



Protest rally against irregularity in NFSA at Imphal East

Chief Justice of India to deliver speech on International Justice Day

IT News
Imphal, July 16: Even as India is yet to become a signatory to the International Criminal Court (ICC), Chief Justice of India TS Thakur is all set to deliver 45 minutes speech in connection with the International Justice Day tomorrow. The speech will be broadcasted at AIR Imphal and Doodrashan Kendra across the country. International Justice Day is celebrated throughout the world on July 17, 2016 as part of an effort to recognize the emerging system of international criminal justice. It is also referred to as Day of International Criminal Justice or World Day for International Justice. July 17 was chosen because it is the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute, the treaty that created the International Criminal

Court (ICC). On 17 July 1998, the Rome Statute was adopted by a vote of 120 to 7. The seven countries that voted against the treaty were Iraq, Israel, Libya, the People's Republic of China, Qatar, the United States, and Yemen. Under the Rome Statute, the ICC can only investigate and prosecute in situations where states are unable or unwilling to do so themselves. Thus, the majority of international crimes continue to go unpunished unless and until domestic systems can properly deal with them. Therefore, permanent solutions to impunity must be found at the domestic level. Each year, people around the world use International Justice Day to host events to promote international criminal justice, especially support for the International Criminal Court. The day has been successful enough to attract international news attention, and for groups to use the day to focus attention on particular issues such as genocide in Darfur, Falun Dafa, and serious crimes of violence against women. (With materials from Wikipedia)

JNIMS submits proposal to increase MBBS intake

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Imphal, July 16: Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, (JNIMS) has decided to increase the MBBS intake seat from 100 to 150. Source said a proposal in the regard has been submitted to the Ministry of Health & FW, Government of India. As according to a scheme of Government of India, there is provision for support of Rs 1.2 crore per seat for development of infrastructure for any gap filling that may be necessary as per MCI norms. This translates into Rs. 60 crore, out of which 90% i.e Rs 54 crore will be provided by the Government of India. The matter is likely to be discussed threadbare in the Technical Evaluation Committee meeting which is scheduled on July 19, at 11am at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.

Jwalamukhi Battalion saves snake bite victim

PIBDEFENCE, Imphal, July 16: Jwalamukhi Battalion of Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division in its continuous efforts to provide aid and assistance to the local populace, saved a snake bite victim named Seikhomang Chongloi, village chief of L.Khenjang village, Senapati district on 13 July 16. The victim was provided first aid by the medical team of Motbung post which saved his life. The villagers and the family members expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the effort of the security forces for saving the life of local people. The sincere effort brings out the positive constructive intent of the security forces towards the people of Manipur.

Integration of mushrooming private hospitals on the cards: Dr. O. Ibomcha

IT News
Imphal, July 16: According to the Manipur Nursing Home and Clinic Registration Act 1992, if any government-employed doctor is found working at private hospitals then their practising license can be cancelled, and many hospitals in the state have had their licences suspended for operating in contravention of this act, stated Director of Health Services O. Ibomcha replying to media queries during today's press conference of department heads organized by DIPR. He further said that the state government has is drafting new regulations which is expecting to be amended in early 2017. After implementation, the new acts will help to control and better regulate private hospitals and nursing homes. The department has also been planning to bring together the 322 private nursing home which are presently operating in Manipur into 5-6 integrated private hospitals. He further said that China is the world's largest producer of tobacco products of which

20% were consumed by their citizen and the remaining 80% exported while India is the 2nd largest producer but 80% of the total product is consumed by the domestic market with only 20% exported so the rate of consumption by Indians is very high. He further added that failure in banning tobacco products in the state is due to the negligence of bureaucrats and officials as they are also chain smokers. Now the function of controlling tobacco consumption is being entrusted with National Health Mission so there will be more restrictions on this issue hopefully. He further said that Manipur State Illness Assistance Fund has provided one-time assistance upto Rs 1.5 lakhs to BPL families and has been made compulsory to all the AIDS patients. He also disclosed that NRHM has invested Rs. 102.62 crore for construction and improvement of buildings of health institutions in the State. State Government got Rs. 101.66 crore from the Centre for NLCPR funded projects.

