



Nupilal day observance at Elangbam Leikai

Missing child found drown

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: The two years old child who was reported missing since December 9, at Chairei Khongnang Leikai in Thoubal District under under Sugunu Police station was found drown at a pond near his house. The dead body of the 2 years old child was found after the police drained all the water of the pond using water pump engine at around 11 am today. The deceased child is identified as Moirangthem Paikhomba, son of M. Shyamchand of Chairei Khongnang Leikai. Before the dead body was found it was earlier suspected the boy to have been kidnapped by some unknown persons. Even a traditional healer of the village was suspected to have been the person behind the kidnapping of the child. As the matter reached to the ear of the SDPO of Sugunu Police station, he immediately came down before any untoward incident happened and drained the pond as the pond was the only left over area where the child was not searched.

Dead body found

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Imphal, Dec 12: A bullet ridden dead body was found today at around 11 pm near Kakching Turel Ethei Maru Dam under Tengnoupal Police Station, about 4 Kilometre east of Pallel Police station. The dead body was collected by a team of Tengnoupal Police and deposited to JNIMS morgue for autopsy.

Courageous Ima of Manipur remembered on Nupilal Day

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: Fitting tribute was paid today to the courageous women of Manipur who had fought the British oppressive regime at Nupilal Memorial Complex. Remembering the historic movements, state government today observed Nupilal Day at the Nupilal Memorial Complex. Oibobi Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur and Gaikhangam, Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur attended the functions as Chief Guest and President respectively. Leading the function, Oibobi Singh, Gaikhangam and the other guests who were present paid floral tribute to the brave women of Manipur who took part at the Nupilal movement.

Speaking at the functions,

Chief Minister O Iboobi Singh said that the Nupilal of 1939 is one of the important movements of the womenfolk of Manipur which has carved a distinct role in the history of Manipur. It said the agitation by the womenfolk alone against the monopolistic colonial administration shows how valiant and responsible the Manipuri women are in the society.

The role taken by the womenfolk of Manipur must not forget by today's womenfolk. We the people of Manipur, different groups, clubs and organizations needs to recall the history and follow the path of the courageous Manipuri mothers so that we can make a strong and prosperous Manipur where there will be love, integrity, peace and

unity among us, O Iboobi Singh assert in his speech during the function.

Stating similar reasons for the observation of Nupilal Day, Gaikhangam said that Nupilal day is being observed every year at different part of the State but now it is time to think how much changes have we bring so far in the State.

The agitation rise by the women folks of Manipur was against the oppressive economic and administrative policies ruled by the Non Manipuri from other states and countries who came to Manipur. It is time to follow their path and for our society we should stay away from social evils and take right steps so that we can serve our motherland in a better way, Gaikhangam added.

Don't harass the dead bodies – says Gaikhangam

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam today came down heavily to the JAC of Churchandpur alleging them of violating the rights to perform the last rites of the 9 dead bodies which were killed during the anti-ILPS related Bills protest at Churchandpur. "Our custom did not allow us to keep dead body for long but keeping dead body for long has now become a custom of

the state", Gaikhangam said while speaking during 76th Nupilal Memorial function organized by the Nupilal Ningsing Thousil Lup at Kwairamband Ima Keithel. He further said that justice should be provided as according to the law of the land and no person is above the law. He added that there is no need to harass the dead bodies while seeking for a solution. "Keeping the dead body for

long is harassing the dead and their rights should be respected", Gaikhangam said. Gaikhangam further appealed the mothers of the community to guide the society to the right direction stating that their role is important in this crucial days. Social welfare and co-operation minister AK Mirabai and chairperson of IMC A Nimai Sharma attended the function as president and guest of Honor respectively.

NNC clarifies; says not related

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: Naga National Council (NNC) Zaliangrong Regional Council has clarified that Karamsui Thaimnei S/o Makunai Thaimnei of Geglou Village, Zeliangrong Region, who is presently accompanying with Dinbui

Gonmei, caretaker of Midan Peyu is responsible for the shooting of a person at a keystone Company on December 10. A statement said that they shot the person in connection with the pretext of NNC/FGN but

clarified that the incident is not related with the outfit. The statement further said that Dinbui Gonmei and Joshua @ Dinpatrei have been terminated from active service of the NNC/FGN due to their anti national activities in Zeliangrong region.

