

## Bar Council of India to weed-out fake lawyers

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 25:** The Bar Council of India (BCI), under the Bar Council of India Certificate and Place of Practice (Verification) Rules (2015), is all set to weed out fake lawyers and imposters from practicing law. In a press conference held at Manipur High Court Complex, today, A Jagjit Singh, Chairman Executive Committee Bar Council of Manipur (BCM) said that the BCM under the guidance and instructions of the BCI has already started the verification processes of the lawyers enrolled under the Role of

State Bar Council to root out the imposters from practicing law. He further said that 75 percent of the verification process has been completed so far. It may be mentioned that there have been a number of writ petitions filed requesting immediate elections of the State Bar Council as the term has expired long back. The Bar Council of India however is pressing for the need of verification of the candidates to eliminate fake lawyers in order to bring improvement in the Bar and to get deserving practicing advocate for the respective Bar Council.

"The duplicate or fake lawyers participating in the profession has tarnished the image and dignity of the noble profession", said Jagjit. He further addressed the need of wide publicity through local dailies in the interest of all the lawyers of the state for successful implementation of BCI Certificate and Place of Practice (Verification) Rules, 2015. In connection to the verification rules 2015, the Supreme Court in its order dated 23-08-17 have directed the verification process be expedited and another 15 days time be given to the concerned

advocates for doing correction of their respective forms. After the verification the state bar councils are required to publish the final Electoral roll by including the names and particulars of the advocates whose degrees attached with the application forms have been verified by the concerned University authority. Persons whose degrees on verification if found false of fake by the University authority shall not be included in the Electoral Rolls. State Bar Councils are advised to conclude all procedures of verifications by 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2017.

## Minor girl rescued from rapist; locals vandalise the residence of the rape accused

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 25:** In yet another shocking incident a 39 years old man tried to rape a 14 years old minor girl inside her own house but rescued in time, after the minor girl shouted for help. The incident happened somewhere in Thoubal district at around noon today. The rapist Naorem Mani, son of N. Nimai of Keirembikhok Mayai Leikai of Thoubal district under Thoubal Police station escaped from the spot and his whereabouts is not known. Irate locals of the area after hearing the news thronged to the residence of the rapist and he was not available in his the



angry locals pour their anger by vandalising the house belongs to him. Later a public meeting was held at Kairembikhok Mayai Leikai Community Hall and resolved to ostracise Naorem Mani from the locality. The

locals also warn dire consequences to anybody who provide shelter to the rapist. Thoubal police also registered a case regarding the matter and the police are hunting the absconding rapist.

## 1000 litres seized

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 25:** A team of Thoubal Police led by SI Minabanda Singh with women police under the supervision of Rishikesh Sharma, OC Thoubal Police Station yesterday seized atleast 1000 litres of DCC liquor from two women during a checking at Thoubal area.

## SC to hear pleas against Article 35 A after Diwali

**AIR**  
**New Delhi, Aug. 25:** The Supreme Court today agreed to hear pleas challenging Article 35 A, relating to special rights and privileges of permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir, after Diwali. Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi and Advocate Shob Alam mentioned the matter before a bench headed by Justice J S Khehar comprising Justices Dipak Misra and D Y Chandrachud that even the Centre has no objection if the pleas are taken up after Diwali. Earlier the apex court had favoured hearing of the matter by a five-judge constitution bench in case the Article is ultra vires of the Constitution or if there is any procedural lapse. The court had said that a three-judge bench will hear the matter and refer it to a five-judge bench if necessary. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by Charu Wali Khanna challenging Article 35A of the Constitution and Section 6 of the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution which deal with the permanent residents of the state.

## Admission Notice

Last date of issue and submission of application forms for admission to B.ED Programme at Manipur University has been extended upto August 28, 2017, a notice of the Joint Registrar, MU, David K Zote said.

## Tribal students disappointed with MU entrance result

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 24:** Tribal Students are not happy with the recent result declared for intake of PG students in the various department of the Manipur University. In a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club representatives of Manipur University tribal Students' Union (MUTSU) and All Tribal

Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) said that proper guidelines directed by the Court for reservation of Tribal Students at the Universities has not been followed. President of MUTSU Guigaipou while speaking to media persons said that instead of 31% reservation as directed by the court as well as by the UGC the University

had provided much less seats to the tribal students. "In Chemistry department of the total 45 seat only 9 are selected from among the tribal students when it should be 13", he said. And added that the same is being done at all the department. The entrance test was held on August 21 and the result was declared on August 23.

## AG frames time for completion of dues for pensionery benefits and provident fund

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 25:** Accountant General (A&E) Manipur, Imphal has framed time limit for clearance of dues for pensionery benefits and provident fund within 2 months from the date of receipt of the cases completed. In a press statement issued by Pankaj Verma, IAAS, Dy, Accountant General (A&E), it is stated that unless there are deficiencies in the documents furnished, almost all cases are being authorised within the set time frame. The statement

appealed not to contact any staffs for settlement of any cases at any point of time. It also said that the AG office will not entertain any kind of correspondence either in oral or written, formal or informal to expedite issue of related orders. Pensioners or employees are also requested to contact the Dy. AG at 0385-2442340 or mail at vermaap@cag.gov.in if in case staff of the office demands any bribe of cash or kinds to settle case. A PRO cell is also open on Monday and Thursday every

week except falling on a holiday for submission of any grievance or complaints, the statement added. It further said that documents to be submitted along with Pension Case and GPF final case are listed in the official website agmpr.cag.gov.in. All government departments heads are also directed to forward proposal complete in all respect at least six months in advance prior to the date of retirement of the employee as per MCS pension rule 61(4) to serve the pensionary benefits in time.

