

Women folk and KSA volunteers staging sit-in-protest at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community Hall demanding release of the 5 KSA volunteers arrested by police for seizing adulterated Tata Salt.



## Dy. CM assures release of arrested 5 KSA volunteers; 48 hours proposed bandh call off

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 11:** Following an assurance given by the Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam to release the 5 KSA volunteers arrested in connection with the seizing of adulterated Tata Salt, the Kangleipak Students' Association today called off the proposed 48 hours bandh. The Deputy Chief Minister assured to release the 5 student volunteers without any condition. Talking to reporters Human Resource Secy of the KSA, Angouton Khuman said that 6 representatives including the President of KSA Moirangthem Laxman today met the Deputy Chief Minister at his office Chamber at around 2.30 pm. During the meeting Gaikhangam assured their release, he added. Earlier KSA had served



ultimatum for release of the 5 volunteers who were arrested for seizing adulterated Tata salt from two shop owners on May 27. Talking to reporters before meeting the Deputy Chief Minister, president of KSA, Moirangthem Laxman said that everyone knows that food adulteration is a serious crime and yet no action has been taken up to those shop keepers who had adulterated the Tata salt packet. It may be mention that, a shop owner who was found of adulterating the tea was fine a huge amount of rupees 3 lakhs however, the said two shop owners who were caught red handed has been

let free without taking up any action as they happen to be close associate of a relative of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, he added. Earlier before meeting the Dy. CM, large number of women folk including meira paibis situated in between Keishampat to Kwakeithel today staged a sit-in-protest at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community Hall demanding release of the 5 KSA Volunteers. Later, at around 1.30 pm, the protestors march a protest rally towards the Chief Minister Bungalow carrying banner and placards demanding immediate release of the students.

## State govt. bears Rs. 6,07,5000/- per month on VDF salary

**IT News**

**Imphal, June 11:** Total number of sanctioned post for the Village Defence Force popularly called VDF by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs is only 1500 for the state of Manipur. The remuneration for one VDF per month approved by the MHA is only 1500 per month. Interestingly, total number of VDF in the state recruited by the state Home Department is 10500 and the monthly remuneration for each VDF is Rs. 5000/- per month plus ration money of Rs. 1000/-, which means the state government is spending a sum of rupees 6,00,000/- per VDF personnel per month. A highly reliable source said that the Union Ministry of Home affairs reimbursed a sum of Rs. 22,50,000/- every month as remuneration for the VDF to the state Home department, which means the state government is bearing a total of Rs. 6,07,5000/- every month

## Sanctioned Post of VDF by MHA is only 1500 ,why absorbed more?

**IT News**

**Imphal, June 11:** In a sting operation conducted by the Imphal Times reporters in May last year this paper had highlighted how the VDF turned as a gold mine for some of the police personnel supervising them. On further study by Imphal Times it is now found that spending the huge amount of money on VDF is also another political strategy for the ruling government. 10,500 persons is significant when it comes to election

where number counts.

In Thoubal district alone, it has been learnt that a total of 2480 VDF personnel are being deployed at 74 separate locations of the district. Of these, 79 VDF personnel are deployed at Athokpam Makha Post, 50 at Babu Bazaar Post, 50 at Chingkhram Post, 50 at CDO Thoubal (post runner), 50 at Thoubal Congress office, 50 at Wabagai Congress Post, 298 at 6 posts in Heirok, 81 at Khongjom IB and 81 at Wathou post. Most of these VDF are from Thoubal, Heirok and Khangabok Assembly

constituencies.

During the sting operation conducted last year and published in this paper May 16, 2015 issue under the heading "VDF now turns as a gold mine for police personnel supervising them", Imphal Times had reported on how some of the VDF had been enjoying half pay without even attending the office or joining duty. It is logical that some officers in the police department who were controlling the VDF too are happy on the advantage taken by those people.

for payment of monthly remuneration plus ration money from the state ex chequer. The source further added the Union Ministry of Home

Affairs is yet to release the reimbursement for 6 months of the 1500 approved post. A proposal for reimbursement of the approved remuneration for 6 months that is from the

month of October, 2015 till March 2016 has been sent only in this month after the Ministry of Home Affairs had not released the approved amount.

