

Govt. promises to surrender militants still not fulfill State Home Department still not releasing files related to the surrendered militants for over 5 years

IT News
Imphal, April 15: "We were promised monthly honorarium of Rs. 7,500/- besides an allowance of Rs. 3 lakhs in 3 years and also a government job, so we took all risk and surrendered to the government in the presence of the then Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and the then Home Minister Gaikhangam, but it is over 5 years now and we are left to live at our own and the promised amount has never been distributed to us", said MD. Abdul Barrick U. Ibochcha, a surrendered UG from Yairipok Changamdabi Makha who surrendered with along 71 others at Mantripukhri on July 21, 2012. Similar is the case of other surrendered militants who now live a normal life. Imphal Times incidentally met MD. Abdul Barrick and after listening his story, we further

contacted other surrendered militants. We talk with at least 15 of them. Almost everyone of them have similar story, none of them have been provided the allowances, as well as none of them had ever received their monthly stipend. They also stated that they were sent home by the AR camp commanders which they took shelter for one or two months after providing them identification cards. Another surrendered militant, Sarangthem Abugo Singh (age about 36 years) from Heirong Moirangthem Leikai said that they know work anything to live. As we want to live normal life we clean even latrine, loads sand to earn for the living. Almost every one of us have children and we come out on the believe that government will not cheat us, but all those



promises turn out to be a hard trick to fill the pocket of some bureaucrats officers. "We are poor, we don't have money to buy even two pair breads, yet they asked money to pass on our files", said another surrendered UG MD. Jelaruddin from Yairipok Changamdabi. As per the rehabilitation scheme, these surrendered UGs should be provided

proper vocational training but they were not provided any sort of training. On April 12, 2 cadres of PREPAK surrendered to the Chief Minister and on the day the Chief Minister had stated that the surrenderee policy will be review. Amidst criticism at the time of introducing the surrenderee rehabilitation scheme, the scheme has been becoming as

Suspended director asked to clear dues for former Director

IT News
Imphal, April 15: HC directs former Director of Health Services, O. Ibochcha to pay a sum of Rs 33, 725 with 8 percent interest per annum from January 2015 within three months regarding non-payment in lieu of unutilised earned leave of Dr Th. Suresh Singh. In a landmark judgement, a single bench of High Court of Manipur comprising of Justice Kh Nobin Singh on April 10 directed Director of Health Services to pay a sum of Rs 33, 725 with 8 percent interest per annum from January 2015 within three months regarding non-payment in lieu of unutilised earned leave of Dr Th Suresh Singh while the latter was working as Director of Health Services. This was conveyed by the



ex-Director in a press release. The writ petition was initiated by Dr Th Suresh after non-compliance of repeated written request to the Health Director Dr O Ibochcha (now suspended) by him in respect to AG Authority Slip dated January 28, 2015 to pay the said amount to him. Dr Th Suresh represented the case in person.

SSUM urges Government to take up measure for improving government schools

IT News
Imphal, April 15: The Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) today urged the Manipur Government to form a proper rules and regulation for all the government employees and government school teachers to admit their children's in the state run government schools. In a press statement, Naorem Tanoranjana, Information and Publicity Secretary of SSUM states that as the concern education department fails to check the government schools on time and because of the teachers who do not fulfilled their duty is the very big reasons why day by day most of the government schools are degrading and fading from the state. Many of the schools are in bad condition including lack of proper infrastructure, teachers wasting their time when they should be teaching the students, more teachers than students in some schools and in some school where there were a lot of students, teachers were on the leave was found when the student body underwent inspection for the last few days, he added. Tanoranjana also states that the

students' body has even submitted numerous memorandum to the concern department and state government to take up necessary steps for the government employees and government teachers in-order to sent their children to government run schools and to set up biometrics attendance system for the teachers after they found improper conditions of many

schools in the state since last years but till date no steps have been taken up. Reasons for most of the parents who are government employees and government teachers wants to send their children in private firm is the availability of all the infrastructure and facilities for their children that a school must have which the state run government schools cannot provide, he added.

Tanoranjana further states that instead of assuring verbal words to the public, the concern and state government must put into action to form rules and regulations for the government employees and government teachers to compel them to admit and send their children in state run government schools and it must be implement from the coming session of 2018, he added.

Public hearing for Imphal-Kangchup-Tamenglong Road concludes

IT News
Imphal, April 15: Public Hearing for Land Acquisition for Construction of Imphal-Kangchup-Tamenglong Road conducted by the Social Impact Assessment Unit, Directorate of Environment Government of Manipur concluded at Samusang Community Hall, Imphal today. Herojit Ngangomba, Corporator IMC Ward no. 27, B.B. Sharma Member SIA Unit, Md. Abdul Salam Retd Deputy Settlement Officer Revenue Dept., Prof Y. Mohendro Renown Economist, Dr T. Brajakumar Incharge SIA Unit, N. Khaba

President Laksh Pioneer Committee, A Ibotombi Singh President The Brilliance Club and Th. Alexander Singh Executive Member Laksh Peioneer Committee graced the function as presidium Members. Dr T. Brajakumar Singh briefed about the Social Impact Assessment on Acquisition of land of the proposed Imphal-Kangchup-Tamenglong Road Construction. Affected land owner of Lalambung and Iroisemba raised their concern on the proposed road construction including, loss of common property resources and Practice of accountability and

transparency by the authority concerned. They also urged to make sure on timely clearance of compensation. It may be mentioned that the Public Hearing has been conducted by the State Social Impact Assessment Unit, Directorate of Environment starting from 10 April at different location to seek the feedback of affected persons for finalization of the Social Impact Assessment Report and Social Impact Management Plan. The conducted locations are Lamdeng Khnou Community Hall, Cultural Hall Phayeng, Lairenkabi Dramatic Hall and Samushang Community Hall.

