

Bullet riddled dead body recovered

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Imphal, June 23: A bullet riddled dead body with hands tied on the back was recovered today morning at a road side in between Khabi Keithel and Parengtong Village under Machi Police station in Tengnoupal district. The deceased has been identified as T. Anson (36 yrs) son of T. Selmon of Biyang Village near Khoibu Centre. A bullet that hit at the left head penetrated and exit to the right head. Police team picked up the body in the presence of Forensic Science experts and deposited at JNIMS morgue here at Imphal.

MCPM clarifies

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Imphal, June 23: A statement of the Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) said that one Sorokhaibam Somokanta of Charangpat Village in Thoubal district, arrested by the Manipur police is in no way related with the outfit. It said that the said person is a disabled person with deformed legs and arrest of such persons with false allegation is a violation of Rights of the person with Disability Act, 2016 (RPD-Act 2016). The outfit appeals the Human Rights organisations and Disabled organisation to urge the concern authority for protection of the rights of the persons with disabilities.

KCP clarifies

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Imphal, June 23: A statement of the KCP Peoples' War Group said that Aribam Rikesh @ Tinku, S/o, A.Saratchandra of Thangapat Mapal who was arrested by Imphal West CDO on June 21 is not related with the People's War Group - Marxist Centre.

24-hour women helpline '181' launched

Society needs to change outlook on woman: Nemcha

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Imphal, June 23: A woman helpline '181' was launched today at the premises of DC office, Imphal West with the objective of providing 24-hour telecom service to women affected by violence and seeking support and information. The number 181 will be a single uniform code for women victims of violence to avail help across the country through referral by linking with appropriated authority such as police, one stop centre and hospital and providing information about government related schemes.

The state's women helpline is outsourced to Manipur State Commission for Women and will be operated from a two-room office inside the premises of Imphal West DC office at Lamphelpat with principal secretary of social welfare department heading the steering and monitoring committee at the state level and respective deputy commissioner heading those at the district level. Seven staffs have been engaged initially on casual/daily wage system while the service of a supervisor and



security officials have been sought from Imphal West District Police. Social welfare minister, Nemcha Kipgen; chairperson of MSCW, K Sobita; deputy commissioner of Imphal West N Geoffrey; principal secretary of SW department JC Ramthanga; and director of social welfare, Jacintha Lazarus were the main dignitaries who attended the opening function. Welcoming the launch of the emergency helpline, Nemcha Kipgen took a pledge to do everything in her capacity as the lone woman minister to fight violence against women. She said crimes against women were recorded in the past

without showing any restriction of culture, community and region but in the recent past the number of its occurrence in the state has increased at an alarming rate. Violence targeting women and

girls is occurring at public and private space and the administration should take up stringent actions against the perpetrators through effective execution of the laws, Nemcha said.

Stating that such violence can be linked with the low status of women in society, she made an appeal that they be treated with respect and at par with man. People's attitude towards women has to change to ensure that violence against them is reduced, she added. According to officials the helpline will also facilitate crisis and non crisis intervention through referral to appropriate agencies and provide appropriate support services.

100 cattle die due to FMD outbreak in Kangpokpi

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Kangpokpi, June 23 : The statement of Veterinary Department over the death of cattle in Twilang area has angered Twilang people who have claimed that nearly 100 cattle have already died of Foot-and-Mouth-Disease outbreak in the area. Village representatives of Twilang area came down to Kangpokpi today and met the Executive Member of ADC Sadar Hills and Veterinary Officials over the matter. BP Vikas Basnet, Executive Member (Veterinary) held a press meet at Kangpokpi DHQs. Seilen Lhoujem, ADC Member from Wakotphai DCC and the

representatives of Twilang people also joined the press meet.

BP Vikas Basnet expressed deep concern over the "senseless and misleading statement" of the Veterinary Department officials at a time when the people are facing a bad situation owing to the outbreak of FMD in the area. He pointed out that altogether around 88 cows including 2 goats have already died due to FMD at different places in the area till now.

Basnet said that 33 cows in Irang Part-II, 47 cows in Wakotphai area, 6 cows in Chawla and 2 goats in Gelbung have already died. He also said, "Many more death of cattle has been reported from other places but we are yet to ascertain the exact number of death."

