

Women folk forming human chain at Yumnam Leikai staging protest demanding ILPS



Speeding van runs over ILPS protestors; 5 injured, 2 critical

IT News
Imphal, June 10: A speeding Maruti van today ran over to a group of women staging protest in support of the JILPS demand for introduction of Inner line permit system in the state. The tragic incident happened at around 2.30 pm today afternoon along the National Highway 2 at Kakwa Boro Makhong area under Singjamei Police station in Imphal West. The van driver identified as Thokchom Thembi from Singjamei Thongam Leikai has been handed over to police by the locals of the area. However, some of the irate locals dismantled and upside down the maruti van and burnt it down. Fire tender service which rushed for rescue was



prevented at Kakwa keithel by group of protestors. Report said the Maruti van runs school service transporting students for Little flower School and Canchi Academy. Witness said that there were 3 school students inside the van at the time of the incident. Cause of the incident could not be confirmed at the moment, but report culled from the protestors said that the school van bearing registration No. MN-1K 0659 came towards Canchipur site from Singjamei area along the national highway probably to drop students. As various women meira paibis from Moirangkhom to Lilong area are staging protest the van

was told by protestors to drive slow at Singjamei area. The van reportedly speed up at Kakwa Naorem leikai Boro Makhong area where a group of women protestors were staging protest in the middle of the road. On seeing the van speeding, some of the protestors shouted to halt however instead of listening it speeded up and ran over to the group of women staging sit-in protest. At least 5 women protestors were injured. They are identified Thongbam Rashi (79 years old), Sagolsam Sangeeta (38 years), Ahanthem Ibmecha (42 years), Konsham Memchoubi (65 years) and Thongam Bemben (34 years) from Thongju and

Thouju Pheija Leiton area. The injured were immediately rushed to Iboiyama Hospital and research Center at Singjamei Chongtham leikai. Among those injured condition of two identified as Thongam Bemben and Konsham Memchoubi are stated to be critical. They were referred to RIMS hospital. Earlier, as announced by the JCILPS women meira paibis and club members in between Moirangkhom to Lilong area stage various democratic form of protest by blocking half of the road, however after the accident the locals of Singjamei area blocked the road completely disallowing any kind of movement.

Unannounced bandh in support of JCILPS angered many

IT News
Imphal, June 10: Even as JCILPS had declared series of protest to be staged at different places on phase manner, the announcement of the JCILPS seemed to be not cleared to the supporters. As announced merge number of women folk came out at the street from around 12 noon and staged sit-in-protest. Later after few minutes some of the agitation supporters started placing woods and planks at Moirangkhom area. The JCILPS had announced democratic protest by blocking only half of the road but allowing the other half to allow vehicular movement. The JCILPS also appealed to form human chain and shout slogan

from 2pm to 3 pm. Contrary to the announcement made by the JCILPS leaders, the supporters of the JCILPS supporters came out at the street from around 12 noon and staged sit-in-protest. Later after few minutes some of the agitation supporters started placing woods and planks at Moirangkhom area preventing almost all vehicular movement at both side of the road. Similar kind of complete road blocked was also seen at Sougajiam Leirak Machin, Kakwa and Naorem leikai

Boro Makhong. Male supporters were seen disallowing any vehicles which try to cross it. Even reporters were not allowed to pass through by some of the agitator. Some people were seen confused and left with desperation as they were not aware of the kind of agitation which occurred without any announcement. Inconveniences were also cause to many who wards were sent to school thinking that there would not be any total road block at the site as announced by the JCILPS.

Economic blockade begins protesting ILPS related Bills

IT News
Imphal, June 10: A day after JAC formed against the 3 ILPS related Bills and the Outer Manipur Tribals' Forum had called 24 hour total shut down in tribal inhabited area of the state, the tribal body today begins 10 days economic blockade at both National high ways of the state. Following the economic blockade almost all goods ferrying trucks had been put to halt, some stranded at Mao gate and some at Jiribam. Police excess on June 7 evening to a group of anti Bills supporters at New Delhi had

poured fuel to the anger of the JAC from against the 3 ILPS related Bills. The protestors were reportedly satgung protest in front of the Manipur Bhawan at New Delhi to express their grievances to the delegation of the All Political party, that time staying at Manipur Bhawan. At least 60 demonstrators including 21 women were reportedly injured in the police action. The economic blockade called which begins today is being supported by various tribal bodies including the UNC.

Report reaching here said that large number anti ILPS Bills Protestors blocked road at Kangpokpi area. On the other hand anti ILPS Bills protestors had begin sit-in-protest at Churachandpur area at different places. Mention may be made that the anti Bills protestors had still keep the 9 dead body which were killed during a protest against the passing of the Bills last years. Government invitation had been denied by the JAC from against the Bills and there is no meeting point till today.

NEFIS condemns police brutalities

IT News
Imphal, June 10: North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) strongly condemns the brutal lathi-charge on Manipuri students on June 7 in Delhi. In a press statement, NEFIS said that the students were protesting against the Manipur Government at Manipur Bhawan in Delhi, when Delhi police descended on them without any provocation. "The role of both Union Government controlled Delhi Police and Manipur Government controlled Manipur Rifles is condemnable, as both the forces cracked-down on peaceful protesters in a colluded manner. It is a clear manifestation of the ruthless way in which the governments continue to rule over people", the press statement added. The statement further said that NEFIS will stand against such brutal attacks on the right of the people to protest and will continue to fight and build a movement against state violence.

