

Awareness prog. on
biometrics of weavers held at
Manipur Press Club



EC reviews poll-preparedness for assembly elections in Nagaland

Kohima, Feb 14: An Election Commission team, headed by its Chief OP Rawat, reached Kohima this morning to review the poll-preparedness in Nagaland. During the visit, the team will interact with the state government officials, representatives of political parties and top officials involved with law and order. Later, the team will also visit Meghalaya to take stock of the poll-preparedness there. Nagaland and Meghalaya will go to polls on the 27th of this month. Elections in Tripura will be held on Sunday. All the three states have a 60-member Assembly. The counting of votes will be taken up on the 3rd of next month.

KYKL Condolences Demise of RK Ragunath



IT News
Imphal, Feb 14: Proscribed group Kanglei Yawol Kunga Lup (KYKL) today condole the demise of its cadre RK Ragunath @ Chinglangamba (44 yrs), son of RK Biswanath of Ningthoukhong Mathak Leikai, Ward No. 3. A statement of the outfit said RK Ragunath served as commanding officer of 1st Battalion of Meeyangyi Yawol Lanmee (MYL) and is at the rank of Major. He passes away at around 4 am of February 12, 2018 due to an illness.

"Major Ragunath is a well discipline revolutionary cadre and had served the organisation with sincerity. His lost will create a vacant to the MYL", the statement said.

CM wishes on Lui-Ngai-Ni Festival

Imphal, Feb 14: Chief Minister N Biren Singh greets the people of Manipur on the occasion of Lui-Ngai-Ni Festival, 2018 scheduled to celebrate tomorrow. "Lui-Ngai-Ni, the seed sowing festival, is one of the biggest festivals of the Nagas. The festival not only elevates the social ethics and inspires a sense of oneness among Nagas but also spreads a message of friendship and oneness among the various communities in the state", the statement said.

K. Ranjit and MLA Y. Surchandra differs over district HQ for newly created Kakching district

IT News

Imphal, Feb 14: MLA K. Ranjit which represent Sugunu Assembly constituency and MLA Y. Surchandra who represent Kakching assembly constituency today roared in the state assembly house over the differences to the idea of setting district head quarter for the newly created Kakching district today. Revenue Minister K. Shyam could not give a direct reply in the house to settle the differences on the location of the district head quarter but said that any decision which may hurt the sentiment of the general public will be taken after studying the sentiment of the people. He said that Kakching Sub Division is presently utilised as the district head quarter in view of the infrastructures available but the state government has not yet decided on whether Kakching should be the district head quarter or not. He however said that depending

upon the convenience of the people of the region government will take a decision. Earlier while during demand discussion for the passing of the demand for grant of Rs. 118,82,25,00/- for Land Revenue, Stamps, registration and district administration, MLA Khumukcham Joykishan, MLA Ranjit among others moved cut motion on the ground that the govt. still fails to establish require infrastructures of a district. MLA K. Ranjit which represent Sugunu Assembly constituency said that as Kakching district comprised of four assembly constituencies it is better that the district head quarter be located at a place where it is convenient for all the people of the four assembly constituencies to visit. He suggested that the head quarter be located somewhere at Hiyanglam Assembly constituency as it is the center for all the 4

assembly constituencies. Y Surchandra on the other hand said that it is not necessary that district head quarter be located at the center of the district. It should be depending upon the conveniences of the people. And he said that Kakching is the most convenient place for all the four assembly constituencies. MLA Surchandra further said that many from Kakching Khunou, Waikhong and other assembly constituencies which come under Kakching district had also submitted memorandum to him showing their desire to have Kakching as the district head quarter. MLA Ranjit said that the so called people supporting the MLA are aspiring candidates which went under the whim of some political party and maximum people support the idea of district head quarter be located at the center that is at Lamjao area in Hiyanglam Assembly constituency.

