

RIMS MRI not working again

IT News
Imphal, June 24: At a time when chief Minister of Manipur had announced free diagnosis for patients at RIMS and JNIMS, MRI machine installed at RIMS is not in a position to provide services to the people. A statement of the Medical Superintendent of RIMS said that the MRI machine at RIMS could not be operated due to technical problem and appealed the general public to bear with it. The MS statement did not mention anything about when the machine will be made functional for the public.

MP Minister disqualified for submitting wrong poll expenditure

New Delhi, June 24: Election Commission has disqualified Madhya Pradesh Minister Narottam Mishra for submitting wrong expenditure accounts in the polls. Official sources said Mr. Mishra has also been debarred from contesting poll for three years. He had allegedly published paid news in various newspapers ahead of 2008 Assembly elections without accounting for that expense.

AYUSH Director Felicitated

Imphal, June 24: State AYUSH Pharmacist's Association today felicitated newly appointed Director of AYUSH Dr. A. Guneswar Sharma along with Additional Director, Member Secretary State AYUSH Society Dr. Y. Lukhohi Singh and Additional Director AYUSH Dr. M. Shyamjai Singh at DJ Social Hotel, RIMS Road.

Disabled people denied financial aids for 2016-17: SPDPO

IT News
Imphal, June 24: An umbrella body of organizations for disabled people has alleged that authorities in the state have been continuously depriving them of their rights and entitlements under various schemes for years and appealed to the newly installed BJP-led government to help them receive their rightful claims. The newly elected president of the apex body - State Platform of Disabled People's Organisation - Md Yunus Khan said at a press conference after taking charge that the past governments that administered the state have shown to lack commitment in implementing the projects and policies related to disabled people.

All types of grant in aid, financial assistance, unemployment allowances and scholarships meant for the benefit of disabled people in the state for the financial year 2016-17 were not distributed and the prescribed forms for selection of beneficiaries for the current financial year 2017-18 have not been issued, he stated. At the same, legislations passed by the Parliament for the welfare of disabled people like the People's with Disability Act have not been implemented in the state even now. Every time we approached the government departments to seek our rightful claims they behaved in such manners that made us feel like beggars and appeared to have the assumption that

the social welfare department is the only one department with the responsibility for tending to our whole needs, he added. The administration has hold back even the meagre amounts given as financial assistances and it looked like they don't actually care about our welfare at all. However, if the administration continues to deny even our basic rights the organization will be taking up a series of agitations, he warned comprehending on the types of agitation being mooted.

General elections for choosing the new office bearers were also held today. Apart from Md Yunus Khan, P. Liivie will be the general secretary and Kim Thomite will be the new treasurer.

Mother, daughter killed in road accident

NENA
Imphal, June 24: A mother and a daughter were killed following a major road mishap at Nongren village in Sawombung of Imphal East under Lamlai Police Station early on Saturday. Kh Bijiyanti Devi, 30, and her daughter, 3, from Nongren Mayai Leikai who were travelling on an Activa scooter with her husband died on the spot after a speeding truck hit their vehicle, sources from the spot said. The accident happened at 7.45 this morning.

Enraged by the fatal incident, a large number of villagers gathered at the spot and enforced a road blockade in protest. Police said the vehicle with registration number MN-07C 3588 along with the driver has been taken into their custody. A case has also been registered regarding the incident. Sources informed that Bijiyanti and her daughter were supposed to visit her parental home at Poshshangbam village when the tragic accident happened.

Tree plantation drive at High Court

IT News
Imphal, June 24: A tree plantation drive was organised at the premises of Manipur High Court today by Manipur Legal Services Authority and High Court Bar Association of Manipur as part of the mission of protecting the environment. Justice of Manipur High Court, N. Koteswari said that it was conducted under the philosophy that maintaining the cycle of life is vital and any disruption to the cycle will bring harmful effect on humans.

