

JCILPS convenor BK Moirangcha and other supporters today staged a sit-in-protest at Keishampat Lairembi Community Hall demanding introduction of ILPS in the state.



JCILPS supporters pull down 124 illegal migrant workers from interstate passenger buses

IT News
Imphal, July 21: Women activists and club members of Sekmai Nongthombam area under Sekmai Police Station today pulled down 154 non local migrant workers who failed to provide valid documents for identification from interstate passenger buses coming towards Imphal along the Imphal-Dimapur road today.

Members of the Advance Women Society, Awang Sekmai Protection Committee and local club members of Sekmai Nongthombam conducted a verification drive of passengers of inter-state buses coming towards Imphal from 4am to 11am today under the supervision of the Joint



Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS), which is spearheading an agitation for introduction of Inner Line Permit System in the state. The migrant workers were handed over to Sekmai Police after thorough verification. Members of the women activists as well as representatives of the JCILPS while talking to media said that among the 124 non-local workers 80% of them do not possess any identification cards. 20% have Adhaar cards but not the cards provided by labour department required for working in the state, a representative of JCILPS added.

"They have been handed over to Sekmai Police for making proper arrangement of sending back to where they come from", said Atur Rahman, Assistant

Secretary of JCILPS. The non locals were transported at 7 different interstate buses belonging to various tourist bus service providers including Siroy Tourist, Network Travels, Jet Travels, North-East Transporters and Winger service.

"We appeal the transporters not to allow passengers who do not have proper valid identification cards and documents which is relevant with the propose of their visit in the state", said Telheiba while thanking the kind of corporation provided by the Sekmai Police as well as the people of Sekmai.

Already the state is in frying pan with the demand for implementation of ILPS system to check illegal influx of migrant in the state followed

by the series of protest driven by sentiments over the attitude of the government in trying to suppress the peoples' movement by even declaring the former leader of the JCILPS as wanted man. "We will intensify the drive as we are aware of the risk that the indigenous Manipuri People might face in the coming days if these illegal non-local workers continue to stream in the state", said Th. Amubi, Secretary of Advanced Women Society, Awang Sekmai.

On being inquired, it is being learnt that the non-locals were transported for utilizing as labour by Shyma Power India Private Limited – firm which is taking up various infrastructural development works at Thoubal district, NIT Langol and at St. Savio School, Moirang in Bishnupur District.

Co-convenor of JCILPS Arjun Telheiba while speaking to media said earlier too warning had been given to Shyma Powers India Private Limited to take proper valid documents from labour department if they intend to bring workers from outside the state. He appealed to understand the sentiment of

the people to all concerns by following proper procedures if they intend to hire workers from outside the state. Telheiba further said that the JCILPS will continue their drive to protect the indigenous people of the state.

BIS marked helmets mandatory for 2-wheelers drivers

IT News
Imphal, July 21: The state transport authority has taken necessary step to ensure wearing of BIS standard helmets while driving/riding 2-wheelers.

According to a notification by M Lakshmikummar Singh, Commissioner of Transport, Government of Manipur, all the concerned motor dealers to complete all the procurement formalities for BIS marked helmets of more than one brand for compulsory supply of headgears within 1 August 2016.

Wearing of helmet is compulsory while driving 2-wheelers and those who violate the rules are punishable under section 177/184 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988, warned the notification.

It also directed the transport department to initiate steps to regulate sale of POL (Petrol Oil and Lubricant) products from petrol stations by issuing instructions not to sale products without helmets.

Sewage to start commission from Nov. this year – Chief Engineer

IT News
Imphal, July 21: Aged old controversial Sewage Project is all set to be inaugurated in the coming November this year. This was stated by the Chief Engineer of the PHED department of the Government of Manipur, Mr Sunil while speaking to media persons in today's press conference organised by DIPR.

The chief engineer accepted Sewage project as one of the most controversial project as it was in the news not for good reason many times. However this time the engineers of the PHED have been working hard to complete the project, he added.

