

A meritorious student being felicitated during at Sawombung community hall on Sunday

Hiyanglam MLA Dr Radheshyam handing over labour card to a woman beneficiary at Waikhong on Sunday

WEATHER FORECAST					
	Max	Min	Rainfall	Wind	Gust
A thunderstorm in spots; cloudy in the morning, then periods of clouds and sun in the afternoon	32°C	21°C	5 mm	9 kmph	13 kmph

**Bobosana claims boxing gold medal**  
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**Diesel** ₹ 53.36  
*\*effective from 6 AM*

**Seven parliamentary secretaries resign**

IMPHAL: In what could be a serious blow to the BJP led government and chief minister N Biren, seven parliamentary secretaries have reportedly resigned from their respective posts. A reliable source informed that seven parliamentary secretaries submitted their resignation letters to chief minister N Biren late Sunday evening. Reshuffle of some cabinet ministers was the main demand raised by the parliamentary secretaries though they mentioned about non devolution of powers to them, the source said adding one more parliamentary secretary is likely to submit resignation letter on Monday. The source further said that all parliamentary secretaries who tendered their resignation letters Sunday are camping in an official residence of a parliamentary secretary.

**SnapShot**

**Dr Bhimo appointed JNIMS director in-charge**

IMPHAL: The state government has appointed Dr Thongam Bhimo as director in-charge of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, the only state-run medical institute. An order issued by under secretary, health and family welfare, Soiminlien Lengens on July 15, stated that Dr Bhimo will take the additional charge above his normal duty as professor (Medicine).

**City roads no different from death traps**

IMPHAL: Even as PWD is reportedly awaiting to submit reports on road development works already implemented as well as fresh project proposals, large potholes have become the dominant sight on all major roads in the twin capital districts. P3

**GASNEWS**

- HARAN VALLEY KWAKTA**  
B/upto 23-03-17; V/from 26-02-17  
STK: 306; Time: 7.30 am - 10.30 am
- R & H GAS SERVICE**  
B/upto 02-04-17; V/from 21-03-17  
STK: 540; Time: 8.00 am - 11.00 am
- CANCHI INDAANE SERVICE**  
B/upto 22-04-17; V/from 18-04-17  
STK: 468; Time: 8.00 am - 10.00 am
- BASHIKHONG INDAANE**  
B/upto 20-04-17; V/from 10-04-17  
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- KHONGNANG GAS NINGTHOUKHONG**  
B/upto 22-03-17; V/from 20-03-17  
STK: 306; Time: 7.00 am - 10.00 am
- KHORIPHABA GAS NAMBOL**  
B/upto 02-04-17; V/from 31-03-17  
STK: 306; Time: 7.00 am - 09.00 am
- MAIBA GAS MOIRANG**  
B/upto 11-04-17; V/from 08-04-17  
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- HRANGCHAL GAS LAMBULANE**  
B/upto 15-04-17; V/from 11-04-17  
STK: 306; Time: 7.30 am - 10.30 am
- SAWOMBUNG INDAANE SERVICE**  
B/upto 31-03-17; V/from 25-03-17  
STK: 306; Time: 7.30 am - 10.00 am
- JEMON GAS MAYANG**  
B/upto 21-03-17; V/from 02-03-17  
STK: 450; Time: 6.30 am - 09.00 am
- J RONGMEI SK INDAANE, WANGOI**  
B/upto 02-05-17; V/from 28-04-17  
STK: 306; Time: 6.00 am - 9.00 am
- GBD INDAANE LAMLONG**  
B/upto 27-03-17; V/from 17-03-17  
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- IMPHAL LPG SERVICE**  
B/upto 26-04-17; V/from 21-04-17  
STK: 234 (19 kg - 48); SL No. 9700 First Come First Serve

**Motley Monday**



## Govt approves ₹ 10 cr for scribes' welfare

STAFF REPORTER/DIPR

IMPHAL: Chief Minister N Biren Singh has informed that the state government has approved sanctioning of Rs 10 crore to the corpus fund of Manipur State Journalists' Welfare Scheme.

The chief minister was speaking as chief guest during presentation of the 35th Journalist award organised by 'Kangleipakki Meira', a daily evening, at Eclipse Community Hall, Komjeng Leikai, on Sunday.