Ultimate justice and truth are very close: L. Jayantakumar

DIPR
Imphal, June 24: Law Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh has said that Ultimate Justice and Truth are very close and it goes together. Attending a 'Get Together' Function of Government Advocates (High Court) and the Government Advocates of the subordinate courts of the districts; as chief guest, Minister expressed the need of concision for bringing justice

in the society. He said that to resolve problems and conflicts, one has to be prudent. Minister appealed the advocates to deliver justice without delay. He also sought public cooperation in this regard. Minister also shared his past experiences when he was serving as government advocate and Chief Judicial Magistrate as well. He highlighted the necessity for the construction of

infrastructure facilities which is lagging behind in the law department. All the grievances of the department will be heard and necessary actions will be taken up, he added. The programme was attended by Advocate General, Manipur Shri N. Kumarjit Singh, Law Secretary Th. Kaminikumar Singh, Joint Secretary Law, Nungshitombi Athokpam as Guest of Honour and Special Guests

Homeguards refuse to quit protest, say more ahead

IT News
Imphal, June 24: State homeguards yet again staged a sit-in-protest at Manipur Homeguard Headquarter at Lamphel, Shija Hospital road, demanding increment on duty allowance as per the directives given by the Supreme Court. Speaking to media persons on behalf of the striking homeguards, a company commander Md Tombi said the association of homeguards has been demanding an increase in

their duty allowances as per the directive of the Supreme Court on March 11, 2015. However, very unfortunately for the homeguard employees neither the concerned department nor the state government took up any measures for its implementation, he added. Tombi complained that with the Rs 5000 salary they are receiving per month they found it insufficient of running their families and consequently they are encountering family crisis.

The homeguards are performing their duties not less seriously than any other branch of the state police force, he said added that despite the number of agitation and protest rally, none of the concerned department or the state government have come up with any solution. If their demands are not met at the earliest, different forms of agitations will be taken and he is contemplating taking his own life, said Md Tombi.

Music workshop

IT News
Imphal, June 24: Arts and Culture Department, Govt. of Manipur is organising a workshop for music on the theme "Support of musical instrument & teaching of music to school children" on 25th June, 2017 at 9 am at MSFDS, Palace Compound, Imphal.

Monsoon session of Parliament from July 17

New Delhi, June 24: The monsoon session of Parliament will commence on 17th of next month, and will continue till 11th of August. The Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs headed by Home Minister Rajnath Singh met last evening and recommended the dates to President Pranab Mukherjee.

Parliament may not function on the first day of the session on account of death of Lok Sabha member Vinod Khanna and Rajya Sabha member Pallavi Reddy. Our correspondent reports that the voting for Presidential elections will also take place on 17th July, the first day of the session.

HSO, TSA condemn killing of student leader, demand justice

NENA
Imphal, June 24: The Kukis in general and the Haokips in particular are shocked and saddened by the cold blooded murder of Pu Letkholal Haokip@ Palal, President of the Haokip Students' Organisation, GHQ (HSO-GHQ) by unknown gunmen on Friday.

A statement of General Headquarters HSO said Letkholal Haokip was shot and killed by three armed motorcycle borne men at his residence located at National Games Village, Imphal West on the fateful evening of June 23. The HSO-GHQ condemned the "dastardly and cowardly act" in the strongest terms and demanded the state government for immediate arrest of the culprits involved in the murder. It also questioned the safety of the life of people under the BJP led government in present

Manipur where even a peace loving student leader has been murdered. "The Kukis in general and HSO in particular will not remain silent over the gruesome murder of our student leader if the government fails to book the culprits under the law of the land. Therefore, we request the state government to avoid repercussions," HSO said. The organisation also warned the coward murderers, be it gangsters or UGs that no stone will be left unturned "for justice of our beloved president."

It said that Haokip politicians, social workers and officers has been contributing a great deal towards peaceful co-existence of the people of Manipur and overall development of the state before and after Manipur's statehood.

However, it is regretful to note that several promising young leaders of Haokip clans have been murdered in cold blooded in the recent past and that the BJP led state government has not done enough to book the culprits to deliver justice to the bereaved people and families, HSO said.

