

Members of Thanga Kendra Development Committee denouncing police excess in yesterday's peoples' protest against eviction drive



Students' protest turns dramatic as a protestor pull out her wrapper

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: Ongoing students' protest demanding implementation of ILPS in the state as well as removal of wanted tag from Khomdram Ratan today turns dramatic after a girl student pull out her wrapper (Phanek) in front of Raj Bhavan. The protest happened at around 1 pm today. According to report, around 10 numbers of students gathered from different direction in front of Raj Bhavan and tried storm to the Raj Bhavan. As the security posted at the gate resisted their attempt and later a team of state police tried to drive them away. One among the students – a girl pulls out her wrapper to prevent the police from stopping her. Later, the police picked up the students and then freed them at Singjamei area.



unto-death protest agitation staged at Singjamei Thongkhong demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) in the State and withdrawal of wanted tag on former JCILPS convener Khomdram Ratan continue unabated. Four students namely Sylvia Yumnam, d/o Y Suren of Singjamei Chingamathak Ngakrabam Leirak, class X student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary Academy, Thounaojam Priyanka, d/o Th Othello of Top Makha Leikai, Class X student of Secred Heart School, Bisanjit Sagolsem, s/o S Binabon of Uripok Bashaspati Leikai, class IX student of CC Higher Secondary School and Ricky

Thingujam, s/o Th Diren of Singjamei Kshetri Leikai, class X student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary Academy continued their hunger strike as indefinite from August 3 at Singjamei Thongkhong until their demands are met by state government. Earlier on July 28, Sylvia Yumnam, Thounaojam Priyanka, Bisanjit and Ricky volunteer to undergo fast-unto-death where they were pick up by Singjamei police on July 29 during their protest from Singjamei Thongkhong for violating Crpc 144 which was implemented at Imphal-East and Singjamei area by Magistrate, Imphal East District.

Olympic Games to formally kick off on August 6

Agency
Imphal, Aug 4: Less than forty hours remain for the 31st Summer Olympic Games which are set to begin in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro. Although the Group stage of Women's Football got underway last evening, the Games will formally kick off with an opening ceremony at 4:30 AM Indian Time on Saturday. Known as the world's biggest sporting event, the creation of Olympics was inspired from the ancient Olympic Games which were held in Olympia, Greece from 8th century BC to 4th century AD. The Games, then, were religious and athletic festivals held every four years at the sanctuary of Zeus, an ancient Greek God. The evolution of the Olympic Movement during the 20th and 21st centuries resulted in several changes to the Games such as Winter Games for ice and winter sports, Paralympic Games for differently-abled, and Youth Games for teenage athletes. In the modern era, the first Games were held in 1896 at Athens, two years after Pierre de Coubertin, a French educator and historian, founded the International Olympic Committee. The Games had 241 athletes from 14 nations in 43 events. Now, Rio will see the participation of nearly 11,000 athletes from 205 countries in 306 events. India will field its biggest contingent with almost 120 athletes.

Thanga Gram Panchayat questioned livelihood of fisherfolks

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: The Thanga Development Committee strongly condemned the violent police action against the peaceful protest by fish vendors of Thanga Ething against the eviction orders of their sheds causing serious injury to a number of people. Alleging the state security forces of not maintaining procedures for dispersing crowds, a press release of the Committee demanded a judicial inquiry into the excessive police action on August 3 at Sendra foothill in which 8 persons were wounded, three of them seriously in tear-gas firing. It may be recalled that the confrontation started when an eviction drive was carried out on the order of the SDO

Moirang at a piece of reclaimed land on which a fish market is being developed and maintained by the locals of Thanga at the foothill of Sendra for their livelihood. Claiming the contested area to be under the jurisdiction of Thanga Gram Panchayat and outside the jurisdiction of Notified area of Moirang Municipal Council, members of Thanga Gram Panchayat alleged that the plan to develop a parking at the spot is at the behest of Corporate House at Classic Sendra and at the cost of fishermen and women, the release questioned the fate of the poor fish vendors as also the authority of Moirang Municipality Council to undertake activities outside its jurisdiction.

GST will simplify doing business in the country: Jaitley

Courtesy: AIR
New Delhi, Aug 4: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said doing business will become easier once Goods and Services Tax GST is rolled out and it would help a large body of traders and citizens. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi today, the Minister said GST is a major step forward in the direction of having a uniform tax in the country. The Minister said the rates of most of the commodities will gradually come down under the new indirect tax regime.

He said passage of GST Bill in the Rajya Sabha demonstrates inherent maturity of Indian politics. The Finance Minister said government had marathon rounds of consultations and Centre was accommodative of various views but without compromising on the fundamentals of the bill. He said state governments were overwhelming in their support of the Bill as they felt it would help their revenue. The Minister also credited public opinion for playing a significant role in the passage of GST Bill.

Mr Jaitley said Model GST Bill has 233 odd clauses and 40,000 pages of representation have been received from industry in two months. He informed that a team has been formed to go through the representations and do the needful. Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia, who was also present in the press conference told reporters that 60 thousand central and state government officials are to be trained on GST laws and IT framework by March next year. He said the GST is targeted to be roll out from 1st of April 2017.

