

Locals of Lalabung Takhellambam Laikai and Lajing Ningthou Leikai staging protest against blast



JCILPS bans construction of temporary market

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Imphal, April 2: The Joint Action Committee on Inner Limer Permit System (JCILPS) has banned construction work of temporary market at area of erstwhile Tombi Sana High School after the non-local labourers engaging at the site of construction unable to produce relevant documents.

While visiting at the construction site today morning as part of their drive on non-local workers, a team JCILPS led by its lead by Convenor, Ratan Khomdrum checked the documents of above 30 migrant workers who are currently engaging by Simplex Project Private Limited.

The workers failed to produce relevant documents. According to report, it is also learnt that there was a short verbal fight between the JCILPS team and City Police personnel who raised the authority of JCILPS for checking documents of migrant workers.

However, timely intervention of state Labour Department has been able to avert an ugly scene between JCILPS and City Police, added the source. Meanwhile, the JCILPS has warned the construction company (Simplex) to come forward along with relevant documents of the migrant workers who are currently engaging at the construction of temporary market shed.

Agitation intensified

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Imphal, April 2: All Manipur Police Constable-2013 batch (male) is organizing a public meeting to discuss further course of actions at THAU ground on 3rd April. Speaking to the media at a press meet held at Manipur press club today President of the All Manipur Police Constable-2013 batch (male) Johnson Konthoujam condemned the state government for not responding to the problem even after the group called a state wide bandh yesterday during which more than 60 members were arrested from various places including Kombi, Moirang, Nambol and Bishemrang.

AR conducts medical camp at Chothe Village

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Imphal, April 2: In an endeavour to promote good health and well being in the area, Gothal Battalion of 73 Mountain Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division conducted a free medical camp at Chothe village in Bishnupur Distt near Ningthoukhong on 31 Mar 2016. The medical officer and the team of the battalion provided free medical aid to 230 men, women and children.

Dissident Congress MLAs win the battle halfway; TN Haokip takes charge of MPCC; Ministry reshuffle likely soon

IT News

Imphal, April 2: With the change of guard in Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC), the congress dissident MLAs have now won their battle halfway. The dissident legislators now foresee reshuffle of the ministry in the coming days. Former President of MPCC, Gaikhangam today handed over charges to new president of the MPCC to TN Haokip, MLA of Saikot Assembly Constituency in a formal function held at Congress Bhavan, BT Road here at around 9.30 AM.

Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh; Health Minister, Phungzathang Tonsing and the dissident MLAs were present at the occasion. Earlier, Gaikhangam has stated that the crisis in Congress party is internal matter and will be sorted out soon. While talking to reporters yesterday, he said that there will be no question of any disturbances to the election strategy of the Congress party. The newly appointed President of MPCC, TN Haokip soon after assuming the charge assured to strengthen the



party strategy. Haokip said he will work full heartedly to ensure victory in the coming Municipal as well as the general elections scheduled in 2017. Even as some of the media reports said that the ministry reshuffle is not on the card in view of the threats by the present ministers, some of the dissident MLAs are in the full hope that the reshuffle will

take place on April 9. The dissident MLAs have revolted against Ibobi-led state cabinet to ensure one man one post among the congress legislators. Meanwhile, one of the members of the dissident MLA told that they are expecting induction of at least 10 new faces into the present cabinet. Their demand is genuine and not against any of the

incumbent minister. He also informed that the new president will fly off to the national capital and meet AICC leaders including Sonia Gandhi to discuss the affairs of the State. However, it is clear that even if the Chief Minister is the head of Congress Legislative Party, the reshuffle will take place with a nod from Congress high command.

Protest staged against blast at RIMS MS Official Quarter

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Imphal, April 2: Locals of Lalabung Takhellambam Laikai and Lajing Ningthou Leikai today staged sit-in protest against the bomb attack at official quarter of Medical Superintendent, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences Prof Maishnam Amuba Singh located inside the RIMS campus at around 7:15 pm of Friday evening. Speaking to the media persons the secretary of Lalabung Takhellambam Laikai maira paibi Taibema Ningthoujam said that bomb attack for any demand has become a culture in the state. She appealed to the concern organization to

stop such culture for the welfare of the society. She further added that even during war hospital are left free from any unwanted incident so any group whoever responsible to the attack should talk with the medical superintendent if there is any misunderstanding between them in spite of attacking the place where people are undergoing treatment. Meanwhile, Staffs and students of RIMS also staged sit in protest at the front against the bomb attacked at RIMS. The protesters strongly condemn the bomb blast in the educational and hospital campus.

Maoist claims blast at RIMS Medical Superintendent official quarter

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Imphal, April 3: Maoist Communist Party Manipur has claimed responsibility to the bomb blast that occurred at the official quarter of Medical Superintendent RIMS yesterday evening. In a press statement signed by Comrade Nonglen Meitei, Secretary Publicity and Propaganda, MCPM, the outfit said that yesterday bomb blast was not merely a blast but an attack to the leader of a corrupt gang protected by security force. It said the cadres who had attacked the doctor is appreciated by the central committee of the outfit at the highest level. The outfit will not remain quiet until it corrupt doctors are taught a lesson.

