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Youth shot dead by cousin brother

IT News
Imphal, March 29: A youth identified as Laishram Naopa (26), s/o L Gobin of Kwakeithel Moirang Pural Laishram Leikai was allegedly shot dead by his cousin brother today morning.

According to report, the victim was killed by his cousin Brother, Laishram Chaoba alias Birjit s/o Dr Laishram Ranbir Singh. The accused is a Sub-inspector in the Manipur Police Department. The Sub-inspector brother took Naopa, who works as data entry at a shop located at Thangal Bazar today morning in his swift car to discuss some matter. However, Naopa was killed at Mongsanget.

After the incident, the accused reportedly surrendered at Kakwa police station along with the deceased.

Family members of the deceased, after receiving the news of the incident rushed at the police station. But they have been prevented from entering inside the station.

The reason for killing is not yet confirmed at the time of filling this report. However, family members of the victims informed that the two have some grudge in the past. Meanwhile, enraged locals have destroyed the house of the accused.

Sharmila produces at Delhi Court

IT News
Imphal, March 29: Irom Sharmila Chanu has been produced before the Patiala House Court, New Delhi today 12 PM.

While denying the allegation of committing suicide, the Anti-AFSPA crusader has expressed her wish to repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act-1985 from Manipur. Sharmila also assured the Court that she would stop her more than a decade long fast-unto-death only when the AFSPA is being repealed.

She would be produced again tomorrow at the same Court tomorrow at 12.30 PM.

Court reserves order on Herojit's plea

IT News
Imphal, March 29: M Manoj, judge of District and Sessions Judge, Imphal West today reserved its order for Wednesday on petition filed by Th Herojit to re-investigate the BT Road fake encounter incident of July 23, 2009 incident by CBI. The Court today heard the plea of Herojit, who is a prime accused in the alleged fake encounter incident. Meanwhile Executive Director of Human Right Alert, Babloo Loitongbam has confessed his statement today at Session

Judged Court of Imphal West as 75th witness in connection with BT road fake encounter case.

Speaking to the media person senior advocate, Khaidem Mani said that his client Babloo doesn't know Th Sanjit, who was killed in the alleged fake encounter, but he guided Guwahati based Tehelka journalist Teresa Rehman.

He further added that Babloo mention that he give the photo of the incident which was publish in Tehelka in its 8-8-2019 to 15-8-2019 issued.

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Imphal, March 29: Actors' Repertory Theatre, Manipur under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Government of Manipur has kicked off a two-day-long Festival of Tribal and Media Folk Music of Manipur here today at Iboiyama Shumang Leela Shangleh, Palace Compound. Folk music artists of various Manipuri tribes and communities of the state- Liyangmei, Kom, Tarao, Pural, Maring, Kabui, Meetei are participating in the festival.

The festival aims at reviving the diminishing art forms of various tribal in the state, said Kshetri

Jugindro, Festival Director while giving his key note address in the inaugural function.

He said there are number of folk artists who are unheard and remain unsung their contributions in the field due to lack of people's interest and promotional activities from the side of the government. Dr Mankhonmani Monsaba, Cultural Activist; Ph Gunachandra Sharma, Life-Time President, Manipur State Shumang Leela Council; Rajesh Salam, Cultural Activist and Kh Bhubon Singh, Archivist/Senior Officer, Manipur State Kala Akademy, Manipur attended the function as presidium members.

Images of Manipur to launch photography course

IT News
Imphal, March 29: As part of its photography calendar Images of Manipur is set to conduct one year diploma in photography course in association with School of Fototechnik, New Delhi from April 24, 2016.

According to a release by

Jinendra Maibam, Secretary Images of Manipur, the intake capacity for the course is 20.

He also informed that Images of Manipur has been organizing various short term courses as part of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) EST&P component

Fire gutted trees Langol Reserve Forest Area 'Land encroachers file case against forest department'

Laishram Ranbir
Imphal, March 29: Forest department officials today visited the Langol Reserve Forest Area site where trees were burnt down by unknown miscreants on March 26 evening.

