

Irom Chanu Sharmila continuing her fast-unto-death protest at BT park



## Chief Minister disappointed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh who is also the leader of the house today showed anger to ministers for walking out of the house just after the question hour. The Chief Minister notice some of the minister trying to leave the house just as when he was supposed to table the demands for grant for discussion and voting. Before tabling the demands for discussion Okram Ibobi turn back and asked his ministers not leave the house in a bit higher tone. Some of the Ministers who had already stood up were seen taking the seat once more.

## Petrol depot timing extended

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** Highway Petroleum Agency, Tera, Imphal West has said the fuel depot has extended its distribution period till 10 pm every working days except on bandh and blockade. A spokesperson speaking in favour of the oil depot said that the depot will keep on proving its service from 7 am till 10 pm. The extension of service period is being taken up to discourage selling of fuel by black marketers, he said.

## Govt. teachers MGEL

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** Even as preparation of Manipur Government Employees List (MGEL) for over 12,000 teachers in state Education department has been completed there are still around 1,011 teachers yet to be verified. This was stated by Education Minister M. Okendro while replying to BJP MLA Th. Biswajit during question hour today. The education Minister said that the total staff strength in the education department is 19,487 including none teaching employees. Out of this a total of 203 teaching staffs are yet to begin verifications. On the matter of the transfer and posting for school teachers the department is yet to have a concrete policy as DP needs to issue a notification even as the state cabinet has approved it.

## Primary Schools of Kumbi

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** Out of the 15 primary school being constructed under SSA in Kumbi Assembly constituency, 10 have been completed and are ready to be inaugurated within this month. This was stated by Education Minister M. Okendro while replying to a question asked by M.L.A.S. Bira. The minister further added that required fund for the construction of the school has been credited on February 23, 2016. As for the remaining 5 primary schools, construction will be completed soon and the department is planning to inaugurate it before July.

## Students organized public talk at MU in solidarity with JNU and Freedom of dissent

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** In a show of solidarity with students of JNU who are demanding free speech and right to protest in a secular country, concerned students of the state organized a public talk on 'Nation and its Discontents: Free Speech to repressive laws' today at Manipur

University Bus stand (coffee corner). Assistant prof. of Department of Economics, MU Dr. Chinglen Maisnam talked on the Rise of Fundamentalist forces, Babloo Loitongbam-Director of Human Rights Alert talked on Shrinking of Democratic Spaces, while Dr. Homen Thangjam- Assistant

Professor of Maharajah Bodhachandra College spoke on Nation and Nation-State: Emerging India. Akhu Chingangbam of the band 'Imphal Talkies' presented a number of protest songs in his inimitable style to enthuse and sensitize the gathering students on the need to raise the voice of dissent.

## Mass malpractices during metric examination reported at Education Minister's constituency

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** While the state is in discussion for bringing quality education, students and parents are reportedly indulging in mass copying and malpractices during the class X examination at various examination centers located under Heirok and Wangjing-Tenthia Assembly Constituencies.

It was informed by representatives of Democratic Students Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) and Apunba Ireipakki Maheiroi Sinanglup (AIMS), who have visited various exam centers on the first day of the metric examination which is being conducted by Board of Secondary Education Manipur.

Secretary General of DESAM, Nameirakpam Edison Meitei, in a press conference held today at Keishampat DESAM HQ, told that while visiting at different examination centers, members of a joint task force consisting members of AIMS and DESAM have witnessed

the mass copying at Heirok, Wangjing, Khangabok and Khongjom areas. At most of the centers located at Heirok and Wangjing areas, schools teachers are indulging themselves in helping students while parents of the candidates are involving in supplying copying materials to their children through exam invigilators, said the General Secretary. He also said that photo copies of answers for today's English questions were found distributed among the candidates by invigilators and others at different examination centers situated near the home town of state Education Minister, Moirangthem Okendro Singh. Vice-President of AIMS, Rajesh Yunnam said that some people are printing answer copies using computer printers outside the examination room, while parents and teachers are found dictating answers of questions to students over

phone. He also informed that during the monitoring some micro observers are found sleeping outside the examination centers at Sognu area. Leaders of the two students' bodies have also condemned the notoriety of security personnel who are deployed at Heirok examination centers for detaining the combine flying examination squad of DESAM and AIMS for around 30 minutes. They also appealed the parents, micro observers, security personnel, invigilators and locals to cooperate in conducting the examination in a free and fair manner.