Basnet continued that Veterinary Officer of SHADC Kangpokpi Dr John Meigai and his team has been stationed in the area since June 9 and they have also personally witnessed and verified the death of cattle

Ram Nath Kovind files nomination for Presidential election

New Delhi, June 23: NDA Presidential nominee Ram Nath Kovind today filed his nomination for Presidential Election in Parliament House. Three set of nomination were filed on his behalf. Speaking to reporters after filing the nomination papers, Mr Kovind said, office of president is the highest constitutional post and in the past it has been adorned by eminent personalities like Dr Rajendra Prasad, Dr Radhakrishnan, Dr A P J Abdul Kalam. He said, the office of President is not a political post and it should be kept beyond politics. Mr Kovind said, he will try constant development of the

country to fulfill the aspirations of the people.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president Amit Shah, BJP veterans Lal Krishna Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi, Chief Ministers of some BJP ruled states and NDA allies ruled states and the heads of some other parties supporting Mr Kovind's candidature were also present on the occasion. Opposition candidate for the post Ms Meira Kumar is expected to file her nomination on 27th of this month. 28th June is the last date for filing the nomination. The election for the President post is scheduled for 17th of next month and counting of votes will take place on 20th of July.

AMPTA criticizes govt U-turn on regularization

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Imphal, June 23: All Manipur Primary Teachers Association, AMPTA, has expressed support to the phase-wise hunger strike being staged by a group of government teachers over non-payment of ten months salaries, maintaining that their demands are genuine and reasonable. According to a press statement issued by the secretary and information secretary of the association, 1786 teachers have not received their salaries for the last ten months as the government did not fulfill its promise on regularization of their services even after Cabinet had given its approval. The statement said the striking teachers have been undergoing different types of difficulties arising out of the non-payment of their salaries

for a long period of time. The previous government sat over the issue during its tenure and when the matter was brought up with the new government there were positive signs instantly as it reciprocated with sincerity, the statement added. As a matter of fact, the state Cabinet which met on April 28 last adopted a resolution approving the regularization of their services. Surprisingly, since then, the matter was kept on sideline by the government and it refrained from taking the natural step of issuing the order for regularization of the teachers in line with the expectation generated by the Cabinet decision, the AMPTA's statement said. The distressed teachers are encountering a multitude of problems in meeting their social obligations and proceeding with their normal lives, it added.

Woman found dead

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Imphal, June 23: A woman believed to be in her 40s was found dead near Tiny Tots' Unique School Dewlahland, Imphal in the early hours of Friday.

The body of the deceased woman identified as one Begum was found around 5:30 am, police said. Her death and details are yet to be ascertained, police said, adding the body has been sent to RIMS mortuary for further verification and post mortem.

ACAUT accuses NSCN-IM of thwarting development

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Dimapur, June 23: The Against Corruption and Unabated Taxation (ACAUT) has accused the NSCN-IM of coming in the way of development. The latest jibe from the corruption watchdog comes in the backdrop of allegation that NSCN-IM cadres were involved in the June 15 incident that temporarily stalled works for the ongoing project to 4-lane the Dimapur-Kohima highway, which forms part of AH-1. Following the alleged incident, the ACAUT had asked the NSCN-IM to come clear and clarify whether its cadres were involved or were behind the alleged tax demands imposed on contractors/workers at the project site. It had also stipulated a 3-day deadline for the NSCN-

IM to respond. "On June 18, the ACAUT had demanded that the NSCN-IM clarify within three days on the allegations that the NSCN-IM had stopped the 4-laning work and threatened to burn down the machineries unless tax is paid by the contractors working on AH-1.

The people's movement had then expressed that unless clarification is made by the outfit within the time period, the automatic conclusion would be that "the NSCN-IM does not want Nagaland people to enjoy fruits of development," stated the ACAUT in a media statement issued on Thursday. While stating that the NSCN-IM has failed to clarify its position, the ACAUT said, "One can only conclude the allegations to be

true. Thus, the ACAUT is left with no option but to reiterate that "the NSCN-IM does not want Nagaland people to enjoy fruits of development." Further, it cautioned that henceforth any "disturbances" that affects the 4-lane project "by any entity" would be treated as a "direct challenge upon all Nagas."

