



Peaceful co-existence meet in Konthoujam

Scrapping Special category status – A blow to Manipur State govt. failures to provide share likely to delink important Central Scheme

IT News
Imphal, Nov. 7: Scrapping of the Special Category Status and modification in centre-state funding pattern for schemes by the Union government of India has given a big blow to the region particularly Manipur which lacks development and have been suffering from backwardness and insurgency. With the state government failing to contribute its share based on the plan outlay of 2015-16, many Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) meant for the State are likely to be delinked from centre's support thereby leaving the state administration in a critical situation. Sources from State Planning and Finance Department revealed that the economy of the state is at its worst today and there is all likelihood of a severe financial disaster by the end of this year. The State Government has

already received the Central Government's fund share for the CSCs for the first 6 months of the current fiscal. The amount sanctioned has already been allocated to the respective departments according to the given guidelines. However, the State Government is yet to contribute its share based on the plan outlay of 2015-16. Execution of many important central sponsored schemes in the state was severely affected by the Centre's decision not to sponsor them further. Till the last financial year, the Centre used to give 90 per cent funding for CSS schemes. Now the reverse has happened putting the state government in a quandary on how to continue such important schemes. Now the state government has to take the entire burden of expenditures to continue implementation of schemes. With the State Government failing to provide

its share and submit utilization certificates for the funds of the first phase installment even when it was already time for receiving the second phase installment, it is speculated that the centre is not likely to hold back further fund for the CSS scheme, source said. The sources further revealed that since the Manipur Government has not been able to provide its share, some CSCs are already on the verge of collapse. If the state government fails to contribute its backlog share, many CSS schemes are likely to be delinked from the state. As many as 12 schemes, which received budgetary support from the Centre till 2014-15, have been now completely delinked from central support. The schemes which had been delinked from Centre's support are National e-Governance Plan; Backward Regions Grant Funds; Modernization of

Police Forces; Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyaan (RGPSA); Scheme for Central Assistance to the States for developing export infrastructure; Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools; National Mission on Food processing and Tourist Infrastructure As per the Budget 2015-16, Centre/State funding pattern for some CSCs had undergone a change with the State supposed to contribute higher share. Now there are 31 Schemes to be fully sponsored by the Union Government. Eight schemes have been delinked from support of the Centre and 24 Schemes are now supposed to run with the changed sharing pattern. Some of the schemes to be run with the changed sharing pattern are Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture; Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; National Livestock Mission; National Mission

on Sustainable Agriculture; Veterinary Services and Animal Health; National Rural Drinking Water Programme; National AIDS and STD Control programme; National Health Mission; Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan (RMSA); National Land Records Modernisation Programme; National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM); Rural Housing-Housing for All; PMKSY (including Watershed programme and micro irrigation) etc. Considering the current financial situation in which the state is in; the Finance Department has taken up all possible means to save the economy of the state from any possible disaster. Earlier, North east chief Ministers including of Manipur Assam urged the centre to restore the special category status for the troubled top states which are economically backward.

BSNL employees said GM J. Lunkim as inefficient head

IT News
Imphal, Nov 7: Pen down strike by employees of BSNL Maipur enters third day today, freezing all official works relating to telecommunication service in the state. The strike which was called by the employees's body of BSNL in protest against the high handedness of General Manager J. Lunkim, who had allegedly assaulted a sincere employee in his office room, now said that GM J. Lunkim is an inefficient leader with no marks of any achievement in the functioning of the BSNL. The employees said that unless Lunkim is transferred from his present post they will continue the strike. They further added that the matter has been forwarded to the national level body of BSNL. With the strike being underway, all revenue collection works of the BSNL has been put to complete halt. Complaint about internet line defect or land line connection has not been accepted creating lot of inconveniences to the

consumers. An employee in the state of anonymity stated that J. Lunkim is a flop employee to lead the BSNL Business Service in the state. Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh is under the Secondary Switching Area (SSA) of North East Circle one. Other service provider like the Vodafone, Aircel, Reliance, Airtel, Idea etc. can promote business service of the BSNL but as Mr. Lunkim is showing no interest in this sector the Manipur BSNL is becoming a complete flop. An employee said that Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh is doing much better comparing to Manipur even though Manipur is blessed with more numbers of consumers. The employees further added that most of the time the BSNL Manipur is receiving frequent complaints from nationalized bank as there banking activities are completely depended on internet service. Frequent break down in the internet service is the main reason for the complaints from the banks.

