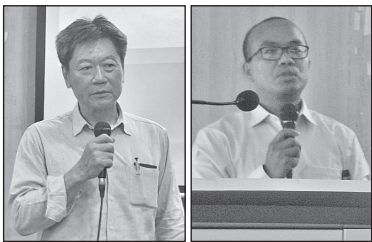


MU urged to boost AI innovation, research ecosystem

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

IMPHAL: Manipur University (MU) should strengthen its Artificial Intelligence (AI), innovation and research commercialisation ecosystem to transform academic research into practical solutions, industry partnerships and economic opportunities, speakers said at a lecture-cum-interaction programme organised by MU Manipur Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The programme, held at the MU court hall, was attended by vice-chancellor (in-charge) Prof RK Hemakumar Singh, School of Engineering dean Prof N Basanta Singh, faculty members, researchers and students. It featured Prof Virach Sornlertlamvanich of Mu-sashino University, Tokyo, Japan, and IP2Impact Ltd, United Kingdom director Mairambam Shanjoy Singh. Prof Virach stressed that AI should



complement rather than replace human intelligence. While generative AI can rapidly produce ideas using existing knowledge, meaningful research still depends on human reasoning, critical thinking, experimentation and evidence-based validation. AI-generated outputs should always be verified before being applied in research or decision-making, he added.

Referring to Nobel laureate Daniel Kahneman's theory of cognition, Prof Virach explained that although AI can accelerate routine tasks, researchers must rely on analytical thinking to

solve complex problems and make reliable decisions.

He also outlined the three pillars of MUDS/MIDS Programme – AI Creation and Applications, AI Algorithm Design and Social Innovation – integrated through research-based learning. The framework aims to prepare graduates for careers in AI engineering, data science and innovation across sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, public administration and business, he said.

Speaking on research commercialisation, Mairambam Shanjoy emphasised the need to convert university research into products, technologies and enterprises that generate social and economic value. Drawing on the United Kingdom's experience, he said universities should establish robust systems for intellectual property management, technology transfer and startup development while adopting policies suited to their own institutional needs.

Shanjoy noted that commercialisation can also be achieved by licensing research outputs to existing industries, creating additional revenue for both researchers and institutions. He further stressed the need for technology transfer offices, legal and commercial expertise, transparent governance and incentives to encourage innovation.

Shanjoy also urged universities to expand professional and short-term training programmes to strengthen industry engagement and diversify institutional income. Rejecting the notion that smaller institutions cannot compete globally, he said Manipur University has the potential to emerge as a centre of innovation by building on local strengths while adopting globally proven practices.

The programme concluded with an interactive session on AI, natural language processing, intellectual property, startup ecosystems and university-industry collaboration.

Koireng-led UNLF condoles Capt N Pandamba

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

IMPHAL: The proscribed Koireng-led United National Liberation Front (UNLF) deeply condoled the untimely demise of 'Capt' N Pandamba alias Inaocha of Heirok Part 2 Chingol Manung, who passed away on August 1 night in an 'unfortunate' incident.

According to a UNLF statement issued by publicity secretary M Shak-Hen, Pandamba was born on July 19, 1986 to Ningthoujam Subon and Ningthoujam (O) Amuleima as the second of five siblings comprising three sons and two daughters. He studied till Class VIII at Chingdopok High School and joined the UNLF at the age of 15 in 2002. After completing Basic Military Training in the 24th batch at WTF camp, 'Capt' Pandamba became an MPA fighter with Service No. 1484. During his more than two decades with the Front, 'Capt' Pandamba served in various operational units including the MPA's 241 and 291 battalions, Tactical Unit and the Joint Fighting Force (JFF) of the Coordination Committee (CORCOM). He took part in many military operations including the



2007 Khengjoi operation and was known for undertaking advance patrol duties fearlessly. In recognition of his discipline and ideological commitment, 'Capt' Pandamba was inducted as a probationary party cadre in 2021 and then elevated to a full-fledged party cadre by the UNLF Central Committee on November 24, 2024.

While describing 'Capt' Pandamba as a true revolutionary who remained committed, steadfast during challenging phases of the organisation, the UNLF said he had served both as an MPA officer and party cadre until his last breath. The organisation also conveyed its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, relatives, friends and comrades while paying revolutionary tribute to the deceased cadre.

Hunger Marchers' Day: AMSU holds campaign



CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

IMPHAL: All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) on Tuesday conducted an academic campaign in schools across Imphal East, Imphal West and Bishnupur districts as part of the Regeneration Month held ahead of the 61st Hunger Marchers' Day.

