



JCILPS women wing volunteers protesting at MLARK Imo's residence

JCILPS likely to hold talk with Govt.

IT News
Imphal, Oct 6: Representatives of the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) is likely to hold talk with the Government of Manipur tomorrow evening. A source with the Imphal Times said that Chief Minister Okram Ibobi had invited the representatives of the JCILPS to settle the differences arises out of the passing of the ILPS related Bill. The state government also invited the JAC Churachandpur to talk over the matter but the Churachandpur JAC has not given any response as of now. Meanwhile, large number of volunteers of the JCILPS Women Wing today thronged to the residence of BJP MLA Khumukcham Joykishan at around 10 am and urged the MLA to push the matter for passing of ILPS Bill. The women volunteers also thronged to the residence of MLA RK Imo of Sagolband Assembly Constituency and pursue the same. The women volunteers shouted slogans demanding implementation of ILPS in the state. They urged both the MLAs to put the matter of passing ILPS Bill in the political party's election manifestos.

Teenage girl found dead

IT News
Imphal, Oct 6: A 15 year old teenage girl was found dead today morning at a community pond at Langmeidong in Thoubal district. The deceased girl is identified as Yumnang Roji, daughter of late Y. Ibochou of Langmeidong Mamang Makha Leikai. Report said that the girl is getting married on October 21. A suicide note was also found at which the deceased girl blamed her boyfriend for the cause of her suicide. Police had registered a case.

MLA N. Biren tenders resignation

IT News
Imphal, Oct 6: Congress MLA Nongthombam Biren today tender resignation from his post in protest against the Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress Government inability to tackle the issues of the people of Manipur. "I don't feel that I deserve to remain as an MLA when multiple problems in the state cannot be tackled", the legislator who got elected from Heingang Assembly constituency said to media persons at his residence before submitting his resignation to the Manipur Legislative Assembly. Biren said that the government has failed to solve the issues of public interest. He blamed the Ibobi Singh led government over his inability to settle the differences between the various communities over the passing of a new legislation to protect the indigenous people of the



state. "It's over one years now and the nine dead bodies are still lying without performing the last rite", Biren lamented. He further said that he joined politics to protect the people of the state and its boundary and also to promote harmonious life among the various communities of the state. When the state burns with various issues and when the people are left in chaos there seem to be no logical meaning to hold the post of MLA, Biren said. He however

said that if his people wanted him to go back to the state assembly he will definitely go by contesting the upcoming election. Biren further questioned the reason for letting free three NSCN-IM cadres who were arrested along with arms some 3 days back at Senapati. Nongthombam Biren is the 6th MLA who had tender resignation from the 10th Manipur Legislative Assembly. Earlier 4 Naga Peoples' Front MLAs resigned from the state Assembly over the issue of ILPS Bill in August last year. Recently, congress MLA Y Erabot resigned from his post as well as from the Congress Party and joined the BJP unable to stand with the Okram Ibobi Singh lead Congress government. When asked whether he will join some other political party, N Biren said that he is still with the Congress Party and yet to be resigned.

Heisnam Kanhailal passes away

IT News
Imphal, Oct 6: Renowned theatre personality Heisnam Kanhailal passed away today morning at his Langol Tarung residence after suffering from an illness. He was 75 years old. He was born on January 17, 1941 at Keisamthong Thangjam Lairak, Imphal. A borne artist and known to the world for his experimental physical theatre, Heisnam Kanhailal is the founder director of Kalakshetra , a theatre laboratory established in 1969. Kalakshetra is known throughout the world for its uniqueness in exploring a new



vocabulary in the existing language of theatre. In recognition to his contribution for promotion of Theatre activism across the

country, Kanhailal was awarded Padma Shri in 2004 and later Padma Bhushan Award in 2016 by the Government of India. He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in Direction in 1985, given by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's National Academy of Music, Dance & Drama. In Dec, 2011, He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Ratna Award (the Highest ranked and most valued akademy award)-2011. He is married to Sabitri Heisnam, his theatre associate and a Padma Shri awardee.

