

Volunteers of JAC formed against the death of Prashanta blocking road at Singjamei



Trade Union warns agitation

IT News
Imphal, April 29: General Secretary of All India Trade Union Congress, Manipur (AITUCM), L Sotinkumar today warned serious agitation from May day against government failure to hike pay for employees. Speaking to the media persons here at the office of AITUCM, L Sotinkumar said that on the coming May Day observance, employees and the union members will hold a meeting to discuss about organizing convention at different district headquarters of the state during month of May. Sit in protest will also be staged at each district and general work places during June and July. As a part of preparation of general strike, different form of agitation will hold on coming September 2 where "Quick India Day" will be celebrated, he added.

Kakhulong plot owners lauds MLA RK Imo

IT News
Imphal, April 29: Kakhulong affected plot owner committee of Kakhulong, Paona Keithel organised a thanks giving ceremony to Sagolband A/C MLA RK Imo for his effort in releasing two decades long pending land compensations. Speaking at the gathering, RK Imo, Chief Guest of the function said lands of 29 families resided at the eastern part of Nambul River were affected during the eviction for road construction along back side of Kakhulong village in 1994, when there was President Rule in the state. He said, the land compensation amounts were pending since then, now the amounts has been released as per land rate in the year 2012. Some of the amounts have directly transferred to their respective bank accounts while some families are undergoing for needed paper works which will be done soon too, he added. Taking privilege of the gathering the MLA who is also Secretary of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) informed people that the street lamps inside Thangal bazaar and Paona Bazar will soon be installed. He said the concern department has already sectioned for the instalment of lamps in the market areas.

Protest intensifies over the death of Prasanta; post mortem conducted

IT News
Imphal, April 29: Life continues to be severely affected at Imphal-Moreh road in-between Singjamei to Lilong area as JAC formed against the death of Sagolsem Prashanta intensified its agitation following government failure to spell out a single clue regarding the cause of the death. The deceased Prashanta who hailed from Kakwa Namerakpam Leikai in Imphal West was found hung to death at the river bank near a govt. junior high school at Lilong Haoriebi Awang leikai on April 26 morning. The JAC formed against the death of the youth after convening a meeting with representatives of 36 clubs of Thongju Assembly Constituency and 16 clubs and meira paibi organisations of Singjamei to Lilong area, allowed the government to

conduct the post mortem of the dead body today morning. Representatives of the JAC and family members were also present during the post mortem besides SDC of Lilong. Video coverage was done by both the JAC and govt. authority. Meanwhile, life was completely crippled in the road stretch between Singjamei to Lilong area as the JAC along with the clubs had resolved to intensify the ongoing blockade along the route until the truth behind the death has not been revealed. Early in the morning some vehicular movement. Iron poles, planks and woods were placed in the middle of the road besides burning of tyres

at some places. All shops, business establishments, offices, schools remain shuts during the protest. Convenor of the JAC Asem Sunil Singh while speaking to media persons said that the JAC allowed conducting the post mortem to find out the cause of the death and not to accept it. He said until the truth is not find out the JAC will not make any U turn to the protest. While condemning the government inability to find the cause of the death even after three days the JAC convenor said that more intense form of agitation will be continued if the government authority fails to revealed the truth behind the death of Prashanta within 48 hours. He said the JAC will also seek help from students' bodies, civil society organisations and other state level Meira Paibi group.

