



Sharmila once more detained, but this time after hardly 13 hours

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Imphal, March 2: "She bags the titular king to appeal the people to support her, she desperately needed people around her, but before people could reach at her protest site she was re-arrested, even myself along with my team has to return back disappointedly", said Convener of Social Warriors Manipur, Kaminikumar Keisham while talking to this reporter after they found Irom Chanu Sharmila once more re-arrested. Irom Sharmila Chanu, who was acquitted by a court on the charge of attempt to suicide,

has been arrested after she resumed her 15-year-long indefinite fast at the historic Bir Tikendrajit Park, demanding repeal of the controversial Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the state. Police are yet to frame a charge against her and are looking for some relevant act to justify the arrest, however news agency ANI report that she may be charged with the attempt to suicide. AMNESTY international had earlier stated that Sarmila's protest is political and should be treated as political prisoner if she is to be arrested. Sharmila, was released from judicial custody by the chief judicial magistrate of Imphal West yesterday, came out of the special ward of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital here and headed for Bir Tikendrajit Park where she continued her protest with few supporters at around 4 pm. The protest which was uploaded at Social networking site drew the attention of many and at around 9.30 am today morning this reporter was contacted by many as 30 persons enquiring about the

Many came to show solidarity but return back disappointedly after she was re-arrested before they could reach BT Park

health of Sharmila. Like Kaminikumar keisham, many volunteers were also reported to be on their way to BT Park. "How could she be arrested when her protest has not yet completed even 24 hours?", asked Sundarlal, a youth who reached the BT park after her arrest. She was re-arrested at around noon. Sharmila, known as the Iron Lady of Manipur, began her fast in November 2000 after ten people were killed in a shooting at a bus stop at Malom in Imphal West district Manipur. Activists blame the army for the killings.

After border fencing completion, Manipur total geographical area will be reduced to 21,356 Sq. KM – ICHAM

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Imphal, March 2: If the ongoing fencing works along the Indo-Myanmar Border in Manipur's Chandel district is completed without any intervention of the state government then the total geographical area of the state will be reduced to 21,356 Sq. Km. This was stated by founder advisor of Information Centre for Hill Areas Manipur (ICHAM) during a press meet held at his residence at Uripok Yambem Leikai, Imphal. At present government record showed that the present geographical area of the state is 22,356 Sq. Km. This means if the ongoing border fencing works being underway without proper demarcation, has been completed, a total of around 1000 sq. Km will be lost.

The matter was already put to the notice of the state government representative as well as to the Central government authority during July 2013 after ICHAM and the villagers of the border area had

raised strong objection for encroaching to Indian Territory. Following that the objection a joint political party committee along with central government authority led by Joint Secretary Home Sambhu inspected and agreed to stop the fencing work until a proper demarcation is conducted in the presence of state government as well as the Villagers, said Nongthonbam Rajendra aka Boy, President of ICHAM during a press meet. Rajendra further said that a team of ICHAM along with representatives of the Committee on Protection of Land in Border Fencing recently visited the border area and were surprised to see the border fencing survey being carried out by India government authority and the Myanmar govt. authority without the presence of any state government representatives. "The fencing construction is being taking up without pointing out the zero point for the border pillar location at

different places", Rajendra said. Those conducting survey from the side of Myanmar were accompanied by a DC and village chiefs of their border villages, and when the villagers of Indian side objected the encroaching of land, the Myanmar authority had told them to talk with the Indian authority, added Rajendra. "After the incident a team of ICAM and the Committee on Protection of Land in Border Fencing went to the disputed border site during February 22 to February 24 and inspected 8 border pillars located along N. Satang Maring Villages and Lamlong to other nearby villages. During the inspection the border pillar No. 87 & 88 were found to have been encroached by around 2½ Km. towards Indian Territory", Rajendra said with frustration. He further said that the site was once a camp of the 95 Battalion of BSF till 1988, which means that the Indian security had proper knowledge of whether the Indian territory are being

encroached by Myanmar or not. Ngachonmi Ramshang, Convener, Committee on Protection of Land in Border Fencing while speaking during the press meet said that the committee had submitted several memorandum time and again since 2013 till this year to pay attention to the encroachment of India's Territory by the Myanmar Govt in the so called border fencing work, but never taken up appropriate action towards that. Blaming the Okram Ibobi Singh led Government, Ngachonmi Ramshang said that the government seem to have no interest to the grievances of the border villagers. "If the government does not have interest in protecting the land than what is the use of their stand to the territorial integrity of the state? It seems like the state government is interested only to quarrel with others but did not border to protect the boundary of the state", Ngachonmi Ramshang added.

SDPO of Tousem Sub-Division found dead

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Imphal, March 2: The SDPO of Tousem Sub-Division was found dead at his residence today morning. The deceased has been identified as Nehemiah Jajo Chodang (58) son of Khaprang Chadong of Gihang Village presently staying at Nagaram D-Block.

According to reports, he was last seen on 25 February and that most of his family members were staying outside Manipur. When family members enquired about him at his office it was found that he had taken leave for 3 days. Today morning when his relatives checked his present residence it was found locked from outside with the SDPO lying on the sofa inside. The dead body was highly decomposed and bore injury marks on his head. Police has taken up a case regarding the death and investigation is already underway.

