



Scene captured through lens at Panthou Masaikon complex today morning



Panthou Masaikon turns into war field, indefinite curfew clamped

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Imphal, May 2: The ritual complex of Panthou Masaikon located at Wangkhei Hijam Leirak in Imphal East was turned to a war field today morning after a large number of people vandalise and burnt the vehicles and other infrastructures inside the complex. At least 3 follower of the Panthou Masaikon including a minor girl sustain injury in the mob action. OC of Imphal East, SK Singh also sustained injury after a stone hit at his chest. Following the incident, district administration has clamped indefinite curfew under section 144 of CrPC at Wangkhei Wangkheimayum Leirak, Wangkhei Pukhrabam Leirak, Wangkhei Ayangpali road and Wangkhei Imphal Yairpok road from around 11 am. today morning. According to report, members of the Child Welfare Committee Imphal East,

Manipur Alliance for Child Rights, District Child Protection Unit, Social Welfare Dept and Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights along with parents and guardians of the children kept inside the Panthou Masaikon complex came today morning at around 7 am to collect the children. The committee of the Panthou Masaikon reportedly took around 30 minutes in handing over the children to the CWC, resulting a brief confrontation between the local volunteers associating the government officials and the committee members of Panthou. Following that, the locals of the area turn violent and gathered in large number and started vandalising properties inside the complex. "16 children out of 33 were rescued and handed over to their parents", said a member of the Child Welfare Committee. Soon after the government

committee members left the place the locals started pelting stones inside the complex and attack by vandalising and burning vehicles and other infrastructures inside the complex. Around 13 vehicles including cars, auto-rickshaw were set ablaze and around 10 wheelers were destroyed. The main auditorium of the Panthou Masaikon complex was also set ablaze by the mob. Fire tender rushed to the spot were prevented at first by the locals of the area but later forced inside along with additional team of Imphal East Police. The Fire service extinguished the fire from causing more damage inside the complex. Even after the intervention of the police the local continued to remain hostile prompting the police to fire rounds of gun shot in the air. The police also fired several tear gas shells to disperse the mob.

Manipur Information Centre New Delhi, May 2: Keeping in view the grim road safety scenario in the country and pressing needs to improve the ease of transport; Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH) constituted a Group of Ministers to deliberate on the issues facing the transport sector in the country. The Group of Ministers was mandated to examine the best practices in the road transport sector with a view to improve safety and mobility and to suggest actionable measures for implementation. In the first meeting of the Group of Ministers held on Friday last at Indian Habitat Centre here under the chairmanship of Yoonus Khan, Minister for Public Works Department and Transport, Government of Rajasthan; the Transport Minister of Manipur Dr Kh. Ratan Kumar placed the information on various

measures taken up in Manipur to improve road safety and ease of transport. He said that the State Level Road Safety Council and District Level Road Safety Committees were constituted under the Chairmanships of the Transport Minister and the District Magistrates concerned respectively in the year 2006. The last meeting of the State Level council was held on September 29 last year to monitor the road safety measures in Manipur. The Minister also stated that the High Level Committee on road Safety Measures was constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Manipur in December 2013 and its last meeting was held February 25 last year. The Sub Committee on Black Spots was also constituted under the Administrative Secretary of Transport in May 2015 and started its function with holding meetings followed by

field visits for identification, rectification and maintenance of the roads. He said that the State Road Safety Fund was also created and started various activities like observation of Road Safety weeks and organization of training programmes in collaboration of Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune on Road Safety Measures. The Minister stated that as per guidelines of the Supreme Court of India, the Government of Manipur issued gazette notification in September 2015 with various conditions including seating capacity, colour code and other norms. He informed the meeting that the vehicle population of Manipur as on March 2016 was 2,78,514. Whereas the population as on March 2016 was being compiled and the projected figure might slightly cross figure of three lakh. The annual percentage rise was

about 10.6 percent which was quite alarming. In an average, two accidents occurred in a day and one person was killed in every two days in Manipur, the Minister said. He added, "Another good sign is that during the last five years, numbers of accidents as well as fatal injuries including death are found decreasing with radical increase in minor injuries". With rapidly increasing motorization, India is facing an increasing burden of Road Traffic injuries and fatalities. The provisional data for Calendar year for 2015 shows a figure of 146,000 deaths as compared to around 1,38,000 deaths in the year 2014. The number of people who are seriously injured and disabled is even higher in the range of 25 to 26 lakhs. India is signatory to the Brasilia declaration and is committed to reduce the number of road crash fatality by 50 percent by the year 2020.

