

## Suranjoy & Sarjubala call on Chief Minister

**Imphal, Jan. 3:** Boxing coach and Arjuna Awardee M. Suranjoy Singh and International pugilist Km. Sh. Sarjubala Devi called on Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Suranjoy and Km. Sarjubala discussed about development of boxing and grooming of young players in the State with the Chief Minister. N. Biren assured the champion boxers to extend all possible assistance towards this end from the side of the Government.

## Equestrian Championship

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 3:** The 15th Sentinel Director General Assam Rifles Equestrian State Championship, 2018 will be held from February 2 to 6, 2018 at Mapal Kangjeibung (Imphal Pologround). The Championship organized by the Manipur Equestrian Association will include Show Jumping and Tent Pegging. All the Clubs and individuals are hereby informed to submit the details of the participants at its Office at the Pony Breeding Farm, Lamphelpat before January 25, 2018.

## Identification & Assessment camp for Mental Retardation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 3:** Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, Manipur under the supervision of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (D i v y a n g j a n) Secunderabad, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment will conduct Identification & Assessment camp Identification & Assessment camp at GM Hall Imphal on January 11 from 10 am to 4 pm. In the camp Mental health booklet and materials of the PWD Act 2017 will be distributed by the Manipur State Legal Service Authority and Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. The organizer appealed attendee to accompany Disabilities Certificate, Income Certificate, Aadhaar Card and 4 Passport Photos. Detail information can be inquired at cell phone no. 8132074648/708582442/9862275037/9436027980.

## Road blocked, Rally staged, public meeting held, decrying govt. negligence on deteriorated road condition at Yairipok



**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Jan.3:** Passenger service vehicles today stage a protest rally decrying the pathetic road condition of Sikhong Sekmai to Yairipok Keithel today afternoon. A public meeting was also held denouncing government failures to listen the

grievances of the people. During the protest rally road stretch between Sikhong Sekmai to Yairipok Keithel was blocked and almost all shops and business establishment were shuts. Local clubs of the area supported the protest organized by the passenger

service vehicles' bodies Nongpok Ningthou Magic Assn and Pioneer Iris and Diesel Auto Owner and Driver Welfare Assn. The IVR road stretch between Sikhong Sekmai to Yairipok Keithel is around 7 Kilometer. The rally kicked start from Sikhong Sekmai keithel and

concluded at Yairipok Keithel. Later a public meeting was organized at NESA Club Ground of Sikhong Sekmai. Councillor of ward No. 3 of Sikhong Sekmai Municipal Council, A Chandramani, while speaking at the meeting said that the road stretch has not been maintained for around 15 years. "Last year some construction of the road was seen taken up but it didn't last even a year", Chandramani said. He said the on December 15 on the day of the "Meeyamgi Nunit", the matter has been put to the notice of the Chief Minister.

Secretary of Nongpok Ningthou Magic Assn. N. Ashatomba while speaking during the meeting said that until the government authority assured to repair the road stretch all passenger service on the road will be out to halt.

## Rajya Sabha adjourned as Govt. introduces Triple Talaq Bill



**New Delhi, Jan 3:** Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the fourth time today as the Government introduced Triple Talaq Bill today. Law Minister Ravishankar Prasad move the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill in the Upper House. The Lok Sabha has already

passed the Bill. Government has urged the Congress not to press for amendments to the Bill which seeks to criminalise the practice of instant divorce among Muslims. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anant Kumar said, the government would like the Congress to maintain the stand it took in the Lok Sabha by not pressing for amendments. He said government is in talks with Congress and other Opposition Parties for the smooth passage of the Bill in the Rajya Sabha.

## IGAR (South) briefs CM N. Biren Singh on security situation of border area



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 3:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh discussed security situation with the IGAR (South) Major General Virendra Singh on Tuesday. The IGAR (South) Major General Virendra Singh while conveying greeting to the Chief Minister with the coming of the New Year, also briefed about the security situation along the Indo-Myanmar Border villages in the state and also informed him about the various development and welfare activities undertaken by the Assam Rifles in the border areas. Future plan to support in development of local

communities in the border villages of the state were also brief by the IGAR (South) to the Chief Minister. As per statement of the PRO Assam Rifles, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh also discussed Chief Minister and IG also discussed several inter-related internal-external security management issues and the steps required to be taken for more effectively dealing with insurgent activities and ensuring the safety of all in the state. In the end, the General Officer reiterated the commitment of Assam Rifles in ensuring peace and secure in the state.