KYKL cadre held

IT News
Imphal, Nov. 7: Troops of Red Shield Division apprehended one KYKL cadre from Kangwai M a n a n g L e i k a i, Churachandpur. Based on a specific input regarding the presence of a KYKL cadre, the troops of the Division launched an operation on 05 Nov 2015 at around 0200Hr. The party reached the location & apprehended the cadre identified as Oimam Ibungo Meitei @ Ibmocha, aged 34 yrs, S/o Late O Dhiren Meitei, R/O Village Kangwai Mamang Leikai, PO/PS Moirang, District Bishenpur (Manipur) at 0250Hr on 05 Nov 2015. The apprehendee was handed over to Police Station Moirang.

AMESTA condemn killing of School teacher; protest staged, threatens intense agitation if fail to punish culprits

IT News
Imphal, Nov 7: A sit-in protest against the brutal killing of Md Hasmat Ali @ Oja Babu of Keirao Makting Awang Leikai, headmaster of Keirao Primary Madrasa School was held at Keirao-Urup Thongkhong bazar of Keirao Litan Makhong today organized by AMESTA, Keirao A/C. Speaking on the occasion, Ch Santakumar Singh, Secretary General, AMESTA said that the brutal murder of Md Hasmat Ali @ Oja Babu is not an insult to the Keirao constituency alone but it is an attack to all the teachers of the state. The unwarranted allegation

levelled against Md Hasmat Ali @ Oja Babu as a cow theft has brought bad name to all the teachers in the society which is unacceptable. Government must bring out the fact and the truth over the killing of the school teacher, AMESTA urged. "Those involved culprits must be brought in front of the public as soon as possible and the truth why Md Hasmat Ali @ Oja Babu was murdered", Shantakumar added. Ch Santakumar Singh further said that the reason for organizing the sit-in-protest is against the charging of a school teacher as theft which

in reality is an insult to all the teachers community of the state. AMESTA Head Office, All Manipur Teachers Association, Clubs Organization and the whole society of Manipur demanded the Government to look into this matter seriously and demanded

immediate arrest all those involved in the of the school teacher. AMESTA also urged the public not to politicise or communalise the issue. The teachers' body also threaten intense form of agitation if the government fails to arrest and punish all those involved in the killing of the school teacher.

Killer suspects arrested

IT News
Imphal, Nov.7: Waikhong Police had arrested the husband of the deceased lady who was found murdered- with both hands and legs tied from Wangoo Nongvai Khong Maril (river) yesterday. The accused husband is identified as Y. Sanjog Singh of Topka Ching near Kachching Khunou under Waikhong Police station. Police source said that the husband was arrested after getting some evidences of his involvement to the killing of the lady identified as Yumlembam Ongbi

Sorodhoni Devi. The investigation was carried on under the supervision of SDPO Sugunu N. Mangi. He was assisted by OC Waikhong M Binodkumar and OC Sugunu N Rajen. She was reported missing since the last three days before the dead body was found. She was reported to be six month pregnant. Doctors and JNIMS had conducted post mortem of the deceased lady. As the case is related with crime against women the matter has been handed over to Women Police station Thoubal for further investigation.

