

## Turmoil Continues in MU, head of VC-in-Charge keep on rolling

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 21:** As authority failed to solve the ongoing impasse over implementation of reservation policy in admission to Manipur University continues unabated. Academic atmosphere in the varsity continues to remain stand-still both pro and against on the implementation of the student bodies stand tight with their respective demand.

### KCP Poirai Meitei Lup bans dice game

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 21:** Showing serious concerns to the rising trend of women folk directly indulging in dice games and other form of gambling in festival days, armed group KCP Poirai Meitei Lup today said that all sort of gambling including dice game will be banned during Diwali and Ningol Chakkouba festival. In a press statement the outfit said that the ongoing trend had defamed the highly respectable status of womenfolk of the state who had sacrificed for the cause of the nation since time memorial. It said, the courage of the women which is still remembered across the globe as Nupi Lal, the sacrificed of a lady which prompt mass uprising resulting driving out of the Assam Rifle camp from secret Kangla fort and the roles taken by the women to correct the societal wrong has been sabotaged by the emerging trend. The outfit warn serious consequences if any untoward incident occurred in its effort to ban dice game and other form of gambling.

Singh Vice-Chancellor-in-Charge of Manipur University has tendered his resignation on Oct 20 2016. In the absence of a VC-in-Charge MU authority has appointed Prof. Amar Yumam, Dept of Economics as the new VC in charge and would performed duties of Vice Chancellor (in-charge) with immediate effect until he attained the age of 65 years or a new Vice Chancellor assumes the office whichever is earlier. It may be mentioned that, after Prof Jekendra tendered that resignation Prof Viswath Singh, Life since was the post of VC-in-charge being the most senior Professor as per under Statute 2(6) of Manipur University Act. However, the offer was decline and the post of VC-in-charge falls on Prof Amar Yumam being the next most senior Professor. In the meantime reliably learnt that, Chief Secretary, GoM in an official letter addressed to Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary Dept of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI recalling an earlier letter sent on Oct 04 2016 requested again for

appointment of a new Vice Chancellor of the University. Expressing deep concern Chief Secretary highlighted the resignation of two VC-in-charge due to the prevailing deadlock/impasse out of the reservation in admission of students in PG courses, fear of losing academic year and serious law & Order problem, he emphasis that, until and unless a new VC took the chair of the University the problem of reservation would remained unsolved. Meanwhile agitation by JAC Against The Implementation Of State Reservation Policy In Admission in Manipur University is continuing relay hunger strike by six students of the University in front of Main Gate of MU with classes remained paralyzed. Reported that, the relay hunger strike will come to a conclusion today and a new form of agitation, most likely indefinite hunger strike set to launch. In the meantime an emergency General Body meeting of Manipur University Teacher Association has commenced today to deliberate on the pending issue.

### CMsets to visit Ukl

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 21:** Despite boycott by TNL, CM Ibobi is set to visit Uklhrul to attend various inaugural functions on Oct 24. The Chief Minister Tour will depart from Kangla Helipad by chopper and will land at Pakshi

Ground of Uklhrul. In his visit various projects including district hospital of Hundung SDO/BDO office, 33/11 kV Substation of Khunchao and 132/33 KV Substation of Hundung will be inaugurated. The CM will return back on same day evening.

### ECI appointed new Addl CEO

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 21:** According to an official communiqué from BC Patra under Secretary ECI, GoI addressed to The Chief Secretary GoM dated Oct 18 2016, Modak Hrisheekesh Arvind has been appointed as the new Additional CEO of Manipur. Hrisheekesh is currently holding the charge of Joint Secretary Finance of Government of Manipur. Following the appointment

Hrisheekesh has been relieved from the charge of Secretary Finance. The change was necessitated after the Additional CEO Nidhi Mani Tripathi was transferred to Ministry of State (Textile) as PS. In this regard Department of personnel and Administrative Reforms (Personnel Division), GoM has issued an order dated Oct 20 2016 directing Modak to take charge of the vacant post with immediate effect.

## Kim Gangte twists poll campaign of BJP & Congress by drawing "Framework" card

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 20:** At a time when Congress and BJP are having tight scheduled preparing poll campaign to get more vote in the upcoming poll and engaging in horse trading game to assure majority in the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly Election, State Trinamool Congress appealed both the party to spare time for protection of the territorial integrity of the state which is at stake in the backdrop of the Framework agreement signed between the NSCN-IM and Government of India. The former MP of Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, who was recently appointed as the President of Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress today slammed both Congress and BJP for engaging in blame game to garner vote for the upcoming Assembly Election when the integrity of the state is at risk

following the framework agreement signed between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM. "Both these parties are busy organizing political conference for the upcoming election by avoiding the serious issue of this framework agreement", Kim Gangte said, while speaking to media persons at its party office located at Haokip Veng Sangjenthong in Imphal East. Kim Gangte questioned the reason for not disclosing the content of the Framework agreement of the NSCN-IM and the Government of India when it is being told many times that the framework is nearing its final stage. "If there is no hidden agenda in the content of the framework agreement then why they are reluctant to reveal it to the people?", Kim Gangte said and added that the way the India government is dealing with the issue showed that there is something fishy going on and people need to



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be prepared to face any challenges to safeguard the integrity of the state. Kim Gangte further appealed both congress and the BJP to stop blame game and instead she urged both party to work together to find out the hidden agenda of the "Framework agreement". The state Trinamool Congress President also urged the Chief Minister to convene an all political party meeting to discuss about the issue and to collectively urge the central government to reveal the content of the

"framework agreement". By announcing 15 new executives committee for the party including Kim Gangte as president, Th Inaocha and Mangcha Haokip as vice-president and Th. Biswanath and Sono Ningshen as general secretary, she further said that state government has fooling people by promising would not compromised a inch of land of the state in the peace talk process however state government has been silence in the Moreh side which has been losing our land in term of Kilometer in inch.

