



Students of Physical Education department, Manipur University staging sit-in demonstration demanding resignation of HoD

Inferno at PCTC Oil pump Imphal

Fire sparks while trying to unload petrol in a half drum instead of unloading it in underground tank – report

IT News
Imphal, Nov 23: Imphalites today were shocked to witness PCTC oil pump caught by an inferno when the state is facing extreme hardship due to scarcity of fuel. Report said that the inferno sparked at around 11.40 am today morning when people are waiting in queue to get petrol at the oil pump here in the capital. "People were waiting in queue to get petrol when the arson broke out", said a local of Thangmeiband said. A passenger Auto bearing registration No. MN 01-7669 which was waiting in queue was also caught in the fire. PCTC Oil pump is located near the Southern gate of DM



College campus and is close to the JN Dance Akademi Imphal.

After United Naga Council (UNC) had imposed indefinite economic blockade along the National High way since November 1, people of the state has been facing extreme hardship due to fuel scarcity. Only few days back the state government had transported the fuel in full security and started distributing on rationing basis. Picture uploaded through social media showed the

petrol pump caught by the inferno. Nearby residents were put in complete confusion in panic. Police which rushed the spot prevented vehicles at both ends of the road coming from the opposite directions where the Petrol pump is located. Fire Service rushed the spot and extinguished the fire from turning the area into ashes at around 12 noon. After few hours the firemen successfully extinguished the fire. Photo captured from the

complex suggested that the fire could have sparked while trying to unload the petrol to a half drum. Report said that fuel loaded trucks are not permitted to unload at any containers but is mandatory to unload it to the underground tank. Even as the scene suggested massive damage in the petrol pump, only the truck and some portion were reported damage in the inferno. The underground fuel tank is reported to be saved. Miraculously no person was injured in the inferno.

Two labourers kidnapped

IT News
Imphal, Nov 23: Unidentified armed persons kidnapped two labourers from Saikul area late yesterday evening. A report reaching here said that unidentified armed persons called out the two labour from their makeshift camp at Saikul and took away with them. The labourers were engaged in black topping and retaining wall construction works being carried out by one contractor identified as Shyam Meitei. The two kidnapped labourers are identified as Akhom Surjit, son of A Chandra and Kabaram Yaima, son of K Ibohah. Both are residents of Lillong Arrapti Mayai Leikai. Unconfirmed source reveals that KCP Poirei Meitei Lup might have been responsible for the kidnapping.

BJP poster campaign conducted

IT News
Imphal, Nov 23: As part of the state wide election poster campaign launched by BJP Manipur Pradesh, workers and sympathisers of BJP Keirao Mandal on Wednesday conducted a poster campaign at Thiyang Konjil village in Keirao Assembly constituency. Four aspiring BJP candidates of eastern side of Keirao Assembly constituency namely Ningthoujam Tomba Meetei, Salam Lala Singh, Thongram Gope and Thongram Tony, and convener of Social Development Committee, Keirao Kendra eastern side Salam Hembra led the poster campaign. Speaking to media persons, Social Development Committee Keirao Kendra eastern side convener Salam Hembra said that Keirao assembly constituency, particularly the eastern



portion, is the most neglected part in the state during the 15 years congress regime in the state. Fed up with the Congress misrule and the MLAs representing the Keirao A/C, people in the eastern side of the constituency have unanimously decided to project an MLA from the side who would ensure sparking all round development and wipe out the prolonged communal politics plaguing the communal harmony among the Meetei, Muslim and tribal communities in the constituency, Hembra

asserted. He maintained that local clubs, organizations, village authorities both in the hill and valley of the constituency have recently formed an apex body and pledged to extend unflinching support to one of the four aspiring candidates in eastern side who deserves BJP ticket. The poster campaign started at around 8 am. During the campaign, volunteers of the BJP Mandal appended the lotus symbol of BJP along with various slogans like "Save Manipur, Vote for BJP."

CM flags off India-Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Car Rally

Such car rally will strengthen relationship- CM

DIPR
Imphal, Nov. 23: Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh flagged off India- Myanmar-Thailand (IMT) Friendship Car Rally from Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal this morning. Wishing the participants of the Rally a happy and safe journey, Chief Minister expressed that such a car rally would definitely help in strengthening the relationship between India and the South East Asian countries. He also said that this Rally would give a wide range of experience while travelling from Delhi to Moreh via Imphal and then up to the final destination Bangkok (Thailand) through Myanmar. He also thanked the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of DoNER and other Ministries of Government of India for supporting the Rally. It may be mentioned that the IMT Friendship Motor Car Rally is piloted by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India with the active support from the Ministries of External Affairs/ DoNER/Tourism/Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India. The Rally is organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata and Kalinga Motor Sports Club (KMSC), Odisha. The Rally was flagged off from New Delhi on November 13, 2016 and will conclude at Bangkok on December 3, 2016 passing enroute through Myanmar covering a distance of 5722 kms. The Rally team comprising of 76 members (62