Chief Minister N Biren further said that the need of the hour is to work collectively and to share knowledge for the development of the state. "People are free to give suggestion, talk openly and criticise the policies and programmes of the government. However, one should not level false and baseless allegation against the government," he stated.

Pointing out that the government would give priority to infrastructure development, drinking water and dredging of river beds after the Assembly session, Biren said that one of the reasons for flash floods in Imphal is due to construction of houses and other structures along the river banks. Therefore, in ad-



Th Premchand of Poknapham daily receives the best male journalist award from CM N Biren

dition to the works taken up by the state government, there is the need for cooperation and support from the public.

He further informed that cleaning/dredging of river beds would be initiated very soon for which an MoU has been signed with the Union government. The dredging of river beds would be first taken up for Imphal, Nambul and Iril rivers where breach-

ing of banks occur on regular basis. Minister said that the purpose of organising 'Meeyamgi Numit' and Hill Leaders' Day is to identify problems and understand wishes and aspirations of the common people so that government could do the needful.

Chief minister Biren further said that the government has been conducting mass drives against drugs and other intoxicants. The menace of drug addiction is alarming and the government is trying its best to ensure healthy mind and body for the people of the State by taking certain measures such as proper counselling and rehabilitation of drug abusers.

The CM also conferred awards to five journalists for their contribution in the field of journalism. In the print media section, the best male journalist award was given to Thongam Premchand of Poknapham and best female journalist award to Baby Serin of Ichel Express. The best journalist for electronic media was given to N Sanjaoba of ISTV, the award for best appreciated DIPR personnel was bagged by P Romesh Singh and the best hawkler award by Chirom Biren.

On the occasion, six veteran journalists were also presented special awards.

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## CM urges legal professionals to strive for public trust

DIPR

IMPHAL: Chief Minister N Biren has said that judiciary must strive to earn and keep intact the trust of people for ensuring a vibrant democracy. He was speaking at the inauguration of Family Court, Thoubal district held at Officers' Complex on Sunday. The function was organised by Law and Legislative Affairs Department.

Speaking as chief guest, Chief Minister noted that Family Courts are very unique and peculiar in the sense that various sensitive family disputes are brought to the Family Court.

Acknowledging that the judiciary is confronting various challenges, the chief minister assured that the government would extend maximum support and co-operation to judiciary and would ensure infrastructural enhancement of the Courts.

Noting that mob-justice

is widely prevalent in the state, Biren said that all must strive to stop the culture of mob-justice with the help of judiciary.

He further stressed that one should not take law into their own hands for punishing any person, who commits or is suspected to have committed a crime. One should not forget that all are bound under the Rule of Law, he added.

Stating that timely intervention and streamlining the rehabilitation process is needed for drug addicts, Chief Minister stressed that the rate of drug addiction is alarming in the state and one should strive to bring victims of drug abuse into the mainstream of our society.

He assured that the government would bear all the expenses for the rehabilitation of drug addicts. Around 24,000 women of the state are living with HIV-AIDS and the state need to strive for change through collective efforts.

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## India pushing Manipur to perilous path: RPF

CHRONICLE BUREAU

IMPHAL: Maintaining that Manipur continues to be under Indian administration ever since India annexed the erstwhile independent kingdom on October 15, 1949, the proscribed Revolutionary Peoples Front (RPF) has said that continued Indian rule in Manipur through successive puppet governments is pushing people to a perilous situation.

Presenting this observation to the people of Manipur, an RPF statement issued by publicity secretary Roben Khuman said that the three years old BJP government in New Delhi led by Narendra Modi is all set for a long march through institutions of mainland India and those in country's periphery targeting education and culture in the

first stage to build a cultural nationalism or so called Indian centric nationalism. With a hidden agenda to set up neo-imperialist democracy, the BJP government has been using different tactics and making key appointments to lengthen its policy and programmes and this is being seen and understood by the masses.

However, it is not surprising that India government appoints non-locals to different key posts of the state government including advisor to the chief minister, chief secretary, chief justice of high court, DCs and VC of university.

