



Meira Paibi supporting JCILPS demand

JCILPS drive: 44 more non locals held



IT News
Imphal, July 27: Even though concerned government authority had not let known on where those non-locals handed over to the police had been sent, Supporters of JCILPS continue its drive to check influx of illegal non-local in the state. In today's drive, 44 non-locals who were found coming towards Imphal in interstate buses were pulled down by supporters of JCILPS at Sekmai area and handed over to police. Total number of illegal non-locals handed over to police is now nearing 500, and neither the police nor the government authority had not spell out where the non-locals handed over have been sent to. The drive began from July 21 from Awang Sekmai Protection Committee and women Meira Paibi of the are under the supervision of the JCILPS. Meanwhile, 4 students continue the fast-unto-death protest demanding implementation of ILPS and also lifting of wanted tag from former JCILPS leader Kh. Ratan near Singjamei Bridge at Singkamei Kshetri leikai. Earlier CWC members and Police had picked up 4 students who underwent fast-unto-death at the same place after their health condition deteriorated. On the other hand Meira Paibis continue to show support to the students undergoing fast-unto-death protest and staged sit-in-protest at various places.

Home-guards demand state government to comply with SC order

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Imphal, July 28: Following the establishment of an Action Committee, an apex body of the All Manipur Home-guard Employees Welfare Association during a special general body meeting on July 10, 2016 at J M Hall, the association has drawn attention of state government to implement at the earliest the verdict issued by the Supreme Court on April 11, 2015 directing all states and union territories of the country to increase the salary of home guard personnel to the level of state police constables or IRB personnel within three months. Speaking to media persons during a press conference at Manipur Press Club, President of the association Y Mangi said the Supreme Court has already

issued an order dated March 11, 2015 in Civil Appeal No. 2760 of 2015 regarding enhancement of their allowances to be implemented within three months at a shared ratio of 90 % by centre (Home Ministry/ Security Related expenditures) and 10 % by the state where 100% ration allowance could be implemented at the entire NE state directly from the centre if a reasonable proof could be provided. Y Mangi also said that the association has approached the Supreme Court regarding non implementation of its order from SC by state government where SC has given assured notice as per their diary number 19347/ 2016. The Association has also submitted a memorandum to CM, Deputy CM, Cabinet

Ministers, the State Principal Secretary, Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs and the Director General Fire Services, Civil Defence, DGP/DG Home Guard and the Commandant Home Guard, Manipur Legislative Assembly House Speaker on during the year 2015-2016 as the concerns remained silent to this Supreme Court order, he added. Demanding to comply with the issued order by Supreme Court, the Association appeals the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and other concerned authorities to fulfil their demands at the earliest. Failure to implement the new salary system by the Manipur Government, the newly formed Action Committee are prepared to take up different form of agitation in connection to the Assembly Session.

NEFIS calls on to unleash mass movement for repeal of AFSPA

IT News
Imphal, July 28: North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) wishes its best to Irom Sharmila, who has decided to put an end to her epic fast. It should be known that Irom Sharmila has decided to break her 16-year fast against the draconian Armed Forces Special Powers (AFSPA) Act, which has failed to yield any gains or have any effect on the Central Government. Nevertheless, it can be said with certainty that Irom Sharmila has done her bit to address the issue and her sacrifice will always be remembered. But now, the time has arrived to unleash a mass movement for removal of AFSPA. Irom Sharmila began her fast as a mark of protest against AFSPA, the provisions of which have been used by the Indian Army to use draconian measures including killings and encounters, against Indian people. The act gives soldiers sweeping powers to arrest or interrogate people in "disturbed areas" or states dealing with separatists or insurgents. Despite the fact that Irom Sharmila's fast was one of the most peaceful modes

of resistance; the Indian Government has remained apathetic towards the plight of its own people and continues to perpetrate brutalities upon them. There is, however, a misgiving arising among people that Irom Sharmila's decision to withdraw her fast and enter electoral politics, will jeopardize the movement against AFSPA. NEFIS believes that everyone is free to chalk out one's strategy and wishes her the best. But we also believe that the electoral politics will not yield any gains for the movement. The struggle should be taken ahead by the

masses. Therefore, the need of the hour is to unleash a massive people's movement against AFSPA. The interim observation of Supreme Court condemning the largescale killings in Manipur in the guise of self defence while dealing with insurgency or militants as unacceptable, has already given a moral vindication to the people's struggle against AFSPA. The scrapping of this draconian AFSPA act, as the final aim of our struggle will remain and Supreme Court's observation will act as a moral font for the mass movement in the coming future.

