

Success Story

# College dropout turns successful entrepreneur in Manipur



**ANI**  
Khumbongmayum Dhanachandra Singh, a college dropout, has become a successful entrepreneur in Manipur. Hailing from Thangmeiband Maisnam Leikai in Manipur, he runs a manufacturing unit and generates jobs for others. Singh, who started manufacturing bags after he failed to get a job, launched "Romi Industries" in 1996 and never looked back. "I made a purse out of waste cloths in my father's shop. I made it with a very creative design and gave it to my friend. After sometime, my friend's friend started demanding the same purse. Later, I got a lot of demand from so many people, so I decided to do a bag business, so I called some of my local friends to work with me and that's how I started this business under the name 'Romi's bag Industries,'" said Singh. After years of hard work, Singh's business has reached to this success. Presently, he has a staff of 30 people with latest stitching machines. He manufactures school bags, air bags, camera bags, rain coats, jackets, track suits, laptop bags and many other items. "I have earned experience as I was untrained during the time of joining. I now make bags, rain coats and other items. I never used stitching machine earlier. After joining here I have learnt many things," said Thoiba, a staff. "I'm happy that I get the job here because I have nothing to do at home. If I stay at home it was wastage of time. I am happy to work here," added another staff Anita.

## Manipur Woman Found Dead in Mumbai

**Mumbai, Nov 8:** A 34-year-old woman from Manipur fell to death from the balcony of a third floor flat in Kharghar in adjoining Navi Mumbai, under mysterious circumstances. The incident occurred at Siddhivinayak Darshan CHS in Sector-34 on Friday, police said on Saturday. Niang Ngaih Vung, who lived with her Nigerian partner in Sector 2 in Koparkhairane, had gone with him to Kharghar for the birthday party of his Nigerian friend. Police said she used to work in Ahmedabad at a health spa before shifting to Koparkhairane, about eight months ago. "She was currently jobless. We have registered an accidental death report. We are inquiring with those present at the flat," a police official said. "We have also summoned two Manipuri women working at a 5-star hotel in Bandra Kurla Complex, with whom she communicated on WhatsApp on Thursday till 11.30 pm, to check if there is some foul play," he said.

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## Manipur Education Policy, (A draft framework proposal)

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5. Higher Secondary Education:- This is the stage where students are opened to a verities of courses/streams and allow them to select a course/stream of their choice for their future life. The education in this stage is designed to more pre-vocational and pre-professional. As the need of the society changes from time to time, the course/streams are to be updated and new subjects be introduced. This is the age of Information Technology, Biotechnology, Foreign trade, Tourism, Science and technology and Games and Sports. As such, our students are to be exposed to the world class educational technology for excelling the field of their choice. Over and above the Foundation course, the following streams be opened with most modern educational technology. 1. Science Stream 2. Arts Stream 3. Vocational Stream 4. Commerce Stream and more particularly 5. Art and Culture stream and 6. Sports Stream. This will make the state a self sustained state in human resource to meet the need of the state, country and neighbouring countries. To meet the demand of the modern society in Science subject, the subjects like Information Technology, Biotechnology, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Horticulture, Microbiology and Biochemistry be included. In the commerce stream the subjects like foreign trade, Foreign Exchange regulations be included. Special care should be taken in opening subject which are much needed in the socio-economic condition of the state. A successful implementation of the secondary education will lead the state into a self sustained economy. 6. Educational Tourism:- In this today's world of fast changing development progress, the transfer of knowledge and transfer of technology has played a key role. The vehicle in which this transfer of technology and knowledge is being done is through education. This education has become and agent of change in every country. The distance is not the matter and man has rushed towards the country where there is most advanced technology and knowledge. India has become the leading country in the field of development of human resource in information technology from India and abroad. India's vast investment inflow is also from the information technology transfer. Many students from foreign countries specially from the developing countries and the south Asian countries are coming to India. Manipur because of its geographical location has become the front door of India to the South East Asian countries. As such, it may become an educational hub in India for receiving the students coming from the south east Asian nations through land route. Manipur has the ample opportunity to harvest this rare phenomenon. In order to materialize this, we are to study what are the areas in which the student from the south Asian countries does their studies in India. If Manipur develops the required infrastructure and the curriculum and syllabus of the interested areas, our state can become a little paradise on earth for education. The geographical location of the state as well as the round the year moderate climate makes the state Manipur as an ideal place for education throughout the year. This type of climatic condition is not available