## Jayentakumar promises Rs. 1.5 lakhs for Lai Haraoba in Tripura

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 25:** "State government will provide Rs 1.5 lakh every year for lai haraoba celebration of Ibudhou Puthiba in Tripura" said Arts and Culture Minister, L Jayentakumar. Speaking to the media persons at his office chamber at Old Secretariat, Jayentakumar said that state government will sanction Rs 1.5 lakh for lai haraoba

celebration of Ibudhou Puthiba in Tripura. Jayentakumar also said after his visit to Tripura after becoming Manipur Arts and Culture Minister to attend the Tripura Socio Cultural Meet, Manipur and Tripura had close relation since both were princely state. Jayentakumar further said that to build and have our own guest house in the near future at Ibudhou Puthiba Shrine in

Tripura, will consult Chief Minister of Manipur and a statue of Major Chongtham Miya who played a major role in Khongjom War will be install at the place where he breath his last breath, he added. Jayentakumar expressed happiness on finding the photographs of the princesses of Manipur and various items used by them at Tripura Museum.

## Consumers' Club, Manipur celebrated its 26th Foundation Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Aug 25:** Consumers' Club, Manipur celebrated its 26th foundation day today at Lamyamba Shanglein at Palace Compound, Imphal East. Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, Yumnam Khemchand, Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly appeals to the Consumers' Club, Manipur to work in the interest of the

consumers. Consumers' club which was once very active has become weak and it needs to be strengthened, he added. Khemchand also said that it is very unfortunate to see the qualification images of the candidates who have won the election as rich and well fortune. Without taking care the public who has cast their votes to elect him/her in the

election and after wining turning back on their own for their self responsibility is very unfortunate, he added. T Phulchand Sharma President of Consumers' Club, Manipur took part in the 26th foundation day celebration. One day workshop on consumer awareness was also held as part of the foundation day.

## The Story Of 40 Pineapple Suckers 70th Year of Pineapple Cultivation (1947 - 2017)



**By Gin Gangte**  
Circa 1947. It was the month of February / March just a little away before India won her freedom when Pu Songpu Gangte planted 40 pineapple suckers at Khouabung in Churachandpur District of Manipur. The 40 pineapple suckers that have been planted 70 years ago have forever changed the history and destiny of Khouabung DCC area, revolutionizing

pineapple cultivation as a livelihood alternative in Manipur. It is said that Agriculture, or for that matter, Horticulture has been one of the oldest profession, as old as human civilization. So does the cultivation of pineapple has been in practise much before the birth of India's Independence, signifying that India's Independence was born with the spirit of "dignity of labour" of its citizens. Pineapple, a tropical fruit famous for its "thorny crown" has been first cultivated in Brazil. Pineapple was first called "anana", a word derived from the Tupi-Guarani word "nanas" in South America, which literally means "excellent" fruit. Despite the fact that ananas had long been grown and eaten in

South America, the explorer Christopher Columbus was still credited for the discovery of the fruit in 1493. He found it on the Island of Guadeloupe, which is now a French overseas territory in the Southern Caribbean. Pineapple cultivation was introduced to India by Portuguese in 1548 AD. **The 'First Blood' Cultivators:** When Pu Songpu Gangte planted 40 pineapple suckers at Khouabung in 1947, it was soon followed by others as a profession, and the process of pineapple cultivation gradually spread to new areas, one after the other. Among those early cultivators were Pu Khamzathang Gangte, the late Chief of Bunglawn, Pu (L) Kamsoi Gangte, Pu (L) Nielgo Gangte, and others. They took to pineapple

cultivation in a massive scale and the pineapple cultivation has spread it wings by becoming as an alternative livelihood profession. May their souls rest in peace! My father once told me that pineapple suckers were collected from Lakhipur in Assam. He said that he himself have collected pineapple suckers from Lakhipur and transported it by flight. They were the first one who planted the Giant Kew variety of Pineapple in Manipur, even though the Queen variety were found in Thoubal area of the state. What is unique in their approach was that, the "first blood" cultivators have chosen pineapple cultivation as a livelihood alternative, which stands the test of time, for the last 70 years.

Locally known as "Lengthei" in Gangte dialect, which means "the King of all Fruits", pineapple has been cultivated in almost all the 16 districts of Manipur. This is clear from the fact that "Pineapple Festivals" are being celebrated in some part of the state or other, from time to time, apart from the "State Level" celebration. According to a survey conducted by the Manipur Pineapple Festival Committee, Manipur in August 2008, Churachandpur District is the largest producer of pineapple in the state, thanks to the large scale productions of pineapple within the jurisdiction of Khouabung District Council Constituency. There are about 400 pineapple farmers in Khouabung DCC alone with an area of over 1000 acres of land being under cultivation.

As one takes to Khouabung DCC Headquarters, a lively sprawling pineapple farms, with all scenic beauty of the hills would mesmerize the visitors. A cynosure of all eyes, indeed! The Giant Kew variety of pineapple, with all nutritious contents, has been known by many as one of the best pineapple in the world. Comes August, the Giant Kew variety booms to its zenith turning the month of August as the "Season of Joy" for the pineapple farmers. While the size of the Giant Kew variety has shown appreciable looks, the average weight of one pineapple is about 3 kg. The harvest season of pineapple is a high point of the year for the pineapple lovers and farmers of the state.

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