

Releasing function of "Otsar" magazine - a quarterly journal of Handicapped Association (RHA) at Keishamthong Laishom Leirak



'Otsar' released

IT News
Imphal, Dec 20: A quarterly journal of Handicapped Association (RHA) "Otsar" magazine was released today at the residence of MLA, Laishom Ibomcha Sing at Keishamthong Laishom Leirak. The function was also attended by President of RHA P.Gopendro Singh and Secretary of RHA as President and Guest of Honour respectively.

Web site launched



IT News
Imphal, Dec 20: A website called www.Help-Yourselves.in was officially launched by MLA Laishom Ibomcha today at Lamyamba Sanglen Palace Compound in Imphal East. Managing Director of the website Rishikumar Kangabam, while speaking on the web site launching function said that the website will provide multiple information about ambulance services, taxi services, among others. MLA, L.Ibomcha who graced the function as Chief Guest appreciated the effort of those who had harness to develop such an innovative idea by utilizing the latest technology. "Such website is very rare and will help many in getting information of their requirement" Ibomcha said. Chief Editor of Kangla Pao P.Ibouchouba and Professor of Maharaj Budhachandra collage Th. Homen Singh also attended the web site launching function as president and Guest of Honour respectively.

13 years old minor girl allegedly rape and abandoned

IT News
Imphal, Dec 20: In yet another crime against women and children, a thirteen year old minor girl studying class VIII at a private school was allegedly raped and abandoned at a roadside at Lillong Turel Ahanbi area. The incident reportedly happen on December 9 at around 3 pm but the matter was revealed to the media only today by the parents of the victim girl as their daughter had told about the heinous incident only on the 17th of this month as she was expecting an amicable solution as the rape accused had promised her to take her as his wife within 7 days period. In a press meet held today at Manipur, mother of victim minor girl said that soon after her daughter revealed the about the incident she along with her husband went to Lillong police station and

registered a complaint of rape on the following day. The victim identified the rapist as one Md. Jamin Huisian (age 23) son of Late Kora of Lillong Boro Makhong Mathak Leikai. As narrated during the press meet, the rape victim minor girl was kidnapped on December 9 by the said accused and two of his friend while she was returning after completing final year examination a school of the area. The mother of the victim girl said that she was forcibly taken to an A star car on the pretext of dropping her home, but was taken to another way. "My daughter was first knocked down and when in unconscious states the accused Md. Jamin Huisian rape", mother of the victim girl said. Later, when the victim girl regain consciousness she found herself field with blood

at her private part and saw the accused sitting along with the AStar car, the mother added. She further said that at around 3 pm of the day the said accused dropped her at a house which is about 3 Km from her residence. A person identified as MD. Imran Khan along with another person allegedly came gave some diaper to the girl, she said. The victim's mother said that as the police have not arrested any of the accused accept picking up the car involved in the incident, she put the matter to the notice of the ANJUMAN. Later ANJUMAN picked up Imran Khan, the person who delivered diaper to the girl on the day. The victim's mother as well as other civil society including PSO appealed concern authority to arrest the culprit involved in the rape of the minor girl.

MCPM warns serious action to 3 officials of RIMS

IT News
Imphal, Dec 20: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM) today warned serious action to three top officials of RIMS, whom they alleged to have been involved in the intentional leaking of question papers for recruitment examination of staff nurse. In a press statement, the outfit points figure to the Director RIMS, Deputy Director and the Medical Superintendent of RIMS to have been the persons behind the leaking of the question papers. The outfit said that in-order to cheat the people of the state particularly those candidates appearing the recruitment test; the Director RIMS had constituted a name shake enquiry committee to end the matter. Around 6000 candidates appeared in the recruitment test held on December 13 this year for appointment of 116 staff nurse. A total of 369 candidate including 191 unreserved, 96 OBC, 57 SC and 25 ST were declared passed in the written test. Armed group MCMP said that as the three top officials of the RIMS fear unwanted consequences as people can seek the help of RTI, they intentionally leaked the question paper ahead of the written test to their already selected candidate. The outfit said that their cadres had interview some of the candidates who were

- Maoist alleges rampant corruption in recruitment process of staff nurse at RIMS;
- points figure to three top authorities;
- declared them as peoples' enemy;
- imposes curfew around A-Block RIMS from Dec 22 to Dec. 31;
- threatens 12 hours general strike on January 3, 2016 if those responsible fails to resigne.

declared passed in the written test and had found out the amount they had given to these officials through some middlemen that the three persons had sent to them. The outfit alleges that an amount of rupees 2 million were collected from those candidate which were suppose to be selected and the MCPM claims to have the name of the candidates who will be selected. Taking the matter seriously and considering the three persons - Director RIMS, deputy Director and medical Superintendent as the enemy of the people, the outfit said that public curfew will be imposed from December 22 to December 31 in around the administrative block of RIMS. However, the curfew will not effect to the functioning of the hospital as usual. The outfit further said

that if those responsible for the present crisis fail to resign then the outfit will call 12 hours general strike on January 3. The outfit also encourages the candidates who had appeared the written test to take legal aids and other form of democratic movement to get justice.

Film related activities still on hold

IT News
Imphal, Dec 20: Activities related to Manipuri movies including Music are still being put on hold due to the continuous monetary demands made by some armed groups during the past and running months. Speaking to media persons at their office today, Film

Forum Manipur (FFM) chairman L Surjakanta Sharma said that Film Forum Manipur has recently staged a sit-in protest against the monetary demands from some UGs. L Surjakanta Sharma further said armed groups of KCPMC (Paikhomba) and URF (Lalheiba Group) have

withdrawn their demands while NRFM are still continue the threats to the member of the Forum. As an appeal, L Surjakanta Sharma wants the armed group of NRFM to withdraw their demands within the time period of December 25 so that FFM can continue with their schedule work.

