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## Govt. imposes strictures in issuing arm licence

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**Imphal, June 15:** State government has directed all District Magistrates of the state to follow certain strictures while issuing arm licence to individuals. According to an official source it is stated that the restriction will be imposed even to those who had already possessed

arm licence. The government order directed to cease arm licence of those whose Unique Identification Number (UIN) could not be generated under National Data Base of Arms Licence (NDAL) before March of this year. According to the new order arms possessed by license holders are required to deposit

to the concern authority until fresh license under the Arms Rule, 1962 has been issued to the individual. All Licensing authorities are required to grant fresh licences to applicants who have not been issued UIN as yet, provided the applicants fulfill all the conditions required as per the Arms Act/Arms Rules.

## CM stands firm on wanted tag to former ILPS leader; Women protestors condemn, stage rally, threatens intense form of agitation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 15:** Large number of women protestors today staged a protest rally at Keishampat demanding lifting of the wanted tag to former convenor of JCILPS Kh. Ratan. The rally began from keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community Hall and marched towards Chief Minister Bungalow. The women protestors were intervene by a police team at Keishampat Junction. As the protestors refuse to retreat, the police fire three rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the women protestors. However, the police attempt to foil the protest remain ineffective as the women activist confronted the police. Later, 6 women representatives of the protestors were later allowed to meet the chief Minister.



Secretary of All Manipur Social and Reformation and Development Samaj, Kh Ramani said that the women team urged the Chief Minister to lift the wanted tag to former convenor of the JCILPS Kh Ratan as he has been spearheading the agitation for introduction of the ILPS in the state since his college days. She said that charging Ratan as a member of UG is baseless. Kh Ramani said that Chief Minister did not give any positive reply to the women representatives. She said instead of listening to the plea

of the women representatives the Chief Minister reply that he cannot do anything about the matter as the matter has been sent to the central government. She further added that the Chief Minister still want to sabotage the peoples' movement. She said that until the wanted tag to Kh Ratan has been lifted the women wing of the JCILPS will continue

serious form of agitation starting today. Other women representatives who met the Chief Minister included Y Mema, President of Imphal east meira Paibi, S Momon, President of Tammi Chingmi, Ph Sakhi, president AMKIL, N. Bimola, Secy. Women Wing Secy. of CADA and Ph. Sobita, organization secretary of Nupi Samaj.

## Mass protest staged at Khuyathong, Thangmeiband road; demand for ILPS echoed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 15:** Phase wise protest under the aegis of the JCILPS today reached Khuyathong and Thangmeiband road leading to complete blocked of the road stretch from Khuyathong to New Complex of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. Shops and business establishment at RIMS road, Khuyathong and Thangmeiband area were down shutters since afternoon today. As protestors staged the demonstration in the middle of the roads along the Thangmeiband to State Assembly Secretariat complex at Chingmeirong no vehicles were allowed to pass the route. Protestors use placards and banner demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in the state. Speaking to media persons

the protestors condemned the announcement of wanted to former JCILPS convenor Kh Ratan. A protestors said that declaration of Kh Ratan as wanted base on morph picture is nothing but an attempt to sabotage the ongoing demand for implementation of

ILPS in the state. On the other hand, the protestors too blamed the state government for not being sincere to the cause of the people. It said had the state government cared the 3 Bills could have already got assent from the president by now.

## DESAM downs shutter of Hotel New Hind Jal Pal



**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 15:** Democratic Students' Alliance, Manipur (DESAM) today down shutter of Hotel Hind Jal Pal of Pana Keithel for selling unhygienic effect at around 2 pm today. The hotel was found to have sold unhygienic food items to customers besides serving polluted drinking water during a drive conducted by the volunteers of the DESAM at around 2 pm today. Speaking to media persons Sh. Devdutta, Secretary Health and Environment said that the kitchen of the Hotel was not less than a garbage

hall. Edible items were prepared were exposed in unhealthy environment where mosquitoes breeds. He further added that people are being slow poison by the hotel runners by serving unhealthy, unhygienic food items. The student leader further added that those government authority responsible for checking such hotels are being tamed by the owner of the hotel runners. He said the student body will keep on conducting the drive at all the hotel in and around Paona keithel and others.

## Battle of 2017: Why Narendra Modi had Kejriwal on mind during meeting with Goa CM

**New Delhi, June 15:** The PM may not be spending sleepless nights yet about the maverick politician with a matching ability for showmanship, hyperbole and prime time drama, but he appears to be looking over the shoulder once in a while. Modi is still the Usain Bolt and Kejriwal the tortoise of Indian politics. But, if you remember the moral of a famous childhood parable, there could be consequences of taking your eyes off even the weakest opponent. Park that thought in mind as news emerges that when Modi met Goa chief minister Lakshmi Kant Parsekar, he wanted a heads-up on Kejriwal. "Prime Minister asked me about (the recent) Kejriwal (public) meeting and if (it will have) any future impact... (and) I said... no," Parsekar told reporters in Panaji after returning from New Delhi where he met Modi. Goais next on AAP's radar. Even as the party is locked in a triangular fight in Punjab, where it has a clear shot at power, the AAP is trying to make inroads in the coastal state and become

