

## Editorial

Thursday, October 18, 2018

### Needs for realizing the truth

The merger of Manipur to the Indian Union in October 15, 1949 after the controversial signing of the merger agreement between Maharajah Bodhachandra and the representatives of the Indian Union on September 21 of the same year at Shillong is the root of all mayhem in the present state of Manipur. For years people of the state have been witnessing several rebel groups observing October 15 as "Black Day" by freezing all wakes of live under the spell of general strike. The rebels do have their cause in calling the day general strike and most surprising thing the irresponsible attitude of both the state and central government to the calls made on this day. The silence of both the state and central government seems to be a clear indication on the righteousness to the call of the rebel or else why shouldn't there be any statement from the government authority regarding the reasons that the rebels had put forward justifying their cause. A stitch in time save River Nile - the saying should be well think upon. For someone who wanted to go deep into the genesis of all this chaos arisen out of the conflict we certainly do have reason to blame the Central government authority for all the present state of our state.

In his book "Open Secret", Malay Krishna Dhar, the then joint director of the SIB, an intelligent agency had categorically stated the political and economic condition of the state. As according to him he had submitted reports on why the youths especially the Meitei had frustration to the merger of the erstwhile kingdom to the Indian Union terming it as ignorance from the part of the Union government authority. It was in the late 60s that intelligent agency had understood and further cautioned the Union leadership about the possible raise of a separatist movement as an outcome of negligence and proper understanding about the problem of the state.

Points here we wanted every guardian of the country's constituency is the need of special attention to the problem of the state. A mere policy for awarding rehabilitation package to some of the rebel groups and signing of peace deal or cease fire is not a lasting solution. Rather it would bring major problem to the state.

A wrong is a wrong, and a right is always right. What is wrong in correcting the wrongs. India now is emerging as a super power and it is not wrong to speculate in the possible interference of external force to distort the country's unity. The only means to strengthen the ties of the country's unity is through proper clarification on what had been committed before. It was a fact that people in the state believed that merger of Manipur with the Indian Union was illegal - a resolution adopted by a peoples' convention held at GM Hall Imphal in 1993.

Now the mindset of the youth had change a lot, no individuals are fool enough to be driven by some cheap provocative propaganda. So it is better the government accept what has happened before and should sort out the conflict with proper understanding. After all, rebels waging war are also human beings.

### Davinder Singh ruled out for the season; Joyner Lourenco brought in as replacement

From a Correspondent  
Mumbai, Oct 18,

Mumbai City FC defender Davinder Singh has suffered an injury to his anterior cruciate ligament and will miss the remainder of the season. The 23-year old will undergo surgery on his knee later this month and will continue his rehabilitation with the club.

The young defender signed for The Islanders last season and was handed his debut in an away fixture against Kerala Blasters. He went on to make a total of 8 league appearances in the 2017-18 season and showed incredible promise, following which he signed a two-year extension to his contract with the club.

All of us at Mumbai City FC wish Davinder a swift recovery and hope that he returns to the football pitch soon, doing what he does best.

The Islanders, meanwhile, have brought in 27-year old defender Joyner Lourenco who joins The Islanders until the end of the season. The Goan full back will replace Davinder in Mumbai City FC's squad for the 2018-19 season

of the Hero ISL.

Joyner began his footballing career barely into his teens when he signed for his local club, Goa Velha and went on to play for the u-15, u-16 and the u-19 sides of Dempo FC.

Taking the next step in his career, Joyner switched sides and joined Sporting Clube de Goa as a 19 year old in 2010. Making an immediate impact, his side won the u-19 I League in his first year at the club - a tournament in which he went out in the semifinals previously with Dempo.

Joyner went on to play for Sporting for a total of seven seasons, and finished as a runner-up in the 2013-14 Federation Cup. His strong performances for Sporting earned him a call up to the Indian u-23 National Team for the 2014 Asian Games in the final 20-man squad. He went on to make two appearances in the tournament wearing the Blue of India.

Following his stint with Sporting, Joyner was picked by fellow ISL side Bengaluru FC in the 2017 ISL Draft. He represented them four times in their AFC Cup campaign, finished as the runner-up of the

### Hill Journalists' Union of Manipur Lifts boycott to MLA Samuel Jendai

IT News  
Imphal, Oct 18,

The boycott stand of the journalists fraternity against MLA Samuel Jendai has been lifted henceforth. The decision to lift the boycott was taken on a joint meeting of the Editors' Guild Manipur, All Manipur Working

Journalists Union and the Manipur Hills Journalists Union held at the Manipur Press Club Imphal this evening.

Lifting of the boycott followed an apology made by the MLA himself vide his letter dated 15th October 2018 regarding a fallout during his visit at Tamenglong on 14th October 2018 last.

### EVM and VVPAT checking begins

IT News  
Imphal Oct 18,

In an exercise for the Lok Sabha poll which will be held at the beginning of next year, the District Election Officer, Imphal East conducted the First Level Checking of EVM (Electronic Voting Machine) and VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) at State Institute of Rural Development hostel, DC office Complex, Porompat, Imphal East

District. The process of checking the EVM and VVPAT and necessary clean up was done by a strong team of Bharat Electronics, Bengaluru in the presence of national and local political parties. Apart from participation of DEO staffs and officials, a number of BLOs (Booth Level Officer) were also involved in the prelude exercise of the Lok Sabha poll which is likely to be held during the month of April and May 2019.

### Mobile numbers acquired through Aadhaar will not be disconnected, clarifies Govt

Agency  
New Delhi, Oct 18,

The government today denied media reports that 50 crore mobile numbers are at the risk of disconnection. In a joint statement in New Delhi, the Department of Telecommunications and Unique Identification Authority of India, UIDAI, has said that the report is baseless.