It is unfortunate that tree growing at around 10 hecter of the Reserve Forest Area has been gutted down due to fire. Above 70 percent of trees of the reserved forest have turned into charcoal by the fire which was suspected to be set on fire by locals land encroachers to establish new village, said Forest Range Officer incharge Sadar Hills(West), Sukham

Ratankumar. While observing that burning down of forest areas is against the law and any persons caught in the act are punishable the Forest Officer said that local people have consistently tried to encroach at the reserve forest by burning tress. In this year till April, the department has been able to save the forest from fire in five instances. The department was unable to save the trees due to late notice.

Ratankumar further said that the Forest Department have served enormous number of notices on the encroachers but became ineffective as

most of the encroachers turned out to be people and relatives of high profile people of the state and still they are residing at their encroach areas. Lack of main power of the forest department, none of the encroachers could not be evicted till now.

Shocking point is that the encroachers have file cases against the forest department for issuing notice to vacant the encroached area of the Langol Reserve Forest Area even if settlement in reserve forest areas is against the law and are punishable. Handover of reserve forest area is not in the hand of

forest department, it can only be done after being approved by the ministry of forest department, he said. Langol Reserved Forest areas are being continuously occupied by the encroachers and many new villages have been set up so far. Thus the department is unable to take up any further steps, asserted Range Forest Officer.

According to the Forest Rights Act 2005 encroachment in the reserved forest areas is forbidden and illegal encroachment of the reserved forest areas is punishable. No land can be allotted in the interest of any particular person.

HRD minister Irani confers honorary degree to Mary Kom

PTI
Shillong, March 29: Union Minister Smriti Irani today conferred honorary degree to Olympian and five-time Boxing World Champion MCMary Kom and first woman Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission Rose Millian Bathew for their contributions in respective fields.

The pugilist from Manipur, who is also coaching the underprivileged children in boxing and an animal rights activist, was conferred with the degree in absentia while 85

year-old Rose received the award in person.

"The degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) is hereby awarded by NEHU to MCMary Kom... In recognition for her outstanding contributions in the field of sports," the citation which NEHU VC S K Srivastava conferred on Kom, said.

For Rose, the citation read, "... In recognition of her invaluable contribution in teaching, public administration and towards the society at large," she was honoured in person by the HRD Minister herself during the 23rd convocation of the Central University. Over 10,000 students were conferred with degrees in various disciplines in the university.

Assam Rifles celebrates Shangshak Day

IT News
Imphal, March 29: To pay homage to the war heroes of Second World War who made supreme sacrifice for the motherland against invading Japanese Forces, 17 Assam Rifles of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a wreath laying ceremony at Shangshak war memorial. The Battle of Shangshak epitomizes Civil-military cooperation in case of adversity. Besides the soldiers numerous civilians also laid down their life in the battle and their names are engraved on the war memorial. The ceremony was attended by many civil and Assam Rifles dignitaries



including nearby villagers to remember the history which gave shape to the fall of Japanese attacking Forces. Wreaths were presented on behalf of IGAR (South).

AR distributes computer sets

IT News
Imphal, March 29: In continuation with its welfare activities, 11 Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) distributed six computer sets along with accessories, printer and internet facility to All Community Welfare School, Ward No 3, Moreh in Chandel district of Manipur state under the Assam Rifles Civic Action Project 2015-16 on 28 March 2016.

The computers were handed over to the School Principal in the presence of school administration, teachers and students. This has fulfilled the long pending requirement of the school. The Principal, teachers, students and members of the society



expressed their gratitude for the assistance. Conduct of such events is a mark of altruism and selfless concern

of the Assam Rifles for the local populace, thus living up to its true motto of "Friends of Manipur".