Ruling Congress I Anti-Meitei: Maoist Communist Party Manipur

IT News
Imphal, June 10: The state government have deceived the people of Manipur, and their disregard for the people's movement for implementation of Inner Line Permit System in the state has been demonstrated when the communiqué from the President of India's office sent on May 11 declining the granting of assent for the Bill drawn up to protect the people of Manipur was kept hushed up in view of the IMC election which followed on June 3, alleged a press release of the proscribed group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur. The release further accused

the ruling Congress I of being Anti-Meitei as the community is being singled out and atrocities committed for a long time. The release concluded JD-U says 3 ILPS related Bills not flatly rejected by the center

with an appeal to the people of the state to discard the differences in opinion and unite to fight and overthrow the present ruling Congress I. The President had denied assent to The Protection of Manipur People Bill 2015. However the 2 other Bills passed by the state assembly still is under consideration to find a reasonable solution. Tombi said the other Bills which the President denied assent can also be passed after few amended by sorting out the differences.

Naga community in Delhi calls for revocation of Rio's suspension

ANI
New Delhi, June 10: Taking stock of various issues faced by the Naga community, an interactive meeting was held in New Delhi recently, where Naga elders, intellectuals, professionals, student leaders and well wishers called for the revocation of the suspension of Lok Sabha MP Neiphu Rio. The meeting, initiated by like-minded Nags of Delhi with A C Kharangam as convener, deliberated on issues, including the framework agreement that was signed on August 3, 2015 and the Naga People's Front (NPF) party fiasco in Nagaland. Members acknowledged the tremendous contribution of Rio's leadership to the cause of Nagas, but at the same time, expressed apprehension about

recent developments within the Naga People's Front (NPF). "We cannot compromise our future at this juncture because the peace process has reached a very important point. The framework agreement has been signed and now it's been ten months. It should happen within a year," said Rio. While observing the inconsistency of the showcase notice that eventually led to Rio's suspension, the members once again acknowledged his contributions towards ensuring the socio-political and economic progress of Naga society, the statement said. "The issues of the community should be placed above vested interests within the NPF leadership. Therefore, I would like to appeal to all sensible

Nagas to come forward and voice our solidarity. We should settle this matter with reconciliation and understanding without further delay. Therefore, I appealed to all present NPF leaders to come forward to the table of reconciliation". Wungnaongam, from Manipur added. While urging the leadership of the NPF and various stakeholders to let good sense and sound judgement prevail, members present said not revoking the suspension statement would belittle the magnanimous contribution of Rio. The meeting urged every Naga citizen to go in for deeper introspection and sacrifice, the statement said.

Framework for a Shared Future: A Way Forward on Democracy, Integration and Peace

(Text of the 11th Arambam Somorendra Memorial Lecture delivered today at Lamyamba Shanglen)

By: Along Longkumer
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It is with great honour and my deepest admiration of the Manipuri people that I stand before you to deliver the Arambam Somorendra Memorial Lecture for 2016. As I began to prepare for this Lecture, I was greatly encouraged by the philosophy behind the Arambam Somorendra Memorial Lecture series. As per information made available by the Trust, this Memorial Lecture has a single-point agenda: "To initiate and foster debate on any critical aspect of contemporary life in Manipur". By inviting a non-Manipuri like me to such a forum, I believe you have made this process of dialogue even more inclusive. Let me at the outset also say that I am greatly inspired by the life and work of late Arambam Somorendra. As told to me, he was a leading playwright and social

visionary of contemporary Manipur, who believed in the primacy of ideas and its passionate espousal. I also read that late Arambam Somorendra "had an open mind and unquenchable thirst for actions". We can continue to discuss about people and events because they too are important to our consciousness or sentiments. But if we want to see a paradigm shift or transformative change in our situation we need to move to a higher level of understanding—openly discuss ideas and look for innovation, novelty in addressing our difficulties. If we can do this—a way out can be found. When I was approached to deliver this lecture, I was given the freedom to select a topic of my choice. It took me only a few moments to decide that I should speak on the idea of "A Way Forward" on several pertinent issues that confront us today in our

immediate neighbourhood and the larger North East region. The question of integration in the context of the Indo-Naga Peace Process and fostering dialogue, especially between the Meitei and Naga people; the opportunities provided by the Government of India's Act East policy and the need for greater integration of the region and its people; revisiting the idea of a plural democratic order in Manipur, including the right of the people of Manipur to self-determine, these are some of the things that I will speak on. **Naga integration and Manipur: Finding the middle ground**
To begin, I want to quote here a portion of the speech delivered by Dr. Lokendra Arambam during the inauguration of the Naga Archives & Research Centre Dimapur on November 7, 2015. This is what he said

and I quote: "As a neighbor Manipur provides a very critical sub-text in the Naga Independence struggle". I found this statement to be truthful and precise. It is also an acknowledgement of the shared history between the Meitei and Naga people and all the need therefore to explore a framework for a shared future. Before going any further on this point of a shared future, which we will revisit later, if I may be allowed to, in the context of what my learned teacher Dr Lokendra said about Manipur providing a "very critical sub-text in the Naga independence struggle, I would like to briefly state here the case for the unification of contiguous Naga inhabited areas and also present a way forward on this very difficult and sensitive question for our peoples. You may agree or disagree with me on some of these points. (Contd. on page 2)