



Capping and lamp lighting ceremony at School of ANM/FHW at Medical Directorate

President Pranab cautions judges against perils of “judicial activism”

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Imphal, April 16: President Pranab Mukherjee on Saturday cautioned judges against the perils of “judicial activism”, saying the equilibrium in the exercise of authority must be maintained at all times and self-restraint should be used when

confronted with such a situation. Maintaining that the Constitution is supreme, Mukherjee said “each organ of our democracy must function within its own sphere and must not take over what is assigned to the others”.

“Judicial activism should not lead to the dilution of separation of powers, which is a constitutional scheme. The balance of power between the three organs of the state is enshrined in our Constitution,” he said, stressing that “the Constitution is supreme”.

The President said that the equilibrium in the exercise of authority must be maintained at all times and noted that the exercise of powers by the legislature and executive is subject to judicial review.

“However, the only check possible in the exercise of

powers by the judiciary is self-imposed discipline and self-restraint by the judiciary itself,” he said while inaugurating the fourth retreat of the judges of the Supreme Court at the National Judicial Academy here. Mukherjee, however, maintained that the independence and integrity of the judiciary is “of the highest importance, not only to the judges but also to people at large who seek judicial redress against perceived legal injury or executive excess”.

“The Constitution invests our independent judiciary, especially the apex court, with extensive jurisdiction over the acts of the legislature and the executive.

“Judicial review is part of the basic structure and cannot be altered even by taking the procedure provided in law. It is the judiciary which ensures the effectiveness of judicial review,”

he said. He also lauded the judiciary for “enlarging the scope of justice” in a developing country like India.

“For the enforcement of our developing country, our judiciary has enlarged the scope of justice. For the enforcement of fundamental rights, the Supreme Court, through judicial innovation and activism, has expanded the common law principle of ‘locus standi,’” he said.

“The President said the judiciary, which is one of the three important pillars of our democracy, is the final interpreter of the Constitution and laws. The President further emphasised that the Constitution is “a living document, not a relic cast in stone”.

“It is a magna carta of socio-economic transformation,” he said.

Non teaching employees of RIMS to follow mass casual leaves and cease work strike

IT News
Imphal, April 16: The Non-Teaching Employees’ Welfare Association (NTEWA) of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, held today an emergency Executive Body Meeting at the office of NTEWA, RIMS, Imphal in relation to the pay enhancement of Contract Employees as per rule of the government of India

or regularization to the vacant post and pay anomaly, revision and modification of recruitment rules and promotion of Non-medical Regular Employees.

Though NTEWA demands to fulfill their Charter of Demands at the earliest, RIMS authority did not address the issues till date. In relation to this matter, regular and contract employees

of RIMS, Imphal decided to wear black badges until and unless the Charter of Demands which had submitted on 6th June, 2015 are fulfilled with effect from 18th April, 2016 to 27th April, 2016.

Further, it is decided that if an amicable solution is brought out during this period mass casual leave and cease work strike shall be followed respectively.

MNRF lifts ban on Film Forum Manipur

IT News
Imphal, April 16: Rebel group, National Revolutionary Front (MNRF) today said that the banned imposed on the activities of Film Forum Manipur has been lifted with immediate effect. This has been stated by Information and Publicity Secretary Sanajaoba Meitei in an email sent to media house. Even as the ban is lifted the outfit said that the Film Forum Manipur should follow strict regulation directed by the outfit to safeguard the indigenous culture of the state. It said wearing of Sharree Full, or half sharee in the Manipuri Film, Sumang Leela, Drama, and film telecast at ISTV, Impact TV and DDK Imphal is banned forever, the outfit said

Left wing political parties prepare to fight Congress and BJP

IT News
Imphal, April 16: One day political conference was jointly organized by CPI, CPI-ML (Libration), CPI-M, RSP, JD-U and Forward Block at Manipur Press Club, Imphal. The political conference was organized to stand united for fighting jointly against the congress and BJP Government.

M.Nara, president of JD-U M. Tombi, CPI –M state secretary S.Santa, President of forward block Kh. Gyaneshor graced the conference as presidium members. Speakers on the occasion highlighted the corrupt practice of both the Congress government and the BJP led government at the center. The non-secular

nature of the BJP was an issue for the left wing group and it need to be fight together to save the secular character of the nation. On the other hand speakers also highlighted the corrupt and discriminatory nature of the Congress government. The left wing leader said that in order to save the country, the country need a third front to save the nation.

Salai Flag hoisted by Titular king Sanajaoba destroyed

IT News
Imphal April 16: Salai Mapari Singpul Lup (SMSL) strongly condemn uprooting of Salai flag at Cheiraoching by unidentified persons. Speaking to the media person the president of the SMSL Laishram Gunendra said that to protect the sacred place of worship the SMSL is organizing a rally under the theme – Save Cheiraoching, Save Langol Ching on March 20. He said the Salai flag was hoisted by the titular king Leishembe Sanajaoba on the Day of Cheiroaba at Cheiroa Ching in the presence of Various religious leaders and members of the Salai Mapari Singpul Lup. The main aim for hoisting of the flag is to establish a religious institution by constructing a temple.

