



At least 6 AR troopers including a JCO reported killed in gunbattle at Chandel district

IT News
Imphal, May 22: At least 6 personnel of the 29 Assam Rifles including a Junior Commission Officer (JCO) were reported killed in a fierce encounter with rebel groups at Indo-Myanmar Border in Chandel district at around 1 pm today.

Source from the Assam Rifles said that the encounter took place after suspected armed rebel group attack a convoy of 29 AR Battalion under 26 sector Assam Rifles at a place in between Hohenjang and Henshing Village in Chandel district along the Indo-Myanmar border. The source said that the Assam Rifles

troopers were returning after inspecting a landslide area at the side with the CO of the battalion. The AR troopers retaliated and he encounter reportedly lasted for around 1 hours.

Office of the PROIGAR (South) however, decline to provide any detail information regarding the gunfight, but said that the encounter did take place. Source with the Imphal Times said that at least 6 personnel of the AR troopers were killed in the attacked injuring several other. Casualty may increase as some of the personnel were reported seriously wounded in the attack. The source further added that the rebel group took 6 weapons including 1 Insas Rifles, 4 AK-47 rifles and 1

LMG Report reaching here from the border also added that the attack was carried out by the combined army wing of CorCom, an umbrella body of rebel groups operating in the region which includes RPF/PLA, PREPAK, UNLF, PREPAK (PRO) etc. The post of the 29 Assam Rifles under 28 Sector is located at Joupri in Chandel district. Following the fierce encounter, more troops of Assam Rifles reinforced at the site. The AR troops conducted massive search area on the encounter site but so far there were no report of any arrest until at the time of filing this story. As according to the report it could not be confirmed whether there is any casualty at the side of the rebel group or not.

Rivers at Imphal breach at many places, several paddy fields, firms, houses inundated

IT News
Imphal, May 22: Incessant rain during the last few days has cause flood at many places in valley area of the state as rivers in the state breached and overflow at various places at many areas. The incessant rains also severely affected at Hills district too causing landslide at many places in Tamenglong, Chandel and Ukhrul district. Most rivers in Imphal including Imphal River, Nambul River, Iril River and Tentha River breached at Uripok, Khurai and Iriblung area. As many as 100 houses are reported to have been partially submerged by the flood water at Khurai Puthiba Leikai in Imphal East district.

The streets of Khwairamband Keithel area including Paona Keithel road, Thangal Keithel Road were flooded by rain water as the drainage system failed to bear the water volume. Imphal River breached at Telipati area in Imphal East

district. The water breached from the side had flooded around hundreds of houses at Telipati, Khurai Pangei Line and portion of Khurai Lamlong Keithel.

The Imphal river to overflow at Thombutong Bridge area at Bamol Leikai and Singamei Bheigyabati Leikai. Houses at Imphal East side located at the bank of the river were inundated by the River water. The water level still is reported to be rising. At Salanthong area in Khurai people of the area had started shifting their houses to safer as they fear breached of the river.

Due to failure of the major drainage system in Sagalband, Uripok, Naoriya Pakhanglaka and Keishamthong Assembly Constituencies most places were flooded by the rain water. Takhellekai and Irom Pukhri Aichouba Mapal area were also flooded. People of the locality blamed the government authority over its failure to maintain the Waisel



Maril canal. In Thoubal district, many areas at Wangjing, Salungpham, Keirak, Wabgai and places at Kakching were flooded as Sekmai River breached at keirak area. As many as 100 acres of paddy field were submerged under water. Many fishery firms, and other cultivable area are

reported destroyed in the flood. Several houses at Keirak Leirak Achouba and Kakching Chumngang Leikai are inundated under water. So far there are no report of any relief camp being open for the flood affected people in the state, however, local clubs of each affected area are proving every possible assistance to the victims.

Candle light vigil to promote peace in Manipur held

IT News
Imphal, May 22: In the wake of recent bandhs and agitations in the state, around hundreds of like-minded people across the state have thronged at Keishampat today and organized a candle light vigil.

