



Meets on ill effect of retuarants

## 5 year old minor girls found murdered with signs of rape; suspected accused let free after settling the matter as according to customary laws

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 27:** In yet another heinous crime against women and children, a five years old minor girl was found mercilessly murdered and left without any clothes on the eve of Christmas festival. What is more surprising is that there were signs that showed probable rape or molest before being murdered but the suspected accused which was rounded up by the villagers was let off free after settling the issue as according to customary law of the village. The police which rushed the spot have to return helpless as both the family of the deceased minor girl and the suspected accused settled the matter as according to their customary law. The incident

happened at a remote village in Senapati district. The deceased minor girl has been identified as Helena, d/o Kalubi of Maram Kabanam Village, Senapati District under Tadubi Police station. She was reported missing when her family members and neighbours are busy preparing for Christmas celebration. At around 7.30 pm of the same day when most Christian across the globe are praying for peace and harmony to lord Jesus,

the minor girl was found death without any clothes near a house of one David, aged 21, s/o Charang of the same village. The villagers found David staying alone on that evening at his house alone when the dead child was recovered. He was rounded up by the villagers and later was deal as according to the customary law of the village. Police team was not allowed to take up a case regarding the matter.



## Ill effect of restaurant discussed

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 27:** Young Women Help Organisation and Women Development Manipur have conducted a one day seminar on the demoralization of youths by Restaurant (Restaurant na Manghallakpaga Maramda Khanna-Neinaba) today at the main hall of Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul. W Shyamjai Singh, President of AMWJU, Thangjam Shanti Devi, President of YWHO, Kh Loya Lakpa, Editor of Naharol Thoudang, Trongbam Usharani Devi, OC of Women Police I/E Station, Porompat, Onnam Inao Devi, President of WDM and Tama Ksh, President of Street Vendor Road 5 of Khwairamband

Bazar were chaired as the Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honours of today's seminar cum discussion function. Speaking at the function, Thangjam Shanti Devi, President of YWHO said that looking at the changing life and habits of young boys and girls and students of today's generation, different Women Organizations of Manipur are trying to ban the increasing number of Restaurant, Fast-Food, Hotel and many others similar establishment in Manipur. Meanwhile, other Women organizations seems to be taking advantage in the form of taking bribe while conducting drive at many

restaurants which has been exposed at many news and media of Manipur, she added. Thangjam Shanti Devi further expresses her suggestion of forming one apex body of women organization in order to demolish the other organizations working just only for namesake. An apex body to ban the increasing number of Restaurant in the State in order to stop the rising rates of students going in the wrong way, she added. Many unwanted things going at the restaurant have been heard by the people of the State at many news and media. Timely advice to the students looking at their future seems to be becoming the most important facts.

## Accident

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**Imphal, Dec 27:** A goods ferrying tata truck coming towards Imphal from Jiribam along HN 37 falls into the gorge of Barak River on December 16 at around 2.30 pm. The Driver and the handiman both brothers died on the spot. The registration number of the truck is AS24 C 6109.

## Bhagat Singh to inaugurate PM ambitious project at Imphal

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 27:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious project National Digital Literacy Mission will be launched here in Imphal tomorrow. Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Petitions, Lok Sabha, Bhagat Singh Koshyari will launched the ambitious project her at Hotel Imphal at 12 noon tomorrow. Bhagat Singh is arriving in the state capital tomorrow by Air Asia Flight 11 am. Besides inaugurating the ambitious project the parliamentary committee chairman will also took stock of the Manipur State Legislative Assembly. He is likely to call on the Chief Minister and the Governor of Manipur before leaving Imphal on the next day.

## KCP Piorei Lup appeals to declare the nurse recruitment exam

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 27:** Armed group KCP Piorei Meitei Lup today appealed the concern authority of RIMS to declare the result of the recruitment test for 116 staff nurse in the institution. In a press statement signed by Malmnganba Meitei, Publicity Secretary, the outfit said that the allegation about leakage of question paper has been investigated by a special team of Operation Mangal of the outfit and found out that RIMS authority has nothing to do

with the leakage of question paper. The statement said that the box containing question papers was open in the presence of media persons and there was no complaint of leakage of question papers before the examination was held but the complaint about leakage of the question paper came only after 3 days. The outfit also questioned the reason on why all the candidates were not passed if the question papers were leaked. The KCP Piorei Meitei Lup also expressed its gratitude

to the director of RIMS over its transparency to the conduct of the enquiry committee for the alleged question leaked issue through state media. It appealed all rebel group of the state to once more examine the genuine claimed by the RIMS authority and to stay away and leave the matter with the RIMS authority. Malmnganba, the publicity Secretary of the outfit appealed to declare the result of the vivo voce test so that the qualified nurses can start serving the people.