“It was unfortunate that some unidentified persons had destroyed the flag by breaking it and uprooting the flag yesterday midnight. Questioning the motive behind the motive of destructing the flag the work of SMSL is not against the any community or religion of state. His further appealed those responsible to clarify the reason behind the destruction.

Capping and lamp lighting ceremony

IT News
Imphal, April 16: A ‘Capping and Lamp lighting ceremony’ for newly pass out ANM students from School of ANM/FHW, Medical Directorate, Imphal was held today at the school premise. 18 pass out students too Oath to perform their duty during the ceremony. The Oath taking

and capping of the ANMs were led by Principal of the School Th Radheshyam Devi. Speaking at the function, Th Radheshyam advised the pass out students that ANM or health worker has a great role in Public Health Centers. She further encouraged the students to perform their duties without any hesitation

and to serve mankind at the fullest. Dr P Shyamsunder Singh, Additional Director and Vungzanem Valte, Joint Director of Nursing, Directorate of Health Services, and P Landhoni Devi, Nursing Superintendent, JNIMS, Porompat graced the function as presidium members.

Assam Rifles organises medical camp

IT News
Imphal, April 16: 11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a “Free Pain Relief and A c u p u n c t u r e Treatment” Medical Campat Moreh in Chandel district of Manipur state on 15 April

2016. The Medical Camp was conducted in association with the Rural Medical and Health Care Centre, Thoubal Moijing, Manipur (Medical and Social NGO). The aim of the medical camp was to provide free medical checkup and palliative care to patients suffering from chronic pain through

acupuncture to villagers residing in Morehand nearby villages of Chandel district. A total of 76villagers including 27 Men, 43 women and 06 children benefited from this medical camp. An overwhelming response and gratitude was shown by the local populace.

Red Shield Division conducts Ex-Servicemen rally

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Imphal, April 16: Red Shield Division organized Ex-Servicemen Rally (ESM) at Maram on 15 Apr 2016. The event was presided by Brig Jeetendra Ohri, Commander Senapati Brigade along with Colonel Dipankar Basu, SM, Commandant Maram Battalion, Shri Kabib K, SP Senapati district, Shri Pawan, IAS (rep of DC Senapati) and civil dignitaries and saw participation by more than 200 ESM, including war widows, veer Naris and children from Senapati district and adjoining areas. The ESM were apprised about the various welfare schemes of the Central and State



Government. Suvigya stalls were installed to help remove discrepancies in pensions of the veterans. The State Government representatives informed about various state welfare schemes available for ESM. Representatives from Police and SBI also addressed the problems of ESM. The rally was a grand success in addressing problems of ESM and also briefing together the serving and the retired fraternity of the defence services. Each ESM present for the rally went away benefited in a happy frame of mind thanking the Maram Battalion for organizing such a mass scale rally in Senapati District for the first time.

When Imphal becomes a nucleus of trade and commerce in South East Asian economy

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Since the beginning of an exchange of trade and ideas of humans in ancient China, ancient Manipur and South East Asian region, Imphal has been the centre of meeting of people, ideas, cultures, religions and philosophies. The ancient Chinese silk route also passed through Imphal, and Manipur till today has the imprint of Greek route going towards Greek civilization. Ptolemy, the famous Greek astronomer, mathematician and geographer knew about Manipur and recorded it as “Mareura” in the 2nd century A.D. Manipur, with its first evidence of Pleistocene man in 30,000 B.C, a period of Old Stone Age, was known in different names – such as, “Cassay” by the Shans or the Pongs who are spread in today’s Burma, Northern Thailand, Yunnan province of China and Laos; “Kathe” by the Burmese, and “Mecklee” or “Meckley” by the Assamese – by the civilizations around it. In signing the first treaty of 1762 between the British East India Company and the then Maharaja of Manipur Maharaja Bhagyachandra, who developed Manipuri classical dance – Ras Lila of Radha and Krishna, the treaty recognized Manipur as “Meckley.”

The concept of “Look East Policy” which later gets evolved



into “Act East”, by the present Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a post – India’s independence, New Delhi’s effort of “re-engaging” – not necessarily a “new engagement”, considering the historic trade exchange of ancient civilizations with Imphal or the ancient royal capital called Kangla - the potentials of trade and commerce of Imphal with the rest of South East Asian economy, but much before India became independent in 1947, already many Tamils from Tamil Nadu had started drifting to

Moreh, the international border town of Manipur bordering with Myanmar, to proactively participate in trading activities with the Burmese, and today, in Moreh, Tamil Sangam, with a considerable population of Tamils, or rather Manipuri Tamils, exists with their Tamil culture being heavily influenced by Manipuri culture and foods. In fact, the legendary dancer of India’s film industry, Helen, came to India from Burma by passing through Imphal. Thousands of years before the Europe’s Renaissance and Industrial Revolution, the concept of trade already existed vibrantly in Imphal, but such deep and vast trading and commercial might of Imphal has been kept under the control of New Delhi’s policies once Manipur was recorded as a part of India in 1949. Today, in the first week of this month, April, of 2016, Manipur initiated its first Industrial Expo, from 4th to 10th April, and North East – ASEAN Business Summit, from 7th to 9th April, in Imphal, thereby making a fresh and new attempt to re-ignite the hidden fires of ancient trade and commerce, which has been in place for thousands of years in the past including British Manipur period, of the people of Manipur along with its neighbouring countries of South East Asia.

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