One of the participant identified as Rakesh said that bandh and general strikes in the state has created resentment among the public. An estimated revenue loss of Rs 35 Crores happens each day whenever a bandh/strike is called in Manipur and till now there have been almost 71 days of bandh called in 2016. The worst affected ones during this period are the daily wage earners, he said.

Civil society organizations are imposing bandh and general strike to attain their goals, however they never achieve it through this conventional means of imposing public bandh, said the participant.

He also urged civil bodies to avoid calling bandh, general strikes and any forms of restriction in view of the sufferings faced by the people and society.

Candidates urge to re-conduct MPSC exam

IT News
Imphal, May 22: Candidates appeared in the recently held Manipur Civil Services Preliminary Examination conducted by Manipur Public Service Commission on May 15 has alleged of misconduct and urged authority to hold the exam result with demand to re-conduct the examination.

Ayum Rogendro, a candidate of the examination and president of Joint Action Committee formed against misconduct of MCS preliminary examination 2016, representing other fellow candidates informed media persons in a meet at Manipur Press Club that the instructions given in the question booklet of the exam created a complete mess to a large number of candidates. In the serial number 9 of the instruction it was written that "There will be no penalty for wrong answers" again with the pen clause "there will be penalty for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the objective type question papers", when candidates enquired about the confusion,

in some centres, again after being inquired by their respective invigilators they were informed that no penalties are for those four wrong questions while the rest 196 questions will have the negative marking as instructed. While in some centres candidates were informed that there will be no penalty for all questions; while again in some centres, because of no communication from Commission office, confused invigilators left the matter to the candidates itself, informed Rogendro.

He further alleged MPSC for non-uniformity of exam timing that in some centers candidates were given for only 10 minute extra time while in some others gave 20 minute which really does not sound in such competitive examination. Lambasting in MPSCs such for negligence and misconduct of exam, the JAC along with other student bodies like MSF, DESAM, SUK, AMSU called to hold the exam result and demanded to re-conduct of the exam.

Public discussion on demand for inclusion of Meitei/Meetei in ST list held 'Where is the dignity when people are seeking alms'

IT News
Imphal, May 22: The Coordinating Body on Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee (CBSTDC) has taken two resolutions during the public discussion on the demand for inclusion of Meitei/Meetei in the scheduled tribe list in India held at Iboiyama Sumang Lila Sanglen, Konung Mamang here today.

The gathering unanimously resolved and reaffirmed the earlier stand of Schedule Tribe Demand Committee to include Meitei/Meetei in the Scheduled Tribe list as per the Constitution of India and continue their demand till attainment. Secondly, it also resolved to press the Government of Manipur to recommend inclusion of Meitei/Meetei in the Scheduled Tribe list during the upcoming July session of the Manipur Legislative

Assembly. Speakers at the discussion delivered on various reason and need for Meitei/Meetei to claim the status of Scheduled Tribe as a mechanism to protect the ethnic identity of the community in accordance with provisions under the Constitution of India.

Addressing the gathering S Manaboi, Retired Colonel said that the present demand for ST status is the realization of 'sense of survival'. The Meitei/Meetei, the predominant community of the state is now reduced to a weaker section of the society due to lack of powers in economy, bureaucracy, geography and population.

With little more than 700000 populations, the land for Meitei/Meetei has been reduced to 2000 KM square in the 22,000 KM square geographical land area of the state. Nobody knows when the



community will go extinct, said Manaboi.

Stating that the people of Manipur are living at the mercy of the Central

Government, the Retired Colonel said that there will be no dignity when the starving people came to roads seeking alms from others.

Army clears land slide at New Magaimai NH-129A

IT News
Imphal, May 22: Troops of Maram Battalion under the aegis of Senapati Brigade under, Red Shield Division, cleared a major landslide in NH-129A near village New Magaimai. Reports were received in the early hour on 21 May 2016 regarding blockade of NH-129A due to a landslide which occurred due to heavy

rains. The road was broken, filled with lots of mud and heavy boulders, thereby effectively blocking traffic, resulting in lots of hardships for the locals and commuters. The soldiers without wasting time, moved to the land slide area and with the assistance of the villagers cleared the road which facilitated the move of civil transients.

Army organizes medical camp at remote areas in Tml dist.

