



Students of Ideal Girls' College drawing Govt. attention

State health director injured in accident; admitted at Private hospital

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: At what could be term as a perfect example of trust deficit to Government run hospitals, State Health Director Dr. Okram Ibomcha today skipped government hospital and admitted to a private hospital called Raj Medicity here in Imphal, after he sustained injury in a road accident near Sanjenthong late yesterday evening.

How the accident was caused has not been revealed by any of the official source but press confirmed that the accident occurred while he was travelling along with his security escort and driver. Whether any other persons were injured or not, also could not be confirmed.

The Health Director is reportedly undergoing treatment at ICU of the Raj Medicity. Question arises now is that when even the Health Director had preferred Private Hospital instead of choosing the government hospitals and how could the people trust those hospitals where crores of rupees are being spend every year.

Another unofficial report however said that condition of the State Health Director is out of danger and he might be discharged today.

Corrigendum

Name of the Head Master mentioned at our News report appeared in our yesterday issue under the heading "Head Master Molests Teenage Girl at Boarding" should be read as Thokchom Paul @ Ibungo instead of Salam John. The error is regretted

Union Minister Maneka Gandhi to take firsthand account of Anganwadi Centers in Imphal

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: Union Minister of State, in-charge of Women and Child Development Department, Maneka Sanjoy Gandhi has expressed her desire to visit an Anganwadi centre or any other child care institution runs under the Ministry during her scheduled visit here in Imphal on November 10.

An official source said that, the Union Minister of State (WCD) Maneka Gandhi might pick any Anganwadi center at random. The source added that the state social welfare department had appealed all Anganwadi Center located in Imphal to make it alive and



make sure that the department do not get humiliation from the Minister.

Another source said that the state government has appealed the social welfare department authority to pin point some of the centers where the Minister can visit

as any picked center can be diverted on security ground. After all Manipur is an insurgency hot spot, added the source.

As per scheduled Mrs. Maneka Gandhi is arriving in the state on November 10 and will hold a review meeting on the implementation of various schemes of the Ministry with the concern state government authority. She will leave Imphal for New Delhi at 12 noon of Nov. 11.

Officers of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India will accompany the Union Minister of State on the review meeting.

Govt. Employees' JAC to launch agitation for implementation of 7th Central pay

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: The Joint Administrative Council (JAC) of All Manipur Trade Unions' Council (AMTUC) and All Manipur Government Employees' Organisation (AMGEO) has warned the government of serious agitation if fails to implement the demands submitted to the Government on October 10. In a press statement, L Sanatomba Singh, Assistant

Secretary and Publicity and Information of JAC of AMTUC and AMGEO of Manipur said that as per resolutions on October 8, 2016 at the Babupara Office by General Council Meeting, JAC of AMTUC and AMGEO of Manipur have submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Manipur demanding the implementation of 7th Central Pay with 22 points Charter of Demands. But as government failed to give

positive response till the October 26, 2016, as demanded the JAC and AMTUC & AMGEO began Black Badge protest from the following day. That too govt. still did not give any positive response, he added.

L Sanatomba Singh further stated that the JAC will launch intense form of agitation if the failed to response to the demand of the JAC at the earliest.

MU Students decry vandalism at teacher's room

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: Students of Manipuri Department of Manipur University today staged a sit-in-protest demanding punishment of those individuals involved in vandalizing the room of Asst Prof. Dr. N Sanatomba on October 29. The students alleged that some individuals came inside the room of Professor N Sanatomba of Manipuri Department, who is also Security Officer of Manipur University on October 29 and destroyed files and table including a computer set kept in the room. A protestor alleged that the group of people to have been members to the JAC formed



against seat reservation at Manipur University. He also alleged that the Professor's room was vandalized blaming the Professor who is also the Security Officer of the Manipur University for not stopping October 9 incident at Manipur University. During the protest roads

leading to Centenary Hall, MU was blocked. Placards and banners demanding punishment of those persons involved in the destruction of the room. The protest also urged the Manipur University authority to take up immediate action against those involved persons.

Congress Workers protest detention of Rahul Gandhi

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: Congress workers today staged a sit in protest demonstration decrying detention of its party leader Rahul Gandhi yesterday evening. The Congress workers term the detention of AICC VP Rahul Gandhi as undemocratic. The protest was jointly organized by Manipur Pradesh Youth Congress committee, Manipur Pradesh Mahila Congress Committee and NSUI (Manipur unit).

Speaking to the media person the president of Manipur Pradesh Mahila Congress Committee, Tilotama said that on Tuesday an ex serviceman Ram Kishan Grewal a former subedar in the army from Bamla



village in Haryana committed suicide on the government's lackadaisical approach to retired soldiers one rank one pension policy. She further added that detention of Rahul Gandhi

was undemocratic act of Modi government. She further added that Modi government has rule the country by self made laws of BJP destroying the real democracy of the nation.

Ideal College Students draw Government attention

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: Students of Ideal Girls' College, Akampat, in Imphal East today urged the government authority to draw attention to the condition of the school.

In a press meet organized in connection with a social service camp jointly organized the Student Union of the College and the teachers, general Secy. of the Students' Union said that the Ideal Girl's College is the only girls' college in Imphal East district with adequate number of students and teachers. However, due to the negligence of the state government the school is more like an orphan with no authority to look after it.

