

ILPS supporters demonstrating protest at Wangkhei



EC issues Model Code of Conduct

IT News
Imphal, May 13: The State Election Commission, Manipur has announced the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of political parties and candidates that shall come into force in the territorial area of the Imphal Municipal Corporation with immediate effect. The Commission, in a notification issued by its Secretary, Radharani Mutum, has also requested the government of Manipur that a total ban be imposed on the transfer of all officers/officials posted in Imphal East district and Imphal West District till the completion of elections to the Imphal Municipal Corporation-2016.

Foul play alleged in recruitment of Anganwadi workers and helpers

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Manipur Muslim Welfare Organisation (MMWO) has alleged foul play to the recruitment of Anganwadi Workers and helpers by Thoubal ICDS. The organisation in their statements asked the concern authority to clarify the reason for conducting viva voce test before declaring the result of the written test. The organisation urged the concern authority to look into the matter and take up appropriate action with regard to the functioning of the CDPO, Thoubal. The organisation further warned agitation if the concerned authority fails to take up immediate measures to check if any anomalies occurred to the selection of the Anganwadi Workers and helpers on or before May 15 of this year.

SC directed food commissioners in all state

New Delhi, May 13: The Supreme Court has directed the state governments to appoint food commissioners to oversee effective implementation of Public Distribution System. The apex court said that mid-day meal in schools should be given throughout summer season in drought-affected areas. It also directed Centre to release outstanding funds for MNREGA. The top court directed the Union government to set up Central Employment Guarantee Council as provided in the statute. It however refused to appoint Court Commissioners to implement its directions.

Pro-ILPS protestors blocked Konung Mamang to Irilbung road



IT News
Imphal, May 13: On the second day of the serial protest demonstration regarding demand for implementation of Inner Line Permit System in Manipur locals have blocked stretch of Imphal Irilbung road from Konung Mamang to Irilbung today starting from 1pm-2pm as part of the ongoing protest regarding.

Protestors raised various slogans demanding ILPS in Manipur and blocked the roads by placing 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 road. State security personnel were also deployed at various locations to prevent any untoward incident during the timing of protest. Owing to the road blockade vehicular movement was largely affected at the most area of the city. No untoward incidents were occurred at the time of filing this report. Meanwhile, locals of Wangkhei lock down most of

the road by placing tyres, woods along the stretch. Despite the heavy rain, none of the locals of the stretch let up during the protest. As part of the protest campaign protest demonstration and road blockade would be staged along the Mayai Lambi from Keisampat till Hiyanghang on May 14.

Demolition of Phouden Primary school: KSA warns serious agitation

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) today warned serious form of agitation if the concern government authority failed to take necessary action against the demolition of Phouden Upper Primary School at Wangkhem Assembly constituency. The student body also opposed government decision to recruit primary, upper-primary and graduate teachers on mark basis instead of conducting normal procedure in the recruitment. Talking to media persons General Secretary of KSA, S. Bidyandanda said that Phouden Upper Primary School was demolished without proper permission from of the headmaster of the school as well as from the authority of the State

Education department. He said the school was demolished by a written order of the MLA of Wangkhem Assembly constituency, K Meghachandra to the Phouden Youth Club. Bidyandanda said, Secretary of Phouden Youth Club (PYC) issued a meeting circular on March 27, 2016 for auction of Phouden Upper Primary School on March 31. The PYC then submitted an application to MLA K. Meghachandra seeking permission for demolition of the school building on March 29. On the letter head of the club the MLA countersigned it by writing "pl. allow as propose and demolition work may be authorized to the PYC". Following that letter head the club carried out the demolition work on April 4. As the demolition of the

school had no knowledge of the Headmaster, the matter was put up to the notice of the ZEO Thoubal to take action against those who demolished the school on April 5, 2016. Bidyandanda questions whether a school can be demolished with an order of MLA without consulting the state education department. He said the government is letting free hand to the abolition of government school instead of improving it. "Government or Education department should constitute and inquiry committee into the matter and take action against all those responsible for demolition of the school", Bidyandanda said and added that the KSA will launch serious agitation if the plea is not converted into action.

On the other hand the KSA said that recruitment of Primary, Upper-Primary and Graduate teachers on mark basis are unfortunate as the state has witness the effect at the aftermath of the entry of CBSE in the last few years. General Secretary of KSA, S Bidyandanda said that some students who appeared in the schools had got high marks irrespective of their qualification. The KSA appealed the education department and government to conduct the recruitment in UPSC or MPSC exam pattern using OMR sheet. The KSA further said that if the Education department fails to issue another order in pursuance with the demand of the KSA within 5 days, the KSA will launch intense form of agitation.

PHED Chief Engineer shies away from visitors

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Who are public servants? What and how would be their relations with public in a society? Why do people have to undergo a traumatic like procedure to meet Chief Engineer of Public Health and Engineering Department, Government of Manipur, which off course the people have come with one very reason or another. The officer is not allowing any of visitors even their own official staffs. It is a big question to people's mind when the whole world is forwarding for e-governance,

transparency in governance. The same pathetic situation was encountered when one of our staff reporters visited the office complex at Khuyathong this afternoon. The reporter with another colleague went to the department for some information but the security personal at main gate of his office building denied even to ask for permission to meet the officer. The reporters identified themselves and purpose for visiting to the security at the first place. But the security with authoritative voice told

reporters that they can't meet Chief Engineer. When reporters request him only to inform the officer for permission, but the security completely denied and challenged the reporters to do whatever they want. Later, when the reporters met other staffs it was told that whether it is under official rule or not are not sure but the officer does not allow any visitor except being called by him. It was also told that even official staffs are not permitted to him for official purpose at any time, except when they are called for.

