

Scene seen at Iriblung police station over the killing of School head master



UNC lifts 10 days economic blockade

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: United Naga Council (UNC) has lifted the 10 days economic Blockade as well as the ban on the construction of National and International Project from 4 pm today evening. Newmai News Network reports said that the decision to lift the economic blockade as well as the ban on construction of National and

International project was taken during a meeting held today. UNC president Gaidon Kamei while speaking to Newmai News Network stated that the decision to lift the blockade came after the government of India assured them to look into the "prevailing situation". The UNC called the 10 days economic blockade that began on Monday midnight

to protest against three bills — Protection of Manipur People Bill, Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill and Manipur Shops and Establishments (Second Amendment) Bill — which were passed by the Assembly on August 31. The UNC was also protesting a House resolution taken on the same day urging the Centre to amend Article 3 of

the Constitution so that taking prior consent of the affected states becomes mandatory while forming a new state. Indian Interlocutor to the NSCN-IM—GOI peace talk, RN Ravi who had visited the state while meeting the senior citizens on Tuesday here in Imphal had stated that he had appealed the UNC to lift the economic blockade.

Headmaster murder: Agitators ransack Iriblung police station, 8 agitators injured

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: Tension continues to grip Keirao Makting as a large number of people from Keirao Makting on Thursday stormed the Iriblung police station demanding arrest the accused involved in killing headmaster Md Hasmad. Under the aegis of JAC against the brutal killing of Md Hasmad aka Babu, a public meeting was held at the Keirao Makting Youth Club ground. Following the meeting, a large number of Keirao Makting locals, mainly youths stormed the Iriblung police station this morning at about 9 am. The agitators vandalized the police sentry post, signed board erected at the gate of the police station compelling the copsto fire tear gas shells. At least, 8 agitators sustained injury in police action to control the mob. It

took many hours for police to control the mob. Addl forces of Imphal east police too rushed to the spot to control the mob. The infuriated agitators also blocked Imphal-Yairipok road at the Iriblung Keithel thereby causing highly inconveniences to the passersby, school going students. Iriblung Keithel was completely paralysed on the day. Later on, representatives of the JAC and OC of the Police station held talk. Md Hasmad (55) of Keirao Makting Awang Leikai, headmaster of Keirao Makting UJB School was lynched to death at Kongba Makha Nandeibam Leikai, Imphal East district under Iriblung police station in the wee hours of November 2 for allegedly stealing a calf. JAC against the Brutal Killing of Md Hasmat Ali

alias Babu convenor Md Rajauddin while maintaining that Hasmat Ali was a soft-spoken and upright teacher, dismissed the allegation that he was attempting to steal a calf. He said that JAC has been demanding the government to arrest all those involved in the killing directly and indirectly and to award befitting punishment according to law of the land. However, police is yet to arrest the culprits behind the murder compelling the people to storm the police station. JAC also demanded that adequate compensation and a suitable Government job should be given to the family of the deceased. Until and unless all these demands are translated into action, the corpse would not be claimed, he said. It may be recalled that locals set ablaze house of one suspect Md Matlif who is a neighbour of Hasmat on Nov. 2.

Misuse of MGNREGS fund: Ombudsman directs DC to initiate disciplinary action against officials

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: MGNREGS Ombudsman of Imphal East has issued directive to District Programme Co-ordinator, MGNREGA/Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East to initiate

"appropriate disciplinary action" against officials and individuals who were allegedly involved in "criminal misconduct and misappropriation of funds" while executing MGNREGS work.

Panchayat Secretary, Haraurou-Tangkham Gram Panchayat, (iii) the Gram Rozgar Sahayak, Haraurou-Tangkham Gram Panchayat and (iv) the Section Officer/Technical Asst. concerned who are involved in the implementation of said work of construction of Pucca drain of both sides of IVR from Ahanjao Lampak to Kalika Lairembi under MGNREGS for misappropriation of fund and criminal misconduct including forging of signatures of the workers immediately under intimation to this office."