**CNG vehicle**  
**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** State government still does not have any plan to use CNG in Commercial vehicles in the state. This was replied by Transport Minister Dr. Kh Ratan Kumar while replying to a question asked by MLARK Imo.

## AMYPCO observes 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** The 9<sup>th</sup> foundation day of the All Manipur Youth Protection Committee (AMYPCO) is being observed today at Manipur Press Club. Convener of the JCILPS Kh. Ratan said that Manipur was one of the most powerful nation in the Asia continent and had run the nation through its own resources. However after it merged with the Indian union in 1949, Manipur became a zone prone to various social problems and lives of the people are dependent on the two national highway. He added that the roles of

CSOs are very much important in the conflict regions like Manipur as the civilians are often caught in middle of the two arms group. To protect the people CSOs need to work together. He further said that India want is only the land area of the Manipur and not the people, and so as soon as Manipur merged with the Indian union the central government abolished the ILPS system which was implemented to protect and preserve the indigenous people of the state from the influx of outsiders. As a result of the people's movement recently, Manipur state assembly passed 3 ILPS

bills but the central government is playing delaying tactics without giving accent to the bills citing the need for further discussions with various CSOs of the state. He added that MLAs need to work sincerely for the people in the implementation of the ILPS bills in Manipur. President of AMYPCO Arjun Telheiba, Dr. Y Mani Khuman-Convener of PPCM, Ksh Bala- President of WWOK, Ak Memchaphing of KWWA and Joy Chingakhom- Chairman of HRDM graded the function as important. Chief Guest and Guests of honor respectively.

## Irresponsible Congress rule has thrown Manipur into anarchy: JD (U) President

**By: Wahengbam Rorkrychhand**  
**Imphal, March 01:** President of Janata Dal (United), Manipur Unit, M Tombi has lambasted the incumbent state government and claimed that decade-long Congress rule has flung the state into complete lawlessness. The irresponsible nature of the government is shown with the recent incident of suspending 5 (five) innocent personnel of Manipur Police which was made under pressure from a student body (Naga Students' Federation) belong to neighbouring state Nagaland, even after State Home Minister have given acquaintance to the security personnel, who dutifully frisked members of the students' body during their journey to Ukhrul to attend the February 14 Lui-Ngai-Ni (seed sowing festival), said M Tombi, while speaking to Imphal Times. Unluckily, the government has played the emotions of five

personnel by slapping them with suspension order for discharging their duty to ensure safety of high profile guests including Chief Minister of two states- Nagaland and Mizoram, who came to attend the festival at Ukhrul. The government has no commitment and succumbs to pressures from anti-social elements. Underground people ruled in hill districts of the state, where elected leaders and representatives of armed groups imposed their own rules. The administration of the incumbent government is only limited to valley districts. It failed to protect national highways from the clutches of armed groups; helpless to punish the power thefts in hill districts; remain a mute spectator while land of the state are encroached along the Indo-Myanmar international border, he said, while adding that there is no hope from this government.

## Sharmila continues protest, but 'unnoticed' by legislators and public

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** The onetime international acclaimed Gwangju Peace award recipient and the lady who was chosen among the 1000 ladies from across the globe by the United Nations in recognition to her selfless sacrifice for the cause of human rights, Irom Chanu Sharmila still continues her protest for repeal of the draconian act AFSPA but this time with few people inside the Birtikendrajit Park here at Imphal.