People of Manipur need not be surprised at such appointments as the seeds of puppet government were sown in the past many years when the Instrument of Merger was

signed on September 21, 1949, the RPF statement claimed.

It also said that the MLAs, bureaucrats, contractors and high ranking police officers who are swindling money and paying tributes to New Delhi have no element of surprise as such activities laid foundation for Indian imperialist democracy.

These policies continue to be stumbling block to the never ceasing liberation movement, the RPF said.

It also said that BJP is becoming quite hegemonic in mainland India as the people have given their mandate willingly or unwillingly to the party and Narendra Modi is becoming popular in India as he has succeeded in bringing a hope among the Indian people of establishing Indian imperialist democracy.

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## Toddler goes missing after fall into river

CORRESPONDENT

KAKCHING: A barely two years old boy went missing after he fell into Manipur river at Nungoo area under Sugnu police station.

The missing toddler has been identified as Thingnam Malemnganba Singh son of Sanatomba of Nungoo Mamang Leikai.

Locals informed that Malemnganba was being carried on a bicycle by his brother Roshan (12) on their way to a paddy field at Pombikhok where their mother works so that the infant could be breastfed.

While crossing Manipur river on a creaky suspension bridge enroute to the paddy field the bicycle chain got stuck.

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## Sick man transported in excavator succumbs

CORRESPONDENT

KPI: After the shameful incidents in Odisha and Bihar states where dead bodies were carried by the spouses or daughters after being denied mortuary vans, pictures of a sick man being transported on an excavator (JCB) and dying on the way to hospital has gone viral in social media since Saturday evening in Manipur.

The shocking incident took place in the interior part of Chandel district where 40-year-old Thangtinlen Baite, son of Lamtinhang Baite of N Gannom in Khengjoi sub division of Chandel district died on the way to a hospital across the international boundary in Myanmar.

It was reported that due to non-availability of ambulance service and proper medical support in the locality, Thang-



Relatives gather to collect the lifeless body of Thangtinlen Baite

tinlen Baite was carried by a JCB from his village for treatment at Khampat hospital in Myanmar.

Due to deplorable road condition in Khengjoi division coupled with unusable bridge connecting the road, locals arranged the heavy machinery as the last option to carry the sick

man for treatment. However, despite all efforts he succumbed on the way.

Khengjoi is geographically isolated and has no electricity, medical facilities and other basic infrastructure which contradicts the state government's slogan 'Go to Hills'.

## Nagaland crisis: Zeliang takes 43 MLAs to Raj Bhawan

AGENCIES

KOHIMA: Dissident leader TR Zeliang on Saturday called on Governor PB Acharya at Raj Bhawan here, along with 43 legislators who are supporting him in his contest for power against chief minister Shurhozelie Liezietsu, and held a discussion on the political developments in the state.

According to sources, the legislators impressed upon the Governor the strength of the Zeliang camp — with 44 MLAs — and expressed their desire to have him appointed as the chief minister of Nagaland. Shurhozelie does not have a claim to power, the MLAs reportedly said.

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## 2 vehicles torched

DIMAPUR: Two vehicles were reportedly burnt down by unknown persons near Hotel Vivor in Kohima where supporters of TR Zeliang who are opposing the leadership of Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu are being housed. Sources said that unknown persons in large number came near the hotel Sunday evening around 7 pm and burnt two vehicles. It is still not clear to whom the vehicles belonged.

Some 43 MLAs, both NPF and Independent MLAs, who are opposing the leadership of Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu are lodging at Hotel Vivor in Kohima after they returned from the Kaziranga resort (Assam) for the last two days.

## Committee demands pony conservation policy

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: Expressing grave concern over the pitiable condition of Manipuri pony and their possible extinction, Coordinating Committee of Polo Clubs, Manipur chairman N Bedajit has urged the state government to prepare and implement pony conservation and development policy at the earliest possible.

Addressing media persons at Manipur Press Club here on Sunday, Bedajit observed that with grazing ground shrinking at an alarming rate Manipuri ponies are facing imminent extinction.

While noting that only a handful of polo players and pony enthusiasts are shouldering the responsibility of saving the endangered pony breed, he called upon the government to work out an effective conservation and



development policy in order to protect the pony species.

