

Women of Wangoi staging sit-in protest at Wangoi Keithel against the transfer of CHC Wangoi MO in-charge N Sushila



10 injured in scuffle at Chandel

IT News
Imphal, April 1: At least 10 persons including 4 women were seriously injured in a scuffle between groups of two villages identified as Lambung Village and Mantri Pantha Village today morning. According to report reaching here said that tension runs high since the last couple of years over encroachment of land by one of the village. The injured villagers were from Mantri Pantha Village. According to report reaching here, around 150 villagers of Lambung Pantha Village came with arms and ammunition at around 8.30 am and started attacking the villagers of Mantri Pantha Village. At least 10 persons including 4 women were reported seriously injured in the attack. All the injured were admitted at Shija Hospital and Research center. Police team had rushed at the site following the incident.

Girl allegedly abducted

IT News
Imphal, April 1: Local Meira Paibi and Club members of Kha Jiri and Kamong area warns serious form of agitation against the abduction of a 18 years old teenage girl by a person identified as Khwairakpam Meheswar, son of K Manihar of Kha Jiri Maning Leikai. The teenage girl was allegedly abducted five days ago. The Meira Paibi and club members said if the person fails to hand over the girl to her family safe and sound on or before 1 pm of April 1 (today), the club members and the Meira Paibi will launch serious form of agitation.

NYK volunteers

IT News
Imphal, April 1: Nehru Yuv Kendra Kangpokpi and Senapati, Manipur has invited applications from youths for National Youth Corps Volunteers (NYC) for the year 2016-2017. According to a press statement issued by Salam Gourakishwor Singh, District Youth Co-ordinator, NYK, Kangpokpi & Senapati, Manipur, minimum qualification for the applicants should be class X passed and should be between the ages of 18 to 25 years as on April 1, 2016. It said two youths per block for NYK Kangpokpi and NYK Senapati will be deployed as NYK volunteers for one year. The NYK encourage ST / SC women candidates for the volunteer which will enjoy an honorarium of Rs. 2,500/- per month. Applicants should be from the respective blocks. For details log on to www.nyks.org or www.yas.nic.in.

Bandh called by police constables fails to give impact

IT News
Imphal, April 1: The 24-hour state wide bandh called by All Manipur Police Constable Male (AMPCM)- 2013 Batch has partly affected the normalcy in the state on Friday. AMPCM has imposed the bandh with effect from 31 March midnight to midnight of 1 April demanding to conduct viva-voce of the selected candidates of the 2013 batch of Manipur Police constables. During the bandh, all the interstate and district transport services remain off the road while some auto



rickshaws were seen plying around the city. Most of the educational institutions, government offices and banking establishments remain open. The Khwairamban Keithels and business establishments in the capital city were partly

affected due to the bandh. Some of people from other districts of the state, who have reached the city from Dimapur and Guwahati today morning, were reportedly stranded at North AOC due to unavailability of transport facility.

Wangoi women's groups demand revoking of transfer order, to lock down OPD

IT News
Imphal, April 1: While demanding to revoke transfer order of CHC Wangoi Medical Officer In-charge, Dr N Sushila, various women's groups of Wangoi area have threatened to lock down the OPD of the Community Health Center (CHC) with effect from April 3. The MO in-charge had been transferred as Senior MO at CMO Pool, Imphal West, according to an order by Under Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), Regina Hongray. The women's groups contended that Dr N Sushila had been transferred at the CHC as per the wishes of the

people of Wangoi assembly constituency on 25 July 2015. While she was assuming the charge of MO of Wangoi CHC, Dr Sushila had done various developmental works and took up various measures to help patients at the health center.

In this connection, representatives of Women's Social Reformation Center, Wangoi Wahengbam Leikai; The Women's Improvement Organisation, Wangoi Thoudam Leikai; Wangoi Makha Leikai Meira Paibi Lup; Kaidem Leikai Meira Paibi Lup; Thiyam Leikai Meira Paibi Lup; YDUC, Wangoi; Yumnam Huidrom Thiyam Leisangkhang Chaokhat Thourang Nupi Lup;

Women Welfare Association, Wangoi Thounaojam Leikai; KLYDC, Kaidem Leikai Wangoi and Yumnam Huidrom Awang Leikai Chaokhat Thourang Nupi Lup convened a public meeting at Wangoi on Thursday.

