

Constable shoots youth at Thabal Chongba Angry mob raze house of assailant, Imphal-Moreh road shut down

IT News
Imphal, April 25: A 25-year-old youth who was attending a thabal chongba programme at Ukhongshang Mayai Leikai died when he was shot by a constable of Manipur police at around midnight. According to reports, the deceased was identified as Kh Santosh Singh son of Kh Ibohah of Thoubal Athokpam Awang Leikai. He was employed as a teacher at Institute of Rural Education located in Wangjing. The assailant is the driver of the officer-in-charge of Nonpok Sekmai police station and was identified as Elangbam Rajesh, 30, son of E Achou of Salungpham Mamang Leikai. He has been arrested by the police and is currently undergoing interrogation.



Enraged by the shooting, a mob stormed the house of the assailant this morning and set it ablaze. Subsequently, an impromptu bandh along Imphal-Moreh road was imposed to protest the killing. Citing the events that could

have provoked the shooting, an eyewitness said some persons were playing *lagao* near the venue of the thabal chongba when they were warned to discontinue by some policemen who arrived there in civil dress. The policemen turned up again later, this time in their uniform

and tried to stop the gambling and catch the perpetrators. In the melee one of the policemen fired and Santosh who was watching the dance from the side was hit by the bullet in the stomach. However, another person who also claimed to have witnessed the shooting asserted that

Rajesh fired at Santosh directly from close range. After being shot on the stroke of midnight, Santosh was rushed to the Thoubal district hospital but he succumbed to his injuries there. His body has been kept at JNIMS Hospital mortuary for medical examinations.

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Thong along with a 9mm pistol, one magazine and two live rounds. He was reportedly involved in the kidnaping of Soibam Dhanabir Singh, a brick field owner who is a resident of Tera Lukram Leirak, on February 16 last for a ransom demand of Rs two crore. Three other persons involved in the kidnaping case had already been booked before. The KRA-U activist was

handed over to Lamphel police station for initiation of further legal actions. On the other hand, Bishnupur district commando has yesterday handed over a member of ZUF, identified as Th Adum alias AD Thaison alias Pantigai, son of Radikhunpou, who is a resident of Chaiba village of Senapati district. A Beretta .32 pistol and five live rounds were seized from him.

Huge cache of arms, ammo recovered near Heirok

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Imphal, April 25: Several arms and ammunition were recovered by security personnel during a combined search operation carried out in general area of Salungpham and Nongpok Sekmai under Heirok police station early morning today. According to sources, the search which was based on specific input about movement of underground cadres in the

area fed by the Field G Team, BSF, was carried out jointly by the teams of FGT, B Coy CI, Wangjing Tekcham post of 54 Bn BSF and Heirok police station. The search in the suspected area was carried out between 4 am and 6.30 am during which police and the troops of 54 Bn BSF recovered war like items of arms and ammunition. The haul included five live

lethod shells, 28 live rounds of 7.62 mm, five live rounds of .38 mm, one live round of 5.56 mm, one US made pistol, five pieces of PEK each weighing approximately 350 grams, five pieces of safety fuse and 35 detonators. A FIR was lodged in connection with the case and the recovered items have reportedly been handed over to Heirok Police Station.

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2-days orientation programme on self help group formation begin

DIPR
IMPHAL, April 25: A 2-day Orientation Programme on Self Help Group Formation and Linkages with Banks began today at Lamshang Community Hall, Lamshang. The Orientation programme is being organised by the KVK Imphal West, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Lamphel, Imphal, in association with NABARD, Manipur Region, National Co-operative Union of India (Women Wing), Manipur State Co-operative Bank Limited, Imphal. Altogether 40 Self Help

Groups (SHGs) formed under Taotuong Multipurpose Development Farmers' club are taking part in the programme. Speaking at the inaugural function as Chief Guest, Shri S. Rajen Singh, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board, Manipur, said that those who know how to go along with the Banks will only prosper in the long run. Bank will come to ones' doorstep when one follows the rules and regulations of the Bank properly. Organising such training programme will be of great help to the women of the

different SHGs in managing and maintaining their economic activities. Womenfolk in their leisure time can work to earn income through formation of SHGs and help the family as a family can only be self sustained and live peacefully when both men and women worked together, he added. He also appealed to all the participants to form SHGs to generate income for overall development and not just for namesake. SHGs should take opportunity to get the benefits given by the Banks.