Taekwondo medalists felicitated

IT News
Imphal, July 28: 2 state Taekwondo players of the state - Thokchom Rakesh and Khundrakpam Sanathoi, who begged Gold and Silver medal respectively in the recently held "1st Kalimpong Open Taekwondo Championship" at Kalimpong in Darjeeling from July 22 to July 24 were today felicitated by Trio Development Club Khangabok at Lai Lam

Thokchom Community Hall. Thokchom Rakesh, S/O Jyokumar is a resident of Khangabok Part 2 Mayai leikai. He won a Gold medal in 53 kg category. Khundrakpam Sanathoina, S/o Sunilkumar of Khangabok part 1 Sorok Wangma won Silver medal in 44 Kg category. Both are students of New Public Higher Secondary School, Khangabok.

State disaster response ability still lacking resource and manpower: official

IT News
Imphal, July 28: State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) has only 37 personnel acting as a specialist response force at times of disaster said official of the Relief and Disaster Management Department replying to media queries during today's press conference of department heads organized by the DIPR. The official further said that India has 10 battalions of NDRF personnel, Each NDRF Bn. consists of 1149 personnel. Manipur should have 1 battalion of SDRF according to the disaster management act 2005. The shortage of personal is due law and order situation and shortage of financial condition of the state as the state home department is not

ready to provide more personnel to the department. He further added that if the law and order is improved than the number of personal will be increased and recruitment of 6 experts in disaster management as consultants is in progress. He further added that state government has submitted an estimate of Rs 2097.30 crores to the centre government as estimate of damage in the 4 January earthquake of magnitude 6.8 in Richter scale which claimed the lives of 10 persons and injured 120 persons and caused extensive damage to 3218 buildings consisting of both government and private buildings. He further stated that a team of central government visited last May to inspect and the state government is waiting for the result.

He further added that for urgent requirements the state government has sanctioned Rs 14.41 crore and Prime Minister of India has also released a sum of Rs. 30.50 lakh as ex-gratia payment to the families of the deceased and seriously injured persons and reconstruction of the fully and partially damaged private houses. He further added that the department has taken up various activities including training and capacity building programmes on school safety and preparation of school disaster management plans, building codes and designs and basic disaster management concepts to various stakeholders and community volunteers and elected members of the local bodies.

Maoist welcomes TAMOA decisions

IT News
Imphal, July 28: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) welcomed the decision of the Teachers and Medical Officers Association (TAMOA) to suspend their stir of closing RIMS OPD against the suspension of a fellow gynaecologist after a woman died at the hospital while delivering a baby. The statement also lauded the respect shown to the party by resigning from their post. MCPM statement showed

serious concern to the new development at which anybody, organisations or any people do things at their own whims without caring the interest of the common people. "Closure of the RIMS-OPD, a means of public health care particularly for the poor for three days is a brutal crime against humanity", the statement added and said that the party is always against such cruel crime against humanity. The rebel group also appealed to stop any sort of

intervention and disturbance to the activities and services of public health care department like hospitals. It further states that the recent movement regarding the RIMS-OPD was a big mistake in every step, and it is essential to monitor to try find out the truth or the wrong of the cause or the root of the dispute or the conflict between the two contradictory parties, adding that positive changes are expected from the premier medical institution in the near future.

Kakching Wairi road closed indefinitely

IT News
Thoubal, July 28: Government failure listen the demand for repairing of Labango Pareng Road in between Kakching Keithel and Kakching Wairi in Thoubal district had prompted locals of the area to close the road stretch indefinitely from today by constructing fences. The road stretch is the lifeline of Kakching Wairi people as it

is the only way leading to Kakching Keithel. On the other hand the road is also an important route where Kakching Mantak Village, Kha Manipur Collage, Kakching, Padma Ratana English School, Kakching Public School, Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Kakching etc can be reached from Kakching Keithel. Even though the road is under

the purview of the Kakching Municipal Council, it is under the jurisdiction of Wabagai Assembly constituency and people of both Kakching Wairi and Wabagai have been depending to this road. Locals of the area while urging both the MLAs of Kakching and Wabagai Assembly constituencies to repair it at the earliest possible time, threatens series of agitations.

