

Herojit summoned by CBI

IT News
Imphal, Feb 22: Head constable Herojit, who had confessed on how he had shot dead Ch Shanjit Singh on broad day light of July 23, 2009 at Khwairamband Keithel was today summoned by CBI top official to re examine his

statement. Court hearing of the infamous July 23 Khwairambandh Keithel fake encounter is scheduled today at District and Session Judge Imphal East, however Herojit was not able to appear before the judge due to personal problem. The Session Judge

postponed the hearing on March 9. Meanwhile, Herojit today appeared before the top officials of the CBI who are in Imphal to re investigate the case after Herojit confessed that he himself shot death Ch Sanjit on the order of his superior.

Rajnath's clarification on 'frame work' agreement fails to convince CSOs and students Mass protest staged in infront of Raj Bhawan

IT News
Imphal, Feb 22: Union Home Minister, Rajnath's clarification on framework agreement signed between the NSCN-IM and the GoI, during his visit here in Imphal has failed to convince the Civil Society organisation of the state as well as the students' bodies as the Home Minister only stated that Manipur was not included in the agreement but did not produced the agreement copy.

At around noon today large number of womenfolk and volunteers of the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) thronged at the Raj Bhavan, demanding the governor to urge the center for producing the signed agreement to the public.

As the students thronged to the Raj Bhavan, police team who were present at the site



tried to stopped them in front of Education (U) office. As the student agitators instead of retreating tried to forcibly enter the Raj Bhavan the police team swung into action and confrontation took place between the two groups. Talking to reporters a student leader said that they will

continue the agitation until the government of India produce a white paper of the framework agreement. The agitation was launched on February 5 and still continuing. He said they were on their way to the Raj Bhavan to urge the governor of Manipur for

giving pressure to the Union of India to make public, the content of the frame work agreement signed between the NSCN-IM and GoI on August 3, 2015. If the demand is not fulfil the student bodies will continue various form of agitation, he added.

Rs 6 lakhs in new denomination recovered

IT News
Imphal, Feb 22: A combined team of Election Surveillance Officials and State police today caught a person along with Rs. 6 Lakh new denomination of Rs 2000 notes while checking at Singjamei Chinga Crossing under Singjamei Police station. Identity of the person could not be established at the moment as the team is investigating on where the cash came to him.



NEFIS condemns incident of rape in Hauz Khas village

IT News
Imphal, Feb 22: North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) condemns the incident of rape of a woman from North-East in Hauz Khas village.

In a press statement the forum said, "It is worrying that such kind of incidents against women is worrying, particularly those coming from North-East are increasing in Delhi".

The NEFIS statement further added that, the incidents of violence towards the people from the North East in general, have increased rapidly over the past few years and it is high time that police and the administration takes cognizance of this growing menace and becomes proactive in the protection of the vulnerable sections of the society.

Convenor of NEFIS, Chinglen Khumukcham NEFIS said they will launch various agitation in coming days, if this issue is not speedily addressed.

Indefinite total shut down crippled life at Yairipok; called off after assurance from authority



IT News
Thoubal, Feb. 22: Normal life at Yairipok Keithel in Thoubal district was crippled today as almost all shops and Pharmacies remain close after All Yairipok Pharmacy Association and locals of the area called 48 hours total shut down against none repairing of Nongpok Sekmai road in between Yairipok Keithel to Canal Bridge.

Later, the total shut down was called off at around 2 pm after government authority assured them repairing of the road.

Locals of the area have long been demanding repairing of

the road stretch from a very long time.

During the agitation all passenger service transport including private vehicles stay off the road.

Talking to reporters MD. Mirja Khan said that the decision to call a total shut down was taken in a special meeting of the Yairipok Pharmacy Association.

Many important government offices including Community Health Center Yairipok, Schools, Yairipok Police Station, Yairipok Excise Office, Veterinary Hospital and others shops and business establishment are located at

both the road side of this road stretch.

People have been facing extreme hardship due to the deteriorated road condition since the last many days, said Mirja Khan.

Due to the condition of the road pharmacists and staffs of the CHC besides those coming for treatment faced the most difficult situation.

Earlier the All Yairipok Pharmacy Association had warn the authority of indefinite bandh from February 22 if construction work of the road stretch has not began on or before February 21.

In Nagaland

ZSUD advocates adequate representation of women in ULB

IT News
Kohima, Feb 22: Zeliangrong Students' Union Delhi (ZSUD) today expressed serious concern to the political crisis in Nagaland following women reservation in Urban Local Bodies (ULB) in the past few weeks.

The ZSUD also dug the NPMHR engaging in partisan politics saying that the NPMHR could have been more objective and impartial on the women reservation issue and the protests than coming out openly as a party to the political conflict.

A statement of the union said that the protests against women reservation many issues got entangled and the image of Naga society irreparably sullied.

"ZSUD is appalled at the highly political stand of the NPMHR asking the then chief minister TR Zeliang to step down during the protests", the statement added.

It said Gender issue was overshadowed by customary laws and right to self-determination dictated by power politics. Whereas the Nagas claim to be an egalitarian society without any socio-religious stratification, to the world

outside Naga society has emerged as a highly intolerant patriarchal community with no qualms about suppressing the rights of women in order to defend our customary laws and right to self-determination.