in any other part of the globe. Moreover, the rich cultural treasure, food habits and the art and culture are the other plus points to the educational tourism in the state. There are many enquiries from the foreign nationals asking for advance course in Manipuri dance and martial arts. The relaxation of the Protected Area Permit by the Government of India facilitates the incoming flow of foreign learners to Manipur. One of the area in which Manipur can develop educational tourism is the teaching of English as foreign language. There is heavy demand for English language teachers in the South East Asian countries including China and Japan. Because of the cultural gap between the east and the west, these countries are poor in English language teaching. Moreover, the British and American native speakers also do not want to go to this region for teaching English because of heavy dependence on local languages. Manipuri language being a language through which most of the sounds in English language can be pronounced, has the advantage to produce English language teachers provided emphasis is stressed on linguistics, speaking and listening activities. The prospect of educational tourism in Manipur can be augmented if the foreign languages of the neighbouring countries are also introduced in the Manipur University and other institutes. The educational tourism will provide two way benefits to the people of Manipur by generating employment in Manipur and abroad. The unique Mongolian character of the people has endowed an advantage to the people in hosting the educational tourism for the neighbouring countries. Manipur can become the best place for school education and higher studies for the neighbouring countries if world class buildings and infrastructure are developed. Not only in general education, advance technical education and art and culture education, education in healthcare will attract many foreign students from the South East Asian countries. 7. University and Higher Education: University is not only a place of higher studies but also an institution which is authority in every sphere of decision making on different issues concerned with the state or the nation. It not only provides higher education in wide range of subject areas but also helps the state government in guiding for big projects for the benefit of the people. As for example, the direction to which the economy of the state should move shall be prescribed by the department of political economy and department of economic of the university. In the developed countries, universities play a vital role in spreading advanced and higher technical education and in the act of taking major decision on different issues concerned with the state or the central government. The university and higher education stage, the subjects which were introduced in the secondary and higher secondary stages are expanded into full grown subject for further research for future generations to come. In Manipur, the scope of higher and technical education at present is litter better than the traditional subjects which are out dated and have no place in the society. It is no wonder the very few students come for admission to some of the subjects which are out dated and have no place in the society. (To be contd.....)

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## Armistice Day Celebrated



November 11 is known as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day or Poppy Day. The day is observed on the nearest Sunday ahead of November 11, and hence Yunnan Rajeshwor along with other volunteers of Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 pay tribute to the men and women died on the day today at War Cemetery Imphal.

This day marks the centenary of the First World War year. During the First World War, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. In many parts of the world, people observe a two-minute silence at 11am on 11 November.

## Yellow Journalism: Hindus Killed Muslim Headmaster .....

In fact, Late Md. Hashmad Ali, the headmaster of the morning Keirao Litan Makhong Primary School, a calm and respectable person in the Panggal neighbourhood of Keirao Maktang Awang Leikai, under Iribung Police Station in Imphal East. It was socially revealed that Ali's relation with Matlib had become strained because of land dispute. Some days ago there was an intensive altercation on this issue and Matlib had threatened to kill Ali. On the unfortunate night of 1<sup>st</sup> November, when Ali was alone at the home, Matlib hired three other 'Muslim' friends and six Meetei co-workers from the Meetei neighbourhood to kill Ali. At around 8 p.m., Matlib sent two Meeteis, who alarmed Ali that Malick had met with an accident on the way to home and that they were being sent there to drop him to the hospital. Ali believed in their story. When all of them met at the Nandebim Leikai, they raised the alarm of cattle thief, fatally tortured Ali with iron rods, and abandoned the body on the road near a Meetei temple known as Lai Moriba Temple. The rumour about cattle thief and mobbing, which were aimed at covering up the objective of murder and the crime, became redundant following the arrest of and revelation by Khumallambam Brojen, the owner of the

controversial calf. The accused are now socially known. However, the law enforcing agents are deviating from the prescribed course of delivering justice; probably due to political pressure in favour of the 'accused' by the candidates who are contesting the Thongju Kendra bye-election to the Manipur State Assembly. On the other hand, if there was community mobbing, it was not when Ali was murdered by a hired gang. Mobbing occurred in the 'Muslim' locality when the house of the prime accused was burnt, which had badly affected other members of the family who might have not involved in the crime. Such tendency of mobbing as a form of vengeance and justice has become an undesirable trend in Manipur. Police irresponsiveness and inaction for justice have not only protected the criminals but also encouraged the aggrieved sections to take law into their hands. In all these, there is neither Hindu mobbing nor communal conflict. The Joint Action Committee against the Brutal Killing of Md. Hashmad Ali (JAC) is seeking the support of peoples across communities and agitating for justice. It remains uncertain about the durability of the JAC and different tactical courses it may take, if

## MSPDCL POWER DRIVE -

A team of Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) during one of its drives conducted on 7th November caught the following defaulter power consumers for meter tapping/unauthorized connection from various locations.

### IED-II Defaulters from Thangmeiband Lourungpura Leikai

1. K. Haopu  
Tapping before meter  
Penalty  
S.D. Letlen
2. Tapping before meter  
Penalty 1500
3. H. Thoi Solomon Pou  
Meter bypassed  
Penalty 3000  
Langol game village Zone 1  
IED - II