

Imphal Times wishes the people of the state particularly the working class community on occasion of May Day.
To mark the day Imphal Times will not have its publication on May 1, 2016.
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NSA students narrate tales of apathy and gross negligence of authorities

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: National Sports Academy (NSA) situated inside Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, the only Sports Academy in the state established under Ministry of Youth Affairs with all expectations to produce more Olympic athletes from the state is reported to be struggling with several shortfalls and negligence from authorities. Students of the academy have repeatedly urged higher authorities to consider the

matter carefully so that the students can continue to concentrate on their sport career and shape their future. Hostellers ran out of the Academy and had called a general body meeting for parents of the students tomorrow at 1 PM in front of NSA indoor hall. Informing a series of problems and shortfalls in the Academy, Tina Soibam, a Taekwondo student representing her fellow students of the academy told media persons at Manipur Press Club that the academy has stopped providing sports equipments and materials without which students are now facing serious problems in practicing their respective events. She said there are six sport events in the Academy viz, Taekwondo, Boxing, Judo, Archery, Weightlifting and Wrestling, and for all the events they are not getting any of the necessary equipments; even sport shoes and trackuits since the last two years.

Besides equipment problem, their hostel life (both boys and girls) is in a deplorable condition, she complained. "There is no proper and hygienic drinking water facility inside the hostels. Students are not provided with proper diet. Toilets are out of human use, we are using toilets without window pane", she lambasted. She also narrated incidents when the hostellers found lizards and even snakes inside the water tanks which is used for all purposes including bathing and drinking, highlighting that due to the use of unhygienic drinking water, many inmates have repeatedly fallen sick proving to be a huge stumbling block in their sporting pursuits. The problems have been raised several times to concerned officers but instead of considering the worsening situation, they were turned away and treated with contempt, another student narrated the disappointed incident.

IPAK distributes medical kits to workers

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: As advance gift of May Day Celebration Indigenous People's Association Kangleipak (IPAK) distributed first aid medical kits to AMWJU, IMC workers, Traffic Police, Rickshaw Pullers, Construction Workers, furniture workers, brick fields, stone crushers and CAF and PD Workers.

Infant found dead

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: Lifeless body of a baby girl was found floating in the Imphal river near Awang Potshangbam Khullen around 7 am yesterday. A team of Khonghampat Police pick up the lifeless body of the baby girl from the river. The body has been kept at the RIMS morgue for identification. The body will be disposed off as per law if any related persons or family fails to claim the body on or before May 2. It is been said that the baby is about 1 foot, 10 inches tall, fair complexion, round face and expect to be a month or two old baby, report says.

Thief caught

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: A thief was caught at around 4.30 am today morning while trying to drag into a shop at Thambalkhong in Imphal West. The thief has been identified as one Suraj of the locality. He has been handed over to Porompat Police.

BJP notification

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: Last date for form submission for intending candidates on BJP Manipur Pradesh ticket for the upcoming IMC election scheduled on June 2, 2016 has been extended upto 4 pm of May 4, 2016, said a notification issued by M. Ashinikumar, State General Secretary (Administration) BJP Manipur Pradesh.

MUTSU demands immediate implementation of admission reservation norms; warns to impose economic blockade

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: The Manipur University Tribal Students' Union (MUTSU) has demanded to provide 31 percent reservations in admission for Scheduled Tribe candidates in the varsity in accordance with the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in admission) Amendment Act 2012.

While expressing strong disapproval against the resolution taken by Deans' Committee of Manipur University regarding admission reservation, Bosco Jaiche Kharlam, President of MUTSU said that in an attempt to discriminate and marginalize tribal community the Committee headed by University Vice Chancellor took an ultra vires resolution on April 4, 2016 in contravention to the existing Act of the Parliament. Deliberately the University authority took the resolution



in haste to deny the constitutional rights of the tribal community in Manipur, he added. Demanding to implement the admission reservation norms in accordance to the constitutional provisions and

Act, around 300 students have staged a sit-in-protest at Manipur University's Coffee Corner area today. During the protest demonstration the MUTSU President said that in its ruling on a PIL No 18 of 2014 the High

Court of Manipur has given its verdict and directed the Manipur University to admit students in terms of the Act-Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in admission).

He also informed that MUTSU would impose total Manipur University shut down on Tuesday and Wednesday and it would be followed by series of agitation including Manipur bandh and economic blockade from April 4 till the authority of Manipur University materialize their demand to implement the reservation norms.

First phase of NEET tomorrow, Supreme Court says allow exam to be held

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New Delhi, April 30: The first phase of the single entrance test NEET for admissions to MBBS and BDS courses across the country will be held on May 1 (Sunday) as the Supreme Court refused to accord an urgent hearing of a plea seeking modification of its earlier order. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice TS Thakur, which was conducting a special hearing on Saturday to deal with pollution in Delhi, did not allow the plea seeking urgent hearing for modification of the April 28 order passed by another bench with regard to the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET). "Nothing will happen in the meantime. Matter had been heard by the bench and it is over for now. Please allow the examination to be conducted," the bench, also comprising Justices AK Sikri and R Banumathi said. The observation came when lawyers, representing some

students, said that the order on NEET needed to be modified as students who had prepared for the state-level entrance exams will find it difficult to prepare for the NEET in such a short span of time. The court, for the time being refused to entertain the plea and asked the lawyers concerned to file an application which would be heard by the regular bench, hearing the case.

The Supreme Court had earlier said that the entrance test for admission to MBBS and BDS courses for the academic year 2016-17 will be held as per the schedule through the two-phased common entrance test NEET on May 1 and July 24. Centre had yesterday approached the apex court for modification of its April 28 order and had sought that state governments and private colleges be allowed to hold separate entrance examinations for MBBS and BDS courses for 2016-17 saying there was a lot of confusion arising out of it.

