



State police and IRB on strict vigils at Nungei under Lilong Police Station

## Dispute between 35 AR and Kuki women of Sadar hills resolved

**Senapati, June 27:** The incident that occurred on 21st June night regarding lathi charge by troops of 35 Assam Rifles at Hengbung post was due to a misunderstanding which was later clarified by both the parties.

In a statement issued by General Secretary of Kuki Women's Union (KWU) of Sadar Hills Hahat Touthang said that the women of Sadar hills had resolved the dispute amicably by the Traditional Kuki customary laws of 'Hem Kham'.

The understanding was reached in the presence of the representatives Sadar Hills Civil bodies including KSO-SH, Kuki Inph-SH and KWUSH and other Kuki leader where the leaders also appreciated the effort 35 AR in keeping the area free of any criminal and anti-social activities all Kuki women union leaders appreciated the maturity and humane approach show by officer of in the 35 AR resolving the matter, there is no grievance against any one of 35 AR. (Source: Hornbill Express)

## RPF clarifies

**IT News Imphal, June 27:** Proscribed group Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF) today clarified that the person arrested by combined troops of Imphal East District Police Commando and 6 AR from the periphery of Keiroa Wangkhem TB Hospital on June 23, identified as Punshi Meetei @ Boy (35 years) son of Kh. heramat Meetei of Nongbram Mayai Leikai is not a member of the outfit as well as not related with either the RPF or its armed wing PLA.

## Imphal East shutdown

**IT News Imphal, June 27:** The JAC formed against the declaration of 'Wanted' status on former Convener of JCILPS Khomdram Ratan declared an indefinite shutdown of all government offices and institutions in Imphal East District. As part of the declaration, volunteers and members of the JAC have closed shutters and locked the gates of offices in the area. Meanwhile protest were also staged at various places in Imphal east area by women meira paibi. At Kongba and other places. Large number of women folk also throng to the residence of MLA Bishojit.

# Neighbouring villages in deadly clash at Tbl dist. 1 succumbed to bullet injury; another injured

**IT News Imphal, June 27:** Simmering tension among residents of two neighbouring villages called Nungei Meitei Village and Nungei Muslim village in Thoubal district under Lilong Police station reached the tipping point today afternoon as ground zero report highlighted war like situation with each side preparing to strike out on the other any time. Villagers from each side engaged in hours-long stone pelting war at around 10 am today. State forces deployed at the area since the aftermath of the April 11 incident were left helpless.

Imphal Times reporter Ranbir Laishram while reporting from the spot said that at around 11.00 am when they reached the spot (Nungei laishram Leirak road) villagers of both side pelted stones and later gun shots were heard. IRB troops deployed at the area remained alert since last night but as fire arms were reportedly used they too restrain from acting as there are possibilities of human casualty. Additional troops of state police which were rushed to the site were stranded for around 2 hours



on the way as some of the villagers resisted them. Later, at around 2.30 pm the additional state police team arrived at the site and fired rounds of tear gas shell and mock bomb to disperse the villagers of both side. Report said that a 16 years old boy identified as MD. Arif Makak, son of Md. Rirajuddin of Lilong Nungei Idiga Road

succumbed to injury after being hit by barrel gun shots. He was reported to have been brought death by authorities of Shija Hospital and Research center, Langol at around 1.30 pm today. Another person identified as Nuhirbur Rahman (25)s/o Habibur @ Haman also sustained injury in yesterday's incident.



On being questioned about the root of the incident, a villager while speaking to the media team said that in the aftermath of the April 11 incident where some persons fired on a group of women Meira Paibis injuring around 9 of them, a temporary fencing was constructed in between the two villages besides deploying an IRB post.

Yesterday evening, at around 9 pm, some IRB personnel were reportedly abused verbally by some youths following which the IRB personnel tried to stop them but instead of listening they ran away. After few hours the villagers on the other side of Nungei Meitei Village put up a loud speaker and shouted instructions to attack any state police or the IRB personnel.

The villagers also dug out the road next to the fencing side. While some are digging the road many pelted stones and started firing rounds of gun shots. The IRB personnel too retaliated with rounds of gunshots in the air but have to retreat as the situation was not under their control. As stones were also pelted to some houses of Nungei Meitei Village, the villagers too gathered and prepared for a battle. The Villagers said that due to the request of the IRB personnel they too did not strike back.

"But today morning too they (the villagers) started pelting stones on the village and we too have no choice but to give them befitting reply", said a Villager of Nungei Meitei Village.

Situation still remain volatile as the villagers on both sides prepare to strike at each other at the time of filing this report. An armoured vehicle of the IRB troops was hit by bullet during yesterday night's incident. Additional state forces which reached the spot at around 3 pm somehow managed to control the situation till the filing of this report.

## Congress stalwart Sheila Dikshit refuses to become CM face for 2017 UP elections

**Courtesy NDTV New Delhi, June 27:** Former Delhi chief minister and Congress stalwart Sheila Dikshit has reportedly turned down the offer to become the chief ministerial candidate of the grand old party in the high voltage 2017 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

According to a NDTV report, poll strategist Prashant Kishor, who has been roped by the Congress to boost its fortunes in the Hindi heartland ahead of next year's Assembly elections, wanted a Brahmin face to be projected as the face of the party.

The speculations about Dikshit being appointed as the CM candidate emerged after the Congress stalwart met Congress president Sonia Gandhi and vice president Rahul Gandhi on July 16.

The chorus for bringing Priyanka Gandhi into active politics to revive Congress' fortunes in Uttar Pradesh has also been increasing these days.