With regard to the sincerity of the business entities contracted for the project, the ACAUT said that the firms should bear in mind that people are watching the progress of works with great concern. "... Quality should not be compromised under any circumstances - and therefore, great care should be taken to avoid misunderstandings," the ACAUT added.

Contractors say matter amicably settled

Meanwhile, the Nagaland Contractors' & Suppliers' Union (NCSU) informed that the matter has been amicably put to rest. The NCSU through a media statement said that the "Home Minister of NSCN-IM" called Nagaland Contractors' & Suppliers' Union officials on June 21 in connection with the matter.

The statement said that the matter was thoroughly deliberated and any "communication gap and misunderstanding between the two parties" was "amicably settled." It also clarified that the works on the project resumed the next day after the alleged tax demand incident occurred on June 15.

Imphal, June 23: MAHUD Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar said stern action will be taken up against contractors, sanction authority and engineers involved in the construction of the new building of the Thoubal Municipal Council office. He made the statement after inspecting the new building located inside the Thoubal Municipal Council office yesterday. The Minister said the new building has partially caved in, cracks are visible on the walls and the building is currently tilted due to damage on the retaining walls. MAHUD Minister appealed to the Councillors of the Thoubal Municipal Council to be vigilant and strictly follow the system while issuing licence to the vendors to avoid problems of issuing double license. Stating that the Imphal Municipal Council has already initiated work to keep the

outbreak of FMD in the area.

He further said that amidst the tireless efforts and struggle by the District Council Administration and the tremendous hardship and grievances of the people caused by FMD outbreak, the senseless statement of Veterinary officials is too discouraging and embarrassing.

"A punitive action should be initiated by the concerned authority and the state government against the Veterinary officials who confined themselves in their respective office and made a blatant false clarification and statement without knowing the ground reality and without considering the extremely painful situation in the area", Basnet said.

Basnet also said that the outbreak of FMD is still spreading in the area in spite of the vaccination of over 1241 cattle in the area by Veterinary Department of SHADC Kangpokpi under the supervision of Dr John Meigai,

Veterinary Officer.

The Executive Member also drew the attention of the state government to immediately send a sincere and responsible team in the area to examine the fatal situation so as to take up quick measure to control the disease from further spreading.

Wakotphai MDC, Seilen Lhoujem said that not only cow, buffalo, goat and sheep are affected by the disease, there is not a single hen/cock at Wakotphai village now.

Dr. John Meigai said that he personally led a team in Twilang area as instructed on June 9 and confirmed the outbreak of the FMD while witnessing death of a few animals after 1/2 days. He continued that the death of animals due to the disease began after June 9 and it has been spreading rapidly in the areas.

Dr John said his team provided treatment to the already affected animals and vaccinated other animals as prevention.

Will take stern action against builders of new Thoubal Municipal Council building: Minister Shyamkumar

marketplaces in Imphal neat and clean, Shyamkumar instructed the Thoubal Municipal Council to begin the process to keep the market areas neat and clean. After inspecting the building, Minister Th. Shyamkumar, MAHUD Director N. Gikumar along with department officials had a meeting with the Councillors of the Thoubal Municipal Council. Th. Shyamkumar, Chairman, Thoubal Municipal Council presented an 11 points charter of demands. MAHUD Minister gave assurance to the demand to provide Tata 407 vehicle (3 Numbers) to be utilised for the purpose of the solid waste collection. Regarding the purchase of De-silting machine, Shyamkumar said, the State has only one machine at present. He said, the State Government will try to purchase more such machines

so that it can be used in rotation when required. He also gave assurance to include in the programme, the proposal of bore pile retaining wall in front of Thoubal Municipal Council, Thoubal (150 meters) and Thoubal Bridge to Sekpi Khongnangkhang (270 meters). Regarding demand for conversion of Manipur Municipal staffs to the Manipur State Service, Shyamkumar said the State Government will look into the feasibility of the matter and asked the staffs to take reference from other states. The Minister gave approval to the demand for reservation of the State Land opposite to Thoubal Melaground, Thoubal Achouba (total area of 1.6025 hectares) to Thoubal Municipal Council to solve the overcrowding issue at the Bazar. (Contd. on page 2)