The campaign was organised at several educational institutions, including Loktak Christian Model High School (Moirang), New Model Public School, South Point School of Science, The Imphal Public School (IPS) and Brighter English School.

Addressing students at Brighter English School, AMSU central executive vice-president Naorem Wangamba said public representatives entrusted with governance should formulate policies with empathy and prioritise public welfare.

He pointed out that poor governance and policymaking gave rise to various public movements and resulted in the loss of many lives. Many issues had been addressed only through temporary compromises, leaving long-standing problems unresolved, stated Wangamba, stressing the need to regularly educate students on important national and social issues as part of the academic process.

Protest staged over bomb attack

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

IMPHAL: Residents of Khurai Chaithabi Leirak in Imphal East staged protest demonstration on Tuesday after unidentified miscreants attacked a house with bomb the previous night.

Police said around 11:30 pm the bathroom of one Bachspatimayum Anandini (84) was partially damaged in a bomb explosion though no injury was caused.

The protest organised by Chaithabi Leirak Women's Society condemned the attack and

called for an end to such acts of violence.

Addressing the gathering, former society secretary Yumnam Nirmala said bomb attacks on residential houses have become an alarming trend. People are already facing immense hardship because of the ongoing crisis, she said, urging all concerned to resolve disputes through dialogue instead of violence. Nirmala also questioned who would have taken responsibility had the explosion resulted in loss of life, while strongly condemning the incident.

Yunus Khan announces Moirang poll bid

CORRESPONDENT

BPR: One Yunus Khan on Tuesday announced his candidature for Moirang assembly constituency in the 2027 Manipur Legislative Assembly election.

Making the announcement at an event held at his of Kwakta Ward No 8 residence, he pledged to work for youth empowerment, improved education, healthcare, sports and road infrastructure, and to fight corruption.

The event was attended by social worker Md Abdul Mantlip, Jamiat UI Ulama, Bishnupur District advisor MV Shahjuddi, Anjuman Islahi Mousera, Kwakta Sardar MV Abdul Kalam, former Thamnopkpi Ward No 5 member Laishram Thoibi, social worker Laishram Sanjoy of Sunusiphai, and social work-



er Sanayaima of Tronglaobi, among others.

Addressing the gathering, Yunus Khan said he entered politics at the age of 25 with the objective of empowering young people, whom he described as the pillars of the future.

The candidate aspirant said he decided to join electoral politics with the support of the people and promised to address deficiencies in education, sports, healthcare

sector and road infrastructure in the constituency if elected. He also pledged to take a firm stand against corruption.

Appealing to voters, Yunus Khan urged the public to elect leaders based on integrity rather than monetary influence. He called on the electorate to choose a representative who understands the people and the land, promotes communal harmony and works to safeguard the rights and interests of the constituency.

Instructor upholds Sankirtana heritage, trains for free

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IMPHAL: A young cultural academic in Imphal East district is working to preserve the original form of Manipuri Sankirtana by teaching two of its core components, Pung and Moibung, to dozens of children free of cost, even supplying instruments for those who cannot afford them.

Dr Chakpram Narendra Singh has been imparting lessons on Pung and Moibung to about 40 to 50 children at his home since 2017, without charging any fee. He also provides Pung instruments, Khudei and Pheijom for students from underprivileged families.

Manipuri Sankirtana was included in the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on December 4, 2013, and the date has since been observed annually as Manipuri Sankirtana Day. Sankirtana masters and gurus have voiced concern that the tradition's original form is being eroded by the introduction of loudspeakers, microphones, headphones, irregularly sized 'pala' groups and other extraneous elements during ceremonies.



Narendra's efforts to teach the classical form without such additions have been described as a commendable, selfless contribution to preserving the heritage.

Narendra is the son of late Chakpram Naraan and RK Muktabali of Nongmeibung Chakpram Leirak. He trained in Pung and Moibung under several prominent gurus and received the Guru Gulapi Gold Medal in Sankirtana from the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy. He earned a doctorate from Manipur University for his thesis on traditional instrument Moibung (conch), and has published several articles on the subject. His honours include Manipur State Kala Akademi Young Talent Award for Moibung, along with other awards, and performances at numerous

national and international platforms.

Talking to The People's Chronicle, Narendra recounted that he started taking Pung and Moibung class in 2017 with just two or three children, with the number gradually growing up to the current 40 to 50 students. He said more children had shown interest, but some dropped out to take up other livelihood activities because of financial hardship in their families, a situation he called deeply saddening. Most children drawn to the art form come from underprivileged backgrounds, though a handful belonged to wealthier families, he said.

