

Kabui and meitei community joining hand at Meitei Lamkhai in NH 2 shouting slogan for implementation of ILPS in the state.



## Govt. office turns as gambling house at Wangoi in Imphal West

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**Imphal, May 15:** The Sub Divisional Agriculture Office at Wangoi in Imphal West district which was inaugurated by the then Agriculture Minister Ph. Parijat Singh and ex Chief Minister W Nipamacha Singh in the presence of local MLAS Joy Salam and L. Palandro, director of Agriculture on September 10, 2011 is now converted into a gambling house for some of the staffs. The office remain closed at most of the



time and when open staffs are seen nowhere but playing cards at the soil teasing room open inside the office complex

without bothering visitors. Farmers who went for official matters have to return back disappointedly. Our reporters

when inquired about the matter found staffs enjoying cards game during office hours.

## Tribal JAC to begin 48 hours total shut down from May 16 midnight

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**Imphal May 15:** When the agitation demanding implementation of ILPS reached its peak at valley districts of the state Hill based organisations opposing the Bills is gearing up protest against any government measures to get assent of the 3 ILPS related Bills. In a press communiqué, Joint Action Committee Against Anti-Tribal Bills (JAC) today once more re-affirmed its stand to call 48 hours total

shut down in Hill districts of the state. "We would like to humbly request the cooperation of the general public in the call for Total Shutdown of all tribal territories of Manipur starting from the midnight of May 16, 2016 till the midnight of May 18, 2016 in protest against the decision of the "All Political Parties Meeting" to depute a team of politicians to urge the Union Government to give assent to the three unconstitutional anti-tribal

Bills by the Manipur State Assembly on August 31, 2015", a press statement of the JAC said. The JAC statement however stated that during the total shut down- medical services including medical emergencies and check-ups, water supply, media houses, postal service, telecom, electricity, airport pickup and drop, ongoing exams (both students and teachers/invigilators), marriage ceremonies and pre-planned conferences will be exempted.

## Grenade attacked

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**Imphal, May 15:** Unidentified miscreants hurled an exploded a hand grenade at the shop of one Lourembam Rameshor at Kiyamei Awang Leikai (Opposite to MU) under Singjamei Police Station in Imphal East in the early hours around 12:30 am today. There is no report of any casualty in the blast. Report said that the blast occurred at the shop run by Lourembam Rameshor (42) s/o Lourembam Iboton of Kiyamei Mamang Leikai, Imphal East. Some minor damage was caused at the blast site. A team of police rush to the spot and took up a case in the connection. No individuals or rebel group had claimed responsibility of the blast. Earlier too unknown miscreants had placed a grenade at his resident. Later that grenade was claimed by KCP Poirai Meitei Lup.

## Security stepped up for peaceful counting of votes

ANI

**Guwahati, May 15:** Necessary security arrangements are being made for peaceful counting of votes for assembly polls in Assam. Three tier security measures are being taken as per direction of the Election Commission and central armed police forces will be deployed at counting centres. Counting will be held at 51 centres on Thursday and the Election Commission has deployed 126 counting observers in Assam and they will reach by Tuesday. Political parties or candidates have to take prior permission of district administration to hold any victory rallies after counting. Administration may impose restrictions on holding procession in some areas due to law and order situation. Assam has a total of 126 assembly seats.

## No let up in ILPS protest: Moirangkhom to Lilong road blocked

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**Imphal, May 15:** Roster wise protest demanding Inner Line Permit System in the state enters 4 day today. Large number of people including meira paibis and local club members situated in between Moirangkhom to

Lilong area along National Highway No. 102 disrupting all short of vehicular movement from 12 noon till 3 pm. As announced by the JCILPS, meira paibis and club members came out at the street and staged protest blocking one side of the since early

morning. They were supposed to blocked the road from 1 to 2 pm however as some of the protestors started blocking the road completely at around 12 noon almost all kind of vehicular movement have to be diverted taking alternative route. During the protest ILPS demand supporters put electric pole across the high way and blocked the road. At some place few supporters burnt tyres near Lilong bridge, Kakwa and Moirangkhom. The protesters also form human chain at around 2pm and shouted slogans denouncing government delay in taking assent of the three ILPS related Bills passed by the state Assembly.



## Awareness on Palliative Care held

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**Imphal, May 15:** With an aim to multiply the importance of Palliative care in the society, Palliative Care Society, Imphal has organized an awareness walk on 'Palliative Care' today morning here at Imphal. The walk to spread awareness was flagged off from the front of Kangla Fort, Western Gate by the president of All Manipur Working Journalist Union, Wangkencha Shyamjai. The awareness walk organized under the supervision of Dr S Jugindra, Secretary of the society was lead by himself and was joined by a large

number of student volunteers from JNIMS, RIMS, SHRI, DM College and other colleges. While speaking to this reporter on Palliative care during the awareness walk, Dr Jugindra said palliative care is an approach to improve the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness. It approaches through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychological,

social and spiritual needs and extends support in bereavement if necessary. The palliative care is a patient centred treatment and not a disease-focused one, he added. He said "the care is for ourselves, every one of us, in our family or in relatives is going to need this care one day or another". The Walk run from Kangla Fort, Western Gate up to Indian Medical Association (IMA) Hall after passing through Flyover Bridge to Paona Bazzar to Keishampat Bridge to Wahang Leikai, Nagamapal to RIMS road.

