

## Tribal students' body stages protest on reservation imbroglio at MU; submits memorandum

**IT news**  
**Imphal, Oct 26:** Tribal students' body who had been opposing the resolution of the August 8 MU Academic Council meeting resolution on reservation of students today took the protest at various hill district head quarters. Meanwhile, All Tribal



Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) had submitted a memorandum to the president of India, who is also a Visitor to the Manipur University pleading immediate intervention on the ongoing imbroglio in admission at various courses to the Manipur University. August 8 meeting of the Academic Council of the Manipur University had resolved to adopt the reservation norms of the Central Educational Institution (CEI) 2006 Act. Tribal students bodies including ATSUM, ANSAM and KSO have been demanding immediate revocation of the resolution adopted by the Academic Council meeting of August 8 and has been demanding implementation of the amended CEI, Act of 2012. On the other hand another group of students of the Manipur University has been urging the MU authority for adoption of the central

University norms and to comply the August 8 Academic Council meeting. Following the impasse Tribal students had even left the campus to protest the adoption of the CEI 2006 Act. The imbroglio occurred days after retirement of VC Prof Nandakumar and in-charge VC who were put on the hot chair were forced to resign until another VC in charge Prof Amar Yumnam was given charge 4 days back. Academic atmosphere in the Manipur University was put to complete halt with students engaging in violent protest even to the course of burning the University's infrastructures. Soon after Prof. Amar Yumnam was handed over the charge of VC, he immediately announce to begin admission process from yesterday and to complete the process within a week. There were much protest from the tribal students but Prof. Amar Yumnam stick to his stand

as academic career is considered more important than dealing with the interest of various students' group. Amidst the development the president of India had appointed Prof AP Pandey as the new Vice Chancellor of Manipur University. An order in the regard was sent to the registrar of the Manipur University by the Union HRD Ministry. The appointment of new VC for the MU did not stop the agitating tribal students and the protest was taken at various hill district. At Ukhrul district the Tangkhul Katamno Saklong (TKS) the student body of Tangkhul stage a protest demonstration calling the implementation of central reservation norm to the Manipur University as discriminatory. Similar protests were staged at Senapati district head quarter, Chandel and Tamenglong and Churachandpur.

## Education the first priority : Dr. Najma Heptulla

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Oct. 26:** The Hon'ble Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla grace The Tamphasana Girls Higher Secondary School, Imphal celebrated the Opening Ceremony of The Annual Freshers cum Literary & Cultural Meet-2016 today at the School premises the as Chief Guest. The Chief Guest is pleased learned that the students are involved in other extra curricular activities like singing, dancing along with education, and advised the students to make education the first priority in their lives and be an expert in their chosen field. Since the state is known for its woman empowerment, the Governor encouraged the students to become a good citizens for they are the future generation of the society. The Governor further appealed to all concerned not to disturb education under any circumstances considering the profound importance of education in the civilization development of a nation and also invited the students to



visit her any time for discussions. The President of the function, Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, Hon'ble Minister said the institution is a store of talents and further encourage the students to keep up the name of the school by producing good academic records. Smt O. Landhoni Devi, MLA who attended the function as Guest of Honour states that today's generation of girls are very privileged since parents of this generation does not

differentiate between boys and girls regarding education. Girls should be educated and follow the right path for we are the mother's for future generation and try to achieved goals set for us by our parents and encouraged the girls to take up sports as a hobby. The Principals of different Schools and officers of Education Department and many dignitaries in the field of education also attended the function.

## Manipuri PhD student found dead in JNU hostel

**Source Indian Express New Delhi, Oct 26:** A Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student was found dead under mysterious circumstances in his hostel room. The PHD student was reportedly missing since the past three days. A resident of Manipur, J R Philemon Raja, was found dead in the room, no 171 of the Brahmputra Hostel. "When a foul smell started emanating from the room, the student in the neighbouring room called other students and security and forcefully opened door. He was found dead in the room," a senior police officer said. His body has been preserved at AIIMS mortuary for postmortem. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the cause of death. JNU administration is already rallying through protests as another student Najeeb Ahmad went missing eleven days ago and has not been located yet.

## Manipur bags 6 Medals for National Athletics

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 26:** National Championship Athletics 2016 on persons with Disabilities organised by Special Olympic Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport Government of India from 21st October Concluded on Today at S.M.S. Stadium Jaipur Rajasthan. Total athletes from Manipur is 4 only and altogether 6 Medals including 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze were won by Manipur team. The Players are N. Herojit who bagged 2 gold in 100m & 200m, MD. Muttaki 1 silver in 200m & 1 bronze medal in 100m and M. Risseltaan 2 bronze medal in 100m, & 200m. The team was led by Thomang Rojen Singh and Bishorjit Oinam team Coach.

## Addl. SP Victoria expresses serious concerns over the growth of female drug users

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 26:** Additional SP of Bishnupur district, Victoria Yengkhom expressed serious concern over the growth of drug users among female community in the state. During a one day awareness programme organized by the Coalition Against Drug & Alcohol (CADA) under the theme "impact of drugs in the society" at Modern Hr. Sec.