To support them, Narendra maintains two types of Pung, one for beginners and another for more advanced students,

so that children unable to afford the instrument can still practice. Classes are held daily from 5 pm to 6 pm, after students return from school. Learning to blow Moibung typically takes six to seven months to master, while Pung requires far longer and is a lifelong pursuit. Before lessons, students wash and wear clean Khudei, a practice he said instils discipline and moral values alongside musical training.

Narendra said several of his students have gone on to perform in religious rituals, and some have performed outside Manipur. Parents have expressed pride at the behavioural changes they see in their children, calling that outcome, along with passing on the cultural heritage to the next generation, his greatest satisfaction.

Narendra has also contributed to government and organisational efforts to revive Meetei culture among the diaspora outside Manipur. He recently served as an expert instructor for Pung and Moibung during a month-and-a-half workshop in Hojai district, Assam, that trained members of the Meetei community there in Pung, Ishei, Jagoi and Moibung.

DISTRICT ROUND-UP

Ex-Longvibu Shimray rejects claim

R LESTER MAKANG

UKHRUL: Former 'Longvibu' of the NSCN/IGPR Retd Ningkhan Shimray (MC, VC) has rejected a recent allegation made by 'Longvibu' A Raman of the Provisional Government (Eastern Flank) linking him to the assassination of Arunachal Pradesh MLA Tirong Aboh.

In a clarification statement, Ningkhan, who is co-ordinator of the Indo-Naga Peace Talk, said the charge, made on July 29, 2026, was baseless and misleading. He stated that all political and military affairs of Arunachal Pradesh



were then administered under the directives of the Prime Minister's Office and the AKO, and that the affairs were handed to GHQ Naga Army only on March 15, 2021 for administrative exigencies.

Ningkhan said he had neither issued any directive nor given any order in connection with the May 21, 2019 assassination, as Arunachal Pradesh was not under the jurisdiction of GHQ at that time.

Describing the allegation as an attempt to tarnish his legacy and reputation, Ningkhan criticised what he called low-level politics within the Provisional Government. He urged the parties concerned to avoid false campaigns and character assassination, and instead remain united in Christ with a shared vision of 'one nation, one people'.

Parents briefed on child development, rights

CORRESPONDENT

CDL: Under the NALSA Child Friendly Legal Services for Children Scheme, Helping Hand Initiative organised an awareness programme on 'Understanding Child Development and Children's Right' at Y Khutha village under Chakpikarong sub-division in Chandel district on Monday.

The awareness programme implemented by Chandel District Legal Services Authority was aimed at making parents aware on the development and rights of children.

Speaking as resource person, Human Development consultant and MSc Yaishimla Chithung gave a brief explanation of child development



and child rights, emphasising the importance of handling and managing children with care and sensitivity throughout the five stages of child development.

The consultant stressed that parents and guardians should pay sincere attention to children between the ages of 2 and 8 years, as this is a crucial period for teaching values and etiquette such as politeness, humility, and respect.

Y Khutha village chief Ps Ngahring, Helping Hand Initiative convener Ts Hmanro also attended the programme.

About 43 participants witnessed the event in great zeal and asked various queries during the question and answer session.

The villagers appreciated the NGO for taking up such programme for the well-being of the children and their parents.

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SALE NOTICE

CHURACHANDPUR BRANCH

Tuibong, Churachandpur, Manipur- 795128

Phone: 7085297636

E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rules 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 25.08.2026 for recovery of dues to the following Branch of Canara Bank from Borrower & Guarantor provided hereinafter.

The Earliest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited on or before 24.08.2026 till 4.00 pm.

The auction will be "Online E-auctioning" through website: <https://baanknet.com>

Date and time of Auction: 25.08.2026 between 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM

(With unlimited extension of 30 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale).

Details of branch, borrower/guarantor, liability, description of the property and EMD, reserve price:

Sl. No.	(A) Name & Address of Secured Creditor/ Branch (B) Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Brief Description of Immovable Property	(A) Total Liabilities (Rs.): (B) Reserve Price (Rs.): (C) EMD (Rs.): (D) Increment Amount (Rs.):
1.	(A) Canara Bank, Churachandpur Branch Tuibong, Churachandpur, Manipur- 795128 Phone: 7085297636 (B) Borrower/Guarantor: T Hemkholen Haokip (Borrower) S/o (L) Lunghang Haokip, Zalenmun Village, Near Salbung, Dist- Churachandpur, Manipur- 795128 George T Haokip (Guarantor) S/o David Thangiangam, C/o Young Pillar Collage, Tuibong, District- Churachandpur, Manipur, PIN- 795128	All that part and parcel of land measuring 0.128 Acre Standing in the name of Sri T Hemkholen Haokip under Patna No. 255/1076, covered by C.S. Dag No. 3037/3582 situated at Lhangsom Village, within Revenue Village No. 98 Torbung, Churachandpur, Manipur. Bounded by:- North: Village Road, South:Mr. Jamkho-on-Male's Plot, East: Mr. Lunghopao Male's plot, West: Mr. Hemkhopao Khongsal's Plot.	(A) Total Liab.: 25.43 Lakh + further interest & cost. (B) Reserve price: 13.10 Lakhs (C) EMD: 1.31 Lakhs (D) Increment Amount: 1,00,000/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Branch Manager, Churachandpur Branch, Phone No. 7085297636 during office hours on working day.

