

48 hours Chandel bandh called

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Imphal, Sept 24: Naga Chiefs Association and Kuki Chief Association of Chandel district has called 48 hours bandh in Chandel district from midnight of September 25.
 A statement of the Naga Chief Association Chandel said that the decision was taken during a meeting held on September 22 at Zion Village Authority Office Chandel by members of Naga Chief Association Chandel, Kuki Chiefs Association Chandel and Job Card holders of Chandel over the misappropriation of MG-NREGS wages 2016-17 1st Phase by the Government of Manipur and not taking any concrete decision on the matter of the memorandum, submitted to the Chief Minister of Manipur through the Deputy Commissioner Chandel on September 14. The association had also staged a sit-in protest on the same day. The statement said that electricity, PHED, Medical, religious Service, Military force and Schools will be exempted from the purview of this bandh.

Manipur Maoist lambasts Labour Minister

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Imphal, Sept 24: Armed rebel group lambasted the Labour Minister alleging of foul play in the implementation of welfare programme for labourers in the state. In a press statement the outfit said that when it has been working on to unify the struggle for protection of the indigenous people of the state, the labour department has been converted as a den for the thieves. It said bureaucrats and Minister of the labour department has been utilizing the fund sanction for the welfare of the working class people for their own benefit. The outfit said that it had demanded to take up correctional measures so as to provide benefit to the real working class people of the state however, instead of listening the bureaucrats and the Ministers are using the money meant for the poor for their own benefit. It also pointed out some foul play in providing benefit to the labourers. The rebel group said it will call general strike on October 2 from 6 am to 6 pm to express the grievances of the labourer community if the government fail to take note of what is going on in the labour department.

Thousands runs the UPF Mega Marathon Laithangbam Ranjan Singh and Nongthombam Chaoba Devi clinch men's and women's title

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Imphal Sept 24: Thousands of people from across the state as well as some from outside the state today runs the 11th Mega Marathon organised by the United Peoples' Front (UPF) Manipur.
 The race was flagged off by RK Ranendrajit, Chairman Sport's movement committee from Khuman Lampak Main Stadium and ended at the same spot after covering about 22 kilometers.
 Laithangbam Ranjan Singh of Sunu Siphai in Bishnupur District and ASI in Pune and Nongthombam Chaoba Devi of Luwangshangbam respectively clinched the men's and women's title of the 11th Mega Marathon organised under the theme Run for Your Nation. Speaking on the sideline of the event, Soraisam Ratankumar Singh, President of United Peoples' Front (UPF) Manipur said that the mega marathon under the theme "Run for your Nation" has been organising since 2007. The main aim of the event is to maintain peace and co-existence for the future with the different communities in the state, also to bring development together as one and to do so, co-operation from different section of the communities is required, he added.

In the men's open group, Laithangbam Ranjan Singh of Sunu Siphai took 01:09:46 sec to finish on top while Somong Raman of Phalee Village, Ukhrul (01:14:06 sec) and Khundongbam Romajit Singh of Khundrakpam Awang Leikai (01:14:24 sec) secured the second and third spot respectively. A cash prize of Rs 40,000 donated by Manipur State Social Welfare Board chairperson RK Nayansana Devi in memory of his son (L) Jaideep Gurumayum was awarded to the winner Laithangbam Ranjan Singh. Somong Raman received a cash prize of Rs 30,000 donated by Huidrom Ibomcha Singh in memory of his father (L) Huidrom Angachou. Third place Khundongbam Romajit Singh was awarded a cash prize of Rs 20,000 donated by Oinam Romen Singh in memory of his father (L) O Charly Singh. The runners securing 4th to 15th place were given cash prize of Rs 3000 each which was donated by Oinam Priyo Singh in memory of his father (L) Oinam Mani Singh of Singjamei Oinam Leikai as the consolation reward. In the women's open group, S Nongthombam Chaoba Devi of Luwangshangbam-01:36:24, Konsam Bibicha Devi of Manipur Police Sports Club -01:43:11 and Azima of



