

Differences on ILPS sorted out between JCILPS Students' Wing and the KSO

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In a significant development, the differences over the introduction of the Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) in the state of Manipur have been sorted between the Kuki Students Organisation (KSO) and the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) Students' Wing. "It is a good thing that the KSO General Head Quarter and the JCILPS Student's Wing have come to an agreement in a meeting held a while ago and resolved that Inner Line Permit is an essential and vital for protection of the Indigenous people or native people of Manipur", Paolinthang Lupheng, President of the KSO general head Quarter said while speaking during a joint press meet at AMSU Head quarter today. Manjit Sarangthem, Convener of the JCILPS Students Wing, said that the meeting held



today is the second of its kind to sort out the differences on the demand for an inner line permit to protect the indigenous people of the state. "Last time there were lot of confusion creating tension among various communities to the passing of the 3 ILPS related Bill due to lack of communication between various stakeholders in the state", Manjit said and added that this time all stakeholders in the state will be consulted and make sure that the Bill that will be passed in the upcoming state assembly session will be

accepted by all. Lately, speaking on the Khongjom War Memorial Day at Khongjom War Memorial Complex, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had stated that his government will table a Bill for protection of the indigenous people of the state which will be accepted by all stakeholders. President of the KSO general head Quarter, Paolinthang Lupheng added that Kuki community had always wanted an inner line system – the Eastern Bengal Frontier Regulation Act which is being

impose in the neighbouring state of Nagaland and Mizoram. "We have been looking for a system that is agreeable by all and in fact, the Kuki Inpi and the JCILPS have been holding series of meeting regarding the issue on how to find out Bill which is acceptable and agreeable by all stakeholders", Paolinthang added. The KSO leader also stated that their organisation will work with all stakeholders to enforce an ILP system in the best way they can.

48 hours Diesel Auto Strike

Imphal streets free from diesel Auto and Tata Magic vehicles as the passenger service begins 48 hour cease work strike; Traffic looks good but day today vendor ladies off their business; University Colleges affected

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Demanding revocation of the state government decision to ban entry of 9 tone diesel vehicles particularly the passenger Diesel and Tata Magic from entering in Imphal city, the mini transporters body had begun 48 hours cease work strike since midnight yesterday. Roads in Imphal city particularly in the Khwairamband Keithel area looks clean and tidy with less sound of Diesel Auto but common people who live on hand to mouth by selling small quantity of vegetable too lose their one day earning as they have no alternative means to reach the Khwairambandh Keithel for selling their goods. Some License holder vendors who have no problem in transportation were seen however, sales was comparatively low as the diesel auto and the tat Magic passenger service vehicles were the only means for common men who could not owned costly vehicles. The Main market or agency in Paoina keithel and Thangal Keithel have no impact as their customers use to be one who owns cars or at least a two wheeler vehicles. But the vegetable



seller were mostly hurt due to the cease work by the diesel auto service. Meanwhile, attendance of Manipur University was also comparatively low at Manipur University Canchipur. Report said that almost 80 percent of the students could not attend their classes as their mode of transport depends on the small medium vehicles. There

are some buses for the university but these buses plied on only some specific route. Hostellers and those staying nears the University at rented house, however attended their classes. Similar is with the most of the colleges as well as the government Secondary schools. Students attendance record was very low when compare to other days.

Youth Leadership Camp at Jiribam

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A One day Youth Leadership Camp jointly organized by Ideal Youth Society, Lairembi Leikai, Jiribam and CADA Jiribam District was held today at Jiribam Lairembi Leikai, Lairembi Phampak. L. Naoton Singh, S.O, MSPDCL and N. Chinglen Singh attended the leadership camp as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. A total of 32 Volunteers took part in the camp. As a part of the leadership camp, tree plantations were conducted at the surrounding area. Speakers on the occasion delivered speech on the impact of drug abuse in the society.

Mini passenger bus landed in trouble after fallen into dug out pitch of roadside

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An Imphal bound mini passenger bus rolls on the road side after it landed on a pitch dug out at the road side while giving side to another vehicle coming from the opposite side at Tiddim road near Moirang Lamkhai. Passengers in the

vehicle miraculously escape from any serious injury. The mini passenger bus bearing registration number MN-01-1758 almost rolled upside but halt on one turn. The accident occurred at Okshongbung area in Tiddim road - some distance from Moirang Lamkhai at around 10 am today. Tiddim Road

Owners Transport Co-operative Society Ltd. blamed the government authority for keeping the pitch of the road side dug out for so long beside the fact that number of vehicles travelling is increasing day after another. Some passengers sustain minor injury, report added.

