

## Torch rally

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** Lilong Youth Social Service Union (LYSSU), Santipur Youth Development Association (SYDA) Lillong Shantipur, Lilong Keithel Meira Paibi Lup and Santipur Meira Paibi Lup had staged a torch rally in the periphery of Lilong Area in Imphal West yesterday evening by carrying slogans of "no to drugs and other intoxicants".

## NSCN-IM asks 36<sup>th</sup> AR to return seized arms and documents

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** The NSCN-IM while condemning the raids by the 36<sup>th</sup> AR at its Asal Zeliangrong Region Administrative Office in Jalukie Town on May 5 where two of its cadres along with 7 alleged civilians were arrested along with arms and ammunitions and documents, had asked the AR to return the seized arms and ammunitions and also the documents besides releasing the arrested cadres and the civilians.

## NSCN-IM's CSD

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** The NSCN-IM has assigned the Crime Suppression Department (CSD) of the outfit to look into the social evils and illegal practices tarnishing the Naga Tradition in the present scenario. An order in the regard has been issued by the Secretary, Ministry of Kilo Affairs M. Daniel Lotha.

## PM greets people on National Technology Day

**New Delhi, May 11:** On the National Technology Day commemorated to mark the anniversary of Pokhran nuclear tests of 1998, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today hailed the courage shown by the then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. In a message, the Prime minister tweeted, greetings to everyone, especially our industrious scientists and those passionate about technology, on National Technology Day. He said the nation remains grateful to its scientists and the then political leadership for the courage shown in Pokhran in 1998. Since 1999, May 11 is commemorated as the National Technology Day to mark India's scientific prowess and technological advancements. It was the same date in 1998 when India successfully conducted first among the five nuclear tests in Pokhran under the leadership of Vajpayee.

## Teenager killed in road mishap

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** In an unfortunate incident, a 14-year old girl who going for tuition class on a scooter was killed when a truck ramed into her vehicle at Yairipok Khoirom. Sources identified her as SM Rukaiya, daughter of Abdul Barik of Phoudun Moirangpalli, a class X student of Antarctic English



School. She died at the spot. The body has been kept at Yairipok CHC. The driver of the truck reportedly surrendered to a nearby police station. Meanwhile, security around the police station was beefed up in anticipation of trouble as many people have gathered there and demanding the handing over of the errant driver.

## UNLF claims Lokchao attack

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** Proscribed group UNLF today claims attack to Indian Security Force at Lokchao area along Imphal-Moreh route on the morning of May 8. In a press statement the outfit said that the attack at which 2 personnel of Territorial Army 165 Bn. was killed and 2 other were made injured was carried out by Manipur Peoples' Army (MPA), the army wing

of the UNLF. It said the attack was carried out at 5.10 am as a part of revolutionary movement for restoration of the sovereignty of the region. 1 personnel of the TA died in the spot while another succumbed to his injury at the hospital. Another 2 personnel sustained serious injury. The outfit however expressed shocked about the death of the Manipuri in the attack. The outfit further added that

the India government has been deploying Manipuri people of the SF to provoke hate feeling among the people of the state. It warned the people to be aware of such malicious strategy. It further said that the SF had poured their anger by stopping vehicles along the route. The attitude showed that the Indian army are here to suppress the people of the region, the statement added.

## Indefinite bandh called off from 5 pm

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** The Thoubal District MP Candidature Demand Committee has announced today that it is calling off its indefinite bandh from 5 pm this afternoon after thorough consideration of the inconveniences likely to be faced by the public and the students' community in particular.

The announcement was made by chief convener of the committee and former member of the state legislative Assembly Y Thambal during a press meet held at Kakching. Nonetheless, he reiterated that the demand for reservation of the state's lone Rajya Sabha seat for a person enlisted as voters in the eight valley Assembly constituencies covered in Outer LS constituency is a very rational one. The eight ACs whose voters have voting rights but are denied candidature rights in their own parliamentary constituency (Outer Manipur) are Wanjing Tentha, Heirol, Khangabok, Wabagai, Kakching, Sugnu and Hiyanglam in the erstwhile Thoubal district and Jiribam in the newly created Jiribam district. The committee decided to

shorten the strike to just 36 hours while taking a responsible stand for elimination of the impending hardships on students appearing for BSc, BCom and BA examinations and daily wage earners and small time traders, he added. He stated that even though the bandh has been called off the committee will engage in democratic forms of agitations to pursue its demands. Meanwhile, reports claimed that supporters of the bandh blocked movement of traffic along the Imphal-Moreh highway at Khongjom.

## Prohibitory orders imposed within the periphery of examination centre

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, May 11:** The District Magistrate, Kakching District Shri Th. Kirankumar, IAS in an orders dated, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 under sub-section 2 of Sec. 144 Cr.P.C. of 1973 imposed prohibitory orders within the periphery of 100 meters from the Examination Centre of

Kakching Khunou College, Kakching Khunou and Kha Manipur College, Kakching where BA/BSc/BCom/BTT/BFT/BSW 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Semester examination, 2017 are being commenced from 09.05.2017. The prohibitory orders would be effected from 8 am to 5 pm of everyday of 09.05.2017 to 07.06.2017 or till the

examination are over. However, the order shall not apply to Government Officials/machineries involved in the conduct of the Examinations and also to individuals with specific special permit issued by the District Magistrate, Kakching District and SP, Kakching District.