She was detained under IPC section 309 (attempt to suicide) by the Manipur government time and again but this time she was released by CJM Imphal West yesterday as the police had failed to provide any prove to support the charges. With only few women supporters at her side the lady is continuing her fast-unto-death at BT Park Complex. OC of City Police who had been keeping a close vigil said that a team of Medical expert is on standby to respond at any time of trouble. Until 2 pm Sharmila's health was seen ok, but it is important to keep a close watch, said the City OC. Earlier in the morning Sharmila had turn down request from the medical team to have a check to her health conditions. The nations is in hot bed debating over whether or not colonial laws like Seditions Act are to be scrapped or not in the aftermath of the JNU Row, but for the people of Manipur (except some few) no persons, CSOs, Clubs or organizations are concerning to Irom Chanu Sharmila's protest for repeal of another colonial law which was once enforced by British Regime to suppress the freedom movement of India. State police too are now relieved as the protest by the Iron lady get little attention from the government as well as the people. The State Assembly session is underway and the legislators seem to have no time to discuss her issue. With television channel broadcasting every development over the JNU



Row the parliament is often in chaos with the issue of the so called seditious law - which is comparably less dangerous than the AFSPA, Sharmila has been protesting for repealed by undergoing a fast-unto-death for over 15 years. Congress vice president, Rahul Gandhi, CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yetchuri among others braves the charges level against them for supporting the students of JNU New Delhi openly voicing to scrap outdated legislations but in Manipur the Assembly session have not a single time to discuss the issue of Irom Chanu Sharmila, forget about the various atrocities committed under the shadow of Armed forces Special powers Act.

## Prohibitory orders issued in Thoubal in connection with the ensuing HSLC Examination 2016.

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** Prohibitory orders under Section 2 of Section 144 Cr. P. C. have been imposed by an order of T. Ranjit Singh, District Magistrate, Thoubal released on February 29. According to the order, assembly of five and more persons and carrying of lethal weapons

such as sticks, stone, firearms, etc. within a periphery of 100 metres from the High School Leaving Certificate Examination Centres has been prohibited with effect from 3 pm of February 29 till the exam gets over (19-03-2016). There are six HSLC examination centres in the district.

## Barak and Makru bridges to be constructed with RCC

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 01:** The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken a decision to convert the Barak and Makru Bailey Suspension bridges along National Highway 37 (Imphal-Jiribam) into RCC, informed Chief Secretary of Manipur, O Nabakishore today. Informing this to media persons, the Chief Secretary said that following the permission from the Ministry, the National Highway

Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NHIDCL) and officials of state government have arrived at a decision to start construction of the two important bridges during a meeting yesterday. During the meeting it has been decided to start the e-tender for Rs. 80 crore which is the official estimated cost of the construction project. Due to the poor conditions of bridges, the people of the state are facing disruptions since long time, said the Chief Secretary.

## NH maintenance

**IT News**  
**Imphal March 1:** State government has incurred a total of Rs. 19.99 crore rupees for maintenance of National Highway for the year 2012 to 2015. Replying to a question by BJP MLA Khumkham Joykishan, Works Minister Dr. Kh. Ratan Kumar said that total amount re-imbursed for this period is Rs. 3.80 crore only. The Minister further said that the total allocation for maintenance of national highways for the year 2015-16 is Rs. 15.38 crores. In another question by MLA Ksh. Biren regarding NH 150, the Works minister said that as of now there is no proposal for improvement of NH 150 Imphal to Gwalabi from the MORTH, however the state government is preparing a plan to improve the road stretch.

## Road, bridges and building

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 1:** So far the state PWD has released a total amount of Rs. 201.96 crores for maintenance of roads in Manipur since 2012 till the current year. In this period a total of Rs. 1.97 crores has been released for maintenance of Bridges and a total sum of Rs. 38.23 crores has been released for maintenance of Buildings.

## Support to mission blind school

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 01:** Continuing with its strive to help the needy, 20 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) provided essential food items to Mission Blind School, Heingangkopki, in Chandel district of Manipur state on 29 Feb 16. Supporting for noble cause will bring the local populace more closer to Security Forces and will help in knowing each other in a better way. Assam Rifles continues to provide basic



necessary assistance in the remote villages of Chandel district. The school administration thanked and expressed their happiness over the efforts by Assam Rifles for assisting distress and helpless children.