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BJP demands GoI to constitute committee on Loktak Lake

IT News
Imphal, March 06: While appraising about the degradation of Loktak Lake, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Manipur Pradesh has urged the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change to constitute an assessment group to look into the issues concerning the lake ecosystem. In this regard, Moirangthem Asnikumar, General Secretary (Admin) of BJP Manipur Pradesh has submitted a detail report on Loktak Lake and ecological situation in and around the lake to Prakash Javadekar, Union

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change in New Delhi. Loktak Lake is the largest fresh water lake of the Eastern India. Knowing the International significance of the Lake, the Wet Land International has included it in the Ramsar Convention to restore its natural ecosystem. Several lakhs of population were directly and indirectly dependent for their livelihood since time immemorial, Asnikumar said. He also observed that the lake is also the cradle of biodiversity, tangible heritages of the people of

Manipur. There is no policy for wise use of this lake of international significance. As a result by the implementation of Loktak Hydro Electric Power Project implemented by NHPC has been extremely degraded its natural ecosystem which was implemented without any proper environment impact assessment. The people of Manipur and the civil organisations make movement for saving Loktak Lake since many years. Taking the advantage of the people's movement the government of Manipur promulgated Loktak Protection Act-2006 which is

basically anti-people. Using this anti-people Act the present Government is implementing different projects without proper monitoring mechanism with post impact analysis, maintained Asnikumar. He also urged the Government of India to look into the process of high degradation of the Loktak Lake Ecosystem and livelihood of the people including reviewing the anti-people Loktak Lake Protection Act-2006 on priority. It may be recalled that BJP included "protection of Loktak Lake" in its manifesto of the last parliamentary election.

'1 FO in State Sericulture dept. continues service with fake matric certificate'

IT News
Imphal, March 06: The education qualification of a person identified as Ningthoujam Lasmon Singh, who is currently serving as FO in the office of the Sericulture Department Bishnupur, Government of Manipur is in question. According to a source, it is alleged that Lasmon joined service by submitting a fake certificate for passing years matriculation examination

under the Board of Secondary Education, Assam, which he had never passed. After joining service, Lasmon hired somebody and let him appeared the matriculation examination conducted by Board of Education Manipur. An enquiry in this regard was conducted by the State Vigilance Department, government of Manipur and he was suspended for many years, a source said.

It also informed that taking the advantage of the prevailing situation of corruption, Lasmon has been allowed to resume his service after revoking the enquiry punishing him instead of punishing for his act of forgery. Further, the source also informed that Lasmon is also retaining a certificate of passing matriculation examination conducted by CBSE, New Delhi.

Th. Chaoba slam Congress CM Ibohi

IT News
Imphal, March 06: BJP Manipur Pradesh president Th Chaoba today slammed the Congress government over its failure to take up any developmental works in the state. "Developmental works are

reflected in the state budget and the recent budget passed by the state assembly shows that it lack vision which simultaneously showed that the present government has failed to take up any developmental works", Chaoba said while speaking

during a political conference held at Ward No. 13 of Keishamthong Assembly Constituency organised by the Keishamthong Kendra BJP Mandal. The political conference was attended by MLA Biswajit and other leaders of BJP.

Royal Council thanks MLA Bishwajit

IT News
Imphal, March 06: Royal Council of Sana Konung, Imphal has expressed its gratitude to MLA of Thongju Bishwajit for urging the authority of Art and Culture Department to provide financial support for the development of Sana Konung. In press statement, Lanchan Cheinglei, Chief Councilor of the Royal Council said that the MLA raised the issue in the ongoing Manipur Legislative Assembly Session. The Sana Konung has been organizing more than 50 ritual activities every years for the welfare of the state and to bring unity among various communities of the state. Besides, ritual activities the Sana Konung is responsible for various social welfare activities and huge money is spent every year. The motion of the MLA in the floor of the Manipur Legislative Assembly is welcoming especially when the Sana Konu is facing financial problems.

Press Labeled Sticker launched

IT News
Imphal, March 06: Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam today launched the distinctive Press Labeled Sticker in a function held at Manipur Press Club. The distinctive stickers were distributed to members of All Manipur Working Journalists. Wangkhemja Shyamjai, President AMWJU, LM Khaute (IPS), DGP, Clay Khongsai (IPS), IG Zone (I) along with Deputy CM presided the launching ceremony. Speaking on the occasion Wangkhemcha Shamjai said that the distinctive labelled sticker is being launched with an aim to filter non journalist from the real journalist.

Film Forum Manipur condemn assault to Epu; staged protest

IT News
Imphal, March 06: Chairman of Film Forum Manipur, Laimayum Surjakanta today questioned the reason for assaulting Mayanglangbam Raghumani alias Epu and left him nearly to death. "Why was he brutally assaulted nearly to death?", Surjakanta asked and said that whoever did the crime was strongly condemnable and culprits should be produced within the seven days and punished as according to the law of the land. Film Forum Manipur is conducting series of sit-in protest at different places since Epu was found brutally assaulted by unknown persons. The protest was staged today at Singjamei



Super Market. Speaking to this reporter, Surjakanta said that they will submit a memorandum to Chief Minister later in evening demanding medical expenses for the victim who is struggling from injuries at hospital. Surjakanta also

urged the government to provide proper security Forum's member as various unlawful organizations often targeted them. He said the Forum still is under threat from a specific underground group after failing to pay monetary demand served to the forum.

