

## Even though no one dares to punish public fund misutilisers, Vehicle lifters are not let free

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 21:** Talks about big politicians and bureaucrats digging mine in broad day light are frequently hard and misappropriation of fund by officers are common happenings in the state, no one dare to give any punishment to those responsible, however, a vehicle lifter was severely assaulted black and blues by an angry mob and later handed over to police. He is presently undergoing treatment at Thoubal district hospital. As per report reaching here, the deceased vehicle lifter identified as Md. Fazal Phalay (age about 25) son of late Md. Bazaruddin from Sangaiyupham Mairelhul, thoubal district, presently staying at Sangaiyupham Cherapur, was caught red - handed while stealing a two wheeler DIO from Uyal Laikol Village area last midnight. The two wheeler vehicle, that the deceased



tried to lift is a numberless one and belong to one Huidrom Gopeshwar. The angry locals thrashed the vehicle lifter and later handed over to police team. Police recovered the stolen vehicle from the locality.

## School run in the name of Pioneer leader Hijam Irabot converted into gold mine by founder – Maoist

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 21:** A private school run in the name of pioneer leader Hijam Irabot has been converted as gold mine by the owner of the school by collecting huge amount of money from students assuring them sure pass in the class X and class XII examination. This was stated in a press communiqué from the rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur.

As per the statement signed by one Kyonghan Mangang, Coordinator, Standing Committee, Maoist Communist Party Manipur. The school called Hijam Irabot Memorial Public School located at Langing Achouba in Imphal

West has been collecting huge amount of money assuring them sure pass from students appearing class X and Class XII examination. Interestingly the so called school at which they promises the student hundred percent pass is affiliated to Utter Pradesh Board.

The statement said that students are arrange to appear exam in a hall inside the school and the invigilator of the exam wrote the answer of the question in the blackboard allowing the students to directly copied from the answer written by the teachers.

For class X student wish to clear the exam the school authority charge Rs. 20,000/-

## EC favours barring convicts from contesting polls for lifetime

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, March 21:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) told the Supreme Court on Monday that it was in favour of barring convicted persons from contesting polls for life and stopping their entry into judiciary and the executive. The commission also said it

was in favour of setting up special courts to decide criminal cases related to people's representatives, public servants and members of the judiciary in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution. In its affidavit filed in response to a PIL seeking setting up special courts for trial of criminal cases against people from the legislature, executive and judiciary, the Election Commission said the issues raised by the petitioner— Delhi BJP spokesperson and advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhaya—are "not adversarial". "It is submitted that accompanying PIL, to the extent of relief claimed under prayers, are not adversarial and the answering respondent (Election Commission of India) supports the cause espoused by the petitioner."

It said in its affidavit. With regard to direction for setting a minimum qualification and maximum age limit for legislators, the commission said the issue is in legislative domain and will require amendment to the Constitution. "It is pertinent to mention that the answering respondent have held several meetings with the secretary of ministry of law, legislative department of the government.

"It is pertinent to mention that most of the proposals/recommendations of the answering respondent have been endorsed by the Law Commission in their 244th and 255th reports.

"However, most of the proposals/recommendations made by the answering respondent are either pending consideration by the Union of India or have

not been approved for the time being," the affidavit said.

The commission said it has been championing the cause of decriminalisation of politics within the constitutional and statutory framework, wherever possible with the aid of article 324, relating to the functions and powers of the poll body. It has also issued necessary instructions in furtherance of the mandate to conduct free and fair elections and to "decriminalize democracy", it said.

On March 3, the apex court had granted "last opportunity" to the government and the ECI to spell out their stand on a plea for barring convicts from contesting polls for life and stopping them from entering the judiciary and the executive.

## World Down Syndrome Day observed



**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 21:** World Down Syndrome Day is being observed today the world over. Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently abled Persons, Manipur also held an Awareness Campaign on World Down Syndrome Day at Langmeidong Makha Leikai Kakching District and attended by a number of personalities including National Awardee Shri Laimayum Amerendra Sharma, Langmeidong Gram Panchayat Up-Pradhan Y. Pashot Leima etc. Joint Secy.

of the Relief Centre Oinam Brikumar graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Programme Manager of the Relief Centre Moirangthem Premier elaborated on the procedures to procure certificates for the disabled at remote areas as well as the facilities provided to the certificate holders in detail. National Awardee Laimayum Amerendra Sharma described the importance of Differently abled persons to the parents. The highlight of the observation function was the interactive program

with students of Takyel Mapal Upper Primary School of Imphal West District on ways of interacting with Differently abled persons and how they can take up responsibilities of bringing the differently abled persons into the social mainstream conducted by M Premier Singh, Programme Manager of the Relief Centre. A Home Base Awareness Campaign was also conducted and children with Down syndrome were presented T-Shirts by the Relief Centre, a press release stated.