IIT-Guwahati Selected for Google Computer Programme

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Guwahati, Nov 7: IIT-Guwahati has been selected by Google for its 'Computer Science for High School' (CS4HS) award programme for the year 2015. The programme will be coordinated by Professor J K Deka of Computer Science and Engineering Department of the Institute, a statement said on Thursday. "Under this award programme, plans are on to organise several workshops in different places of North East Region of India. Expenditure for the workshop will be borne from the award. Colleges/universities of the region interested in hosting this workshop for the concerned teachers may contact us for further details. The first of these workshops would be held in Boko" said Prof Deka. To cater to the need for instructors to train the

young minds in their early stages, Google started the programme 'Computer Science for High School (CS4HS)' in 2009 and the programme has sustained

CS teacher professional development and provided earlier access to computer science education to hundreds of learning communities worldwide.

Online newspapers to take over?

By Iboiyama Laithangbam
Playboy, a sexy magazine with lots of nude women's photographs had a print order of more than 6.67 million copies per issue. However in the recent past it was slashed to mere 60,000. The publisher feels that this may have something to do with the nude photographs since parents would not like their children and other family members see them. They are planning to decrease the number of photographs. It will be a suicidal move. Because this is not the root cause. Online editions are the "in" thing in today's highly

computerised world. More and more people are depending on online editions. They have no time to wait for the paper boys or take around the copies while going to work places. Besides it is rather late for the subscribers in the remote areas. The national and regional newspapers reach Imphal only in the afternoon. People in small townships like Moreh, Senapati or Ukhrul get their copies much later. The Nagaland newspapers are made available rather early in some parts of the state. In this information age

people cannot wait that long. Besides there is heavy air surcharge which means that a subscriber has to pay higher amounts. When there are general strikes and other disturbances or some traders want to transport betel leaves and other perishable goods the newspaper packets have to be off loaded either at Guwahati, Silchar or not booked at all in Kolkata. This explains why the number of online publications is increasing in this region and almost all of them are doing exceedingly well in all respects. Many regional newspapers

published in Guwahati cannot be despatched to Imphal daily and other NE capitals for obvious reasons whereas people anywhere in these landlocked states can and do read the online newspapers and magazines any time. The number of persons owning laptops and high tech mobile handsets is increasing everyday. It souked the death knell of several newspapers. Long sighted publishers had already started their online editions which are commanding good readership. Manipur cannot be lagging far behind.

Meet on Peaceful Co-existence held

IT News
Imphal, Nov.7: With the concept to rebuild the almost shattered relationships among different communities and ethnic groups inhabited in Manipur, NIPCO (National Identity Protection Committee) in association with EECHAL (Ereipak Enaat Chanura Loinsinlon), Konthoujam Maning Tribal and Konthoujam Mamang Lagairong today organized a one day discussion program at "Peaceful Co-Existence". Karam Sunil, Vice President, UCM, Th Manihar, Advisor, MAPI Council, Kh Ratan, Convenor-in-charge, JCILPS took part in the discussion program as resource persons held at Konthoujam Maning Tribal Community Hall, Konthoujam, Imphal East. "The raising intensity of ethnic identity among different ethnic groups intensified concept of the self centric concept is sowing hatred among us, Kabuei, Tangkhul, Maring, Meetei", said Th Manihar while tracing out the bondage existed among the communities in Manipur. He blamed the divide and rule policy of British and India Government as "Divide and Destroy" policy. He called to identify our self as one instead of Kukis or Nagas or Meetei.

Hand grenade found
IT News
Imphal, Nov.7: Achinese made hand grenade was found yesterday evening at Lajing Ningthou ground in Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency. The grenade was placed by unknown miscreants when a concert was going on. Police team who rush the spot retrieved the hand grenade at around 10.30pm.

PRESS CLARIFICATION

Apropos to the News item appeared at Imphal Times on its October, 29, 2015 issue under the Heading "24 years old girl abandon after completing formalities for Marriage", we, the parents of the girl mentioned in the news report clarify that the matter was settled between the boy's family and us(Parents). We, the parents of the girl apology the public for what had appeared in the new report.

Sd/-
L. Shyam Singh (Father)
L. Nongthangleima (Mother)