

The three MLAs who administered oath as cabinet Ministers at Raj Bhavan today



AMSU shut down MOBC office

IT News
Imphal, April 12: All Manipur Student Union (AMSU) today locked the office of Minorities and Other Backward Classes, Manipur for failing to disburse pre-matric and post-matric scholarships of the Minority and Other Backward Classes (MOBC).
 Speaking to media persons, AMSU secretary general Manjit Sarangthem declared that MOBC department has failed to distribute pre-matric and post-matric scholarship stipends for 2013-14 and 2014-15 entitled to OBC, SC and Minority students without giving any proper reasons despite their warning made a week ago. Manjit said that many students have submitted the scholarship form through online after paying a sum of Rs 500 to Rs 600. Submission by the department after a through scrutiny has also not been made so far. Around 15557 for Pre Matric and 20000 for Post Matric students have applied where MOBC has been misappropriating several crore of rupees for scholarship and fraudulent conduct in the department has been victimising a large number of students. Charging that MOBC has failed to fulfilled their demands and appeals the concern authority to take action against MOBC Director Kh Dineshandra, Nodal Officer and Minority Scholarship Officer.

Finally Ibobi is left with no choice to the pressure of dissident MLAs; 3 Ministers replaced

IT News
Imphal April 12: Finally Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh seems to have left with no other choice to calm the anger of the dissident MLAs as he was compelled to replace three of his minister with three new faces. But it is still a long way to give comment on whether the crisis inside the Congress party is settled or not. Amidst threats from the Ministers as well as the dissident MLAs, three MLAs took oath as cabinet Ministers today at Raj Bhavan. Three cabinet ministers including two senior most Congress legislators Th Devendro and Phungzathang Tensing have been scrapped from the ministry. The other Minister who was replaced is Fancis Ngazokpa.



administered oath as cabinet Ministers are Ksh. Biren of Lamlai Assembly constituency, P Manga Vaiphei of Henglep Assembly

constituency and D Karunghang of Tengnoupam Assembly constituency. Governor of Manipur V. Shanmuganathan

administered oath to the three newly inducted cabinet Ministers at Raj Bhavan at around 2 pm today. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, Dy. Chief Minister Gaikhangam, Deputy Speaker Preshaw

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Religion	Education	Profession
1	Th. Devendro	58	Christian	B.A., B.L., LL.M.	Member of the Legislative Assembly
2	Phungzathang Tensing	55	Christian	B.A., B.L., LL.M.	Member of the Legislative Assembly
3	Fancis Ngazokpa	45	Christian	B.A., B.L., LL.M.	Member of the Legislative Assembly

Shimray, Commerce and Industries Minister Govindas Konthoujam, Agriculture Minister Md. Nashir, IFCD Minister Ngamthang Haokip, PHED Minister Hemochandra, Education Minister Okendra, Works Minister Kh. Ratan and other MLAs including TN Haokip who is also the president of

MPCC, K Ranjit, N Biren, RK Imo and others attended the oath taking ceremony. Interestingly the three cabinet Ministers who were replaced today did not turn up. Besides, Social Welfare Minister AK Mirabai and Speaker Th Lokeshwar were not seen during the oath taking ceremony.

Dead body recovered from Irl River

IT News
Imphal, April 12: Dead body of youth was found today morning around at 11:30am near Irl River Bridge under Irl River Police Station, Imphal East District. The dead body has been identified as one Thokchom Naoba Singh (28) s/o Thokchom Chaoba Singh of

Kalika Makha Leikai. According to the deceased family, Naoba left home along with his friends on the night of April 10 to watch a musical night at a ground of Bamon Kampu. Since the musical night, Naoba went missing and was not found until today. Locals of Irl River Bridge

found the dead body of Naoba today floating along the Irl River around 11:30 am. Police personals of Irl River Police Station has deposited the dead body of Thokchom Naoba at JNIMS morgue for post-mortem to find out the reason of the death after the body was examined by forensic department team.

Manipur girl missing at Indian Capital City

IT News
Imphal, April 12: Minor girl from Manipur which is believed to be brainwashed by her Facebook friend (male) went missing on April 11. According to a reliable source from IGP Robin Hibu, Nodal Officer for North East

Region, Delhi, the missing girl has been identified as Deepa aged 14 of Lairouching. Deepa was a student studying in class 12th and she went missing since April 11. She was brainwashed by her facebook boyfriend identified

as one Sharma. Deepa had just appeared her 12th examination on 7th of April 2016. Her worried relatives have requested help from the civil society and student bodies of the North East to locate her, said IGP Robin Hibu.

9th Nupee Khunai Meira Paibee Martyrs Memorial Day

IT News
Imphal, April 12: Observation committee of Nupee Khunai Meira Paibee Martyrs Memorial Day observed 9th Nupee Khunai Meira Paibee Martyrs Memorial Day today at YMDA Ground, Liwa road, Maibam Leikai Bokul Makhong in Imphal West. Chief Guest of the function Longjam Memchoubi, President of Poirai Leimarol Meira Paibi Aunba Manipur while speaking on the occasion

said that after merger of the erstwhile kingdom Manipur to India union, Manipur has been living a hell like situation where armed security forces tortured, harassed, Killed and Maim in the name of controlling insurgency by imposing Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) 1958. She further added that Meira Paibi is working tirelessly as human right defender since the time when innocent people of the state has been made

involuntarily disappeared after they were picked up by the army. President of Nupee Khunai Meira Paibee of Liwa Bokul Makhong Wairokpam Mangol, President of Irabot Foundation Manipur Thounaojam Iboyaime, Professor Ksh Binola of Manipur University and president of AMAWOVA Yumkhaibam Kunjarani were graced the function as president and guest of honor respectively.

