



## Wounded Pony left uncared, unnoticed near State Veterinary office

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**Imphal, March 9:** A severely injured Pony was left unattended for quite a few days near State Veterinary Hospital at Sanjenthong in Imphal East.

The Manipuri Pony, that have been found wandering around the city since long times, was spotted near State Veterinary Hospital in the last couple of days. The severely injured pony seemingly with infectious diseases at knee and thigh was seen lying in the middle of road at Konung Mamang near Kusum oil depot.

According to some passersby it was informed that the same pony was detected at various areas around the city- Nongmeibung, Wangkhi, Kongba, Pureiromba Khongnang-khong and Palace gate some days back



Location- in front of State Veterinary office, Sanjenthong, Imphal East

and was wandering grazing the garbage. By passers, even security personnel who were deployed at Sanjenthong were kind enough to slow down their vehicles and had a sympathetically look at the suffering pony. Sensing disturbance from vehicular movements, the Pony was notice trying to escape the crowded road walking away with the cripple legs from the place where it

has been lying. Meanwhile, the same Pony was seen near the newly constructed Sanjenthong Bridge. However, unfortunate part is that none of the staffs of State Veterinary Department, whose office is situated at just one throw, failed to notice the suffering pony. It is known that the state government initiative to identify a natural habitat for the ponies at Heingang and

Khundrakpam was welcome by all and it have been already announced before an international audience that the government was in the process of drafting a comprehensive "Pony Policy" within a time period of 2-3 months and to declared Manipuri pony as endangered species. Later at around 2 pm today a representative of Imphal Times drew the attention of the Director of state Veterinary and Animals Husbandry Department and it is fortunate that the director without delaying called upon concern staffs and took the Pony in their custody. The Director, assured all possible treatment and said that the department will find the owner if possible. He however said that the department will not take any responsibility if the pony died in their custody.

## JAC calls 15 hours total shut down in Churachandpur on March 18

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 9:** JAC formed against the passing of the 3 ILPS related Bills has called a 15 hours total shut down in Lamka (Churachandpur) and its vicinity areas starting from March 17 midnight. The total shut down is being called to show respect and mourning for the nine tribal martyrs who were killed during the sudden uproar in Churachandpur town following the passing of the 3 ILPS related Bills on August 31 last year, said a statement of the JAC. During the total shut down which will continue till 3 pm

of March 18, the JAC asked all shops and establishment to remain close besides ban on any vehicular movement. Tribal license gun-owner are also asked to pay gun salute to the tribal martyrs using gun powders from their respective homes at 9 am of March 18 as a mark of tribute to the tribal martyrs. The JAC further added that mass prayers for tribal movement will also be conducted at Lamka Public ground at 5 pm of the same day. The JAC terms the passing of the three ILPS related Bills - The Manipur Land Revenue

and Land reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2015, the Manipur Shops and establishments (Second Amendment) Bill 2015 and the protection of Manipur People Bill, 2015 as anti tribal Bills. It said March 18, 2016 will mark the 200<sup>th</sup> day of expressing their sorrow and unrelenting struggle for justice for tribal land, rights and identity. The JAC blamed both the central government and the state government for failing to acknowledge the anguish and the claims for the rights of the tribal people as enshrine in the constitution of India.

## Thoubal College students lock down Education (U) office

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 09:** While demanding to provide basic requirements to have in an institute, Students of Thoubal College has locked the Department of Education (U) today afternoon 12.30. According to General Secretary of Thoubal College Students' Union, Oinam Arjun Singh said that the students have decided to lock the gate of the Directorate after the authority failed to comply with their demands. While highlighting the condition of the college, the General Secretary said that the college has no separate toilet for boys and girls. The co-educational college has only a toilet for all the students. Because of it, many unwanted incidents have been occurred.

Since the last four years, the Union has been pressing the concerned department to provide required teaching staffs for all the departments. Due to lack of teaching staffs, students of the college have been facing numbers of problems. Despite of repeated appeal the concerned authority failed to provide honours in Computer Science department, said the student leader. He also said that since the college has no any fencing wall, the campus has become a favourite place for local miscreants for indulging in illegal activities at night times. Due to the prevailing atmosphere in and around the campus, students are even reluctant to stay at college hostels. Around 100 students of the

college who came to urge the Director of the Education (U) to look into their issue staged a sit-in-protest in front of the Directorate. A team of police led by Additional SP of Imphal West, Dr S Ibomcha, who arrived at the spot of the agitation, broke the lock that had been bolted by the students. Representatives of the college met the Director of Education (U) and placed their demand before the Director. During the meeting, the Director reportedly assured to construct separate toilets for boys and girls at the earliest. Later, the student representative and principal of the college, O Chaoba Devi met with Education Minister, Moirangthem Okendo at New Secretariat.

## BEE NET condemns cutting down of trees along NH-39

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 09:** The Biodiversity and Ecology Environment Network (BEE NET) has strongly condemned chopping off of fully grown up trees about 200 in number in the name of broadening and development of National Highways. BEE NET Secretary S Bhubol, in a press release, said it was an unruly act to chopped down of those trees growing by the southern side of the Manipur University Main Gate along the Imphal Moreh

National Highway-39. He strongly urged environment department to give strict directives to all concerns to protect trees while taking up development activities and to pass through Environment Impact Assessment clearance. Though some rows of the trees had to be reluctantly cut down for the said road development, at least two rows of them would be left but all the trees have been aggressively and completely hacked as laymen who seem

not understand still the value of a tree in this alarming situation of climate change being made mainly by human ignorance or immaturity, he observed. He further said the trees had been giving shades to many passersby and shelter to many indigenous birds, besides their unending valuable services of producing oxygen, controlling the noise pollution, absorbing CO2, cleaning the air around and giving peaceful resting place.