School, Bishnupur Toubul Road yesterday Victoria said that sometimes anti drug workers seems to have forgotten that there are also several female group who are drug dependent. She appealed people to inform the nearest police station if in case these intoxicant users are seen loitering around. She also said that if the schools going girls or boys are seen using such kind of

intoxicants then there are liable to punish under JJ Act. She also elaborated on the mob culture as a result of the trust deficit factor towards law enforcing police. The lady MPS officer appealed to avoid the deficit factor and assured all help if in case they approach to police station. Various resource persons spoke on the occasion and took pledge to fight against drug usage.

## Civil Aviation Minister to visit Imphal

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 26:** A day after DoNER Minister Dr. Jitendra had announced to introduce Mobile Air Dispensary in the state of Manipur, Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju is visiting the state on November 3. During the visit it is likely that the state government may discuss about the introduction of regional connectivity through helicopter. Mention may be made that Dr. Jitendra

had also assured to look upon on whether there is a feasibility of introducing helicopter service between Imphal to Jiribam. The state government may likely to take up the issue with the Civil Aviation Minister. The state government is likely to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Civil Aviation Ministry under Udan Scheme. The Minister will be accompanied by 6 other top officials of the Ministry.

Mention may be made that road connectivity has been a major problem ahead of the upcoming election and the government is taking the matter with extra seriousness. On the other hand, the visit is significant as the only Air India service between Imphal to Aizawl is likely to be ceased from October 30 this year for reason best known to the Ministry. The Mizoram CM has written a letter to reconsider the cancellation of the air service to the Ministry.

## Nagaland CM sticks with 33% reservation for women in local bodies election

**Kohima, Oct 26:** Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang said the State Government took a bold decision to hold Municipal and Town council elections with 33% reservation for women even though there was a case pending in the Supreme Court. The Chief Minister pointed out the Municipal elections in the State with 33% reservation for women was as per provisions of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2001

as amended in 2006 by the State Government. Inaugurating Pungro Town Council in Kiphire district yesterday, Mr. Zeliang also said that as per the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the State cannot receive grants from the Government of India if there are no Municipal and Town Councils and without grants there cannot be any worthwhile development in our towns, he added. If we

want development, we need to inculcate a progressive mindset and attitude. Mr. Zeliang said. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also announced that the Government has put the proposal for 400 housing for Urban Poor at Pungro in the current financial year on a priority basis. Earlier, Mr. zeliang also flagged off an NST Night Bus Service between Pungro and Dimapur.

## Manipur Maoist claims gunbattle with security force

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 26:** Rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur has claimed fierce gunbattle with the security forces at Nongpok Sanjenbam Village, Imphal East District under Lamlai Police Station in the intervening night of 24-25 October 2016. In a press statement the outfit said that the battle was not a pre-planned strike against the colonial force but a defensive one for safeguarding ourselves. The troops were sent back at different regions after completing a meeting with Standing Committee Members who are taking

responsible to develop our militia to a higher level. An advance scout team who led a column of troops approaching towards Thoubal District from Imphal East District suddenly came face to face with the enemy troops stationed at their Camp compelling us to initiate a preemptive strike to protect our comrades in the rear. The outfit further said that as it was a sudden strike they used only some sophisticated weapons and not heavy armories like RPGs or others as the security force at Sanjenbam was not their prime target. Stating that the rate of

success of the Manipur Liberation Struggle for the past many decades is lesser than the endurance borne by the people of Manipur leading to a chasm between the people and the Liberation movement, MCPM draws the attention of sundry to follow strict strategy. The statement said that there are five conditions for the success of People's Revolution Movement, these are : (i) To re-gain back people's support, faith and trust in the Party and their unquestionable loyalty (ii) To establish a complete working committee of the

party (iii) To set up a powerful and a loyal People's Army, (iv) To set up bases of the People's Militia in the every strategic nook and corner of our Homeland (v) To establish self-reliable and sustainable sources of income which is not coerced or forced on the public but through generous donations from the public and also through a proper self-reliant method. If these five strategies are not maintained properly with a deep understanding, our Revolutionary Movement cannot advance or progress further, the statement added. (Contd. on page 2)

## 24 infected with dengue in Mizoram, figures likely to soar

**PTI**  
**Aizawl, Oct 26:** With 24 people found infected with Dengue and more samples being tested, the figure is likely to go up in Mizoram, State health department officials today said. Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP) State Nodal Officer Dr Pachuau Lalmsawma told PTI that 24 Dengue cases have been found in the north-eastern state since February and the figure is likely to go up with more samples being tested in different hospitals. Aizawl Civil Hospital and the

District Hospital of south Mizoram's Lunglei town were declared as the Sentinel Site for Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis where Elisa Readers were in place for conducting tests. Lalmsawma said that tests were also conducted at private hospitals in Aizawl on suspected Dengue patients. He said that majority of the Dengue cases were infected locally while only two cases were found to be infected outside the state resulting in the discontinuation of screening at the Lengpui Airport from October one.