



Imphal-Jiribam indefinite bandh

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Imphal, March 13: Villagers of Namthajang, Keithelmbani under Sapermaina PS has called indefinite bandh along the Imphal-Jiribam Road (NH 53) in connection with apprehension of three villagers by Sapermaina Police. Bandh supporters claimed that Police has apprehended the villagers on the instigations of one ex-village Secretary.

Govt bans more than 300 combination drugs sold illegally

New Delhi, March 13: Government has banned the manufacture and sale of more than 300 combination medicines sold without its approval. Joint Secretary at the Health Ministry KL Sharma told Reuters that based on responses and assessment of products, more than 300 drugs have been prohibited. Fixed dose combinations are used worldwide to improve patients compliance, as it is easier to get them to take one drug rather than several. But inconsistent enforcement of drug laws in India has led to the proliferation of hundreds of such combination medicines entering the market based on approval from regulators of individual states. Nearly half the drugs sold in the country in 2014 were combination medicines.

'Ponies are no lesser then disposable wares'

Govt has no policy to protect ailing or ageing pony – R.K. Nimai

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Imphal, March 13: Days after Imphal Times report on the ailing Pony seen wandering in the streets of Imphal city fails to draw the attention of any government or non-government agencies, R.K. Nimai, consultant to the government of Manipur today said that as of now the state government has no policy for protection or raring of the ageing or ailing Pony. "As of now the state government is preparing a Pony Policy and is likely to complete for public circulation by May this year", RK Nimai said in an exclusive meeting with our two reporters. It is because of this that Pony cannot be declared as critically endangered species which number is not over 1000, added the consultant to the Govt. of Manipur said. On seeing the ailing pony

wandering in the streets of Imphal near state Veterinary Office, Sanjenthong, Imphal Times had not only carry news-report on how the ailing pony is being neglected but also filed written complaint to take care of the pony to the Director of State veterinary and Animals Husbandry department. The Director had assured Imphal Times representative to provide all possible treatment but said that they can no longer keep the pony if the owner failed to turn up by the next day. As said the Pony was seen once more wandering helplessly in front of the State veterinary office on the following day. "There is no Veterinary doctor at the State veterinary hospital who can deal the ailments of pony", Dr. Nimai, the retired IAS officer said. Regarding the problem created by the Pony to the traffic in Imphal, Dr. Nimai said



that no domestic animals either it may be cow or pony or any other animals are allowed to sent out in the municipality area. However, the IMC is not enforcing the rules since the last 3 years, said Dr. Nimai. On the fate of Pony, Dr. Nimai said that state government had already established a Pony sanctuary at Heingang. "The sanctuary is not enough, we need to establish more than 5/6 pony sanctuary at different places of Manipur", Dr. Nimai said. Secretary of Manipur Pony Society, Ibungochoubi while sharing his views said that the Pony are seen at the streets of Imphal because there are no grazing field for the pony in the periphery of Imphal area. "The natural grazing field at Lamphel pat area has all been occupied for construction of various infrastructures and there is hardly any place left now for the animals", said

Ibungochoubi. He also questioned the people to ponder on why the animals (pony) are sent out in the street of Imphal. On being asked whether the kind of Pony that had been highlighted by Imphal Times need mercy killing, Ibungochoubi said that we need a public discourse over the issue. Ibungochoubi further stated that the state government need to protect the grazing field of the Pony or other domestic animals in and around the periphery of Imphal town. Mention may be made that Pony is the pride of Manipur as it is the animals that gave birth to the Polo games and the state government has always been talking about protecting and preserving the animals. However, there are certain critic in the last few years as the animals are seen left uncared in Imphal city.

Sit-in-protest staged against bomb attack

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Imphal, March 13: Pangal Meitei Apunba Committee and staffs of Tuck and Bons Filling Station in Hapta staged a sit in protest at Bons filling station against yesterday's bomb attacked at Tuck and Bons filling station, Hapta. One of the protestor identified as Laisangthem Diya Devi said that oil pump

is highly flammable and such attack may cause large damaged to the surrounding. While appealing the responsible body to clarify the reason behind the attack, she also appealed not to commit such fatal incident in future. Thingbajam Thoi alias Jackson Singh (24), s/o (L) Th Kuber Singh of Pungdongbam Lai Manak

Pungdongbam Mayai Leikai under Lamlai Police Station sustained injury in the attack. Meanwhile, Brahmapur Bheigyabati Leikai Meira Paibi also staged a sit-in-protest against bomb attack at the residence of an Independent candidate of the last State Assembly election in Yaikul Assembly constituency, Th Satyabarta (42), s/o Borchand yesterday evening at around 7pm. A local people appeal not to repeat such action in the area.

KIMACS observes 13 years of existence

Thang Ta is an art that symbolise the creation of life

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Imphal, March 13: Kanglei Indigenous Martial Arts and Cultural Society (KIMACS) observed its 13TH foundation day at its Palace Compound Head office today. Prof. Paonam Gunindro of Manipur University who attend the function as Guest of honor stated that KIMACS is credited for the

inclusion of Thang-ta in school syllabus of Manipur state in class IX and X. He also said that the government is in process to include Tang-ta in the class XI school syllabus. He further added that Thang-ta symbolizes the creation of life and it also provides discipline moral and physical fitness, however, there has been a

misconception about it as people often consider it as an art for fighting. Naorem Khagendrajit Singh of Manipur University, Maibam Surjaboro Meitei President of Kimacs and Retd IPS Sarangthem Manaob International Bar Association (London) were graced the function as chief quest, president and quest of honour.

