

## Governor's address discussed

### Joykishan says 'incomplete' speech, Ibohalbi calls it the 'shortest & Ibomcha pointed out commitment deficiency

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** 3 opposition MLAs today raised amendment to the motion of thanks to the Governor's address moved by Congress MLAT. Mangibabu and MLA Ng. Bjoy Singh on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly. BJP MLA Khumukcham Joykishan while raising amendment to the motion of thanks called the governor speech as incomplete as it failed to address about the prevailing law and order of the Hill areas as well about the Scheduled Tribes community among others. "Nothing about the Hill area of Manipur is mentioned in the governor address", said Joykishan and further added that the certain issues like developmental issues of the Fishery department, health sector and inter village road has been left out besides wrongly mentioning the present address of RBI (temporary office) as Chingmeirong when it should

be Thangmeiband .

Trinamool Congress MLA, Ibohalbi while saying that governor address on the first day of the Assembly session of the house is the mirror of the government called the governor address as one of the 'shortest' address. "We know the government is doing something but when one goes through the speech of the governor one will certainly felt that the government is doing nothing", Ibohalbi said. He said the 'address' failed to mention about the relief measures provided to the victims of the January 4 earthquake occurred with epicenter in Tamenglong district of Manipur. "As many as 9 peoples were killed, over hundreds were injured and various properties including public and private building were damaged in the earthquake and it is unfortunate that nothing about it is mentioned in the governor address", Ibohalbi said. The trinamool MLA further added that when the world

community is worrying about global warming nothing about the protection of the wetland and environment has been reflected to the governor's address.

"people are facing acute shortage of water, tankers are seen at every roads and people are spending their saved money in buying drinking water, but the governor address has failed to mentioned the issue and the measures being taken up by the government to solve it", Ibohalbi pointed out. He said that there is no vision to improve the agriculture and the horticulture sector. Except for the Sangai festival nothing has been mentioned about the improvement of the tourism sector as well as achievement of the sports persons has not been mentioned.

NCP MLA L Ibomcha while pointing out the deficiency of commitment to the governor speech said that the governor's address has failed to mention about the reconstitution of the Manipur

Human Rights Commission, Manipur Information Commission and Manipur Public Service Commission. He said even as the state now has a retired acting chief justice, the government has not taken up any measures to reconstitute the MHRC. On the other hand required member of the Manipur Information Commission as well as the MPSC has not been filled.

Ibomcha also raised amendment to the motion of thanks to the governor address on the ground that it failed to mention about the present law and order condition of Churachandpur district.

Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, who is also the leader of the house while clarifying the MLAs said that as it would be time consuming to include all the matters to the governor address only those which is felt necessary has been included in the speech. He said those at which the MLAs felt left out can be discussed in the coming days.

## Apunba Lup staged sit in protest

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** The Working Committee of the Apunba Lup organized a sit in protest demanding justice for Th Rabina and Ch. Sanjit today at Keishampat Yumjao Leirembi Community hall. Speaking to media persons, Phunindro Kongsam- Co-convenor of the Apunba Lup said that after the confession of Manipur Police head constable Herojit who was the main accused in the khwairamband fake encounter in which Rabina and Sanjit were killed, the whole story has changed. Following Herojit's confessions of killing unarmed Sanjit, the most important question that has started to increase in crescendo is: who killed Rabina? Head constable Herojit had failed to attend the court on 8



February as he could not prepare some documents that had to be submitted to the court. But on February 20 even the news media has published about the assurance given by Herojit about his appearance for the next hearing, and the much anticipated legal proceedings could not be held as the judge was sent on an official tour to Tamenglong, a move seen by many as an intentional attempt to delay and derail the proceedings. The incident also raised doubts about the sincerity of the state government and spawned conspiracy theories. He further added that the working committee of the Apunba Lup will submit memorandums to the UN and Union Home Minister regarding the speedy investigation and is ready to organize various agitations including a people's convention at Lamyamba Sanglen on 26 of this month.

