

Sit in protest at Singjamei Bazar against "Wanted" tag on Kh. Ratan



## Preponement without proper notification procedure make more than 300 candidates to miss B Ed entrance examination

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 10:** Threatening with police action and FIRs, a large number of candidates who are to appear for the written test for admission to Bachelor of Education (B Ed) course from the DM College of Teacher Education Imphal were briefly detained inside the campus by an employee of the college. The incident happened when about three hundred candidates coming to sit for the test started breaking the padlock of the office of the principal on learning that the test was earlier scheduled for today

was preponed to July 9. The agitated students shouted demands for re-examination and condemned the conduct of college authority. According to Amar Sheik, a 21 year old candidate from Yairipok, the admit cards issued on July 3 has the date of examination printed as July 10 while cards issued on July 10 have the original print struck out and replaced with July 9 as the date of examination. Interestingly, the notice for preponement of the written test was published in only a single local Manipuri paper. The

candidate expressed suspicion of the concern officials colluding with a few unscrupulous elements to provide opportunity for selection to a selected few. Another candidate from Saikhul stated that there is no circulation of Manipuri newspaper in the hill regions of the state. Moreover, there was no intimation about the preponement either through e-mail or by telephone, the details of which are provided in the application form for the test. A team of City Police tried to pacify the agitated crowd, and emboldened by the police

presence, an employee of the college started threatening the agitating students. An impromptu sit-in-protest was also organized at the campus. Meanwhile, Th Ibetombi Devi, Principal of the College was not available for comment which could have shed some light to the whole unfortunate incident. The total intake of candidates for the course is to be 1353. According to the notice, the reason for the preponement was the scheduling of NET examination on July 10, the same date fixed for the B Ed test originally.

## Trampled dreams and dismissed destiny

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 10:** The state government has been neglecting the interests and concerns of disabled persons and is keeping them separated from society; according to Khoirakpam Bhudhinanda, a 75% blind person who has brought many medals and participated in national and international athletic meets. The 25 year old athlete with disability from Thanga Ething Mamang Leikai, son of Kh. Chinglensana is now presently staying at takyel along with his elder brother. Among the 5 members of the family, his mother and younger brother are also blind leaving the responsibility of the family on his father who work as fisherman and elder brother who is a home tutor at Takyel area.



brought medal and name are also for the state, he added. Reacting to the ignorance of state government he said that he never get any government support. He further said that persons with disabilities cannot be eradicated as they are also humans and belong with human civilisation and he should accept the truth. Without development of People with Disorders (PWD), society cannot be called as developed by developing only normal people. So we need co-operation and support to each other so that we can share a common life and goal among the society. He further appeals to everybody to refrain from showing pity at the sight of a disabled person as such misplaced expression of sympathy hurts a lot to the disabled person when they hear such words. "Yes PWD needs people's sympathy, support and encouragement but such word must be kept inside our heart and instead show it in the form of action for the support of the PWD" he added.

He secured 75% in the 2014 BOARD exam and received the Nirmal Kumar memorial award 2014.

He disclosed that he even stopped attending classes during his schooling days due to harassment and ignorance by the teacher and student even when he was the top in the class. He always requested the teacher to read the question aloud during the exam and to repeat what written on the blackboard. Sometimes even the teachers made snide remarks. "Such harassments became a normal thing to us living with disabilities but i never give-up" he added.

This year he cleared the class 12 examination from Model Higher Secondary School of Takyel and he is the only student from amongst the boys who got first division from the school. He used to read through copying by Braille method what the teacher taught during the class and types that into laptop using Job Access With Speech (JAWS) System which reads out the typed keys, and for Manipuri subject someone used to read the books which he recorded in his laptop playing it repeatedly.

His dreams lay shattered today as he is forced to withdraw admission from DU due to the financial constraints commented Budhinanda who always dreamt of becoming an IAS by appearing the UPSC exam and he always consider New Delhi the right place for the blind person as there is lot of respect in the white stick used by blind person.

"Now I don't have any dream or aim and don't know what to do for the future. "Let my destiny decide for me" he concluded, a single drop of tear streaming down the side of his face.

Despite the enviable list of achievements in sports given his drawbacks and disabilities, Budhinanda is really good in the field of education, he is the highest mark achiever in the history of Manipur in class 10 exam conducted by board of secondary education Manipur by a disable person.

## Flood situation improves in Assam; Rainfall recedes in several parts of MP

**Guwahati, July 10:** In Assam, the flood situation has slightly improved today. Official sources said, major rivers including the Brahmaputra are showing receding trend. Jorhat district administration said, report of inundation of

new areas have not been received today. Officials said, nearly 50 thousand people have been affected in Jorhat district alone. Flood water damaged nearly 7 thousand hectare of crop land and also affected livestock.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal reviewed the flood situation yesterday. He instructed ministers and legislators to visit flood affected areas. He instructed Health department to monitor health and hygiene related issues.

Mr.Sonowal stressed on providing proper relief materials to women and infants. The Chief Secretary appraised that there would not be death of funds to tackle flood. In Madhya Pradesh, rainfall has receded giving relief to people in the excessive rain affected districts. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today again reviewed the flood situation at a meeting in Bhopal. He said,

situation is fast returning to normalcy in most parts and district collectors have been asked to remain alert. Mr. Chouhan informed that Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to him over phone and he made him aware about actual flood situation. The Chief Minister said, 15 people were killed in rain related incidents in different parts and three people were missing.