During the meeting the women's groups of the area unanimously decided on three points including to condemn the transfer order of the MO In-charge; press the concern government department to cancel the transfer order of Dr N Sushila within April 2 and lock down the OPD counter of the CHC with effect from April 3 if the government failed to cancel the order within the stipulated period.

Awareness prog. to protect paddy field begins

IT News
Imphal, April 1: 4 days Residential Camp cum Awareness Programme of Indigenous People's Association of Kangleipak (IPAK) begins today at Kwakeithel Mission Compound, Nongshaba (BTI) under the theme of "Save Paddy Land" "Save Indigenous people".

The Residential Camp cum Awareness Programme will cover Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishunpur and Thoubal. Noted social activist Yumnamcha Dilip who also attended the inaugural function as dignitary on the dais while speaking on the occasion calls the people to jointly fight against illegal

land form converting it into school, college, and brick field factory. He further added that state government has failed to preserve or protect paddy field under Manipur Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2014 which was implemented by the state government.

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occupation of cultivable land in the name of development by either government or private party.

Maoist warns to shut down Shishu Nishtha Niketan, will safeguard for private school teachers

IT News
Imphal, April 1: Proscribe armed group Maoist has warned to shut down Shishu Nishtha Niketan for oppressing its teachers in order to make monetary benefit out of their hard labour. In a press statement, Nonglen Meitei, Secretary Publicity and Propaganda of the armed group said that teachers who are working in private schools are

workers and they are the oppressed section of the society; Maoist as a vanguard of the working class will not tolerate with educational institutes that poses threat to the teachers' community. After the outfit resolved to safeguard the working community in the year 2015, the school authority had rusticated the Principal of Shishu Nishtha Niketan of

Kwakeithel Mayai Koibi. After students of the institute consistently reported about incident, Maoist had investigated into the matter and the reason for the termination of Principal was regarding the exemption of school tuition fees for some months that have been affected due to mass movement for implementation of Inner Line Permit System. It also said that since the outfit

is stand for the safeguard of the working and proletariat classes, it also remain a vanguard of employees who are working in private educational institutes. In any ground the outfit will not tolerate discrimination and oppression of proletariats private school employees, who are drawing trifling amount of salary as remuneration towards their hard work and dedication.

Irom Sharmila acquitted of 'suicide' charges in Delhi, Manipur should follow - ICIJ

IT News
Imphal, April 1: Following the order of a Delhi Court acquitting human rights defender Irom Sharmila of an "attempt to commit suicide" charge under section 309 the Indian Penal Code, the government of Manipur must immediately drop all charges under section 309 against her, said the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) today. Irom Sharmila has been on a hunger strike for over 15 years, demanding repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). "This order is a welcome recognition that Irom Sharmila's hunger strike is a form of peaceful dissent and protest protected by the right to freedom of expression," Sam Zarifi, ICJ's Asia director said. "The government of Manipur should drop the other charges under section 309 against her, and release her immediately and unconditionally." Irom Sharmila began a hunger strike in November 2000, calling for the repeal of the AFSPA, following the unlawful killing of 10 civilians by security forces purportedly acting under it in Malom. She was arrested by the Manipur government in 2000 under section 309 of the Indian Penal Code, which prohibits an "attempt to commit suicide". Irom Sharmila has been in custody almost continuously since

her initial arrest, and has continued her hunger strike. She is fed through a nasal tube at the Jawaharlal Nehru hospital in Imphal where she is usually held. The Delhi government also charged her on similar grounds with respect to an incident from 2006, when she held a protest in their jurisdiction. This week, a court in Delhi acquitted her of the charges against her in Delhi. The case against her in Manipur is, however, still on-going. The decision of the Delhi court is not binding on the courts in Manipur, but the charges are analogous, and similar reasoning should prevail. On at least two occasions previously, courts in Manipur have directed that Irom Sharmila be released, saying that charges under section 309 were not applicable. In 2014, for example, a Manipur court quashed charges under section 309 against her, saying "The agitation of Irom Chanu Sharmila is a political demand through lawful means of repealing a valid statute. ... she may continue with the fast till her demand is met politically by the Government". However, since she continued her hunger strike, she was immediately re-arrested on the same grounds. In its 210th report, the Indian Law Commission has recommended that section 309 be repealed. In 2011, the Supreme Court said: "the time has come when [section 309] should be deleted by Parliament as it has become anachronistic." In 2014, the government announced that it

