

## After Congress, BJP staged one day fast to save democracy

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Two days after Congress party staged a one day fast protest at various part of the state joining the Nationwide campaign against the BJP, the BJP Manipur Pradesh today staged a one fast protest in front of their office at Nityapat Chuthek here in Imphal.

Rajya Sabha MP and state President, Kshetrimayum Bhavananda, Prahlad Singh Patel, MP, Prabhari, State Office Bearers, Ministers, MLAs, Senior Leaders and other leaders took part in the protest.

Vice President of BJP Manipur Pradesh, M.Asnikumar Singh, while speaking on the occasion hit the congress on corruption charge.

"We have been living with corruption down the decades", Ashini said. He added that the recent continued disruption in the parliament by the congress is a clear indication for derailment to the functioning of India's parliamentary democracy. Disruption is totally unacceptable in Parliament System as representatives are sent to speak for the people on the floor, Ashini added.

## Guv' meets inventor of the modern Indian Round Take Down Bow

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Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla met Inventor of the modern Indian Round Take Down Bow, B. Chaoba Sharma, today, at Raj Bhavan. The bow was exhibited at the Luwangsangbam Sports Exhibition on March 16, 2018 organised in connection with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the State. As per instruction of the Prime Minister, the bow was handed over to the Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla. Governor extending her support said that the invention of the bow is not only a pride of the State but also for the Nation. Salam Santosh Singh, General Secretary, Chaoba Archers' Academy and B. Pritam Sharma, Managing Director & Archery Coach (CRPF) also met the Governor.

## Mother and son died in accident while bringing their dead husband home

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In tragic road accident happened at around 9 pm yesterday, son and mother got killed while they were on their way to their home carrying the dead body of the father. The daughter and brother in law of the deceased are undergoing treatment at Raj Medicity Hospital. The accident occurred at Tendongyang in Sekmai when one heavy vehicle truck bearing registration number MN/01/3934 coming from the opposite direction collided

one diesel auto bearing registration number MN/OL/9530 where 8 family members were carrying the dead body. Talking to Imphal Times, a relative of the deceased said that yesterday at around 10 am Huirom Rakesh (43), son of Late Huirom Moba of Sekmai Parao was taken to RIMS hospital due to an illness but succumbed to his illness at the hospital itself. Huirom Ongbi Kanao (35 yrs), wife of Late Huirom Rakesh hired a diesel auto to take back the dead body of her husband at their residence at Sekmai Parao.

The tragic accident happened when they were on their way back to the home. Huirom Ongbi Kanao (35 yrs), and her 9 months old son died on spot while the daughter namely Huirom Priya (15yrs) and Huirom Vicky (25yrs) were taken to Raj Medicity and are undergoing treatment. Their condition is stated to be critical. The deceased family and large number of people in Sekmai area carried out a protest by blocking the roads in front of Sekmai Police Station demanding punishment of the truck driver.

## JCILPS pull up male vendors selling goods at Women Market

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Women Wing of the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) today pulled up around 10 male vendors who were selling goods at Ima Market Kwairamband Keithel - which is known for its peculiarity of being the one and only women's market in the world. What is more interesting is that all those male vendors

are non-local among which one person from Bihar state got Adhaar Card from Manipur. Convener of the women wing JCILPS while talking to media persons said that the male vendors were provided license by traffic police and some among them got the license from other female license holder. Memcha leima, Convener, of the JCILPS while questioning the intention of the government authority

on how these non-local that too 'male' were allowed to mix up in the women market said that from today no male will be allowed to spoil the image of the Ima market. She appealed the government to take some interest for implementation of the ILPS in the state and said that after the ILPS have been introduced the non-local can be arranged at some appropriate place to sell their goods or do some other business for their livelihood.

## Surrendered militants unhappy with govt.; call 36 hours general strike

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Armed underground militants, who had surrendered to the government and have been living a normal life are not happy with the government as they are not being provided what the government had promised them under the Surrender Re-habilitation schemes. In a press meet, held today at Manipur Press Club today afternoon, vice president of

the All Manipur Surrender Welfare Association (ANSWA), Abdul Latif announced 36 hour general strike from the midnight of April 15, if the government fails to provide the beneficiaries that they are supposed to get under the surrendered scheme by April 14. As according to the Vice president, at present 41 surrendered cadres regularly attends the office out of the 105 cadres. Some could not attend and some have expired

due to poverty, Atif said. He further added that they surrendered to the government to live a normal life on the belief that they will be provided opportunity to survive in par with other people after getting the beneficiaries under the surrendered scheme. "We have been verified by the CID department and all necessary procedure have been followed, but officials are delaying in handing out what we are suppose to get under the policy", he added.

## Manipur Maoist slams govt. over its inability to control 'Thabal Chongba

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Maoist Communist Party, Manipur today slammed the government over its inability to control the 'Thabal Chongba' festival which is being continued at various places despite the fact that it should be associated with the culture and tradition of the people and should have limitation. 'Thabal Chongba' which literal meaning is dancing in the moonlight is culturally affiliated festival of the people. It is every Manipuri's duty to preserve the sanctity of the festival. As some people are organising at anytime

understanding the essence of the traditions, the significance of 'Thabal Chongba' is slowly degrading from its original tasted, the Maoist statement said. On the other hand, the Maoist also blamed the government over its failure to control it. "Every such programme needs permission from the District Administration and none of the Thabal Chongba Programme which are being organized using loud speaker did not take prior permission from the District administration authority", the statement said a questioned the government authority on why the law enforcing agency are not ordered to stop such programme.