The Chief Engineer however said that the progress of the work has been hampered due to the recent earth-quake as it damaged some of the pipeline at 7 places of Lamphel area. The work will continue after the rainy season. He further said that pipe line of water pumping of Samu Makhong has been destroyed while

taking up earth digging work for construction of other developmental project.

He further added that state government has been discussing to convert the PHED into cooperation like power department however it is too early to explain on it.

The present population of Imphal city is estimated at 6.523 lakhs and is expected to reach 8.705 lakhs by 2031. The present a water demand is calculated to be 118.689MLD and requirement by the year 2031 will be 152.142MLD. Even though the present installed capacity is 104.25MLD however the actual production is hardly about 80 MLD.

He further added that after the completion of Thoubal dam and Sewage project there will be enough water. The shortage of water at the Imphal area is due to the outdated pipeline which has been there for more than 20/30 years. Many of the pipeline have been found leaked due to poor quality.

Grenade attack

IT News
Imphal, July 21: Unidentified persons exploded a hand grenade at the residence of retired BDO, Maibam Ibotombi (60), s/o Lairien of Yairipok Bishnunaha Pukhri Achouba Mapal on yesterday midnight, according to police.

Ibotombi, who is currently leading a mass protest against the construction of a power sub-station at the campus of Yairipok Aided High School, said that he had not received threat for any underground armed group.

He also condemned the attack and appealed the concerned party to clarify on the incident.

The explosion did not cause any casualty. Meanwhile, KCP Poirie Meitei Lup has claimed responsibility to the blasting of the hand grenade at Maibam Ibotombi's residence.

Another 24 hour general strike called; this time by successful candidates of police constable

IT News
Imphal, July 21: A body formed by successful candidates of the Manipur Police constable has called 24 hour general strike from the midnight of July 23 till the midnight of July 24 against government inaction to the demand for allotment of appointment orders to the successful candidate.

In a press statement the successful candidate said that memorandum to allot appointment order has been submitted to the concern government time and again and even series of agitation had been followed by as the concerned government remained unconcern to the demand the body is left with no choice to call the 24 hour general strike.

1 student hospitalized: 3 continuous to fast-unto-death

IT News
Imphal, July 21: Among the four students of TG CC and Johnston Higher School who have launch fat-unto-death since the evening of July 19 at Singjamei Wangma Kshetri Leikai demanding immediate withdrawal of wanted tag on former JCILPS convenor Khomdram Ratan and implementation of ILPS or a similar system in the State, one TG student have been pick up due to worsening of health condition.

The student has been identified as Pangabam Meria, d/o P Naobicha of Kongba Kshetri Leikai, currently pursuing 12th Science at TG Higher Secondary School.

Before Pangabam Meria was pick up, she left a note stating that for some amount of money, immediate announcement of wanted to the former JCILPS convenor Kh Ratan without any verification and proper

procedure is a coward act of the state government, also a coward steps to divert the ongoing protests of ILP.

Maria also said that life would be better to die instead to live under a state government that has no law, meaning of law and democracy. So far the state government and concern authority have not taken up any step to revoke the wanted tag on Kh Ratan despite 1 month and 20 days have completed, she added.

Maria further said that until the state government withdraw the wanted tag on JCILPS former convenor Kh Ratan, fast-unto-death will keep going, there will be no holding back even if they have to sacrifice their life.

Meanwhile, speaking to the media persons, Bruce Pebam, General Secretary of CC Higher Secondary School said that state government should not keep silent when students of different schools studying in

11 and 12 standard have come out protesting for the implementation of ILPS in the state while they should be studying. The announcement of wanted tag on Kh Ratan is unacceptable and must revoke. Bruce further said by putting up a question to the state governments and MLAs that their children's should be one who is undergoing the protest instead of the students whose families are not powerful enough to face the current scenario of the state.

The protest will keep going until the ILPS is implemented in the state and the wanted tag on Kh Ratan is withdrawn, Bruce asserts.

Due to health condition, Pangabam Meria was pick up by a team of Singjamei Police led by OC Ingocha at around 10:30am and later handed over to the Child Right Protection Committee where she is undergoing treatment, report says.