was in the process of repealing 309. "The use of section 309 against Sharmila highlights the outdated and absurd nature of this law," Zarifi said. "The government should expedite the repeal of 309 and, instead of criminalizing Irom Sharmila's protest, focus on the reason behind it and repeal the AFSPA". The AFSPA applies to areas considered "disturbed" in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. An almost identical law is also applicable in Jammu and Kashmir. The AFSPA gives armed forces a range of "special powers" in "disturbed areas", which include the power to arrest without warrant, to enter and search any premises, and in certain circumstances, "fire upon or otherwise use force, even to the causing of death". Furthermore, under the AFSPA, governmental permission, or sanction, is required before any member of the armed forces can be prosecuted for crimes in a civilian court. These provisions are inconsistent with a range of human rights, including the right to life and right to remedy. They have also facilitated torture, rape and enforced disappearances in areas where operational. "This law is inconsistent with India's human rights obligations, and has led to human rights violations, wide-spread impunity, and immense grief and suffering in the areas where it operates", Zarifi said. "It is high time that it was taken off the books".

Meitei Pangal body warns agitation demanding action against police personnel

IT News
Imphal, April 1: Popular Front of India, Manipur State warns serious form of agitation against the government failure to award befitting punishment to the four police personnel who had allegedly assaulted and looted a Meitei Pangal trader on October 21 last year. In a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club today

afternoon, Media-in-charge of the Front, Benjamin M Sahah said that the front had submitted memorandums time and again to the concern government authority pleading appropriate action against the police personnel involved to the assault and looting of local trader Md. Atwar Rahman. The four police personnel allegedly looted a sum of Rs

6 lakhs after assaulting him to near dead. Atwar miraculously survive the deadly assault. "It is six months now and the concern authority has not taken up any appropriate action against the 4 police personnel", said Benjamin M Sahah. He further added that the attitude of the government is discriminatory towards minority Meitei pangal group.

Assam Polls: LDP chief opts 'Kejriwal style' for election campaign

ANI
Jorhat (Assam), April 1: Nearing the date of assembly election in Assam, different political parties have launched aggressive campaigns to reach out to maximum voters. Newspaper, TV, Radio and poster banners are flooded with campaign advertisements as they are conventional method of election campaign. However, a unique idea of campaign has been opted by former BJP national executive member Pradyut Bora who has now formed his own party in Assam namely Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Inspired by the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party unique campaign during the Assembly election in 2015, Pradyut Bora has formed a dance troop doing flash dance on streets of Jorhat.

The LDP chief said, "I was very surprised when I saw Kejriwal's AAM Aadmi party workers branded a dance troop called 'dance for democracy' during the Delhi Democracy Elections last year. I liked it and hence in this election we are also using the same." When asked as to what had forced him to opt this idea, Bora said that his party is a new party and can't afford the conventional method of campaign and hence he wants to use the guerrilla tactics. "We are a new party. We don't have money like the Congress and the BJP. So this is guerrilla warfare. What BJP, Congress is doing is conventional warfare. They are bombarding everywhere with advertisement. We are ambushing their bombing by the Guerilla warfare," he added.

Manipur's BJP MLA campaign at Cachar

IT News
Imphal, April 1: Manipur's BJP MLA Thongam Bishwajit along with other office bearers of the BJP Manipur Pradesh is presently ensuing serious poll campaign at Lakshipur Assembly Constituency in Cachar District of Assam for BJP Candidate L. Thoiba Singh. Spokesperson of the BJP Manipur Pradesh RK Siva chandra, Organisation Secretary Blackei and other leaders are accompanying the MLA in the poll campaign.