Consultation on Criminal Justice system held

IT News
Imphal, Dec. 12: Manipur should have Criminal Justice Commission, 'Inquisitorial court system' instead of the ongoing 'Adversarial court system' in order to have Criminal Justice System in the state, said Dr N Pramod, Lecturer, LMS Law College, Imphal while sharing his thoughts in the 'One day consultation on the Rethinking and Re-designing of the Criminal Justice System in Manipur' organized by North East Dialogue Forum held at Classic Hotel, Imphal. While speaking on the topic 'Why justice delivery is hardship in a conflict torn state like Manipur', he stressed out the 'Humanitarian law' as an important tool in promoting human rights which had already affected by the contemporary unrest political issues of the state. He pointed out delayed of justice is the most known

frightening justice system in India, however, he said it is also important to discuss and analyse the defected area and what is causing the system malfunction instead of criticizing and blaming each another. Whether the justice is failed by the system itself, or by the system operators or general people, urged Pramod to discuss.

He further said, as long as the culture of impunity and immunity is there, it will be impossible to have proper and strengthened Criminal justice system.

S Rabindra, Advocate, High Court of Manipur, another panellist in the discussion who spoke on the 'Role of Police in reforming Criminal Justice System in Manipur' said Police is a service not a force and people in police service should realize it.

The conduct and behaviour of police is very much important in delivering criminal justice.

1st NE Indigenous Parliament concludes

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: The three day long the 1st North East Indigenous Peoples' Parliament (NIPP) 2015 which began on December 10 concludes today at Kang Shang, Khuman Lampak

Sports Complex. Professor W. Nabakumar, Department of Anthropology MU speakers of the seasons of the last day parliament. Issues on Fundamental Rights-Culture, Education and Languages were discussed during the session. Certain resolution including up-gradation of educational institutions and giving choice of education in one's own mother tongue at affordable cost, rehabilitation of drop out student, inclusion of ethnic history in school syllabus were adopted during the session.

NEROCA FC cornered MOHAMMEDAN Sporting Club in I-League

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: NEROCA FC today defeated the Mohammedan Sporting Club by 2-1 goal in the 2nd Division I-League Match at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium today.

The parliament- the first of its kind in the North East states was attended by around 25 indigenous tribes from across the NE states.

Nupilal Day observance at various places

IT News
Imphal, Dec 12: 14 women organisations of the state including NIPCO, AMKIL, Kanglamei, Poirei Leimaru, Nupi Samaj, KWWA, AMAWOVA, and MEPWAKWOK also jointly organised the Nupilal Day at THAU Ground Thangmeiband.

The observance function was attended by, Ph. Shahileima, President AMKIL, Y. Lairikleima President Kanglamei, L. Memchoubi, President Poirei Leimaru, AK Memcha Leima, President KWWA and Rose Mangsi Haokip as presidium members.

The United Manipur Muslim Womens Development Organization also observed Nupilal Ningsing Numit held at Manipur press club Imphal today.

Chief executive officer of WAQF Board Manipur Md Nejmuddin Khan, President of UMMWDO, Anwari Noorjahan, President of All Manipur Muslim organizations coordinating committee Siraj Ahmed, Adv. Md. Mudassar Nadwi attended the function as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively.

Keishanthon Elangbam leikai Apunba Meira Pabi Lup in association with the Young Progressive and Athletic Club also organised a Nupilal race today. The race participated by 55 women of the locality began from Pishum and concluded at Elangbam Leikai.

Ningthoujam Ongbi Thambalombi Devi (38) wife of N. Suresh, Yunnan Ongbi Sophia (28), wife of Y. Ibomcha and Yunnan Ongbi Asharani Devi (30) wife of Y. Joykumar were the first, second and third of the race. Later, after the race tributes were also paid to the martyrs women who had fought the oppressed government of the time.

Manipuri Nations to pay tribute to Oza Sanajaoba on 6th Death Anniversary

India still not a signatory to ICC Rome Statute, 1998 even after the Prof. pointed out its necessities 7 years ago.