PREPAK claims blast at Singjamei Sapam Leikai

IT News
Imphal, Oct 6: Proscribed group PREPAK today claimed yesterday's blast at the residential entrance of Sapam Nonibala @ Memicha Devi , daughter of (late) S Tiken at Singjamei Sapam Leikai in Imphal West. In a press statement, signed by one Capatin Achoub, Publicity Officer, Dept. of Publicity and Propaganda, PREPAK, the outfit said that the Red Army of PREPAK carried out the blast as a first warning ti Nonibala @ Memicha and her husband W.

Boy for misappropriating the fund (Rs. 1.30 Crore) donated by peoples for the revolutionary cause. The statement further stated that Nonibala and her husband instead of listening to the party had conducted a press meet on June. Stating that the blast was a warning, PREPAK said that if the two failed to communicate to the party, then they will be awarded capital punishment. On the other hand the outfit shares its pain to Leisangthem Kanhai Singh (24 years) son of L Jibon of the locality who

sustained injury by splinters in the blast. The statement further stated that list of people which had misappropriated the party fund had been published through newspapers on June 24, 2016. When most of the people had contacted the party, W. Boi had never contacted the party, the statement added. On the other hand PREPAK also warned Nongombam Amusana (65 years) son of late N Iboton of Singjamei Okram leikai to contact the party at the earliest possible time.

BJP staged protest rally denouncing Speaker's verdict, memorandum submitted



IT News
Imphal, Oct 6: BJP Manipur Pradesh today staged a protest rally against the unfair verdict, misuse and abuse of constitutional powers by the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly and submitted a memorandum to the governor of Manipur. The protest rally was attended by MLA Joykishan, Th Chaoba, Ashnikumar, Joykumar, Joykishan and Bishwajit went to meet Dr Shivachandra along with large

number of party members coming from different constituencies of the state. The protest rally kick-off from Khagempalli Huidrom Leikai Yumjao Leimerbi Lampak around 11 of the morning which wind up at the party office. Later, five representatives from the BJP Manipur Pradesh Th Chaoba, Ashnikumar, Joykumar, Joykishan and Bishwajit went to meet Dr Najma Heptulla, Governor of

Manipur to submit a memorandum regarding the unfair verdict by the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly unfortunately they had to submit the memorandum to the Secretary as the Governor was not available at Raj Bhavan. More than 500 members of the BJP Manipur Pradesh took part in the mass protest rally. Placard condemning the unfair verdict of the speaker were during the protest rally. Slogans were also sought.

Raseshori Pala troupe participates in observance of Rajrishi Bheigyachandra's Death Anniversary

Imphal, Oct 6: As part of the observance of 218th Death Anniversary of Manipur King Rajrishi Bheigyachandra, a series of cultural programmes have been held at various pilgrimage sites including Murshidabad in UP where the king breathed his last over two centuries back. A 30-member cultural troupe of All Manipur Raseshori Pala Marup led by its president Dr. Chongtham Jamini Devi performed the Sankirtan programme here at Murshidabad yesterday evening. The performance followed a symposium on the life of the saintly king Bheigyachandra Maharaj held at the auditorium of Shripath Singh College at Murshidabad with participation of intellectuals and cultural activists. Earlier, the all-woman cultural team visited Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal and met its president Shrimati Vidhya Devi Bhandari at her residence on September 28 last and



discussed the various cultural affinities between the Himalayan nation and Manipur state. The team also presented a cultural performance at the Pashupatinath temple in presence of the head of the state of Nepal. On its way back, the all-woman team took part in the observance of death anniversary of Rajrishi Bheigyachandra at Nabadwip in Nadia district of West Bengal by presenting a Sankirtan performance at Anuprabhu temple on October 4 last. As part of the observance at Nabadwip, a seminar cum discussion on the

Bheigyachandra's life was held with Dr. Ch. Jamini Devi acting as Chief Guest. A number of cultural troupes from Manipur also presented their performances on the occasion. The Raseshori Pala team, which left Imphal on September 25 for Kathmandu, visited various pilgrimages during its journey to Nepal. Nabadwip Dham and Murshidabad. Raseshori Pala, initiated by King Bheigyachandra's daughter Bimbabati in the year 1779, is the first all-woman Sankirtan group in the service of Lord Govindaji. Prior to its birth, Sankirtan performance by women in rituals had not been allowed.