Ace hockey player P Sushila sustains ACL injury

IT News
Imphal, March 29: Indian hockey player Pukhrambam Sushila Chanu sustained injury at Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) during training and preparatory camp recently.

Due to the injury the 24-year-old member of India Women's team missed the change to play for the nation in the Hawke's Bay Cup in Hastings, New Zealand. The Cup, which is commencing from 2 April, 2016, is a crucial match for India. Coach of the national team

and others has also expressed sadness over the injury of the promising player right before the Cup. The Indian Women's squad has bound for New Zealand on Monday.

It may be mentioned that under her Captainship the Indian junior team for the first time won bronze medal at the 2013 Junior World Cup at Mönchengladbach, Germany.

She was born to Pukhrambam Shyamsundar and Pukhrambam Ongbi Lata of Thangmeiband on 25



February 1992. She is currently employed in the Central Mumbai Railway.

Assam CM Gogoi alleges BJP used moneybags in attempt to topple his govt

PTI
Guwahati, March 29: Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Tuesday accused BJP of spending "hundreds of crores" of rupees in an attempt to topple his government with the help of Governor, echoing allegations of his Himachal counterpart that BJP was trying to destabilise Congress governments in states. "BJP spent lots of money. They wasted hundreds of crores before the Bihar elections to topple the government in Assam. They tried it by taking Himanta (Biswa Sarma) and other

MLAs, but they could not do it," Gogoi told a press conference here targeting the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had launched a blistering attack on the Congress leader during the recent poll rallies in Assam.

Sarma, once a trusted Congress minister of Gogoi who is presently in BJP, had almost garnered the support of 35 MLAs and tried the same tactics used in Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhhand of shifting the base to BJP, he claimed. "The Governor (Padmanabha

Balakrishnan Acharya) was also involved in this. Without his support how is it possible? That is why, the Centre is not appointing a permanent Governor in Assam. That is why they are appointing all RSS people as Governors," Gogoi alleged. He further said if the 35 MLAs, whose support was shown to be withdrawn from Gogoi's leadership in front of the Congress High Command, had really shifted their allegiance to BJP, the government would have fallen instantly. Gogoi also regretted his

decision to trust Sarma during his tenure with the Congress. "Yes, I trusted him a lot. He betrayed a simple man like me. Himanta and all his supporters were not original Congressmen. They come and go. Himanta was with ULFA, then AASU, AGP, Congress and now (a) BJP man," he said. Talking about the Uttarakhhand crisis, the Chief Minister said the entire development is "just a murder of democracy". "You did it in Arunachal and now Uttarakhhand. The government was to test its

majority next day and you (Centre) toppled it. (This is) Hitler in India! This is dictatorial and a murder of democracy," he alleged. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhada Singh had accused the Modi dispensation of trying to "destabilise and topple" his government by using central agencies. He alleged the Centre has been destabilising Congress-ruled states one by one and cited examples of Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhhand where President's Rule was imposed.

Assam polls: Rahul Gandhi to address three rallies today

ANI
New Delhi, Mar. 29: Ahead of the Assam assembly polls, Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi will begin campaigning from today and address three rallies in Karbi Anglong, Karimganj and Cachar districts of Assam. Congress president Sonia Gandhi will address an election rally in poll-bound Assam on March 30. Earlier last week, highlighting his agenda of development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi campaigning in the Rangapara district of Assam, came down heavily on the Congress regime and alleged that the

ruling party in the state has betrayed the people and their aspirations in the last 15 years. In Assam, polling for the first phase of polls will be held on April 4 for 65 seats. The scrutiny of nomination papers was held on March 19 and March 21 was the last date of withdrawal of nominations. Assam has a total of one crore 98 lakh voters. The Election Commission has announced two-phase voting for the 14th Assam assembly elections on April 4 and 11, while the votes will be counted on May 19. The tenure of the Tarun Gogoi led-government comes to an end in June.