IT News
Imphal, May 22: Troops of Red Shield Division organised medical camps in most remote places of Tamenglong district from 13 to 20 May 2016. Medical camps were organized on request of villagers. Medical team of Tamei Battalion led by RMO walked six days from Dikuiram to Katangnam village and conducted medical camps in Magulong, New Impa, Inem, New Magulong and Katangnam villages. A total of 180 patients were examined and provided medical treatment for ailments like respiratory diseases, skin diseases, hypertension, gastrointestinal infection, worm infections. Medicines and first aid kit were provided to patients and informed about preventive measures for

various diseases. It will be pertinent to mention here that the villages, where the medical camps were held are an average of approximately 09 Km to 37 Km away from the nearest towns and the team had to walk a long distance in remote areas, along with all the supplies and other essentials, to go to the villages. Many of the places have no mobile connectivity and only one primary health care centre available, at New Impa, Inem. The villagers said that it was like a very pleasant surprise for them and would be always eternally grateful to the Defence Forces for such a noble and humane gesture. They also requested for organising of such extremely helpful and people friendly events in the rural areas in the future.

Dilemma over appointment of Deputy Labour Commissioner

IT News
Imphal, May 21: It is told that there is a post of Deputy Labour Commissioner in the Department of Labour, Government of Manipur which is to be appointed by promotion failing which by direct recruitment according to the relevant provisions for the method of recruitment in its recruitment rules framed under Art 309 of the constitution of India. The said post of Deputy Labour Commissioner is vacant since 31-10-2010, and the same is yet to be filled up by appointment under and in accordance with the provisions for method of recruitment in its recruitment rules. The method of recruitment to fill up the post is by promotion from the feeder post, namely Labour Officer in the scale of pay of Rs.500-1350 under the government of Manipur with at least 7 years of regular service in the grade (class I Gazetted) failing which

by direct recruitment from the eligible persons. According to an office memorandum issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Government of Manipur in this behalf the crucial date for eligibility for promotion to the said post was 31-10-2010 during the recruitment year 2010-2011. The vacant post was not filled either by promotion or appointment by direct recruitment during the recruitment year 2010-2011 nor the next recruitment years 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and nobody claimed for consideration of his/her case for appointment to the same by promotion till date. It reveals the facts that there was no eligible candidate for appointment to the said post by promotion during the recruitment year, 2010-2011 in which the vacancy in the said post occurs and that the said

vacancy fell for direct recruitment under the provisions for method of recruitment as soon as the method of recruitment by promotion was found inapplicable as on the said crucial date of eligibility during the recruitment year 2010-2011. Many educated youths eligible for the appointment to the said post by direct recruitment have expectations to apply in the direct recruitment of the same. Reasonable sources said that the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms had sent to the Manipur Public Service Commission proposals for convening a DPC for appointment to the said vacant post by promotion in spite of the direct recruitment method applicable to the same. The person, whose case is to be considered by the DPC for

appointment to the said vacant post by promotion during the recruitment year 2010-2011 since he/she never held the said feeder post at least 7 years of regular service in the (Class I Gazetted) of the feeder post. By this time his/her eligibility or otherwise for the appointment by promotion to the said post was not properly examined and settled by under opportunity for appointment to the said post is being created and given to him/her without giving the same opportunity to their similar situated employees. It is also seriously said that in view of the law well settled by the Honorable Supreme Court of India in the cases of Bhatnagar A.K-Vs Union of India (1991) 1 SCC 544 (Para 13) and Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu Vs D. Subramayan Rajadevan (1996) 5SSC 334 (Paras 4 and 5) that

once rules framed by central/State Government under Art.309 of constitution of India are solemn rules having binding effect. Government should refrain from their acting in a manner not contemplated by their own rules and once rules framed by the central and the State Government must be strictly followed and their action in respect of the matters covered by the rules should be regulated by the rules. In case the matter of the recruitment to the said vacant post is regulated by the relevant provisions of the recruitment in its recruitment rules framed under Art. 309 of Constitution of India, the said post shall have to be filled up by appointment by direct recruitment and opportunity of employment will be extended to the unemployed educated persons eligible for appointment to the said post.