## Three missing in Myanmar jade mine landslide: Officials

AFP

**Yangon, Dec 27:** Rescuers in northern Myanmar today said they were confident only a handful of people are missing in a jade mine landslide, refuting local reports that as many as 50 might have been buried. A wall of rocks, mud and debris careered down a hillside on Friday afternoon in Hpakan, Kachin State, the war-torn area that is the epicentre of Myanmar's secretive billion dollar jade industry. More than 100 people were killed in the same area in a landslide last month and locals feared dozens of workers might be buried in the latest accident. But officials involved in the rescue said they had only been notified of a handful of missing people and have yet to recover any bodies. "Three men have been reported to us as missing," a duty police officer in Hpakan

told AFP, asking not to be named. "We are not sure whether they were buried in the dump because we haven't found any dead bodies yet." The state run Global New Light of Myanmar today reported the same figures. "Relatives of the three people informed us that three people have not yet returned home since the accident happened," the paper quoted Tin Swe Myint, head of the Hpakan Township Administration Office, as saying. He added that the landslide took place after most workers had finished work and unlike last month's tragedy had not engulfed a row of shanty houses. However a second police officer warned it was still too early to say how many have been caught up in the landslide. "We have no idea how many might be buried there," local

officer Thet Zaw Oo told AFP by phone. Myanmar's shadowy and poorly regulated jade trade is enormously dangerous with landlides a frighteningly common hazard. Those killed are mainly itinerant workers who scratch a living picking through the piles of waste left by large-scale industrial mining firms in the hope of stumbling across an overlooked hunk of jade that will deliver them from poverty. Myanmar is the source of virtually all of the world's finest jadeite, a near-translucent green stone that is enormously prized in neighbouring China, where it is known as the "stone of heaven". The Hpakan landscape has been turned into a moonscape of environmental destruction as firms use ever-larger diggers to claw the precious stone from the ground.

## Problem of 1949 Annexation of Manipur

In these recent few years, the intelligentsias have started giving their attention, and discussing on the issue that Manipur had forcibly been merged in the year 1949. In addition to it, there has been uninterrupted public curfew on 15 October every year since 1991. According to the official press release issued by the state, Manipur had been merged to India with the willingness of the masses. However, according to the newspapers which reflect the voice of the people, bandh had been organized with the overwhelming participation of the masses. Hindustan Times, a leading national English newspaper, dated 19 April 1993 had on its featured news item titled, "Tact needed to assuage anger in Manipur" stated - "And according to report, it (bandh) was such a success that not a single soul stirred out of the houses." It further added, "The immediate Post-Independence euphoria soon gave way to widespread resentment over the Merger issue." Because of all these reasons, the question

surrounding the merger of Manipur remains an inevitable and crucial issue of the land. On this very issue, three very important and significant questions emerge very clearly. They are: First Question: What is the political status before Manipur became an integral part of India on 15 October 1949? Second Question: Whether the integration or merger of Manipur to India is right or wrong as per the existing norms and standards of International Law? Third Question: After the merger of Manipur to India, whether there doesn't have any scope for Manipur of regaining its pre-merger political status? Keeping these three questions in imperative and prime consideration, other corresponding and collaborative issue also emerges. To cite an example-How far, the stand taken by the Government of India that, the issue of Manipur falls within the sovereignty of India, any individuals or country have no right to interfere in the internal affairs of the country, is true?

Let me give my understanding in brief on this very big historical and people's question from the perspective of Manipur nation. Parameters used in this discussion are briefly mentioned because solution, responses, and stances are taken depending on the appropriateness, and rightness and wrongness of the parameter. Let the first pick be from the wrong stance. It is not possible to unearth the truth if the history of Manipur is perceived from the viewpoint/perspective of British imperialism and inter alia legacy. Why? Because, if the parameter and yardstick set by imperialism are used, possibility of having a perspective that transcends beyond imperialism is very remote and almost ruled out. The case of merger of Manipur should be viewed and perceived from the base that the state of Manipur has historically evolved (continuity of state). Since 1,100 AD (Sic. 429 AD, Bogeshwar), both the residents of hills and plains has been cohesively

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under the political constitution in early in early state (Manipur) except for some brief spell of trying and testing difficult times. Writings of L. Oppenheim, Max Sorensen, J.G. Starke, James Crawford, Lauterpacht, G.I. Tunkin and other UN documents, *Transfer of Power Vol. I-XII* edited by Nicholas Mansergh, E. W. R. Lumby, *Accession of States* by V.P. Menon, *The Great Divide: Britain, India, Pakistan* by H.V. Hodson, Philips and Doreen (ed)'s *The Partition of India*, Nehru's *Discovery of India*, Lapierre's *Freedom at Midnight*, Durga Das' *From Curzon to Nehru*, Philip Ziegler's *Mountbatten* are referred and taken into account of such authoritative and well known sources while discussing the issues of Manipur in the light of ending international law and paramountcy.

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