



DESAM Volunteers kick start Public tea distribution campaign

## Mild quake rocks Manipur

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** A mild earthquake has rocked the state of Manipur today afternoon. Manichandra Sanoujam, Scientist at the Seismological Observation Center at Manipur University said that the magnitude of the tremor is 4.8 on Richter Scale and epicentre is located in Indo-Myanmar border near border town Moreh at the depth of 75km. No report of any casualties or loss of properties were reported in the tremor.

## People's Tribunal on crime against women

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** Two day Independent People's Tribunal on Crime against women began today at Classic Hotel at 10:00 am. The 2 day tribunal organized by Women Action for Development is attended by 2 member penal comprising Justice W.A. Shishak, former Chief Justice, High Court of Chattisgarh and Dr. K.S Subramaniam, Retd IPS, former DGP, Tripura. During the two day tribunal the two penal members will hear verities of cases concerning Crime against women. Testimonies from Manipur Police, Forensic Science expert and JACS will also be heard.

## DESAM's 'public tea' campaign

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) has launched a 'public tea' distribution campaign today at various educational institutions. Around 50 volunteers of the students' body have participated at the tea distribution. The aim of the campaign is to seek feedback from the public specially from the students and teaching community regarding the activities of DESAM as well as impart work culture among the students and youth of the state, said Moirangthem Angamba, President of DESAM.

On the first day of the campaign, DESAM volunteers distributed red tea at DM Colleges, Imphal College, GP College and some schools around the city. Volunteers of DESAM across the state would dedicate 2 (two) days in a week for this campaign. In the second day of the campaign, the tea distribution would be conducted in Thoubal and Bishnupur districts by the respective District Councils of the body.

## ST demand for Meetei/Meitei is a toxic to disintegrate us – Dhanabir Laishram

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** Demand of scheduled tribe status for Meitei/Meetei community is nothing but a toxic to disintegrate the unity of the Manipuri people. This was stated by Dhanabir Laishram while speaking during a public discourse on "Schedule tribe Status in Manipur" at MDU Hall Yaikul today. The one day discourse was organized by Protection and Preservation Committee Manipur. Dr. Ch Priyoranjan, Dr. N Somorendra, Dr. L. Gojen, Dr. Dhanabir Laishram and Dr. Arambam Birjit attended as resource person while Prof. N. Joykumar moderated the session. Speaking on the occasion Dr.

Dhanabir Laishram said that the culture taking up any issue for cheap publicity after forming an organization should be stopped to save the future of the state. The more the issue the more is the problem to the fate of the people. "If someone like to go for election, he can join politics and contest the election, he or she does not need to play with the sentiment of the people", Dhanabir said.

He further added that for those movements to free from the clutch of colonialism there are various obstacles however for those movement to become slaves there are more support. Certain issues which will create confusion

among the people of the state have diverted the peoples' movement against the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958.

Dhanabir further added that by inciting hate feeling like demand for ST status for narrow minded gain or opportunity some people are playing games to distort the unity of the people.

As for the cheap propaganda like getting more seats in UPSC conducted exam Dhanabir said that it is not the ST that is required but hard work and commitment.

"Now our students have started working hard and more and more youths from the state have started qualified in the UPSC

conducted exam", Dhanabir added.

On the other hand Dhanabir said that it was not because of Hindu religion that Meitei had restrained themselves from inclusion in the ST categories but it is rather the status of the then Meitei that compelled them to stay as general category.

"How could we defy the decision of our ancestor?", Dhanabir asked.

He also said that When India is busy preparing a constitution, Manipur had already got its own constitution, the state was once a nation in the Asia and it is the duty of all Manipuri to respect the dignity of this erstwhile nation.

## Pro-ILPS protesters blocked NH 37, vehicular movement affected

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** On the first day of the serial protest demonstration regarding demand for implementation of Inner Line Permit System in Manipur locals have blocked stretch of National Highway 37 from Sagolband Wahengbam Leikai to Keithel Manbi today from 1pm-2pm as part of the ongoing protest regarding. Protestors raised various slogans demanding ILPS in Manipur and blocked the roads by burning tyres, woods and planking tree branches in the middle of the roads. Various people from the area have also staged sit-in protests at different places along the stretches.



State security personnel were deployed at different locations to prevent any untoward incident during the timing of protest. Owing to the road blockade

vehicular movement was largely affected at the most busy area of the city. No untoward incidents were occurred at the time of filing this report.

As part of the protest campaign protest demonstration and road blockade would be staged along the Koung Mamang to Iribung on May 13.

## IMC ELECTIONS: State EC notifies schedules of poll, INC clears 25 candidates, BJP convenes high level meeting

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** State Election Commission, Manipur has notified schedule for elections to Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC)-2016. The last date of filing the nominations is 17/05/2016 and the scrutiny would be conducted on 18/05/2016 while 20/05/2016 and the poll to elect 1 (one) Councillor and 2 (two) Ward Development Committee Members of the wards of IMC would be held on 02/06/2016. The poll would be conducted from 8am to 4pm, said the notification issued by Radharani Mutum, Secretary, State Election Commission,

Manipur. The Secretary also informed that the re-polling (if any) would be conducted on 04/06/2016 and the counting of vote would be conducted on 06/06/2016. **CONGRESS CANDIDATES** The State Election Committee, Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee has also named 25 candidates for the ensuing IMC election to 27 wards except for ward no 3 and 26. Ajit Panmei (1), Waikhom Bhubon Singh (2), Laishram Arenkumar (4), Wakambam Sharat Singh (5) Tourangbam Indrajit Meitei

