

## Shortage of manpower a major hindrance to Fire Service, says Chandramani

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 18:** Director of Manipur Fire Service Department, Kh Chandramani Singh (IPS) has stated that the department is facing acute shortage of manpower. Addressing media people at the Serial press conference of HODs being organised by DIPR Manipur at its premise, the Director of state Fire Department said that with a skeleton 239 fire fighters the department is managing 17 fire stations/sub-stations spread across the state. However, the sanctioned strength of fire fighter is 407. The Director said that recently state government has sanctioned for opening of 6 new sub stations at Yairipok, Wangjing, Tadubi, Saikul, Noney and Nambol. Department is equipped with advanced equipments; it has 37 water tenders, 1 water Bouzer, 16 Quick response vehicles, 2 Foam Tender, 1

Mini Rescue Tender, 1 Simon snorkel, 1 recovery van, 2 truck and 43 fire portable pump. **FIRE STATISTICS**  
Even if the department is facing shortage of staffs, the Manipur Fire Service Department is rendering a good service. The Department handled 869 fire calls and 18 special service calls during the year 2013-2016, said the Director of Manipur Fire

Service. Further he also informed that in the last three years (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) the department has saved 25 human lives. In the year 2013-14 total estimated value of property amounting to Rs 26,42,53,373 were saved while values of property amounting to Rs 17,68,11,680 and Rs 63,75,09,299 were saved in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16

respectively, said the Director of Manipur Fire Service. While 21 human lives were lost in the last three years, and estimated value of property worth Rs 17,05,72,577, Rs 18,90,72,920 and Rs 22,83,28,611 were lost due to fire mishaps occurred across the state during the year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively, added the Director.

## Governor interact with Pensioners' union

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 18:** The Hon'ble Governor of Manipur Shri V. Shanmuganathan met members of the Manipur State Pensioners' Union today at Raj Bhavan, Imphal. The Manipur State Pensioners' Union comprising of sixteen members were led by its President Shri H. Yaima Singh.



and Senapati district. Later, the Hon'ble Governor handed over Rs 1 lakh from his Discretionary Grant Fund as financial assistance to the Pensioners' Union.

In course of the interaction, some members of the Pensioners' Union raised issues pertaining to grievances and problems faced by the pensioners'. The sixteen members of the Manipur State Pensioners' Union are from Imphal West, Imphal East, Churachandpur, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Ukhrul

## Tenyimi National Workers Forum supports NSCN-IM leadership

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 18:** The untimely demise of NSCN-IM Chairman Issac Chisi Swu is not becoming a problem for the outfit which has been on peace deal with the government of India since the last nearly two decades. Critics to the ongoing peace talk about the probable crisis that may be resulted following the death of the NSCN-IM Chairman turn out to be false after various sections of the Naga community make no differences of opinion to the ideology of the NSCN-IM. In a press hand out of the NSCN-IM, it is stated that a meeting of the Tenyimi National Workers Forum held on July 16 at CPO Hall Chumukedima Area has

resolved and declared to give the fullest support to the Frame Work Agreement signed between the Central Government and the NSCN-IM leadership on August 3, 2016. The Tenyimi National Workers Forum is a forum of Angami Region, Chakhesang Region, Pochury Region, Rengma Region, Shepoumaramth Region, Makuilongdi ZLR Region, Asalu ZLR Region, Zeilad ZLR Region, Naga Rengma Hills Central Administered Area, Maram Thangal Central Administered Area. The meeting resolved to uphold the political and historical rights of the Nagas at any cost under the Collective Leadership of NSCN.

It further acknowledge and appreciate the Naga people's support to the cause and the mandate given to the NSCN on the 4<sup>th</sup> Naga People's Consultative meeting 2005 at Hebron and several other Consultative Meets. The meeting further resolved to mobilize and counter effectively those anti-solution, self destructive and self defeating elements and get prepare for safe landing of the final solution. Considering the moment as crucial historical and political era of the Nagas' destination the Tenyimi National Workers Forum also appealed to the Naga people to give concerted effort in reconciliation and healing process and get on board for solution.

