

## Bomb threat

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 18,

Miscreants suspected to be cadres of armed rebel group KCP (Noyon group) today placed a hand grenade to the residence of Gurumayum Tharakana Devi (61 yrs) W/O G. Bidyashor Sharma of Brahmapur Bhaigapati Leikai under PS Porompat Dist Imphal East. Police source said that they received the report at around 6 am today morning and also identified the grenade to be Chinese made. The Porompat Police team picked up the bomb. Gurumayum Tharakana Devi was a onetime Manager in the Imphal Urban Co-operative Bank. Police suspects the reason for placing of the bomb to have been related with monetary demand.

## CM to launch Imphal-Jiribam Helicopter service

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Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh will launch Imphal-Jiribam Helicopter service (Manipur Heli Service) tomorrow at Harinagar, Jiribam. A statement of the Commissioner of Transport M. Lakshmikumhar said that the Imphal-Jiribam Helicopter Service will be operated on daily basis except on Sunday and public holiday. Fare for one way travel is Rs. 3000/- per-head.

## Sponsoring candidates for 413 MTS posts

DIPR  
Thoubal Sept. 18

District Employment Officer, Thoubal informs that sponsoring candidates for the post of 413 MTS in Education department will be resumed w.e.f 17th to 24th September, 2018 during office hour for Thoubal district. The district employment officer also informs that willing eligible candidates who have not sponsored earlier may sponsor their names during the given period. Details can be had from District employment office, Thoubal.

## Enquiry on Manipur University crisis underway, Committee asked AP Pandey to submit statement on or before September 24

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The two members Independent Enquiry Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resources and development, Govt. of India, have asked Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey to submit written statement in the form of Affidavit with September 24. The committee also asked the prof. to appear in person before the Committee on September 26, 27 and 28. Witnesses will be recorded on the mentioned days and the professor's appearance is a must, a source said. The enquiry committee office is located at Room No. 201 of Hotel Classic Imphal and the working hour is 10.00 am to 5 pm.

Day before yesterday the Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA), Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) and Manipur University Staffs' Association (MUSA) had filed written statement in the form of affidavit along with the list of supporting document. The list of supporting documents

### Prof. AP Pandey suspended till the completion of the Enquiry

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Vice Chancellor of Manipur University Prof. AP Pandey has been put under suspension till the completion of the enquiry by the president of India in the capacity as Visitor of Manipur University with effect from yesterday. An order of the MHRD signed by Deputy secretary to the Govt. of India, Surat Singh stated - "... the

president of India in his capacity as visitor of the Manipur University on consideration of material on record and taking the account volatile law and order situation in the campus of the Manipur University and in exercise of the powers conferred on him under provision of statute 13(1) of the statute of Manipur University Act, 2005 and with section 16 of the general Clause Act, 1897 is pleased to place Prof.

Adya Pandey, Vice Chancellor under suspension with immediate effect and till completion of the enquiry and action to be taken thereon in the interest of justice for free and fair enquiry or till further order". The order was issued yesterday after sequence of events taken place by the action of AP Pandey which deteriorated the atmosphere of the Manipur University.

consists of 31 documents. Some other students had also filed statements in the form of affidavits after taking permission from the enquiry committee. The two member Independent enquiry committee comprises of Justice T. Nadakumar Singh as Chairman and Prof. MK Choudhary as member.

Meanwhile, hearing of the case filed by Prof. AP Pandey at Manipur High Court has been deferred on September 28. Details of the hearing could not be obtained at the moment but source said that the divisional bench which is hearing the case could not proceed as Prof. AP Pandey had also filed a Special Leave

Petition (SLP) at the Supreme Court. Mentioned may be made that Prof. AP Pandey had challenge the constitution of the Enquiry Committee and the signing of the Memorandum of understanding between the MHRD, GoM and MU community on August 16.

## The 101st Birth Anniversary of Comrade Soyam Satradhari Observed

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Imphal, Sept 18,

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) Manipur State Committee observed the 101st Birth Anniversary of Comrade Soyam Satradhari at Paona Bazar, Imphal yesterday. Comrade Soyam Satradhari was one of the two Communist legislators elected to the first Electoral College of Manipur (Assembly) in 1952 held after the ban on the communist were lifted in the country. The other legislator was Takkellambam Ibotombi, popularly known as Phototombi, who was one of

the founder members of the Communist Party in the state. Satradhari came to Manipur in 1936 after he was informed that the Assam police has a plan to arrest him for his activities as a cadre of the armed group of those days-ANUSHILAN SAMITI. Later he met Jananeta Hijam Irabot t Singh during the late 1930s and became a founder member of the Communist Party in 1048 and works under Irabot 's leadership. As a follower of Irabot he was assigned important responsibilities by the leadership of communist party. Satradhari contributed a path breaking research on the life and works of Irawat. He

wrote the first biography on Irabot - MANIPURGI ITIHASTA JANANETA IRABOT and that was published by Manipur unit of All India Kisan Sabha in 1972. Also published a collection of poems IMAGI PUJA written by Hijam Irawat Singh during his prison days in Sylhet Jail. Satradhari participated in the movement for legislative assembly, Manipuri language and culture, against AFSPA etc. He died on 25th November 2006. The Manipur unit of CPI(M) also paid floral tributes to his memory on the 101st Birth Anniversary of Comrade Soyam Satradhari.