According to a document, the District Programme Co-ordinator, MGNREGA/Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East has been asked to initiate action for issuing criminal prosecution sanction against the then Programme Officer, MGNREGA/Block Development Officer, Imphal East-I CD Block; the Panchayat Secretary, Haraurou-Tangkham Gram Panchayat; the Gram Rozgar Sahayak, Haraurou-Tangkham Gram Panchayat and the Section Officer/Technical Asst for trial at the

These officials include a Programme Officer, MGNREGA/Block Development Officer, Imphal East-I CD Block; the Panchayat Secretary, Haraurou-Tangkham Gram Panchayat; the Gram Rozgar Sahayak, Haraurou-Tangkham Gram Panchayat and the Section Officer/Technical Assistant and they have been involved in the implementation of the construction of Pucca drain of both sides of IVR from Ahanjao Lampak to Kalika Lairembi. The District Programme Co-ordinator, MGNREGA/Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East has also been directed to lodge a complaint to the Police Station concerned for "drawing an FIR against (i) the then Programme Officer, MGNREGA/Block Development Officer, Imphal East-I CD Block (ii) the

Search operation

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: In view of the upcoming Sangai Festival starting on November 21, Imphal Police Station in association with Imphal West Police Commando today conducted a search operation at Kekru Villa and Kabow Leikai at North AOC. The search operation was carried out under the supervision of Additional SP (Operation) Th. Bikramjit and assisted by DSP (Operation) Sachidananda, DSP (CDO) Netrajit, DSP (Operation) Bazaar Unit, Kishnatombi and CDO OC Sanjoy from 11 this morning to 12.15 noon. Suspected 60 men and 17 women were picked for further verification.

PLA cadre held



IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: Troops of Red Shield Division apprehended one PLA cadre from ZouVeng, Churachandpur. Based on a specific input regarding the presence of a PLA cadre, the troops of the Division launched an operation on 02 Nov 2015 at around 1800Hr. The party reached the location, carried out a thorough search of the loc& apprehended a cadre with Army No. 24163, batch year 2001, SS Pvt, Mayanglambam Tomba Singh @ Ton @ Nongnanlakpa, aged 27 years, S/O Late Jotishor Singh, R/O village Tuibong& District Churachandpur. The apprehendee was handed over to Police Station CCPur.

Dead body found at Uyok Hill

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: Dead body of a male was found hanging on a tree deep inside the hill of Kalika Uyok Ching, Imphal-East under Iriblung PS by some mushroom searchers today. Locals have identified the body as one Sanasam Rajesh, aged 23 staying at his Auntie's place at Iriblung bazaar. One of the local who knew Sanasam Rajesh said

that Sanasam Rajesh went out from home on October 22 morning for skin treatment at JNIMS and since that day he is missing until his body was discovered by some mushroom searchers today morning at around 11:30am. The body has been decomposed and it has already spread fault smell at the surrounding area where the body was found hung.

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: Tourism Secretary Govt. of Manipur Nidhi Mani Triveti today said that there is no misappropriation of fund in the ongoing construction works for the upcoming Sangai Festival. Speaking to media persons at Secretariat Conference Hall, Nidhi said that any groups or individuals came come forwards to check the file works and its executions of works at her office room.

Accused of Gandhamani Killing case arrested

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: Waikhong Police on November 4 arrested the man who murder Khumukcham Gandhamani Devi of Kakching Khunou with hammer on October 25. She was died on October 28. The arrested man was identified as one Elangbam

Inao @ Pungyeiba (43), S/O (L) Elangbam Tombi of Hiyanglam Warak Khong. He is a teacher of Manipuri Traditional Drum (Pung) Police said the accused was arrested yesterday at around 3 PM from Thanga, Bishenpur District. The accused was having an affair with the deceased women and has admitted the murdered case

following argument on that unfaithful night, said Police. Sources said, tension arises today morning at around 10 and police fired tear gas shells in controlling mob who marched towards the resident of the culprit. Later the situation was under controlled after Meira Paibis and JAC formed against the killing of Gandhamani came to a level of agreement.