On account of the game of polo originating in Manipur and Manipuri ponies having played an important role when Manipur was a kingdom the government

should not relent from its responsibility of protecting the endangered species, Bedajit maintained.

Further stating that providing a proper grazing ground would be of great help in saving the ponies, he also deplored that the action of police who often initiate punitive actions against pony owners whenever accidents involving the animal take place.

Due to absence of grazing ground it is natural that the ponies roam around in search of food and as such it is highly resentful that the owners are being held guilty, the chairman maintained while informing that effective implementation of the Manipur Paddyland and Wetland Protection Act 2014 will help the cause for conservation and development of pony.

## Jiri meet demands befitting district level facilities

CHRONICLE BUREAU

IMPHAL: Taking serious note of lack of developmental initiatives in the newly created district, people of Jiribam have urged the state government to ensure availability requisite infrastructure and services commensurate with full-fledged revenue district.

Taking part in a public discussion organised jointly by Protection and Preservation Committee, Manipur (PPCM) and Jiribam United Committee (JUC) at Jiri Town Hall, leaders of various ethnic groups voiced serious concern over the existing condition in Jiribam district and urged the state government for ensuring availability of all facilities and services due to a full-fledged revenue district including early

opening of government offices.

While lamenting lack of developmental activities in Jiribam district with regard to road connectivity, health-care services, education and administration services, the leaders also unanimously resolved to ban oil exploration activities which are being carried out in different places of the district, conveyed PPCM publicity secretary Jeetendra Ningomba.

Furthermore, the public meeting resolve to exert pressure on the government for making National Highway No. 37 an all-weather road, imposing restriction on illegal settlement by non-locals and upgrading the existing 50-bedded hospital to District Hospital.

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## Summer lily drawing many to Ukhrul

R LESTER MAKANG

UKHRUL: As season's colourful blooms of Wuyawon and Summer Lily are lighting up the landscapes of Mount Wuyachui in Shingcha village and Shirui Kashong, crowds of wildflower enthusiasts and visitors have been thronging the two wildflower destinations of Ukhrul district since the last weekend.

Endless streams of visitors, including first timers from different parts of the state, apart from Ukhrulites, most of whom are in trekking gears and wellington boots, could be seen scaling the lofty slopes of both mount Wuyachui and Kashong hill to enjoy the spectacular sight of Wuyawon and Summer lily, which bloom from first week till the end of July.

Pinkish-violet Wuyawon is blooming on low lying hillocks of Mount Wuyachui in Shingcha village, which is about two-hour drive from Ukhrul district headquarters (approx 45 km) and about



Visitors reveling amid blooming Summer Lily atop Mount Wuyachui in Ukhrul district

90 km from Imphal.

One of the visitors remarked: "It was a breath-taking experience for everyone, and more so for those who are here for the first time, to enjoy the beauty of the blooms and its surroundings."

"We undertook the trips to both Shin-

gecha Wuyachui and Kashong as a team, on different scheduled days," he said, adding that everyone had a great time.

According to Shingcha locals, Wuyawon is named after the mount - Wuyachui by Shingcha village on July 24, 2016.

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## Genuine Broaster Chicken outlet now in Imphal

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: Genuine Broaster Chicken (GBC), an American food heritage brand; which was first brought to India by Yellow Tie Hospitality, has reached the state with its franchise store opened at Kumees City Centre, Kakwa here on Sunday.

The franchise store of GBC was inaugurated by Yellow Tie Hospitality zonal manager Ambarish Saha and Genuine Broaster Chicken Imphal franchise owner Ramesh Singh on a function at Kumees City Centre. Yellow Tie Hospitality is India's first professional food and beverage franchise management company.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambarish informed that broaster chicken has been the



Ambarish Saha inaugurates the Genuine Broaster Chicken store, Sunday

food heritage brand of America for more than 60 years now with GBC food outlets operational in 36 countries. The Yellow Tie Hospitality brought the broaster chicken to India in May 2016 and opened stores at Versova, Andheri Mumbai,

Surat, Kolkata, Raipur, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Delhi, Pune, Bengaluru, Patna, Guwahati and Gangtok. The franchise store opened at Imphal on Sunday is the 20th outlet of GBC in India.

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