Shopkeepers in Paona Keithel down shutters protesting police excess

IT News
Imphal, April 29: Shopkeepers in Paona Keithel in Imphal today down their shutters in protest against the arrest of a shop keeper for allegedly complaining to a local MLA regarding an unofficial order of the Imphal West district Superintendent of Police. "Until 1 pm today afternoon almost all shops and other business centers remain as usual however, after a team of police picked up a shopkeeper identified Ashok (44) owner of a readymade garment shop located just opposite to USHA Hall for allegedly complaining about an unofficial order of the SP Imphal West", said a salesman of a garment shop in Paona Keithel. He further added that two other salemen were also severely assaulted by the police team. The two salemen are identified as Haobam Tho



(aged about 23 years) and Amit (aged about 23 years) both working at a shop at Paona Keithel. When asked about the unofficial order, the salesman who did not want to disclose his identity said that few days back some police personnel came and directed all the shopkeepers to install electric bulb in front of their shops saying that it was an order from the SP Imphal West. Some shopkeepers did installed electric bulb but had to switch off after the shops were closed. But the police team again told to switch on the electric bulb even after the

closure of the shops, said a shopkeeper. Some among the shopkeepers directly complain about the matter to RK Imo, MLA of Sagolband Assembly constituency and infuriated for complaining it to the MLA, a police team came and allegedly picked up a shopkeeper blaming him for the complaint at around noon today. As the arrest of the shopkeeper spread like wildfire, all shopkeepers in Paona keithel down their shutter in protest against arrest terming it as excessive act.

Driver along with a truck remain untraceable after flushed by flood

IT News
Imphal, April 29: A driver along with a truck remain untraceable till today after both were flushed by flooding flow at Ijei River at Noney area in Tamenglong district on April 26. The missing driver, Keisham Ibocha Meitei (aged about 56 years) son of late Gorchandi Meitei of Yairipok Molnom Village in Thoubal district was inside his truck bearing

registration number MN04A-762, at the bed of Ijei River when the furious flood flushed the truck along with its flow. According to a report filed by the family of the missing driver to Noney police station it is stated that the driver along with truck was flushed by the sudden flood occurred due to incessant rains when he was inside the truck at the bed of Ijei River at around 9 am.

Total of Kuki UG groups reached 38; some ensuing SoO with Govt.

IT News
Imphal, April 29: The total number of Kuki Underground groups now reached 38 with the addition of three newly formed group in 2016. According to a highly reliable source from state government, the number of Kuki UG group was 35 in 2015. With the formation of three new armed group called Thadou People Liberation Army (TPLA, Aimol Defence Force (ADF) and

United Kuki Liberation Force (UKLF MC) the total number of Kuki UG group is now 38. List of Kuki UGs, as according to government sources, included KNO/KNA, KNO/KLA, KNO/KRF, KNO/ZDF, KNO/UMLA, KNO/PAKAN, KNF (Z), KNF(S), KNF(P), KNF(N) J Group, KNF (N) D Group, KNF (MC), KNO/ZRF, KUF0, KRA, KRA (Assam) KLA (Assam), KLO/KLA, UKDA, USRA, KTU (Kuki Tribal Union), KLA/MC, UKRA, KIO/KIA, UKLF, UKLA, KRF, KNO/KRA (U), UKLA (MC), UTLA (SK) UTLA, HNA and HPC (D).

Five GNLA cadres surrender before Meghalaya Police

ANI
Shillong, April 29: In a major achievement for Meghalaya Police, five senior GNLA militants surrendered before the state's Director General of Police, Rajiv Mehta, late on Thursday. Meghalaya Police said that these militants were affiliated to the Rakkam Command of the GNLA in the Nangalbaria area of the state. Rakkam is the GNLA's finance secretary and operates from the Nangalbaria area.

These militants were involved in several kidnaping and extortions. At the time of their surrender, they had a large number of arms and ammunition in their possession. The surrender ceremony was held at the DGP headquarters in Shillong. During the surrender ceremony, the GNLA militants handed over four AK-47 assault rifles, one American made G-3 rifle, carbine machine guns and explosives.

The GNLA is one of few Garo rebel groups fighting for the creation a separate Garoland in western Meghalaya, and is headed by police officer-turned-rogue R. Sangma. Sangma is presently lodged in the Shillong Jail following his arrest from the India-Bangladesh border last year. The GNLA, which has over 100 rebels, including a few women cadres, operates in the East, West and South Garo Hills, and has been declared a terrorist outfit.