2 locals of Keirao urges to arrange power supply for bonafide power consumers

IT News
Imphal, Dec.20: Localities of Arapti Wahengbam leikai and Tonjam Leikai under Keirao Assembly Constituency appealed electricity department to provide electricity which have been off since last October 22 in the said area. Locals appealed concern authority to provide electricity for those consumers who have cleared consumer bills in view of the Board and Council exams

which is commencing soon. According to one Wahengbam Surjit Luwang, a resident of the area informed media during a press meet here at Manipur Press Club that there are around 31 electrified households in the two leikais out of which around 25 are authorised consumers. Out of the 25 authorised consumers 12 of them cleared electricity bill amount of Rs 12,000 on October 21, just one day before the current was cut off,

said Surjit. When localities went to complain to concern AE officer at Lilong, they were informed that the transformer had defused and localities waited some days for repairing the transformer. When the concern power station fail to do so they again went to AE and requested to repair it by localities itself, however they were informed to clear the unclear bill of approximately Rs 3,20,000 and the department will fix the current.

Postal staffs begin cleanliness drive

IT News
Imphal, Dec 20: Staffs of Post Offices in Manipur begin a 10 days cleanliness drive at all post offices of Manipur including the Imphal Head post office since December 18. The cleanliness drive which is being conducted under the Swachh Bharat Mission will continue till December 27. In a press communiqué, Vinod Kumar, Director (Posts), Manipur intimated that the Special Campaign

includes cleaning the workspace, the surroundings of Post Offices, Postal Staff Colony, weeding out of old records and unused furniture with due procedure, display banners for Swachh Bharat in Head Post Office etc. He mentioned that in order to successfully implement the campaign, he has entrusted the task to all the respective sub divisional heads to carry out the cleanliness mission and submit reports along with photographs.

Transgenders' Mega Fashion Event

IT News
Imphal, Dec.20: Signifying that transgender or third genders have the equal rights with the other two genders, "Sana Ebema" an NGO is organizing its first 'Mega Fashion Event' with a metaphorical title 'Sanagi Likfang' on 23 December at Hotel Imphal. Interacting with media persons RK Sujata, Secretary of 'Sana Ebema' informed that the fashion event is organizing as the curtain laser of three month long campaign promoting transgender rights. She said the intervention campaign is targeting parents, policy makers, educationist, and influencers, while the fashion event will be followed by consultation programs, panel discussions and workshops for policymakers, educationists on transgender rights.

Status of Manipuri Women now and then - Do we need to prepare for another Nupi Lal?

By Reena Nongmaithem
Imphal, Dec.20: Women of Manipur collectively had always been taking crucial role in certain critical stages in the history of Manipur. They acted like a warrior in safeguarding political and economic discourse after Manipur lost her independence against British Empire in 1891. While, their significant role during the war against Awas (Myanmars) in 1817 which led to the seven Years of Devastation is cannot be sidelined by present generation. Even though the status of a Manipuri woman in general was not very significant individually, perhaps they were the main contributor to the economic prosperity. They were made as un-emancipated and unsatisfied participants as the practice of polygamy were quite prevalent at that time. However most courageously it was the women who protested against the then Political Agent of then Manipur- Mr Maxwell- against the forced labor (Lalup Kaba) on Manipuri men. The aggressively angered women pressurized the British Government protecting their male counterparts against such system and the British had to withdraw it on 1904. That incident is still mark as 'First Women war'

(Ahanba Nupi Lal) in Manipur. The women were involved in the wide spread demonstration against the increase of Water-Tax by the British Government. It is quite clear that, since then women in Manipur played unique roles not only in the economic activities but in the political reforms too. Again, keeping a critical view on the raise and cause of 'Second Nupi Lal' (Anisuba Nupi Lal) of 1939 against the trade policy of the then sate Maharaja has valued day by day while depicting the current status of contemporary women in Manipur. The Manipuri women's movement which demonstrated against the more export oriented trade policy of the state Maharaja and Marwari Monopolies, irrespective of the limited production of the food grains, later evolved into a movement of constitutional, political, and economic reforms in Manipur. Many of



them got injured from the bayonets and butts of the soldiers' weapons and many of them were thrown to ponds by the soldiers on that cold winter day of December 12, 1939 on which the present generation observe every year as 'Nupi Lal numit'. Manipuri women's responsibility towards its society never been paralyzed ever, nevertheless, it's been incarnated in a form against illicit drugs in the society since 1970s, and the movement of the ever approaching 'Women Torch Bearers (Meira Paibi)' started on 1980s. Since then and now Women folk of every community whether may be Meetei, Meetei Pangal (Muslim) or hill women have been taking major role in every aspect of life, society at large as per their capacities. However, the condition of Women during that period of Kingship and that of British era and again after 60 years of independence is observed with mere

difference. Of course, educational level among women has raised, many have joined different professions including politics, even if, larger section is running here and there at market to sale her vegetables which eventually to feed her family. A number of them are selling their flesh in the war of survival. Women including children are working as house mad instead attaining class in schools. Do such responsible women folk in Manipur deserve to live with fear and insecurity in their mind from sexual perpetrators? Do they deserve to be victim of domestic violence, sexual harassment, rape, murder, kidnapping, trafficking and more? Do they still have to endure the ever victimizing social culture trend? Do they still have to keep mum while their elders make compromises with her rapist with a grand feast under the tradition of so called customary laws? Definitely the answer will be a big 'No'. By now they must be warming up for another Women War which ultimately has to fight against victimizing them in every aspect in the name of current social, political and economic unrest, conflict ridden sate, drug affected society and many other more excuses.