PS yesterday evening by Md. Azad but later withdrawn after both arrived to an understanding. However today morning again the when groups of people supporting Abe turn hostile after receiving news of a complaint being lodged to the Police station again. As a result a heated confrontation occurred with the groups supporting Md. Azad Khan resulting to a deadly fight. Source said that both side carried swords and daggers. Police team rush the site and controlled the situation.

'Only independent Kangleipak can safeguard indigenous communities'

IT News
Imphal, Oct 8: Chairman of People's Revolutionary Party Of Kangleipak (Progressive) L. Paliba greets the people of the region on occasion of the outfit's Raising Day. The proscribed group is celebrating its 41st Raising Day on October 9. In his message made available to media houses the chairman of the outfit said that North Eastern communities are endlessly being discriminated against by mainland Indians and various forms of criminal activities including murder are being perpetrated against the people of Northeast in Indian

heartland. He also recalled on the mass exodus from many parts of Indian states because of atrocities and threats from many parts of India. The Chairman compare the mass exodus to that of the infamous mass exodus of India Pakistan partition. "Even though many European thinkers and leaders forebode the balkanization of the so called unified India, Indian leaders are proud that the prediction did not come true as India is not breaking up, which successfully completed 70 years with the principle of Unity in Diversity. Nevertheless movement of the Maoist/ Naxalite in the backbone central states of India, Kashmiri people's movements are rising more and more, revolutionary struggle in WESEA regions are strengthening, even some states are demanding separate flags of their own. Indian leaders were frightened when C.N. Annadurai on May 1, 1962 demanded Self Determination for Dravidian South Indian, this demand compelled the

government to make many strong amendments like the Sixteenth Amendment Act 1963 in Indian Constitution to make India unbreakable. "Determination in its Constitution? Do the Indian leaders have courage to implement the UN Resolution on Kashmir problem? Why didn't Indian Government respond to Plebiscite demand of UNLF (Manipur) in 2005? Even in the lone super power country USA; California, Texas and some states are demanding to secede from USA, Catalonia regional referendum to secede from Spain was held, even Scottish demand a second referendum for seceding from UK, so Indian leaders must understand these political events. India is a sub-continent, many independent nations, countries must be formed which would safeguard the different cultures, languages, religions and faiths, it should not be under one single government."

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Manipur Maoist appeals to censor hate speech in the struggle for protection of indigenous people

IT News
Imphal, Oct 8: Maoist Communist Party Manipur has appealed All Manipur Working Journalists' Union and Editors' Guild Manipur to censor hate mongering speech between different communities of the state in their quest to save the indigenous communities of the region. In a lengthy press statement, signed by Kyonghan Mangang, co-ordinator, Standing Committee, the outfit said that there might be attempt to sabotage the movement for protection of the indigenous people of the region by

inciting enmity among the various communities of the state. Already the ruling class is expert in suppressing peoples movement by propagating another issues, it added. The outfit appeals to stand prepare for the mega mass movement for protection of the indigenous people by November 11. It also appealed the people to stay away from people spreading hate speech to create enmity among the various community using social networking site. On the other hand the Maoist also appealed the Scheduled Tribe demand Committee

demanding ST status for the Meitei / Meetei to make their stand clear and assure that no harm to the benefit of other ST communities will never be effected. As for the Meitei it is not difficult to convert them to ST status as per the existing strata. The Maoist also said that as reservation for the seat in the valley assembly constituencies for the indigenous people could be easier if converted into ST status, the outfit support both ST demand and the demand by KSA for reservation of assembly seat to indigenous

people. Demand for the ILPS in the state is a genuine demand of the people and the Maoist support all movement for saving the indigenous people, however, if any of the move incite hate feeling among the various community to promulgate enmity then the Maoist warn sever consequences. It appeal each and every communities irrespective of variation in communities to stand together for a mass mega protest to protect the indigenous people of the state.

SC Verdict Tomorrow on Plea to Restore Ban on Firecracker Sale

Agency
New Delhi, Oct 8: The Supreme Court would pronounce on Monday its verdict on the issue whether firecrackers would be sold in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) during the upcoming festive season of Diwali. A bench headed by Justice AK Sikri had on October 6 reserved its order on a plea seeking restoration of the apex court's last year order banning the sale of firecrackers in Delhi-NCR. The top court, through its November 11 order last year, had suspended all licences

which "permit sale of fireworks, wholesale and retail within the territory of NCR". Later, on September 12, the apex court had temporarily lifted its earlier order and permitted sale of firecrackers. During the hearing on the plea seeking restoration of last year's order, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had told the bench that they "support" the application. Advocate Gopal Shankarnarayanan, appearing for petitioner Arjun Gopal, had contended before the court that ban on use of firecrackers should be restored as the

NCR had witnessed a huge rise in air pollution during and after Diwali last year. He had said that rise in air pollution during last Diwali was because of several reasons, including the extensive use of firecrackers. The counsel, appearing for the permanent licences selling crackers, had opposed the plea and said the September 12 order temporarily lifting the ban, was "well-reasoned" and passed after hearing all the parties, including the CPCB. He had argued that all aspects raised by the petitioner were considered by the apex court while passing the order

last month and though firecrackers impacted air quality, it was "not the greatest cause of particulate matter (PM) 2.5". The apex court had last month temporarily lifted its earlier order suspending licences for sale of fire crackers, saying a complete ban would be an "extreme step" and a graded approach was needed to curb pollution caused by them. The court, however, had said its order lifting the ban on sale of fire crackers might require a "review" after Diwali depending on the ambient air quality after the festival.

Sun Valley doctors conducted media clinic

IT News
Guwahati, Oct 8: The city based Sun Valley Hospital conducted the lat weekly evening OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club (GPC) on 7 October, where Dr Rupam Choudhury and Dr Tapan Sharma offered free consultations to over 25 participants. Staff nurses Limgha Sumi & Lily Kom, health workers Hitesh Choudhury & Upen Kakoti from the hospital assisted in conducting the camp, where the participants got their weight, blood sugar & pressure checked in the camp. Organized under the 'Evening with a Doctor' program for the benefit of press club members along with their dependants, the camp also graced by the Sun Valley hospital's managing director Abhoy Chandra Hazarika and its labour officer Kripa C. Barman. The next Saturday camp on 14 October 2017 will be attended by Dr Siben Dutta from Assam's pioneer healthcare institution Down Town

Hospital. The practicing physician will offer free consultations to the participants from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm at the press club premises. The participants will also get the opportunity to check their blood sugar & pressure in the camp. Till date, practicing doctors from Apollo Chennai Hospital, SIMS Hospital Chennai, Manipal Bangalore Hospital, Fortis Hospital Bangalore, Medanta the Medicity Hospital, GNRC Hospitals, Dispur Hospital, Hayat Hospital, Ayursondra Hospital, Nemcare Hospital, and Sight First Eye-Clinic etc have attended the camps. Even though the camps are primarily organised for the benefit of press club members along with their dependants, any journalist of the region with their family members may take the advantage of the Saturday clinics, said a statement issued by the GPC adding that similar initiatives are encouraged in other parts of the region as well.