Villagers threaten to shut down NF Railway related work under Makhuam village area

IT News

Imphal, Feb 14: Villagers of Makhuam (Marangching) today threatened to ban and shut down NF Railway related work within the jurisdiction of Makhuam (Marangching) Village of Tamenglong district from the midnight of February 16, 2018 against the inaction to resolve the rehabilitation and compensation of the Makhuam (Marangching) Village, Tamenglong. Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal, Guanchalung Gangmei, Secretary of Makhuam (Marangching) Village said that villagers of Makhuam (Marangching) Village which has been affected by the Trans Asian Railways has submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Manipur on December 10, 2017 to initiate action to the grievances to resolve the rehabilitation and compensation matter of the Makhuam (Marangching) Village however no positive response has been received till date.

With strong condemnation for non-action from the government side despite the submission of memorandum, the villagers took the decision to completely ban the railway works from the midnight of February 16, 2018, he added. Guanchalung Gangmei also said that the villagers had urge the Chief Minister to recover the compensation amount illegally siphoned by Thaukukung Gangmei and Kh Lovejoy who had claimed individual ownership over the major portion of lands which are legally land belongs to Makhuam (Marangching) Village acquired for construction of NF Railway Board Gauge and the illegal withdrawal of the compensation amount due to illegal acts of Armstrong

Pamei, Deputy Commissioner of Tamenglong based on nullified copy of the court orders and fabricated documents but their demands are not made till date. Since the villagers had suffered enough, their demands to the government of Manipur is take full responsibility to recover the compensation amount made to Thaukukung Gangmei and Kh Lovejoy by setting up a committee consisting of a senior officer not below the rank of Chief Secretary or Additional Chief Secretary, Guanchalung Gangmei added. Guanchalung Gangmei further said that the government should also take necessary legal action against Armstrong Pamei, Deputy Commissioner of Tamenglong and his subordinate officials involved for causing the siphoning and the loss of public exchequer more than 36 crores including the authority of United Bank of India for

allowing the withdrawal of amounts despite the persisting controversy and timely notification on illegal and fraudulent attempts by Thaukukung Gangmei and Kh Lovejoy for the withdrawal. Failure to fulfil their demands, villagers of Makhuam (Marangching) Village will imposed total shutdown NF Railway related work within the jurisdiction of Makhuam (Marangching) Village of Tamenglong to Imphal from the midnight of February 16, 2018 and appeals the railways authorities to stop the railway works till the matter is amicably resolved in accordance with the demands of the villagers. State government and the railway authorities and companies should hold responsible for any untoward incidents, Guanchalung Gangmei asserts. Mention may be that vehicles were burn down on December of 2017 for failing to meet their demands made in the memorandum by the villagers.

Save Thoubal River: Sit in Protest Held at Five Locations

Thoubal, Feb. 14: The Thoubal River Conservation Committee, an apex body of more than 35 different organisations and clubs located at both sides of Thoubal river, namely Yairipok, Wangkhem, Phoudel, Kshetileikai, Haokha, Kiyam, Okram, Leishangthem, Thoubal Circle etc, continue its movement for clean Thoubal river. Today, five different sit in protest were organised at Thoubal Moijing, Thoudam Leishangthem, Keibung, Ningombam and Thoubal Achouba. Mankind Service Foundation Moijing, Youth Development organization Thoudam, Keibung welfare Association, Social Welfare Association

Thoubal Achouba, Meira Paibis along with locals staged a sin-in at there areas while Bharat Swabhiman Trust & Patanjali Yoga Samiti Thoubal Ningombam Branch, Thoubal Nongkhangkhong branch, Thoubal Maiyai Leirak branch and local people staged another sit in protest at Ningombam. The protesters stated that Thoubal river has been rapidly getting polluted and the locals are unable to utilize the river water for the last many years. There is a greater probability that the grave situation of the river can cause several health hazards to the people residing on both sides of Thoubal river, they added.

They further stated that one of the probable reason of the river pollution could be the presence of sand quarries and stone quarries along the streams and along the banks of the river which use heavy machineries like JCBs, tractors and trucks etc. The committee, along with the local people, will continue to launch different forms of agitation at various areas of Thoubal if the plights and grievances of the people remain neglected. Displayed placards as today sit in Protest "Our River Our Life", "Our Thoubal River is Dying Let's Revive Our Thoubal River" and "Save Thoubal River".

