

## PM Narendra Modi assures to waive off visa fees for Myanmar nationals

**IT News** with input from India today **Imphal, Sept 7:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured visa fees for Myanmar national to be waived off so as to encourage them to visit India more. Speaking to enthusiastic Burmese-Indians crowd who lingered around the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon,

Myanmar during his visit in the country, Mr. Modi said his government is not merely reforming India but is transforming India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed his concern on the Act East Policy. He said Rs 1,600 crores had been sanctioned to develop the roads starting from Imphal that would be snaking through the interior roads of Myanmar than to Mandalay. He has also requested to the people of Myanmar to co-operate and had asked to become more responsible and reciprocal while implementing the process of trade and other border activities in Tammu and Moreh side. He said Myanmarese should not

forget that they also have a border in Tammu. Prime Minister assured that the Integrated Check Post in Moreh would soon complete and proper international trade activities would be ensued thereby. MLA, Leisangthem Sulidro and R.K Shivachandra, convenor of "Operationalising Act East Committee" of Manipur also attended the large gathering at Thuwunna Stadium. Before winding his trip Mr. Modi also visited the historic Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. He also planted a Bodhi tree sapling at the pagoda complex, signifying common cultural heritage. Located west of the Royal Lake in Yangon, Shwedagon

Pagoda is considered to be the most sacred and impressive Buddhist site for the Myanmarese people. Shwedagon Pagoda is covered with hundreds of gold plates and the top of the stupa is encrusted with 4,531 diamonds, the largest of which is a 72 carat diamond. PM Modi's visit to Shwedagon Pagoda came on the third day of his Myanmar trip and a day after he met state councillor Aung San Suu Kyi, the de facto head of Myanmar. The two spoke about development and terrorism with India and Myanmar agreeing that terrorism remains one of the most significant threats to peace and stability in the region

and the fight against the menace should include strong measures against countries and entities that finance and provide sanctuary to terrorists. Myanmar condemned the recent terrorist attacks during the Amarnath Yatra in India as also various acts of terror perpetrated by terrorists from across the borders. On its part, India condemned the recent terrorist attacks in northern Rakhine state, where several members of the Myanmar security forces lost their lives. "We share your concerns about extremist violence in Rakhine state & violence against security forces & how innocent lives have been affected," Modi said, standing next to Suu Kyi at a joint press briefing on Wednesday.

## Deadline for filing of GST Returns extended

**AIR New Delhi, Sept. 7:** Businesses will have more time to file the final GST returns as the government has extended the last date for filing of sales and purchase data as well as payment of taxes for the months of July and August. Now sales return or GSTR-1 for July will have to be filed by September 10 instead of September 5 earlier and purchase returns or GSTR-2 would be filed by September 25 instead of September 10 earlier. GSTR-3, which is the match of GSTR-1 and GSTR-2, will have to be filed by September 30, in place of September 15. The GST Implementation Committee GIC announced about it yesterday. With regard to August, the date for filing GSTR-1, GSTR-2 and GSTR-3 has been extended to 5th, 10th and 15th October. The industry has been demanding an extension of the date of filing final GST returns

in view of scores of invoices to be uploaded. The government will shortly issue notification to extend the date of filing returns. In the initial returns filed in form GSTR-3B, taxes worth 92,283 crore rupees were collected for July from just 64.42 per cent of the total taxpayer base. Of the 59.57 lakh businesses, who should file return for July, as many as 38.38 lakh taxpayers accounting for 64.42 per cent of the total businesses who had registered in July had filed their GST returns. Through a notification last week, the Central Board of Excise and Customs had waived fee for delayed filing of GSTR-3B and had allowed businesses to correct errors in the initial return form while filing the final returns. It also said that entities who had not filed GSTR-3B can file the final returns in GSTR-1, GSTR-2 and GSTR-3 and pay taxes.

## CrPC 144 imposed in Thoubal

**IT News Thoubal, Sept.7:** District Magistrate of Thoubal District has imposed section 144 of the CrPC in the whole of the district in connection with the upcoming 5th Panchayat election. The district Magistrate imposes the prohibition under the CrPC to avoid any breach of peace and public tranquillity and danger to human life and property or to prevent riot or fray in connection with the election.

## EGM condemns killing of senior journalists



**IT News Imphal, Sept.7:** The Editors Guild Manipur joins the various media organisations and well wishers in condemning the killing of senior journalists and Editor Gauri Lankesh and demands Karnataka Government take full responsibility for her murder.

The Editor Guild Manipur in a meeting here in Imphal, expressed shock at the gruesome killing of an editor know for her fearless views in her newspaper as well as various forums. "Editors of Manipur consider her killing as direct frontal attack on the freedom of expression and extends moral support to all journalists organisations protesting her killing. Such attack on journalists is not new in remote corner of the country like Manipur and we can understand the pains of the near and dear ones of "martyred" journalist. We also stand by her media colleagues and fraternity in Karnataka as they grieve at the loss of a brave journalist", a statement of the EGM said.