Among these group those which comes under the KNO and UPF are presently ensuing Suspension of Operation with the central and state government. However, others are still yet to bring under negotiation table. Meanwhile, both state government and central government agency are strictly monitoring the movement and activities of those group which are under suspension of operation as multiple complaints has been made about illegal activities being carried out by them.

First Meeting of Group of Ministers for Improving Road Safety and Ease of Transport held

Source PIB
New Delhi, April 29: The first meeting of Group of Ministers constituted by the Central Government to guide reforms for the road transport sector was held today in New Delhi. The GoM, headed by Yunus Khan, Minister for Transport, Rajasthan and comprising State Transport Ministers, seeks to find solutions to the various problems plaguing the road transport sector in the country so as to improve road safety and facilitate ease of transport. India is facing severe

problems in terms of deteriorating road safety. The number of fatalities has been increasing steadily and stands provisionally at 1,46,000 deaths in the year 2015. As a signatory to Brasilia Declaration, India is committed to reduce the number of road accidents and fatalities by 50% by 2020. The road transport sector also plays a major role in the economy of the country, bearing 75% of the total load of passenger and freight transportation. Its share in the country's GDP is close to 4.5%. The sector however

suffers from archaic rules and practices and needs urgent reforms to support the high growth rates of Indian economy. The Road Transport and Safety Bill was brought by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to strengthen road safety as well as improve ease of transport across the country. Discussions have to be held with all state governments to remove any apprehensions or misgivings they may have. In order to ensure road safety and improve customer satisfaction there is an urgent need to

make administrative changes, amend the Motor Vehicles Act and make optimal use of technology to cut down delays. The GoM aims to develop a road map for achieving the above deliverables. A preparatory meeting of Principle Secretaries of Transport of States and Transport Commissioners was held in New Delhi on 22nd April, 2016, to crystallize the agenda points for the meeting of the Group of Ministers to be held tomorrow. (Contd. on page 2)

Earthquake victims allege partiality in compensation distribution

IT News
Imphal, April 29: Earthquake victims of Yumnam Khunou under Sagolmang SDC of Imphal East has lamented over high partiality in distribution of damage compensation by Government Authorities. Angered victims decided to return back compensated amounts to concern SDC/SDO. Haobijam Kulachandra, a victim of the Jan 4 earthquake, on behalf of other fellow victims in the area informed media persons in a press meet here at Manipur Press Club that in the deadly quake jolted on Jan 4 had damaged 8 houses in Yumnam Khunou area including his. Houses of Leishangthem Samungou, Kulachandra himself, Haobijam Ibomcha,

Kangjam Samarendro and four others including 8 houses were severely damaged in the quake, he added. Following the incident, a team of PWD engineers had surveyed the area and reported the conditions of the houses as "fully broken", he further informed. But out of the 8 houses, 4 of them were given compensation money of Rs 95,000 each while 2 each of them were given only Rs 3,200 and Rs 5,200 respectively, and were informed that the reports were rejected, he narrated. Lambasting the partial treatment by the Government, the victims have decided to return back the amount which are no use to them when we have lost more than 3.5 Lakhs of amount in the damage.

BJP Kisan Morcha urges to construct cold storages in all the districts

IT News
Imphal, April 29: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kisan Morcha, Manipur Pradesh has urged the state government to construct cold storages at all the nine districts of the state. In a press statement, Dr. R.K. Renodro Singh, Office Secretary, BJP Kisan Morcha Manipur Pradesh, stated that when state like Tripura can have around 15 cold storages,

Manipur still do not have even a single one. The state have the potential of exporting the Agro-Horticultural product due to the diverse Agro-Climatic nature but these products often went on wasted due to marketing problem. The statement also drew the need of cold storage to support the farmers of the state in becoming them self sustained.