



Audio album releasing function of "Nongandriba Ahingi Yakairol"

## Cracks noticed between NPF and BJP in Manipur

Whether NPF remains with the govt. or not will be decided after Nagaland Election – Morung Makunga

### IT News

**Imphal, Feb 18:** In a dramatic political development, Naga Peoples' Front (NPF), the major political partner of the BJP government in the state today showed signs of discontent to the state government. Talking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, Imphal, Morung Makunga, State Unit President of the NPF said that whether NPF will continue with the BJP government or not will be

known after the Nagaland State Legislative Assembly election. "Even after knowing that NPF is a partner of the present government led by the BJP, the BJP is interfering to the ADCs run by the NPF at Tamenglong, Ukhrul, Senapati and Chandel", Mankunga said. He further added that the BJP decline the NPF to support in the Chandel ADC and despite the request the BJP with the help of congress

ADC members is trying to graze the Chandel ADC. On the other hand the BJP members is trying to move no confidence motion to the NPF led ADC of Senapati on February 25, he added. "May be it was a joke, but a Chief Minister asking the ADC members of the NPF along with one MLA from Ukhrul to join the BJP is an insult to the party", Morung Makunga said. He added that like the BJP the NPF too is a political party

working to strengthen and an insult to the party cannot be tolerated. All the developments are being reported to the NPF head quarter at Kohima however, as election is knocking at the door and the party CEC will decide a matter regarding the development after the Nagaland Election. In Nagaland too the ties between the NPF and BJP has been break up with BJP already signing pre poll alliance with NDPP.

## Noise pollution went unchecked; students severely disturbed during exam time

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**Imphal, Feb 19:** Even as the state government is all set to make sound limiter compulsory during festival or any public functions as of now no authority responsible for checking of the noise pollution have taken up any effective measures to prevent noise pollution. Students appearing in the upcoming Class X, Class XI and Class XII exam are severely disturbed by the increasing noise pollution. Independent survey conducted by expert says that the noise pollution level here in Imphal is moderate. Authorities of the pollution control board too say the similar thing. However, noise pollution created from source other than vehicles and sounds of festivals have been

seriously affecting the students. Sound pollutants from machineries of construction both use by carpenters and construction workers at various localities are left free with no authority to check it. "My daughter finds difficult to concentrate on her studies as the noise from electric saw and planer from my neighbour is making too much noise", Ibobi (not real name) a resident of Heirangoithong Imphal said. The person did not want to disclose as disclosing his identity would be like establishing bitter relation with his neighbour. The same is stated by another father who hails from Heingang. "Live concert, and public meeting are real disturbance to our children in their studies",

another parents from Thangmeiband near THAU Ground said. Another parents of a boy from Thangmeiband area while appreciating the government move to introduce sound limiter to public occasion is a good initiative, however, he questioned the government on who will be or is checking the kind of noise pollution from various machineries use for construction of houses in locality. "Govt. should formulate a mechanism to control sound pollution at locality created by the machineries", he added. He further added that complaining about the matter will make misunderstanding among neighbours but this kind of noise pollution needs to be checked.

## AITCU to stage protest

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**Imphal, Feb 18:** All India Trade Union Congress (AITCU), Manipur State Committee is going to stage a sit-in cum protest meeting on February 19, 2018 at Irabot Bhavan Complex, Imphal with the scheme workers of both Imphal East and West. The protest will be stage in accordance with the demands to made by the union which are, at-least Rs 18,000/- salary per month for the workers of the union, Rs 3000/- per month for universal pension, recognise each worker of the union as per the recommendation of 45th ILS, avail the social scheme along with the EPF and ESI and increase the funds for the scheme workers while finalising the budget allocation scheme, said in a press release by A Saratchandra, Secretary AITCU, Manipur.

## Voting underway in Tripura; Around 46% polling recorded till 1 PM

**Agartala, Feb 18:** Polling is underway in Tripura to elect a new Assembly. Around 46 percent voters have exercised their franchise till 1 pm. Voting is taking place in 59 of the 60 constituencies. It started at 7 AM and will end at 4 PM. Polling to Charilam (st) seat has been postponed till the 12th of next month due to the death of CPIM candidate Ramendra Narayan Debbarma. A total of 292 candidates,

including 20 women, are in the fray, with the main contest expected between BJP and CPIM. Adequate security measures have been put in place to ensure free, fair and peaceful polls. The Indo-Bangla border has been sealed to prevent any trans-border movement. Of the total 3,174 polling stations, 47 are being handled by all-women poll staff. Webcasting is being done at all polling booths so

that the Election Commission officials can monitor the process. Our correspondent reports that due to malfunctioning of EVMs in a number of polling booths, voting started 30 minutes to an hour late in the morning. The counting of votes will be taken up on the 3rd of next month along with Nagaland and Meghalaya. Nagaland and Meghalaya will go to polls on the 27th of this month.

## "Nongandriba Ahingi Yakairol" audio album released

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**Imphal, Feb 18:** "Nongandriba Ahingi Yakairol" an audio album collected and written by Narengbam Bishwajit Singh was release today at MSFDS, Palace Compound, Imphal East, Manipur. The album is dedicated to (Panthou) Dr Yengkokpam Saratchandra, Leeching pural, Kha-na Chaoba Wangpurwl Sintha Apunba, Serou. Speaking as the Chief Guest of

the event, Leishemba Sanajaoba, Titular King of Manipur said that the album itself has deep meaning. The name itself describe how we have change, we are living in a society which is fill with hypocrite, but now it's time to wake up and bring changes in our society rather than avoiding our own duty, he added. Though it is hard to wake up someone who is day dreaming,

it is time to make ourselves useful. It will be a waste if we don't value the true meaning of the album. Narengbam Samarjit Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, Salai Holdings Pvt. Ltd and Yengkokpam Ongbi Indira Devi, President, Kha-na Chaoba Wangpurwl Sintha Apunba, Serou graced the event as President and Guest of Honour.

