

First round talk of state government with JAC against Anti-Tribal bills held

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Imphal, April 7: First round talk of State Government with the Joint Action Committee Against Anti Tribal Bills (Churachandpur) was held today at Chief Minister's Secretariat chaired by the Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh which resulted a positive outcome.

In the first round of talk with the JAC, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh expressed his desire to let the families of the victims perform the last rites to the dead bodies considering the mental trauma families of the victims might be having which cannot be measured. Saying that there is no country/state or even a family without any problem, he said that any crisis or any problem can be resolved through a series of meetings. He appealed earnestly the JAC and the people of Churachandpur to come to the negotiating table and said that the Government is ready to have series of negotiations for resolving any issue for the betterment of the State and its people. He also thanked the JAC for responding to the



appeal of the govt. for talks. He reiterated that Manipur is made up of Hills and Valley and without hills and tribals there is no Manipur. Pointing out that government is for the people, Chief Minister said that his government just after assuming power has been successful in resolving the longest economic blockade through negotiation. He expressed his thankfulness to the United Naga Council for lifting their economic blockade. In the talk, the JAC Against

Anti Tribal Bills also submitted their charter of demands to the government and discussed. After the discussion, the meeting resolved to have a next round of talk tentatively on April 10, 2017.

The State Government side led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh consisted Works Minister Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Agriculture/Veterinary Minister V. Hangkhanlian, Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen, TD & Hills Minister N. Kayisii, Chief

Secretary, O. Nabakishore, DGP L.M. Khaute, Law Secretary Th. Kamini Kumar and Deputy Commissioner Churachandpur R. Sudhan. The 11 member delegation of the JAC Against Anti Tribal Bills led by its Chief Convener, H. Mangchinkhup consisted representatives of various tribal bodies and organisations like Young Paite Association, United Zou Organisation, Tedim Chin Union, Mizo People Convention etc.

Manipur Police Cyber Crime pulls up 16 suspects over question leaked case

IT News

Imphal, April 7: Manipur Police Cyber Crime Unit has picked up 16 suspects which spread question paper for Physics examination of class XII through social networking site WhatsApp before the commencement of the examination on April 5.

Among those picked up includes an admin of a WhatsApp group identified as Tourangbam Taison, (26 years) son f (L) T. Imocha Meitei of Patsol Part -1 Lamkhai, opposite CDO/ Outpost Imphal West district, Moirengjam Naocha @ Sanayaima Meitei (21 years) son of M. Tombabu Meitei and Laishram Koireng Meitei (24 years), son of L. Nungshikanta Meitei of Terakhong Mayai Leikai, Bishnupur district, Elangbam Mushuk Meitei (21 years) son of E bijoy Singh of Hiyanglam Makha Leikai, Thoubal district, (Organisation Secy. DESAM) and 12 other students of class XI and XII of Xtra Edge School, Millennium Institu of Science, Herbert School, HRD Academy, Ram Lal Paul Hr. Secondary School and



Advance Public School. On April 5, Student body DESAM has alleged leaked of Physics question paper as it was circulated in WhatsApp group one hour before the commencement of the examination. DESAM also stated that students at some of the exam center were seen having answer note supplied from outside the examination hall from Question 1 to 20 in toto.

Imphal West Cyber Crime Unit in-charge, Additional SP Dr. S. Ibomcha while taking to media persons stated that, investigation on the matter begin after the Secretary of the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Dr. Meinam Bidyasagar lodge a complaint

to the SP Imphal West at 6 pm of April 5 stating that some unknown persons sent the image of the question paper of Physics subject scheduled to begin at 10 am of the day through mobile WhatsApp at 9.20 am.

The Additional SP said that Sub Inspector Abhijeet Karam and Abdul Sarif of the Cyber Crime Unit with cooperation from other police officer started the investigations and within 24 hours of lodging the complaints the 16 suspect were picked up. He said the cyber crime unit had found complete evidence of the root of the leakage of the question paper and assured punishment to all those involved under the law of the land.

Congress MLAs return

IT News

Imphal, April 7: 15 congress MLAs who were camping outside the country days after the 1st assembly session of the Manipur legislative Assembly today return back to Imphal.

Exact reason on why the MLAs had been on foreign tour for such a long period is not known but source speculates that they might have been sent to cut off any communication with the BJP on their attempt to defect MLAs.

Report said that 15 MLAs includes - Govindas Konthoujam, Kh. Koykishan, Henry Okram, S. Bira, Y. Surchandra, Yamthang Haokip, L. Loken, DD Thaisii, D. Korunghang, K. Meghachandra, W. Lukhoi, AK Mirabai, Dr. Chaltolian, Amo, Surajkumar Okram and Md. Fajur Rahim.

The report added that 10 MLAs 6E 4114 and the remaining MLAs come back at AI-713.

Source said that former speaker Th Lokeshwar will be returning to Imphal from Kolkata on evening flight

2 UG arrested

IT News

Imphal, April 7: Troops of 35 Assam Rifles apprehended 2 cadres NSCN-K from Longwa Village in Arunachal Pradesh on April 4 during a search operation. Among those arrested are one self style sergeant of NSCN-K identified as Wangchak and other a self style Corporal of the outfit identified as Nokwang.

Inclusive development is a must and no disparity should be there between hills and valley: N. Biren

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Imphal, April 7: "The Government is fully committed to bringing inclusive development in the State and no disparity should be there among us", said Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh. This was stated on an inspection visit of the Indra Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus at Makhon village, Kangpokpi District today.

During the inspection, an interaction programme with the faculties and students was held at the Library Hall of the

University. Stating that education is the future of the society, the Chief Minister said, "Establishment of such Tribal University in the State is the need of the hour as many students who cannot afford to study outside the State can have a better place to get education within the State." He further stated that the new Government believes in practical approach and its foremost mission is to bring development equally in both hills and valley. After discussing the



grievances of the faculties and students, Shri N. Biren Singh promised to construct the security barracks and deploy security personnel in the campus.

The Chief Minister also assured that the approach road leading to University

from Kanglatongbi would be blacktopped soon. He further stated that he would do his best to pursue the Union HRD Ministry for the upgradation of the present Regional Campus into an autonomous/full-fledged University. Tribal Affairs and Hills Minister Shri N. Kayisii, Social Welfare and Co-operation Minister Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, Higher and Technical Education Commissioner Shri Vineet Joshi, Director Education (U) Smt. Th. Chitra Devi, Tribal Development Director Smt. Mannuamching and other top civil and police officials accompanied the Chief Minister during the visit.

Fitting tribute paid to war heroes of the Battle of Kanglatongbi

IT News

Imphal, April 7: Fitting tribute was paid to the war heroes of the battle of Kanglatombi where the Ordnance Corps of the British Army had fought the Axis force in World War II. An observance function was held today at Kanglatongbi War Memorial cemetery.

Members of Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 also paid floral tributes and observed few minutes silence as a mark of respect to the martyrs of the battle of Kanglatongbi at the Kanglatongbi War Memorial War Cemetery, Kanglatongbi, Imphal West District. Standing tall in Khengjang village of Kanglatongbi area, Sadar Hills under Imphal West District, Kanglatongbi War Memorial cemetery is a mute testimony to the fighting prowess of the Army Ordnance Corps.

During the Second World War (1942-1945), when the desperate marauding Japanese forces were trying to open their line of communication to Imphal, a small but determined detachment of the 221 Advance Ordnance Depot put up a stiff resistance stalling the desperate bayonet charges and the advance of Japanese forces till reinforcement arrived and turn the tide against the Japanese troops. The night of April 6/7, 1944 was a curse, the Japanese after occupying the old site, mounted a heavy attack on the Depot. Apart from keeping heavy pressure that night, the enemy made a downhill attack from the hill side where a deep nallah was used as a covered approach to the depot. A very well camouflaged bunker had been sited by the depot on this approach with an

excellent view of the nallah. The Bren Gun Section positioned in this bunker having spotted a section of the enemy within range opened fire. This shook the enemy and forced them to withdraw leaving many dead. The very Battle of Kanglatongbi also known as Battle of Lion Box was fought between the Axis (Japanese) Force and Allied Force and in memory of the exemplary courage, bravery, supreme sacrifice and unflinching devotion to duty made by the Ordnance personnel of 221 Advance Ordnance Depot during the battle, the modest war memorial was constructed. Meanwhile, Imphal Campaign Foundation WW2 also paid floral tribute to William Howard who had laid down his life during the Second World War.

AMUCO extended helping hands to Sirarakhong villagers

IT News

Imphal, April 7: A team of All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO) today extended helping hands to the landslide victims of Sirarakhong Village in Chingai Sub-Division of Ukhrul district. The team led by Ph. Devan, President AMUCO also handed over a sum of Rs. 10,000/- to the Chairman of Sirarakhong Village, L. Ngarthingyao. Relief materials including edible items were also distributed to the villagers.

Speaking on the occasion, AMUCO president Ph. Devan lauded the initiative of the BJP led government by providing immediate relief to the villagers. He said the AMUCO will always support such initiative in the coming days.

On the other hand the

president of the AMUCO also appealed the government to take up speedy work for repairing of the road connectivity. He said after the village has been sink a diversion road is being used however, the condition of the road need to be properly looked into. A total of 8 houses were sunk at Sirarakhong village on April 5 due to landslide cause by the incessant rain. The village is about 85 kilometer from the Imphal city and is about 136 kilometer from the Ukhrul district head quarter.

Two days after the tragedy, a team of Manipur government led by Forest and environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar along with other government functionary visited the site and extended immediate relief to the villagers.

Mopin festival marked with traditional gaiety, religious fervour in Arunachal

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Itanagar, April 7: Mopin festival was celebrated across Arunachal Pradesh with traditional gaiety and religious fervour on Thursday. This festival is most popular among the Galo community. Dressed in their traditional attires, Galo men and women, young and old alike came out in large numbers to celebrate their annual harvest festival. Assam Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, who was the

chief guest, greeted the people of Arunachal in general and the Galos in particular and said that the festivals fostered love, harmony, brotherhood and peace. Bora stated the age-old relations between the two neighbouring States - Assam and Arunachal Pradesh - and opined that all the people of North East should unite to build a strong, vibrant and self-reliant NE. He said that all the

differences, if any, should be hammered out through meaningful dialogues. Bora later participated in the Popir dance and witnessed the traditional ritual including Mithun sacrifice and cultural competitions. The guest of honour Tado Ete, a senior citizen from the community, passionately appealed the Galos, especially the youth to spare no effort to jealously safeguard the rich traditional culture and heritage of the Galos.