a major player before the Assembly elections scheduled in March. For the AAP to succeed, two conditions are necessary. One, presence of the Congress as either the principal opposition or the party in power. And two, voter's disenchantment with the BJP or its ally. In Goa, both these enabling factors persist. Ground reports suggest the Congress party, like everywhere else in the country, is in chaos. It is leaderless, effete and ineffective. Its traditional voters are looking at other alternatives and AAP has become the biggest beneficiary of the churn. The BJP starts with an advantage in an election over its rivals only when it has the option of combining Amit Shah's Hindutva with Modi's vikas. But, in Goa, the party can't play its Hindutva card because of the state's syncretic culture, influence of Catholic Church and its primarily urban demography. So, it can seek votes only on the basis of its performance and promises, instead of raising the temperature through emotive

issues. In short: Goa has the familiar script of the Congress decline creating a vacuum and the BJP not entering the polls with a guaranteed voter base. A third player can always step in. To complicate matters, the BJP and the RSS, are busy wrestling each other on the issue of the language to be adopted in schools. In 2012, the BJP and

Sangh had led a campaign for promoting "regional languages" as the medium of instruction in schools. But, after coming to power, the BJP backtracked on its promise because of pressure from parents who were against the decision. The RSS is now angry with the state government for reneging on the promise; the heartburn has led to open war and threats of boycott.

## Political Parties Reject Demands for Separate Twipraland

**Courtesy: North East Today Agartala, June 15:** Both the CPI (M) and the BJP rejected the demand of the Indigenous People's Front of Twipra (IPFT) for a separate state of Twipra, with the secretary of the state committee of ruling CPI-M, Bijan Dhar saying, "We oppose this demand because it is divisive, irresponsible and politically motivated. This demand for Twipra Land is aimed at creating a separate state by dividing the small Tripura state, which would

increase the sufferings of the people." Whereas BJP's spokesperson Mirinal K. Deb said, "We are not against the demand of small states, but oppose this demand strongly, because it would create geographical isolation to people. The tribal council area, which they want to convert into a full-fledged state is spread all over the districts of the state, which is not feasible." The IPFT's demand to carve out the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC), home to the tribals, who constitute one-third of the state population and occupy two-third of the state territory to form the new state was also rejected by the CPI (M) with Dhar commenting on the matter, "This demand is aimed at destabilizing the communal harmony between tribal and non-tribal communities of the state and against peace and development of the state." He however clarified that, "we are in favour of giving more autonomy to the tribal council and demand to elevate the council to a status like the Boro Territorial Council in Assam. The other major party of the state, Trinamool Congress also expressed its opposition to the demand.

## Stranded trucks escorted towards Imphal

**IT News**  
**Imphal June 15:** Over 100 loaded trucks including oil tankers were today escorted towards Imphal from Mao gate today afternoon. The loaded trucks were stranded at Mao gate since the last 2 days after the JAC Churachandpur supported by UNC had called 10 days Economic blockade from June 10. Report reaching here said that at least 100 trucks have left Mao gate at around 2 pm. The trucks were escorted by a convoy of CRPF.

## Game of Throne

By: Shyamsunder Haobam

Elected councillors of the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) have taken oath and now it is time for the number game and the selection of the chairperson and the deputy of the corporation. The ruling congress managed to bag 12 of the 27 seats with Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) getting 10 and 5 independent candidates managing to win in the recently held Municipal Corporation elections which was held on June 2. Indian National Congress (INC) being the single largest party to win the urban local body council will claim to decide on for the Mayor AKA Chairman and the deputy of the corporation. The noteworthy matter that crop up now is how long the newly to be selected chairperson will last, bearing in mind the fact that the anti defection law is not applicable to urban local government. The number game will turn out to be more fascinating as it can be anytime the elected councillors desert and call a no confidence motion against the chairperson! The anti defection law was passed by the parliament in 1985 and today, 31 years later, it is pertinent to trace the several modifications and to evaluate how well this law has worked.

The amendment to the constitution laid down the process which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection. Manipur chief minister Okram Ibobi probably might not have been the chief minister of the state until today had the anti defection law not come into force, with dissidence amongst the congress, which seems to be growing each passing day. Some legislators have even criticised that the anti defection law impinged the right of free speech of the legislators. There is however the need for public debate on the working of the anti defection law. There is no ambiguity in the legality of the current provisions correlated to these issues. At this point of time, there appear to be just two political parties in Manipur, the BJP and the INC and it is important for both the parties to form the urban local government as this will be a massive manifesto as well as a mammoth winning factor for the respective parties in the forthcoming general assembly elections which is going to be held in the early part of 2017. Odisha government in 2015 had approved introduction of anti

defection law in urban local bodies and zilla parishads in a bid to disqualify members, including independent ones, who switches political parties after getting elected. The amendment states that a person winning elections as a candidate of a particular party on voluntary resigning from that party or voting against the directive of the party will lose his membership. Since there is no anti defection provision in the existing law which are applicable to urban governments, instances of no confidence against the chairperson or vice chairperson may tend to arise which might hamper urban governance due to instability caused. A most important decision by the Manipur unit of BJP as well as INC will certainly boost the performances in the forthcoming general assembly elections. The BJP, with just 10 of 27 seats, need to break the ice before chief minister Ibobi approves the anti defection law applicable to urban governance or Ibobi approving the anti defection law before dissidence arises within the elected INC councillors. Either way it is the game of thrones, both BJP and INC wanting not to lose.