Baseline Survey to promote local artisans launched at Phayeng Village today

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Imphal, July 16: With a view to identify and promote the local handicraft artisans, a Baseline Survey and Mobilisation for Formation of SHGs was launched at Phayeng Village in Imphal West. Organized by the Federation for Artisans Creative Touch (FACT), Thoubal, the baseline Survey and Mobilisation for Formation of SHGs was launched under AHVY Scheme of Ministry of Textiles, govt of India. The launching function was attended by Oinam Indira, Member AIHB, Ministry of Textiles who is also State Executive Member of BJP Manipur as Chief Guest, Angom Tamu Leima, Team Leader FACT Thoubal as President, M.Sanjev Kumar Singh, Asst. Director, M&SEC Imphal, O/oDC(H), Ministry of

Textiles GOI, W. Birenjit Singh, Superintendent (Handicrafts) Dept. Of Commerce & Industries Govt. of Manipur as Guest of honours, A.Sobita Devi, Field Officer FACT Thoubal, N.Toyai Chakpa, Khulakpa Phayeng Chakpa Village as Special Guests, S. Sorojini Devi and Mrs. Inaocha Devi, Project Manager WIGS Thoubal as Technical Experts. The baseline survey is conducted as a part of the initiative to form 500 self help groups comprising 17 members each for the villages of Pheyng in Imphal west, Lishamlok in Thoubal district and Sandang Senba Maring Village in Imphal East. A Baseline Survey and Mobilisation for Formation of SHGs was launched at Sandang Senba Maring Village on 9th July 2016. Selected SHG members will be provided skill

development Training and Modern designing training to improve their skills in their respective crafts. BJP member Oinam Indira said that Manipur is popular for its handicraft items designed by the local artisans. However, the state government fails to take up initiative to promote the local artisans. "If BJP comes to power in 2017 general election, the party will make the state a corruption free state and focus on promoting the talented local artisans. She said that funds provided by the centre to promote handicraft sector in the state do not reach to the hands of intended artisans. More than 3 lakh artisans in the state are living in a pathetic condition with no encouragement from the state government. She motivated the artisans to build up work culture.

Pema Khandu has been elected as the leader of the Congress Legislature

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Itanagar, July 16: Pema Khandu, who has been chosen the new leader of the Congress Legislature Party in Arunachal Pradesh, has rushed to Raj Bhavan along with 44 supporting MLAs to stake claim to form the new government. Earlier, in a dramatic turn of events, the Congress today chose Pema Khandu as its new leader in Arunachal replacing restored Chief Minister Nabam Tuki, hours ahead of a scheduled Assembly floor test in a bid to save its government. Pema Khandu, son of late chief minister Dorjee Khandu, was unanimously elected leader at a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party,

which was attended by 44 MLAs, including rebel Khaliko Pul, who became chief minister in February with outside support from the BJP. The Assembly now has an effective strength of 58 in which BJP has 11 and Independents 2. With Speaker Nabam Rebia and the return of dissidents, the Congress strength has gone up to 45. In case a floor test takes place, the Congress is tipped to win the trial of strength. The 37-year-old Pema, a former Minister of Tourism and Water Resources, is an MLA from Mukto (ST) constituency. A graduate from Hindu College, Delhi, Pema became a Secretary of the Arunachal Congress

Committee in 2005 and the president of the District Congress Committee in Tawang in 2010. Governor Tathagata Roy had directed Tuki, who was restored to the post on Thursday by a historic verdict of the Supreme Court, to face a trial of strength in the Assembly today. He had rejected yesterday Tuki's request for postponing the floor test by at least 10 days. Khaliko Pul, who was unseated by the apex court verdict, had commanded the support of 30 MLAs of the People's Party of Arunachal Pradesh, which they had joined in December last after they revolted against the Congress.

It is the concern govt. dept. heads, not HAC which fails to submit report

IT News
Imphal, July 16: Apropos to our news item under the heading "HAC fails to submit administrative report for 5 years" that was reported in this newspaper on yesterday's issue, we in the Imphal Times tenders our sincere apology to the Chairman, Hill Area Committee, (HAC) Manipur as it was the head of government departments which is responsible to submit the report and not the HAC. It stands true that as

according to the clause (2) Article 371 (C) of the Constitution of India, report of the HAC has to be submitted to the President of India through the governor of Manipur. However, the concern heads of government departments had failed to furnish the report for five years that is from 2011-12 till 2015-16. Source with the Imphal Times said that as the report has not been furnished, several queries have been raised at several forums including on the floor of the house of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.

