



Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Education Minister Th. Radheshyam laying foundation stone for new building of Manipur Public School at Koirengei today.

Manipur College students stage protest demanding lifting of ban by UGC

IT News
Imphal, Jan 22: Students of Manipur College today staged protest under the aegis of the Kangleipak Students Association (KSA) demanding the state government for urging the University Grant Commission (UGC) for lifting of the ban to the college since 2014.

Speaking to reporters, Laishram Sachindev, a student of the college said that UGC had blacklisted the college since 2014 for financial irregularities committed by an in-charge principal of the college in 2013. Since then the college has stopped receiving any fund from the UGC. Teaching community of the college



had urged the state government for urging the UGC to lift the ban in the interest of the student community but still is not listened due to reason best known to them. Sachindra, a member of the KSA Manipur College Unit further added that the in-charge principal

involved in the financial misappropriation should be punished for defaming the college. Till now no punishment has been awarded to the then in-charge principal, he added. May be government failure to take any punitive action against the then in-charge Principal is the

reason for the UGC refusal to lift the ban on Manipur College, said Laishram Sachindra.

On January 11, Imphal Times had reported about the blacklisting of the college by UGC for financial misappropriation by Dr. Kh Jayantakumar Singh the then in-charge principal of Manipur College. This paper has reported that Manipur College, located at Singjamei Chinga Makhong, has stop receiving any aids from the University Grant Commission (UGC) since 2013, as the college has been black listed after the UGC found financial irregularities by the in-charge principal of that time

CM lays foundation stone for new building of MPS

Says requested center to take up necessary steps to vacate Koirengei Old Airfield occupied by the TA

DIPR
Imphal, Jan. 22 : Chief Minister N. Biren Singh laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new school building of Manipur Public School, Koirengei in Imphal East District today.

The project, which is to be executed by Manipur Minorities and OBC Economic Development Society (MOBEDS) at an estimated cost of over Rs. 10.80 crore under Union Ministry of Minority Affairs, includes new classrooms, headmaster's room, library, laboratory, common room, toilets and separate boys' and girls' hostels.

Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest, N. Biren said that he had requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, BJP National President Amit Shah and BJP National General Secretary (NE in-charge) Ram Madhav to take up necessary steps to vacate Koirengei Old Airfield located adjacent to Manipur Public School and currently

occupied by the Territorial Army.

The area is not only associated with the history of Manipur but also surrounded by civil residential localities, he added.

Stating that Manipur Public School was once one of the best schools of the State, N. Biren said that students, teachers and guardians should work hard collectively to further improve the performance of the school.

Maintaining that school children should never be encouraged to be involved in agitations and stirs, the Chief Minister opined that they must be asked to concentrate only to their studies.

The Chief Minister, who is also the Chairman of the Manipur Public School Society, said that he would look into the developmental needs of the school.

He also urged the school authority to extend cooperation in the construction of the new school building in a proper

manner.

On the other hand, the Chief Minister also asserted that the new Government would never tolerate instances of taking law into hands and unlawful activities.

Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, who attended the function as the president while addressing the gathering said that education is the only answer to all the problems and issues.

The Education Minister, who is also the Vice-Chairman of the Manipur Public School Society, said that the new building of the school is going to get a new building due to efforts of the Chief Minister.

He also urged all concerned to gather more and more knowledge on their chosen fields so that he/she may perform in an effective manner.

Among others, Imphal East Adhyaksha P Bimola Devi and MOBEDS Member Secretary Khurajing Dineshchandra Singh were also present at the occasion.

National Voters' Day

DIPR
Imphal, Jan. 22: The 8th National Voters' Day is being celebrated on 25th January, 2018 throughout the State with the theme "Assessable Elections".

To mark the celebration in respect of Imphal West District, a District Level 8th National Voters' Day celebration will be held on 25th January, 2018 at Kuranganayani Hall located at Deputy Commissioner office complex at Lamphelpat at 10am.

Felicitation of new electors with a pledge along with their EPICs will also be held on this day.

Trying to bring petrol, diesel under GST:

Dharmendra Pradhan New Delhi, Jan 22: Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said that his Ministry is trying to bring petrol and diesel under the purview of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Talking to reporters in Ujjain yesterday, Mr Pradhan said, it is hopeful that the GST Council will agree to it shortly.

Responding to a query, the minister said the spike in petrol rates in the international market has impacted the cost of the fuel in India.

In Indore, Mr Pradhan rode a bicycle at "Saksham Cyclothon" to send the message of saving fuel and environment. Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) and the Indore Cycling Association (ICA) said nearly 30,000 cyclists participated in the event.

On the occasion, Mr Pradhan said cycling promotes a healthy life and helps in conservation of energy.

Myanmarese refugees refuses to return to Myanmar: SP

PTI
Aizawl, Jan 22: Over 1,400 Myanmar nationals who took refuge in Mizoram's Lawngtlai district following clash between Arakan militants and the Army there in November last year have refused to return to their country, a senior police officer said today.

