

Students staging protest demanding implementation of ILPS in the state



## NSCN-IM alleges violation of cease fire ground rule by 5 AR

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**Imphal, July 19:** National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) has alleged the 5<sup>th</sup> AR trooper of allegedly abducting one of its members and forcing him to sign as member of NSCN-K under duress. A press statement issued by the Ministry of Information & Publicity of the GPRN/NSCN stated that the 5<sup>th</sup> Assam Rifles illegally abducted Aloto A. Sumi Razau Peyu of NSCN/GPRN, son of Ahotu Sumi of Aotsakili Village under Zunheboto District on July 18, 2016, at 3 am.

"It is very strange on the part of 5<sup>th</sup> Assam Rifle to let him forcibly signed as having belong to NSCN Khaplang", the MIP statement said.

It further added that the incident is the 4<sup>th</sup> such incident where NSCN-IM cadres were abducted by 5<sup>th</sup> Assam Rifles and forcibly made to sign as a member of NSCN-Khaplang group. The MIP statement warns 5 AR trooper not to repeat such act in future and asked them to release Aloto A. Sumi Razau Peyu Sumi Region immediately. It said the NSCN can no longer tolerate such provocations and humiliations devoid of ceasefire agreed ground rules.

## Centre sets target of creating food grain storehouse by 2019

**New Delhi, July 19:** The Centre has set a target of creating food grain storage facilities storehouse with a combined capacity of hundred lakh tonnes by 2019. Replying to supplementaries in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, C R Chaudhary said that there is no dearth of storage capacity for the foodgrains produced in the country. He said, government is increasing the storage facilities to avoid any damage to food grains. Mr Chaudhary said, his Ministry is also focussing on renovating the old storage facilities in the country.

## IMC & Dentists (Amendment) Bills introduced in LS

**New Delhi, July 19:** Health Minister J P Nadda today introduced Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill and Dentists (Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha. The bills seek to replace National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) ordinances.

## Umbrella body of Kuki Rebels 'UPF' officially demands separate hill state within Manipur

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 19:** Umbrella body of the Kuki rebel groups - United People's Front (UPF) has officially demanded separate hill state within the territory of Manipur. The demand to curb out a hill state from within the boundary of Manipur was put up during the recently held political dialogue on June 17, this year at New Delhi. UPF is the apex body of rebel group KNF-P; ZRO; HPC-D; UKLF; KRA; KNA; KNF-Samuel and KNF-P. The group along with another apex body of Rebel groups Kuki National Organisation (KNO) signed suspension of Operation with the Government of India and Manipur Government on August 22, 2008. Following

the signing of the Suspension of Operation, the Manipur Government set up five designated camps at Vangai range and Nathajang in Churachandpur district, Chelap in Chandel district and Shamusang and Sejang in Senapati district since January 2009.

A document made available with the Imphal Times disclose the Charter of Demand submitted by the United People's Front (UPF) to the government of India through Satyendra Garg, Joint secretary, ministry of home affairs, who chaired the tripartite talk held at a hotel in New Delhi on June 17. The top priority demand submitted by the UPF is creation of a Hill State within

the state of Manipur.

The umbrella body demanded "CREATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS HILL STATE WITHIN MANIPUR" by extending the Provision of Art. 244 A of the Indian Constitution.

The outfit also demanded Rehabilitation of the armed cadres by establishing separate Army Regiment that shall be deployed for local and national defence only; handsome relief packages; ex-gratia to their family members; and unconditional withdrawal of all cases pending against the organisation and its members.

The charter of demand submitted by the UPF to the central government also elaborated on how the new hill

state to be carved out from within the state of Manipur. It said the new state shall have a Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister at the head to aid and advise the Governor in the exercise of his functions in relation to the Autonomous State.

It also demanded a separate Advocate General to give advice to the Autonomous Hill State government on all legal matters besides having a Legislature for Autonomous Hill State which shall consist of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly. The new state should also have 2 Member of Parliament (LS), one each for North and South, respectively. The Autonomous Hill State shall also have One Member of Parliament (RS).