## No obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during performance: HC

**PTI**  
**Chennai, May 10:** The Madras High Court today allowed holding dance and song programmes during temple festivals stipulating that all performances must be shorn of obscenity, vulgarity and political overtones. Justice K Kalyanasundaram gave the order while considering petitions from various people seeking permissions to hold dance and song programmes during temple festivals. Directing the police to allow the events to be held between six pm to 11 pm, the judge said "there should not

be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance by any one of the participants." "No dance or songs, touching upon any political party, religion, community, or caste shall be played."

"No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader shall be erected at the premises of the event. The functions shall not affect either religious or communal harmony," the judge said.

## AAP protests outside EC over 'EVM tampering'

**Source IANS**  
**New Delhi, May 11:** Hundreds of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) activists on Thursday protested outside the Election Commission headquarters here against alleged EVM tampering.

The demonstrators raised slogans against the poll panel and carried placards calling for an end to alleged tampering of Electronic Voting Machines. AAP leader and Delhi minister Gopal Rai said:

## No wrongdoing in regularization process: COHSE employees

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** A group of the newly regularized employees of Council of Higher Secondary Education has today condemned the accusation of wrongdoings in their recruitment process leveled by a students' group terming it as saddening and unfortunate and a potentially lethal attack on their careers. Addressing media persons, a representative of the newly regularized employees pledged that there was not a single instant of jumping the rules during the recruitment and no undeserving individual was regularized by flouting the rules. The antagonistic views directed at them were a product of shallow investigation and imperfect discussion, he said. Since the council is an

autonomous body all of its administrative decisions are adopted at meetings of the members that are held as per the requirement. Due to a situation resulting from the office being understaffed the council passed orders for recruitment on two occasions in 2013 and 2014 after which the vacant posts were filled on a casual basis. The recruitment was not singlehandedly carried out by the chairperson and secretary who were at the helm of the council at that time, the regularized employees claimed in a statement distributed at the press meet. Many hindrances were put along the path of the regularization of these employees time and time again though they were eligible according to the rules and many people

mischievously spread wild rumors of their employment being executed beyond the rules. Consequently, the employees approached the high court which passed orders on two separate occasions in 2015 and 2016 for their regularisation after holding a special DPC. Expressing dissatisfaction at the regularisation process which was effected in pursuance of a court's order is totally unexpected, the statement mentioned further questioning why the council was specifically picked out when hundreds of adhoc/casual employees were regularized at education department, higher school education department, school education department and Board of Secondary Education.

## RRM team flagged off



**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** A team of Royal Riders Manipur comprising of doctors, journalists and members among other left for

Azuram in Tamenglong district on motorcycles for organizing a medical camp there. The team of around 60 riders was flagged off from RRM office at Langol.

The medical camp is being organised as a part of the ninth edition of RRM's month long Mahousa Ima Ningshing. The observation.

## SC begins hearing on Triple Talaq; Says, would examine whether practice is fundamental to Muslims

**Courtesy AIR**  
**New Delhi, May 11:** The Supreme Court today made it clear that it would examine whether the practice of triple talaq among Muslims is fundamental to their religion as it began hearing petitions

challenging the practice. A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar said it would look into the aspect whether triple talaq is part of an "enforceable" fundamental right to practice religion by Muslims.

The bench also comprising Justices Kurian Joseph, R F Nariman, U U Lalit and Abdul Nazeer, however, said the issue of polygamy among Muslims may not be deliberated upon by it, as this aspect is unrelated to triple talaq. The bench is hearing seven petitions, including five separate writs filed by Muslim women challenging the practice of triple talaq prevalent in the community. The petitions claim that triple talaq is unconstitutional. The pleas have also challenged the constitutional validity of other practices like 'nikah halala' and polygamy among Muslims. The bench is taking up the main matter on its own as a petition titled 'Muslim Women's quest for equality'. The apex court gave each side two days each for canvassing

their arguments on the questions formulated by the bench and one day will be given for the rebuttal. The apex court also made it clear that it would stop any counsel who will repeat the arguments. The apex court had on its own taken cognizance of the question whether Muslim women faced gender discrimination in the event of divorce or due to other marriages of their husbands. The hearing assumes significance as the apex court has decided to hear the case during the summer vacation and is likely to sit on Saturdays and Sundays to expeditiously decide the contentious and sensitive issues arising in the matter. It holds importance as the Allahabad High Court in its verdict pronounced in the last week of April, had held the practice of triple talaq as unilateral and bad in law. Muslim organisations like the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, AIMPLB, have opposed court's adjudication of these matters, maintaining these practices stemmed from the Holy Quran and were not justiciable.