## Bandh affects normalcy in Thoubal

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, July 18:** The 48-hours Thoubal district bandh called by JAC formed against the death of Md Abdul Rahaman of Thoubal Moijing Wangmataba Khunou has affected the normalcy in the district today. The bandh was imposed from today morning 5 demanding to produce the culprits who are involved in the killing of Abdul Rahaman, who succumbed to injury from physical attack on June 30. Bandh supporters blocked main roads by burning tyres and pilling stones. They also prevented plying of private vehicles at different locations of Thoubal district. Except for religious, emergency and medical services were



exempted from the purview of the bandh. According to Media Coordinator of the JAC, Abas Mustan, Manipur police has failed to arrest the culprits of the incident even if their names were given.

## Ratan's hearing postponed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 17:** Schedule hearing of the case filed at Manipur High Court Kh. Ratan which fall today has been postponed on the ground that health condition of Chief justice in charge was not well.

Source said the Chief Justice is presently out of station and is likely to return tomorrow. Next hearing date has been scheduled tomorrow. Mention may be made that Police announced former JCILPS KH Ratan as wanted

following a report base on social networking site FB. The same day Ratan had briefed the media that he is not absconding and expressed surprised on how he was declared wanted when he can be meet at any time.

## Kargil Vijay Diwas : Red Shield Division to pay tribute to martyrs on 26 July 16

**PB DEFENCE.**  
**Imphal, July 18:** Red Shield Division along with RajyaSainik Board, Manipur will commemorate the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in Kargil War on 26 July 16. The function will be held at the RajyaSainik Board Office, Lamphet, Imphal. Similar functions are also being organised in four other districts of the State to include Senapati, Tamenglong, Bishnepur&Churachandpur. 26 Jul 1999 marked the end of the 73 day long Kargil conflict fought from May to Jul 99 which witnessed Indian forces emerging victorious against the Pakistan intruders who had occupied strategic positions in Kargil&Drass Sectors.

The Kargil War, which commenced in May 1999, was launched to flush out Pakistani regular troops and terrorists who had infiltrated into Kargil District of Jammu and Kashmir along the Line of Control (LoC). The battle ensued at altitudes of upto 18,000 feet in very rugged and rocky terrain. The war resulted in the supreme sacrifice by hundreds of soldiers on both sides and left thousands injured. Pakistan fatalities were estimated around 700 and we, on the other hand, lost 500 soldiers and more than a thousand injured. Captain VikramBatra, Captain Manoj Kumar Panday, NaibSubedarYogendra Singh Yadav and Rfn Sanjay Kumar were awarded the nation's highest gallantry award ParamVir Chakra for their exemplary courage. Seven soldiers from Manipur namely Lance NaikKaleshor, Sepoy Charles Nicholas Moyon, SepoyBeningvirMoyon, Lance NaikBirneithang, SepoyZamkholalVaiphei, SepoyKapaniAsuil and SepoyDaikho Mao also made the supreme sacrifice while fighting for the Nation. The Army acknowledges and honours the sacrifice of these brave Manipur soldiers who laid down their lives and, on this occasion, it renews, it renews its commitment towards the next of kin of these martyrs.

Vijay Diwas will also be celebrated at all district headquarters under the aegis of the newly established ZilaSainik Board with the support from the local army formation headquarters at Senapati, Tamenglong, Bishnepur&Churachandpur. Support from State Government has also been sought to ensure that event to be a grand success. The Chief Secy has kindly consented to preside over the function as the Chief Guest of the function and other civilian dignitaries are also likely to attend. The Veer Naries and next of kin of the martyrs will be honoured and felicitated during the function. Maximum members of the newly formed Retired Officers Association of Manipur will also grace the occasion.