IPR director assures to promote evening daily newspaper

IT News
Imphal, April 25: Director of DIPR, Meghachandra Kongbam today assures to look after the difficulties faced by the evening daily of the state. Protesting the step motherly treatment to evening newspapers published here in the state of Manipur a group of Editors today staged sit-in-protest in front of the Director, IPR office at

Moirangkhom. The protest was staged after the Govt. Department considered only big newspapers as the only medium to show respect to the War Heroes of Kongjom Day. It was not about neglecting the Evenings in Khongjom Day but at most of the times the evening daily were sideline when comes to take up welfare measures for the

existence of the newspaper. The protest demands a proper policy for survival of the evening daily newspaper. Responding to the protest Director, IPR, Meghachandra Kongbam said that a separate policy for small newspaper particularly the evening daily will be worked out soon. He said the government is entitled to support all small media and will do the same for upliftment of the newspapers.

PREPAK to observe Indian colonial resist day

IT News
Imphal, April 25: Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) is all set to observe the 4th Indian Colonialism Resist Day tomorrow. A statement of the outfit said that the day will be observed at its CHQ, GHQ, THQ, Transit Camp, training center and other departments of the outfit. The outfit said that the day is being observed to voice against the oppression by Indian colonialism and appealed people to support the outfit. The statement said that

people of the region has been facing several form of harassment and atrocities by the colonial regimes. The kind of oppressive warfare committed by the Indian armed forces to suppress the freedom struggle is known by each and every citizen of the region, it added. The statement also recalled the incident of April 26, 1980 at Patsoi Langing Khunou saying that such activities by the Indian security forces has encourage the rebel movement in the region. On that day some red army of the PREPAK killed two CRPF

personnel at around 9.15 am and recovered two arms from them. In retaliation the CRPF killed 4 civilians and tortured several men and women including children. The outfit also alleged that after the incident even a pregnant woman who had been hiding at a room was pulled out and killed mercilessly. In remembrance to the Patsoi incident the outfit has been observing the Indian Colonial Resist Day on every April 26. Tomorrow is the fourth time that the organization has been observing the day, the statement added.

'Let us end dual celebration of Khongjom Day'

IT News
Imphal, April 25: Titular king of Manipur, Leishemba Sanajaoba has said it is imperative to immediately begin a process of consultation in order to settle the dispute over the exact date of Khongjom Day and pave the way for a joint observation on a common day. He was speaking as the chief guest at the 126th Khongjom

Battle Commemoration 2017 which was organised by Khongjom Battle Memorial Committee, Manipur at Khongjom Tengol Lampak. Continuing his speech, he said it is a great privilege for the present generation that they are getting the chance to offer some fruits, flowers or grains and pay their tributes to the brave-hearts who sacrificed their lives at the

battle of Khongjom. We should feel proud of being their descendants, he said, adding that mere observation of memorial programmes and paying tributes in their memory will not do justice to the immense sacrifice they had made. Instead, the present generation must attempt to possess their intrepid quality and walk in their footsteps.