## MCI directs all medical colleges to send details on faculty

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 11:** With an aim to check the practice of "ghost" faculties and bring in more transparency, Medical Council of India has directed all medical colleges to send details about their faculty within two days so as to upload these on its website. MCI officials said that the decision to this effect was taken following directions of the Oversight Committee constituted by the Supreme Court. The move comes after many cases were found where medical colleges had fraudulently claimed they had the required number of faculty.

## Discussion on Food Security Act

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 11:** A one day discussion programme on Food Security Act and its impact to Farmers with reference to the state of Manipur was held today at the auditorium of the Institute of Co-operative Management, Lamphelpat. The one day discussion programme attended by farmers and experts in the field was organised by the All Manipur Progressive Farmers' Association. Resource persons who spoke on the occasion expressed apprehension about farmers opting for some other profession as cultivation is no more considered a profitable one. Some of the resource persons said that if the state stopped food production then there will be no benefit of the so called Food Security Act.

## ILPS Protest: Mass sit-in-protest staged inbetween Minuthong to Yangangpokpi

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 11:** Phase wise protest demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in the state is being underway under the aegis of the JCILPS Manipur. As a part of the protest Meira Paibi Lups and Club members located inbetween Minuthong in Imphal East till Yangangpokpi staged mass sit-in-protest at their respective localities. As announced by the JCILPS the protest staged today was peaceful. There were no obstacles to any vehicular movements along the route except giving them instruction

to drive slow at the place where sit-in-demonstration are being taken place. Meanwhile, several clubs and meira paibi today decry the declaration of former JCILPS leader Kh Ratan as wanted. Some of the organisation blamed the government terming the declaration of Kh Ratan as wanted a technic to sabotage the peoples' movement demanding implementation of the ILPS in the state. Speaking to media a local representative said that there will be no turning back to the demand for ILPS whatsoever hard the government attempted.

## Army constructs community hall



**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 11:** Jwalamukhi Battalion of Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division constructed a 'Community Hall' at Phailenkot village, Senapati district to facilitate the local populace to organise their social functions and address the gatherings. The Community Hall was inaugurated by Company Commander of Motbung Post

of Jwalamukhi Battalion on 08 Jun 16. The villagers of Phailenkot appreciated the effort of Security Forces by providing them a suitable place to organise central functions and public meetings. Construction of community hall has added to the development of the area and such projects reflect the genuine concern of the Security Forces towards the betterment of the state.

## Polling held in 7 states to elect 27 RS members

**Agency**

**New Delhi, June 11:** Polling was held in seven states to elect 27 Rajya Sabha members. These include 11 seats from Uttar Pradesh, four each from Karnataka and Rajasthan, three from Madhya Pradesh, two each from Haryana and Jharkhand and one from Uttarakhand. Voting, which started at 9 AM and concluded at 4 PM.

Out of 57 Rajya Sabha seats falling vacant, voting is taking place 27 seats today as 30 candidates were declared elected unopposed at the end of withdrawal of nominations on June 3. Prominent among them are Union Ministers - Suresh Prabhu and Piyush Goyal, eminent lawyer Ram Jethmalani, Lalu Prasad's daughter Misa Bharati and former JD(U) president Sharad

Yadav.