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Lillong -01:44:41 secured the first, second and third place respectively. A cash prize of Rs 40,000; Rs 30,000; Rs 20,000 respectively were awarded to the first, second and third position holder respectively. Nongmaithem Noren Singh, Additional Chief Engineer PWD, The Blossom School and M Lokendro Singh donated the cash prizes for first, second and third place. Altogether around 4000 runners where around 1500 runners from the women side and the remaining were from the men's side took part in the event. Further, the runners who secured 4th to 15th places were awarded a cash prize of Rs 3000 each, donated by Ksh Chandrakumar of Van Heusen, Paona Bazar as the consolation reward. The prize distribution function

was attended Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar as Chief Guest while President of the UPF, S. Ratankumar presided over it. Former president of UPF Kh. Ratan also attended the function as Guest of honour.

CNC appeals Nagalim stakeholders to pray for final solution of the Indo-Naga political dialogue

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Imphal, Sept 24: Council of Nagalim Churches (CNC) have appealed all stakeholders of the Nagalim to participate the month-long prayer starting from September 24 at different places to resolve the Indo-Naga Political dialogue which is nearing to conclusion.
 "If we fail today, may be, we may never succeed in a thousand years also. The opportunity that is at our hand is ample. Nothing like this one may come for a second time, I guess. Therefore, your constructive involvement and positive participation in the cause are

vital. Avoiding listening to destructive elements is half a wisdom. Complete rejection of their misrepresentation and conscious participation in a noble cause is full wisdom. Hearing the Bible is also half a wisdom, but living the Bible in obedience and faith is a perfect wisdom. Everyone will guarantee, our fate of nationhood is hinged on political status. Once you died, you are dead for forever. Finished. We say, political dialogue is essential because it decides our future. It's not a fun game. Seriously, it is a matter of life or death" a statement issued by Rev. SeksimKasar General Secretary, CNC said.

8 Journalists killed in India in 2017

JFA demands high level probe into Punjab journo-murder

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Guwahati, Sept 24: Worried at repeated incidents of journalist's murders across India, the Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) urges the Union government in New Delhi to formulate a national action plan for delivering earliest justices to the victim families. The northeast India based media forum, while expressing shock over the killing of another journalist in the country, also appealed to the media fraternity as a whole to get united on demanding safety & security measures for working journalists as early as possible. The third case of journo-murder in September itself was reported from Punjab, as senior journalist KJ Singh, 66, along with his old-age mother Gurcharan Kaur found murdered in his residence at Mohali on Saturday (23 September 2017). Singh, who used to work for The Tribune, The Indian Express and The Times of India in Chandigarh, was found with his throat slit. Punjab chief minister and

veteran Congress leader Captain Amarinder Singh had already ordered to form a special investigate team (SIT) to probe into the dual-murder. He also reiterated his commitment to maintain the law & order situation in Punjab accordingly. KJ Singh becomes the eighth journalist murdered in India this year immediately after Shantanu Bhowmik, 29 (killed at Mandai of Tripura on 20 September) and Gauri Lankesh, 55 (shot dead at Bangalore of Karnataka on 5 September). Prior to them, a Haryana based television journalist (Sunder Singh Rana) was shot dead on July 29. The other victims include Kamlesh Jain of Madhya Pradesh (killed on May 31), Shyam Sharma (also of MP (15 May), Brajesh Kumar Singh of Bihar (January 3) and Hari Prakash of Jharkhand (January 2). India lost six journalists to assassinations in 2016, which was preceded by five cases in 2015. The populous country witnessed murders of only

two scribes in 2014, but the year 2013 reported as many as 11 journalists' murders, where three northeastern media employees also fall victims to the perpetrators. The killings of Sujit Bhattacharya (proof reader), Ranjit Chowdhury (manager) and Balaram Ghosh (driver) inside the office premises of DainikGanadoot in Agartala broke as sensational news as Tripura had no recent record of journalist murders. So Tripura repeated its shameful record on journo-murder after three years with Shantanu's killing on duty hours. "We appeal to the Punjab authority to probe into the murders of Singh & his mother with all sincerity so that the culprits cannot escape the punishments. We also extend moral supports to the agitating media-persons in Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh demanding justice to the senior editor-journalist," said a statement issued by JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

Karam Shyam launches Swachhta Hi Seva campaign at Lilong Nagar Panchayat

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Imphal, Sept 24: CAF & PD Minister Karam Shyam launched Swachhta Hi Seva campaign at Lilong Nagar Panchayat today. Large number of people of the area including the Chairperson of the Panchayat Lalamani and Vice Chairperson Sanatomba along with other members attended the clean India campaign which was launched by the prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 24 and which will continue till October 2.