## KCP Porei Lup calls 13-hours general strike over illegal regularisation of JNIMS Professors

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 18:** Kangleipak Communist Party, Poiriei Meitei Lup (KCP-Poiriei Meitei Lup) has called a state wide general strike for 13-hours starting from 5am of 20 July to 6pm of 20 July over the wrongful regularisation of two professors in the JNIMS, Porompat.

A statement signed by publicity secretary of the banned armed outfit, Malemngamba Meitei alleged that the Director of the government-run hospital failed to produce white paper in connection with the controversial appointment of two professors namely Dr L Deben of Physiology Department and Dr M Angouba of Dentistry. The Director-in-Charge of JNIMS produced 'black paper' instead of white paper over the regularisation of two professors which was demanded by the outfit. Presenting the black paper the JNIMS Director-in-Charge is misleading the mass and trying to conceal the corrupt deeds involved in the regularisation of the two doctors, said the outfit. People involved in activities of media, religion, electricity, water, medical and other emergency services would be exempted from the purview of the general strike, informed the outfit, while adding that the two doctors should be responsible for any consequences of actions taken up by the Operation Mangal of Kangleipak regarding the issue.

## Relay hunger strike on ILP and wanted tag enters third phase

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 18:** The relay Hunger Strike announced by the JAC Against The Announcement of Wanted JCILPS Leader Khomdram Ratan and on implementation of ILPS, Singjamei Wangma Imphal, has entered the third phase with Thingujam Bino, Okram Ibemu and Soram Manisang volunteering to take on the hunger strike from 7 today morning till 6 in the evening. The 4<sup>th</sup> phase will commence from 6 today evening with K Chansana Singh, Sh Rocket Sharma and Kh Poirieit volunteering to continue the relay till 7 tomorrow morning. Relay Hunger Strike commenced yesterday to demand the withdrawal of Wanted tag on former JCILPS Convenor Khomdram Ratan Singh by the state government as well as for implementation of ILP system in the state.

## Maoist warns extortionists misusing RTI

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 18:** Armed group Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) today cautions self style activists which make their living by misusing the Right to Information Act (RTI). In a press statement the outfit said that the so called self style activists are blackmailers using RTI are criminals and the outfit will have no mercy to such criminal. The statement hinted out the possibility of these criminals conspiring the colonial master of India to exploit the RTI by misusing it to earn easy money for personal purpose.

Terming those so called activists as social parasite the outfit said that it will start to monitor such activities. Stating that RTI has been an important inevitable treasure of human society the Maoist said that this act has been an essential and inevitable strategic means for information, communication and transparency. Maoist Communist Party, Manipur said that they can't remain as silent spectator to the kind of exploitation and misused of RTI to earn easy and black money by trading it. "There is no other serious crime than that RTI is misused

as a threat or blackmailing to the person whom he seeks for the information in question by converting it into profit making business commodity" the statement added. It was stated that those RTI activists who are serving sincerely with responsibility and sacrifice to disclose the truth by opening the curtain of wrong sides of the government and any of the kind, are extended warm thankfulness and respect. However, it is quite evident that one Mr. Ayekepam Keshorjit s/o, A. Kunjo of Haobam Marak from Leikai under Singjamei PS, Imphal

West District has been blackmailing various departments of Manipur government using RTI act as a tool. The outfit further added the said person is blackmailing FCS (at present-CAF & PD), PWD, Horticulture, Agriculture and Fishery, since 2008 till now by asking different questions stage by stage and grabbing money after the officials were threatened to disclose their mistakes, instead of doing the right thing. Declaring A. Keshorjit as Black-mailer, the outfit said the said individual is restricted to do or to participate in any of

the social work and local organizations. The statement also stated that those individuals earning money misusing RTI will not be spared. As for A. Keshorjit the outfit said that if he fail to tender apologize at the earliest, he will be declared as National reactionary and serious decision will be resolved upon him by the party. Maoist Communist party Manipur statement also stated that the outfit is monitoring the activities of some of the RTI activists and this misdeed will be disclosed soon and declared as National reactionary, the statement added.