NEFIS strongly condemns the Mayang Imphal incident

IT News
Imphal, April 12: North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) strongly condemns the Mayang Imphal incident which occurred yesterday in Imphal West, Manipur. NEFIS strongly believes that certain nefarious forces are building communal pressure in the region, who want to destroy the social fabric of Manipur

Society. NEFIS calls for forming Peace Committees in the state, to collectively fight against these nefarious forces. These are difficult times and the communalizing of Manipur Society should be condemned by all the political parties as well as progressive members of Civil Society. The students of different universities in Delhi organized a Protest gathering at

JantarMantar today, to condemn this communal incident. NEFIS convener, Chinglen Khumukcham called for forming Peace Committees to ensure confidence building measures, so that incidents such as this are not repeated. NEFIS condemns this communal incident and stands for unity among different communities of Manipur and North-East.

KCP Poirai Lup calls on revolutionary group of WESEA to jointly fight against India

IT News
Imphal, April 12: Armed rebel group Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) Poirai Meitei Lup today paid revolutionary salute to martyrs who had planted the revolutionary movement in the region as well as those who had sacrificed their lives following their path. In a press statement the outfit said that the Central committee of the outfit paid tribute to all the revolutionary leaders on occasion of the 36th Foundation day of the outfit. It said the organization will struggle and wage war until the lost freedom is restored.
 "On the coming of the 36th Foundation day, the KCP Poirai Lup also pays respect to all those revolutionary fighters who have been lost their lives, spending hardship live either in the prison of enemy or in the forest for restoration of the lost freedom", said the outfit statement. With the coming of the foundation day the outfit calls on all the revolutionary groups of WESEA and also the civil society organizations, media persons and those fighting for the rights of the farmers CPI ML groups as well as to Irom Chanu Sharmila to struggle till the goal is reached and paid revolutionary tribute to them.
 The outfit said that they will never trap to government Suspension of Operation or peace talk of the India government. The peace talk or the suspension of operation is nothing but to suppress the freedom struggle as it carries poison in the motives. The oppressive policy of the Indian government need to be understood by the people of Kangleicha. The colonial ruler is playing the peoples' movement at their will and if the people wanted to end such an oppressive policy Kangleicha need to cut off all relations with India. For this the people of the region need to jointly work and struggle. People of the region need to understand the motives of the Indian government. The Indian government is considering the movement (freedom

struggle) of the people as an internal matter and is trying to portray as an internal matter to the world. That is why the government is playing the SoO and Surrendry policy to finished up the peoples genuine movement to free themselves from the colonial clutch of the Indian regime.
 The KCP Poirai Lup once more reaffirmed that they will not ensue any peace talk with the government of India. The outfit said that even though they know the government is playing all kind of play to suppress the movement, the rebel group will not fight in hasty manner but will joined hand with the movement of the world community. The Chaos in the region and enmity among the various community of the state is masterminded by the Indian government but said that such an attempt will not be successful.
 The outfit also caution the people about the intrusion of the capitalists in the region as the people of the region are now being attack by drug war besides shattering the economy freedom. For this the outfit said they have been seriously screening the education system of the state at both hills and valley region.
 "Education is the only policy to free from the hands of the capitalists", the KCP Poirai said.
 The outfit also said that people of the region need to protect and preserved its cultural identity.
 "KCP Poirai has been taking every possible measure to preserved and protect the cultural identity of the region in order to enhance the economic viability of the people", the informant said.
 The outfit also cautions the policy of the Indian regime in its mission to spoil the morals of the youths by intoxicating them with drugs and other substances. The outfit said they believed in the unity of the people while fighting for restoration of the lost freedom of the erstwhile kingdom.

Letter to the Editor

Statement on Communal flare up in Manipur

Some parts of Manipur is engulfed by frenzied communal tension ignited by two mob attacks on Pangal boys by some Meetei miscreants and lack of timely intervention by the Government (and police) to handle the situation. The violent aberration at Mayang Imphal area on 11th April 2016 have injured many, destroyed about six houses, thereby, affecting those belonging to both Meetei and Pangal. The Government of Manipur have broken silence, imposed curfews in the tense areas, passed an order to deposit license and license guns to police station and gave assurance to the JAC to take up some concrete steps by 14th April. However, the irreparable losses caused by killing, injury and destruction of properties have cast the mound of communal distrust and hatred. Facebook and other social networks sites notice lots of communal brooding amongst internet users. The pain and humiliation is likely to persist for longer time, particularly among the victim families and immediate circles.
 The curfew can control violent confrontation to some extent. It can't be either an alibi or substitute to justice demanded by the victims from the two incidents and the clash on 11th

April. The plight of the victims must be addressed immediately and the culprits of 25th March and 7th April be punished according to law at the earliest. Tensions must be deescalated through social initiatives. To achieve it, there is need of collective approach to address the immediate issues of the conflict. The demand for justice, rights and peace must come from all sides and wed into a collective struggle. It cannot be a one way approach from a particular organisation and community based platform. Progressive individuals and organisations must sit across tables and resolve to overcome the obstacles to peaceful social existence. The society needs to root out communal mistrust and social insecurity perceived by the vulnerable sections. Deliberate misinformation and campaigns to incite communal tension must be checked and controlled. The protagonists and agencies of 'mob justice' need to be wiped out to prevent from the blunders of committing unjust targets on the vulnerable sections. Kingpins of communal chauvinists that incite communalism and mob to target 'others' need to be singled out and phase out to prevent from fanning up communal tensions.

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