Party Ticket: BJP's Headache; Recruitment Drive: Congress' Pre-poll Gimmick Is the connect between Election and the poor lost ?

By : *Seram Neken*

While the ruling Congress government is engaging in hectic eleventh hour recruitment drive as a pre-poll gimmick and the state BJP on the other hand is in severe headache over ticket distribution for the ensuing election, the premature-born regional parties are waiting for the fish to die in order to tie the knot for a marriage of convenience. It is too early to comment on whether 'there will be massive change of guard' in Manipur polity. Speculations, however, of a new BJP government in the state after the ensuing general elections are ripe as far as the huge support witnessed during the recent visit of BJP president Amit Shah to Imphal, and the apparent success of the general strike imposed by state BJP against the arrest of its two MLAs in connection with the police recruitment issue are concerned. It is obvious that BJP has gained popularity in Manipur in the aftermath of Narendra Modi's sweeping win in the last Lok Sabha polls, and also coinciding with the much-talked about the dictatorial

attitude of Okram Ibobi's leadership. An overview of the pre-poll scenario reveals that majority of the general people are on the side of the Saffron camp, as is evident from the simple observation that almost all assembly constituencies of Manipur, excepting Thangmeiband and Thongju segments, have at least 3 candidates aspiring to get BJP ticket. A few constituencies in Imphal valley has even 6 to 7 BJP candidates who are all considered fit to contest and have also been working for the party for the last few years since BJP rose to power in the centre. However, the apparent headache among the BJP top-fold must surely be the crucial decision for party tickets. As for instance, in a particular constituency, seven BJP ticket aspirants are going parallel in party works now. As only one among them is destined to contest from BJP ticket, what will the remaining six candidates do? Will they remain loyal to the BJP, or shift party affiliation to fight elections. The answer is obvious that most of them will fight elections from one or the other party or as independent candidates. Then, it is speculative for

sure that the BJP votes currently under calculation will automatically get divided into pieces, and the advantage will go to the rival party. Hence, it is opined in many circles that 'too many aspirants will spoil the BJP's dream for a change of guard'. But, if the state BJP and its leadership have the enough skill and charisma to strengthen the party's position in a long term basis, and also to garner united stand to defeat the ruling Congress under the banner of Modi's modifications in all sectors, the state BJP is sure to hold the position it speculates. It is time for the BJP to dwell on Modi's innovative policies and programmes as propaganda for elections, rather than the petty issues of power mongering among state politicians. Now the ball is in the court of the state BJP's leadership. It may also be observed that the most important drawback of the state BJP as of now is that it tends to welcome all and sundry to its fold without considering the age, past reputation, and impending rivalry within the constituency. The case of tested

as well as tasted veterans is surely a burden to the state BJP, as almost all veterans in state BJP now have considerable ill-remarks in their long political career. These veterans who had already served as legislators in various capacities in numerous political parties have naturally lost their charm, and people are fed up with what they speak of social issues such as corruption, threat to boundary, and threat to indigenous people. General people of the state now ask "What had you done when in power" and "What can you do now at the fog end of your political career". It is the age of the young brigade. In this neo-liberal digital age, energetic and dynamic manpower must be in the forefront to rule with the pulse of the people. On the other hand, in spite of the so-called anti incumbency factors, corruption and scams labeled against the Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress Government, people in many circles are still contemplating a fourth Ibobi regime after the coming Manipur Legislative Assembly Elections. (Contd. on page 2)