Maoist statement further said that Manipur has been sold at Gujarat recently and the government is trying to exterminate the culture and tradition of the people by destructing the cultural sanctity of the people. "The way things are happening is nothing but a sign of lawlessness. Crime against women is on the rise and government seems to be neglecting on these issues", the statement said. Maoist further appealed the people to join hands in stopping the attack to the sanctity of the Manipuri culture if the government did not take up immediate measures to stop organising Thabal Chongba.

## 'Makar Poster Campaign' launched



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One of the famous cartoon comic strip 'Makar' which make Poknapham daily newspaper - a peoples' choice newspaper of the state irrespective of cast, creed, community or gender

is creating another history. Gurumayum Akshaykumar, the creator of the cartoon strip, today launched the Makar Poster Campaign at Aryan Proscenium Theatre. The idea of the poster campaign is to depict the reality of social evils, corruption, nepotism etc. by

highlighting by Makar poster. Professor Nongmaithem Tombi, Prof. Thoidingjam Tombi, Prof. Arambam Loken and Aribam Robindro Sharma, Editor of the Poknapham daily attended as dignitaries on the launching function of the "Makar Poster Campaign".

## One drug trafficker & family members ostracize from locality

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The Molnoi Area Welfare Committee (MAWC), Molnoi Area Youth Union (MAYU) and Kuki Women Human Rights (KWHR) Molnoi Area expelled a drug trafficker identified as one Mrs. Nengjalum Mate and her family members from Molnoi Area in Tengnoupal District with immediate effect. In a joint Press Statement issued by the three CSOs of Molnoi Area stated that Mrs. Nengjalum Mate wife of Thomas Mate of Zion Village under Tengnoupal District approached one Thongminlen Haokip of Molnoi Village who was going to Delhi to carry a bag containing some vegetable for her brother Mr. Jamchinkhup Zou, who stayed at Delhi, on the morning of 9th April 2018. Without checking the content of the bag, Thongminlen Haokip went to Tulihar International Airport at Imphal to board a Delhi bound flight

for appearing the forth coming competitive examinations. However, he was detained and handed over to Singjamei Police Station by the Airport Security Personnel following a packed of contraband drugs was found neatly concealed inside the bag of vegetable. On learning about the incident, the family members of Thongminlen Haokip immediately rushed to the house of Nengjalum Mate and inquired about the content of the bag which she handed over to Thongminlen Haokip for her brother. After confessed of sending a package of concealed drugs inside the bag of vegetable, Nengjalum Mate along with the family members of Thongminlen Haokip went to Singjamei Police Station where she (Nengjalum Mate) voluntarily confessed and surrendered to the Police on the same day. Following the development, the three civil bodies of Molnoi Area convened a meeting on 11th April 2018 and

vehemently condemned Mrs. Nengjalum Mate for her act of concealing a drug among the vegetables and handed over to the innocent student without his knowledge. And the CSOs also unanimously resolved to expel Mrs. Nengjalum Mate and her family members from the locality with immediate effect for using innocent student in her illegal activities. Such unkind and selfish act of attempting to assassinate one's career will be not tolerated, added the Molnoi Area's CSOs. While urging others not to accept any kind of parcel to be carried from other persons in order to avoid such unwanted problems in future, the civil bodies also fervently appealed the concerned authority for safe release of Thongminlen Haokip who was an innocent student and to punished Mrs. Nengjalum Mate at the highest possible according to the law of the land and set an exemplary for others.

## RPF requests to pay floral tributes Martyrs' memorial on April 13

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Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) requested the people of the state to pay floral tribute to the martyrs who had laid down their lives for the cause of the motherland on April 13. In a press statement, the RPF paid salute to all the 'martyrs' who had laid down their lives for the cause of the motherland on the occasion of Athoubasinggi Nunit, the outfit observed on every April 13 to commemorate the Battle of Kodompokpi. The outfit also appealed the people to light lamps at the gates of each and every

household in the evening. One ideal which all the people should espouse on this historic day is 'heroes sacrifice, revolution marches forward', it asserted. April 13 is a day of remembering and honouring not only the PLA fighters and leaders but also all other martyrs who have laid down their lives for the cause of Manipur's freedom, the statement said. Since September 25, 1978, the PLA has been waging war against the government of India. The Battle of Kodompokpi of April 13, 1982 was such fierce battle that late Kunjabihari fought to the last breath rather

than surrendering to the 'enemy' even though his body was burning and where many other PLA leaders and fighters fought to the last breath, the statement added. The objective of RPF and PLA is to establish an independent and progressive State in Manipur after bringing an end to the alleged colonial rule, it said. It further called upon all Manipuris settled in different parts of the world to focus their attention and energy to the ongoing liberation movement. The outfit also appealed to all the people not to organise any entertainment programme on April 13.