

Joint action committee against the brutal killing of Yumnam (N) Nongmeithem (O) Memchicha Devi today storm at CM Bungalow



Suspected KLA cadres kidnaps 4 workers

IT News
Imphal, March 7: Armed assailants suspected to be cadres of suspected Kuki Liberation Army (KLA) has kidnapped 4 persons engaging in the road construction work from Sanakeithel to Leisan Villages under PMGSY Scheme from Zalembug area under Litan Police Station in Ukhrul district at around 4 pm of February 5. The reason behind the abduction is believed to be monetary demand from the contractor. The abducted persons are identified as A S Tekmatei, Pampam Lungleng, Ngashan Shishak and Aren Ao.

Funeral of minor rape victim performed

IT News
Imphal, March 7: The JAC formed against the brutal rape and murder of a minor has performed the funeral cum condolence service of late 6 year-old today at her home town Chinikon Village, Bishnupur. The lifeless body of the minor was taken from RIMS mortuary after a public gathering. Her body was later laid to rest permanently at Chinikon village where the unfortunate incident took place.

The late victim was the fifth child of the six siblings. She was raped and grievously injured on the evening of February 15 between 6:30 to 8:30 pm. On the same day she was admitted at RIMS hospital where she battled for her life and takes her last breath on February 28. Convener of JAC, Panti Gonmei has also demanded the authority to award befitting punishments to the culprits.

UNMM observes Intl. Women's Day Problems face by victims of conflict discussed

IT News
Imphal, March 7: Women Committee of United NGOs Mission Manipur (UNMM) extended monetary help of Rs 1000 to 9 women categorized as poorest of the poor and most marginalized from 9 districts of the state. The monetary helps were handed over to the victims during International Women's Day Observation organized by UNMM here at Lamyanza Sanglang. The day was observed with the International Theme "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it up for Gender Equality" while "Victim's in Focus: Grave Situation in Manipur" at state level. Speaking the significance of the theme at state level, Sobita Mangsatbam, Convener of UNMM

informed media persons that this year's observance is dedicated to those women victims of decade's long conflict in Manipur who had been/are struggling for survival in such unrest society. She further said the observance is for those victims who are afraid to confront and those who choose better to commit suicide to give will to get strength and move on their life. She further appealed Manipur

Government to provide proper rehabilitation as well as compensation so that such victims could live their life significantly for rest of life. As part of the observance, Victims and families of victims of various forms conflict along with other dignitaries, social workers, media personals stood together with candle lights and sang "We Shall Over Come" in mark to stand together and face to overcome such worries.

Khousabung Sub-Division demands to resume

IT News
Imphal, March 7: The Khousabung Sub-Division Demand Committee has threatened to resume agitation after the completion of the ongoing HSCL and HSSLC

examination. Speaking to the media persons the spokesperson of the demand committee Ng. Sang Gange said that the Khousabung has been signed for the Sub-Division by more than 100 out of 125 villages along with

JAC members storm CM Bungalow against govt. order to cremate Memchicha

IT News
Imphal, March 7: Large number of people belonging to Joint action committee against the brutal killing of Yumnam (N) Nongmeithem (O) Memchicha Devi today attempted to storm at CM Bungalow at around 11.00 am demanding revocation of the government order to cremate the dead body of

Memchicha Devi. Memchicha Devi corpse was found brutally murdered on February 26 under paddy bush piled up at Samaram Panthak Loukol - a location which is close to her husband's residence. She was reported missing since February 22 from her parental residence at Naharup pangong Makhong and a missing report has been filed at Porompat Police station. The JAC formed against the killing of the lady has been demanding proper investigation on how she was killed and has been urging govt. to award befitting punishment to those responsible her dead. The large number of people who came to express their grievances were stopped by a team of state police in front of the Nupi Lal complex. The police team said that the Chief Minister is attending a function and asked them until his return.