(6), RK Jien (7), Pukhrabam Debala (8), Soram Sunil Singh (9), Soibam Ibochouba Singh (10), Maisnam Joychandra Singh (11), Ahanthem Ongbi Usharani (12), Nameirakpam Raghurani Singh (13), Samom Reeta (14), Salam Sushilkumar Singh (15), Puyam Chanu Ebecha (16), RK Sachi Singh (17), Thokhom Ibecha (18), Yumlembam Lukamani Devi (19), Loukrakpam Tombi (20), G Thiampania (21), Nongmaithem Kumudini (22), Laishram Memcha Devi (23), G Bino (24), Dolly Golmei (25) and Herojit Ngarongma (27) Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party, Manipur Pradesh is

likely to announce its list of candidates today evening. A high level meeting of party leaders have convened today at the state BJP head office today afternoon regarding the selection of its candidates to the IMC poll. State in-charge of the BJP Manipur Pradesh, Prahald Singh Patel, who arrived today at the city has convened close door meeting with Ksh Bhabhananda, President of BJP, Manipur; Kh Joykishan Singh; MLA of Thangmeiband A/C; State Organisation Secretary, S Premananda and others at its Nityaipat Chuthek office.

## UPSC topper felicitated

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** UPSC topper Khumanthem Diana was felicitated today at Singhjamel Thongam Leikai. She was ranked 24 in the all India Combine examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. A total of 7 candidates from the state crack the examination. A Muslim candidate identified as Asker Ali from Lilong also crack the exam. He is the fourth Muslim from the state to get through the UPSC exam.

## Student killed in clash in Assam

**IANS**  
**Shilchar, May 12:** A student was killed and seven others were injured after a clash broke out between an angry mob and policemen in Assam's Silchar city, officials said on Thursday. Although police claimed to have control the situation, simmering tension prevailed in and around the city over the incident that took place late Wednesday evening. The incident occurred after two groups of people were fighting over a disputed plot of land.

"Based on information that there were clashes between two groups of people over a piece of land, a police team went there to settle the matter. However, the irate people rounded up the policemen and assaulted them," Cachar Superintendent of Police Rajever Singh told IANS on Thursday. "Although the police could contain the situation initially, the people later came out in huge numbers and blocked the busy National Highway No. 6 that connects Silchar and Shillong and pelted the police

team with stones and other vehicles plying on the highway," he said. "As the situation turned violent, the police resorted to firing in the air. However, one of the bullets hit a 17-year-old student unfortunately, who was also a part of the mob," Singh added. The injured comprised two civilians and five policemen. "The situation is under control now and we have deployed additional forces to ensure that there is no escalation of the situation," Singh added.

## COHSEM result out; 65.22% passed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 12:** Result of the Higher Secondary examination 21016 conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary education, Manipur was declared today by the Education Minister Dr. Kh Ratakumar at the office of the Council of Higher Secondary education at Babupara. Passed percentage this year is 65.22. A total of 26,934 appeared and 17,566 get through. This year too Private schools had over taken the Government schools. 72.46% student declared passed is from the private higher secondary schools and Colleges, and 48.4% students are from the Government Higher Secondary School and colleges.

Total male candidates appeared from government college is 349 and declared passed is 177. Total female candidate appeared from govt. college is 329 out of which only 96 were declared passed. A total of 3571 male candidates appeared from Govt. Higher secondary schools and 1812 students get through. Total female candidates from govt. higher secondary schools is 3862 and 1901 passed. From private college a total of 2344 appeared and 1155 passed. Female candidates appeared from private college is 2249 and a total of 1180 passed. From Private Higher secondary school a total of 7567 male students appeared and 5931 passed. Female candidates appeared from private Higher secondary schools is 6663 and a remarkable number of 5374 passed.

## President presents National Florence Nightingale awards

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, May 12:** President Pranab Mukherjee on Thursday presented the National Florence Nightingale awards to thirty-five nursing personnel at a function in Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of International Nurses Day. The National Florence Nightingale Awards are given by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered

by the nurses and nursing professionals in the country. The award carries a cash award of Rs. 50 thousand, a certificate, a citation and a medal. The International Nurses Day is celebrated all over the world on May 12 every year to commemorate Florence Nightingale's birthday. Here in Manipur too the day is observed at JNIMS and other Medical Institution. At JNIMS Chief Minister Okram Ibobi attended as Chief Guest.

## U'khand CM Rawat to meet Sonia Gandhi

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, May 12:** Uttarakhhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat, who has been reinstated to the top post after proving majority in the floor test, will meet Congress president Sonia Gandhi in the national capital this afternoon. During the meeting to be held at the Congress president's official 10, Janpath residence, Rawat will be accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues. Earlier in day, Rawat held first Cabinet meeting in the Uttarakhhand Secretariat. Thereafter, he met Governor K.K. Paul at the Raj Bhavan in Dehradun. "I met the Governor to thank

him for great management of work in our forced absence," Rawat said after meeting Paul. The Centre had yesterday revoked President's rule from Uttarakhhand after the Congress proved its majority on the floor of the House. The Congress won by a margin of 33-28 in the floor test on Tuesday. The result of the trust vote was handed over to the Supreme Court in a sealed cover yesterday along with video recording of the proceedings in the state assembly. The Centre had imposed President's rule in the hill state on March 27.

## SC seeks response from Centre on PIL for doubling number of judges

**New Delhi, May 12:** The Supreme Court today sought response from the Centre on a PIL seeking a direction for doubling the number of judges as recommended by the Law Commission. A bench comprising Chief Justice T S Thakur and Justice R Banumathi issued notice to the Ministry of

Law and Justice and Ministry of Finance on the file filed by BJP leader and lawyer Ashwani Kumar Upadhyay. The PIL has also sought a direction to implement the resolution of the advisory council of the National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms.