



BT Road fake encounter: Ibochouba appoints as defense counsel

IT News
Imphal, Feb 25: A bench of Session Judge, M Manoj Singh today heard a petition submitted by Th Herojit to provide counsel for his defense by the Court on the ground that he is not able to engage a lawyer on his own expense. During the hearing that was started today at 10.30 AM, the Judge of District and Sessions Judge, Imphal West requested N Ibochouba Singh, a criminal lawyer for assisting the Court being a defense counsel on behalf of the accused, Herojit. The Criminal lawyer accepted the request of the judge to be the Counsel for Herojit. Following the former counsel of the accused, advocate S Lakhikanta has determined



(withdrawn) from the case, Herojit, who is one of the main accused of the sensational alleged BT Road fake encounter case of July 23, 2009 prayed the Court to provide a counsel for his defense. Hearing the petition filed by Herojit, the Session Judge also strictly instructed Herojit to provide all the relevant documents to the newly

appointed counsel for his preparation on the case and avoid postponement of the next hearing, which is to be heard by the Court on March 5, 2016. Speaking to a group of media persons outside the Court room, the newly appointed defense counsel, Ibochouba said that relevant documents have been requested from concerned persons and he is mentally prepared for the case.

Since the accused had confessed before a group of media, Ibochouba said that Herojit's plea guilty is still an extra judicial case. Herojit, who arrived at the Court flanked by human rights activists and Meira Paibi leaders, told media persons after the hearing that he is prepared to confess before the Court on March 5 hearing.

State Govt. sent representative to hold talk with Nagaland counterpart over NSF's ban

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Imphal, Feb 25: State government has sent DIG Range-1, IK Muivah to hold talk with Nagaland counterpart to settle the present crisis along National High ways following the imposing of ban by Naga Students' Federation (NSF). This was stated by deputy chief minister Gaikhangam, who is also in charge of Home while giving reply to the calling attention moved by two opposition MLAs. In his clarification to the calling attention motion, Gaikhangam said that the home department is conducting an enquiry into the matter and those police personnel from the Manipurkhri post alleged of harassing the NSF volunteers have been removed.

by a sub inspector. They were asked to come down from the vehicle for body search. Two of them came down and allowed body search but the other person who was driving the vehicle didn't come down and started arguing the reason for checking. He tried to call a person using a cell phone but the police team took the cell phone hand set and called for another police back-up team. As there was a heated argument, the police team reported the matter to the SP Imphal West. Later the SP sent another team to assist the situation. The new police team then allow the three student to call using their hand set. Soon after they called a senior person came and took them. The police team did not arrest them, harassed them or assaulted them, they were simply conducting their duty, he added.

Gaikhangam further calls on the NSF and its stakeholders to lift the ban saying that there is nothing as such communal to the government of Manipur. "Hill people have been CM & CS of the state for quite a long time, Muslim had been the CM, the DGP is from Hills, the Deputy CM is from the Hills, How could the government be communal?", Gaikhangam question. Moving the calling attention motion today, MLA Th. Shyamkumar said that various trucks and passenger vehicles has been stranded at many places along NH-1 due to the ban of Manipur's vehicles by Naga Students' Federation (NSF) in protest against the alleged detention and harassment of their volunteers on February 14. "The incident was unfortunate, it could have been prevented had the security forces' check point located from Mao to Imphal had co-ordinated", Shyamkumar said. On the other hand, the matter arises out of this is very serious. Several vehicles are now stranded at various places along the national highways, Shyamkumar added. BJP MLA Kh. Joykishan while expressing his apprehension to ignite another unwanted situation out of this, He said that the way the Nagaland based students' body is imposing ban to only meitei vehicles in the naga areas had incited anger to many of the organisations. Referring to news report appeared in today's daily paper, Joykishan said that a student body of the state now started reacting and there is no guarantee that the matter went out of hand. Joykishan said that the house need to take a resolution against such communal attitude of any organisation of the neighbouring state and render it to the Nagaland government.

RIMS director, Prof. S Rita tenders resignation
IT News
Imphal, Feb 25: Director of Regional Institute of Medical Science, (RIMS) Imphal Professor S. Rita has tender resignation to the Union Health Ministry. According to source with the Imphal Times, the Professor submitted her resignation today morning. The source added that the Union Health Ministry had directed her to continue as the in-charge director till April this year.

Chief Minister calls for more laurels on the occasion of Shannaroising-gee Numit

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Imphal, Feb 25: The Chief Minister of Manipur, Okram Ibobi Singh has appealed to all the sportspersons from the state to work hard and achieve more laurels in the national and international competitions. The Chief Minister appealed it while addressing a gathering at the Shannaroising-gee Numit (Players Day) celebration today at Khuman Lampak main stadium here. Shannaroising-gee Numit is observed on February 25 every year to commemorate the 25th

February, 1999 which was a Red-letter Day in the sport history of Manipur, said Ibobi. Manipur occupies a prominent place in the field of games and sports in the country. The state has produced a Padma Bhusan; 3 Padma Shris; 13 Olympians; 16 Arjuna Awardees; 2 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees; 1 Dronacharya and 1 Dhyanchand Awardee, said the Chief Minister while hailing the sport-persons from the state. Besides, Ibobi said that the state has produced one

medalist in the Olympic, 16 medalists in Asian Games and 27 medalists in Common Wealth Games. In the recently held South Asian Games 2016 held at Guwahati and Shillong, players from Manipur won 19 gold and 3 silver medals in archery, boxing, cycling, football (women), judo, weight lifting, wushu and kho-kho. He also said that sport is an area where there is no difference of caste, creed and only talented and hard working determines the outcome.