Indians inclusive of 2 ladies, 7 Myanmarese inclusive of 1 lady and 7 Thais inclusive of 1 lady) reached Imphal yesterday. The Car Rally will be crossing Moreh (India) this afternoon and then enroute to Bangkok will cross Tamu- Kale -Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Thatton-Mayawaddy (Myanmar)-Mae Sot (Thailand). The Rally is being organised with the objective to promote regional cooperation and connectivity, and foostering social and economic integration. Business seminars, media conferences and cultural programmes are also going to be organised enroute the Rally covering subjects of mutual interests of the three countries

on connectivity, safe driving, cultural bonding, business potentials, regional integration and the like. The team leader Mr. Praveen Chandra Bhanjdeo of Kalinga Motor Sports Club of Odisha who is also a sitting MLA of Odisha said that the Indian team members are from 14 States and representatives of media like DD Sports, the Week etc are also taking part. 3 members from Manipur are also taking part. Commerce & Industries Minister Shri Govindas Konthoujam, Transport Minister Dr. Kh. Ratan Kumar, DGP LM Khaute, Commissioner (Transport) M. Lakshmi Kumar etc. also attended the flag off function.

MU students surrender I-card

IT News
Imphal, Nov 23: Students of Physical Education department, Manipur University today surrendered their identity cards to the Vice Chancellor of the Manipur University demanding termination of the Head of Department of the Physical

Education Department alleging him to be irresponsible head. Earlier today the students staged a sit-in-protest at the department complex demanding resignation of the HoD over his failure to procure equipments of the University.

Supreme Court notice to petitioners challenging demonetisation

New Delhi, Nov. 23: The Supreme Court today sought response of all the petitioners, who have challenged the demonetisation move in different high courts, on a plea by the Centre seeking transfer of all these matters to either the apex court or one of the high courts. However, a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice TS Thakur refused the Centre's request to stay the proceedings pending before various high courts, saying petitioners may get "immediate

relief" from them. "We don't want to stay it. There are various issues. People may get immediate relief from the high courts," the bench also comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud and L Nageswara Rao told Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi. During the hearing, the bench asked the AG, "We think you must have taken appropriate steps. What is the situation now? How much have you collected so far?" Responding to it, the AG said

the situation is "much better" and more than Rs six lakh crore have been deposited so far in the banks since the demonetisation move. "More than Rs 6 lakh crores have been deposited so far," the AG said, adding, "There is a big surge in digital use of money transaction." He said the demonetisation move was aimed at removing the 70 years of "slush money" and the government is monitoring the situation day-by-day and hour-by-hour. (Contd. on page 2)

UNLF Central Committee greets the people on occasion of the group's 52nd Anniversary

IT News
Imphal, Nov 23: Central Committee of the Proscribed group United National Liberation Front (UNLF) greets the people of the state on occasion of its 52nd Anniversary which falls on November 24. On behalf of the UNLF and its armed wing the Manipur People's Party, the Central committee in its message highlighted the organisation's struggle against the India. "We further take this opportunity to capture the highlights of our national struggle against Indian neo-colonialism as also share its perspective on the challenges that will continue to confront our struggle in the immediate future so as to enable us to do a critical deliberation with all our nationalistic peoples", the statement said. The UNLF central committee statement also reiterated that Manipur-India conflict is engendered by the forcible annexation of erstwhile sovereign independent Manipur in 1949. It said this core issue is the genesis of the national contradiction between Manipur and India. The statement said that the UNLF will not compromise restoration of Manipur's Sovereignty and Independence saying

that this is the question of survival or extinction of all the indigenous people of our Manipur nation. The statement said all colonial masters, whether of the vintage varieties or the contemporary ones, share one thing in common — contempt for the subjects. The passage of more than a century since colonialism reared its head in the history of mankind has done nothing to change this essence of colonial rule. The only concession to time that diehard colonial masters have designed to make lies in the extent to which some care was taken to disguise the contempt for the subjugated people. But even when such care is taken, the mask falls off when the chips are down. It said even as India poses as the second largest democratic country in the world, and pretends as a defender of democracy and humane rights in the region hoodwinking the eye of the international communities; it cannot hide its true skin as it shows its colonial legacy of suppressing the legitimate struggle of Kashmiri people and WESEA people as well. "With draconian laws like AFSPA in hand, the Indian military machine is violating basic human rights with impunity, taking the life of the innocent populations of these regions at their

whim in a routine manner. In the recent months, the full scaled war-like repressive measures taken up by the Indian military to suppress the ever increasing voice of the innocent Kashmiri peoples who were agitating against the Indian colonial occupation is a stark example of this. In Manipur's case, the promulgation and continuance for the last half a century and more of the Armed Forces (Assam and Manipur) Special Powers' Act, 1958, which abrogates the inalienable right to life, is one such instance highlighting the contempt in which the Indian colonial rulers hold the people of Manipur. In contemporary times, this contempt for the subjugated peoples like the Manipuris and other Mongoloid peoples from Assam, Arunachal, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Meghalaya and Tripura have given rise to a form of demeaning racial discrimination often culminating in physical assaults in mainland India. Racial profiling and typecasting have also engendered sustained racial violence against the Mongoloid peoples of WESEA region. These are the new layers of colonial subjugation that seeks to dehumanize our people. Brute force and utter contempt for the people is not the only suite in the armour of Indian colonial rulers. (Contd. on page 2)

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