"Now that the ULB election process has been declared null and void and chief minister T.R. Zeliang resigned, gender issue must be addressed at the earliest.

ZSUD is of the strong opinion that Naga women must be empowered with adequate representations in ULB/all public offices in consonance with local customary laws and practices", the statement said. The Zeliangrong Students' Union Delhi (ZSUD) also expressed serious concern on the attempt to polarize and stratify Naga society on the parameters of 'major tribes' and 'minor tribes' during the protests.

Such politics defeats Naga unity, progress and the attempt to come out of the problem of 'tribalism'. It is said to learn that JCC and NTAC the main protestors questioned the integrity of Zeliangrong by publicly stating that they 'know the existence of Zeliang but not

Zeliangrong' the statement added.

Zeliangrong people are represented in the Naga Hoho, Naga Students' Federation and Naga Mothers Association and the Naga Political Groups under the banner of Zeliangrong transcending the political and territorial boundaries of colonial and post-colonial order.

ZSUD expressed extreme anguish and pain over the attack on innocent zeliangrong people living in Dimapur and targeting Chief Minister's private residence and the mass violence that erupted in the name of safeguarding Naga customary laws (but ultimately).

"This recent conspiracy against TR Zeliang and Zeliangrong community has hurt the sentiment of the tribe living in three different States of Manipur, Nagaland and Assam. The issue in Nagaland State should have been against the Government's decision to carry on with the ULB election. However, the unfolding of events are directed intentionally towards one minority tribe and the leader which is extremely sad and intolerable", the statement said.

Ghaziabad fake encounter: CBI court to sentence four convicted UP cops today

Ghaziabad, Feb. 22: A Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court in Ghaziabad is likely to pronounce the quantum of punishment today in the Ghaziabad fake encounter case where it convicted four Uttar Pradesh cops for gunning down four 'criminals' in an encounter in Bhojpur in November 1996.

The four cops were held guilty of murder, destruction of evidence and giving false evidence on February 20.

During the alleged encounter, four youngsters - Jalaluddin, Jasbir, Ashok and Pravesh - were gunned down by cops, terming them as criminals, on the afternoon of November 8, 1996 - the day of Dhanteras festival.

All four victims hailed from Vijay Nagar in Modi Nagar town and were daily wagers. They were from poor families and had gone to Pilkhuwa in search of daily wage job. They were sitting at a tea stall outside the Bhojpur police station when they were picked up by the cops inside the police station where they were tortured before being killed.

Forensic investigations nailed the lies of the cops.

After the investigation and trial which lasted more than two decades, CBI's Special Judge (anti corruption) Rajesh Chaudhary on Monday held the then station house officer Lal Singh, sub inspector Joginder Singh and two constables Surya Bhan and Subhash Chand as guilty for murder. The fifth accused Ranbir Singh died during the course of the trial. Initially, the Hapur Police investigated the case, but they gave a clean chit to their Ghaziabad colleagues.

The convicted cops initially maintained that they were travelling in their jeep along with several accused of a different case, but the four men opened fire at the police party near Machli Bazar, popularly known as 'Macheri ki puliya' in Bhojpur.

The convicts maintained that two of the four were shot in retaliatory fire by police while other two went into hiding in nearby sugarcane field and killed in police firing when more police force and senior officers arrived for help from Bhojpur, Modi Nagar, Niwari and Murad Nagar

police station areas.

However, the CBI took over investigation on April 7, 1997 and revealed that two victims, Jasbir and Jalaluddin were killed by Lal Singh and his colleagues on road while two others, Ashok and Pravesh, were killed in sugarcane fields even before the senior officers and police reinforcements could arrive.

During the fake encounter, the cops used revolvers, pistols, rifles, stengun, carbines and AK-47s to open fire. The post mortem examination by Dr SC Aggarwal revealed that Jasbir sustained two bullets while Jalaluddin sustained five shots. The other two, Ashok and Pravesh, died after sustaining two and five bullet injuries, respectively.

Interestingly, the CBI investigation also found that a bullet recovered from the body of victim Jasbir was allegedly fired from the official revolver of then IPS officer Jyoti Belur.

It is not yet clear whether she had the possession of the weapon or not.

Belur, who was posted as the Circle officer in the rank of assistant superintendent of police, was never charged sheeted by the CBI, but was summoned as an accused by the court on September 9, 2007.

Belur is said to be living in United Kingdom and has failed to make a personal appearance in the case so far. Her petitions against the court's summon orders were rejected by the Allahabad high court and the Supreme Court. On the other hand, the case trial has been an ordeal for the poor families of the victims, who battled all odds and did not give up despite pressure from police to withdraw the case and lack of finances.

"After my brother was shot dead in the encounter, my father pursued the case in Dehradun but he died from a heart stroke in 2008. Then my aged mother took up the case and has pursued it till date. We had to sell our house and cattle to get money but we did not give up. The policemen visited us and told us to reach a compromise but we did not," Pushpa said, sister of deceased Ashok.