RPF observes 37th Foundation Day
IT News
Imphal, Feb 25: Proscribed Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), today observed its 37th Foundation Day at various places including its general head quarters, Technical HQ, and training centers. The proscribed group observed the day as Independence Demand Day. As a part of the observance, flags of the outfit along with banners were put at Chingamakha Kshetri Leikai in Imphal West.

Maoist claims bomb attack, warns to RIMS authority

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Imphal, Feb 25: The banned armed group, Maoist Communist Party, Manipur today claimed the bomb attack at the Uripok residence of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) on Wednesday. The attack has been conducted along with likeminded three groups as part of the ongoing

investigation regarding the prevailing corruption and system of bribery in the medical institute, said the outfit in a release. Stating that the attack is just a warning to all who are working in RIMS, Maoist Communist Party said that doctors of RIMS are running from one post to another post to make money. While the Director, Deputy

Director and Medical Superintendent converted the medical institute as their favorite place to mint money. Maoist, in the statement claimed that it has been working to bring a proletarian revolution in the line with Leninism-Maoism ideology. And, it would strictly oversee the activities of RIMS authority.

National Environment Awareness Campaign held

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Imphal, Feb 25: The Biodiversity Ecology and Environment Network Manipur (Bee Net Manipur) in coordination with Directorate of Environment, GoM, Department of Life Sciences, Manipur University and the Standard Robert Hr Secondary School organized the National Environment Awareness Campaign, 2014-2015 at the Lecture hall of the School under the theme adopted for this year: 'Combating desertification; land degradation & drought'. The program was held as part of the 9th foundation day of the Bee Net Manipur. Speaking on the campaign among school students on "Biodiversity Conservation and the Role of Youth", Prof N Rajmuhon, Dept of Chemistry, MU and also the Vice President, Bee Net Manipur

encouraged young students to understand the crucial biodiversity status of the state. Stressing the fact that if men win the ongoing war between Men and Nature then there will be no place for survival, Prof Rajmuhon further egged the students to inspire themselves through good books, saying that 'a good book in one's life is more important than a good friend'. Jr Scientist Th Bhogen, Director of Environment, GOM, L Landhoni, Principal of Standard Robert Hr Secondary School and S Bhubol, Secy Local Network, Bee Net Manipur and other teaching staffs participated in the campaign. The National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) launched by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, during 1986-87 seeks to enhance

awareness of citizens about various environmental issues with a view to invoke their voluntary participation in the efforts for protection of environment and conservation of natural resources. NGOs, educational and training institutions, professional associations, scientific bodies, community organizations besides a range of other agencies including those of the Government are participating in the campaign.

VDF honorarium
IT News
Imphal, Feb. 25: Vice President of All Manipur VDF Welfare Association, L Somorjit today urged the government to pass their long pending demand for increment of the honorarium by Rs. 1000. The association also appealed the concern department not to deploy Village Defense Force (VDF) on March 6 as the association is observing its 7th Raising Day at Reserve Line-Chothe (BPR). A general body of the association was held at Manipur Press Club today.

AMSU gives reply to NSF

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Imphal, Feb 25: As a mark of protest against the snatching of registration books and documents of loaded trucks inbetween Mayangkhang and M. Ningthoupham in Senapati district besides vandalizing the vehicles, today All Manipur Students Union (AMSU) today locked the office of Assistant Station Superintendent of Nagaland

State Transport. Speaking to media persons, Secretary General of AMSU, Mangeet Sharangthem said that NSF must revoke the ban to vehicles of Meitei community only. The Secretary General termed the vandalizing and snatching of RC books as unfortunate incident. Mangeet said that if NSF fails to lift the ban, the AMSU and

its stakeholders will continue to lock down offices related Nagaland state located in Manipur, Assam, Arunachal, and Meghalaya. Mangeet further blamed the NSF for the unwanted incidents arise out of the ban to vehicles belonging to Meitei at naga areas. Office rooms and 2 buses of Nagaland State Transport were also locked.

Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Feb 25: 12th Foundation Day cum Annual rewards and Recognition Day of Raj Medicity was observed today at Multi-purpose Hall of the new building of Raj Medicity. Minister Phungzazathang Tonsing, Haobijam Rajen Singh, Managing Director of Raj Medicity, North AOC, Imphal attended as the Chief Guest and President of today's function.

directives of the party leadership on a vote. That is, they may not vote on any issue in contravention to the party's whip. Independent members would be disqualified if they joined a political party. Nominated members who were not members of a party could choose to join a party within six months; after that period, they were treated as a party member or independent member. (Contd. on page 2)

In a supplementary question asked by the MLA, the minister said that most of the water supply scheme are functional but some are not. However, as the question was asked to give answer for the total number of water supply scheme he answered it.

Ex-Arunachal CM Tuki likely to be disqualified under anti-

ANI
New Delhi, Feb 25: Former Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Nabam Tuki is likely to be disqualified as member of the state assembly and in turn attract punitive action under the Anti-Defection law. The Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, popularly known as the Anti-Defection Act, was included in the Constitution in 1985 by the government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. It sets down the

provisions for disqualification of elected members on the grounds of defection to another political party. The 52nd amendment to the Constitution relates specifically to the act and the law on the process by which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection. A Member of Parliament or state legislature is deemed to have defected if he either voluntarily resigned from his party or disobeyed the

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