"The HSO mourns the untimely demise of his brave and outspoken president and prays for heavenly solace and comfort to his bereaved family members especially his widowed wife and young son," the organisation added. It added may the dear departed soul rest in peace. HSO requested all like-minded civil society organisations in general and student organizations leaders of Manipur in particular not to remain silent over the cold blooded murder of a fellow

student leader. **TSA condole death of ex-TSA leader Palal Haokip**
The Thadou Students' Association - General Headquarters (TSA - GHQ) condole the untimely death of its former leader (Secretary, Information & Publicity) and current president of HSO, Letkholal Haokip alias Palal who was shot to death on the night of June 23 at his home at National Games Village in Imphal West district. TSA in a statement condemned the killing and urged the perpetrators of the crime to own up responsibility and spell out the reason for the killing. "TSA is seriously concerned about the frequent killings and violence in the state and would like to appeal to everyone to settle in a peaceful manner when there are discords and problems," the statement said.

"We pay our respect and heartfelt appreciation to the late Palal for his valuable contribution to the cause of Thadou community while serving as a TSA leader. It is because of the commitment of Thadou student leaders such as Palal that TSA is able to progress till today," it said.

"We share the grief and anguish of the bereaved family and pray that the departed soul rests in peace and the peace of the Lord be with the loved ones of late Palal," the statement released by TSA-GHQ information and publicity department secretary Lajjangam Hangshing. Meanwhile, the KSO-GHQ informed that there will be mourning on the death of HSO president Letkholal Haokip from 1 pm till 6 pm of Saturday at every branch offices of the student body across the state.

NSCN-IM responds to 4-lane project tax demand allegation

NENA
Dimapur, June 23: The controversy surrounding the June 15 incident wherein alleged cadres of the NSCN-IM halted works at the ongoing project to 4-lane the Dimapur-Kohima highway, which forms part of AH-1, has further deepened. The NSCN-IM in a media statement issued through its 'Ministry of Information and Publicity' on Friday questioned the veracity of the statement issued by the Nagaland Contractors & Suppliers Union (NCSU) on June 22 with regard to the alleged June 15 incident. The statement said that the clarification from the NCSU

came as a surprise "because the NSCN is not dealing with NCSU but the NSCN deals with the Companies directly. The so called misunderstanding related to the halting of works was purely within the NCSU." As per the statement, when the NSCN-IM contacted the NCSU to inquire on the matter the former was reportedly told by the latter that it was a case of "communication gap" within the NCSU and that it will be clarified through the newspapers "the next day." While stating that the clarification from the NCSU as agreed did not appear, the statement alleged that it resulted in further aggravating

the matter as the media and social media were given a free hand to play havoc against the NSCN-IM. It led to the NSCN-IM 'Kilo Kilonser' summoning the NCSU president, Pele Khezhie, who, the statement said, "After thorough discussions, Pele, President of NCSU, admitted that, he is using Neibu Angami, Deputy Kilonser from Unification Camp (GPRN/NSCN) as his works Supervisor. He also admitted that he will clarify the matter for making the media make false allegations against the NSCN/GPRN."

It stated that the construction companies involved in the project are frequently reminded to ensure quality is maintained and the work completed within the stipulated time. statement said, "Came as a big surprise to the NSCN." Stating that the NSCN-IM supports all kinds of developmental projects within "Nagalim" and sees to it that works are executed according to the specifications and quality maintained for the good of the Naga people, the statement added, "The ongoing construction of 4-lane road between Dimapur and Kohima is no exception."

When the NSCN-IM inquired as regards the halting of work, the statement said that engineers at the project site responded that work was suspended due to heavy rain.

Stating that the NSCN-IM was falsely blamed for halting of work by the ACAUT, the statement alleged that even the Government of Nagaland was pressurised to rush to Delhi "and complained to the Home Minister." With regard to the 3-day deadline of the ACAUT to the NSCN-IM to respond, the MIP statement said that the corruption watchdog is "making a big joke of themselves."