5-Day Public Dialogue on "Protection of Indigenous People of Manipur" concludes at MU

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Imphal, July 28: A Five-Day Public Dialogue on "Protection of Indigenous People of Manipur" Organised by National Research Centre (NRC), Manipur in collaboration with the office of the Dean of Students Welfare, Manipur University at its Centenary Hall concluded today. The concluding session was moderated by Radhabindoo Kojiam (Ex-CM) with eminent Key Speakers including Prof. W. Nabakumar (Director, Centre for Myanmar Studies), Bosco Rengtakhel Jaiche (Former President, Manipur University Tribal Students' Union); Dr. Thangang Vaiphei (Assistant Professor, Centre for the studies of Exclusion and Exclusive Policy, Manipur University); H. Nabashyam (Social Worker), Dr. Arambam Lokendro; Wangkhemcha Shyamjai (President, AMWJU); Brojendra Ningomba (Editor, IISTV News) and A. Mubi (President Editors' Guild Manipur). According to Radhabindoo Kojiam, the public dialogue is a very timely intervention at this crucial stage of determining the destiny of Manipur. The swarming in of migrants which poses a threat of demographic imbalance can be categorised into inter-state migration and foreigner migration. In the case of inter-state migration, it is imperative to find ways of regulating and preventing it without violating the Constitution of India. The foreigner's migration on the other hand needs to be dealt differently. However, migration of both kinds

threatens equally to all communities and all sections. The native inhabitants of Manipur can be broadly be categorised into three: Kuki-Chin-Mizo, Meitei, and Naga. Laws to be framed should be after thread-bare and thorough discussion among the indigenous people from all communities and sections. It is important to address the trust deficit by clearing the doubts and insecurities of some of or some sections of the communities as issue is for the future of Manipur and the continuity of its existence as laws to be framed is not for subduing particular community but for ensuring the protection of all the indigenous communities of Manipur. According to Angomcha Araba (Legal Expert), the inhabitants of the land whose ancestry have been residing since time immemorial are globally accepted as indigenous people. In the context of Manipur, the indigenous people themselves will have to take the responsibility of protecting themselves. Elected representatives of the state does not show any sense of patriotism, otherwise, the intensity of the problem caused by migration would have been very less and manageable. Prof. W. Nabakumar expressed that Indigenous people can either be defined chronologically or relationally. The protection of indigenous people is becoming a very big and broad concept with the declaration of year of indigenous people. It brings into question the models of development and globalisation

which had an uprooting and displacement effect to the indigenous people. Development and globalisation leads more often than not leads to displacement and elimination of livelihood options. The effect of cultural homogenisation after the host population that is the indigenous people when being overwhelmed by the migrant population leads to cultural genocide. Protection of indigenous people is now a globally agreed agenda. There is a rethinking in the development model that the 'top-down' theory be replaced by 'bottoms up' theory. That's why indigenous knowledge and indigenous people gains increasing importance in today's bottoms up model of economic growth. As regards the present impasse with the bill for protection of Manipur people which is intended to address the population invasion caused due to swarming of migrants, Controversy arises over two issues, that is, imposition, and procedural lapses. The allegation of imposition by the majority Meitei over the other communities is not with the provisions of the bill but with the definition of who are to be called 'Manipur People'. Inter-state migration caused by the inflow of skilled, semi-skilled, and an unskilled worker from other states of India needs to be regulated by appropriately amending the labour law. Those migrating from foreign countries, like, the Nepali, Bangladeshi, and Myanmar

nationals need to be addressed differently. It is important that the native people in Manipur come together and address the dispute over the definition of Manipur chronologically by mutually agreeing in consensus as regards the adoption and fixing of 'base year' is concerned. Dr. Thangang Vaiphei opined that protection of Indigenous people brings into forefront, the questions of protection from who, and protection from what. Threat to Indigenous people can be external, cultural, and ideological. Threat due to population invasion from porous international border is external. Cultural invasion due to globalisation and the overwhelming of indigenous ways of life by those of migrants is cultural; and the abandoning of indigenous belief system for adopting Christianity and other modern religion is ideological. External threat should be dealt differently. But for threats which arise out of internal factors needs to be addressed first. Steps towards addressing the threat by seeking social solutions should start with self-realisation and consensus among the indigenous communities and empowering the indigenous people with skill development so that the services of the migrant workers are not required. Heigrumjam Nabashyam expressed his desire for mentioning the respective name of the indigenous community while defining who are to be called 'Manipur People'.