Manipur Government takes up road safety measures exhaustively, - Dr. Kh. Ratankumar

JAC continues agitation

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Imphal, May 2: Member of JAC formed in connection with the killing of B a c h a s p a t i m a y u m Pitaranjan (Korabin) has blocked roads and locked down government as well as private offices in and around Porompat in Imphal East today. The JAC claimed that they have decided to road block locking down of government offices after the government authority failed to deliver their demands. It also informed that they would intensify their agitation if the authority failed to arrest the culprit and reward befitting punishment. It may be recalled that Pitaranjan (22), s/o B Shantikumar of Nongmeibung was found dead on April 24 at Kangkhum Village in Ukhrul district a jungle situated around 30km from Kasom Khullen.

Protest staged

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Imphal, May 2: JAC formed against the death of Sagolsem Prashanta today staged sit-in-protest in between Lilong Bridge to Kakwa Keithel demanding immediate justice to the deceased. Large number of women including Meira Paibis and club members joined the protest at different points along the road sides in between Lilong Bridge to Kakwa Keithel. Protesters demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits involved in the killing of Prashanta to deliver justice to the family of the deceased. Prashanta was found hung to death at Lilong area in a suspicious manner.

Army busted weapon forging factory

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Imphal, May 2: Troops of Red Shield Division busted a weapon forging factory located at village Phaijang, under Saparmaina Police Station at Senapati district on April 27. A PIB Defence statement said the operation was led by Jwalamukhi Battalion under Senapati Brigade. The statement said, based on reliable information regarding existence of a weapon forging factory in village Phaijang, an operation

was launched by troops of Jwalamukhi Battalion. The intense search and relentless combing of the house and area adjoining house resulted in recovery of forged weapons, warlike stores, weapon forging equipment and various other accessories. The recoveries include two 9mm Pistols, two partially complete Pistols (90% complete), one Drill machine, one vice (Furnace marking machine), two magazine frames, three file, two Hacksaw blade,

twenty three alphabet punching tools, two weapon bodies, two Barrels, three Recoil spring, one weapon alignment machine, two 9mm magazine and misc tools for making forged weapons. The weapon forging factory was being used extensively for fabricating, assembling, manufacturing and forging weapons for further supplying to Under Ground groups active in SADAR Hills. The recoveries have been handed over to police for further investigation.

KCP (MC) convenes 4th People's Conference

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Imphal, May 2: Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) Military Council (MC) has stated that extortion and attacking people in the name of revolution is a conduct of anti-party. In a release Paikhomba Meitei, Secretary Information and Publicity of the armed outfit informed that the party has convened its 4th People's Conference in connection with the May Day celebration. During the conference the

party has unanimously resolved not to act beyond the will and aspiration of the people, said Paikhomba Meitei. Remembering the struggle of the people against the capitalists and development of communist party in Russia and China, the Secretary Information and Publicity also informed that the cadres of the outfit also observed three minutes silence in respect of the Chicago Haymarket Square.

Media Workshop

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Imphal, May 2: Women Action for Development (WAD) organized a 'One Day Media sensitization workshop on Crime against Women with special reference to suicide cases/suspicious death of women in Manipur' on April 30 at Classic Hotel, Imphal. Editors, Medico Legal Experts, Advocates and other experts attended the workshop as resource persons. The emerging trend of the suicidal case among youths was deliberated during the workshop.