In Uttar Pradesh, 12 candidates are vying for 11 seats. While Samajwadi Party has fielded seven candidates, BSP is contesting two seats and BJP and Congress one each. The BJP is also backing Independent candidate Preeti Mahapatra which will affect the Congress candidate Kapil Sibal the most. Mr Sibal is now looking to Mayawati's BSP and Ajit Singh's RLD for help. In Rajasthan, Five candidates are in the fray including Union Minister M. Venkaia Naidu and BJP's national Vice President Om Prakash Mathur. 199 MLAs out of 200 will cast their votes to elect the four members. The High Court has debarred one BSP MLA, who is in jail in a murder case, from exercising his vote. In Madhya Pradesh, victory of BJP's two candidates is

certain as the party has the required numbers but there will be a contest between BJP and Congress for the third seat.

In Jharkhand, voting is taking place for two seats. While BJP's Muqtar Abbas Naqvi will win the first, there is a contest between the party's nominee Mahesh Poddar and Congress-backed Jharkhand Mukti Morcha candidate, Basant Soren, who is short of six votes to win the second seat.

In Uttarakhand, three candidates are in the fray for one seat. They are Congress' Pradeep Tamta and two independents. BSP MLAs support will be a deciding factor for the victory in the hill state.

In Karnataka, polling is being held after Election Commission refused to cancel the voting following a sting operation

showing some MLAs demanding money for their votes. BJP, Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) have fielded their candidates for the four seats in the state.

In Haryana, of the two seats, BJP will win one and there will be a contest between a BJP-backed Independent and an INLD backed one for the second. The Congress has no direct stake but its support will decide the winner.

Congress's local unit is dead against voting for the INLD backed candidate but if it backs BJP's candidate it will help increase the rival's numbers in the Rajya Sabha. Counting of votes will be taken up at 5 PM today.

## Soil erosion awareness workshop

**IT News**

**Imphal, June 11:** Noney Battalion of Loktak Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division organised an Awareness workshop on "Soil Erosion and its Effects", at Kotlein. A lecture programme was also conducted for the locals where they were briefed, with the help of Audio/Visual aids, causes, effects and prevention of soil erosion. The villagers thanked the Battalion for the same, a PIB Defence wing statement said.

## Thoubal College students stage protest

**IT News**

**Thoubal, June 11:** Students of Thoubal College today begin sit-in-protest inside the college complex decrying government failure to fulfil the demand of the students. The students of Thoubal college has been demanding repairing of the college infrastructure and regarding that memorandums has been

submitted to the concern department time and again. Speaking to reporters, General Secretary of Thoubal College Students' Union, O Arjun said that the Dr. RK Yaikul, Director of Higher Education had assured to repair the college main gate, separate toilets for male and female students and fencing of the college compound on March 9 this year while meeting the Union along with the Principal of the College O Chaoba. As the

government authority had assured the students' body had called off the class boycott agitation. As the commitments were not converted into action the student Union had served another ultimatum on May 28 to the concern department to convert the assurances into action within 10 of this month. As no step has been taken up the student union resume the protest from today said the general secretary.

## Eco-Blockade underway

**IT News**

**Imphal, June 11:** 10 days economic blockade called by the JAC formed against the passing of the 3 ILPS related Bills by state legislative assembly along the two National Highways which which begins yesterday midnight has greatly affected movement of goods ferrying trucks to the state. Many loaded trucks remain stranded at Mao gate and Jiribam.

## Two children die of suffocation in locked car

**Source PTI**

**Jaipur, Jun 11:** Two children, aged four and eight, suffocated to death after they accidentally locked themselves inside a car in Puga village here. According to police, Kiran Bawri — the younger of the two — and Vinod Bawri, got into their neighbour's car while playing yesterday and

accidentally locked it from inside. They fell unconscious and suffocated to death a few hours later. They were found by the car owner and rushed to hospital, where they were declared brought dead. The bodies were handed over to their respective families, police said.

## Bank Pass Book, ATM lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Bank Pass Book and ATM card issued by the State Bank of India (SBI) Imphal, Secretariat Branch on the way between Kontha to Ahallup on June 5, 2016. Finders are requested to hand over to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Khwaitrakpam Ibemcha Devi  
Kontha Ahallup