

## Apprehensions about the fate of Manipur continue to hunt Imphal Mass Rally continues; memorandum submitted

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Manipur once more saw thousands of people coming out in the street shouting slogan for protection of the Integrity of Manipur today. Since the last couple of days Imphal has been witnessing countless protest after the COCOMI announced to launch agitation. Two days after thousands of ladies staged a mass rally at BT road, another similar number of people staged a rally from Kwakeihel today afternoon. The rally organised by COCOMI – a joint body of 6 major civil society body, marched towards Governor Bungalow, however, a strong team of state police stopped them at Keishampat junction. Reporters at the site witness confrontation between the police team and those taking part in the rally. However, the police team restrain maximum tolerance and no gun shot, lathi charge, mock bomb or tear gas shell were fired. The police later allowed some members of the COCOMI to meet the governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptula. Convener of the COCOMI



Sunil Karam, General Secretary of UCM Kh. Athouba, President of the CCSK Jeetendra Ningomba, President of HERICOUN Ratankumar Longiam, President of MMWO, Abdulah Phundreimayum and President of Kuki Inpi (Imphal Zone) Maangcha, President of Aimol Tribe Union, Akhil Aimol and President of AMUCO Ph Nando Luwang jointly signed a memorandum and submitted to the Governor of Manipur. Sunil Karam while speaking to media persons soon after meeting the governor said that

the Governor had assured to convey the message to the Union government and said that she fully understand the sentiment of the people and will render her duty to make sure that peace is restored in the state. It may be mention that apprehensions about the fate of Manipur looms large among the people of the state as the government of India is still keeping the contents of the frame work agreement that is likely to sign with the Nagaland Political Groups including the NSCN-IM from public domain.

Assurance to consult and let know the contents of the agreement, if any, with all stakeholders particularly the civil bodies of the state by the prime Minister has not yet been fulfilled even as it is just five days as per announcement. **Heirok Rally** At Heirok in Thoubal district, a protest demonstration warning serious consequences if the integrity of Manipur has been distorted while solving the issue of the NSCN-IM. The rally organised by Ningol Club Heirok and People Action for Change Heirok kicks start from

Higher Secondary School at Heirok Part 3 today morning. Over hundreds of people took part in the rally denouncing any act to distort the integrity of Manipur and finally concluded at Heirok part-II Keithel. The mass rally was followed by a public meeting. The participants at the rally carried banners and chanted slogans demanding to safeguard the integrity of the State Manipur. The slogans also include that the State cannot have two government and Article 371 A cannot be implemented in the state of Manipur.

## NSF to commence first phase agitation from Oct. 30 over govt. failures to set up SSB

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Naga Students Federation in a press communiqué said that the student body will commence its 1<sup>st</sup> phase of democratic agitation from October 30 following government failure to comply with their demand for setting up of Staff Selection Board (SSB) in Nagaland. "It was unanimously resolved to register the resentment of the Federation in a democratic and phased manner against the failure of the Government of Nagaland to comply with its demands for setting up of Staff Selection Board (SSB) in the State," the NSF statement

said. The first phase democratic agitation will begin by wearing black badges. "All the school, college and university going students shall wear symbolic black bands/badges along with the uniform of their respective institutions", the NSF appealed. The Federation also directed all the Federating Units and Sub-ordinate bodies to take up all necessary actions to ensure that the protest is carried out successfully in their respective jurisdiction. It also appealed to all the stakeholders to lend their support and cooperation in this fight towards a just future.

## Guwahati RBI Manager's Corpse Found in Odisha Hotel

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A general manager of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Guwahati branch allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself at a hotel in Odisha, police said. The dead GM has been identified as Asish Ranjan Samal. Mr Samal was a resident of Naharipur village in Jajpur district of Odisha. The incident occurred at Chandikhola on Friday morning. After taking leave, the man had gone to his native village on Thursday to meet his mother. Thereafter, he went

to Bhubaneswar to meet his wife, a doctor at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Science (KIMS), and his son, a 12th standard student. According to reports, Mr Samal had checked into the hotel on Thursday afternoon. On Friday morning, when the hotel staff knocked at the door of the room, he did not answer, following which the hotel staff called the police. He was later found dead hanging from the ceiling fan of his hotel room. The identity of the dead man was ascertained by the documents provided by Mr Samal at the time of check-in.

## DC, Thoubal directs DLOs to keep strict vigilance

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In anticipating the violation of law and order in the district due to the outcome of the peace talk between GOI with some organisations, the District Magistrate/DC, Thoubal has directed all DLOs to keep a strict vigilance of their respective offices and make sure that their caretakers/staffs are available 24x7 at the office. The DLOs are also asked to share their contact numbers with the DMDC and SP, Thoubal for safety and other security arrangements.