## Langban offering begins ; thousands attended at Khongjom River

**IT News Thoubal, Sept.7:** Traditional lunar month "Langban" is always significant for the people of the state. The first day of the month began with the offering to the ancestors and forefather of the Manipuri in every household. Certain organisation also organised such offering to the martyrs who had laid down their life for the cause of the nation. Like every year, the Khongjom War Memorial trust today organised such offering for the 24th times at Khongjom River near the foothill of Kheba Ching. This the place where the fearless Manipuri soldier under the leadership of Paona Brazabashi fought the mighty British empire in 1891. As a mark of remembrance to



the martyrs offering were paid to them at Khongjom River. Earlier the event is popularly known as Tarpon offering but now some prefer to call it Langban gi Heiso Katpa. The offering at Khongjom River today was led by Education Minister Th. Radheshyam and President of the Khongjom War memorial

trust Moirangthem hemanta, who is also an ex-Minister. Mloi cha kayana saruk yaduna pangthokhibha heikat leikat tambagi thouram aduda Education. MLA Dr. Yumnam Radheshyam, MLAL, Indrajit, Thoubal DC L. Nabakishore among others attended the offering ceremony

## Myanmar visit significant- PM

**New Delhi, Sept 7:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that his Myanmar visit covered significant ground in giving a much needed impetus to India-Myanmar relations and deepening bilateral cooperation. In a tweet, Mr Modi thanked the people and the Government of Myanmar for their exceptional hospitality. The Prime Minister has arrived back home this afternoon after his five day visit of China and Myanmar.

## CBI summons Lalu Prasad, Tejashwi in Railways irregularities case

**AIR New Delhi, Sept.7:** The Central Bureau of Investigation, CBI has summoned former Railway Minister and RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav and his son Tejashwi in the alleged IRCTC hotels scam. Mr Yadav has been asked to appear on Monday and his son the next day for questioning by the agency. On 5th July, CBI has registered a case in connection with irregularities in awarding

the tender for maintenance of IRCTC hotels in Ranchi and Puri against Mr Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi, son Tejashwi, Vijay and Vinay Kochar, both directors of M/S Sujata Hotels Pvt Ltd and the then IRCTC managing director P.K. Goel. Lalu's confidante Prem Chand Gupta, Sarla Gupta and others. The agency had also raided 12 locations linked to Lalu and his family members including in Patna, New Delhi, Ranchi and Gurgaon.

## Social service in connection with Hijam Irabot memorial function concludes

**IT News Thoubal, Sept.7:** 5-Days Residential Social Service Cum Awareness Camp organised by United Youths' Club (UYC) Khangabok in connection with the Memorial function of Hijam Irabot concludes today.

In a closing function held today at the UYC premises at Khangabok Vice president of BJP, Thokchom Jadumani, Deputy Commissioner of Thoubal district, L.Nabakeshwar Singh IAS and OC of Thoubal Police

Commando graced as dignitaries. Floral tributes were also paid to the portrait of Hijam Irabot during the function. A march past was also held on the occasion by students and meira paibi of the area.

## Opportunity for investment in food processing sector

**DIPR Imphal, Sept.7:** The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India is inviting Proposals under Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing/ Preservation Capacities (CEFPCC) Of KISAN SAMPADAYOJANA for setting up 250 units for creation of processing and preservation and

modernization/expansion of existing food processing units which will help in increasing the level of processing, value addition and there by lead to reduction of agri wastage. Proposals may be submitted online at <http://sampadamofpi.gov.in/cefpcc/login.aspx> by the potential investors/promoters willing to set up food processing industry. Preference will be

given to sanction in Mega Food Parks units by the MoFPI. The project proposal should be submitted as per guidelines of the Scheme for CEFPCC available on [www.mofpi.nic.in](http://www.mofpi.nic.in) latest by 15.09.2017 upto 18:00 hrs. Interested investors/promoters can contact Joint Director/ Officer on Duty (Food Processing Industries). Contact no. 9436025478.

## Northeastern Indians demand easier visa regime

**By Subir Bhaumik Courtesy: Mizzima Yangon, Sept.7:** India talks of the "Act East" policy but has done little so far to take up with Myanmar the issue of an easy visa regime. "That is so upsetting for us in Manipur and the Northeast who want closer ties with neighbouring provinces in Myanmar. We spend much more than mainland Indians travelling to Myanmar or even getting aa visa," said R.K Shivachandra, convenor of "Operationalising Act East Committee" of Manipur. Manipur has the best connectivity with Myanmar among all the states of India

and a famous proverb in Manipuri says the state will become prosperous 'only if the Eastern gates open.' Indian PM Narendra Modi also referred to this "Eastern gates opening to Myanmar" on Wednesday. Shivachandra said India and Myanmar must have 'visa on arrival arrangements' for nationals of both countries at border checkpoints like Moreh and Tamu or atleast visa offices there. "When Burmese nationals come to Manipur for medical treatment where good hospitals exist, they have to first get visa from an Indian embassy in Yangon or Mandalay. Even with a normal



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visa, they have to get a special permit," said Shivachandra, who is now in Yangon on a visit facilitated by the Indian ministry of external affairs.

"Similarly when a Manipur businessman wants to go to Myanmar, he spends a fortune going to Calcutta for visa and often has to get into the

country via Bangkok because of a lack of flights on all days of the week." "How can Act East work if northeast Indians and Myanmar cannot reach other easily and cheaply. Physical connectivity like roads are not enough, we need soft enabling infrastructure like an easy visa regime to facilitate peoples-to-people connectivity, so Act East will work only when people-to-people connectivity is easy," he told Mizzima in an exclusive interview. Giving his case, Shivachandra said to be in time for the Modi visit he had to purchase a ticket via Bangkok air for 750 US dollars. "If I could come to Kalemia

from Manipur for a few dollars, it would only cost me \$100 for a Kalemia-Yangon flight," he said. Shivachandra pitched strongly for the Imphal-Mandalay bus service. "That is on paper now; it must happen soon. Manipuris, Nagas and Mizos should travel to Myanmar as easily as Bengalis do to Dhaka now with buses and trains," he told Mizzima. He said the Myanmar National Airlines must land at Imphal on the way to Yangon from Calcutta and the Air India flight should do the same much as it touches Bodh Gaya on its way into Calcutta from Yangon.