

24 hour bandh called against merger agreement affects normalcy in the state

IT News
Imphal, Sept 21: Normalcy was severely affected today in valley district of Manipur during the 24 hours bandh called by an organisation called National Revolutionary Front (NRF) today. According to a press statement issued by the organisation the bandh began from midnight yesterday. During the bandh almost all shops and vendors in Khwairambandh Keithel here in Imphal, educational institutions and other establishment remained closed. At Wangjing, Thoubal, Kakching, Bishnupur etc. life was put to complete halt as business establishment were shut down.

Inter district passenger service transporters, local transporters stay off the road. Vehicular movement in the capital Imphal is very less. At other districts like Kakching, Thoubal and Bishnupur roads bore deserted looks during the bandh today. The bandh is being called against the signing of merger agreement between the government of India and Manipur in 1949 on this day at Shillong.

Before the signing of the merger agreement, that is from the period between August 15, 1947 to October 15, 1949, Manipur was an independent nation which have a established government, the statement of the NRF released earlier said.

Awareness prog.

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Imphal, Sept 21: The 3 day residential awareness programme on Rights to Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 scheduled to organise from September 23 to 25 by the State Platform of Disabled People's Organisation (SPDPO) has been postponed on October 12 to 14, a statement of the SPDPO said.

RC Book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Certificate of Registration for my two wheeler vehicle (Suzuki Access - 12) bearing Registration No. MN 01D 2481, on the way between Yumnam Leikai to Poana Bazar on 19 Sept. 2017. Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
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Yumnam Leikai
Chingamathak, Imphal
West

NE students protest in front of UP House demanding probe on the mysterious death of Manipuri Youth at Noida

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Imphal, Sept 21: Mysterious death of Prabin Chanam at Noida had brought 100s of north East students in front of UP House at Chanakyapuri New Delhi today afternoon. The protest organised jointly by the Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MASAD), Delhi Association of Manipur Muslim Students (DAMMS) and North East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) demanding probe against the mysterious death of Prabin Chanam at Noida. 22 years old Pravish Chanam was gone missing from a concert in Greater Noida on September 8. His body was found the next day in Noida's Nithari area which is around 40 Km from the concert spot. The deceased reportedly came to Delhi from



Hyderabad on September 7 to attend the concert in Greater Noida, and had stayed at a friend's house in Delhi's Safdarjung Enclave. Chanam's relatives said his friends lost him in the crowd at the concert. After the death, there were reports that the police cremated Chanam on September 13 without contacting his relatives. His relatives claimed that the

police took the action despite Chanam's brother filing a missing persons complaint on September 9. After an internal inquiry, three officials, including two sub-inspectors, were suspended on September 14. Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh had written to Chief Minister of UP to investigate over the death and had also ordered to send a senior police officer to the

National Capital Region to help the Uttar Pradesh Police investigate the death. The large number of students gathered in front of UP house at New Delhi shouted slogan demanding justice for Prabin Chanam. Placards and banners were also used during the protest. As per report reaching here students from JNU also showed solidarity to the protest.

Patriotic song competition in memory of Lamyamba Hijam Irobot held

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Imphal, Sept 21: A patriotic song competition in memory of Lamyamba Hijam Irobot was held today at GM Hall Imphal in commemoration to the day when Hijam Irobot went underground after the Pungdombam incident on this day of 1948. The inaugural function of the competition organised jointly by the Manipur Proletariat Peoples Democratic Union (MPPDU), Socialist Students Union of Manipur (SSUM) and Struggle Committee of Manipur (SCM) was attended by Shrimayum Nabakumar Sharma, Principal, Kha Manipur Hindustani Sangeet Maha Vidyalaya, Kakching, Ahongsangbam Bhagirathi Singh, Principal, District College of Arts and Culture Keinou, Ibotombi Konthoujam, Cultural Training Institute, Oinam, Ahongsangbam Premkumar

Singh, Member, MBCWD, Govt. of Manipur, Rinku Kh. Editor Imphal Times and Nameirakpam Meghachandra Meitei, President, Manipur Proletariat Peoples Democratic Union as presidium members. In his key note address Secretary of SSUM, N. Tonaranjan elaborated on the needs for remembering the pioneer leader Hijam Irobot. He said the three organisations felt it important to remember today as today is the day Hijam Irobot went underground planting the seed of revolutionary movement in the region. He said that the present generation need to follow the path of the leader and organising the day revive the essence of patriotism to each and every citizen of the state. President of MPPDU, Nameirakpam Meghachandra, while speaking on the occasion recalls on why the day is remembered and how Hijam

Irobot sacrificed the materialistic world for the sake of the people of the land. He recalled on the moved by Irobot to the India government attempt for formation of Purvachand Pradesh by accumulating Manipur, Tripura and Chachar district of Assam. Ahongsangbam Premkumar, Singh, Member MBSWD, Government of Manipur said that the spirit of patriotism is seen to the student leaders of the SSUM and other fellow organisations organising the day. He said that it is not plantation alone but also growing the trees that the society needed today. Principal of Kha Manipur Hindustani Shangeit Maha Bidalayya Shrimayum Nabakumar Sharma recalls on the love for arts and culture of the pioneer leader. Around 45 participants took part in the patriotic song competition.

MSPDCL contractual staffs threaten to shut down power line

IT News
Imphal, Sept 21: Contractual staffs of Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) IED-IV Khuman Lampal today threaten serious agitation including shutting down of electricity if the government fails to listen to their demand. Speaking to a group of reporters, General Secretary of JAC Against MSPDCL Fresh recruitment, Surfaraj said that they have been protesting the fresh recruitment of MSPDCL by ignoring the rights of the contractual employees since September 13, 2017. As the state government failed to listen to the demand, the JAC have no other option but to launch serious form of agitation.