## Relay hunger strike on wanted tag on Kh. Ratan continues

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 19:** With black badge wrap at the mouth, the relay hunger strike announced by the JAC against the announcement of wanted tag on JCILPS leader Khomdram Ratan and demand for implementation of ILPS in the state, Singjamei Wangma Bheigabati Leikai, Imphal East has entered the fifth phase with Hidangmayum (o) Ibemhal Devi (75), Sanghakpam (o) Debala Devi (63), Bhrmahachari Mayum (o) Memcha Devi (58), Langljam

Purnimashi Devi (73) and Rk Helena Devi (42) volunteering to take on the relay hunger strike from 7 am today morning till 5 pm on the third day. Three of the volunteers are from Khongman Mangil while two of them from Bamon leikai of Imphal East District. On the other hand the sixth phase of the relay hunger strike will commence from 5 pm today evening with Khomdram Surendrakumar (42) of Mongkhang Lambi, Irengbam Sharat (58) of Kongba Road and Oinam

Riken Singh (40) of Bheigabati Leikai of Imphal East will undergo protest till 7 am of tomorrow morning. Meanwhile, speaking to the media persons, Lourebam Nganbi Devi, Ex-convener of Women Wings JCILPS said that as today's hearing for the wanted tag on Khomdram Ratan has been adjourned tomorrow, she appeal the concern group to relax the 13 hour state wide general strike which has been called from midnight of July 20 for the free movement of families and JAC member.

## Street lamp installed by Social Worker Oinam Romen

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 19:** Chingamathak College Road Youths Development Association lauded Oinam Romen Singh for installing street lamp at Chingamathak college road. In a press statement, Secretary of the association N. Boynao said that the road has been left neglected for many years by the concern department to install street lamp at the area despite of frequent request to the concerned department.

## Hearing on 'Wanted' tag on Ratan to continue on 20 July

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**Imphal, July 19:** The hearing regarding a petition filed by former JCILPS Convener Kh Ratan challenging the 'Wanted' tag on his person by the state government was held under Division bench Chief Justice RR Prasad and Justice S Serto today lasting for over two hours. According to the argument put up by the representatives of the petitioner namely Sr Advocate Khaidem Mani, Sr Advocate I Lalit and advocate Rakesh Meihoubam, proper procedures under section 82 of CrPC was not followed while proclaiming offender, and the fact that the Wanted status was announced by the police PRO through a press

note in contravention of formal procedure and hence the Wanted tag should be quashed. Replying to the argument, the respondents represented by Advocate General Thokchom Iboh and Addl Advocate General Namojiam Ibotombi contended that the police can proclaim an individual as Wanted under CrPC 157 citing various instances from the state and outside. The High court deemed the procedure unsatisfactory for not following section 82 of CrPC while proclaiming Ratan as absconder. Advocate general pleads for continuation of the deliberation on the next day to which the court gave its approval.

## Thanga local authorities reiterates claim

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**Imphal, July 19:** Thanga Zila Parishad, Member and Pradhan alongwith clubs and organizations of the area held a Press Meet at Manipur Press Club highlight the anomalies regarding the announcement of Tender Notice for Sendra Parking development on July 14 which has been under the care of Thanga public and authorities without any intimation to them. The Tender Notice was issued under the seal of Executive Officer Md. Daulat Khan of Moirang Municipality Council. The spokesperson also expressed dissatisfaction over the

imposition of CrPC 144 at Thanga and surrounding areas by District Magistrate of Bishnupur, Bobby Waikhom on July 12 without any apparent reason as the area is not under any tension at present. Appealing to the state government to address the situation before any untoward incident breaks out, the spokesperson also reiterated that areas of Thanga and Sendra Tourist centre has been under the care of the people and authorities of Thanga and should remain so, and no outside authority or party is welcome on the matter.

## Govt. printing house lacks proper infrastructure - Asst. Dir

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 19:** Lack of manpower, machineries and limited financial resource is the main reason for keeping the Directorate of Printing and Stationery at low profile. Speaking at the media interaction programme organised by DIPR at its office complex, K. Devananda, Assistant Director of Printing and Stationery said that as the department is not having quality machines as well as proper staffs the department is not capable of producing quality printings. "As we do not have updated machines, people choose private owned printing house for quality product", K.