CDO hunts killers of school teachers

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Imphal, March 2: A team of Thoubal Police Commando today conducted search operation at Aimal Khunyai and Chingnungkhut areas in Chandel district from 4.30 am till 6.30 am. The operation is stated to be conducted in search of those culprits involved in the killing of school. Thangminlal Aimal and Thangboi Aimal and Grandthang Aimal are the main suspects behind the brutal murder of the school teacher identified as Thongkhogin Hoakip. **Condemnation**

Meanwhile Several organisation including Social development organisation Pallel vehemently condemn the brutal killing of school teacher Thongkhogin Hoakip by armed miscreants.

Paona and Thangal bazaar shops begin indefinite shutdown from today

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Imphal, March 2: All the business shops of the Paona bazar and Thangal bazar downed the shutters indefinitely from today. The decision of shutting down the shops was taken by Committee on Bazaar Business Community of Paona Bazar and Thangal Bazar demanding a review of the state cabinet decision which declared no parking zone at the Paona and Thangal Keithel area. Due to the shutdown, a large number of the general public were affected, however the three Ima Keithels remained open for business as normal. Speaking to the media persons, Huiem Badalkumar-Convener of the Committee on Bazaar Business Community of Paona Bazar and Thangal Bazar said that the Committee submitted a memorandum to the CM affirming to review the



cabinet decision before March 1, however there is no any positive responses come from the government prompting the committee to take the step of shutting down the shops indefinitely. He further stated that crossing of the road of the Paona and Thangal markets is not because of the customers or the shops but due to the failure of arrangements by the state government transport department. The rule made by the state government is broken by the state

government officials themselves by passing their vehicle in the wrong way. He further added that the state government should provide proper training to the traffic personnel about their duties. Instead of the doing their duties, most of them are busy in handshaking on the road side he added. He further said that the state government should provide a proper alternative arrangement for the parking problems, adding that the protest would continue.

CSOs highlight government insensitivity on crimes against women & children

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Imphal, March 02: Sobita Mangsatabam, Secretary of Women Action for Development (WAD) strongly condemned Manipur Government for its insensitivity and irresponsibility towards crimes against women and children in the state. She alleged and questioned all the 60 MLAs the reason for their insensitivity over such crimes. She asked whether is it that women and children are not that much useful during election time? If so then, she said women should stand together not to exercise our right to franchise and should raise our voice against government. Sobita made the statement while speaking at a public meeting held on "Denial of speedy trial and insensitivity of the government on crimes against women and children in Manipur" at Manipur Press

Club today. She said there were 296 reported crimes in 2015 itself however only a few were charge sheeted and taken for trial. There are huge numbers of pending cases with or without charge sheet for many years. She further expressed unhappiness over certain customary laws which are practiced amongst certain communities in Manipur which often permit the settlement any crime against women and children regardless of how heinous the crime committed was. Panti Gonmei, Convener of JAC against the brutal rape and murder of Baby Lainsinlu Gonmei, Advocate Laimayum Sevananda, Laishram Mandir, Secy. SADO and Pishak, Secy. New Life Foundation among other members of various NGOs, CBOs and POS took part in the meeting. The public meeting was

organized by Women Action for Development in collaboration with Conflict Widows Forum, North East Dialogue Forum, United NGOs Mission-manipur, Humanitarian Justice Foundation, New Life Foundation, Village Women Coordinating Committee & other like minded NGOs, CBOs and Post.

Chandel hospital

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Imphal, March 2: With no proper maintenance of the garbage, the Chandel district hospital is now turning into a dumping site. People who come to the hospital now fear of communicating with serious diseases as complex is now field with medical waste as well as daily consumable waste thrown by the patient party. On the other hand lack of quarters for hospital doctors and nurses had made inconveniences to the staffs.

Core Banking Solution inaugurates at CRPF Camp Langjing Post Office

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Imphal, March 02: DIGP, CRPF Group Center, Langjing, Vikram Sahgal and Vinod Kumar, Director (Posts), Manipur today inaugurated Core Banking Solution (CBS) at CRPF Camp Langjing Post Office. It is the third post office in Manipur Division to be equipped with CBS after Imphal Head Post Office and Lilong Sub Office. During the inaugural function Vinod Kumar said that with the CBS facility, the post office is now connected with all the CBS enabled Post Offices in



the rest of the country and Post Office Savings Bank account holders of this post office will be able to carry out their transactions from anywhere in India. The Director appealed to the

people of Manipur to come forward and take the benefits under various social security schemes like Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna (PMSBY) from this CBS Post Office. He also called upon

parents to get a Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY) account opened for their girl child under age of ten for bright future of the girls. He added that if any person faces any problem in the post department, they can contact on the following mobile numbers: 9856176494, 9612653671 and 9436021482. While expressing happiness the DIGP said it will be much easier for the jawans at the camp to send money to their homes and would not need to travel to Imphal Head Post Office for the purpose where sometimes they had to endure long queues.

HC to pronounce its order on Kanhaiya's bail plea in sedition case

New Delhi, March 2: Delhi High Court is likely to pronounce its order today on JNU Students Union President Kanhaiya Kumar's bail plea in the sedition case. Justice Pratibha Rani had reserved the order on Monday after over three hours of hearing. The JNU President is accused of raising anti-India slogans inside JNU campus during an event organised on February 9. Police say, Kanhaiya is not cooperating in the probe and even came out with

contradictory statements in joint interrogation by Intelligence Bureau and Delhi Police. Kanhaiya's advocate Kapil Sibal claimed that anti-India slogans inside the campus were raised by people with covered face. Kanhaiya has also distanced himself from Umar Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya, the two other accused arrested in the case. Kanhaiya, who is currently in Tihar Jail under judicial custody, was arrested on February 12 in connection with the case.