## Against odds physically challenged girl scores two letter marks in class XII exam

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**Imphal, May 15:** Sending out a clear message to differently abled person that they are also in par with others, an 18-year-old girl, who has been suffering from Bilateral Radial Hemimelia has cracked the recently announced state higher secondary examination-2016 in flying colours with letter marks in two subjects. Shijagurumayum Vivinita Devi (18), d/o Sh Shyamkishor Sharma and Sh (ongbi) Rinakumari Devi of Uripok Achom Leikai, Imphal West district has secured 88 percent in Home Science and 84 percent in Geography subject in the class XII examination conducted by Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur.

Apart from the two subjects, Vivinita's scores in the examination that reads 68 percent in English; 72 percent in Manipuri; 68 percent in Political Science and 60 percent in Economics in the Arts stream (Roll No 468) and total score of 67 percent (aggregate) indicates her intelligence and grit to triumph against all odds. Affected with 72 percent disability Vivinita has no thumbs. Owing to her inborn impairment she could not write with single hands, but after long struggle she started writing with both hands. Surprisingly, she is the lone student of the same school,

who had passed class X examination conducted by Board of Secondary Education Manipur in the year 2014, told her mother. From her early schooling, Vivinita studied only in government schools; primary schooling in Khwai Brahmapur Junior High School and then Ibotonsana Girls Higher Secondary upto class XII. Speaking to a representative of Imphal Times, Vivinita said that her parents and teachers supported and encouraged a lot seeing her enthusiasm to study; that could only made possible her to continue study and passed in high mark. Due to her physical situation and family income she had to seek neither private tuition till today nor her parent able to afford for home tutor. Vivinita said she want to pursue studies and become a civil servant in future. "I want to do something for the betterment of society especially of physically handicapped people in the



## UKAL extends gratitude

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**Imphal, May 15:** Umang Lai Kanba Apunba Lup (UKAL) has shown gratitude to the people of the state for celebrating and performing Umang Lai Haraoba in a proper manner following the

year long rituals and tradition of Meitei cult. M Jilangamba, General Secretary of UKAL, in a release said that in most of the places the Lai Haraoba has been performing in a proper manner recently.

## In Modi's digital age Purul village is still deprived of basic amenities

By: Laishram Ranbir

**Imphal, May 14:** When the country is working towards an inclusive growth, Purul village in Senapati district of Manipur still remain one of the most deprived localities with no proper communication and basic amenities. Purul- a village of above 1000 Proumai Naga tribe is situated around 80km away from the state capital towards the western side and 45km (approximately) from the district headquarter- Senapati. However, the village still lacks proper facilities for communication, transport, health care and education. Stories of difficulties faced by the villagers remain the same for almost the six decade. Carrying a sick person in long unusable road to reach public health center; spending a

whole day in travelling to reach district headquarters and procuring a certificate from DC office and many more are the daily woes that are facing by the people of the area before and after India got independence in 1947, told Thaiba Sanil, a social worker of the village to this reporter of Imphal Times. Oinam another village in the district is the nearest place (around 10km from Purul), where a health care centre is situated. Despite of having above 150 household and sub-divisional headquarter of 82 Proumai tribal villages, the authority has not set up even a single dispensary or health care clinic in Purul village. Because of not having medical facility in the village many villagers have lost their lives while travelling to reach

Senapati District Hospital, he added. Expressing displeasure over the state government for its step-motherly attitude towards the people of Purul, Thaiba Sanil said that after India got independence the main roads connecting Purul and other villages have been constructed only once that too 6 (six) years ago. Since then it has remained unnoticed

by the concern department. The condition of the roads in the village remained pathetic and not fit to travel along. The conditions even worsen during rainy season where villagers remained totally cut out from rest of the villages due to landslides along the road. Even if the village has 15 government schools including a High and Higher Secondary schools, all the

schools have no adequate teaching staffs. Interestingly, due to lack of staffs, Headmaster of the High School in the village is currently taking charge of the lone Higher Secondary as Principal. In today's Digital India, the village has no proper communication facilities. A mobile phone network tower of government-run BSNL had been set up. However, most of the subscribers have helplessly stopped using cell phone as they were unable to get proper network of the single mobile phone service provider in the entire Sub-division. Disappointed mobile phone users of the village said that the Telecom Department had not set up the tower at the proper place where it can receive and transmit networks. A 62-year-old woman of the

village opined that she has no hope of any assistance from the side of Imphal (State) and Delhi (Center) governments, while she added that it is far better to extend co-operation among the villagers than seeking help from the government when it has not look for years. Agricultural, animal husbandry and fish farming are the main occupations of the villagers, the products produced from the area is sufficient for villager to sustain their livelihood even if they don't have mobile phone, education and proper connecting roads. So, it is up to the will and wisdom of government to decide whether to develop the area or keep the people away from the modern civilisation by taking away even for the basic amenities.