## VDF readies to resume agitation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 21:** All Manipur VDF Welfare Association has decided to resume its stir for increment of their monthly salary in a meeting held today at Manipur Press Club. In the meeting it has been resolved that even as a cabinet decision of 24/12/2016 had approved for increment of the salary but due to the model code of conduct the matter has been put to silence. As the model code of conduct has been over the government should convert into action the cabinet decision on or before April 5 or else the 10,050 VDF will launch serious form of agitation.

## Elangbam Dinamani presented with Gopal Sharma Award

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 21:** As part of World Poetry Day observance, Sahitya Thoupang Lup, Imphal today presented the Gopal Sharma Award-2017 to Elangbam Dinamani in a function held at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal. The award consists of a cash prize of Rs 10,000, a citation, a memento and a shawl. Th Tombi Singh, President of Manipuri Sahitya Parishad attended as chief guest and Yumlembam Ibomcha, Sahitya Akademi Awardee attended as president of the function respectively.

Elangbam Dinamani who is currently residing at Singjamei Leishangthem Leikai, Imphal

West, was born on December 14 of 1940. He started writing short stories, poems, dramas, novel, critics and translated stories during his college life. As a prolific writer, Dinamani has more than 15 books on different subjects to his credit. Some of the books are "Thaklabi", "Morambi Angaobi", "Pistol ama kundalei ama", "Tingkhanglei", "Imeishuni tourashuni hung hung", "Lai kishi", "Epak" short stories. "Chojainarabi", "Kumbang Saraba Pareng", "Luribadi", "Seireng Khudop Amatang" are from the poetry books, in drama section few books are "K h o n g s a n a", "Kapkhairamdai", "Wakat

Upu", in critics "Manipur Sahitya Amasung Sahityakar", "khwairakpam Chaoba", "Dr Kamal", and "Tyagpatra", "Hayavadan", "Ingagi Nongma", etc are some of the books translated into Manipuri of different titles from various Indian languages. Elangbam Dinamani received the Sahitya Akademi award in the year 1982 for his book of short stories title "Pistol ama kundalei ama". A poetry reading session was held while a lecture on "Houjikki Manipuri Seirengda" and "Samajgi Mami" by Dilip Mayengbam was highlighted as part of the programme.

## Soibam Kanchan Chanu to represent Manipur in FMI-2017

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 21:** For the first time in history of Manipur, Soibam Kanchan Chanu, was crowned Femina Miss India Manipur 2017 during a final screening held at Guwahati on March 19, 2017 will represent Manipur in the upcoming FBB Femina Miss India 2017 which will be held in Mumbai. Speaking to the media persons at the Robert Naorem Studio and Academy, Uripok Khoisnam Leikai, Imphal, Robert Naorem said that in order to push the talent from every corner of the state and give them the platform to represent the state in the biggest pageant of the country,

FBB Femina Miss India 2017 in Mumbai, Miss Manipur Queen 2017 was held at Classic Grande Imperial Conference Hall organised by Robert Naorem Studio and Academy, on March 16, 2017 where the top 3 were selected and Soibam Kanchan Chanu was one of them. As Soibam Kanchan Chanu has been crowned Femina Miss India Manipur 2017, she will represent the state in Mumbai grand finale of FBB FMI 2017, he added. Robert also said that all the expenses incurred for Soibam Kanchan Chanu will be taken care of by Robert Naorem Studio and Academy while the crowning of the FMI Manipur 2017 will be

held at Kolkata on March 28, 2017 and after the crowning Soibam Kanchan Chanu will be trained and groomed by renowned choreographers of the industry till the event in month of June 2017. Robert further said that Anmol Dhawan, Th Strela and Danube Kangjam who were also crowned as the Manipur State Icons will promote state tourism, election related and promotion of different works of the state under the aegis of Vivek Kumar Dewangan, Chief Electoral Officer. Robert Naorem also urged the citizens and people of the state to support and shoulder responsibility while promoting such events in the future.



## Nagaland Budget session begins; Chotisuh Sazo elected as new speaker

**Kohima, March 21:** The budget session of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for the fiscal 2017 to 2018 begins today at Nagaland State Legislative Assembly. The session will continue till 30th of this month. The session assumes significance as this would be the first budget of the State under new Chief Minister Dr Shürhozelie Liezietsu and also the last of the NPF-led DAN government's three tenure since 2003, before the State General Election which is due for early next year. The Assembly session will also witness election of new Assembly Speaker as

Chotisuh Sazo, who was the Speaker has been inducted as a cabinet minister for Public Health Engineering in Liezietsu's ministry. Assembly sources said the actual sitting of the House is for 5-days only while the session commence with the Governor's address followed by motion of thanks to the address and obituary reference. Tomorrow being Wednesday is recess, while question hour and other business of the House including laying of Annual Administrative reports of the Government Departments for 2016-17,

Government Rules and Regulations, and passing of any Government Bills would be done from 23rd of this month. Sources also revealed that the Assembly will have break from 25th to 27th while the new Chief Minister Dr Liezietsu, who also holds the Finance portfolio would present the Budget 2017-18 on 28th of this month and passing of the budget would be done on the last day, as 29th is Wednesday would be recess. Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ending 31st March 2016 would also be presented during this session.