## Manipuri Folk song gains more popularity Mangka invited to perform Manipuri folk song Okinawa

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Japan based International Foundation invites Laihui (the troupe that Mangka belongs to) to take part in the commemorative events for the 30th Anniversary of the Haeburu Town Museum. The Haeburu Town Museum is located in the Kiyan district of Haeburu directly west of the site of the Haeburu Japanese Army Hospital. The museum features a reproduction of the facilities of the dugout bunkers that were used for the army hospital. In addition to other wartime artifacts, the museum has exhibits on traditional pre-war Okinawa life and overseas emigrants from the town. Culture fans in the densely populated Japanese town Okinawa reportedly googled



to no more about Manipuri Folk songs. Laihui, the troupe founded by Mangka's father M a y a n g l a n g b a m Mangangsana, is presently in Tokyo for the Cross Transit Project as a Dramaturge, Music Composer and Performer since 1st October.

He will lead the Laihui troupe that has been invited to perform 30th Anniversary of the Haeburu Town Museum its commemorative events. Various Cultural Exchange events with artists in Okinawa will take place from October 28 to November 5, 2019.

Mangka will be presenting Manipuri Folk music performance on November 4. Various Cultural exchange activities like interaction cum musical exchange with students of various schools and colleges and also, they will be visiting Ishigaki Island and Taketomi Island and will have a music as well as traditional songs exchange with the traditional musicians of these islands. A communiqué by Mangangsana said that there will be exhibitions of traditional textiles. Byron Aihara, and Kangabam Bikram Singh's (KBC) photographs will be highlighting Manipur's charm. This historic trip will be documented by Romi Meitei. And this trip will bring a closer and tighter ties of love, trust through music and songs for generations to come.

## Shehtri Samridhi Utsav Mela underway

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> 3- Day Shehtri Samridhi Utsav Mela which began yesterday organized by the Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA) in commemoration with the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is being underway at Hatta Kangjeibung, Imphal East. The Mela was organized under the sponsorship of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India with the aim to unite all Deendayal Antyodaya

Yojana- National Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) stakeholders and create strong momentum for the Mission by implementing a number of high-impact initiatives. M.Joy Singh, Commissioner, MUDA who attended the inaugural function as Chief Guest said that the main purpose of organizing the Mela is to showcase and market the products manufactured by Self Help Groups (SHGs) who are under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) in the state to national level. Also it is a platform for these

groups to meet and have healthy discussions about their various products so that they compete in the national level. He stated that due to some technical problems, the previous loan applications were not disbursed. He urged the concern officers to look into the matter and submit the relevant documents as soon as possible. He asked the MUDA officers to upload the registered SHGs on online portals. Attending the function as Guest of Honour, Ravi Solanki, National Mission Manager- MIS-ME, DAY-

NULM conveyed that Shehtri Samridhi Utsav Mela is basically a platform to provide component to SHGs. He states that he is confident to see high quality products of these local SHGs in the national level Shehtri Samridhi Utsav Mela which will be held in Delhi in the later part of February, 2020. He informed that during the last year's Mela, he was an Anchor for the state of Manipur and was very proud that the state was doing well even in the national level. Presiding over the inaugural function, Th. Hari Kumar Singh, MMAS, Director,

MUDA stated that the state's SHGs successfully participated in the first ever Shehtri Samridhi Utsav Mela at Rajgadh, Delhi. The products manufactured by these groups were in high demand. He encouraged the participants to work hard and produced more for economic sustainability. He also stated that there is a proposal to sell these products on online shopping sites. The Mela saw a healthy participation from around 100 stalls showcasing food, handloom and handicrafts, vegetables among others.



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Veteran journalist from Arunachal Pradesh Abang Taro Chatung passed away on Saturday morning at Tamo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS), Naharlagun. Referred to as the pioneer of electronic media in the state, late Chatung was an inspiration for media persons of the state. He was associated with several burning issues of the state. Chatung's mortal remains will be kept at his residence at MOWB II near AG office for well-wishers to pay their last homage.

His last rites will be performed at his ancestral home in Ziro. Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu expressed grief and extended his condolences to the bereaved family. In a tweet, Khandu wrote, "It breaks my heart to know Chatung sir is no more with us. He went to any extent to extract the truth and present it before the public. It would be impossible to fill the void he has left behind as the omnipresent, courageous and sincere journalist. Rest in Peace sir." Khandu further said that Arunachal Pradesh will always remain grateful to the late journalist for his relentless service to the state.