

4 KSA volunteers including General Secretary arrested by police

KSA threatens to launch agitation if not released unconditionally

IT News

Imphal, May 27: General Secretary of KSA Sukham Bidyandana, along with 4 other members of the student body were arrested a team of city police led by City Police OC Sudhir at around 3.30 pm today from the office of Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) located at Keishampat Soga Road.

Police source said that the KSA volunteers were arrested for seizing salt packet from a grocery shop located at Keishampat leimajam leikai and from a shop at Thangal Keithel. The owner of the Grocery



The two owner of grocery shops picked up KSA for allegedly selling adulterated salt before the 4 KSA were arrested by police

Shop at keishampat leimajam leikai identified as Rajesh kumar Yadav (aged about 28) presently staying at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai and another owner of a grocery shop located at Thangal keithel identified as Dasrat

Prasad (48 years) son of late Dinanath Prasad of Telipati in Imphal East were picked up by the student volunteers and paraded before the media persons alleging them for selling adulterated salt packets. Soon as the press meet begins, the team of city police led by

OC Sudhir came to the office and picked up four volunteers including general secretary of KSA Sukham Bidyandana. The other three students picked up by the police are identified as Kh. Sanjoy (Deputy secretary, KSA), L. Rajesh (Member KSA) and Y. Luwang (members).

Earlier too, the city police team had raided the office of the KSA at around 2 before the students' office bearers came to the office.

Minutes after the arrest of the 4 student volunteers, HRD Secretary of the KSA, Angoutun Khuman speaking to media persons threatened intense form of agitation if the four KSA volunteers were not released unconditionally.

He said, the police instead of checking the selling of adulterated food items the police have been turning to the students' body that were policing such anti social activities.

ILP protest continues

Protest underway; more students joins

IT News

Imphal, May 27: 6 students who had begun the indefinite sit-in-protest demanding released the 2 students arrested by police on May 24 continues the fast at Keishampat leimajam leikai. As more students joined them the number of students undergoing the indefinite sit-in-protest reached 21. The students are demanding unconditional release of S Bidyaxlami and P Bruce, who were arrested by police for staging protest in front of BJP Office on May 24 afternoon. Both were remanded 15 days remand in judicial custody yesterday. The students are demanding implementation of ILPS in the state. They warned to intensify the agitation if the two students were not released immediately.

On the other hand, around hundreds of students of TG Higher Secondary School today came out in front of their school and staged protest demonstration demanding immediate implementation of ILPS. Slogans denouncing the state government inability to pursue the central government for getting assent of the 3 ILPS related Bills were



displayed. Meanwhile, the Student Wing of the JCILPS today said that they will intensify the agitation from tomorrow as none of the delegation of the All Political Party had leave for New Delhi. Earlier the

student body had set deadline today. The Student Wing had stated that they will resume intense form of agitation if the all political party delegation failed to apprise the central government for getting assent of the 3 ILPS Bills.

IPAK warns Yambem Laba over his statement on ILPS

IT News

Imphal, May 27: Chairman of IPAK, Sapamcha Jadumani today warned Yambem Laba, former member of Manipur Human Rights Commission and Senior Journalist over his statement regarding implementation of ILPS in the state while delirium speech at Hboiyama Sumang Leela Sanglen.

Jadumani said that during a public meeting in connection with the demand for ST status on May 22, Yambem Laba had stated that the ILPS will never be possible.

Jadumani questioned on what ground the noted journalist had stated such irrelevant statement when ILPS is still enforced at neighbouring states of Manipur.

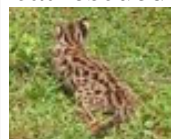
IED found

IT News

Imphal, May 27: Troops of 7 AR today recovered an IED planted at a road side at Teddim road.

A report said that troops of 7AR E-coy stationed at COB Khengiang recovered the IED planted near Vanghophai vill between S.Kawlian and Torbung Bungalow which is approx. 150 mtrs from BSF CI-Post (G-coy) Torbung Bangla. Army bomb disposal squad from Bishnupur had safely diffused the said IED.

