

Keirao Litan Makhong Bridge inaugurated by Works Minister today



Foundation stone laid for Institute of Human Excellence

IT News

Imphal, Jan 20: state government will try to extend all possible assistance to the efforts of the Ramakrishna Mission in propagating education. Chief Minister I Ibobi stated in his speech at the Foundation Stone laying ceremony for the Institute of Human Excellence building at Babupara where previously the Bengali High school campus stood, under the Ramakrishna Mission Society today. A monk's quarter was also inaugurated at the campus in the presence of Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj-General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission-Belur Math, Howrah. In his speech, the Chief Minister expressed hope



that the upcoming institute will be able to provide quality education to the people of Manipur in such diverse spheres and subjects including Information Technology and give a positive fillip to the education sector in

Manipur and help aspiring students to achieve their goals, adding that the desire to open a Ramakrishna mission Centre has been felt for long, but various developments in the state has been preventing the government from acting on

it till now. Highlighting the secular outlook and belief of the society, the Chief Minister added that the state is like a Mini India with diverse communities, languages, beliefs and faiths being followed and adopted by different groups according to their beliefs and preferences. Education Minister M Okendro, present as the Guest of Honor, speaking on the occasion expressed the hope that the Institute will help provide valuable input to the students, both in terms of material and spiritual knowledge and help them to develop into complete individuals. H Dilip, Secretary Education and past students of Ramakrishna Mission also attended the function.

Land allotted to Manipur Govt. remains wasted at Bengaluru

IT Exclusives

Imphal, Jan 20: Land allotted for construction of Manipur Bhawan at Bangalore remains wasted for over one year, as no government authority had attended nor did any of the officer has been appointed till today. A source with the Imphal Times said that the land measuring 10,781.63 Sq. Metres, at Bengaluru, Karnataka (near Bangalore University) was allotted by Bangalore Development Authority on lease for a period of 30 years to the Government of Manipur

for construction of Manipur Bhawan, after onetime payment of Rs.

4,59,37,196/-. The source added that earlier the government of Manipur had utilized Dr. V. Ramakantha, IFS, as Manipur Liaison Officer but after his retirement on 31/07/2013 state government has not posted any liaison officer to look into the matter. Even though state government has a provision for engagement of liaison officer on contract basis, no officer has been engaged to look into the matter till today.

TSA appeal to call off indefinite bandh in Moirang area

IT News

Imphal, Jan. 19: The Thadou Students' Association, Churachandpur Branch (TSA-CCP) condemned the brutal assault of Thangting Misao S/o (L) Kamsai Misao, 35 yrs of Matjang Village, Churachandpur at Torbung on 18 January, 2015 by the volunteers in the bandh called by the Joint Committee of various associations who are against the name Thangting while suggesting the concern associations to understand, and withdraw the indefinite bandh imposed at Moirang area against the alleged misinterpretation of the newly proposed Sub-Division name i.e., "Thangjing". A press statement issued by the TSA-CCP states that the word Thangting (in Thadou means the apex (in English) wherein termed after the mountainous range located on the western side of the Tiddim Road whereas, Thangjing (in Manipuri) is a name of plant (a noun) growing inside a pond, covered with thorns. Historically, the range/land belongs to the Chief of S. Nabil Village, a Thadou community and it was named by the Thadous as Thangjing. As time go by, the valley community had begins its Chingkaba and

started claiming Thangting as Thangjing and hence the claim of Thangting on track, the statement claimed. Until recently, there was no argument in the name Thangting states the press release signed by Ngamkhole Haokpi, General Secretary, TSA CCP. The release added that there is no Thangjing plant in and around the hills; it doesn't grow in and around the Thangting Range. There is no such pond/lake in Thangting Range to grow Thangjing plant. So, claiming Thangting Range as Thangjing Range thereby disturbing Thangting Sub-Division as Thangjing Sub-Division will not bring any harmony between the valley and the hills people. Instead, will only lead to misunderstanding and

create chaos and violence among us, claimed Ngamkhole. Therefore, as clarified by Mr. Nhlenlal, Chief of S. Nabil on the 6th Jan., 2016, Thangting was given by his forefather and that Thangting hill and its ranges are within his jurisdiction and TSA-CCP declares it an unnecessary issue, further adding that if the state government could not come up with a favorable solution to the issue by January 21, TSA-CCP will react into it and the Govt. of Manipur shall bear responsibility for the consequences, the statement concluded.

(ALSO READ OUR EDITORIAL "It is serious: Thangjing cannot be converted into Thangting")

Tension runs high between two communities at Torbung

IT News

Imphal, Jan 20: As bandh against conversion of Thangting to Thangjing has intensified tension runs high at Torbung area after some of the tribal communities are strongly opposing to the bandh called. At around 2 pm today afternoon some of the tribal people confronted the bandh supporters at Torbung area. Police team which arrived

at the spot find hard time in controlling to situation. As the situation went worse, the police team fired several rounds of tear gas shell and mook bomb to control the situation. At least one woman sustained injury after she was hit by a tear gas shell fired by the police team. The injured woman has been admitted at the Churachandpur District Hospital.

