

**Imphal Times** daily evening newspaper is 6 years old today. We wish all our readers, well wishers and patrons as well as those who have been encouraging us since we began our journey. With your blessing and support we are able to serve you at our level best, even though it would not meet your satisfaction. We know six year is a young age and we have a long way to go. We request all to encourage us more so that we can serve the nation. Thanking you once more for the support you all had given to us.

**With regards  
Team  
Imphal Times.**

## NMA urges PM to reconsider imposition of DAA

**Kohima, Jan 9:** Naga Mothers Association, NMA yesterday urged the Centre to reconsider the imposition of Disturbed Area Act and also to postpone the state Assembly election due this year. In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, NMA said as mothers and Naga women they are deeply encouraged that the NSCN (IM) and the Naga national political groups are now in serious dialogue with the Centre under his leadership. NMA said the aspirations of Naga women for peace and a solution to the prolonged Naga political issue lies at the heart and home of every Naga woman. Maintaining that due chance must be given for the ongoing peace dialogue with different political groups to take its course, the NMA said the electoral process should be postponed for sometime, till the peace talk is resolved. The association urged the Prime Minister to keep his commitment made to the Naga people to resolve the Naga political issue within a specific period in the interest of peace and political justice for the Naga people

## Mentally unsound person mistaken as child kidnaper; Police intervention rescue him from the claw of paranoid mob

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 9:** A mentally unsound person nearly died today after a paranoid mob thrashed him blue and black, suspecting him as a child kidnaper. The bizarre incident happened around 10 am today morning at Laipham Khunou in Imphal West district. A police team who rushed the spot rescued him from the blow of then angry mob and arrested him suspecting him as a child kidnapper, but later realized that the person is a mentally unsound person. First hand report said that

the ill-fated person identified as Thounaojam Germa, age about 38 years, and son of Thounaojam Modhumangol Singh of Chingmeirong Mamang leikai, Imphal, as per information from his Adhaar Card entered the courtyard of a house where some little girls were playing at around 10 am today. Locals said they saw him trying to take away a little girl, however, when the little girls were asked whether they knew him, they said they did not. The little girl was snatch from



Police team taking rescuing Thounaojam Germa from the clutch of mob.

the arms of the person alarming the surroundings by a lady. Report said that the person did tried to hold back the child however, the lady forcibly snatch the girl. Some persons who were near the site rushed and after listening the story thrashed him blue and black. Imphal Times when enquired about the persons to some persons of Chingmeirong Mamang leikai finds the persons as mentally unsound. A neighbour said that, Thounaojam Germa,

popularly called by people as 'Honga' use to play with children of his locality most of the time. Lamphel Police OC, while talking to Imphal Times said that, family members of Thounaojam Germa came to the police station where he was detained and showed all relevant documents for undergoing treatment due to mental instability. He was rushed to RIMS hospital for medical attention as he sustained injury on the wrist of the mob on mistaken identity.

## Fitting tribute paid to Maharaja Gambhir Singh on 184<sup>th</sup> death anniversary

### Samadhi of Maharaja Gambhir Singh to be developed as site of historical importance: CM



**DIPR**

**Imphal, Jan. 9:** Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that the Samadhi of Maharaja Gambhir Singh located at Langthabal would be developed as a site of historical importance. This was stated by him at the 184<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of the Maharaja Gambhir Singh held at the Samadhi of Maharaja Gambhir Singh at Langthabal today. The observation was organised by State Archaeology, Department of Art and Culture, Government of Manipur. Speaking as Chief Guest, Chief Minister said that a Museum would also be developed inside the premises of the Samadhi to enlighten the youths and present generation about the supreme sacrifices made by our forefathers during the Seven Years Devastation (1819-1826) to liberate Manipur. He asked the concerned Minister and officials of the Art and Culture Department to discuss with a reputed International Firm or Consultant for the development and beautification of the place. He urged the Department to

install the statues of Nara Singh and Herachandra inside the Samadhi of Maharaja Gambhir Singh. Chief Minister directed the Department to consult historians and subject experts and to prepare a Blue Print and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the development of the Samadhi. The prepared DPR should be submitted to the Planning Department, he added. If the project needs more money then the government would approach NEC or NLCPR for the development of Samadhi. On the occasion, Chief Minister said that we should feel proud about the supreme sacrifices and valour made by Maharaja Gambhir Singh, Nara Singh and Herachandra for the liberation of Manipur from the clutches of the Burmese following the Seven Years Devastation. He mentioned that history is a fact which can be neither manipulated nor distorted by us. History taught us a lesson that disunity among ourselves was the main reason for the invasion by the foreign powers. If we want a united Manipur then we should leave aside the greed and selfish desires, he added. Mentioning about the ethics

to be maintained by the politicians, Chief Minister said that politicians would never succeed if they do not possess the nationalistic characteristics. If they possess such quality then there would be visible changes in the State, he added. He further maintained that they should be able to make sacrifice and commitment for the welfare, development and prosperity of the state. Those who don't have patriotic felling and love for the country wouldn't think and do nothing good for the people and society at large, he added. Chief Minister appealed the people of the State to leave aside the idea of self interest but rather think for inclusive growth and development in the State. He said that let's do some productive work to bring some positive changes in the State rather wasting our precious time. Chief Minister led others in paying floral tributes to the portraits of Maharaja Gambhir Singh and Nara Singh. A contingent of Manipur Rifles offered a guard of honour and general salute and observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the Gambhir Singh, Nara Singh and others. While delivering Presidential

address, Minister for Art and Culture Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh said that the role of the government is to protect the territorial integrity and to uphold the sovereignty of the State. It is the responsibility of the government to work for the welfare of the people of the State, he added. Minister stated that the government need love, support and participation of the people to bring inclusive development in the State. He maintained that every issue can be resolved through dialogues. Minister for CAF and PD Shri Karam Shyam, Minister for Education Shri Th. Radheshyam, Chairman MANIDCO Dr. Y. Radheshyam, MLAs Shri S. Subhashchandra, Shri P. Brojen, Shri S. Bira Singh, Shri Y. Surachandra, Shri L. Susindro Meitei, top civil and police officials and others attended the function.

## Dead body found

**IT News**

**Imphal, Jan 9:** A dead body was found today morning at around 6.30 am near the fencing of DM Collage Campus, opposite to Tangkhul Baptist Church, Dewaland in Imphal West. The identity of the person is yet to be established and the cause of his death is also still a mystery. Police team picked up the dead body and

deposited at RIMS morgue. As per police source, the height of the dead body is 5 feet 1 inch, fair complexion, thin body with black and medium hair and facial structure is oval with a mustache. He was found wearing one brown check man shirt full slip, one white cordial jacket. Police speculate his age to be around 30 years.

## National Anthem not mandatory in cinema halls: SC

**New Delhi, Jan 9:** The Supreme Court today said, the playing of national anthem is not mandatory in cinema halls before the screening of a film. The court modified its November 30, 2016's order by which it had made playing of the anthem mandatory. A bench, headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra, said a 12-member inter-ministerial committee, set up by the Centre, would take a final call on the issue adding that it should comprehensively look into all aspects. The court also allowed the petitioners to make representations before the panel.

The bench, while disposing of the petitions pending before it, also made it clear that the exemption granted to disabled persons from standing in the halls when the anthem is being played, will remain in force till the committee takes a decision. The top court accepted the government's affidavit which had said that the panel has been set up to suggest changes in the 1971 Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act. Attorney General KK Venugopal told the bench yesterday that the committee will submit its report within six months.

## Weekly OPD clinic at press club goes on

**By NJ Thakuria**

**Guwahati, Jan. 9:** A unique weekly healthcare initiative has been taken up by a press club in Assam of northeast India, where practicing physicians are invited to the club premises for free consultations. Often various blood tests are also conducted in these Saturday OPD clinics for diagnosing health status of the journalists and their families. The next camp, organized under the series of 'Evening with a Doctor' programs of Guwahati Press Club, will be conducted by Dr Madhab Rajbongshi and Dr Hiten Chakrabarty from MMC Panbazar on 13 January 2018, where the member-journalists along with their dependants will get free healthcare consultations from the physicians. Started with initial support from Dr Jayanta Bardoloi, managing director of Assam's well known Dispur Hospital in raising a doctor's chamber at the club

premises, the series of health camps have already emerged as a healthy hangout for the media persons. The endeavor has also helped diagnosing many journalists and their dependants with alarming high blood pressure, sugar and thyroid disorders. They were accordingly advised by the physicians for follow up action. Until today, most of the hospitals based in Guwahati, which has slowly turned into a competent healthcare hub in eastern India, have supported the endeavour by sending their practicing physicians in rotation for the media clinics. Professional doctors from Down Town Hospital, GNRC Hospitals, Dispur Hospital, Nemcare Hospital, Hayat Hospital, Ayursundra Hospital, Sun Valley Hospital, Barthakur Clinic, Wintrobe Hospital, Narayana Hospital, Rahman Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, Sight First Eye-Clinic etc have attended the camps.

Even specialist doctors from various distinguished healthcare institutions, based in other parts of the country, like Apollo Hospital (Chennai), SIMS Chennai Hospital, Manipal Hospital (Bangalore), Fortis Hospital (Bangalore), Medanta the Medicity Hospital (Gurgaon) etc have graced the camps. They were simultaneously encouraged by the post-event coverage in both the mainstream and alternate media outlets. It may be noted that around 90% of media persons in the alienated region remain out of medical insurance coverage. Most of the journalists, engaged with regional newspapers and news channels, earn small salaries and nominal other benefits. Hence they hardly afford healthcare expenditures and often end up depending on financial support from the government and donations from well wishers when medical emergencies strike their families.