Leopard cat rescued



IT News

Imphal, 27: A leopard cat locally known as Keijenglang has been rescued from Kangmong Meisnam Maning Leikai under Imphal West today morning.

The young wild animal was first spotted at the area by some local youths early in the morning. Some of them have even attempted to killed and eat the wild mammal, according to report.

However, a team of volunteers led by General Secretary of Socio Economic Development Organisation (SEDO), Yumnam Nabakumar intervened the youths and rescued the leopard cat. Along with Forest Range Officer, L. Biramangol Singh, Environmentalist, Dr Kh Samungol the wild animal was handed over to the officials of Manipur Zoological Garden, Iroisemba by volunteers of SEDO, thorough General Secretary of Nambol Mandal, BJP Jiten Ahongsangba today at around 11.30 am. The team also extended gratitude to locals of Kangmong area for safely handing over the rare species of leopard.

Chief of Longa Koireng passes away

IT News

Imphal, May 27: Chief of the Longa Koireng Village, Sadar Hills (W), Senapati District under Saitu Assembly Constituency, S. Sokhel Koireng passed away as a result of his prolong illness on early morning of May 26. He was 78 years old. He was born on 24th December 1937 at Longa Koireng to the late S. Kipchuong and Late Sonei. He is survived by three sons, two daughters and eight

grandchildren.

The funeral service held yesterday at his residence was administered by Rev. VL. Rocky, Pastor of the Longa Koireng Baptist Church. IFCD Minister Ngamthang Haokip, ADC Member of Sadar Hills Johny Gamgei, along with leaders of the community attended the funeral service.

He is the first person in the village to serve as the State Government Employee who



joined as a Teacher on 3rd February 1961 and retired on 31st March 2001.

Moist claims Bomb threat to Dy. Director health

IT News

Imphal, May 27: Armed group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur, Central head Quarter today claimed responsibility of the hand grenade placed to the residence of Dr. N Shyamjai, Dy. Director Health Services Manipur at his residence at Khongman Zone 5. In a press statement the Maoist said that the attacked is the second attacked to the Dy. Director. It said 2 years back to similar threat has been served in relation to corruption practice by this persons. The statement further said that the outfit welcome the

protest by the locals of the area against placing of bomb but question if any such protest has been staged to drive out a person involved in the multicore corruption practice by such person.

The statement further alleged the State Health department to have been run by the relative of Chief Minister. It said the Director of Health Services is even more powerful than the health Minister. A pharmacist, who is a relative of Chief Minister is drawing salary without attending his service. The driver of the wife of this pharmacist is even more powerful than the

Police personnel on duty.

The statement said that some of the Police personnel were put in locked up for frisking the driver of this pharmacist. Stating that such one family one politics is the culture of Congress, the outfit said that many incident had happened at which police officer had to be transferred for seizing drugs that belonged to the relative of the Chief Minister or for preventing parking at the wrong place.

The outfit said it will continue attacking the deputy director N. Shyamjai if he failed to revealed the truth about his crime to the public.

KCP Poirai Meitei Lup warns WI Enterprise

IT News

Imphal, May 27: Proscribed group Kangleipak Communist Party, Poirai Meitei Lup today alleged that a firm called M/S W.I. Enterprises, has not clear bills for transporters which were engaged for ferrying of FCI goods from Dimapur to Sangaiapur and Koirengei here

in Imphal between the year 2012 to 2016. In a press hand out the outfit said that the firm M/S. W.I. Enterprises has been awarded for transportation of Rice for FCI for the said mentioned years. The firm hired transporters for ferrying of rice but had not cleared their bills even as they

have already withdraw the money. The outfit said all works awarded to this firm has been banned until the pending due is being cleared. The outfit also appealed all concern authority to properly implement the Food Security Act and warned serious consequences if found anomalies.