IT Desk
Imphal, Dec 12: India still is not a signatory to the ICC Rome Statute, 1998, even after the people of the state had submitted memorandum to the government of India regarding its necessities to make alive the true meaning of democracy in July 18, 2007. Late Professor Norem Sanajaoba, whose 6th death anniversary falls tomorrow, had pointed out on why India should be a signatory to the ICC Rome Statute in the year 2007. 'Oza Sanajaoba Memorial Trust' is organizing a memorial service of the late scholar-activist at Oza Sanajaoba Memorial Complex, Lairikyemba Makha Leikai, Khurai in Imphal East at 10 am tomorrow. The bold and courage of the late professor stills is felt to many Manipuri including we in the Imphal Times. As a tribute to the departed scholar on occasion of the 6th Death Anniversary, Imphal Times is re-producing the speech delivered by him on International Justice Day observation organized by National Research Centre (NRC) on July 17, 2007 at Nupilal Memorial Complex. Prof. Norem Sanajaoba, the then Dean of Law, Gauhati University began with the words – India, be a party to the ICC Rome Statute, 1998. Produced here is detail of the speech. "The worldwide practices of impunity enjoyed by heinous criminals-be it a citizen, a soldier or, the chief of the defence staff or, the head of government whose ever or, leader of liberation movement- is increasingly

terminated by international criminal tribunals starting from the victors' Nuremberg tribunal' to the permanent ICC- the International Criminal Court, set up at the Hague in conformity with the Rome statute, 17 July, 1998. Individuals, who have allegedly committed heinous crimes – crime against humanity, war crimes, genocide and crime of aggression (when it would be defined) shall be criminally responsible for the crime committed. Accountability eliminates the culture of impunity. Human history, that witnesses a million dead, maimed, tortured, raped, molested and degraded in this epochal armed conflicts, is no longer the same and it would not be so anymore after the ICC starts functioning in 2002. "The international community celebrates 17th July as the 'International Justice Day' with a solemn pledge to terminate the wrongly established culture of impunity only to be replaced by a culture of accountability-individual criminal responsibility in terms of contemporary international rule of law. 139 countries have signed, and 102 countries have already ratified the 1998 Rome Statute. In Asia, Bangladesh, Japan, Mauritius, among others, have become parties to the statute and Nepal, Indonesia, Philippines are prepared to accede the treaty. "Leading democratic countries like India in Asia remain fence sater with most of the Members of Parliament choosing to be silent on the accountability need.. "After the USA signed the Rome statute in December,

2000, it hastily backed out because apparently of its vital military commitments all over the world; she has adopted BIAs (Bilateral Immunity Agreements) in order to avoid the ICC net. However, a vast majority of the peace-loving Americans (60% as per one report of the CICC) favour their government to join the international community, without standing out as a pariah, while fighting out the immunity, through the ICC mechanism. After all, it was the USA to launch the international tribunals like the ICTY, ICTR in the 1990s, among others, and hook on Yugoslav president Milosevic, nearly all the top echelon, military commanders, and the erstwhile prime minister of Rwanda, currently undergoing life term, as no capital punishment could be awarded by the international rule of law and justice. "The ICC jurisdiction gives primacy to national criminal and penal jurisdictions. Only when the national jurisdictions fail to roll back the immunity of heinous criminals due to inefficiency of the system or, lack of will on the part of the leadership to fix accountability of heinous crimes, the ICC could step in on the basis of its principle of complementarity, which does not erode the primacy of national sovereignty. "In the event of democratic countries like India and the USA enacting national penal laws compatible with the elements of crimes and the *corpa delicti* of the Rome statute, the ICC lacks the opportunity to step in any penal law vacuum of the states. They lack the

compatible penal laws even today and their legislators are indifferent to the dire need of terminating impunity even today. "The international community does not desire that heinous criminals evade individual criminal responsibility and enjoy the culture of immunity, by way of escaping the ICC net or, jumping over no-net vacuum embedded in the national legal system. Indian leadership has sufficient sensibility to overcome the obvious shortcomings and join the ICC international fraternity before it is too late in the day. Indian concerns could be eloquently addressed in the ASP- Assembly of State Parties, once she becomes a state party to the Rome statute. But for a misconceived foreign policy strategy engaged towards the ICC regime that led to Indian proposal for raising the ICC threshold in July, 1998 conference - which the international consensus was not prepared to compromise with at the cost of an historic international permanent tribunal, India long back could have been a state party to the ICC statute. It was remarkable that India happens to be a few leading countries that originally conceptualized the ICC; but Indian bureaucracy failed India as well as the world community, by her sudden exit on the defining day and technically raising the ICC threshold contrary to the hard-won global consensus.

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