

Woman found dead at Uchiwa

IT News
Imphal, May 19: A married woman was found dead in a suspicious manner inside the pond of a fish farm situated at Uchiwa Awang Salam Thamma Houbi Leikai under Mayang Imphal Police station today morning.

The deceased woman was identified by her uncle and grandmother as Wahengbam Echan Devi (23), d/o late W Birkumar Singh of Sekmajin Khunou Mayai Leikai.

According to report, the dead body was found tied to a rope, one end of which was lying across the road. When locals who were taking their morning walk came upon the rope and tried to pull it out of the pond they discovered the dead body with a noose on her neck in the water.

Family members of the deceased said that the victim is a divorcee and presently staying at her parental home for around one year.

Police is investigating the nature of the death. It is suspected that the victim was raped and murdered and police has sent the body for autopsy.

Bomb blasts at MLA's resident

IT News
Imphal, May 19: Unknown miscreants blasted a bomb at the residential gate of MLA Paomam Brojen at his residence at Wangjing Tenthia at around 9 pm yesterday. Police source suspected the bomb to be IED. However, the blast failed to cause any damage at the area because of the incessant rain.

AMWJU to visit Sajiwa Jail

IT News
Imphal, May 19: With a concrete initiative to step forwarding towards rural reporting in the state, All Manipur Working Journalist Union is organizing a media visit to Sajiwa Central Jail and Imphal Central Jail on May 20.

In connection with the visit, AMWJU President Wangkhemcha Shyamjai in a press meet today urged all the media firms in Manipur to dispute a reporter from every print media and 2 each from electronic media.

The media team will interact with the prisoners as well as the authority of the Sajiwa Jail.

AMWJU is also organizing media visit to Dzuokou Valley and Toushem sub division under Tamenglong district.

JCILPS intensifies agitation; calls on to cease works for 38 hours from 4 am tomorrow

IT News
Imphal, May 19: Intensifying the agitation for introduction of Inner Line Permit System in the state the JCIPLS today announced the people of the state to cease works from 4 am tomorrow morning till 6 pm of May 21 and also ban to all India government offices in the state if ILPS is not introduced.

Speaking in a press meet held today at its office located at Keishampat Sega Road, Convenor of the JCIPLS,

Khondra Ratanakumar said that the 3 ILPS related Bills still remain pending at the office of the President of India. He said the government is playing delaying tactics to fool the people and further added that All Political Parties delegation is also doing the same at the whims of the Congress led government.

"Why do we need to draft another memorandum to submit it to the Government of India?", Ratan asked. He

said already several rounds of meeting has been held and drafting committee of the 3 Bills had discussed in depth. Ratan appealed the people to cease all sort of works including passenger vehicle service, shops, business establishment, schools, colleges and all offices both government and private. He further appealed the people to staged protest shouting slogans for introduction of the Inner Line Permit System in the state.

JAC on Anti-Tribal Bills extends gratitude, alleges state govt. of playing 'communal' card

IT News
Imphal, May 19: The Joint Action Committee Against Anti-Tribal Bills has extended gratitude to tribal people of 'present Manipur' for their support and cooperation in the 48-hours total shutdown of all tribal territories called by the JAC from the midnight of May 16 to the midnight of May 18.

"The communal attitude, discriminatory policies and prejudiced mind of the Manipur government becomes more evident with each passing day. A brief two-month agitation in the valley resulting in a special session of the Manipur State Assembly passing the three anti-tribal bills on August 31, 2015, and a 3-day agitation in the valley for pressurizing the Union Government to give the President's assent led to an All

Political Party Meeting that resolved to send a delegation to voice the concerned of the valley people," said a release from the Information and Publicity Department of the JAC.

However, the Manipur Government has still chosen to turn a blind eye to the 261-days-old tribal movement in the hill/tribal territories till date and even refuses to call a special session of the Manipur Legislative Assembly to deliberate on JAC's charter of demands in spite of request made by JAC. The "ethical and communal Manipur government" continues to undermine the cries of the tribal people till today, added the release.