Speaking to media person Karam Shyam said that the

Swachhta Hi Seva campaign launched by the prime minister is an opportunity provided to the people of the state to keep their surrounding clean. He said people of Manipur have the habit of piling up garbage at road sides when such system was never seen in any part of the developed countries including those in the south East Asia. He appealed people to joined the campaign and keep the surrounding clean for a better Manipur.

Uprooting Manipur's sovereign status in 1949 by India has been the cause for the armed liberation struggle: Irengbam Chaoren

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Imphal, Sept 24: Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Army (PLA) the army wing of the Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) is observing its 39th Raising Day on September 25. President of RPF, Irengbam Chaoren, in his message in connection with the observance recounted the history of the erstwhile state and its present status. The president of the outfit blamed the annexation of Manipur by India in 1949 as the root of the armed struggle in this region. "The uprooting Manipur's sovereign status in 1949 by India has been the fundamental moot point and cause for the armed liberation struggle", the statement said.

It further said that the retreat of British imperialism in 1947 automatically led to Manipur's reversion to its age old independent status. "On 15 October 1949 India again forcefully merged Manipur within its fold while India unilaterally abrogating the then Manipur's constitutional and republican government. The annexation of Manipur in 1949 marked the beginning of India's reworked colonization of Manipur. India's annexation of Manipur is a blatant violation of international norms on respecting the sovereignty of States", the statement added. Recounting the historical facts, the statement said that Manipur's existence as an

independent Kingdom State for ages is neither a heresy nor a folklore but a facticity of history. The facticity of possessing indigenous language, script, belief system, culture and arts, sense of a maturing boundary with a history of established military power with administrative institutions are neither alien nor unknown to the Manipuri worldview. The neighboring powers such as Ava, today's Myanmar, had historically accepted Manipur's presence in the Western South East Asian political theatre. The Manipuri soldiers marked their power and might by penetrating upto Kaungmudaw Pagoda, the then Capital of Ava with 7 edges of sword inscribed on Pagoda's door. The outreach of

Manipuri soldiers clearly implicates the courage and a national sense with which our forefathers stood firmly. The statement added, the memories of the battle of Khongjom fought during the Anglo-Manipur war of 1891 exemplifies the fact of our national being that is rooted in the love for freedom and independence. The aspiration of the people for independence is not a mere historical heresy but an established ethos that defines Manipur. Under the garb of India's pretentious democracy, time tested morale and national sensibility of the Manipuri people have been severely eroded. The civilizational symbiosis

between the hill dwellers and valley dwellers in the State for more than two thousand years has practical foundations on which it is built upon. The symbiosis has always stood firm against the powerful exogenous onslaught on its independence. In spite of a short occupation of Manipur by the Burmese, the 'Treaty of Yandaboo' of 1826 restored the independence of Manipur. The British's association with Manipur as a friendly ally did not last long due to treacherous colonial conspiracies of the British. The people of Manipur did not find it difficult to sense the colonial ambitions of the British. There was no dearth of national aspiration among the

Manipuris whose valour to protect and preserve Manipur's political freedom led to the Anglo-Manipur war of 1891. The defeat in the 1891 war resulted in the colonization of Manipur. There is no denying the fact that each one of us have been incessantly contributing towards the collective cause from multiple fronts. The peasants, the workers and the daily wage earners have never shied away from their basic struggle for survival and support for the downtrodden masses. The endeavours of the artists and sports persons to show the world their worth have reaffirmed the inspirational Manipuri national pride.

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