Locals of Wangkhei assembly constituency appeal concern to intervene on missing rations under NFSA

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With the BJP led Government in the State, various schemes has been launched for the welfare of the people including the national Food Security Act where ration cards holder are made available with rations every months in every villages in the state. Unfortunately, for Wangkhei

A/C, distribution of the rations mainly rice which should be made available to the rations card holders of the constituency every month has turn un-regularised creating trauma for the general public depending on the rations. In a press statement, Y Indrani Devi, Secretary All Manipur Nupi Marup (AMNM) states that when the association inquire about the none-

distribution of the rations, the agency responsible for the distribution of the rations told them, some underground outfit has acquire all the rations meant for the card holders of the constituency, they were shock to heard such words and unacceptable, she states. Fact is that those underground outfits will not hurt the sentiment of the poor by

acquiring the rations pending for distribution for more than 6 months, 8 months, 10 months for each polling station of the constituency. Instead the agents, MLAs', Ministers along with concern office members working for NFSA might have acquire the rations for their own benefits illegally, Indrani asserts in the press statement. Indrani further states that the

association are not aware of the replacement of the old agents with new one, all they demands is to made available the rations under the NFSA every month. In this regards, the association appeals the concern to look into matter and find out where the rations supplied under the NFSA have went missing rather than distributing to the cardholders, Indrani maintain.

Kaching police recovers 3 two wheelers and 3 cars

Thoubal, May 14: Kaching district police under the supervision of District SP Victoria has recovered 3 two wheeler vehicles and 3 cars from a house at Sora Mamang leikai while conducting search operation today morning. The vehicles were suspected to have been stolen and hidden at the place.

Consultation on Challenges of Asian Development Bank Financing in Manipur held

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One day consultation program on "Challenges of Asian Development Bank Financing in Manipur" organised by The Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur and United Action Committee and Affected Pattadars from Lilong to Wangjing was held today at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal. The consultation programme was organised amidst the increased involvement of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing development process carried out in Manipur, which are mainly of infrastructure projects such as the reform of power sector, roads, etc. in Manipur. General Secretary of United Action Committee for Affected Pattadars, Lilong to Wangjing, Md. Islam Makakcha in his keynote address express that there are numerous lacks of uniformity in the land acquisition processes in Imphal to Moreh road as well as the survey works and the land acquisition from Lilong to Wangjing Bazar which focused on residential areas. Whereas, the additional land acquisition for Service Land has further led to additional pressure on the land

affected by ADB financed Imphal to Moreh road projects, due to such pressure, villagers are anxious of manipulative and corruptive activities in the land acquisition process. In this regard, concern government should stop the ongoing effort to acquire land through direct purchase, Md. Islam Makakcha continued. Phulindro Konsam, Chairman, Committee on Human Rights; Aram Pamei, Co-Chairperson, Citizens Concern for Dams and Development; Panti Gonmei, President, Rongmei Lu Phuum; W Iboishak, President United Action Committee for Affected Pattadars, Lilong to Wangjing; T Rameswar, Working President, United Action Committee for Affected Pattadars, Lilong to Wangjing and Kangjam Maharabi, Langthabal, Ring Road Affected chaired today's consultation. Sharing the problems faced due to the involvement of ADB in the financing development process in Manipur Panti Gonmei, President, Rongmei Lu Phuum shared that ADB financed Imphal Town Ring Road project has threatened communities settled in Langol areas, Patsol, Langthabl and Kongba, etc. while the project authorities tried to acquire land without informing details of the project and without the consent of the

affected villagers which is very unfortunate. Even the Ring Road has been pursued without a detailed impact assessment and rehabilitation and resettlement plan, whereas the affected villagers will be improvised due to the forced acquisition of their land, agriculture areas and homestead land without providing alternative livelihood options, she added. Phulindro Konsam, Chairman, Committee on Human Rights shared that the ADB financed road projects in Manipur has affected the livelihood of affected communities and the projects authorities has failed to consider the survival impact and challenges of the affected communities. Since the government has failed to conduct detailed impact assessment and to consult and take the consent of the affected villagers, ADB and Government of Manipur should desist from forcibly acquiring land for the ADB financed road projects from Imphal to Moreh. Any forcible development of the project which gives huge impact on people can be stated as anti-people, Phulindro asserts. One Chalamba from Wangjing, affected by the ADB financed Imphal to Moreh road also shared that affected people are worried of forcibly acquisition of their lands.

ADB and the Government should end the non-uniform, partisan and divisive acquisition of land, such as 50 feet to 62 feet at different locations from Lilong to Wangjing stretch, he added. Chalamba also shared that the project proponents should stop undervaluing the land and peoples relationship with their land in any rehabilitation process and the project will be improvised affected communities and the land rehabilitation should be carried out in due consultation with the land owners and pattadars. Meanwhile, participants in today's consultation expressed concerns that the infrastructure support provided by ADB and other financial institutions in Manipur will further facilitate the expropriation of land and natural resources in Manipur, in such ADB should review and rescind all financing and facilitation of corporate bodies in the plunder and expropriation of land and resource in Manipur. ADB and other International Financial Institutions should strictly adhere to all development as per the human rights norms, especially indigenous people's standards, such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 2007 in Manipur.