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T.Thangzalam Haokip HAC Chairman

IT News
Imphal, April 12: BJP MLA T Thangzalam Haokip, who is also a member of the Hill Area Committee, Manipur Legislative Assembly has been unanimously elected as the Chairman of the HAC, Manipur Legislative Assembly. T Thangzalam Haokip was elected from Hengle Constituency of Churachandpur district by getting 8438 votes in the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election. He won by a margin of 268 compared to his immediate rival T Manga Vaiphei of INC.

Manipuri student selected as Gates Cambridge Scholars



IT News
Imphal, April 12: Fifty-five of the most academically exceptional and socially committed people from across the globe have been selected as Gates Cambridge Scholars after interviews in Cambridge in late March. The Scholars will join the 35 US Scholars selected in late January to form the class of 2017, all of whom will take up the most prestigious international postgraduate scholarship at the University of Cambridge this October. Among them are Mr Yaikhomba Mutum, a PhD scholar in Biological Science at the MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit, St John's College.

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NEIDP staged protest rally; memorandum submitted



IT News
Imphal, April 12: The North East Development Party (NEIDP) today staged a protest rally from the party office Tera Loukrakpam Leikai, Imphal West till DC, Lamphal, Imphal West seeking re-counting of the votes polled in the 19-Patsoi Assembly constituency and demanded appropriate action against the Returning Officer of the election.

Speaking to the media persons, at the office of the NEIDP, Narengbam Bishorjit alleged that the Returning Officer (RO) of 19-Patsoi A/C have use the power given by the Election Commission of India (ECI) while counting the vote during the 11 Manipur Legislative Assembly election, 2017 doing many wrongful activities in the counting.

In connection with the misuse of power by RO and violating all the election norms, rules and regulation, recounting of the vote result was already proposed to the Election Commission of India on March 12, 2017 he added. Narengbam Bishorjit also said that NEIDP has waited for a month for positive response

from the concern after the submission of the proposal of recounting of the election result.

Though NEIDP party strictly follow and respect the mandate of the public and Indian Constitution, today NEIDP took out protest rally and submitted the same proposal for recounting of the election result to DC, Imphal West as the party have met the tolerance limit, he added.

The proposal includes eight different points alleging the RO, Bench Clark of RO Naorem Joy Singh misusing the postal ballot, rejection of postal ballot paper who were in favour of NEIDP without giving any reasons, announce me EVM counting when the vote counting of the postal ballot was announce finish to the general public using loudspeaker as per the rules and regulation of ECI, confine of NEIDP election agent at RO and restrictions of free movement, announcement of round 1,2 and 3 result while the round 4 and 5 result was made unpublicized and the result was updated in electronic media that NEIDP (Keba) won

by leading 36 votes against INC but the after a gap of around one and half hour report of INC as winner leading 124 vote against NEIDP in the fifth and final round was announce on which ground and how the there was only 114 winning vote of INC when RO handed the winning certificate. The whole scenario was vague and highly suspicious, he added.

Narengbam Bishorjit further said that keeping all the power misused by the RO, NEIDP have collected all the evidence and proof how RO and its culprit's member manipulated the counting of the vote.

NEIDP appeals the concern and newly formed BJP government to take up the necessary action at the earliest to bring justice so that such act will not be repeated in the near future.

A time of three days was also assured by the DC and hope a positive result will be put in front of the people of the state, he added.

The party also submitted the proposal to Chief Minister, Governor, and Chief Electoral Officer of Manipur.

Dimapur police unearths 'major human trafficking racket'

IT News
Dimapur, April 12: Dimapur police have unearthed a 'major human trafficking racket' operating in Nagaland. A press release from the PRO Dimapur police yesterday stated that the racket was 'unearthed' by the District Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, DAHTU under Dimapur Police after two girls from the state, who were rescued and kept in a shelter home at Pune, were repatriated back home. According to the police, basing on the information

supplied by the rescued girls, the anti-trafficking unit arrested 4 persons. The accused persons were arrested from the state as well as the neighboring Assam. Functioning in an organized network, the traffickers targeted victims by luring them with prospective jobs or abducting them and supplied to the source through chains of traffickers. The DAHTU is investigating into the case to identify and rescue more such victims.

IRB man died in road mishaps



IT News
Imphal, April 12: An personnel of the Indian Reserved Battalion (7th IRB) died yesterday midnight after the vehicle he was travelling met an accident at Oinamlong area under Tousem Sub-

division while he was returning to the 7th IRB post at Oinamlong. Driver of the ill fated mini truck (407) sustained serious injury. The deceased has been identified as Paul, he is a subedar. The injured driver is identified as Ranbir Meetei.

Arunachal Pradesh people unhappy under India's 'illegal' rule: China Daily

PTI
Beijing, April 12: The people of Arunachal Pradesh live "difficult lives" under India's "illegal" rule and they look forward to returning to China, a state-run Chinese daily claimed on Wednesday as it criticised New Delhi for allowing the Dalai Lama to visit the frontier state. China is opposed to the Dalai Lama's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, particularly Tawang, which it considers as Southern Tibet. Its media and foreign ministry has repeatedly aired its opposition to the Tibetan Buddhist leaders' ongoing visit to the region. "Under India's illegal rule, the residents of Southern Tibet live difficult lives, face various kinds of discrimination, and look forward to returning to China," a provocative article in the China Daily said.

The article, however, skirted the media reports about the periodic protests in Tibet, including more than 120 self-immolations by Tibetans against the Communist Chinese rule.

