



Dy. CM Gaikhangam attending the 12th foundation of KAMA

## Around 100 including titular king Leishemba begins relay hunger strike demanding ST status for Meitei/meetei

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 7:** Around 100 people including titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba today launched relay hunger strike at Panthoibi Sanglen near THAU Ground demanding inclusion of Meitei/Meetei to Scheduled Tribe status under the aegis of Schedule Tribe Demand Committee Manipur and Co-Ordinating Body of STDC. The relay hunger strike will continue till August 31. Speaking to media persons, convener of Co-Ordinating Body of STDC Motum Churamani said that state government should submit a memorandum to the central government to include Meitei/Meetei community to ST status within 31<sup>st</sup> of the this



month. "Inclusion of Meitei/Meetei to scheduled caste is the only alternative to protect the indigenous people of the state", Churamani said. He further said that if the

government fails to submit the memorandum then STDC and Co-ordinating body will organise mass rally on September 18 and will be followed by series of intense agitation.

Earlier, the committee had plan a sit-in-protest in front of Manipur Public Service Commission, however, as the government authority denied permission they shift the venue for protest at Panthoibi Sanglen.

## Police pick-up 2 students undergoing fast-unto-death protest at Yairipok

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Aug.7:** Police today picked up two students who were undergoing fast-unto-death protest against state government proposal to construct power sub-station inside the premises of Yairipok Government Aided School. The students of the school began relay hunger strike from August 1, but two students started fast-unto-death protest from August 3 after authority failed to listen their demands. A team of state police today came to the site where the fast-unto-death protest was being underway and picked up the two students at around 1.30 pm today. The police team also vandalize the make ship for



blocking the road. Nahakpam Suresh, a student if class VIII and Konjengbam Shyandhrani of class IX began the fast-unto-death protest from 6 pm of August 3 in protest against the construction of the power sub-station. They demanded construction of the power sub-station at some other place.

Condemning the excess of the police, a student of the school said that there will be no turning back to the agitation of the students unless the government authority change their mind and construct the power sub-station at some other place. They also threaten more intense form of agitation in the coming days.

## 2015 landslide and flood victim still yet to get compensation; protest rally staged

**IT News**  
**Chandel, Aug. 7:** Large number of people staged a protest rally at Chakpikarong Sub-Divisional Headquarter demanding fair compensation for 2015 landslide and flood victims on Saturday. At least 20 people including women and children were killed in landslide caused by heavy rain at Jomul village of Chandel district in August 2015. Many were left homeless due flood at Chakpikarong area due to heavy rains. Chakpikarong and Khengjoy Sub-Divisional Chiefs' Association & Grievances Forum which organized the mass rally denounced state government indifferent attitude towards the people

of the area by not releasing the relief fund sanction by the central government. The rally started from Chakpikarong Keithel and proceeded toward the Office of Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) Chakpikarong by holding placards and raising slogans against the State Government. The protestors later submitted memorandums addressed to Chief Minister of the State and Union Home Minister through Memi Mary, SDO Chakpikarong. Speaking at the sideline of the rally, BD Monising Anal, President Chakpikarong & Khengjoy Sub-Divisional Chiefs' Association & Grievances Forum told media persons that the rally was

organized in protest against non-payment of compensation to the landslide and flood affected victims of 2015. Even though the Central Government released the relief fund, the natural calamities victims of Chakpikarong and Khengjoy Sub-Division, the affected people has not received any compensation till date as the state government failed to release it, he added. Demanding for early disbursement of the compensation, Monising Anal further warned that the people of the two Sub-divisions will launch series of intense agitation if the state government fails to release the relief fund within 10 days.

## Tarao Students' Union clarifies

**IT News**  
**Chandel, Aug 7:** Tarao Students' Union has clarified that the press statement of the Union published on August 1 regarding the nomination of Chandel ADC members was not an unanimous decision of the students' body. In a press statement, President of Tarao Students' Union, Katrimsha Moningyear stated that though the Union strongly condemned the decision of the State Government over the appointment of ADC nominee members of Chandel District, the Union however, had nothing against any individuals, authority or Minister D. Korunghang. The statement added that there was no unanimous decision of the student body to boycott the ADC.

## KAMA observes 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Aug. 7:** The Kabui Mothers' Association (KAMA), Manipur observed its 12<sup>th</sup> foundation day at Gandhi Memorial Hall, Imphal today. The foundation day observation was graced by Deputy Chief Minister Shri Gaikhangam, Tamenglong assembly constituency MLA Shri Janghemlung Pankei, KAMA President K. Kakomlunglu and Founder Advisor KAMA, Manipur Shri R. Lanbon Kabui as the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and President respectively. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Gaikhangam said that, Mother's play a vital role in the society, we must honour them with all dignity in a society. When there is more good mother's in the society, definitely it would brings a better society and there is nothing to worried. Every mother must retrospect and



asked herself, 'do I worthy to be a mother'. Being a mother, there is no limit of love towards her children. If anyone denied the love of his/her mother, who so ever wouldn't be blessed. Freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu memorial park will also be established, he added. Manipur Sate Commission for Women, Chairperson Dr. K. Sobita and representatives of different civil society organisations also graced the event during which speakers

not only recounted participation and contribution of the Kabui community, under the aegis of KAMA, in a number of public movements but also the Association's relentless effort to preserve and promote culture and traditions of the Kabuis. Presenting the key-note address and Secretary Report, KAMA Secretary K. Ranjita Golmeipui highlighted the reasons for establishment of KAMA in 2004 and its achievements so far.