Speaking to the media persons the Convener of Joint Action Committee AK Memchicha said that the government order to cremate her is not justified but rather an attempt to close the case. She said they have already point figure to some suspects behind her dead but no action has been taken up. On the other hand the Convener also expressed her anger to MLA O landhoni for allegedly asking them to say that the lady died after consuming poison. She further added that until they submit their grievances to the CM they will not return back to their residence. As the police senses trouble with the kind of protest by the JAC, all vehicles coming from Nongmeibung side were prevented to cross Sanjenthong bridge for some times.

Shija school health week held

IT News
Imphal, March 7: Shija Paediatrics & Neonatology Department, in its initiative to reach out to the public on promoting healthy living among the children and adolescence, organized a "Paediatrics Health Talk" at Vale Academy, Ghari, Airport Road on today. The program provides an opportunity to interact and learn about being healthy. The initiative coincides with the ongoing School Health Week which has been observed around the world from 4-8 March 2016. A team led by Dr Yaikhomba Taorem, Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist, Shija Hospitals had an interactive session

with the students, parents and staffs of the school on comprehensive care from birth through adolescence. During the Health Talk, Dr Yaikhomba Taorem gave detailed explanation on the importance of maintaining a healthy body among the children and adolescence. Free distribution of Vitamin A supplements were also provided to the students up to 5(five) years of age. Risk-scoring for illness related to children and adolescence and distribution of Awareness Leaflets were the main highlights of the camp. Two staff nurses of Shija Hospitals, staffs and consultants of Vale Academy supported the observation of School Health Week.

World's Glaucoma Week held

IT News
Imphal, March 7: In connection with the 8th World's Glaucoma Week, Social Warriors Manipur (SWM) organized one day Free Glaucoma and Cataract Detection Camp today at Angtha, Imphal east. The detection camp was organized under the National Program for Control of blindness (NPCB) and State Health Mission, Medical Directorate in collaboration with Integrated Rural Welfare Association Yairipok, Bishnunaha, and five other local club organizations of Angtha namely WPC, RYC,

LYC, EYO and BYO. Out of 175 registered patients in the camp, 17 Cataract cases were detected, while 7 were detected for Pterygium disease and 57 patients needed for Presbyopic were detected. SWM will initiate to undergo free eye surgery for the identified patients and distribute free spectacles with NPCB. Kongbam Inaocha Devi, Former Secy. of IRWA, Dr Bidya Devi, State Program Officer, NPCB, Keisham Kamini Kumar, Convener, SWM among other staffs took part in the camp.

CorCom wishes women on International Women's Day

IT News
Imphal, March 7: In the advent of International Women's Day, which is being celebrated across the globe on March 8, the Co-ordination Committee (CorCom) has greeted the women community of the state to actively participate in the social and political development of the society. In a release, the CorCom said that this year the day is on the theme- Pledge for parity. The celebration has made an impact on the economic, social, and political conditions of women.

Since 1970 various women activists have been fighting for the "liberation of women" as a movement. However, the domination of male over female and patriarchal social system failed the movement to achieve its goal. Due to the unequal wages system for male and women; lack of representatives in legislatures bodies and business activities made the women an unproductive human resource around the world, observed CorCom. In India, because of prevailing dowry system every year

around 8000 married women were killed. In the last decade, around 1.5 lakh to 2.2 lakh married women were murdered in different states of the mainland India. Since Manipur is also under the Indian Union, the women of the state are also facing undue problems and crimes against them. Many crimes were committed against the women community in Manipur. There were no social movements without the active participation of women in the world. Nupial of 1904 and 1939,

where Manipuri women fought against the then British India, are the clear examples of women's participation in social movement. However, the Indian political and social system is continuously exploiting the women and their rights. On this day, CorCom, wished all the women to actively participate in the social, economic, political and legislative activities like the earlier period where women took the pivotal roles in social reformation.