BJP prepares epitaph for Congress in Manipur

IT Exclusive
Imphal, March 06: The Bharatiya Janata Party has reportedly claimed that it has prepared the epitaph of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi-led Congress government and optimistic about winning the upcoming 2017 Manipur Legislative Assembly poll. Speaking to Imphal Times at BJP State Office, its Secretary (Admin), Moirangthem Asnikumar said that the party is gaining momentum in the state and the party is confident to 'topple the Congress government in the state'. Time and again results of recently held elections in the state have sent out a clear message to the people of Manipur that the epitaph of

the incumbent government is already prepared. The ruling Congress party has failed to garner the support of the people. The performance of the Congress party in the recently held elections is pitiable. From its 254 seats, the Congress has reduced to 108 in all the 26 local bodies (18 Municipal and 8 Nagar Panchayats). From zero number of Councilor in Municipal and Panchayats, BJP secured 62 seats and managed to form 10 Councils, Asnikumar observed. He also said that the Congress has failed to retain their stronghold in hill areas. In a blow to the Congress party which won all the six ADC seats has managed to win 2 (two) ADCs, while BJP

won 22 seats and secured second position in most of the ADC segments. On top of it, the recent winning of two bye-elections in the political epicenter of Manipur - Thangmeiband and Thongju Assembly constituencies- is a sign of BJP's gaining momentum in the state. The BJP leader also said that with these statistics it is evident that the party will form government in the 2017. The people have lost faith on Congress, which is almost synonymous with corruption and its government in the state. People want development and a good government, which the present state government failed to render.

Protest staged at Uripok, Elangbam Leikai & Yumnam Leikai against bomb attack



IT News
Imphal, March 6: Uripok Huidrom Women Development Association (UHWDA) staged a sit-in-protest against Bomb threat at the residence of Sougrakpam Rajesh Singh at Uripok Huidrom Leikai today. Speaking to the media persons the president of the UHWDA Salam Ibeyaima Devi said that the place where bomb was found has been used by various students for waiting their school vans or bus and many people use to pass the place. She further appealed those responsible not to repeat such act in the public place. Meanwhile, Keisamthong Elengbam Leikai Apunba

Nupi Lup (KUELANL) also staged a sit-in-protest against the Bomb attack to the residence of the locality. Speaking the media person the president of KUELANL Ningthoujam Basanti said that last night at around 10:10 pm a bomb blast occurred at the residence of Elangbam Ibohah. She termed the blast as unfortunate as examination of HSCL and HSSLC are underway. "It is disturbing not only to the people of the locality but also to the students as such incidents distract their attention", Basanti said. The protest appealed those responsible not to repeat such act in future. Meanwhile, locals and Meira

Paibis of Yumnam Leikai Lairembi today staged a sit-in-protest at Yumnam Leikai against the planting of bomb at the main gate of one Yumnam Khemchand of the Leikai. One of the local said that the bomb was found planted at the main gate of Yumnam Khemchand on March 5 at around 10 am. So far, it was the third time to get such threat in surrounding areas of Yumnam Leikai. The protestors asked the reason of the deadly threat and appealed not to let such incident happen in the future in the area. It was informed that Yumnam Khemchand is a member of Bharatiya Janata Party, Manipur Pradesh.

Congress, CPI demand security for JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar

New Delhi, March 6: Pointing out that there is a threat to the life of JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad Saturday wrote to Home Minister Rajnath Singh, demanding that adequate security be provided to him so that "he does not become target of anti-social elements and those hell-bent to muzzle the alternative opinion". The CPI, too, demanded a probe into threats to Kumar's life. "Posters have cropped up at various places in New Delhi declaring cash reward of Rs 11 lakh for the head of Kanhaiya Kumar. Similarly, one Kuldeep Varshney, supposedly an activist of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha from Badaun, UP, has on a television channel announced a cash reward of Rs 45 lakh for anyone slitting the tongue of Kumar," he said. Azad demanded that "stringent action" be taken against

those responsible for issuing such threats "without caring for the law of the land". He pointed out that Kumar had already been "openly and brutally assaulted" within the precincts of Patiala House Courts by a "mob of hooligans". The culprits, he said, even appeared on electronic and social media glorifying their acts. "These are very serious developments and do not portend well for the health of our democracy. Dissent and difference of opinion are the soul of democracy and have to be seen above partisan politics. We cannot afford to belittle our democracy that has been set up by our founding fathers after offering countless sacrifices," Azad said. "As a matter of fact, I would sincerely urge you to please take serious note of the recent trend advocating use of

violence, intimidation and coercion as a tool to take on political adversaries. This will silently asphyxiate the soul of our democratic polity and shatter our image as largest democracy of the world," he said. The CPI, meanwhile, said in a statement: "The Central Secretariat of the Communist Party of India expresses its serious concern over posters appearing in some places in the national capital offering Rs 11 lakh to anybody who will shoot down Kanhaiya Kumar. A statement is also going around saying that Rs 5 lakh will be given to anybody who will cut his tongue. The party feels that ABVP is behind such moves. We urge upon the government to conduct a thorough probe into the incident and take stringent action against the culprits." Kumar is a member of CPI's student wing AISF.