The refugees who fled Myanmar since November 25

last year following a crackdown on Arakan rebels by the Myanmar Army in the border areas refused to go back claiming that they were "afraid" of the Myanmar Army personnel. Superintendent of Police of Lawngtlai, Lalsanglura said. "Though the fighting between the Myanmar Army and the Arakan insurgents had apparently stopped and

no gunfires heard for almost a month, the people who took shelter in four villages along the Mizoram-Myanmar border - Laitlang, Dumzautlang, Zochachhuah and Hmawngbuchhuah, still refused to return to their respective villages," the SP said.

The refugees were mainly from the border villages of Varang, Paletwa, Pakangwa and Mulaw in Myanmar's Chin state.

Lalsanglura said the refugees were grouped in the relief camps in two villages for administrative conveniences and also to ensure that all of them return to their homes after peace is restored in the area from where they came.

Manipur Maoist boycotts Republic Day

IT News
Imphal, Jan 22: Maoist Communist Party Manipur has boycotted the Republic Day Celebration schedule on January 26 terming the celebration meaningless as people of the region were not delivered justice. In a statement, the Manipur Maoist said that for over 10 years, those responsible to the killing of Thangjam Monorama. Many victims similar to Monorama were also yet to deliver justice. When justice is denied it is

meaningless to celebrate the Republic day, the statement said.

It said that people are still yet to see those drug-mafias punished and the poor people of the state are denied from getting their share of PDS item. When things went on this way what is the meaning of celebrating the Republic Day? The Manipur Maoist asked.

The statement however said that without peoples' support calling of boycott is no use and the outfit appealed people to boycott the Republic day.

Newly renovated Khwairambandh Keithel Inaugurated

IT News
Imphal, Jan 22: The newly renovated Khwairambandh Keithel, after it was hit by the Jan 4 Earthquake of 2016 was inaugurated today. Vendor ladies at Temporary market shed near Johnston School has been shifted today.

Assam bureaucrat trains his lens on nature, wildlife

PTI
Guwahati, Jan 22: The close-up of a wild buffalo staring at the camera, a fleecy sky overlooking a fenced path and the curious gaze of a child were some of the images put on display at an exhibition by Sanjib Gohain Boruah, a bureaucrat by profession and a photographer by passion.

Currently serving as the secretary to the Assam Governor, Gohain Boruah's quest to capture nature and life often takes him places.

"Frames: Myriad Images", his first solo exhibition in the city, presented some of the exhilarating images that he had taken in India and abroad over the past few years.

"Photography to me is not merely about documenting or recording events, but an affirmation of beauty—stark, real or subtle. I seek to tell a story through my photographs. I usually don't like to give captions to my images, but even when I do, I expect the viewers to go beyond the captioned frames and weave their own stories," he said.

Altogether 55 images of wildlife, quaint places and different moods of people were put on display in the four-day exhibition.

The senior IAS officer was introduced to the magical world of photography during his school days by his

maternal uncle. He became serious about it during his stint as the Deputy Commissioner of Assam's Golaghat district, where the famed Kaziranga National Park is located.

The unique topography of various places, which he visited during his personal and professional trips, is also a part of the 57-year old bureaucrat's photography subjects.

"Colour, in particular, is a very important factor for me. The constant changes that take place in the nature every moment is very fascinating. I try to capture that," said Gohain Boruah who does not like editing his photos.

Chandel Villagers protest against NERCORMP officer; demands transfer of Project Manager

IT News
Imphal, Jan 22: Villagers of Kanankhu Village, Chandel district under the aegis of the NaRAM-G, Kanankhu today staged protest demonstration demanding transfer of (North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project) NERCORMP Project Manager alleging biased administration and mismanagement.

"The Kanankhu NaRM-G, Chandel is taking up sit-in-protest against Mrs. Lily Rose Jajo, Project Manager, NERCORMP, Chandel on account of her biased administration and mismanagement of

NERCORMP, Chandel Fund and Kanankhu MaRM-G fund in particular", a statement signed by Kanankhu Village Chief Wl. Fluence Anal and President NaRM-G, Kanankhu Village Tongsin Hmungam Anal said.

"As per financial norms of NERCORMP, funds come to the NaRM-G account and are implemented by NaRM-G and beneficiaries. However, 100 piggy Fattening Units of NEC scheme was implemented by Project Manager Lily Rose Jaja in contradiction to the implementation norms of NERCORMP", the statement added.

It further stated that when the

Panchal and Kanankhu NaRM—Gs opposed implementation by the third party and NERCORMP, the funds were withheld.

It said that Lily Rose Jajo intimidated Tongsin Willingson Member, MDC, 12 DCC, that after validation of households the fund for Kanankhu will be deposited to the account and stated that the fund has been deposited to the bank account without depositing it. The statement also alleged Lily of trying to cheat the villagers saying that she will deposit the fund after Christmas, when the matter comes to the public domain, the statement said.



The statement further stated that she withheld the fund for non validation of households in Kanankhu and non implementation of Ringwell in Panchai, but funds for non

validated villages were released for other villages where works are not completed. It showed that Lily Rose, as a project manager is biased and discriminatory.

The statement demanded immediate transfer of Project Manager Lily Rose and threaten to launch various form of agitation if fail to do so.