## Regional air connectivity scheme launched

**Source AIR**  
**New Delhi, Oct 21:** Government today launched the regional air connectivity scheme which seeks to get more people to fly in the smaller towns. Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju while launching the scheme in New Delhi said, the scheme is expected to be rolled out by January. Under the scheme, airlines will have complete freedom to enter into code sharing with larger airlines for connectivity and they will be exempted from various airport charges. Airlines will get exclusive rights for three years to fly on a particular regional route. Airfares will be capped at 2,500 rupees for an hour's flight for regional flights.

## CBSE Class X Board Exams Likely To Be Reintroduced, Decision On October 25

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Oct 21:** The CBSE's Class X board examinations, which were scrapped six years ago in order to reduce pressure on students, are likely to be reintroduced following concerns about academic standards being affected. The final decision in this regard will be taken on October 25 in a meeting of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) which will be chaired by Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar. "There have been representations from academicians as well as organisations of parents saying that scrapping the exam and with the no-

detention policy being in place, the academic standards are being affected," a senior HRD Ministry official said. "Also, it is being observed that students are unable to take the pressure of appearing directly for Class XII boards which are an important deciding factor for the career they choose," the official said, adding, while no consensus has been reached yet on when to reintroduce the system, 2018 is considered to be an approachable target. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class X examination was scrapped in 2010 and replaced with the current Continuous and

Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) that provides for tests and grading through the year as a means to reduce pressure on students. The issue of bringing amendments in the no-detention policy is also on the agenda of the CABE meeting. The policy, which applies to students up to Class X at present, is likely to take into account students till Class V only for no-detention. If the decision is taken in this regard, states may get an opportunity to devise their mechanism of re-tests for students from Class VI to VIII while beyond Class IX students may be detained if their performance is not up to the mark.

## Illegal structures along National Highways ignored by state authorities

By: Laishram Ranbir

**Imphal, Oct 20:** Illegal constructions continue to come up along the National Highways of Manipur with the coming of the Northeast Railway Frontier works while the concern departments are busy playing blame games over the pathetic road conditions. We all have travelled along the National Highways of the State which connect with other states and only complained about the road conditions. We even read on print and electronic media about vehicles stuck and sometimes in worst situation news. But have we ever notice what is happening along the roadside of the very highways we travelled to and fro, everyday? In our mind, all we see is just the houses and only think of how will they be eating and sleeping while the highway roads is so pathetic and full of dust. But no one bothers to rise a question in their minds that why these houses are being built alongside the highways, are they legal or illegal. The basic principles for development of and construction in the stretches running alongside the highways are, no construction should be allowed up to a particular distance from both edges of a highway and beyond that line up to another particular distance construction should be allowed only with specific

permission. However, there are no unified central norms and each state has its own, even in our state. Worse part is that these norms are observed more in the breach and the resultant mess on both sides of our highways can rarely be corrected once the construction is over. Also, it leaves no future scope of widening of the highway roads. Risk of losing someone live is very high for those houses built alongside the highway roads as anything can happen to the plying vehicles which can land on these houses. While going through the highways, many houses built up along the roadside of the highways were notice. Some of the houses have put up fencing just over the concrete road which looks like claiming the very part of the road belongs to whoever built the house. It cannot be deny to say that most of the houses built are not meant to be for human adaptation as these houses do not have doors, no windows, just a hollow space inside where no bed or any household materials



could fit in. These houses have been built with any materials available nearby like woods, tin which have been left over during road repairing, etc. "The land alongside the highway belongs to them. Needs no documents to proof, these are our ancestral land and we all have the right to claim, if it is anywhere in hill areas," says a house owner whose name do not want to be mention. Passing through, most of the houses have been staying lock up for decades which could prove that they were built for namesake to show to the concern department that they have houses at the time roadside inspections or surveys. Some of these houses are constructed in such a way that it looks like a running shops which open once in a blue moon and some as for resting after travelling or working for long hour at the hill side, even cloths have been left hanging. The main reasons for highway roads becoming

narrower that passing of two vehicles has become tough day by day are the construction of houses which have been increasing in vast along the roadside mostly at each corner turning of the highway roads. When will the concern department took into notice of such illegal or legal construction of houses which effecting the vehicular movement along the highway roads. When the time of compensation, will it be made available to such houses built along the roadside of the National Highway where no human can ever lived for? So far, what are the plans that concern department have come up, only putting up crores of budget to the center to be sanction just to take their own benefit out of it instead of maintaining the highways. When will the National Highways Act, 1956, National Highway (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002 will come into act. "Travelers have asked how these roads in pathetic condition where houses are built just right on the concrete roadways putting up fencing are being called the National Highways of Manipur." If such houses were built on the roadside of the state highways or in valley areas, concern department will take up immediate action and vandalise the property claiming the land acquisition act have been violated