

CM inaugurates Khoyol Keithel at Moirang Lamkhai today



## State Government orders AR and paramilitary establishments to install electric prepaid metering system

IT News

**Imphal, Dec.6:** Government of Manipur has ordered the Assam Rifles and other paramilitary establishment located in and around Imphal area to install electric prepaid metering system at their camps as well as offices. A source said that the order is being issued by the Chief

Secretary of Manipur after the authorities of the Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited face difficulties in checking electric connection to the camps of the Paramilitary establishment for providing 24x7 power supply in the state. As the installation of the Pre-

paid metering system for electric connection is a good option to provide 24x7 power supply the state government felt it necessary that all establishment including the Para-military should use prepaid meters for electric connection, the source said. The source further added that the state government had

directed the head offices of all military and paramilitary establishments in Manipur to instruct their concerned offices to facilitate MSPDCL in installation of prepaid meter in their premises within December this year so that, the Government could ensure 24 hour power supply in Manipur.

## Police modernization is not only providing modern weapon but also making peoples' friendly police - Joykumar

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 6:** "Police modernization is not only providing modern and high technology weapon to the police personnel, but it also means to make a well discipline and people friendly police", said Wahengbam Joykumar Singh, Secretary of Human Right Initiative in press meet held at its office at Thangapat.

Accusing the Home department of not following the Supreme Court orders in making the peoples' friendly police, Joykumar, who is also a RTI activist said that Home Minister Gaikhangam should clean his Home department instead of speaking appealing words to the people. The activists further added that if the Home department had commitment to serve the people of the state then Home Department should not be exempted from the purview of the RTI act to prove their accountability

and transparency. Joykumar said that recently the Home Department had denied giving information sought through RTI, but after the matter has been appealed to the Manipur Information Commission, the Commission had directed the Home department to provide the information within 45 days. He said if they matter is about corruption and Human Rights violations then even though the state government can exempt the Home department from the purview of the RTI, the department has to give information.

He further appealed the state government to conduct the legal awareness campaign among the law enforcing officers as well as the government officials. This is so stated against allegations to the RTI activists of missing the RTI act. "It is not the RTI activists that are missing the RTI act but the government officials and law makers", Joykumar said. He also added that if they are so sure about their integrity then why barking at the media or trying to bribe the appellant instead of giving the information that he sought.

## Media sensitization on Smart City held, experts dissect the smart solutions for a smart city

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 6:** A one day awareness programme based on Smart City organized by All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) was held today at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal. Addressing the gathering at the occasion, N Girkumar Singh, Director of MAHUD, Government of India said that the main aim of Smart city is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and

application of 'Smart solutions'. "The Smart Cities mission of the government is a bold and new initiative measures which includes core infrastructure like adequate water supply, assured electricity supply, sanitation, including solid waste management, sustainable environment, health and education, safety and security of citizens etc.," he added. N Girkumar Singh also said that Central Government has agreed the proposal requested by the

Government of Manipur to include all the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) of Manipur as per the guideline issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. Regarding the present status of implementation of the Smart City Mission, the Director of MAHUD said that the state Government is in the process of preparation of Housing For All Plan of Action and identification of the beneficiaries and every opportunity of being heard will be given to all the citizens before finalization of

beneficiary list will be carried out in a transparent manner in a Smart way. Executive Officer of Imphal Municipal Council, Ng Uttam said that the propose of the Smart City mission is to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local area development and harnessing technology especially those technologies that leads to smart outcome. He also presented the smart solutions that are needed to take up as part of the Smart City Mission.

## MUSU election perhaps has the highest degree of Violence – report

IT News

**Imphal, Dec.6:** At last, the Manipur University authority had conducted the MUSU election peacefully yesterday. Although the faith of the victimized suspended Professor and also the HOD of Computer Science Department is still uncertain since MU higher authority has not issued any official notification regarding revocation of the suspension order till date. Nothing would be wrong in saying that Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) election has the highest degree of violence. The Union was even once dissolved after on May 25, 2009 Proctor of Manipur

University Prof Md Islamuddin and former dean of student welfare was assassinated inside the campus of the University in the board daylight. This year's election was the second time to be held since the union was revoked. This time too, the degree of hostilities, sense of violence among so called student leaders of the rival contesting groups was easily notice on the first scheduled day of election that was on December 4. The main cause of the problem this time, was the suspension of HOD of Computer Science Department following

counter charge by one rival group about the submission of manipulated attendance record of a lady candidate from the Department and the resignation of election RO. Regarding the attendance

Independent candidate was specially targeted as she denied accepting the proposal from the rival group to contest herself as their candidate eventually the lady supported by another main rival party. On the other hand, the languages used and shouted by so called student leaders and voter mobilizers during the agitation against non-voting arrangement after the RO had resigned were observed to be highly hostile and violent. "Have you forgotten the last incident?", "RO should be beaten up (RO netkadabani, fugadoubani, hatkadoubani)", "Why

should the election be cancelled for a girl, who is good for nothing?", "Where is the VC, what the hell is he doing?" these are few abusive words shouted by the agitating student provoking other students for violence act. On the day it was also observed that many students were uncomfortable to hear such kind of abusive, arrogant, hostile, violent and unsuited languages being used by students to their teachers. Some of the students were even heard murmuring whether those using abusive language were real students of the University or not?