### Wallet Lost

I, the undersigned have lost my wallet containing my SBI ATM Card (2 no.), Adhar Card, Driving License and Voter ID card on 8/7/2016 on the way between Khurai Lamlong to Konung Mamang. Finders are requested to handover it to the undersigned.  
Sd/-  
Changambam Rahul Singh  
S/o Ch. Bashanta Singh  
New Checkon Bazar  
Ph. 9089819363

## CIRCA continues campaign for self-determination

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 10:** As part of the ongoing Campaign of Coalition for Indigenous Rights Campaign (CIRCA) on Manipur's demand for home rule and restoration of pre-merger political status, a public meeting was held at Lamphel Sanakeithel Community Hall today organised by Lamphel Sanakeithel Development Authority (LSKDA). Cultural activist Ningthouja Lancha said that it is a mockery to the people's movement of the state by the

government that the base year for the new draft of the ILPS will be 1972. The same government has already made an agreement to protect the indigenous people during the go back foreigner movement in 1980. It shows that the government did not respect the movement of the people where many lives were lost for the protection of indigenous people.

He further added that Manipur has been facing lots problems including migration of non-local, human rights violation, issue of Iron Chau

Sharmila and AFSPA 1958, arguments on integrity and such other issues confused people working for a permanent solution. He said that these problems only can be solved through home rule and restoration of pre-merger political status of Manipur. Dr. Khomdun Lisam, ret'd. Project Director of Manipur Aids Control Society, Somendra Thokchom Convenor of CIRCA and Khwairakpam Raghunani vice president of LAKDA graced the function as presidium members.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Fish Farmers' Day, 2016 observed

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 10:** The Department of Fisheries, Government of Manipur, observed 16<sup>th</sup> Fish Farmers' Day, 2016 today at the Directorate's complex. The function was held to promote and developed the local fish farmers who worked ceaselessly to provide the requirements of fish in state. The Department lauded the local fish farmers by organizing Fish Fair cum Fish Crop Competition last year and the prizes were distributed today in the function. The monetary award and citation amounting Rs. 1,00,00, 70,000 and 50,000 were awarded to three farmers namely Shri Ningthoujam Kumar Singh of

Thanga Chingmei, Bishnupur District, Shri Ningthoujam Basanta of Kribul, Bishnupur District and Shri Soibam Surchandra Singh of Hiyangthang, Imphal West as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of the competition.

The Director of Fisheries Shri David K. Shimray appealed to the farmers to have a positive thinking in producing of fishes and also for producing more than 32,000 metric tons of fish even though they don't meet the requirements for local consumption and to meet requirements, the Director highlighted some schemes for the welfare of local fish farmer for the year 2012-17.

The Chief Guest of the

function Shri Md. Abdul Nasir, Hon'ble Minister (Agri.& Fisheries) said that the schemes are central and state sponsored. The Farmers' Day is organized for the welfare of the farmers, and if any farmers have any problems, it should be taken to the notice of the Minister and it should be resolved between Government and the farmers.

The function was attended also attended by Shri Th. Gopen Meetei, IAS (Secy, Fisheries) and H. Biramani Singh as Presidents and Smt. Peijonna Kamei, Director,(Eco.& Stat.) and Smt. E. Sulochana Devi as Guests of Honour. The function was also attended by dignitaries from various fields.

## Supreme Court: Armed Forces don't have Immunity from Civilian Trials

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 10:** The central government must heed a Supreme Court ruling on the importance of holding security forces accountable for human rights violations, and repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Acts which grant soldiers virtual immunity from prosecution in civilian courts, Amnesty International India said today. The Court is hearing a public interest litigation filed by Imphal-based NGO Human Rights Alert and a victims' group, seeking its intervention in the cases of 1528 alleged extrajudicial executions in Manipur from 1979 to 2012. In its ruling on 8 July, it said that

all the allegations needed to be looked into, and offences committed by security forces could be prosecuted in civilian courts. It asked for more information about the cases. Proceedings will resume in four weeks. "The Court's ruling makes it clear that security force personnel accused of human rights violations must not be allowed to get away with impunity. It offers a ray of hope to the families of hundreds of people who were allegedly extrajudicially executed in Manipur over decades," said Anrit Sen, Project Manager at Amnesty International India. The Court stated: "If any death was unjustified, there is no

blanket immunity available to the perpetrator(s) of the offence. No one can act with impunity particularly when there is a loss of an innocent life. ... from the point of view of a citizen, living under the shadow of a gun that can be wielded with impunity, outright acceptance of the proposition advanced [that Army personnel have immunity from civilian trials] is equally unsettling and demoralizing, particularly in a constitutional democracy like ours."

"We welcome the judgment. It is a positive one. We shall have to wait on what the court decides on our demand for a special investigation team to investigate all the cases. The

real sting is yet to come on the nature of investigations on the cases," said Babloo Loitongbam, Director, Human Rights Alert.

In January 2013, the Court had appointed a three-member commission to determine whether six cases identified by the court were 'encounter' deaths - where security forces had fired in self-defence against members of armed groups - or extrajudicial executions. The Commission found that all the cases involved extrajudicial executions, and also said that the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) was widely abused by security forces in Manipur.

Parts of Manipur, other north-eastern states and Jammu and Kashmir remain officially declared "disturbed areas", where the AFSPA is in force. The Act provides soldiers with wide-ranging powers, including the use of lethal force. Prosecution for alleged rights violations in civilian courts requires permission from the central government, which is virtually never given. "The AFSPA violates constitutional rights to life and liberty and shields soldiers from justice. This judgment underlines that no one should be above the law. The government must recognise the import of this ruling and repeal the AFSPA," said Arijit Sen.