Vety., & Animal Husbandry intensifies PRRS disease surveillance

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Following the outbreak of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), Directorate of Vety. & Animal Husbandry Services, Government of Manipur has intensified surveillance of the disease. N Rajendro Singh, Director of Vety., & Animal Husbandry Services in a release has also instructed Joint Directors Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Senapati, Chandel, Churachandpur and Tamenglong, and Deputy Directors, Vety. Hospital, Moreh, Kangpokpi and Jiribam to take up active surveillance of the disease in the respective districts/sub-divisions and collect blood sample collection with immediate effect. The sero-surveillance of the disease has to be resumed to achieve the target of covering 2% of the total pig population of the state during the current year, said the Director. The disease is caused by a virus of Arterivirus family, an

RNA virus and is characterized by two overlapping clinical presentations, reproductive impairment or failure in breeding pigs and respiratory diseases in pigs of any age and there may be abortion, stillborn, foetal mummification, lower farrowing rate, farrowing with weak piglets and deaths. It can also lead to serve respiratory disease and can result in high mortality rates in suckling and weaned piglets and in some herd, the infection is asymptomatic causing serious problem of infertility in pigs. PRRS is the most economically significant disease in pigs. For the sero-surveillance of the disease in the state 50 porcine blood samples (2.3ml per pig) from each district and 20 blood samples each from three sub-divisions should be collected every month and to be submitted to the Disease Investigation Laboratory of this Vety. & Animal Husbandry Directorate.

Day -2: People's Tribunal on Crime against women

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Upgradation of the state forensic department and establishment of community policing system will go a long way to ensure speedy justice in cases of crime against women, according to Mr. IK Muivah, DIG Range I. Mr. Muivah was speaking today on the topic, "Crime against women and the challenges of Manipur Police" during the plenary session of a two-day Independent People's Tribunal on Crime Against women organised by Imphal-based NGO Women Action for Development

(WAD) at Hotel Classic. He further pointed out that the manpower of the state police department is trying its best to tackle the rising crime against women by opening special women police cells. However, sending the forensic samples all the way to Kolkata causes unwarranted delays in getting the forensic reports because of the heavy workload of the Kolkata laboratory. Inclusion of preventive measures and rights of women in the school syllabus as well as setting up local committees for community policing would be effective measures in

fighting crime against women, Mr. Muivah suggested. Speaking on the topic, "Criminal Trial on Crime against women: A perspective," Former Director of Prosecution, Mr. Ng.Tejkumar also reiterated the need for upgrading the forensic department with a DNA testing unit as this is the most important aspect of investigation in a rape and murder case. Reducing the number of prosecution witnesses and speedy filing of chargesheets also help get justice within matter of few months instead of years, he added.

Other speakers at the panel discussion included Mr Babloo Loitongbam of Human Rights Alert, Dr. Supriya of the Department of Forensic Science, RIMS and U. Nobokishore of the United NGOs Mission Manipur (UNMM). The tribunal was chaired by Mr. WA Shishak, former Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh and Dr. KS Subramanian, IPS (Retd), former DGP of Tripura. Altogether 20 cases related to crime against women, including cases of rape, kidnapping, and rape and murder deposed before the tribunal during the last two days.

"Paoki" festival gives new hopes to environment

IT News
Imphal, May 13: "Paoki" the only traditional plantation festival of Poumai tribes was celebrated at Purul Atongba Village of Purul in Senapati District, Manipur from May 9 to May 11, 2016. Paoki is a traditional festival of plantation for the Poumai tribes which observed every year for three days during the month of May since time immemorial without the fact of poor and rich. However, the day of celebration varies from village to village according to lunar calendar. On the first day of the festival villagers organised a grand



feast with curry items of all kinds of animal, traditional wrestling was held on the night of second day participated by youth from different villages showing their strength to the host team,

Purul and on the third day all the villagers including old and young goes to each paddy field and the main fest of Paoki begins with the plantation of uprooted paddy saplings which was prepared beforehand. Later, in the night youths visited each house and local rice beer is served by each family member. Volunteers of the Paoki festival search for the best girls on the village in the night time and awarded the title of Miss Paoki. The title of Purul Paoki 2016 was given to D Athiphro Kajina (18) d/o Daniel and K Besa of Senapati, Senapati District. Youths of Purul village claim the winning and overall champion title of the wrestling match. Well known persons, high ranking officials, AC, SDO and many attended the celebration.

Open letter to RIMS Dy. Director

To
The DDA,
RIMS, Imphal.

Sub:- Regd.your clarification with respect to office memorandum interpretation. Ref. No. 11016/1/09-RIMS - V dated 24th Feb,2012 & No. B/1734/96-RIMS(Pt.I)dated 20th April,2016

Dear Sir,

Regarding your clarification in the media with respect to above OMs I am to put forward the following few lines that Prof. Ch. Arunkumar is one of many senior professors also. Thus, it is beyond the zone of consideration of any administrative assignment w.r.t him, hence he ceased to be HOD & i/c Medical superintendent on 28th Feb, 2014. Yourself being in the Institute's helm of affairs for the rules and regulations of this institute, I request you to make the concept more clearer that first of all to get 65 years upper age limit for Director post, one has to be an eligible faculty, important issue in the eligibility criteria. His linkage to the RIMS is left through the bond after the option then he would have been superannuated at the age of 62 years.

Therefore, I request you to undo the mistake if Ministry have gone ahead (over sighting his option's document) and to take up further necessary action in this regard.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,
A RIMS faculty