The statement said an unnecessary panic has been created among mobile users. It also clarified that the Supreme Court in its judgement has NOT said that mobile numbers acquired through Aadhaar cards have to be disconnected.

The statement further said that the Telecom Department and UIDAI are developing a hassle-free digital process to issue new SIM cards through a mobile App which will be fully compliant with the Supreme Court's judgement in Aadhaar Case.

In the proposed process, the live photograph of the person along with the time stamp and geographical coordinates will be captured. SIM cards will be authenticated through a one-time password OTP before being issued.

Imphal Times will have to publish only 2 page for some more days due to technical reason. The paper will resume 4 page edition soon pages page in today's edition due to technical problem. the inconveniences in regretted.

Manager

ISL and won the Hero Super Cup. The Islanders will play their third game of the 2018-19 Hero Indian Super League, the Maharashtra Derby, on October 19 against rivals FC Pune City at the Mumbai Football Arena.

### Saina enters 2nd round of Denmark Open

Agency  
New Delhi, Oct 18,

Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal has advanced to the second round of Denmark Open Badminton Tournament while PV Sindhu has crashed out of the women singles category of the competition.

Saina defeated Hong Kong's Cheung Ngan 20-22, 21-17, 24-22 in the first match held at Odense today.

Third seed and a silver medal winner in Olympics and Asian Games PV Sindhu lost to the American Beibei Zhang 21-17, 16-21, and 21-18.

In Men's Singles, seventh-placed Kidambi Srikanth will face local boy Hans-Kristian Vittinghus, with B Sai Praneeth playing China's Huang Yuxiang. Sameer Verma will square off against the third-placed Chinese Shi Yuqi.

Indian shuttlers will also be seen in action in Men's and Mixed Doubles categories

From a Correspondent  
New Delhi, Oct 18

Indian wrestling will score yet another first with the Under-15 girls entry in the Asian Junior Wrestling Championships in Fuji-Mi, Japan. Wrestling Federation of India has named a 10-member junior girl squad for the event, scheduled for November 16, 2018.

This is the first time ever that an under-15 Indian wrestling squad will be competing in an Asian-level competition. This was in tune with the Wrestling Federation of India's 'Catch 'em Young' policy to encourage young wrestlers and identify future talents.

All the 10 girls named for the Fuji-Mi event are the top performers in their respective categories at the Under-15 Nationals, held in Meerut earlier this year.

Wrestling Federation President, Brij Bhushan Saran, talking on the importance of such Junior Tournaments said: "Wrestling

### World Mental Health Day held at Chandel



IT News  
Chandel, Oct. 18,

District Health Society (DHS) in Associate with District Mental Health Programme, Chandel organized "World Mental Health Day 2018" at District Hospital Chandel today.

The programme was held on the theme "Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World" while Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Chandel Dr. Serthani Serbum as Chief Guest and Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Chandel Dr. S. Rajen as President, State Nodal Officer NMHP Manipur Dr. A. Ranita and Village Chief of

Chandel Khullen Mr. Pashel Yumas as Guest of honours respectively.

During the programme, State Nodal Officer NMHP Manipur Dr. A. Ranita and Psychiatric of District Hospital Chandel Dr. Kh. Robinro explained the underlying meaning of the topic "Young people and mental health in a changing world" to the students and highlighted important aspect of Mental Health.

CMO, Dr. Serthani Serbum said that, in earlier times, people preferred the traditional way of treatment administered by local healers but due to development in medical treatment people shifted their preference to doctors while taking treatment.

### 109 BN CRPF celebrates Police Commemoration Day



IT News  
Imphal, Oct 18,

09 Bn CRPF organized an "Essay writing competition" at Comprehensive Concept School, Sangaiprou, Imphal, Manipur. As a part of Police Commemoration Day, Somanath Maharana, Second in Command 109 Bn CRPF guest the occasion as Chief Guest, Shri. Oinam Samarendra Singh Principal of Comprehensive Concept School, Sangaiprou presided over the function. The function was attended by officers and other ranks of 109 Bn CRPF, various teaching, non-teaching staff of the school and students. During the function, Shri Somanath

Maharana, Second in Command spoke about the importance of the day and paid tributes to the martyred police officers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

Total 25 Students participated in the essay writing competition whose topic was "Contribution/sacrifice of CRPF & state Police towards the society". Miss Nikie Yumnam- (XII-A) secured first Position & Miss Diana Thounajam (XII-A) secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Mr Mohammad Nasibur Rahman (XI-A) secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the subject competition. They have been awarded prizes by Shri Somanath Maharana, Second in Command 109 Bn CRPF.

### Another first for India wrestling: U-15 girls to take plunge in Asian Juniors

From a Correspondent  
New Delhi, Oct 18

- India's under-15 girl wrestlers heading for maiden appearance in Asian Junior Championship
- Wrestling Federation of India names 10-member squad for the maiden appearance

fraternity is committed to identify and support the next generation of champions. It is important to identify potential junior talent and give them right exposures abroad. India's participation in the Under-15 Asian Championship is one of our numerous initiatives to realise that goal.

"The Asian Juniors will give our wrestlers a competitive field to test their skills," he further added.

The squad for the maiden Asian event for junior girls comprises eight girls from Haryana, while the other two wrestlers come from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The Squad: 1. Pooja Rani (33kg), 2. Komal (36Kg), 3. Pinki (39Kg), 4. Sweety (42kg), 5. Antim (46Kg), 6. Priyanshi Prajapat (50Kg), 7. Pratibha Janghu (54Kg), 8. Bhagyashree (58kg), 9. Sittu (62Kg) and 10. Sunita (66kg).

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