Devananda said. K. Devananda further said that the department has some printing machines but does not have the pre-press work machines like Computer to Plate (CTP), an imaging technology used in modern printing processes. In this technology, an image created in a Desktop Publishing (DTP) application is output directly to a printing plate. He further added that lack of such machine has failed the department to compete with other printing house in producing high quality of image. As of now the government press is printing only black and white prints.



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**Imphal, July 18:** MLA of Sagolband Assembly Constituency and General

Secretary (Admin) of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, RK Imo Singh has congratulated the youngest Chief Minister of the country Pema Khandu, who has been sworn in as Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. In a release, RK Imo said, "This was possible after the intervention of the Supreme Court for the second time in a year in Uttaranchal and Arunachal terming it as unconstitutional. Stop blatant misuse of Article 356. If any party wants to come

to power in a State, go through electoral means by going to the people and not by unconstitutional means." "There are also many leaders from other political parties who have been giving statements in the public domain that many MLAs from the Congress Party in Manipur will leave and join other political parties very soon. If we respect democracy under the Indian Constitution, then stop saying or giving statements, which are unwarranted and

uncalled for." "Please go the electorate in 2017 and come to power if the people are supportive of you and your party. Till then please stop giving such comments in the public. Let the Supreme Court not remind the political parties again and again not to act through unconstitutional means. If possible the post of the governor should be totally abolished as suggested by CMs of various states," said the MLA in a release.

## Curfew remains in force in Kashmir, death toll climbs to 42

**PTI**

**Srinagar, July 19:** A woman injured in clashes between security forces and protestors in South Kashmir succumbed at a hospital, taking the death toll in the ongoing unrest to 42, even as curfew remained in force in the Valley today. Neelofar was injured in retaliatory firing yesterday after the protestors pelted stones at an Army vehicle in Qazigund.

Two other persons, including a woman, were killed and seven others injured in the incident. A police spokesman, giving details of the incident, said an army mobile domination patrol party while moving towards Devsar tried to clear a road blockade erected by some persons at Churaht Qazigund. "The security force party while removing the obstructions came under heavy stone pelting by the miscreants from two sides. The Army party warned the mob to maintain distance but it did not relent. "Some miscreants tried to snatch weapons from them and tried to set ablaze the vehicles. Despite repeated warnings the mob did not disperse and army fired in self defence in an effort to move out from the spot," the spokesman said,

adding six persons were injured in the incident out of which two had succumbed last night. Curfew, meanwhile, remained in force across the 10 districts of the Valley as there was no sign of deadly clashes between protestors and security forces ending.

The clashes began soon after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani in an encounter with security forces on July 8.

Police and paramilitary personnel have been deployed in strength across the Valley for strict implementation of the prohibitory orders, the official said. He said there were no reports of fresh violence from anywhere in the Valley so far. Normal life also remained paralysed for the 11th day today due to separatist sponsored strike, which has now been extended till July 22.

In a joint statement, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Mohammad Yasin Malik yesterday said the shutdown in the Valley will continue till July 22. However, they have announced a relaxation of half day from 2.00 PM onwards on July 21. Mobile telephony and mobile Internet services also

## CM calls for all party meeting

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has convened an All Party Meeting in Srinagar on Thursday to discuss the prevailing law and order situation in the Valley. An official spokesman said, the invitation has been extended to all the political parties including PDP, BJP, National Conference, Congress, CPI(M), CPI, National Panthers Party, Democratic Party Nationalist, Peoples Democratic Front and others. The meeting will discuss the measures to be taken to restore peace and normalcy in the valley. Curfew and restrictions continue across Kashmir. Two civilians were killed in retaliatory firing last evening after locals clashed with armed forces in Qazigund area of South Kashmir.

With this, the death toll of civilians has reached 40. Till last evening, One lakh 79,000 pilgrims had darshan of icelengam at the holy Amarnath cave.

remained shut while newspapers failed to hit stands for the fourth day.