'Works for Sangai Festival executing in complete transparency'

"The tourism department has been working whole heartedly with total transparency for successful hosting of the mega tourism festival", she said. She further added that the Sangai festival will attempt to showcase and promote best of what the state has to the world in terms of art and culture, handloom, handicrafts, and fine arts, indigenous sport and scenic natural beauty of the land she added.

BSNL activities freezes as employees begin pen down strike

IT News
Imphal, Nov.5: Almost all activities of BSNL including receiving of telephone, mobile and internet billing service has been completely put on hold as the employees of the BSNL Manipur begins pen down strike from today. The employees are demanding transfer of GM of BSNL Manipur Lunkim

for allegedly assaulting an SDE of the BSNL over a petty matter in front of other employees. The incident happened some days back and the employees had earlier demonstrated protest demanding apology from the GM. As the GM fails to apologize the BSNL employees begins pen down strike freezing all activities of the BSNL Manipur.

Manipur farmer preserves traditional varieties of rice in his organic field

ANI
Imphal, Nov.5: When farmers across India are grappling with weather woes and poor yields, Devakanta, a resident of Manipur, has succeeded in adopting smart and eco-friendly methods of farming to ensure the harvest is satisfactory every year. Like thousands of farmers in India, 60-year-old Devakanta too toils in the paddy fields in Uypok Mamang Leikai region of Imphal for hours. What makes him different from the other farmers is his passion to conserve a wide variety of rice in his organic farm, including cancer-curing black rice, called 'Chakhao Poiraiton' and some drought resistant varieties. He has so far succeeded in persevering 100 traditional varieties of paddy and is cultivating 25 varieties of rice in his lush green field. Despite India being one of world's biggest producers of rice, little is known about the rich variety of rice that is grown across the country. Manipur has a treasure trove of rice varieties, which can be grown in other states, which too face vagaries of nature. Devakanta won the prestigious Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward in 2012. He was given the award by the Protection of

Plant Varieties And Farmers Rights Authority, Department of Agriculture Co-Operation, Ministry of Agriculture, on May 22, 2013, by the then Minister of State for Agriculture Tariq Anwar. He has travelled all over Manipur, collecting different types of rice - from drought-resistant white rice (which needs less water), brown rice and black rice. Manipur is famous for black rice, which has several medical properties as well. "In Manipur, the farmers grow about 20 varieties of black rice and 'Chakhao Poiraiton' is the best variety. It has a relatively high mineral content, including iron and amino acids. There are several cases where even cancer patients got cured by having this black rice," says Devakanta. Devakanta is currently working with about 200 farmers to increase the cultivation of 'Chakhao Poiraiton' in their farms. He inspires other Manipuri farmers to grow this rare rice. Many people know that he has an organic farm. So they come to him to buy different varieties of rice. However, if he gets the organic certification, he can package the rice better and sell it for a higher price. There are groups formed by local people who charge a penalty

if anyone is found using chemical fertilisers in some districts. Most of the time, Devakanta and his assistants walk for 2-3 days to reach the villages to collect plants and seeds of indigenous crops. "I was once caught by militants. They demanded money. Luckily they let me go after I convinced them that I am a farmer," says Devakanta. Farmers like Devakanta need a proper godown to store the rice, machinery to clean and sort the rice, packaging machine, computers to keep stock of the inventory, cameras to document the rice varieties and funds to train the farmers in better methods of organic farming and plant protection. An e-commerce site to sell his products would have helped farmers like him get good exposure. Devakanta and many farmers like him are looking for support to sustain agriculture. Devakanta also cultivates one of the hottest varieties of chilly called 'U-Morok. It is also cultivated in Assam and Nagaland but the Manipuri chilly is considered to be better. Devakanta also conserves medicinal plants of Manipur. He runs an NGO called All Manipur Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Growers' Consortium.