



JCILPS supporters staging protest at Langjing area

ILPS protest continues at various places, 3 injured, 8 picked up

IT News
Imphal, May 30: As part of the ongoing protest demonstration demanding implementation of ILPS in Manipur, hundreds of students in different parts of the state have carried out protest demonstrations today. Eight girl students, who were injured and admitted at RIMS following yesterday's protest at Keishampat Junction where water cannon was used to disperse the student protesters, came out of the

hospital and staged silent protest at Moirangkhom near Krishnapremi oil station at around 1 pm. The students carried out the protest by covering their mouths with black scarves. Later, a team of Imphal Police personnel picked up the students from the protest site and were taken into custody. Meanwhile, two student protesters of CC Higher Secondary High School were also detained by police today. Demanding the release of students, a large number of

students of the school today staged protest demonstration in front of the main gate of the institute. They also submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister through DC of Imphal East demanding to convert the three ILPS Bills into Acts and to release the apprehended students without any conditions. Students of Standard Robarth Hr Sec School, Sika Hr Sec School, Imphal Public School, Dhanswori Hr Sec School took out a protest rally today at around 11 am shouting

slogans and holding placards demanding immediate implementation of ILPS in the state. The students numbering in hundreds marched from their respective schools from Canchipur towards Kakwa bazaar where state security personnel prevented them from proceeding further. Under the supervision of Students' Wing of JCILPS, students of Khurai- Ukhrul road have carried out a protest rally at Khurai Lamlong area.

Three students from Sika Hr Sec School sustained injuries in the ensuing scuffle between the agitating students and the police who have to resort to firing even tear gas shells in an attempt to disperse the crowd. Students from various institutes from Thoubal area also staged protest march. Meanwhile students from 10 colleges in the state (DM Science, Arts, Commerce, MB College, NB College, Liberal College, Standard College, NG College, Oriental College, Manipur College) organised a discussion in which it was unanimously resolved to intensify agitation against the state government and the police if the All-Political Party fail to proceed to Delhi to take the assent of the President on the 3 ILPS related Bills.

Khurai, Sagolband Langjing Achouba, New Chekon, Sangakpam, Wangkhei, Kongba Ayang Palli, Kongba

Nandeibam Leikai, Samuroi, Singamei and Mayai Lambi area blocked roads at their respective areas.

IMAS VOW TO INTENSIFY AGITATION
Coming out with strong reservations over yesterday's 'brutal' police action on girl students at Keishampat on Sunday, Emas of various civil bodies have decided to lend support with Students' Wing of JCILPS to intensify the ongoing protest demonstration.
Ph Sakhleima, President of Apunba Manipur Kanba Ima Lup (AMKIL) alleged while addressing a group of media at Keishampat office of JCILPS that the state government is the custodian of non-locals. "They couldn't bear to see any non-local in sorrow."
When the students are coming out of schools demanding the government to implement Inner Line Permit System, the legislatures are worrying about Imphal Municipal Corporation Election, said the women's leader.
RK Sanahambi, President of Kanglei Ima Lup also said that they will continue their protest until the demand for ILPS is achieved.
One innocent student- Sapam Robinhood was killed and many are continuing to be injured owing to brutal police action. The conduct of the government is inviting for another June 18 incident, she said.
Representatives of AMKIL, Poirai Leimarol, Women Welfare Organisation Kangleipak, Nupi Samaj and Nongpok Leingak Apunba Lup who were present at the meet also endorsed the stand to intensify agitation.

KUFO cadre apprehended

IT News
Imphal, May 30: Troops of Jwalamukhi Battalion under the aegis Senapati Brigade of Red Shield Division apprehended an active cadre of KUFO in an operation carried out on 27 May 2016. Based on specific inputs regarding presence of a suspected cadre of KUFO in Leimakhong of Senapati district, an operation was launched by troops of Jwalamukhi Battalion, which led to apprehension of a KUFO cadre identified as Seihen Lhouvam, age 45 years, s/o Seikhoahao Lhouvam, resident of village Leimakhong, Police Station - Saparmaina, District - Senapati. He confessed of being involved in extortion and nefarious activities and is trained by KRA at T 'Gammom. The individual has been handed over to Saparmaina Police Station for further investigation.

Man shots protestors at Kongba area

IT News
Imphal, May 30: In a bizarre incident, a 50-year-old businessman has reportedly opened fired at ILPS protestors while he was attempting to stop by a group of local ILPS protestors at Kongba Thangjam Leikai Heinoubon area today

afternoon at around 2 pm. The person, who is claimed to be a contractor, has been identified as Longjam Amar, s/o Late L Gokulchand of Kongba Keithel. Fuming with the conduct of Amar, a large number of protestors and locals have stormed at his residence.

After he (Amar) refuses to tender apology and surrender before local Meira Paibis, the enraged mob attacked his house. A team of Iribung Police station rushed at the site; however they have been facing a tough time to contain the enraged mob.

IMC election campaign heated up

IT News
Imphal, May 30: The tempo of the ILPS demand agitation is slowly diverting with the voting day for the IMC election just 3 days to go. Blamed game between two the main political parties Congress and the BJP is filling the air in Imphal amidst the protest by JCIPLS supporters at various part of the city. Both BJP and Congress had field candidates

in all the 27 wards. Other political parties too field candidates at some of the wards. As according to source all the polling booth in all the 27 wards has been declared as sensitive area. Candidates are seen campaigning at its top at all the 27 wards. The ruling congress has distributed MLAs to take care of the wards to make sure the wining of

their candidate. As for the BJP too, the two MLAs as well as hard core activist of the BJP had been working with hard and soul to make sure for their candidates. Polling will begin from the 8 am of June 2 and concluded at 4 pm date of re-poll if any is June 4 and counting of vote will be done on June 6. On June 6 election will be completed.

