

Activist Binalakshmi Nepram allegedly threatened, harassed by Manipur State police

Courtesy TNT
Imphal, May 13, 2017: Noted Manipuri writer, humanitarian activist Binalakshmi Nepram has reported of being threatened/harassment by Manipur State Police force. She alleged that the incident took place on 12 May 2017 when heavily armed Manipur State police force descended on Nepram's parental house at Sagoband Nepra Menjor Leikai Imphal. Nepram feels that this is done by those who have committed rights violations to deter the relief, rehabilitation and other forms of support given by her and her team to several

women survivors of the state. Manipur has seen 6 decades of violence with immense humanitarian crisis with 20,000 people shot dead and over 20,000 women widowed in past years. The state has one of the highest armed forces and police forces presence in country. Ms Nepram's team have been working for 10 years for women survivors of violence but this is first time ever that state police force has been misused by those in power who have committed murder and rights violations of innocent people of Manipur. She is the recipient of CNN

IBN Real Heroes and Indian of Year Award for her work in Manipur with survivors. Nepram strongly condemned the incident and stated, "I strongly condemn the harassment given to me and my family members in ensuring justice and dignity of people of Manipur and urge Manipur Government to immediately stop this wrongful harassment by Manipur state security forces. Police are meant to protect citizens and not to be used to harass innocent civilians. We have stood strong for over 10 years for peace & justice for people of

Manipur and entire Northeast Region and will not be bogged down by such threats and intimidation emanating from state machinery. I will take this up with appropriate authorities so that action be taken. Good governance and support for justice what we want from Manipur Govt and not this. Please stop this harassment immediately to me, my family and others who are fighting for justice and healing lives." Strong condemnations to the threat & intimidation to Nepram and her family has come in from different parts of state, country and world.

No bag day on Saturdays in UP govt schools

Courtesy AIR
Lucknow, May 13: Saturdays will be no bag days in all government schools in Uttar Pradesh. The decision was taken at a high-level committee meeting headed by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Secondary Education Dr Dinesh Sharma in Lucknow yesterday. There are around 1.8 crore children studying in 1.7 lakh government schools in 75

districts of the state. Dr Sharma has instructed to submit a proposal in this regard within a week. AIR correspondent reports that many other decisions were also taken at the meeting. The government is committed for betterment of girls education hence it was decided to start co-education system in government inter colleges. Now girls could be admitted in government boys

schools. The meeting decided that teachers could not be put on extra duties, barring election, natural calamity and census, which hampers teaching activities and education standard in schools. To eliminate corruption and irregularity it was decided to prepare digital data base of teachers. The matter of arbitrary fee in private schools was also discussed in meeting.

MSF launches Moral Education awareness campaign

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Manipur Students' Federation (MSF) today launches Moral Education awareness campaign at HRD Higher Secondary School.



Speaking to reporters president of the MSF, Nongthombam Muktangamba said that the sticker campaign for spreading moral education awareness is being launched as a part of the MSF's prolonged academic campaign "Eikhoi Lairik Ningthina Tamsi" - a campaign to make ourselves

study well with seriousness. He said decline in the morality of the students and the need to improve our traditions and culture prompted the students' body to launch the

sticker campaign. In order to make a student equip with perfect education one need to make all round improvement, that is improvement in moral values, he added.

WY tablet seized

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Imphal West Narcotic Cell today arrested a person along with 200 WY tablet from Uripok Khumanthem Leikai at around 9 am today. The person has been identified as Mayanglambam Tomba s/o late M Amu of Urup Makha Leikai.

UT prisoners brought

IT News
Imphal, May 13: A team of NIA led by Ranveer Singh Tyagi brought 2 prisoners namely Khoirom Ranjit Singh (@ Poirei Meitei of KCP) and P. Prem Kumar (reportedly KYKL) to Imphal from Delhi today morning. Khoirom Ranjit @ Poirei Meitei was arrested by a team of Delhi in January first week this year from Delhi. The case was later handed over to NIA and investigation is going on.

KSO donates blood for city's hospitals

IT News
Imphal, May 13: The Kuki Students Organisation (KSO) in collaboration with IHBT-RIMS, organised its annual blood donation camp at Kuki Inn today to facilitate blood banks at hospitals in Imphal. This year it is being conducted to coincide with the centenary celebration of the Anglo-Kuki War 1917-19. According to a press correspondence issued by its general secretary Selboi Haokip, the donors paid tribute to their forefathers who had given their blood, sacrificed their lives for freedom of the realm in the face of British imperialism. The event was inaugurated by TT Haokip, chairman of Hill Areas Committee. Appreciating the effort of the KSO, he encouraged it to continue its yeoman service of helping the society. Dr A Barindra Sharma, Head of IHBT-RIMS, explained the technical aspects of blood donation to the volunteers and stated that blood obtained from voluntary donors is free from contamination and blood



from unscrupulous donors are checked. More than 100 volunteers donated one unit each of blood for RIMS blood bank. "KSO not only attends to student's welfare but also renders yeoman service to people in need of medical attention, especially poor and ignorant people who comes to Imphal for health treatment. Patients who require blood transfusion and their families often faced problem due to lack of blood in the blood banks. Therefore it is the intention of KSO to augment and facilitate the

blood bank of hospitals so that these problems are averted," the press statement said. The blood donation campaign is one of the humanitarian efforts of the KSO to help build a more humane and charitable society, it added and expressed gratitude to the volunteers who donated blood today. The KSO informed that another blood donation camp is being organised on July 1, 2017 in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS).