## RSF continue protest against FA

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Reformist students' Front (RSF) continue its protest against Frame work agreement signed between the NSCN-Im and the govt. of India. The RSF organised protest demonstration at Mukta High school and Thanga High school of Thoubal district. The student body has been organising protest demonstration at various schools to spread awareness about Article 371(A)

## SHS observed in Bishnupur

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Bishnupur, Sept 18,

The district administration observed Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) today at Panichayat Resource Centre, Mini-Secretariat campus, Bishnupur. MLAs L. Radhakishore Singh, Tongbam Robindro Singh, Sanasam Bira Singh and Mani Yaima, Chairperson of Bishnupur Municipal Council, Pradhans, the DC, SP, DLOs and staffs participated in the event. The event is organized by District Water and Sanitation Committee, Bishnupur. During the celebration, 24

Gram Panchayat Pradhans were awarded 'Open Defecation Free' certificates in recognition of their effort to eradicate open defecation in the district. Speaking on the occasion, MLA L. Radhakishore Singh urged the people to help in keeping the surrounding clean of wastes and take up the issue of cleanliness as a personal duty to fulfill. After social service is conducted at the Mini-Secretariat campus, the participants marched through Bishnupur town to the District Hospital to propagate the message of Clean India.

## One Day Food mela

IT News  
Tengnoupal, Sept. 18

One day Tribal Food Mela was held at Khopinom Village in Tengnoupal district today. The Food mela was organised by Autonomous District Council, Chandel in association with District Administration, Tengnoupal and LCDS, Tengnoupal district. Government of India has been observing the month of September as National Nutrition Month and under the aegis of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI various activities are taken up under this program to disseminate information and awareness about right nutrition to the people of Chandel & Tengnoupal districts under Autonomous District Council,

Chandel The Tribal Food Mela was organized to create awareness about the varieties of food items of the people of Tengnoupal district.

## Corrigendum

In the news story published by this paper on Sept 16 issue under the heading "RPF extends support to CPI (Maoist) movement; says oppressed Indians are friends of RPF" a line which read "This regime is run by a gang which committed violence in the shadow of violence", should be read as "This regime is run by a gang which committed violence in the shadow of non-violence".

## World Bamboo Day Promoting bamboos can create a turning point in our state's economy: Khemchand



DIPR  
Imphal, Sept. 18,

Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly Yumnam Khemchand said that the Government is ready to provide any form of assistance for promoting the bamboos in view of its increasing importance as a plant and its innumerable usages that can bring a big change in our economy. He was speaking as chief guest at the 10th World Bamboo Day Celebration 2018 that kick-started at Imphal today at the Singjamei Community Hall.

H. Shyamkanhai Singh, President, SUO, Singjamei; Mayor L. Lokeshwor Singh, and Corporator Shri Th. Bankimchandra Singh of Imphal Municipal Corporation also graced the dais at the function as president and guests of honour respectively. Highlighting that the Bamboo Mission needs the Centre's attention, Khemchand stated that bamboos are capable of more production with just 3 years of growth cycle compared with around almost 40-50 years in case of most trees.

He also appreciated IBSD Director Dr. Shahu's initiative of producing various products of bamboos like bed and other furniture items, marketing and supplying them to other states. Taking into view the current scenario of Bamboo Mission in foreign countries, he said that China is planning to substitute 50% of all home-made materials like tiles and ceilings by bamboos by 2020. H. Shyamkanhai stressed on the importance of bamboos as an essential ingredient we use in our day-to-day lives from birth till death for performing any ritual or ceremony. Director, National Bamboo Mission, IFS D.D. Haokip stated that the climate and environment of Manipur is very suitable for the growth of bamboos and the government is ready to provide the required technical support, capacity-building, skill development and financial assistance for more production to boost the state's economy. "Bamboo is a very important plant that can be grown even in valleys and river banks and can be easily harvested. Unlike European & American

countries, India is not lacking in resources and entrepreneurs in Manipur can industrially process the bamboos and start enterprises as source of income", he also said.

A rally was also held by the organizers from Kangla to Singjamei early morning as part of the event.

Different products of bamboos like bicycle, furniture, electronic goods and other by-products were exhibited during the function. Meanwhile, a souvenir containing articles on increasing the awareness of bamboos globally was also released.

The event that was held on the theme "Bamboo: the future plants... a new hope" was sponsored by National Bamboo Mission (Manipur Chapter) in co-ordination with various Departments including Commerce & Industries, Handloom & Textiles, Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Agriculture, Environment & Ecology Wing, Planning and University & Higher Education.

Bamboo symposium and painting competition will be held on the 19th and 23rd of this month respectively. The 10th World Bamboo Day will be held at Imphal from 18th to 23rd September 2018. The World Bamboo Day was celebrated for the first time in 18th September 2009 at Prachan Buri, Thailand during the World Bamboo Congress held at Bangkok Thailand. In Manipur, it was held for the first time on the same day in 2011 at Singjamei Community Hall, Imphal after which the event continues at different locations such as at K h a n g s h i m Village, Tengnoupal District; Shilheipung, Imphal East and Giving Tree, Sangaiprou. Where bamboos grow naturally, it has been a daily element but its utilization has not sustainable due to exploitation. The world bamboo organization aims to bring the potential of bamboos to a more elevated exposure-to protect natural resources and the environment, to ensure sustainable utilization, to promote new cultivation of bamboo for new industries in regions around the world as well as promote traditional uses locally for community economic development.