She further added that college doesn't have proper toilet, laboratory room, library has not been put up to date. In rainy days the school has to

be closed as the campus was used to be inundated under water. On the other hand the 50 bedded hostel is left without functioning till date.

Imphal College Students decry

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: Imphal college students union shut down the administration block demanding appointment a regular Principal of its college. Speaking to the media person general secretary of the union Anand Wahengbam said from February till today the government has changed

Principal 4 times disrupting the academic environment of the college. He threatens serious stir if fails to appoint a regular Principal before 6th of November.

The Student Union of the college further stated that it would launched various form of agitation if the government fails to listened to the demand of the students.

Chingmeirong Club supports Govt. initiatives to 70 schools into a full fledged Govt. school

IT News

Imphal, Nov 3: Chingmeirong Social Welfare Association has welcomed the initiative of the Manipur Government to convert 70 Sides High Schools having Classes III-X and Classes V-X into full fledged Government High Schools with the absorption of unapproved post/teachers.

In a press statement the association said that North

Imphal Girls' High School is the only girls' school in the northern side of the Imphal city as well as in the Wangkhei Assembly Constituency. The school has been imparting free education since its inception in 1969 in spite of various disadvantages and financial constraints of being an aided school. The school has many trained and competent teachers and has 122

students enrolled in the current academic year.

Herojit Naorem, Secretary General, Chingmeirong Social Welfare Association further stated that it would support the government in its move to convert the school into a full fledged Govt. School. It may be recalled that, noted Hockey player, Tinggongleima, was a student of North Imphal Girls' High School.

Storm in Delhi over OROP suicide: Arvind Kejriwal, Rahul Gandhi draw battlelines in thana

Courtesy: Indian Express

New Delhi, Nov 3: A 70-YEAR-OLD ex-serviceman committed suicide by consuming poison at Janpath on Tuesday, allegedly over the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme, triggering a political firestorm and leading to dramatic scenes in the capital today, with police detaining Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Doctors at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital said that ex-serviceman Ram Kishan Grewal was brought to the hospital on Tuesday afternoon and died a few hours later during the treatment. The victim's associates claimed that he had consumed "Salfas tablets" at around 1 pm, after being allegedly denied permission to meet Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar to hand over a petition on "full implementation" of the OROP scheme. On Wednesday morning, police prevented Rahul Gandhi from entering the hospital to meet the victim's family and detained Sisodia at the premises. Later, police detained Gandhi, too, and took both leaders to the Mandir Marg police station. Kejriwal was detained later at the

Lady Hardinge Hospital where Grewal's body had been taken around 7.30 am for post-mortem. Kejriwal was confined in his car for hours outside the Lady Hardinge hospital before being taken to the R K Puram station — he was at the station until nearly midnight after . Gandhi was detained again later while trying to meet Grewal's family.

Police also detained some of Grewal's family members, including his two sons, other retired servicemen and Congress leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala and Kiran Chaudhary. They were held at different police stations in the city for a few hours before being allowed to leave. While Gandhi and Kejriwal lashed out at the Centre over the suicide, police action and OROP issue, Defence Minister Parrikar expressed his "heartfelt condolences" over Grewal's death and said that he has asked his ministry to provide him with details.

Union Minister V K Singh, however, questioned the "mental state" of Grewal. "He has committed suicide. No one knows the reason behind it. OROP is being shown as the reason. What his mental state was we do not know. Let it be probed first. OROP should be kept

above politics," Singh told reporters. Singh's statement was slammed by Opposition parties, with Congress leader RPN Singh saying that it was "unbecoming" of a former Army chief to bring the mental state of a deceased veteran into question. "It is unfortunate that a former Army chief is raising such questions," said the former Union minister.

Delhi Police said they had blocked entry to the hospitals to avoid "disruption of health services". A spokesperson said that that action was taken according to law and that all the leaders were detained under Section 65 of the Delhi Police Act, for disregarding police directions, and later allowed to go.

Hitting out at the government, Gandhi said that he had only wanted to meet Grewal's family "for two minutes to share their grief". "The government locked up the family the whole day. I went to the hospital alone, all the gates were closed. When the family came out to meet me, they were pushed and beaten and bundled into a jeep and taken to the station," he said.

He later tweeted: "I urge the PM once again: soldiers should not have to struggle to claim what is their due.

OROP must be implemented in a meaningful way," Kejriwal accused the government of indulging in violence. "If someone commits suicide, can't I come and meet the family? Can the government be indulging in goonda gardi?" he asked.

"The Army is being deceived and misused for political gains. His (Grewal's) martyrdom should not go in vain," said Kejriwal. Sisodia described his detention as a "non-democratic action". "How can you push me in the bus when I have come to meet the family without creating any problem?" he said.

The BJP hit back by accusing Gandhi and Kejriwal of indulging in "politics over death" and saying that the government had fulfilled its commitment on OROP, unlike the previous governments headed by the Congress. "The suicide of ex-serviceman Ram Kishan Grewal is unfortunate and our sympathies are with his family. What is even more unfortunate is the politics over his death. As far as OROP is concerned, the government has fulfilled its commitment and ex-servicemen are benefitting from it," said Shrikant Sharma, the party's national secretary. (Contd. on page 2)