ECCE camp organised at Tengnoupal

IT News
Imphal, May 13: Child Development Project Officer-Tengnoupal ICDS Project organised a one-day awareness camp on Early Childhood Care and Education at Tengnoupal Community Hall located at the district's headquarter today. Chief of Tengnoupal H Thangkholen Mate was the

chief guest at the function while child development project officer of ICDS Project, Tengnoupal Kh Barpananda was the functional president. Supervisor of Tengnoupal ICDS Project Rejia Pheiroijam talked about the objectives of organising the programme. Medical Officer of Tengnoupal Primary Health Centre Dr Sanjay and

resource person of ECCE L amnglemba Singh present their papers as the resource persons. Coordinator of ECCE, Kamei Lamlimeilu and supervisors N Rupanani Devi and Tungdar Maring also spoke on related subjects. The awareness programme was attended by anganwadi workers from Tengnoupal area and mothers of young children.

Literature & Culture can play a key role in bringing emotional integration: Deputy Chief Minister

DIPR
Imphal, MAY 13: Deputy Chief Minister Shri Yumnam Joykumar Singh has said that literature & culture along with dance and music can play a key role in bringing emotional integration in the State. Addressing at the 82nd Annual Convention of Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, Imphal at Maharaj Chandrakirti Auditorium, Palace Compound in Imphal today, Deputy Chief Minister said, literature, art & culture can reflect everything in the society and therefore for a societal change, people from all walks of life should know the culture and traditions of all the communities living together in State. By knowing it, we can respect each other sharing the responsibilities we have. Shri Yumnam Joykumar Singh further said that we are proud of having more than two thousands year old rich Manipuri literature but only a few people know its



importance and beauty. To further develop the aged old literature and let it be known to the masses, we, the present generation, should retrospect its immense beauty and heritage to disseminate it to the future generations again. He suggested the inclusion of folklore, folkdance and martial arts in the school curriculum as optional subjects so that younger generations could inculcate it in their minds. Deputy Chief Minister also announced to institute "Yumnam Kesho Singh Memorial Lifetime

Achievement Award in Literature, Art & Culture" in the name of his father from this year. The award carries a cash of rupees one lakh, a Certificate and a Plaque. Education Minister Shri Th. Radheshyam Singh while speaking at the convention said, every citizen should contribute in their fields to the society so that peace, prosperous and stability can persist for long. He said, literature has the unique principle to deliver good moral discipline in the society. Therefore, to maintain discipline among ourselves,

we should know it and cooperate each other to flourish the rich Manipuri literature in the days to come, he added. Deputy Chief Minister along with Education Minister published two books- "Life and Works of Pandit Khelchandra" and "Ningshinghouba Khara Libramba Khara Pandit Ningthoukhongjam Khelchandra" on the occasion. A seminar on the topic "Pandit Ningthoukhongjam Khelchandra Bu Noughouba Masak Leppa" was also organised in commemoration with the birth anniversary of the Pandit. Four resource persons presented papers on the topic. President of Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, Imphal Professor Thoidingjam Tombi, President of Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, Assam Shri Karam Buhgohal and President of Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, Meghalaya also participated among others in the function.

Election Commission to hold future elections using EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail

New Delhi, May 13: Election Commission has said, it will hold all future elections using Electronic Voting Machines with Voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT). Chief Election Commissioner

Nasim Zaidi told this to reporters after holding an all-party meeting in New Delhi yesterday. The meeting was convened to discuss the issues relating to the reliability of EVMs and VVPATs and

electoral reforms. Mr Zaidi said, the Commission will also offer an opportunity to all political parties to prove that EVMs used in the recently held polls were tampered with or can be tampered.

Woman gang raped, body mutilated in Haryana

PTI
Sonapat, May 13: A 23-year-old woman was gang raped and brutally murdered with her mutilated body being found in Rohtak district, police said today. Stray dogs had bitten away the victim's face and lower portion of her body which was spotted by a passerby in the urban estate area of Rohtak on May 11, they said. "Two persons, Sumit and Vikas, have been arrested in this connection," Sub-inspector rpt Sub-inspector Sonapat, Ajay Malik said. Sumit was an acquaintance

of the victim, he said. The woman, who was a divorcee, was allegedly kidnapped from Sonapat on May 9 and taken to Rohtak in a car, police said. The victim's parents had lodged a missing complaint at Sonapat police station.

Malik said the woman was first raped and the suspects then hit her with a brick and smashed her face against a stone, adding that the victim sustained grievous head injuries. The matter is being probed thoroughly, police added.

5 hurt as taxi fell into deep gorge

Kohima, May 13: At least five persons were reportedly injured in a road mishap that occurred near Tuthezu village under Kiphire district in Nagaland yesterday. According to sources, the Sumo taxi was on State Bank

of India (SBI) Pungro duty to Kiphire, when the incident happened. A "brake failure" reportedly caused the accident that plunged the taxi down a deep gorge below the road leaving five persons injured.