

ILPS protest underway at Sangakpham today. Women came out in the street and staged protest demonstration forming human chain



## 1 UNLF apprehended

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** Troops of Veng Battalion under the aegis of Red Shield Division apprehended one UNLF cadre from Phouakachau Leikai, Churachandpur on May 15. A statement of the PIB Defence Imphak said that based on a specific input regarding the presence of suspected persons in the area, the troops of the unit immediately launched a joint operation with Bishnupur Commando & carried out a thorough search of the area. The Security Forces successfully apprehended a UNLF cadre identified as Moirangthong Sana Singh, aged 36 yrs, son of M Ibohah Singh, resident of VillSendra and District- Bishnupur (Manipur). The apprehendee was handed over to Police Station Moirang.

## Rs. 80 lakh worth property gutted down in fire

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** At least 7 (seven) shops were gutted in a fire accident at Khangbok Keithel in Thoubal district at around 11.30 pm yesterday. According to report 4 (four) shops are of Khundrakpam Bibison (62), s/o late Anou and 3 (three) shops belongs to one Laishram Punam. After locals have contacted two fire tender vehicles of Thoubal Fire services rushed at the spot and tried to extinguish the flame. However, goods inside the shops were totally charred and around Rs 80 lakh worth property were lost in the fire.

## Campaign for IMC election gear up in Imphal

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** Scrutiny for the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) will be held tomorrow. Election for the Municipal body will be held on June 2 and the last date for withdrawal of the nomination paper is today. On the last date for withdrawal of the nomination paper none of the congress and BJP candidates had withdrawn their candidature. Political parties have now gear up election campaign at their respective wards to assure victory for the candidates. Besides the BJP and the Congress some of the Independent candidates are in the fray.

## Caught on camera: Employment exchange staff demands money for registration

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government at the Centre is fighting relentlessly to root out corruption from the country, bribery seems to be rooted deeply into the system of the state. After some departments of state government have issued recruitment notifications, various unemployed youths have thronged at their respective district Employment Exchange offices for enrolment. Employment Exchange office is the first place where prospective employees get registered themselves and apply to their desire government jobs. However, the most worrisome fact is that some corrupt officials allegedly taught the lesson of corruption to job seekers and the ways to indulge themselves in bribery even before entering into the profession. If a jobseeker is compelled to bribe the officials of Employment Exchange only to enlist him or her in the General (unemployed) category, how can we guarantee that the same person (jobseeker) will render his service sincerely



after he got employed with any public office? This is the case that was witnessed by a staff reporter of Imphal Times during a visit at the Employment Exchange office, Bishnupur situated at the district headquarters on May 16.

When the reporter reached the office at around 1pm, around hundred youths from different parts of the district were seen standing in a long queue leading towards a single window where staffs of the Exchange office collect documents for applying and renewing Employment Exchange Card. For hours, the people remain standing at the queue waiting for their turn under the scorching sun. However, some people from among those standing in queue were noticed selectively signalled and called out from the queue by an official. While entering at the back side of the office, another window was seen operating for "selective and urgent people". And, a staffs of the office was seen collecting money ranging from Rs 150-200 from each applicant; and without any question they give the amount that the officer demanded. The reporter, who recorded the whole gambit, was demanded to delete the video by some people. However, he managed to escape from the area safely with the evidence of the crime.

## Justice Vaiphei sworn in as Tripura HC chief justice

**ANI**  
**Agartala, May 17:** Justice Tinlianthang Vaiphei of Gauhati High Court was sworn in as acting chief justice of Tripura High Court in a ceremony at Raj Bhawan here on Monday. Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy administered the oath of office during a swearing-in-ceremony programme held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhawan here. Chief Minister Manik Sarkar

along some of his cabinet colleagues, other justices of the High Court, top administrative and security officials of the state government were present in the swearing-in-ceremony. It may be recalled here that the first chief justice of the High Court of Tripura, Deepak Kumar Gupta left the state on May 12 last and is supposed to take charge today as chief justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court.

## Petrol price hiked by 83 paise, diesel by Rs. 1.26 per litre

**New Delhi, May 17:** Petrol price was hiked by 83 paise a litre and diesel by One rupee 26 paise per litre. Petrol in Delhi will cost 63.02 rupees per litre while a litre of diesel will cost 51.67 rupees. The new rates came into effect from midnight last night. It is the second increase in rates this month. Rates were last hiked by 1.06 rupees a litre on petrol and 2.94 rupees a litre on diesel on First of May. Indian Oil Corporation said, the current level of international product prices of petrol and diesel and the Rupee-US Dollar exchange rate warrant increase in price of petrol and diesel.