## Week Long General Conference of NSCN-K concluded

### IT News

**Imphal, Feb 18:** A week long general conference 'cum' party and government meetings and consultations of the NSCN/GPRN led by Lt.Gen(Rtd.)Khango Konyak, Chairman and President, and attended by the top brass of both the civil and military was successfully concluded. According to a press statement by Col.(Rtd.)Isak Sumi, Dy.Kilonser, MIP, GPRN, the house unanimously endorsed the President, GPRN to review all the previous assignments and consequently the Military Supervisor, Political Supervisor, Political Organizer, Finance Kilonser, Revenue Kilonser, Trade and Commerce Kilonser

previously allotted to various officials has all been abolished henceforth during the conference. Meanwhile, the financial administration jurisdiction wise has been allotted to the following officials with immediate effect and further directs the assignees to strictly maintain status quo and non-interference in others jurisdiction. Kilonser Starson-Chandel District, Coastal Company, BIPL and Govt.Depts.(Imphal); Kilonser Hriipunii Vemai-Senapati District, HCC-VCLL,ABCL,Highway 39 and 53; Eshu Konyak, Dy.Kilonser

PR&NGO'S-Mon District; Lt.Gen.Niki Sumi, Dy.Army Chief-Dimapur District; Col.(Rtd.)Isak Sumi, Dy.Kilonser MIP-Kohima District; Col.Apan and Col.Tingkam MIO-Wokha District; Col.Yangang-Tuengsang and Kiphire District; Tangshang Wancho Region-Longding District; Maj.Lomjung-Changlang District Central List and Coal Mining, Oil extraction and National Highway; 2nd Lt.Ahom-Changlang District list; Lt.Kamthui-Phek District; Mr.Ngaitok, Rajapeyu-Longleng District; 2nd Lt.Vincent-Tirap District, the press statement further added.

## Cutting of trees begins for road widening works; Greenery at Tiddim road will be memory as no measures for re-plantation was seen

### IT News

**Imphal, Feb 18:** When the whole world is worrying about climate change, when people around the globe started showing concerns for protection of trees and environment, fully grown trees on both side of Tiddim road have been cut down for widening of the road. Department of Bishnupur Forest Division, of the state Forest department in an auction notice published at a newspaper had notified that 1634 numbers of standing trees of different species on both sides of Tiddim road (NH-150) between Utluo to Ningthoukhong and Ningthoukhong Canal to Torbung shall be cut down for road widening works to be taken up by the state PWD. The auction notice was published on January 16, 2018.



As per information of the DFO Bishnupur, it is learnt that even as the notice for auction has been issued a clearance is

yet to be received from concern authority. The trees being cut down today comes under the

jurisdiction Central Forest division and the DFO said related documents and permission for the purpose might have been with the Central Forest Division authority. When Imphal Times tried to contact PCCF Kereilhouvi Angami through mobile phone and other means he was not available due to holiday. The cell phone number of the PCCF provided at the official diary of DIPR is also not working. A retired Forest department officer said until January, no clearance for cutting of the trees had been issued. Another government source said that cutting down of the trees have been started as they have received clearance from the concern authority. However, when asked to provide the clearance from Forest and Environment none

are ready to provide it to Imphal Times. Urbanization and development are an inevitable part of living today. Road widening and building of flyovers has to happen in every city, but, this comes at the cost of losing green cover. Though transplantation and translocation of trees is an age-old activity the world across, it is rarely looked to as a solution before a tree is brought down. With the works of cutting the trees begins greenery on the road will be only in memory. So far, no measures for plantation of trees (which will take another 15 to 20 years to grow) have not been taken up. The Tiddim road (NH-150) once a pride of the state with trees of both sides now will be another similar road runs in the middle of desert.

## Parties, Candidates Gear Up For February Polls in Nagaland, Neiphui Rio tenders resignation as MP

**Kohima, Feb 18:** Former Nagaland chief minister Neiphui Rio has tendered his resignation as Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha consequent upon his election to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from Northern Angami II Assembly Constituency. Mr Rio submitted his resignation letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan. He was declared an uncontested candidate of the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party. Meanwhile, campaigning for the election is gaining momentum in all the districts of Nagaland. Public rallies and door to door campaign by representatives is a regular feature of the day. Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party has released the manifesto for upcoming Nagaland election. Party star campaigners including Union Ministers are visiting the State and addressing the public pledging for better

government policies. The Congress manifesto for elections was also made public at a press conference by AICC Observer Captain Praveen Dawar and Nagaland Pradesh Congress committee President K. Therie. The party is fielding 19 candidates in the ensuing election in Nagaland out of the total 60 seats. Nagaland will go to polls on the 27th of this month.

### 1 GNLA surrenders

**Shillong, Feb 18:** One cadre of Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) has surrendered before security forces. The terrorists surrendered before the Border Security Force officials and South Garo Hills police with arms and ammunition yesterday. Police said, a resident of Damra in Goalpara district of Assam, he had joined the terror outfit last year.