Recently reports had claimed that around 600 block presidents of the grand old party had urged master strategist Prashant Kishor to bring Congress president Sonia Gandhi's daughter into the political arena.

Congress, which once used to win almost all the seats in the cow belt state, has been performing very poorly in the last two decades. Notably, the BJP had won on 71 out of the 80 Lok Sabha seats in 2014. Congress won two, Samajwadi Party five and Mayawati's Bhaujan Samaj Party wasn't able to open its account.

Key players in the state - Bharatiya Janata Party led by PM Narendra Modi and

Amit Shah, Samajwadi Party led by Mulayam Singh Yadav and Bahujan Samaj Party led by Mayawati - are personality driven and have their strong vote bases. Meanwhile, Congress, which has been out of power in the state for nearly three decades, suffers from a leadership crisis.

## Lecture on employment opportunities in defence forces

**PIB Defence Imphal, June 27:** Noney Battalion of Loktak Brigade under the aegis of Red shield Division conducted a lecture at Kangchup on 27 June 16, the topic being 'Employment opportunities in Defence Forces'. The lecture was followed by a presentation on various types of entries available to join the Indian Army and Assam Rifles for both boys and girls. The

## Drug and Liquor Smuggling Rises in Nagaland

**Courtesy- NE Today Kohima, June 27:** Nagaland has recorded an increase in smuggling of illicit liquor and drugs to the state despite the stringent Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) and Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act (NLTP) being implemented in the state.

This was highlighted at a program to mark the

"International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" under the theme "Listen First", organized by Kripa foundation Nagaland in Kohima on Sunday. Speaking as the chief guest, minister of Social Welfare, Kiyanlie Peseyie informed that the cabinet has already cleared the deck for the "Nagaland State Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Policy" drafted by various departments, NGOs, and social activists. For this, Peseyie said that the Social Welfare department would act as the nodal agency to coordinate and implement the policy. Peseyie also released the state Drug Policy during the program. Chief secretary Pankaj Kumar (IAS), who was the guest of honor, said government's policies "are not the final word but statements of intent, where certain issues could be incorporated to make policies function better".

Addressing the gathering, IGP (Crime), I. Toshitsungba Aier (IPS) said that the drug menace in the state has become an issue of "narcoterrorism", as most insurgent groups were generating money out of the illegal business. He said medicinal drugs are being brought by trucks through Assam from Namtola, Tizit, Mariani, Amguri and Bhandari. In the Eastern front, he said drugs are smuggled from Moreh, Thoubal, Imphal, Mao, Maram and Jalukie. Aier also informed that a new route has started at Tobu, Pangsha and Mimi side. He said there were mobile laboratories in Myanmar, while cultivation of ganja and opium has increased in Manipur. Aier highlighted that the usage of opium especially in Mon and Longleng has seen a decline. However, he said Mokokchung, Dimapur and other districts have seen an increase in opium users.

## 945 Minor Irrigation schemes completed at a cost of Rs 473.80 crores

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**Imphal, June 27:** Under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) launched in the state from the year 1999-2000 by the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India, the Department has so far completed 945 numbers of minor irrigation schemes at a total cost of Rs 473.80 crores and 53914 Ha. of cultivable land has been brought under its command. It has played a commendable role in promoting agricultural productivity in the areas under its operation. Minor Irrigation Schemes are taken up with central assistance under AIBP funding (now PMKSY) of the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India and with the funds from other funding agencies such as NLCPR, NEC and NABARD. These Schemes are implemented with proper assessment of the suitability of the sites and feasibility of the particular schemes viz. construction of mini barrage or weir, lift irrigation schemes or irrigation tank in relation with the need of the locality. The minor irrigation schemes taken up in the state are of two categories - the surface flow schemes and lift irrigation

schemes. Surface flow irrigation schemes comprise construction of (a) Pick-up weirs/mini barrages which divert water from rivers/streams through canals and give water to the agricultural fields. (b) Irrigation tanks which conserve/store rain water or water from hill streams via link channels which can be used for irrigation as and when needed. Lift irrigation schemes are constructed at suitable places for lifting irrigation water from rivers or other water bodies by using diesel/electric pumping sets. The water is conveyed through canals to the irrigation fields which lie nearby. One such lift irrigation schemes have the capacity to irrigate 20 Hac. of agricultural land by deploying a 25 Horse power pumping set. Under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) funding, the Department has completed five projects viz; Modernisation of Kachhing Ithei Maru Main canal at the cost of Rs.340.00 lakh, Construction of Mini Barrage across Itam river at Kharasom Imphal East, at the cost of Rs.361.00 lakh, Construction of Mini Barrage across Itok river at Chandrakhong at a cost of Rs.498.00 lakh, Construction of

Mini Barrage across Wanging river near Canteen Lampak with project cost of Rs.498.00 lakh and Construction of weir across Narmia river at Kongkhan Thana with project cost of Rs.306.00 lakh.

A total of 4889 Ha. of land has been brought under the command of these projects. As a part of 20 Point Programme (TPP), renovation of 87 nos of underperforming minor irrigation schemes including modernization of a number of RLI schemes by replacing the old diesel pumping sets with electric motors were undertaken with loan assistance from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). For the project NABARD has sanctioned a sum of Rs 22.00 crores during the year 2010-11 and the same has been utilized. During the financial year, the NABARD has also sanctioned Rs. 950 lakh to renovate 20 (twenty) M.I. schemes. Conclusively, water is a precious natural resource and it is not inexhaustible. To conserve it and utilize it in the most efficient way by practicing innovative methods of irrigation is of primary concern for the state.