### Off the record story

report, a source revealed that if one critically checked on the record of all the students contesting the election, none of the candidates might be eligible to contest in the election as none of the attendance records would not be up to the mark. It was also revealed that the lady who contested as

leaders and voter mobilizers during the agitation against non-voting arrangement after the RO had resigned were observed to be highly hostile and violent. "Have you forgotten the last incident?", "RO should be beaten up (RO netkadabani, fugadoubani, hatkadoubani)", "Why

## Peace and Ethnic Conflict in Northeast India: Cultural Borderlands of Southeast Asia: A Case Study of Nagaland-Manipur Crisis

(Paper presented in ICSSR, N. Delhi sponsored International Seminar on Movements in Recent Past and Present Northeast India with special reference to Manipur, 27-29 Nov 2015, orgd. by Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University)

By : Dr. Lokendra Arambam Introduction

The unprecedented upheavals of the II World War (1939-1945) which had deeply affected South East Asia also impacted heavily on lives of neighbouring upland and lowland communities in Northeast India, especially Nagaland and Manipur. The global processes of war, physical confrontations, armed violence and death coupled with destructions, displacements and disasters in the lives of hill and plains

communities created flux and uncertainties, which made it impossible to return to earlier social and economic equilibriums under prolonged colonial rule. Ethnic societies in Burma, and their cultural cousins in Northeast India were thrust into the cauldron of rapid change and transformations, where new forces were unleashed to leave their impact on the post-colonial history of these Southern Mongoloid communities. New leaders also emerged to contend with

the critical dynamics of the era, who left varying, but distinctively similar impulses on the moods and sentiments of their peoples. Universal ideas of decolonization and self-determination enabled them to jump into the foray of the dislocation of the war, faced the issues of social, economic and political disturbances, and helped crystallize primordial or ideological slants for contestations for power, resources and nation making to help shape the destiny of

their respective communities. Four leaders of outstanding qualities emerged in the middle of the twentieth century, two from Burma – Aung San (Burman-1915-1947), Thakin Than Tun (Burman – 1911-1968), Zapu Phizo (Angami Naga-1904-1990) of Nagaland and Hijam Irabat (Meetei-1896-1951) of Manipur, and they transformed the historical trajectories of their respective regions on the issues of self-determination, decolonization and revolution. During the war, and post war

periods, there was not so much of hostilities amongst the minor nationalities of Burma or Northeast India. The political trends in the modern history of the ethnic communities like the Mons, Karens, Shan, Wa, Kachins etc. in Burma, and the Nagas, the Meetei, the Kuki etc. in Northeast India were marked by their varying loyalties or otherwise in their relationship with the colonial power i.e. the British, and the imperial enemy the Japanese.

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## Racist attacks increasing

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**Imphal Dec. 6:** The latest victim of racist attacks against the youths of this region was a Pomei boy from Mao who was going to his institute. There was nobody to save him. His cash and valuables must have been looted by the criminals. The foreknown fact is that the criminals shall never be booked and this will give indirect encouragement to other criminals who now realise that they can kill the people from the NE region with impunity. There had been hundreds of murders, if not in thousands. And yet we have not heard of any culprit being punished. There had been well orchestrated protests against the racist killings. Except for lip services the leaders even at the national level have not done anything for justice and this has widened the chasm between mainland India and the NE region. What is more, they regard the girls from this region as ones of easy virtue and there had been criminal attacks. If the government has the political will and the

leaders understand that the north easterners are also citizens of the country most of the criminals could have been rounded up. In one case the ring leader used the SIM and handset of the victim and indications are that till date he is using the handset. It would have been very easy to trap him. Besides the criminals mostly travel in some parts in trains in search of people from this region. A national debate is urgently called for if the drifting trend is to be arrested.

## Twin Blasts at Sangaiprou

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 6:** Twin blasts triggered by unknown miscreants at Sangaiprou here at Imphal had destroyed portions of the MGT Tata Motor Showroom located at the area. The blasts took place simultaneously at around 11.30 pm yesterday. Report said that the two bombs were hurled by the miscreants from nearby area. Front glass wall of the showroom has been completely destroyed.

### Good news for Uro-related patients

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