## JD(U) demands justice for Khwairamband Keithel fake encounter victims

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** JD (U) Manipur Pradesh today demanded justice to fake encounter victims of July 23, 2009. Khwairamband Keithel. Speaking to media persons President of JD9U Manipur Pradesh, M. Tombi said that after Police constable Herojit had revealed on how Ch. Sanjit was killed in fake encounter the government should

deliver justice to the victims. He said, "it is very unfortunate that the presiding officer was absent when Herojit came to give his confessional statement on the February 20".

Justice delayed is justice denied and the state government should arrange for the speedy investigation on the matter. He further appealed the state government to provide

24 hours power supply during the exam of the HSLC and HSSLC. While appreciating government measures to install CCTV camera in some school, the JD(U) president appealed to installed the CCTV camera in all the examination centers.

On the other hand Meisanam Dolendra has been elected as new General Secretary Administration of the party.

## Police wait for JNU permission to take action students surfaced on campus

**New Delhi, Feb. 22:** JNU Teacher's Association and JNU Student's Union today submitted a memorandum to university Vice-Chancellor demanding to bring normalcy in the campus. Both associations said, they wanted the situation to improve as the atmosphere is unstable. They also submitted a letter to

the enquiry committee saying that both associations should be kept in the loop while making any decision. The JNU teachers association said all criminal charges like criminal conspiracy, sedition should be dropped. It said, internal inquiry mechanism is needed and Police should not be allowed to enter and arrest

any student. The student Union said, they will abide by every decision of the Vice Chancellor.

Five JNU students, including Umar Khalid, who the police have been looking for in connection with a sedition case, surfaced on the campus yesterday. Police teams have been positioned outside the JNU and have been asked to wait for the students to surrender themselves. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court today directed all concerned parties to share the reports among themselves regarding the violence at the Patiala House Court premises before the next hearing on March 10. The Registrar of Delhi High Court, the Supreme Court Panel, Delhi Police, Bar Council, Delhi High Court's Administrative Committee and the counsel of the accused submitted their reports today.

## Obituary reference

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** Ongoing Assembly session today paid two minutes silence as a mark of respect to Former Lok Sabha Speaker Balram Jhakar, former Governor of Manipur KV Krishna Rao, former member of the Manipur Territorial Assembly Laishangbam Ibomcha and former members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Laitongbam Sharat and Atomba Ngairangbamcha, who had left for heavenly abode.

## CCTVs destroyed

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** The efforts by the state government to usher in transparency and tighten measures to counter the increasing menace of adopting unfair means by the students suffered a major setback as 18 Closed Circuit cameras installed at Biramangol College, Sawombung to keep a check on the students were destroyed by unidentified miscreants suspected to be students at 8.15 today morning. The class XII examination conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur (COHSEM) begins today. A case has been filed with the Lamlai Police Station in this regard. Meanwhile HSLC and HSSLC examination began today across the state. Except for the center mentioned here no untoward incidents occurred at other center. Examination in the mentioned center also conducted peacefully.

## DESAM charges Manipur University VC of high level nepotism

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** Alleging that the Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University, H Nandakumar Sarma has turned the varsity a favorite place for indulging in high level nepotism and corruption, Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) has appealed the HRD Ministry to constitute a fact finding committee at the earliest.

Speaking to media persons at Keshampat HQ of DESAM, President of the students' body, Moirangthem Angamba said that the VC has illegally appointed his wife Kamlabati as Assistant Finance Officer of the varsity. Appointment of Kamlabati, who has already crossed 60 years of age as Assistant FO is gross violation of guidelines set by Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pension (Department of Personnel & Training), Government of India regarding extension/re-appointment to Central Government servant beyond the age of superannuation, said Angamba.

Showing a copy of Office

Memorandum of Department of Personnel & Training, Angamba said that FR 56 (d) of guidelines regarding extension/re-employment to Central Government servants dated December 9, 2002 states that no government servant shall be granted extension of service beyond the age of 60 years.