Further it also said reiterated that the 3-Bills are political in nature- The Protection of Manipur People Bill for

'Identity Politics'; The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Bill for 'Politics of Land' and The Manipur Shops and Establishments (Second Amendment) Bill for 'Politics of Economy and Livelihood'- and have nothing to do with the Inner Line Permit System.

The JAC also appealed media houses in the state to "refrain from misleading the public by wrongly projecting and publicizing these three anti-tribal bills as ILPS Bills and creating unnecessary confusion in the minds of the general public."

Buddha Purnima Celebration 2016

IT News
Imphal, May 19: All Manipur Buddhist Association (AMBA) will be celebrating Buddha Purnima on 21 May at Community Hall, The Youth Development Club Cum Mina Library (YBCCML) Kwakeithel Laishram Leikai, Imphal West. According to the organizers, the celebration will start at 6.30 in the morning with prayers and a book on Buddhism will also be released on the occasion. The statement further extends invitation to one and all to take part in the celebration.

Asst Engineers of PWD to launch strike

IT News
Imphal, May 19: Assistant Engineers of PWD who have joined the department are likely to launch strike if the state government failed to regularize them and arrange for befitting promotion.

It has been informed by one among the 100 SO Grade I, who have been recruited from 1982-1991 during a press meet today.

He also said that since their date of joining they have

not been promoted from the post and remain as AE in-charge for all these years. While, other employees of the department, who have been newly recruited were promoted in three years from their date of joining.

If the concerned authority of the State Government failed to regularize the AE in-charge on one time regular basis, the employees are ready to take the various courses of agitations.

Suspected NSCN-IM cadres ambushed BSF troopers

IT News
Imphal, May 19: Armed assailants suspected to be cadres of NSCN-IM today ambushed a convoy of BSF who were on foot patrol at Melei Lampak Chingon under Heirok Police station in Thoubal district using rocket launchers and other sophisticated machine guns. Miraculously none of the BSF troopers sustained any injury in the deadly attack. Report said that the BSF troopers too retaliated and the gun fight continued for around 30 minutes. Later, additional security force of Thoubal Police Commando reinforced and the armed cadres reportedly fled the area.

The BSF personnel belong to the 54 Battalion, D Coy posted at Chingdempok of Heirok in Thoubal district. Reporters who rushed the



encounter spot found 3 big holes probably dug out by the rocket blasts. Later, combined security troop conducted massive search operation at the area. Commanding Officer of the 54 Battalion BSF personally came to the spot and inspected the site. The ambushed site, Melei

Lampak is located in between Kourangthel of Chandel district and Heirok of Thoubal district. Earlier, about a month back cadres of NSCN-IM had assaulted some of the person working at a Tourist spot being constructed at the area claiming it to be their land. The cadres also reportedly fired several round of gunshots.

Cong ousted in Assam, Kerala; Jaya, Mamata retain power

PTI
New Delhi, May 19: BJP was today set to create history in Assam by ousting Congress which also lost Kerala to the Left front while incumbents AIADMK and Trinamool Congress retained power in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal for a second consecutive term. The tiny Union Territory of Puducherry appears headed for a hung house with the ruling AINRC and Congress-DMK alliance locked in a close fight.

Assam voted for change with Congress, which had been in power for the last 15 years, being routed by the BJP-led alliance which is ahead in 80

out of 126 seats. Marking a new surge, BJP, which had five seats in the last elections, was on its own leading in 56 seats now. Its allies AGP and Bodo People's Front were ahead in 15 and 12 constituencies. The Congress, which had bagged 78 seats in the last elections, was struggling by leading only in 27 seats.

AIUDF, led by Badruddin Ajmal, was leading in 09 seats while Independents were ahead in 6 constituencies. The major surprise in the Assembly elections in four states and Puducherry was a strong show by AIADMK, which several exit polls had

projected to lose. Bucking tradition, the Jayalalitha-led party was well on way to retaining power for a second term in a state which had not returned a ruling party to power since 1989. But it was also not a washout for the opposition DMK, which put up a reasonably good show by leading in 87 seats as against AIADMK's 130 in a house of 234. AIADMK has won one seat. The Congress was ahead in 10 seats and IUML, a DMK ally, PMK and PT were leading in one seat each. The third front of parties headed by Vijaykant's DMKD has failed with even the actor himself trailing in his seat.