MCPCR appeals authorities to use minimum force to control agitation by young people

IT News
Imphal, May 30: The Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR), while acknowledging the crucial role being played by security forces, police in maintaining law and order situation of the state amid the present ongoing agitation, in which students of schools and higher secondary schools, who are young girls and boys under the age of 18 are the main protestors, considers to appeal to all the stakeholders and authority not to adopt wide spread, systemic and institutionalized physical abuse and create psychological damage of the young people that will give long lasting negative impact in their future life. In a press statement the Commission opined that the strategy and approach for controlling the children protestors must be different from adult targeted ones. "As a matter of fact the very interpretation of "Minimum Force" needs to be redefined and reviewed contextually. For that matter, lathi charge, tear gas, shells and rubber bullets should not be used arbitrarily and abruptly against the children, and ordering to use such dangerous and deadly means as minimum force without

justifiable ground realities against the young children is unwarranted", Chairperson of the MCPCR, SK Sharma said. The statement said if required, the security forces should use other less injurious means such as repeated convincing warning through loud speaker, ensuring adequate barricades, water cannon may be an option as last resort, while encountering the young children. The proportionate force to their tender age and their probable strength should be taken into consideration before resorting any violent means. There should be always arrangements for ambulance and first aid along the side of such confrontation. The underlying principle is - our security forces and police should be rather a child friendly and Protective Force than hostile force unleashing devastating impact to right to life and the rights of the child to freedom of association and to freedom of peaceful assembly. Excessive and disproportionate use of force on children and

young students is unbecoming in a democratic country like India, a country which ratified the UN Convention on Rights of the Child and where Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 is in force. A groundbreaking training manual for Police and Security Forces, Juvenile Justice, Human Rights and decent mob control standard must be introduced. It is worth to remind here that the Section 75 (Punishment for cruelty to Juvenile or Child) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 states that, "whoever, having the actual charge of, or control over, a child, assaults, abandons, abuses, exposes or willfully neglects the child or causes or procures the child to be assaulted, abandoned, abused, exposed or neglected in a manner likely to cause such child unnecessary mental or physical suffering, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine of one lakh rupees or both".

Protest staged to follow UGC reservation norms in MU

IT News
Imphal, May 30: A group of students and civil society representatives today staged protest demonstration in front of Manipur University A-Block against any move to violate the reservation norms for ST/SC/OBCs in the University provided under the provision of the University Grant Commission (UGC). A demonstrator while speaking to media persons said that as per the reservation policy of the UGC, the seat reserved for the Scheduled Caste (SC) is 15%, for Scheduled Tribe (ST) is 7.5% and for Other Backward Classes (OBC) is 27%. The reservation norm was followed from 2009 to 2013 but in 2014 -15 academic session, the then registrar of



the Manipur University Prof. L. Lokendro change the reservation norms declaring the location of the Manipur University as Tribal Inhabited area. In tribal inhabited area the reservation norms can be adjusted at 31% for the ST flowing that reservation for the SC has been reduced to 2% and for OBC it was reduced to 17%. Questioning whether the University is located at tribal

inhabited area or enforce the 6th Scheduled, the student demonstrators asked on what ground the academic council of the university is going to increase the seat reservation for ST to 31%. He further added that there is state seat reserved in the University and how could the MU Academic Council violate the UGC norms in order to appease some section of Tribal students.

CIRKA appealed to hoist Pakhangba flag on August 14

IT News
Imphal, May 30: Coalition for Indigenous' Rights Campaign (CIRKA), Manipur has appealed people of Manipur to celebrate Manipur Independence Day by hoisting Pakhangba printed flag all over the state on August 14. The body urges not to impose any kind of bandhs or blockades or any other form of agitation which will hinderance on the celebration.

Incessant downpour worsens Imphal-Jiribam highway

IT News
Imphal, May 30: Incessant heavy downpour in recent days has worsened the already dilapidated National Highway 53 (Imphal-Jiribam). A recent journey from Imphal to silchar brought to light the fact that the worst sections of National Highway are found nowhere else but in Manipur. Even though the Centre is spending huge amount of funds to complete the repairing work along Imphal-Jiri road, the condition of the highway continues to remain in its worst state due to poor progress in work and frequent occurrence of landslides.



Of the entire stretch of the highway, only a 60 km long Imphal-Noney stretch is in a comparatively good condition while beyond Noney upto Nungba, the road is littered with pot-holes thereby causing lots of inconveniences to transporters and passengers alike.

However, the road stretch from Nungba to Keiphundi is in the most pathetic condition making it unsuitable even for pedestrians, let alone plying of vehicles. Like in Manipur where many sections are covered by

columns of dust during dry seasons and thick layers of slush during rainy season, some portions of the highway leading to Silchar in Assam are also proving to be tortuous to travelers. One would come across such pathetic conditions on the Imphal-Jiribam (NH 53) highway which connects to Silchar in Assam. Even though local media have published the existing condition of NH 53 every now and then, it merits a comparative study. One may say that Imphal-Awangkhul section of the highway has improved

considerably but the remaining portions have not seen any improvement so far. The condition of the highway from Awangkhul to Barak bridge is terrifying. After crossing Barak bridge, the road is all covered by stones (for expansion of the highway) upto Nung Dolan. As for the Barak and Makru suspension bridges which are the vital links of NH 53, they are what they have always been, with no sight of any improvement in the foreseeable future. The condition of the Irang bridge is in its worst condition and BRO men were found repairing the bridge.

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