Framework agreement manifestation of hidden agenda – AMUCO

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO) appealed to the people of the state to stand together to protect the integrity of the state during the 19th Manipur Integrity Day held at Kwakeithel Akham Leikai today. During the function President of AMUCO Mani Khuman stated that the rally of 4th august 1997 was to seal the integrity of Manipur which might be affected by the peace talks between NSCN (IM) and government India. AMUCO and people of the state would stand for the integrity of the state. Commenting on the burning issue of Indo-Naga peace accord and the frame work agreement, he said that nobody but only the NSCN (IM) and central government knows the actual content of the frame work agreement. All



the people are at a lurch without knowing the points of agreement. There is no transparency and the agreement is the manifestation of their hidden agenda regarding the frame work agreement. He further added that people of the state should be prepared to face the outcome

of the peace accord. For that we need a common platform for all communities of the state for a common issue. Earlier today, the programme began with offering floral tributes at the Integrity Pillar installed near the Manipur State Museum. President of Irabot foundation Manipur Th.

Iboiyama, President of Poirie Leimarol Meirapaibi Apunba lup L. Memchoubi, Home Affair of Kupi Inpi Manipur Hemjathang Khongai, Chairman of Zeliangrong Union Imphal DH Gaikhangmei and Advisor of AMUCO KT Rahaman graced the function as presidium members.

Manipur to host International Tourism Mart

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: Ministry of Tourism Government of India has chosen Manipur to host the 5th International Tourism Mart for the North East Region to be held from 23rd to 25th November, 2016 with the objective to showcase the rich tourism potential of the North Eastern region in the domestic and international markets. Speaking to the media person during the interaction

programme held that DIPR the Nidhi Mani Tripathi, IAS Secretary Department of Tourism Government of Manipur said that during the International Tourism Mart department of tourism has decided to invite 3 delegates from each form the 35 countries which are including from United Kingdom, Thailand, Australia, Singapore, Germany, Russia,

and Switzerland. She further added that in the vision to develop the tourism infrastructure with aesthetics the department of tourism with the central financial assistance under Swadesh Darshan Schem from Ministry of Tourism is taking up major work like rejuvenation of infrastructure, light and sound show, Polo gallery, Exhibition Park, Tourist facilitation centre at Kangla

Fort. And also the tourism department has been implementing various projects sanctioned by ministry of tourism and north eastern council. The development of tourism infrastructure is being taken up in a big way for the Kongjom war Memorial complex and Moreh, Loktak Lake and Sendra for the construction of resort and cottages.

State cabinet discusses for establishment of Homeopathy Medical College

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: State cabinet today discussed for establishment of Homeopathy Medical College in the state. A source with the Imphal Times said that the Cabinet meet began from 3 pm today with Chief Minister on the Chair. The source added that for the Health and Family Welfare Department the agenda discussed today includes upgradation of ANM/FHW Training School Churachandpur to GNM School; creations of seven posts for Jawaharlal Nehru

Institute of Medical Science; creation of posts and appointments for starting of Post Graduate Courses in 6 subjects in JNIMS; Regularization of contract Engagement of 2 sister Tutors in the Medical Department and absorption of staff Nurse as Tutor in the College of Nursing by re-designation of the post held by them. Other agenda discussed today are constitution of Imphal Smart City Limited to execute the smart city mission, signing of memorandum of agreement for the operation, maintenance and upgradation of the solid waste

Management Plant at Landeng under PPP model. The source further said that the state cabinet also discussed for direct purchase of land through negotiation

for construction of National Sports University at Yaithibi Loukol and also for widening of the National High Ways from Lilong to Pallel; Wangting to Khudengthabi via Heirok.

VDF engagement to PS extended for 1 year

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: Engagement of Village Defence force (VDF) to various police stations of the states have been extended for another year starting from April 1, 2016 till March 31, 2015. The matter has been minutely discussed during state cabinet meeting today and after deliberation on the need for man powers at various Police stations due to lack of proper man powers at the respective police station, the cabinet approve to continue engagement of VDF for another year.

Jadonang Memorial Football Tournament

IT News
Imphal, Aug 4: The Zeliangrong Football Association (ZFA) is organising the 10th edition "Jadonang Memorial Football Tournament, 2016" from November 1 at THAU Sports Complex, Thangmeiband, Imphal West. To make the football tournament - a grand success, the ZFA have formed an Organising Committee for this year tournament with Dipu Gangmei, ADM Ukhrul and

Maibon Phaomei, Deputy Mayor, IMC as Organising Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Winner team will be awarded cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, Runner-up Team with Rs. 50,000/- and Third Place with Rs. 25,000/- along with a Trophy each. Other Group and Individual awards consist of Best Disciplined Team, Best Parade Team, Best Player, Best Keeper and Highest Scorer. A cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 5000/- along with cup will be

awarded for Group and Individual player(s). A press statement said that forms for taking part in the tournament will be available from August 16, 2016 from its Head Office at Kakhulung, Paona Bazar, Imphal or at "DIGIX CYBER". Majorhul, Imphal during office hours on payment of Rs. 500/- The Registration Fee is fixed at Rs. 3000/- for every team and the last date of form submission is on or before September 30, 2016.