Following this, Chief Secretary of Manipur, O Nabakishore Singh had directed all concern secretaries, Principal Secretary, Commissioners to furnish the year wise report for the said mention years to the Tribal Affairs and Hills Department, which is the nodal department for Administration in the Hill Area, so that the nodal department can submit it to the President of India through the Governor of Manipur latest by July 20, 2016, the source added.

JNIMS produces white paper on regularization of two professors

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Imphal, July 16: Authorities of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) today produced white paper on regularization of two professors namely M Angouba Singh and Dr L Deben Singh during a press conference held today at JNIMS. Authority of JNIMS produced the white paper following a banned armed outfit, Kangleipak Communist Party (Poirei Meitei Lup) threatening to call statewide general strike with effect from July 20 midnight alleging misconduct in regularization of two

professors of JNIMS, who were working on contract basis. Speaking to media persons, spokesperson of JNIMS, Dr Mohen said that the decision to regularize two professors were taken during the 21st Meeting of the Governing Council, JNIMS society held on 19 February, 2015 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh. Regarding the regularization of the two professors, the spokesperson said that they were regularized as Professors after they forfeit their pension benefit after retirement and in accordance with the decision

of the General Council. The service of teaching faculty can be retained upto the age of 70 years as per requirement of the JNIMS. The eligibility for retention of faculty members beyond 65-years will be based on vacancy and assessment of teaching efficiency, aptitude and physical conditions in two slots- 65-68 and 69-70. While the three other persons namely Dr H Lokendro Singh, Dr T Rajen Singh and Dr M Shyamo Singh were retired from their respective posts and availing post-retirement pension benefits currently, there would not be consideration for regularization of the trio who joined JNIMS on contract basis. In his response to the news reports alleging 'misconduct in regularization of professors', Director of JNIMS, Dr L Deben Singh said that the two persons were regularized in compliance with the decisions taken during the 21st Meeting of the Governing Council, JNIMS society. He also appealed the concern groups and individuals to stop tarnishing the image of the government-run medical institute and withdraw the proposed general strike called by KCP. Poirei Meitei Lup in view of the hardships faced by the general public.

Locals of Khurai AC stir to revoke NFSA

IT News
Imphal, July 16: Volunteers of Khurai Apunba Nupi Lup, Communist Party of Manipur State Council and Khurai Action Committee today afternoon stormed Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East Office Complex demanding to revoke the contentious National Food Security Act (NFSA) that is causing social havoc in the state owing to widespread allegations of misappropriations in distribution of rations under it. The incident broke out after the

womenfolk of Khurai Assembly Constituency raided the residence of Shanti of Khurai Chaitabi Leirak, who is an agent of NFSA of Khurai A/C, and seized a large quantity of rations from his house. From there, they marched a rally towards the DC complex along with the confiscated bags of rations demanding to revoke the act which does not meet its purpose to serve the common people, a woman leader expressed anguish over the misuses of rations by agents and authority.

PM says centre and states should walk shoulder to shoulder for development

New Delhi, July 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the Centre and States have to walk shoulder to shoulder for development of the country. Addressing the eleventh meeting of the Inter-State Council in New Delhi today, Mr Modi said, development is possible only when the states and Centre work in close coordination. The Prime Minister said better relations between the two will ensure good future for every citizen. He said, more funds have been allocated to the States in 2015-16 compared to 2014-15. Saying that cooperative federalism is an article of faith for his Government, the Prime Minister said, efforts are being made to give 40 thousand crore rupees, kept in the banks, to the

states. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Akhilesh Yadav, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti did

not participate in the meeting. All state chief ministers, Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories and 17 Union Ministers are members of the Inter-State Council.

Serial cleanliness drive at ward no 15 of IMC

IT News
Imphal, July 16: As part of the ongoing phase-wise cleanliness drive being conducted under the patronage of Th Bangkokimchandra Singh, BJP Councillor of IMC, locals of Ward No 15 of Singjamei Assembly Constituency conducted cleansing of drainage at their locality today. The cleanliness drive, according to

Bangkokimchandra, has been conducting at different parts of the assembly constituency in phase-wise manner in order to alleviate the problems being face by locals during this rainy season. In today's drive, drainage at Singjamei Yumnam Leikai and surrounding areas were cleaned, and the cleanliness drive will also be conducted at other surrounding places of the A/C, said the Councillor.