The Maoist statement further added that there has been a scandal to the recruitment of staff nurses at RIMS as people already knows that question papers were leaked before the commencement of the examination. The outfit further added that the finding of the enquiry committee over the leakage of the question paper has been concealed instead of letting it known to the general public. The Maoist had already declared the Director, Medical Superintendent and Dy. Director RIMS as reactionary. Earlier too, the cadres had to left two hand grenade inside the RIMS campus as the authority instead of listening to the party utilized armed security forces. Besides, a hand grenade was

3 shot during inter-village scuffle at Singda

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Imphal April 2: Three villagers sustained bullet injuries when a scuffle broke out between villagers of Singda Erang and Singda Kuki over land dispute in Senapati district under Sapermeina police station at around 9 last night.

A member of the victims' family said that the scuffle broke out when some villagers of Singda Kuki demolished a newly constructed house of Singda Erang yesterday evening. When irate villagers of Singda Erang went to Singda Kuki village to enquire about

the reason for demolition of the house, an argument ensued leading to a scuffle in which 3 persons were hit by bullets. Later Sapermeina police managed to control the mob and the injured persons were rushed to RIMS hospital for treatment. The injured persons has been identified as Hokison (18) son of ML Adang who sustained injuries on both the legs and chest, Wisdam (22) son of Masenon injured on right thigh and N Boipu (25) son of (L) ningthoujam Sarat. The three injured persons are from Singda Erang.

Community Contact Program held for DM College trainee teachers

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Imphal April 2: DM College of Teacher Education organized a Community Contact Program at Mentally Handicapped Institute, Mongsangei today. AK Surodhoni Devi, Asst. professor of DM College of Teacher education who was attended the function as Chief Guest said that the program is organized as part of the BE.D curriculum

for the trainees to learn how to interact with mentally handicapped persons when they become teachers. RK. Promoshija- president of Mentally Handicapped Institute, Asst. professor of DM College of Teacher education Dr. T Suren Singh, Dr. Santikumari and Y Ibechoubi graced the function as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

Thailand Education System vs Manipur Education System

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Thailand is one of the biggest business centres in southeast Asia. It plays major role to attract spotlight in world tourism and it serves a regional transit hub to other ASEAN nations. All these successes are the product of how the human resources have been nurtured and trained. To understand the underlying background, it is important to know the education system of the country which is the source of success. We summarize a short educational background of Thailand. Literacy rate of Thailand is 96.7%. Education System: Thailand has free education system to all her citizens up to 12 standard. Pre-primary school takes 2-3 years. It is followed by 6 years elementary school, then another 6 years high school including upper secondary school. In Thai education system, students will attend at primary schools up to class 6th standard. High schools start from class 7 to class 12. Schools in Thailand can be divided broadly into four categories. They are 1. Government School 2. Private school 3. International school and 4. Buddhist school Apart from formal education there is also non-formal education run by community centres with the help of government. There are very fewer private schools in Thailand compared with system in Manipur. Private to government school ratio is about 1:10, which means there is one private school for every ten government schools. Buddhist monastery is learning centre about Buddhist religion and there are 424

recognized Buddhist school run by monastery for formal education (Source: Wikipedia, 28 December, 2015). In higher education, the number of government and private universities are closer. International schools are affiliated to education board of other countries such as Britain, USA, Canada and Australia etc. International schools also belong to private. International schools are for business class people and tuition fees are very expensive. There are many International schools in Thailand. They are truly international in terms of environment and management. Students are from different countries and teachers are also from different nationalities. International schools in India and international schools in Thailand are very different. In India, international schools are just by name, and everything from students, teachers, management, learning atmosphere, and teaching-learning are all in Indian style. But international schools in Thailand or in another countries are truly in international atmosphere. Tuition fees at international schools range from Rs 5 lakhs to 13 lakhs per year. There has been a wave of English medium instruction class since the past 10-15 years ago. Under this influence, well equipped schools run private classes inside the system of government schools. They are called MEP (Mini English Program) and EP (English Program). In MEP program, most of the main subjects such as mathematics and science are taught in English. In EP program, all the subjects are taught in English except Thai Language subject which is

similar characteristic to private schools of Manipur. Government schools have free education system however students pay a little amount of money as admission fee. MEP and EP programs are private, so students are paying around Rs 60,000-70,000 per year. There are two semesters in a year. Private schools with medium of instruction in English have tuition fees ranging from Rs 2-3 lakhs per year. School Atmosphere Discipline: Thai schools and universities are very strict about their school uniform. Uniform and books are heavily discounted for government schools up to 12 standard. Students will arrive school before 8:00am. On daily basis, 4-5 teachers will be standing at the gate and greet the students every day taking turn one after another. Hair, nail, ear rings, shocks, and uniform must be checked carefully at the school gate. This is the beginning of school discipline of the day. Students must bow down their head with folding hands. If the head bow is not polite enough and satisfactory, the teacher will correct to make it to acceptable gesture which begins Thais' respect for each other. School assembly starts at 8:00 am and classes start from 8:30 am. Schools close at 4:30pm. Students are not allowed wearing shoes inside the classroom. They must remove and keep it outside or inside the room but at the back of the room. Discipline and politeness reflects to Thailand's major attraction of tourists which indirectly helps to boost tourism industry. (Contd. on page 2)