## SEACO urges Govt. to settle Land dispute at Senjam Chirang; warn serious consequences

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 3:** South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) has warned the government of serious consequences if the issue of Senjam Chirang Village in Imphal West district has not been settled at the earliest possible time. In a statement, the SEACO said that it will launch various form of agitation if the government fails to settle the issue at the

earliest possible time. "SEACO stands to protect every inch of ancestral land and the land of Meitei should be protected by the Meitei only", the statement said. It further added that respect and recognition of each community is a must for maintaining peace and tranquility in the region. SEACO's statement said that the disputed land was gifted to Senjam Chirang Villagers and the village along with its

surroundings is recorded as 40- Senjam Khunou (Sheet No. 4) under Imphal West district. SEACO have all relevant documents regarding this, the statement added. The organization further warns acquisition and occupation of the land belonging to the villagers of Senjam Chirang saying that it will stand for the villagers. SEACO also reminded the "The Manipur Code, Part -II" published by

the Government of Manipur Law Department which stated that "Laws made or extended by the Erstwhile Rulers of Manipur, including the Darbar, Interim Council and the Legislative Assembly are still in force. SEACO appealed the government to act as according to the provision and vow to protect the so call disputed land in favour of the Senjam Chirang Villagers.

## NSCN-IM observes Naga Army Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 3:** The Naga Army Day was observed today at Hebron (Nagaland) General Head-Quarters with Rh. Raising, convener, steering committee NSCN as the event's chief guest. Inno Hukavi Yephomi, kilo kilonser and Lt. Gen. (Retd) NG Markson - VC, Keya Kilonser were the guest of honors. Many dignitaries both from the Civil and Army wing including Ape Venuh of the collective leadership attended the occasion. Lt Col.

Pitovi, A.O. Chaplaincy, GHQ lead the opening prayer followed by a silent prayer in remembrance of all the Naga martyrs. Rh. Raising in his speech stretched that the Naga Army is not only a military army but a political army and are Nazirites. Kilo kilonser Hukavi also emphasized that the Naga army is the backbone of the Government without which the government cannot function, he also asked the Naga Army who makes the National movement move

forward to stand firm and to give their heart and soul for the national cause, Lt. Gen (Retd) NG Markson former Longvibu of Naga Army who reinstituted the Naga Army Day back in 2007 talked about the importance of the Naga Army who, like a strong wall have stood firm to defend the Nation and its people. He also pointed out that the cease fire is the result of the fallen comrades who stood their ground for the cause of a free Naga nation. Finally, the Longvibu,

Anthony Ningkhan Shimray thanked all the dignitaries and members present at the occasion and reaffirmed that the Naga Army are revolutionary soldiers, the changing force, the highway maker and the foundation of the Naga National Movement. He asked every Naga Army to be a soldier of Christ, to be an instrument to fulfill ones commitment and to remember the Oath of Allegiance to man and to God and to remain faithful to the national cause.

## Gold futures gain 0.16% on global cues

**Source PTI**  
**New Delhi, Jan 3:** Gold prices moved up by 0.16 per cent to Rs 29,210 per 10 grams in futures trading today as speculators raised bets, tracking a firming trend overseas. At the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold for delivery in February went up by Rs 48, or 0.16 per cent to Rs 29,210 per ten grams in business turnover of 393 lots. On similar lines, the yellow

metal for delivery in April month contracts traded higher by Rs 29, or 0.10 per cent to Rs 29,220 per ten grams in 60 lots. Analysts said speculators widening of positions by participants on the back of a firm global trend where gold inches up to hit 3 and a half month highs on weaker dollar, mainly influenced sentiment here. Globally, gold rose 1.12 per cent to USD 1,317.10 an ounce in New York yesterday.

## Name changed

I, the undersigned, Khangembam Opendro Singh, S/O Khangembam Shyamkanhai Singh (Father) and Khangembam Ibemhal Devi (Mother) of Phougakchao Ikhai Mamang Leikai, Bishnupur district, Manipur do hereby declare that my original name has been wrongly recorded as Maibam Opendro Singh and my father's name has also been wrongly recorded as Maibam Iboyaima Singh and my mother's name as Chaobihai Devi. I do hereby declare to use my original name and also the original name of my father and mother to avoid any complicity in my future career.

Sd/-  
Khangembam Opendro Singh,  
S/O Khangembam Shyamkanhai Singh (Father)  
and Khangembam Ibemhal Devi (Mother)  
Phougakchao Ikhai Mamang Leikai,  
Bishnupur district, Manipur

## Parliament passes NABARD (Amendment) Bill, 2017

**New Delhi, Jan 3:** Parliament has passed the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2017 with the Rajya Sabha approving it on Tuesday. The Bill seeks to amend the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981. The Bill allows the central government to increase the authorized capital of the Bank from Rs. 5,000 crore to Rs. 30,000 crore. The capital can be increased further by the government in consultation with the RBI. Currently the Central government is holding 99.6 per cent share of the bank and the rest is with RBI.

NABARD is responsible for providing and regulating facilities like credit for agricultural and industrial development in the rural areas. Replying to a debate on the bill, Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla said, the government is committed to agricultural growth and welfare of the farmers. He said, NABARD will concentrate on providing loan to small scale industries related to agriculture and rural infrastructure. Earlier, members from various political parties including Congress, BJP, TMC and AIADMK supported the Bill during the debate.