KCP observes 37th Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, April 15: Proscribed Group KCP had celebrated its 37th Foundation day on April 14. A press statement signed by S. Mangal, Member-in-charge, Information & Publicity, Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) stated that the foundation day was observed at its CHQ, GHQ, UBC, TTC and also at different places of the state. At the main function held at GHQ, Deputy Finance Secretary of KYKL, Comrade Ingba graced as chief Guest while Chief of the Army Staff KCP, Comrade H. Kritty



presided over the function. Deputy Finance Secy. KCP, Comrade Ng. Khuman also shared the dais as guest of honours. As a part of the observation

the party flag hoisted and unfurled by the party president. Later, honoured was shown to those who had sacrificed their life for the people.

Water festival celebrated Moreh

IT News
Imphal, April 15: Burmese New Year Water Festival and usually falls around mid-April (the Burmese month of Tagu). Water festival is known as Tajan. It is a Buddhist festival celebrated over a period of four to five days culminating in the New Year. Formerly the dates of the Thingyan festival are

calculated according to the traditional Burmese lunisolar calendar, but now fixed to Gregorian calendar 13 to 16 April; it often coincides with Easter. The dates of the festival are observed as the most important public holiday throughout Burma and are part of the summer holidays at the end of the school year.

Blood Donation

IT News
Imphal, April 15: 33rd voluntary blood donation camp was jointly organised by Life Saver Manipur, JNIMS Bloos Bank, Lions Club of Imphal, Young Voluntary Organisation (YVO), NSS Cell of Biramangol College, Manipur College and Standard College today at JNIMS, Porompat Imphal.

CCpur JAC clarifies, says creation of Lamka district was never a priority

IT News
Imphal, April 15: The Joint Action Committee Against Anti-Tribal Bills (JAC) today clarify that the demand for a new district was never a priority for the JAC. In a statement the JAC said that based on the Chief Minister's invitation, a delegation comprising of members of the JAC met with the Chief Minister and his cabinet on April 7, 2017 and submitted a three-page Charter of Demands. The demands are - I. Constitutional safeguard for ancestral tribal territories and development of tribal people
1. Send an immediate response to repeated queries raised by the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the "local adjustments and amendments" rider for extension of Sixth Schedule provisions.
2. A written assurance that no bills affecting the interest as well as the ancestral territories of the indigenous hill tribes shall ever be passed by the Manipur Legislative Assembly unconstitutionally and without prior due consultation of the tribal stakeholders.
3. Creation of Lamka District for administrative

convenience.
II. Restoration of the Manipur Land Revenue & Land Reforms (MLR&LR) Act, 1960 to its original principal Act status.
III. Justice for the Tribal Martyrs and the injured including declaration of August 31 as an annual State Holiday on the occasion of Tribal Unity Day. The statement also said that with an invitation from the new Manipur Government indicating its desire to bring an amicable solution to the current impasse, the JAC held a series of consultations with various sections of the tribal society within a span of one week, including one with the general public on March 28, 2017. Based on the discussions and suggestions, a Charter of Demands was prepared; the same was thoroughly reviewed and approved by the JAC and leaders of the various tribe/community-based organizations who have continued to support the JAC, namely, Mizo People Convention, United Zuo Organization, Simte Tribe Council, Tedim Chin Union and Young Paite Association. The same was submitted to the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on April 2, 2017, the

statement said. The statement further said that at the first round of preliminary discussion, the Chief Minister mentioned that with the tripartite talks involving various groups under Suspension of Operations in progress, the State cannot make any commitment or declaration regarding Sixth Schedule, and pointed out the impracticality of restoring the MLR&LR Act, 1960 to its original status. However, he gave a positive indication regarding the feasibility of the other points in the Charter of Demands and expressed his desire to meet again on April 10, 2017 to finalize on the Memorandum of Understanding, which will then be signed in the presence of a witness from the Ministry of Home Affairs at Lamka on April 12, 2017. "However, at the second round of discussion on April 10, 2017, to the utter surprise of the JAC-led delegation, the Manipur Government laid down certain ground rules which negated its earlier positive indications towards the JAC's demands other than those involving compensation and ex-gratia to the Martyrs' families

and the injured. The Government also mentioned its inability to declare August 31 (Tribal Unity Day) as a general holiday in the State, the JAC statement said. "With the new BJP-led Government in Manipur showing no intention of rolling back the seven new districts hastily-created by the previous Congress Government, the JAC is in favour of reviewing the district boundaries, and realigning and creating new ones where needed. "It is a customary practice among the Christian tribals to give an honourable burial to the dead; however, until and unless the extreme sense of insecurity among the tribal people fuelled by the passing of the three anti-tribal bills can be mitigated through an amicable and sustainable solution, the burial of the remaining eight Tribal Martyrs is not our priority. "The three anti-tribal bills are the symptoms while the palpable sense of insecurity among the tribal people is the disease, and the JAC is focusing on finding a cure for the disease while treating the symptoms at the same time", the statement added.

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