In another case of indulging favoritism by the VC, an Assistant Professor of Manipur Dance Department (P Lilabati Devi), who is on probation, has been granted Extra Ordinary Leave (without pay) for 180 days (six months) on maternity ground. A maternity leave of six (6) months is also given to his former PhD student, Dr K Nomita Devi, who is currently working as Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Manipur University, said the President of DESAM. Besides, the Vice Chancellor has also secretly appointed 101 number of contract employees without any employment notifications and DPC. With all these instances of granting leaves and secret appointments

at the own will of the Vice Chancellor, it is evident that the present Vice Chancellor is in favoritism in appointment. The students' body also demanded a probe by a high level committee of Human Resource Development Ministry into the allegation. With all the facts and documents, Angamba said that DESAM would submit a memorandum to the HRD Ministry and Prime Minister urging their immediate intervention and save the academic atmosphere of the Central University.

## KCP (Liberation) appeals to eliminate armed gang party

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**Imphal, Feb 22:** While expressing strong reservation against the recent attack of a minor girl and her lover inside a restaurant, the banned Kangleipak Communist Party Military Affairs (Liberation) has seek co-operation from the people of Manipur in its effort to eliminate Gang party.

In a statement, Lanchen Meitei, Secretary Information and Publicity, Military Affairs, KCP-MC (Liberation) said that attack on a 14-year-old girl by an armed gang party is an act of coward. It is a crime against the woman community.

The prevailing anarchic law and order situation in the

state and due to increasing gang culture, and these gangs, who proclaimed themselves as revolutionary party, are responsible for it, said KCP-MC (Liberation). The outfit also said that time has come for the people of Manipur to stand firm against the gun and gang culture and to eliminate the armed gangs.

## ISIS claims murder of top Hindu priest in Bangladesh

PTI

**Dhaka, Feb. 22:** The Islamic State has claimed the gruesome killing of a Hindu head priest in Bangladesh using guns and cleavers at a temple in an area bordering India, the first attack by the dreaded group against a Hindu in a series of similar assaults on religious minorities. US-based private SITE Intelligence Group published the report after the execution-style killing of 50-year-old Jagdishwar Roy at Sonapota village yesterday in a pre-dawn attack in northern Panchagarh district's Debiganj Upazila, some 494 km from here, that also injured two devotees. The SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors online jihadi activity, said the ISIS claimed responsibility for killing Roy in a communique posted by the IS-linked Amaq News Agency on Twitter. The claim could not be independently verified. Motorbike-borne assailants, said to be over three in number, pelted stones at the house of Roy in the premises of the

Santagourhiyo Temple which prompted him to come out following which the killers pounced on him and slit his throat, according to a devotee in the neighbourhoood said. Roy founded the temple in 1998 and served as its principal and chief priest since then. His murder is the first attack on a Hindu priest and the fifth attack on minority religious communities including Shia Muslims and liberal Sufi preachers in the past six months by suspected Islamists. However, a senior police officer overseeing the investigation questioned the authenticity of the ISIS claim and said the initial investigation found that the banned Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami could be linked to the murder. "In the past several cases of such clandestine murders, we heard about the IS involvement, but our investigations found those claims to be unfounded... rather locally brewed

militant or Islamist groups were found to be directly involved in the killings," the officer told PTI requesting anonymity. Panchagarh's police chief Giasuddin Ahmed also questioned the ISIS claim, saying "the statement issued in the name of Islamic State is entirely bogus". Officer-in-charge of Debiganj police station in Panchagarh Babul Akhtar told reporters that in an overnight raid, police arrested two suspected JMB operatives and an activist of Jamaat's student wing suspecting their links to the murder. The SITE had earlier reported that ISIS claimed responsibility for the murder of Japanese national Kunio Hoshi at Rangpur, the attack on a Shia mosque in Bogra and another on a Shia procession in Dhaka. But law-enforcing agencies and the government had dismissed the claim, saying the Middle-East-based radical group had no presence in Bangladesh.