NSCN/GPRN says they are not terrorist

IT News

Imphal, May 27: Questioning the Indian Government whether Mongal Pandey, Bhagat Singh, SC. Bose etc are being treated as terrorist simply because the British Government outlawed them for waging war against them, GPRN/NSCN today justify their war against the government of India. In a press statement emailed to Imphal Times, the rebel group said India must retrospect the tyranny her own people suffered for centuries under the foreign rule. All the inhuman laws

which the British enforced in order to repress the freedom struggle of Indians only hastened the demise of British rule in India.

The press statement issued by Col. Issak Sumi, MIP NSCN/GPRN further stated that freedom fighter like Bhagat Singh was branded as terrorist by British government and hanged to death for his heroic act of patriotism (Bombing of the Assembly) but he was worshipped as a hero by every Indian and many youths drew inspirations from his sacrifice, took up arms and staunchly

fought to expel the British forces from India and another great Indian freedom fighter Subash Chandra Bose remains immortalised and many Indians still refuse to accept his death to this day. The NSCN asked whether the heroic act of Subash Chandra will be accepted or not. Indian government must understand from her long bitter experience under colonial rule that no amount of force however oppressive and overwhelming can be forceful enough to suppress the genuine human longing for freedom, liberty and justice for too long.

Denying ST status: Feeding the ghost from the past

Kh. Ibomcha

Like any other commoner does, I, for a while, have been at my wit's end otiosely trying to sort out reasons why some among us, rather those anti-tribal proponents, do not like to get Meiteis enlisted as ST under Indian constitution that could make both 'ching' and 'tam' stand on a par with each other. But the next moment, there, on my mind, flashed up an idea—the idea of 'honour killing'—hitting me home accounting for all the whys and wherefores of their unwillingness to locate valley-men where hill-men are socio-politically placed under Indian constitution.

Looking from a sociological point of view, anti-ST champion's non-acceptance and furor over Pro-ST proponents' idea of clubbing 'Ching-Tam' together through putting 'tam' where 'ching' has already been constitutionally put, in every sense, seems to be very much akin to malevolent mental makeup of 'honour killing' where one kills one's own daughter who has been perceived as soiling family honour.

If one carefully keeps on observing the polemic over whether or not Meitei has to be included in ST list of Indian constitution

as widely debating now across the state, what can effortlessly be perceived is the fact how most arguments put up by anti ST crusaders hitch onto the idea of taking Meitei as a group much more advanced than hill-people in every aspect blowing the whistle on their concealed mindset that furiously says 'living together with hill-settlers' is as much dishonourable as eating with Sudra or Dalit in Indian society based on caste system. "It is a matter of pride that obligates Anti-ST campaigners to stand against the move tossed by STDC" is what a Professor teaching economics in Manipur university arrogantly said on a television talk show hosted by Impact TV closing out hills from the civilizational order he was talking about on that day making fervent slip-ups unclocking their outlooks, more devilish than evils, which they have tried to put behind the screen, a deeply-seated attitude that makes them think mixing with 'chingmees' as dishonourable and impious.

Boiling down the entire argument made by them since the day this polemic over the issue was born, we can see fear of 'Jat-Taba' as the main cause of Anti-ST's condemnation of ST movement, while at the same time this fear of 'Jat-taba' subtly

unmasks another eye-opening fact yanking out presence of elements highly wired with the hierarchization based on their own brand of casteism that has been transmitted into their whole psychic system as a product of mistaking Indian culture as theirs.

Almost all the intellectuals supporting anti-ST campaign including some moss backed professors teaching MU hinge their arguments on the idea of 'high and low' trafficked in our state many years ago Xeroxing values alien to us wherein honour killing has been read as normal stuff besides taking it as a must to protect family honour suggesting us the need to curb down any social or political movement attempting to bring 'ching' and 'tam' together.

To pick up on this attitude analogous to killing one's own daughter to restore family honour, we can refer to an argument made by Professor MC Arun on May 18's 'Manning Hutna' of Impact TV where you will hear his opinion on 'inclusion of Meitei in ST list'. In that program he cried out, "I do not like to ascribe this tag of backwardness" overtly inferring highlanders as people much lesser than the group he represents. (Contd. on page 2)