Japanese apologize for Khurai bombing

IT News
Imphal, April 25: After 74 years of bombing at Khurai Chingangbam Mandap by the Japanese army during the World War 2, Deputy Chief of Japanese embassy Shunichi Inoue apologies to the victim families on behalf of Japanese army and paid floral tribute to the victims of the bombing. Deputy Chief of Japanese embassy Shunichi Inoue met the victim families in which he was warmly welcome. With the apologies for whatever happen during the war, Deputy Chief of Japanese embassy share the grief and sorrow of the families of the bombing where more than 100 locals of the Khurai and its nearby surrounding areas lost their lives. Reconciliation of the war where thousands of innocent people had suffered and even become the victims during the World War 2 is taking place slowly. The victim family presented Manipuri traditional dress, known as Phaneik in Manipuri, for his wife as a token of appreciation for his visit and for the tribute paid to the memorial of the victims at the Khurai Chingangbam Mandap. The program was facilitated by Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 and Tourism Forum, Manipur. Deputy Chief of Japanese embassy, Shunichi Inoue came to Imphal two days ago to discuss the 20th May

commemoration of World War 2 which will be conducted in Imphal and sites where World War 2 took place. Upon knowing of the bombing incident and reading in newspaper about the last commemoration which took place on April 20, 2017 at the Khurai Chingangbam Mandap, Shunichi Inoue wishes to visit the victim family and laid floral tribute to the memorial. Meantion may be that family members and relatives of the khurai bombing had observed its 74th Death Anniversary in the mandap where the bomb was dropped on April 20, 2017. Kh Nimaicharan, one of the family members who also lost his father on the faithful day had narrated how horrifying the bombing was. In April 1943, the Japanese Army started dropping bombs at various part of Manipur in an effort to wipe out the Allied forces, unfortunately one of the bombs dropped landed on Khurai Chingangbam Mandap where a large group of people had gathered for a religious feast. More than 100 civilians were killed on that day, some on the spot right after the bomb had dropped and some scammed to injuries at the hospital including those who were travelling on the nearby road, he narrates. The victims family narrates the bombing was one

of the nightmare in the history of Manipur as the largest loss of civilian lives in one incident in Manipur throughout World War II. Being 74 years since the incident, family members and relatives have propose to the state government to preserve the area (mandap) as the heritage site. A memorial place has also been constructed at Khurai Chingangbam Mandap to mark the site where the bombing took place. A photograph which was taken immediately after the bombing has also been put up to depicts the destruction which occurred that day. In recent years, the number of people visiting the memorial has increased due to the rise in tourists exploring the nearby Kohima and Imphal battle sites. The memorial had the words 'Dedicated to the memory of those Unfortunate Number of Civilian Victims of the Japanese Bombing Disaster that had occurred at this Place of the then Khurai Chingangbam Mandap on the 20th of April, 1943 during the 2nd World War' which the memorial stone was donated by Kh Nimaicharan. Yumnam Rajeshwor Singh, co-founder of Imphal Campaign Foundation, WW2 also handed over a list of names (around 100) including in and around Khurai and its nearby area till Chingal area) who have lost their lives in the bombing.

Pandit Brajabihari remembered

IT News
Imphal, April 25: Sahitya Akademi manipur and NG College today organised a seminar on the life and works of Pandit Aribam Brajabidhu at Jubilee Hall today. Pandit Aribam Brajabidhu is a noted Sanskrit scholar of the state and has translated many Sanskrit literatures in Manipuri Language. Abhyan Sakuntalam the classic novel was translated to Manipuri by Pandit Brajabihari. Principal of NG College, Y Mamon Devi, Prof H Bihari Advisor Manipur Sahitya Academy and Gahal Paul, Officer in charge Sahitya Akademi Kolkata attended the inaugural function.

Works minister inspects NH-37

IT News
Imphal, April 25: Works minister Thongam Bishworjit has completed his assessment of the progress in construction work of Imphal-Jiribam highway and returned for the state capital early this morning. The works minister and his entourage travelled till Jiribam on the highway from the state capital yesterday and conducted the inspection. He was accompanied by chief engineer and top officials of public works department. It may be mentioned that prime minister Narendra Modi will be conducting his own assessment of the construction work of the same highway this afternoon through video conferencing.