Speaker sends wish on Gaan-Ngai

IT News

Imphal, Jan. 20: Speaker Th Lokeshwar Singh greets the people of state specially Kabui community on the occasion of Gan-Ngai Festival.

He wishes people to enlighten with the inner sense of very festival. He wishes out for discipline, peace, prosperous and harmony be upon the state.

Home Guard

IT News

Imphal, Jan 20: Manipur Home Guard Employees Welfare Association today held a meeting at the Manipur press club demanding the enhancement of duty allowances of Home Guard personnel of Manipur.

Speaking to the media persons, Y Mangi Singh, President of Manipur Home Guard Employees Welfare Association said that the state seems to neglect the work of the Home Guard. Since July 2015, the association has been appealing to the high court of Manipur to pay their allowance equivalent to the minimum of the pay to which the police personnel of the State are entitled but such benefits have not been fulfilled, Mangi said.

To provide help and support to the peoples and villagers affected in the earthquake and to provide beneficial help to the retired and the late members of the association, members of the association and any volunteers can provide help as donation at the account of the Manipur Home Guard Employees Welfare Association i.e. 795808003 of Manipur Co-Operative Bank, Mangi asserted in his speech.

One woman apprehended, explosive devices recovered

IT News

Imphal, Jan 20: One woman was apprehended along with highly explosive device at around 7:30 am today morning by troops of 16 AR from a passenger vehicle coming towards Ukhrul at Gwatabi area.

Report said the vehicle was coming from Imphal. The apprehended woman has been identified as one Puprangla Hungyo, aged 53, w/o (L) Ajoy Hungyo of Sorde Village, Phungyur Tehsil, Ukhrul District. 9 nos of Detonator, 3 nos of Highly explosive

weighing 125gm each and 3 nos of fuse, approx 7inch each were recovered from her possession. The explosive devices were hidden in a bag. The woman along with the devices has been handed over to Lamlai Police Station.

JD (U) to file PIL against NBCC

IT News

Imphal Jan 20: Janata Dal-United JD(U) is going to file a PIL against the National Building Construction Company (NBCC) in connection with the Ima market which was badly damaged in the recent earthquake.

Speaking to media persons, M. Tombi- President of JD (U) said that Ima market should be rebuilt from scratch as the state falls in an earthquake prone area

and the damaged market cannot be used after the proposed repair works. The crisis of the construction of the temporary Ima market is due to the politicking of the issue by the congress and the BJP.

He further added that the ruling congress should bring a solution as soon as possible in the crisis of the construction of the market shed as more than two thousand families are depending on the

khwairamband market for their daily livelihood. He also stated that there is no news about the sanction of fund by the central government to help the victims of the recent earthquake which led to the loss of lives for 8 people inspite of the state government having requested the Central Government. He further added that the state BJP unit should take up more responsibility on the issue.

Campaign to save Sharmila commenced; appealed to state government for timely intervention

IT News

Imphal, Jan. 20: In due consideration of the deteriorating health condition of Sharmila Chanu, Communist Party of India- Khurai Local Council today urged the Ibobi led state government to completely repeal AFSPA from the state.

Predicting the undesirable future consequences if something is to happen to Sharmila in between, RK Amusana, State Executive Member MSC-CPI during a press conference held at Irbot Bhawan appealed to both the Chief Minister and Home Minister to visit

her and inspect the ever deteriorating health condition of Sharmila. He also appealed to the Manipur Government to save Sharmila's life by fulfilling the one-and half decade long demand and prove that law and order situation in the state has improved.

He further alleged BJP led central government for not keeping their words regarding the repeal of AFSPA from the state which they gave before coming to power at the centre. Before holding the government, many

officials of BJP from the centre visited Sharmila and committed to bring out the issue in the Parliament too, but on the contrary, no one so far from the Centre visits her since they came to power. Regarding this matter and other developmental issues of Khurai area the Council submitted an 8 point charter of demands to Chief Minister O Ibobi today before holding the press conference. The submission of the memorandum marked the beginning of a mass campaign to save Sharmila when there is still time.

Eastern Command Chief visits Manipur

IT News

Imphal, Jan 20: Lieutenant General Amrik Singh, SM, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command arrived in the state on two day visit to HQ IGAR (South) from 20 to 21 January 2016.

The COS was briefed on the prevailing security situation in the state by Major Gen VS Sreenivas, VSM**, IG AR (South). The COS reviewed the operational preparedness of the formation during his official visit to the state. The COS lauded the efforts of the Assam Rifles for maintenance of peace and harmony in the state. He appreciated the efforts of IGAR (South) and also conveyed his support to various developmental projects in the state in coordination with the civil

administration and local populace. The COS lauded the efforts of the soldiers for ensuring peace and tranquillity in the

state and asked them to continue the good work in a professional manner and in the true spirit of the "Friends of the North East People"