## DESAM protest

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 7:** Tension erupted at Manipur University complex today after volunteers of DESAM today tried to foil the recruitment exam of Assistant Registrar of the Manipur University. A police team which arrived at the spot control the agitating students and later conducted the recruitment examination.

## Thanga eviction drive: local condemns, appeals to reconsider the drive

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 7:** Local of Thanga Ething of Sendra has strongly condemned the eviction drive carried out by Government authorities on August 3 terming it as "inhuman act". At least five persons protesting the eviction

drive sustained injury in clashed with the police team. Speaking to media person at Manipur press club today Moirangthem Maipakpi said that The Thang-ga Ething road was constructed by accumulating the biomass of Loktak Lake by the

locals of the area as there were no dryland. She further said that people of the Thanga are living the most hardship life. Some even can't afford their children to school. She said after the houses were vandalised and evicted now the people are taking shelter at Sendra

Community Hall. On Wednesday the district administration evicted 11 houses, 37 street vendors and 9 shops from Thanga Ithing Sendra. Victim families appealed the state government to reconsider the eviction process for the cause of the poor people.

Independence Day celebrations after 'objections from Muslims parents'. Annoyed with the orders, as many as eight teachers left the job, along with the Principal. The order was passed by Mohammad Zia-ul Haq, Manager of MA Convent School in Sadiabad locality of Allahabad. Situated in the densely populated Muslim dominated locality, the school has a total of 330 students. "The school has 200 Hindu students while remaining 130 are Muslims. How can he ban

things like Vande Mataram and national anthem citing stupid religious reasons. I left the school as soon as I heard about this. Seven more teacher have also left the job as this is not acceptable at all," said the Principal of the school who didn't wished to be named. Talking to The Indian Express, school manager, Mohd Zialul Haq said the orders were passed when some Muslim parents objected that their children will not sing songs which are against their religion.

## PM urges people to use more handloom products

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Aug 7:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the growth of the handloom sector would not only ensure employment to countless weavers but will also serve as a means of women empowerment as he asked people to use more handloom products in their daily lives. "Our handloom sector is diverse, eco-friendly and is a source of employment for

countless weavers, who will be very encouraged by our support," he said in a series of tweets on occasion of Handloom Day. Since there are many women associated with the handloom sector, the growth of this sector is an important means of women empowerment also, he added. "...Let us affirm that we will give an impetus to the handloom sector and use more handloom products in our daily lives," he

said. "Khadi for nation and Khadi for fashion, this must be our guiding principle," Modi had said yesterday while speaking at the Town Hall-style address to mark the second anniversary of his government's MyGov initiative. Noting that the textile sector is one of the major drivers of economy in rural areas, the Prime Minister had urged 125 crore Indians to use khadi

and handloom for five per cent of their clothing needs. Rural economy will change if the sector is provided holistic support, e-platform for global marketing and facilities to weavers, he had added. August 7 was notified by the Centre as National Handloom Day with the objective of generating awareness about the importance of handloom industry and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country in

general and to promote handlooms, increase income of weavers and "enhance their pride" in particular. The date has been chosen due to its special significance in India's freedom struggle: it was on this day in 1905 that the Swadeshi Movement was formally launched, at a massive meeting in the Calcutta Town hall. The movement involved revival of domestic products and production processes.

## Assam CM visits Kokrajhar to review current situation

**Kokrajhar, Aug. 7:** Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal visited Kokrajhar today to take stock of the situation arising out of the killing of 14 civilians by terrorists on Friday. Security forces also killed one terrorist. The Chief Minister held meeting with senior officials on law and order situation. Mr. Sonowal already said that the state government has taken zero tolerance approach towards terrorism. Meanwhile, situation is gradually limping back to normal at Kokrajhar. A team of the Asom Gana

Parishad has also visited Kokrajhar today. Meanwhile, DGP Mukesh Sahay has said that the slain militant Maodong was the mastermind of the Kokrajhar attack. He said, the slain militant was a top commander of the banned Songbijit faction of NDFB. The DGP said that as per preliminary investigation, it was found that Maodang carried arms and grenades while 1 or 2 unarmed militants suspected to be at the spot when the firing incident occurred at Balajan Tinali in Kokrajhar on Friday.