The apex court had in its order cleared the decks for the holding of NEET in two phases for the academic year 2016-17 in which around 6.5 lakh candidates are likely to appear. It had approved the schedule put before it by the Centre, CBSE and the Medical Council of India (MCI) for treating All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT) fixed for May 1 as NEET-1.

It had said those who had not applied for AIPMT will be given the opportunity to appear in NEET-II on July 24 and the combined result would be declared on August 17 so that the admission process can be completed by September 30. The apex court had pronounced the order after rejecting opposition for holding NEET by states, including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Association of Karnataka Medical Colleges, besides minority institutions like CMC, Vellore.

Women Development Manipur observes 4th Foundation Day

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: SDPO, ICDS Project of Sawombung Imphal East Ksh Subadani said that social welfare department has been providing various projects and benefits to the disabled and widows of the state including educational scholarships to disables children, financial assistances for marriage of

disable persons, unemployment allowances to the educated disabled persons. She further appeals all eligible persons to apply for such benefits from the Social Welfare department. President of WDM Oinam Inao Devi, president of Kuki Women Union Rose Mangshi Haokip, associate Professor

of Nambol Sanoi College Prof. Dr. Salam Santibala, Manipur cultural editor Mutuwa Tomba and Principal of Nilopher English School Khoijam Shilly graded the function as chief guest, president, and guest of honour respectively. As part of the function gifts were also distributed to the children of the widows.

CorCom greets the proletarians on eve of May Day

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: Co-Ordination Committee (CorCom), a conglomeration of six proscribed armed groups in Manipur greets the proletarians of the state on the eve of May 1 observed throughout the world as "May Day". According to a press release signed by Ksh Yoihenba, Media Co-Ordinator of the group, the working class should be given top priority while developing the fiscal conditions of a nation, adding that despite the vital role being played by the farmers and the working class in the development and progress of a nation or a state, yet those at the helm of power

has been deliberately keeping them from getting the much deserved prominence and facilities as the government is wary of the potential threat the working class inherently wields. Highlighting the need to replace the workforce being deployed in various economic and service industries, both in the public and private sectors in the state with indigenous people to usher in a positive and productive work culture which will consequently uplift the social and financial standings of the working class, the release further condemns the exploitation of the working class by some unscrupulous elements with power and

influence while the government conveniently looks the other way. The release further urged the working population in the state to be prepared and diligent so that the opportunities emerging from the increased cooperation and opening of economic ties with the rest of the Asian countries can be exploited, adding that failure to grasp the opportunities will eventually prove to be the Achilles' heel that brings down the society to extinction. The release ends with a message to the people of Manipur to unite and elevate the working class while standing up against the oppressive Indian Imperialism.

Red shield division conducts anti malaria campaign and sanitation drive

BIBDEFENCE.
Imphal, April 30: In North Eastern states, there exists a high prevalence of malaria, hygiene and sanitation related diseases, resulting in high morbidity & mortality among the people. Appropriate awareness and education can bring about a change in attitude towards the malaria, hygiene and sanitation, and this goes a long way in creating a healthy



society. Keeping this in minds Red shield Division organised an education on Anti Malaria Campaign and Sanitation for the

people of Laphok village of Lamdangmei on 30 April 2016. The drive was organised under supervision of Noney Battalion under Loktak Brigade.

Confine MLA Brojen in police custody till clues of missing plaques confirmed, Demands Former, Minister, M. Hemanta

ITNews
Imphal, April 30: Khongjom War Memorial Trust president and Former Minister M. Hemanta has urged the OC of Khongjom police station to pull up Wangjing Tantha A/C MLA Paonam Brojen and conduct interrogation regarding the missing case of president inaugurated plaque of the Khongjom War Monument cum Tourist Complex. In a statement, Khongjom War Memorial Trust president, M. Hemanta said that an FIR had been lodged with the OC of Khongjom police station regarding the missing case of president inaugurated plaques of the Khongjom War Monument cum Tourist Complex. The inaugural plaque of the Khongjom war went missing after it had fallen from its wood frame just a day after it was unveiled by the President of India Pranab Mukherjee on April 23 during the Khongjom War celebration.

Concerned by the development, a team of the Khongjom War Memorial Trust led by its president and former minister M. Hemanta inspected the site. Hemanta said that they are yet to find the plaques despite the volunteers of the trust on hectic search to find the where about of the missing plaques. He said not only is the inaugural stone of the recently inaugurated complex missing, but the inaugural plaque of the Martyr Memorial Khongjom War Monument inaugurated by the then President VV Giri on October 21, 1972 has also gone missing. This is a serious issue, and the trust will do everything in its capacity to find the truth, he said. The Martyr Memorial Khongjom War Monument was replaced by the newly inaugurated Khongjom War Monument cum Tourist Complex. Reacting to the statement of MLA Paonam Brojen who said that

the missing plaques are in safe custody of the concerned state government department, he said, "we are more suspicious about missing the plaques as the local MLA failed to reveal the exact location of the missing plaques. As such, police should pull up Wangjing Tantha A/C MLA Paonam Brojen to the police station and conduct interrogation regarding the missing plaques, he demanded. Missing of the plaques is a humiliation to the president of the country who inaugurated it. If necessary, the MLA should be confined in police custody until clues of the missing plaques is ascertained, he demanded. He said that he had asked the OC of Khongjom PS Md Abdul Gaffar on phone to pull up the MLA. "We will file a case against the police OC under 'urgency of matter' and 'negligence of duty' if the latter fails to perform his duty properly", said Hemanta.