## KSA to bans singers, musicians; serves ultimatum

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 9:** Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) has banned some singers, musicians and sound that have "destroyed the academic ambience" during the exam days. In a release, Angouton Khuman, Secretary Students' Association of KSA said that it had prohibited organizing musical events till the completion of the ongoing

class X and XII examinations conducted by BOSEM and COHSEM respectively. However, neglecting the prohibition some singers - Sadananda, Kunjabihari, Tingku, Chitra, Kajal, Payal, Laxmi, Jina, Bomber, Rupachandra, musical bands - KoG Music, SIM music, Samu Salai and equipment firms- Imo Sound, Pari Sound and Ema that have disturbed the academic atmosphere

during the exam time yesterday at various places during the Shivratri night by participating at musical events organized by locals of Utlou, Kongba, Heirok, Kumbi and Kyamegi. KSA also warned the singers, bands and firms to meet the volunteers of the body at its Segra road office or contact at 8415990587 within two days from today (Wednesday).

## Local bodies appeal to take action against troublemakers

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 09:** Chongtham Kona Youth Development Organisation, Library and information Youth Affair Association, Iram Sipahi Magnanimous Association, Standard Youth Athletic Voluntary Navy Club appeal the state government to take action according to the law to those person who are destroying construction of Bridge at Chongtham Kona Makha Leikai over Imphal

river. In a press meet at Manipur Press club here today, General Secretary of Chongtham Kona Youth Development Organisation, Tayenjam Joychandra said that the construction of the bridge started in the month of February 2016. However some groups of Nungai makha leikai have formed a JAC against the preparation of new Bridge at Nungai makha leikai. They even

destroyed and banned on the construction process of the bridge on March 6. He further added that if the bridge is completed the connectivity in four constituencies namely Wabagai, Wangoi, Lilong and Thoubal will be facilitated. He also appealed to state government to take stringent action against those people who are obstructing the construction work of the bridge.

## Opposition slams govt over Art of Living foundation on Yamuna

**New Delhi, March 9:** A united opposition in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday slammed the Government for allowing Indian Army to be used for a private event of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Art of Living foundation, saying the event itself on the ecologically fragile flood plains of Yamuna was an environmental disaster. Government sprung to the defence of the 'Art of Living' guru saying his intentions cannot be doubted as he was committed to protecting environment. The event is being organised with all permissions, it claimed adding that the issue cannot be raised in the House as it was being heard by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). But the members were not satisfied and rushed into the Well shouting slogans, forcing a brief adjournment. Sharad Yadav (JD-U) and Ghulam Nabi Azad (Cong) gave notice under rule 267 seeking adjournment of proceedings to discuss the issue but the Deputy Chairman P J Kurien ruled that the former's notice was not in order but he was allowing the issue to be raised as a Zero Hour submission. Terming the construction of temporary structure on the flood plains of Yamuna for Art of Living World Culture Festival from February 11 to 13 as "destruction unseen in history", Yadav said NGT had earlier given orders disallowing construction

activity on the ecologically fragile zone and DDA had cancelled permission twice. He wanted to know "under what pressure was Indian Army deployed to build pontoon bridge for one person." Demanding immediate stoppage of the construction, he said, "What function is he (Sri Sri Ravi Shankar) doing? Kya tamasha kar raha hai (what drama is he doing)?" Kurien asked members not to criticise anybody who cannot come and defend himself in the House. Sitaram Yechury (CPI-M) asked "can Indian Army be roped in to assist a private function... it is highly irregular... for Army to be called in to create facilities for a private function." Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said Ravi Shankar was committed to environment protection and the programme was "being conducted with all permissions and is not illegal." Azad said he was not against 'Art of Living' foundation or any

cultural festival but was concerned about environment, biodiversity and ecology. The government, rightly so, became a great champion of environment at the recent climate summit at Paris but what was happening in the capital was of concern, he said and asked why no environment clearance was taken for the function and "who issued permission to build pontoon bridge." Stating that NGT had in January 2015 declared that any construction on Yamuna banks would be deemed a criminal act, Azad said big structures were being built to hold the event on 1000 acres of land. Diesel generators, car parking and sound sets are being set up, with the Delhi Police warning of stampede, pandemonium and chaos. No permission for structural safety has been given, while there was also a security angle involved with Pakistan warning of terror strikes, he said. "This function could have been held anywhere but not at the cost of Yamuna." M S Gill (Cong) asked if the Army would also be sent out to build bridges across Sutlej and other rivers by events by other spiritual gurus. He referred to the Commonwealth Games village also built on the Yamuna banks which saw flooding in October 2010. (Contd. on page 2)



**Deputy High Commissioner of Canada Jess Duttan today calls on the Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh at his office chamber at around 9 am.**

## Farmers' exhibition

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 9:** A 3 day state level farmers' exhibition had begun today at Iboiyaima Palace Leela Sanglen, Samang Compound. Speaking on the inaugural function of the farmers' exhibition, Industries Minister Govindas Konthoujam said that a Honey processing unit will be established in the state in this current financial year. Agriculture Minister Abdul Nashir while speaking on the occasion said that the agriculture department of the state government is framing a policy to safeguard the indigenous rice product of the state.

## 2 officers of UTLA suspended

**IT News**  
**Jiribam March 9:** Two officers of United Tribal's Liberation Army (UTLA-S K Thadou) were suspended. The two officers of the outfit identified as Singson, Secretary organisation and Nehkhongj Haokip, PRO were suspended by the by an order of the apex body's advisory board for neglecting discipline.