AMHDEEA appeals to review the order on service books for all employees of departments' level or ZEO's level

Educational institute and its related offices and department in Hill District to shut down

IT News

Imphal, Feb 14: All Manipur Hill District Education Employee Association (AMHDEEA) today appeals to review the order vide no. AO/267/Service Book/2017(8)-DE(S) of December 29, 2017 by Director of Education (S) and arrange digitization of Service Books for all employees of Department level or ZEO's level as the new order will create chaos and problems to employees of remote areas of Manipur State. Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal, Kaikhanlian

Guite, President of AMHDEEA said that the service book for all serving personnel is under the custody of the respective ZEO's till date, whereas, with the new order all service books are sought to kept at the Directorate in Imphal which will create problems for personnel belonging or posted at remote areas as they will have to undergo to and fro to Imphal with huge financial expenses only to put their signature in the service book. With the new order, there will be many issues regarding errors in records of employees name in the office of Education

department and this errors will raise up head much to the discontentment of employees belonging to the hill district as dealing assistants at Education department fails to record names or particular with accuracy which will surely result in running the corrigendum unnecessarily. In-order to avoid such errors, the new order needs to pay more attention, he added. AMHDEEA appeals the Director of Education (S) to review the new order to avoid such errors in the future for those serving and posted employees at remote

areas and to make arrangement for the service books be remain under the custody of the respective ZEO's. Failure to fulfill their appeals will let to shutting down of all educational institute and its related offices and department in hill district on February 21 and 22, 2018. Mention may be that the association has already submitted memorandum to Chief Minister of Manipur, Education Minister and the concern to look into the matter but no positive response has been made till date.

Excise dept still doing well – Dy. CM

Imphal, Feb 14: Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar, who is also in charge of Excise department today said that the excise department of the state government is doing good but public fails to notice it as they do not have the habit of exposing to public through media to whatever they do. This was stated while clarifying to cut motion raised by MLA K. Meghachandra while passing the demand for grant of Rs. 17,77,35,000/- for the state Excise department. "This year revenue collected by Excise department is Rs. 7.74 crore and amount collected as penalty is Rs. 31 lakhs", Y. Joykumar said. Earlier, MLA Meghachandra said that even though there is a prohibition act to the selling of liquors everybody knows

that it is available abundantly in every part of the state. He said these liquors sold illegally are often seized and destroyed by the civil society bodies which are suppose to be done by the authority of the excise department. Meghachandra also informed the house about the large number illegal liquors being smuggled out of the canteen at 1st MR and 2nd MR. He said when the civil society organisation could be seized and destroyed so many illegal liquors what is the authority of Excise department doing? What is the use of paying salary to them. He also recounted the victims of liquors as these liquors consumed by the people could not be check by the food safety department as it is covered by a prohibition act.

KVK Thoubal Organises Awareness Programme

Thoubal, Feb. 14: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thoubal organized one day training cum awareness programme on "Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Right Act 2001" under the sponsorship of PPV & FR Authority New Delhi at its campus today at Khangabok in Thoubal District. Khangabok Zilla Parishad Member, Rajmohun Singh, Addl. Director (Agriculture) Manipur Dr. M. Mohendro, Dr. M. Rohinikumar Former Director Research CoA, CAU Imphal, Dr. I. Meghachandra Singh Joint Director ICAR and Dr. Ajay K Singh Plant Variety Examiner, PPV & FR Authority Guwahati inaugurated the

programme as Chief Guest, President and Special Guest respectively. Around 100 farmers including youths of Thoubal district participated in the programme. Prof. M. Rohinikumar Singh, Former Director of Research, Coiege of Agriculture (CoA), CAU, Dr. L. Meghachandra Singh, Joint. Director, ICAR, Research Centre for NEH, Manipur centre, Profssor Ranjit Sharma, Dpnt. Of GPB, CoA, CAU, Imphal, Dr. Ajay K. Singh Plant Variety Examiner, PPV & FR Authority, Guwahati and P. Devkanta Singh National Awardee, Plant Genome Saviour Award were the resource persons of the awareness programme.