KCP Poirei Meitei Lup imposes curfew in the surrounding of Congress and BJP candidates for IMC election

IT News
Imphal, May 19: Kangleipak Communist Party Poirei Meitei Lup has imposed curfew at the surrounding of all congress and BJP candidates of the upcoming IMC election accusing both the parties for playing with the sentiments of the people of the state. In a statement issued by the outfit, it is stated that BJP which is in power at the center and the Congress are playing

blame game instead of doing their work to get approval of the 3 ILPS Bills which is pending for around 8 months. It said the voice of the people is not listen by the state government and is ignored by the central government. It said both the BJP and the Congress are taking more important on IMC election than the peoples' voice. The outfit appealed all the people to stay away from the

candidates of the Congress and BJP and warned the candidates from conducting any kind of campaign. It further said that any protest against the outfit's decision will be accepted as the enemy of the outfit. However, if the Congress and the BJP listen to the voice of the people then it will lift all bands. The outfit also warned all other political party to face the similar action if failed to listen the voice of the people.

Are Manipur's 3 Bills with Rashtrapati Bhavan or PMO?

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Whether or not the three bills - the Protection of Manipur People Bill, 2015, the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2015, and the Manipur Shops and Establishments (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015 - unanimously passed by the Manipur Assembly are constitutional is to be decided not even by the Parliament but by the Supreme Court of India, if the bills become an act. The present complexities arising out of the three bills are primarily not constitutionally and legally complex, but the process of converting the bills into act which is not at all difficult is being made to appear so confusing, all because of the very fact that where the bills, whether in Rashtrapati Bhavan or PMO, are at present is still not discussed and less known to the common people of Manipur.

The all political parties' delegation, which was supposed to reach New Delhi by May 16 but has not yet materialised so far, is still unclear whether who - whether the state's Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh or Manipur Pradesh Congress President T.

N. Haokip - will lead it. If it is not led by the elected Leader of the people of Manipur, notably the Chief Minister of the state, then, how will such delegation show seriousness over the matter regarding the bills to either the President of India or the Prime Minister of India? What will happen if the Prime Minister Narendra Modi asks the delegation - where is your Leader, the Chief Minister? Moreover, why should the state presidents of other political parties be a part of the delegation not led by the state's Chief Minister but by the president of one of the political parties? Will BJP Manipur President Bhabhananda Singh, who already left for New Delhi a few days after he became the state's BJP President, allow himself and his party to be a part of the delegation led by the state president of another political party? The question, which is a product of why the Chief Minister, if he does not lead at all, would not like to lead the delegation, remains is - who will execute the role of the Chief Minister when the Chief Minister goes to New Delhi and stays for a week or more to ensure that not only meeting the President or the Prime Minister takes place but also the conversion of the

bills into act becomes a nearer possibility? Will a senior Cabinet Minister or Deputy Chief Minister take the temporary charge of the Chief Minister? And, if so, then will the Chief Minister Ibobi Singh be comfortable enough to give a time of a week or weeks to Deputy Chief Minister to take the charge? Will the entire departments, particularly Department of Personnel, under the Chief Minister be smoothly functioning under the Chief Minister-in-charge for a week or weeks while the Chief Minister, if away, is to be in New Delhi for exerting the federal rights, enshrined in the Constitution, to ensure the bills to become act? The larger question is - who is to be blamed and by whom for the delay of the conversion of the bills into act? If the bills are considered to have been sent by the Governor of Manipur to New Delhi, then it is to be presumed that they have been sent to the Rashtrapati, and therefore there needs an official acknowledgement of the receipt of the bills sent by the Governor of Manipur from the Rashtrapati Bhavan. If so, then the bills are firmly understood to have been placed in the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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