Manipur Maoist pledge stringent action against corrupt agents in Lamlai area

IT News
Imphal, March 7: Armed group Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) today pledge to take stringent action against all agents of PDS items in Lamlai Assembly Constituency if they fail to provide the PDS share to all the beneficiaries starting from the month of March. A statement of the outfit said that Lamlai area is considered as the base of the outfit as the place is where Hijam Ibrahim had begun his revolutionary movement and as a mark of respect to the pioneer leader, the Maoist has resolved to look after for the welfare of the poor people. The statement further said they have no problem on how the agents nominated by their representatives had distributed before and Maoist will not investigate on how many have been distributed but from March month if any such PDS items, including rice, sugar

and kerosene are not made available to the poor common people the outfit will not wait for complaint but will act as the cadres has started looking into it. He said the cadres are being searched days and night by the security force after the red army special force has attacked the designated camp of SoO group but will not dare to conduct operation against the wrong by some vested interested agents. The Maoist statement also warned the teachers, principals and head Master of government schools in Lamlai Assembly Constituency to conduct regular classes from March onwards and warned serious consequences if failed to do so. Similar threat is also conveyed to doctors and staffs of PHC and PHSC to render their duty punctually. It said any staffs or doctors found dereliction of duty will be deal with the party's decisions.

Remittance-Bringing Global Money to Manipur

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Remittance is the money earned in foreign countries and sent back home. Money is what we need to build physical constructions and infrastructures. Money doesn't simply come out of blue without job, work or business. It is not easy to run a government without proper taxes, excise duties, revenue from business, job, products from factory. Our state government depends for budget to central government for help year by year without setting a proper goal for state income and revenue.

Our local people stretch hands for money to our state government for job as this is the only source of income for the personal earning and benefits. Whatever money that comes in, it will be vanished without target area of development. It is time to look beyond our own village boundary if we want to join global competition for job and income, and that money in the form of remittance will help to run our state government in resource deficiency state of Manipur. It is time to open up eyes who are involving to run state.

India is number one in term of amount of money received from remittance with \$72.2 billion, followed by China with \$63.9 billion and the Philippines as third place with \$29.7 billion (Source: Times of India, Jan 7, 2015; The Philippine Star, global news 27, 2015). Taken the whole population of the country, average remittance amount per 1 million population in the Philippine is \$321.64 million, whereas the India's remittance per 1 million population is only \$ 57.7 million. This shows that the average earning from foreign countries is far ahead in the Philippine per head.

In India, Kerala tops the largest amount of remittance with Rs 1 lakh crores in 2015. Out of 33.3 million population of Kerala, an estimated 24 lakh people are living and working abroad and that contributes a large income to the state. There are thousands of Filipino in Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Middle east, Europe and America. They can travel without fear around the world. This is possible because they can communicate in English and their government supports them.

In a resource scarce state of Manipur, generally speaking it is believed that people who live better life

and stable incomes are those who work in government office. It is true, too. Because of this fact, people will sell property to get a government job every time when there is recruitment session by whatever means - bribing, corruption, favoritism, nepotism, by hook or by crook.

We have gone through mistakes and wrong decision and wrong management in every sector in Manipur. We believe that when A-grade student becomes an IAS officer, or civil servant or people handling state machinery, he/she will do something good to bring changes in our society. In most cases, they cannot bring any changes. On the contrary, it is they who change themselves and at the end of the day their minds become polluted in corruption. They become busier and busier how to siphon money from the state to buy flat in Delhi or Bangalore, or to buy gold jewelry for the wife and love ones. It is time to come out on global platform to work and earn money if the state itself cannot manage sufficiently. We need new policy at the state level. Recently, MPSC declared to hold Manipur Civil Service

Combined Competitive preliminary examination to fill up 82 vacancies. For these vacancies, there came 35,000 aspirants candidates who have submitted online application (Source: thesangaexpress, 14Feb, 2016). Out of 35,000 applicants, only 82 will be employed. In the same way, thousands of students are struggling for IAS civil service examination in Delhi and out of which hardly one or two candidates will be recruited. The whole remaining students will be wasted their time and energy in the name of looking job. This is how our government manages our youths' time. In Thailand, if freshly graduated students do not work a month it is considered as time being wasted too much without working. It is same thing in any developed countries. But, in our Manipur we wait job for five year, ten years to fill the vacancy, to be filled the die in harness position. It is time we need changing ourselves.

Remittance is so important to build our state that couldn't produce her own income sufficiently to support and run the state. This is the area we need to focus to generate income. (Contd. on page 2)