Date: 03.08.2026, Place: Silchar

Authorized Officer, CANARA BANK

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SALE NOTICE

POROMPAT BRANCH

Khurai Thanjam Leikai, Ayangpalli Road, (Near NRL Pump), Porompat, Imphal, Manipur- 795005, Phone: 7503689575

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Sl. No.	(A) Name & Address of Secured Creditor/ Branch (B) Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Brief Description of Immovable Property	(A) Total Liabilities (Rs.): (B) Reserve Price (Rs.): (C) EMD (Rs.): (D) Increment Amount (Rs.):
1.	(A) Canara Bank, Porompat Branch, Khurai Thanjam Leikai, Ayangpalli Road, (Near NRL Pump), Porompat, Imphal, Manipur- 795005, Phone: 7503689575 (B) Borrower/Guarantor: 1. Mr. Oinam Devshankar Singh (Borrower) S/o Oinam Iboba Singh, Sagolband Salam Leikai, Imphal West, P.O.- Imphal, Manipur-795001. 2. Smt. Kshetrimayum Ranju Devi (Guarantor) D/o Lt. Ksh. Ibomyima Singh, Singjamel Wangma Kshetri Leikai, P.O.- Singjamel, Imphal East, Manipur- 795008	Name of the mortgagor: Mr. Oinam Devshankar Singh A homestead class of land measuring an area of 0.0088 Hectare, under Patna No. 259/3799 (new) covered by C.S. Dag No. 16305/16445 situated within village No. 85- Sagolband, Imphal West, Manipur, which is bounded on the North: By the approach road, South: By the homestead land of Phurailatpam Jiten Singh, East: By the homestead land of Tongbram Ongbi Shivadati Devi, West: By the approach Road.	(A) Total Liab.: 16.48 Lakhs + further interest & cost. (B) Reserve price: 20.58 Lakhs (C) EMD: 2.05 Lakhs (D) Increment Amount: 50,000/-
2.	(A) Canara Bank, Porompat Branch, Khurai Thanjam Leikai, Ayangpalli Road, (Near NRL Pump), Porompat, Imphal, Manipur- 795005, Phone: 7503689575 (B) Borrower/Guarantor: L Henjakhup Haokip, S/o L. Thangkhoneh Haokip, Hillside Colony, Phaijijang Langol, P.O. Lamphel, Imphal West, Manipur- 795004.	All that part and parcel of Homestead/ Ingkol class of land measuring an area of 0.0159 Hectare, under Patna No. 3114/ 3607 covered by C.S. Dag No. 2741/2865 situated within village No. 91, Meitei Langol, Imphal West District, Manipur, belonging to Mr. L. Henjakhup Haokip, which is bounded and buttressed by: North: By the land of Yamkhon and T. Neithang, South: By the remaining portion and approach road, East: By the land of Laigi Lou, West: By the land of Lhaijaneng Thouthang.	(A) Total Liab.: 7.15 Lakhs + further interest & cost. (B) Reserve price: 37.34 Lakhs (C) EMD: 3.73 Lakhs (D) Increment Amount: 50,000/-

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Date: 03.08.2026, Place: Silchar

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Sr No.	Name & address of the Borrower	Total Dues (in Lakhs)	Vehicle Make & Model Registration No.	Date & Time of e-Auction	1. Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3. Bid Increase Amount	EMD deposit Account No. & IFSC Code Name of the Branch	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	MAIBAM ASHALATA LEIMA, IMPHAL	6.08	Make: HONDA INDIA Model: AMAZE MMC 1.2 S MT Regd. No.: MN01AW7042	25.08.2026 Time: 12 pm to 4 pm	1. Rs. 3,25,000/- 2. Rs. 32,500/- 3. Rs. 10,000/-	A/c No.: 60650015181219 IFSC: BARB0FCSGOD	20.08.2026 Time: 10 am to 4 pm

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