## 2 IED blast astound the state

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** Unidentified miscreants exploded an IED at a private transport office at Khuyathong near Thangal Bazar under Imphal City Police in Imphal West in the early hours around 4 am today. There is no report of any casualty in the blast. Report said that the blast occurred at the office of

Reliable Cargo Movement (RCM) which is a private transport firm located at Khuyathong near Thangal Bazar under Imphal City Police in Imphal West. The blast damage RCM transport office shutter and some windows glass of nearby building located at the area. A team of Imphal City Police rush to the spot and took up a case in the connection.

Meanwhile, another IED blast took place at Moreh under Moreh Police Station in Chandel District at around 11:30 am today. The blast took place at Indo Myanmar border pillar no. 78 near Sunrise ground Tamil area. Minute after the blast took place, the area was cordoned by Moreh Police and 11 AR team. So far no casualty is reported till now, report says.

## CBSTDC defers Public Rally

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** Coordinating Body on Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee (CBSTDC) has postponed the proposed public rally that was scheduled on May 22 for some days in view of social unrest owing to the ongoing ILPS movement. In a release, the Coordinating Body informed that it would organize public meetings on the same day- May 22 at Iboyaima Sumang Lila Sanglen, Hapta Kangjeibung and Kanung Mamang. CBSTDC also requested locals clubs, Meira paibi, associations, organizations

and public to participate at the public meeting and provide feedback over the demand for ST status to Meetei/Meitei. While appealing all to extend support, CBSTDC also said that demand for inclusion of Meitei/Meetei in the ST list as per Constituency of India is a measure to protect the indigenous community and also a major issue in the state. The committee further added that the demand for the ST status for the Meetei/Meitei stands justified and as it is the constitutional rights of every citizen. The committee also said that they will continue strive hard until ST status is

granted to the Meitei / Meetei community. It said that the demand for ST status is to safeguard the indigenous identity of Manipur and not to distort the unity of the state. It said the relationship between the Hill and Plain people will be improved if the meetei and other community belong in the same status. It said how could some of the community be treated as low cast when the other being treated as higher class. The Committee further appealed not to spread any rumour to demoralise the demand for ST status of the meetei / meitei people.

## Suspected thief died in mob action

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** A person suspected to have been indulging in burglary activities at Thangmeiband Yunnam leikai area was caught by the locals at 3.30 pm today morning. He was beaten by the locals on charge of attempting to

commit burglary at a house belong to one Irengbam Joybi Singh (61) s/o Late Irengbam Ango of the locality. Report said that the person was first caught by Irengbam Joybi Singh and later handed over to members of Thangmeiband Improvement

Club (TIC), Thangmeiband Yunnam Leikai. The person was reportedly assaulted by the club member and later evacuated to RIMS hospital where he succumbed to his injury. Police had filed a case and deposited the dead body at JNIMS morgue.

## World Hypertension Day observed



**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 17:** 'Stress Management' is one of the most effective therapies for Hypertension while the therapy is mostly subjected to those hypertension patients with 50% coronary artery blocked. Dr Palin, Chairman cum Managing Director, Shija Hospitals and Research Institute stated this at a function held in connection with World Hypertension Day observance under the

theme: "Know Your Blood Pressure" at its auditorium hall this afternoon. Speaking on Stress Management, he said stress is nothing but negative thoughts. And negative thoughts come from regretting about past which is never coming back again and worrying of future which does not exist at the moment. So he said living at the present moment forgetting past worries and future worries will be the basis for a stress free life. He said that 'thought' has been scientifically proven as 'vibration' and almost 900 different chemicals are released according to different types of thoughts which affect human brain at the cellular level thus positive vibrations has positive effect on human body and vice-versa. The observance was organized by Lions Club, Imphal in association with SHRI. Resource person of the observance, Prof M Kulachandra Singh, Senior Consultant, General Medicine of Shija critically highlighted and discussed about cause and different types of treatment for Hypertension. Presently 30% of Manipur Population has been affected by hypertension, according to statistical figure.

## JAC against the death of Chaoba Singh blocked road; demand punishment of culprits



**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 16:** The JAC formed against the suspicious death of Moirangmayum Chaoba Singh (aged About 55) has blocked MI Road at Samurou area demanding immediate punishment of those involved in the killing. Chaoba's dead body was found at Nambul River day before yesterday evening inbetween Samurou Makha Leikai Thounaojam in Imphal

West. A Joint Action Committee was formed today after convening a public meeting at Samurou Awang leikai Community Hall. A public meeting held today resolved not to accept the dead body until the authority find the culprits involved in the killing of the person. According to report police had picked up five persons suspected to have been involved in the killing of the

person. However, as the police had failed to revealed the identity of those arrested, the JAC today blocked road at Samurou Keithel area. Large number people including meira paibi came out at the street and prevented all sorts of movement. Earlier the JAC had stated that they will not accept the death body until those involved in the killing of Chaoba were punished within 3 pm today.