Manipuri youths to attend Intl. meet

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Imphal, March 13: Four youths from Manipur Elizabeth Okram, Ningthoujam Dineshkumar Singh, Chunthuingam Dangei and Onam Adeep Meitei of the Global Shapers Community: Imphal Hub will be participating at the 2016 Asia Pacific "SHAPE HIROSHIMA" event and G7 Youth Foreign Ministers' meeting to be held in Hiroshima, Japan from 18 to 21 March. They are the only participants from the North-Eastern states and will be leaving Imphal on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, informed a release from Imphal Hub. The event which is structured with three key components "Feel, Think, Act" with a

series of field work, panel discussion, seminars and conferences, is organised under the theme "Shape Sustainable peace", by the Global Shapers Community: Tokyo Hub II and others hubs in Japan, in collaboration with Hiroshima Prefecture and its capital city (Hiroshima city). The participants will also get the opportunity to interact with the youth foreign ministers of G7 countries at the "G7 Youth Foreign Minister's Meeting". Global Shapers from all around the world will be participating in the three-day long conference followed by a two-day post event tour, where the team from Imphal will be engaged in studying the model of the "Zero-waste town" in Kamikatsu, Tokushima.

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Imphal, March 13: Manipur Information Commission has directed the State Home Department to pay a sum of Rs. 17,500 as penalty over its failure to provide information seeks through RTI by Wahengbam Joykumar. Joykumar seeks information regarding the failure of the State Home department to comply with the directives of the Supreme Court of India. In an RTI application the appellant Joykumar asked SPIO/Special Secretary (Home)

to furnish information regarding directions issued by the Supreme Court of India in the matter of State of Gujarat vs Kishanbhai Etc., (2014) SSCC 108 and a letter issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide No. 24013/09/Misc./2014-CSR.III dated 24.03.2014. However, RTI reply copy from the Manipur Information Commission (MCI) in response to an application filed by Joykumar stated that the Home Department failed to provide detail information on his 10-

points questions. "The SPIO and FAA/Home Department stated that information sought by the appellant cannot be provided as SPIO is not directly the custodian of all the documents," reads the RTI reply copy. It also said that the Commission directs the SPIO/Special Secretary (Home) to pay a penalty of Rs 17,500 at the rate of Rs 250 per day within 45 days for not obliging the decision of the Commission and for not furnishing the information within the stipulated time granted by this Commission. The applicant also said that the Home Department as well as Police Department has failed to implement the directives of the order of the Apex Court and Manipur Police officials have failed to make charge sheets and thus no authority have failed to take necessary action against those erring official. On the other hand, the Govt. of Manipur has availed sufficient funds for police reform/modernization. The applicant also asked to provide all office memoranda/circulars/guidelines/instructions issued by your Department to ensure compliance with the said directions, till date and list of

members of the Standing Committee constituted to implement the Court's directions with names, designations and contact details. The complete list of instances of acquittal in criminal proceedings examined by the Standing Committee till date and the considerations recorded by it indicating the IPC Sections and/or complete title of Special Laws with relevant Sections applicable to each instance of acquittal may please be provided. In the application, he also asked to provide information on training materials developed for investigating and prosecuting officials as per the Court's directions along with the name and contact details of the persons/agency employed for designing and developing training materials. He also sought the number of cases in which departmental action has been initiated against erring police officials and prosecutors till date in relation to acquittals and other details. The Department also failed to reply to his question on details of the monitoring mechanism established for assessing the performance of investigation and prosecution officials who have undergone training as per the Court's directions.

Kanhaiya supports Irom Sharmila movement against AFSPA

AMWJU
New Delhi, March 13: Left wing student activist Kanhaiya Kumar, while showing solidarity with civil activist Irom Sharmila Chanu's unrelenting campaign against the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), has categorically said that the act should go from a democratic country like India. Notably the Sharmila Scholarship Award for the current year has been conferred to Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) of which Kanhaiya is the president.



Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) at JNU complex on Saturday in an exclusive interview. The below is the full text of the interview with the maverick student

leader of JNU with the AMWJU team comprising its President, Wangkhemcha Shamjai, Manipur Press Club Secretary K. Sarojkumar Sharma and executive member, Sunzu BM
AMWJU: What is the JNU protest/movement all about?
Kanhaiya: We're doing movement to save democracy in this nation. Because there are serious attacks on our democratic and fundamental rights. These attacks directly amount to an attack on our constitution. We're demanding to stop the attack on the autonomy of Universities, scrap sedition as

a law and remove the charges on sedition slapped on all students. For this we're doing a movement in the name stand with JNU. But there is a large question. We're seeking not only to save JNU. This is a larger movement. This movement is directly connected with 'justice-for-rohit-velmula'. We're not talking only about. I think all our universities, all higher educational institutions, in fact the entire education section is under threat. We're fighting for 'education for all' and to save democracy. This is the brief notes of our movement. (Contd. on page 2)