RIMS OPD shut down

IT News
Imphal, July 21: The Teachers and Medical Officers' Association (TAMOA), Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) have abstain from attending OPD services from today morning 9 am against the non-withdrawal of suspension order to RIMS Registrar, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department Dr L Trinity Meetei in regards to the order issued by RIMS

Director on July 11, 2016 despite Director's plea. As the concern department has failed to fulfill their demand to withdraw the suspension order, the members have decided to abstain from attending OPD services from today to July 23.

However, other services like ward duty, emergency services, routine operations and classes were remain function.

2nd Wheat Harvest Festival held

IT News
Thoubal, July 21: United Tribal Development Project (UTDP), Chandonpokpi, Phaipi, Chandel District, Manipur has organized 2nd Wheat Harvest Festival today at Chandel District's Chandonpokpi, Phaipi Community Hall.

T. Panmei (IAS) Commissioner TD, Hills and Horticulture & Soil conservation, Govt. of Manipur attended the festival as chief guest, while S. Sambhunath, Additional Deputy commissioner (ADC), Chandel and Th. Hopson (Rtd. MCS), Member ADC Chandel attended as president and guest of

honour respectively. While deliberating the key note address of the festival, Y. Romio, General Secretary UTDP said that the state is facing shortage of agricultural products and the rice produced is not sufficient for cater the need of the people. Wheat, which is favourable with the climatic condition of the state, can solve the problem of food shortage by increasing production level of it.

Stating that UTDP has initiated wheat cultivation to help in mitigating food scarcity in the state, the secretary of UTDP also appealed all to work hard in

order to increase the production level of agricultural products in the state and to

As part of the festival, awards were also distributed to wheat growers who produced the largest quantity of the cereal grain.

T. Panmei in his chief guest speech said that the government would extend all possible help to wheat growers in the state to enable them to produce more.

Production of wheat would also increase the income of the farmers in the state. The grain is a healthy food and can even substitute the consumption of rice in Manipur, he added.

'The Guardian' terms Herojit as India's most deadly policemen; reports on how former DGP Joykumar choose staged encounter to finish terrorism

IT News
Imphal, July 21: UK based Newspaper, The Guardian in its news report today terms Head Constable of Manipur Police Thounaojam Herojit "as one of India's most deadly policemen – killing more than hundred people. However, the news story that is filed by Delhi based journalist Raghu Karnad and Manipur based journalist Grace Jajo under the heading 'Confession of a Policemen' narrated in-depth story of how the young police personal became a notorious killer and how he has been used by the so called superior official in their mission and also how the killer decided to change his life.

Interesting part that is being revealed in the news story is about how a well reputed, highly qualified IPS officer, who later becomes the Director General of Police for Manipur, Y. Joykumar utilized his power misusing the law of the land.

In the write up, the then DGP Yunnam Joykumar is reported as

saying that "staged encounter" as an option to convict any terrorist.

"The judiciary, with its insistence on "the benefit of the doubt", was another impediment to putting suspected militants away, Joykumar insisted. "We never had a chance of convicting any terrorist." But there was another option: the staged encounter", the report read.

In Manipur, "the reputation of the police was for abject surrender, giving away its weapons," Joykumar said when he met at his home this April. Insurgents bombed military convoys and assassinated officials, raided police stations and bought off legislators. Manipur had been reduced to a garrison state, its people and economy stifled by nightly curfew, highway blockades and militant "taxation" – extortion from local residents and businesses. "The police had forgotten that they could fight back."

The report clearly indicate that most of the so called encountered as reported which ended lives of many youths are almost all staged encounter.

Co-incidentally the report appeared today in the Internationally renowned newspaper few days after the Supreme Court of India has announced its verdict to re-open investigation over the alleged extra-judicial killing of over 1500 people in the state.

The news story encircled its report to the infamous July 23, 2009, BT Road incident at which an ex-cadre was killed in cold blooded by Head Constable Herojit. It once more reproduced Herojit's confessional statement at which he had told media that he shot dead Sanjit as according to an order of the then Additional SP, AK Jhalajit.

Dr. AK Jhalajit, now SP of Imphal West had categorically stated the allegation as false and malicious. A case is pending in the court of law.