Make in Manipur - Employment generation for unemployed youths of Manipur

DIPR
Imphal, May 2: The govt. of Manipur through the Department of Commerce and Industries has taken initiative to provide jobs to the unemployed youth of the state and launched a "Make in Manipur" an initiative for Employment generation on 26th Nov, 2015 at City Convention Centre, Imphal. The main objective of this project is to provide employment to the youth without extra financial burden on through Micro and small enterprises through community mobilization. It is based on three pillars of community

mobilization, transparency and Universal coverage. In order to achieve the objective, it is planned to set up clusters in rural areas to be associated with an Income generation Activity (IGA) with assured buy-back/marketing linkage. The IGA focuses on produce from agriculture, horticulture, forest, handloom, handicraft, fisheries and animal husbandry, being the strength of the our state's economy, based on cluster approach through community mobilization, training and capacity building with a definitive production plan based on critical mass/volume

factor, marketing linkage with buy-back arrangement and processing facility value addition and storage facility. Under the Make in Manipur initiative, the Department have also initiated two other activities namely Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) and Common Facility Centres (CFCs) at a cost of Rs.15 crore in each districts for proving manpower training and other related infrastructure based on the availability of raw materials such as floriculture, bamboos, fruits, fishes, spices, kauna and plastic in the concerned districts. (Contd. on page 2)

DIPR requests Govt. office heads to sent regular information to public

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Imphal May 2: The Department of Information and Public Relations, Manipur has requested all the heads of departments under the government of Manipur to sent regular regular information on their activities and welfare services for the people to the Directorate office through email

diprmanipur@gmail.com and mkongbam@gmail.com or in persons to the director. In a press statement the DIPR stated that the initiative is being taken up to maintain good public relationship in between the government and the people and also to enable the department to inform the public through various mass media tools what the

government is doing and its plan to do for the welfare of the public. The Directorate office can be contacted at 0385-2450156. DIPR also requested all the Heads of Department to appoint a responsible Officer of the department as the Nodal Officer for the purpose so as to enable DIPR media staff to have in touch with the officer.

NEC sanctioned 10 Crore to advance poultry farming : Min Vet and AH

Gautam Sharma
Imphal, May 2: In an endeavour to create a self-reliant enabling environment in term livestock, the NEC (North East Council) has sanctioned an amount of Rs 10 Crores for advance Poultry farming in the state, this was disclosed by state veterinary and Animal Husbandry minister Govindas Konthoujam during the observance of 'World Veterinary Day-2016 at Manipur Film Development Corporation (MFDC) located at Konung Mamang Imphal on Saturday. While speaking as a president during the function, the minister also informed that the said amount would be utilised within

8-month time under PPP model. However, the implementation of the schemes will only be done after thorough capacity building of the prospective beneficiaries to ensure benefits, the Minister added and the said amount will be utilised within 8-month time under PPP model. However, the minister informed that the implementation will only start after thorough capacity building of the schemes beneficiaries. During function which was held under the theme 'Continuing Education with one Health Focus', the minister said that the state veterinary and Animal

Husbandry is one of the major department in state that is crucial for the socio-economic growth of the state, nevertheless the Vet doctors and officials of the department are often less recognised by peoples and their efforts are not counted, the minister opined in lament. The minister also stressed that concerted effort needs to be drained to become a self-reliant in terms of livestock and its products, for instinct the eggs that is required in the state has been importing from Tamil Nadu and fowls/birds from Guwahati and others states of India. Highlight the vulnerable

trends of livestock business in the state, the minister informed that many livestock' from neighbouring countries intruding the market in Manipur in an illegitimate way, which carries the potent risk of spreading various diseases, including risk to human health. However, the state is yet to have a Quarantine post, even though central government have been approached for the set up. With a meagre budget of 5.75 Cores earmarked for the department, the minister said that the department has been in continues efforts for more improvement and never miss to conduct health camp for

livestock across the State's district. Meanwhile, minister of Health and family Welfare D Korungthang, while speaking at the function, stated that state is in a grief condition due to dart of dedicated workmanship and lack of tangible work culture in majority of the government's department and offices. He justified that many private sectors employees make more dedication with extra-miles performance in their works for their organisation even though the received thin salary than the government employee. The minister confided that the

state can only grow and economically peaked, by stating, "if the public sector employee works wholeheartedly with full dedication" which will benefit the state as a whole". Although 36 beneficiaries, who are from PLWHAS community from 9 nine district and four sub-division, were handed low in-put 25 fowl each during the day's observance. The observance was also attended by Principal Secretary Vet and AH IAS L Lakher, Retd Director Saidokhum Joute and Director Vet and AH Dr. N Rajendro as guest of honour during the function.