The Dalai Lama's visit shows "he can't wait to give away Arunachal as claims parts of Arunachal as Southern Tibet, India asserts the dispute also covers the Aksai Chin area which China occupied during the 1962 Sino-India war. The article said the Dalai Lama has "betrayed regional peace. Solving the border dispute in a peaceful manner will require the courage and wisdom of the peoples of China and India. The Dalai Lama's visit to the sensitive region benefits neither."

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troublemaker," it said about the 81-year-old spiritual leader and Nobel laureate.

The article said the Dalai Lama's visit is "testimony to his betrayal of himself, the people, the country, as well as regional peace."

"Depending on India for a living, the Dalai Lama's eagerness to please his master is understandable, but he is going too far by selling Southern Tibet in exchange for his master's favour," it said. "He has described himself a 'son of India' more than 20 times on public occasions in recent years. He just hopes to add weight to his identity as a 'son of India' by selling the territory to India this time, ignoring the trouble he is making for the settlement of China-India border issues, regional peace and stability," it said.

India and China have been negotiating to resolve the border dispute for more than 20 years but an agreement is yet to be reached. The dispute covers the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control. While China claims parts of Arunachal as Southern Tibet, India asserts the dispute also covers the Aksai Chin area which China occupied during the 1962 Sino-India war.

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has visited the state. In 2009, the Tibetan spiritual leader visited the region, which too was opposed by the Chinese government.

China has lodged a diplomatic protest to India over the visit and a number of articles and editorials in the Chinese state media have attacked the spiritual leader over the visit. The Chinese foreign ministry said on Tuesday it will select the next highest monk of Tibetan Buddhism through the traditional way of drawing lots from a sacred urn at Dachu Temple in Lhasa, dismissing the Dalai Lama's assertion that Beijing cannot choose his successor. "All reincarnation of the Dalai Lama has followed the religious rituals and history rules," it said in a written response to queries about the Dalai Lama's recent comments.

Today's article also accused the Dalai Lama of changing his stand on Arunachal Pradesh during his 58-year-long exile in India. It said, "even after fleeing to India in 1959, the Dalai Lama did not promote India's 'sovereignty' over Southern Tibet at first. Yet, that gradually changed."

To support China's claim over parts of Arunachal Pradesh, the article cited historical events, saying the state was "separated" from China by the "so-called McMahon Line in the early 1900s, which was a line the then foreign secretary of the British-run government of India, Henry McMahon, proposed as part of the Shimla Accord, a treaty that was never validated".

CBI arrests four for cheating banks to the tune of Rs 2240 cr

New Delhi, April 12: The CBI has arrested four persons including Directors of a Delhi based private firm for causing an alleged loss of about 2240 crore rupees to the consortium of Banks. The Investigating agency had registered a case in the matter on the basis of a complaint of Punjab National Bank. During the investigation, it was alleged that the accused persons fraudulently used more than 100 shell

companies for round tripping and diversion of Bank funds. According to the CBI, there was no genuine business transaction between the private firm and Shell Companies. Besides, the firm also allegedly diverted about 376 crore rupees from consortium of Banks to foreign subsidiaries based at Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai, Indonesia, Ghana and China. Further investigation in the matter is underway.

HIV/AIDS Bill Passed in Lok Sabha: 8 Things The New Bill Promises to Do

Source NDTV

New Delhi, April 12: The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2017 has finally been passed in the Lok Sabha on 11th April, 2017. The bill was introduced to help strengthen the rights of the people who have been suffering from HIV or AIDS. India has the third largest HIV epidemic in the world. In 2015, there were about 2.1 million people infected and living with this disease which has not found a potential cure or preventive measure yet. Despite the change in time and advancement, HIV and AIDS are still considered as a taboo in India and therefore, this new bill brings a fresh lease of hope and respite.

Here are seven important things that this new bill will impact and address. The Bill mentions all the several grounds on which discrimination against HIV and AIDS patients is prohibited and the rights that they can enjoy. Anyone who does not adhere to

these may have to face civil as well as criminal proceedings.

1. The legislation prohibits discrimination against people living with, and affected by, HIV in terms of employment, admission in educational institutions education and renting a property as well as with holding of public or private office, access to insurance and the freedom of movement.
2. It strictly bans unfair treatment given to people living with and affected by HIV when it comes to accessing public facilities, such as shops, restaurants, hotels, public entertainment venues, public facilities and burial grounds.
3. Most importantly, the bill ensures that equal rights are given to the people affected by HIV and AIDS in getting treatment and access to good health care.
4. The Bill prohibits individuals from publishing information or advocating feelings of hatred against those who are HIV positive and even those who are living with them.
5. The Bill has made adequate provisions to help people living

with HIV or AIDS to safeguard their property rights. Every person above the age of 18 has the right to reside in a shared household and enjoy all the facilities.

6. Further, no HIV test, medical treatment or research can be conducted on a person without his informed consent and no person shall be compelled to disclose his or her HIV status without their informed consent, and if required, by a court order.
7. Every person in the care and custody of the State has the right to HIV prevention, testing, treatment and counselling services. The State and Central government will also facilitate access to welfare schemes especially for women and children.
8. The Bill indicates that all cases related to HIV positive persons should be given priority and resolved duly ensuring confidentiality of all matters.

This is the first ever law of such kind to have been passed in South Asia. According to the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations, the aim is to end the epidemic by 2030.