Manipur Maoist calls for unification of ST demand and movement for protection of indigenous people

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Imphal, Sept 21: Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) today calls for unification of all movement for protection of the indigenous people of the state. In a press statement by one Kyonghan Mangang, Coordinator, Standing Committee, MCPM, the outfit said that protection of the indigenous people of the state is the wish of all people of the region. It said the only differences are that each organisation chose different way of protest for protection of the indigenous community. The statement further said that for a peoples' struggle there is a need for understanding for each people of the state and as demand for Scheduled Tribe status of the

indigenous people is tactically flexible, the standing committee of the organisation resolved to support the movement. The outfit appealed the ST Demand Committee to stand united with any movement for protection of the indigenous people even though the strategies are different. The outfit said instead of going separately for the cause of the indigenous people by organising movement for protection of the indigenous people and another by demanding ST status it is time that both the movement go hand in hand. Saying that unity is strength, the Manipur Maoist said that differences need to be sorted out by withdrawing each organisation's firm stand to

intensify the peoples' movement. On the other hand the Manipur Maoist also stated that the demand for reservation of seats for assembly election for the indigenous people by the Kangleipak Students' Association deserves appreciation. It said the demand of the assembly seats can be made as reservation of seat for ST Meitei so that the demand is fulfilled. It also appreciated the JCILPS Student wing for detailing on who are the indigenous people and stated that such a clarification will further make the people understand of the movement. The outfit however stated that Meitei Pangal should also not be ignored in the movement.

The outfit also appealed people of the state to consider every demand by every section of people by extending their support. It said the demand by people of Assembly constituencies of Thoubal and Kakching district over the deprivation of the contesting election while allowing them to vote should not be left for the Kakching and Thoubal district people, it needs supports from all sections of the people. Similarly the movement against Ithai Dam and Loktak project should not be left alone to Lamangdong people. All the people of the state need to support every reasonable demand for the people of the state as without unity there is no other way to get any demand, the statement added.

Mera Chourel Houba celebrated with traditional fervour

IT News
Imphal, Sept 21: Mera Chourel Houba was celebrated today with traditional gaiety and religious fervour in the state. The main function was held at Sanamahi Temple, Haying Khongbal, 1st Battalion Manipuri Rifles complex, Imphal. Health and Family Welfare Minister Mr L Jayentakumar, who attended the celebration as chief guest said the State Government is planning to upgrade this religious festival as a State level festival.

"As an initial stage, the State Government has announced the festival as a State Holiday", Jayentakumar said.. He added that the people of the State at large number being drawn towards this religion day by day. It marks the popularity of the religion, he added. Mr Jayentakumar said that a holy book regarding this religion will be published very soon and it will be made available to the public at large number. He seeks public cooperation in this regard.

CIRCA observed National Repentance Day

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Imphal, Sept 21: Coalition for Indigenous' Rights Campaign Manipur (CIRCA) Manipur today observe the national repentance day at the Sana Konung, Palace Compound. Speaking at the occasion Paosing Golmei, Co-convenor of CIRCA said that although the people of Manipur are aware that once upon a time Manipur was a sovereign state but seems to have completely forgotten that the sign merger agreement was a force merger with the Government of India. Expressing dissatisfaction, Paosing Golmei also said that most people have decided not

to give serious thought behind the story of the forcibly sign merger agreement. The original cultures and traditions of the state became weak due to the intervention of external forces, he added. National Repentance Day is observed in denunciation of Merger Agreement signed by the then Maharaja Bodhachandra at Shillong on September 21, 1949. The Manipur "national flag" which wore the emblem of Pakhangba was flown half-mast at the event which was attended by various civil organisations and student unions' with two minutes silence.

AMWJU staged protest killing of Journalist at Tripura

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Imphal, Sept 21: Members of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union today staged a sit-in-protest at Manipur Press Club today afternoon condemning the killing of a journalist at Tripura. Local TV news channel journalist, Santanu Bhowmick was kidnapped and killed in West Tripura district while covering the agitation and road blockade by the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT)

yesterday, said a police source. Superintendent of Police of West district, Abhijit Saptarshi said Santanu Bhowmick, a journalist from 'Dinrat' news channel, was covering the agitation and road blockade by the IPFT at Mandai when he was hit from behind and kidnapped. Later, Mr Bhowmick was found with serious injuries and was rushed to Agartala Medical College and Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead, the SP said.

Bangladesh: 6 workers killed after fire in textile factory

Siam Sarower Jamil, Dhaka, Sep 21: At least 6 people have been killed and 20 injured after a fire engulfed a textile factory in Munshiganj, near of the Bangladesh capital, Dhaka yesterday. Three of the deceased were identified as Nazmul, 20, Israt, 18, and Ujjal, 20. The incident was reported Wednesday from the factory of Ideal Textile Mill, said police. Local Police officer Joyal Abedin said, "Four fire-fighting units from Munshiganj and Narayanganj are working at the scene to put out the blazes" The fire left the factory severely damaged, he said.

"A few other workers are still missing, so the death toll may rise." Abedin said the fire started from the first-floor of the factory building, where chemicals were stored. "Renovations were going on the same floor, where welders were at work." "A spark caused the fire at the chemical warehouse, which spread to other parts soon after," said the police officer. According to him, the victims did not die from the fire rather suffocated from the fumes of the chemicals. Meanwhile, deputy commissioner of Munshiganj, Saila Farzana visited the spot and provided financial assistance to the victims' families for their burial.