

SDC fined Rs 22,500 for holding back RTI information

IT News
Imphal, May 14: The Manipur Information Commission has imposed a fine of Rs 22,250 to the SPIO/SDC, Sagolmang, M Suranjay Singh, under the RTI Act 2005 for not furnishing information to an appellant on a mutation case within the mandated date of 89 days.

According to the decision of the commission passed on May 5, 2017, the SPIO/SDC had repeatedly failed to furnish information to the appellant, P Basant Singh in spite of numerous directions from the DC, Imphal East and the commission to furnish it. The SPIO/SDC also did not comply with an explanation (show-cause) called by the commission under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act.

Basant had filed his RTI application on January 5, 2017 seeking information on a mutation case and related issues in respect to a homestead measuring 0.46 acres situated at Khundrakpam in Imphal East district. The DC, Imphal East directed the SDC, Sagolmang to dispose the case from his end through a letter dated

January 10, 2017. Having received no information, Basant filed a first appeal to the FAA/commissioner of revenue on February 2, 2017 after which the DC, IE reminded the SDC, Sagolmang to furnish the requisite information by March 25, 2017. Aggrieved by the total inaction of SDC even after the expiry of the last date, the appellant filed a second appeal before the commission.

On April 21, 2017, the commission directed the SPIO/SDC Sagolmang to furnish the complete information within 10 days and seek a written explanation for his failures to do so in the past. During the subsequent hearing, the SDC neither appeared nor submitted any reply to the explanation notice. The representative of the appellant pointed out the

even after a lapse of four months and directions from the FAA and commission the information had not been furnished and pleaded for imposition of necessary penalty under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. After consideration of arguments from both parties, the commission decided on imposition of the fine.

The sum of Rs 22,500 which amounts to Rs 250 per day (89 days) is to be deposited to the Major Head-0070 Other Administrative Service, Sub Major 01 under Administration of Justice under intimation from the commission within 45 days from the date of the decision. The commission further directed the SDC/Sagolmang to provide complete information to appellant within a period of one month from May 5, 2017.

Stage set for holding first 'Meeyamgi Numit' at CM secretariat

DIPR
Imphal, May 14: Necessary arrangements have been put in place for holding the first 'Meeyamgi Numit' (People's Day) on May 15 at Chief Minister's Secretariat.

As announced earlier, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh will meet the general public to attend to their grievances on the day from 10 am to 4 pm.

In addition, all the Ministers, Administrative Secretaries, DCs, SDOs and HoDs etc. will also meet the general public at the same time in their respective offices.

The noble step has been taken up by the State Government in order to make elected leaders, top bureaucrats and officials of the State Government easily accessible to the general public.

It may be mentioned that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh made the announcement of setting aside the 15th day of every month as 'Meeyamgi Numit' while speaking as the chief guest at a reception function hosted by the women vendors of Khwairamband Keithel in his honour on April 9, 2017.

Free Camp for Sinusitis

IT News
Imphal, May 14: A Free ENT OPD consultation camp for Allergy of Nose and Sinusitis was organized at Shija ENT Hospital, Sanakeithel, Lamphel yesterday. Altogether, 179 nos. of patients avail the facilities during the camp who had headache, runny nose, fatigue, sore throat, nasal blockage, low grade fever, itching eyes, sneezing, facial pain, etc. Dr. Dhanshwar Naorem and Dr. Niteshore Moirangthem, Consultant ENT Surgeons attended the patients during the camp. Awareness booklets were also distributed during the camp to the patient and patient parties.

Meitei Baptist Church celebrates Mother's Day

IT News
Imphal, May 14: As part of the world-wide celebration, Mother's Day was observed at Meitei Baptist Church at Yairipok today. Pastor of Phayeng Baptist Church Angom Kiran gave an insightful speech on the responsibilities of a mother and affectionate treatment of mothers. Woman members of the church were honored for their motherhood with token gifts. Another highlight of the event was distribution of gifts and monthly honorarium to senior citizens of the locality and middle-aged and young widows.



Edu. Minister inspect ITI Lilong

IT News
Imphal, May 14: Education Minister Th Radheshyam today inspected the Lilong ITI complex and other schools and colleges at Thoubal district today. Report said that the Minister earlier inspected schools at Heirok Assembly constituency and latter went directly at Lilong ITI and took stock of the situation without giving prior information to the ITI authority.



No threat made to Binalakshmi by police: IGP

IT News
Imphal, May 14: The state police has categorically refused the allegations of harassment leveled against the department by human rights activist Binalakshmi Nepram who had asserted that a heavily armed police team came to her maternal home and threatened her and family members in her absence on Friday. Clarifying on the issue Inspector General of Police Clay Khongsai did agree that a team of SDPO Imphal went to the activist's maternal

residence at Sagolband Nepra Menjor Leikai but said it was purely an official visit to seek her statement in connection with a suo moto case concerning the alleged threat to Utsav Singh Bains, a Supreme Court advocate, by militants. The investigating officer went to meet Binalakshmi and take her statement as she was one of the two persons known to be closest to the advocate who had left the state without meeting the IO and recording his statement, Khongsai said. He

specifically mentioned that only the IO proceeded to her house and met family members while the rest of the police personnel stayed guard outside. The team returned after finding that she was not present there and during the brief stay there was no incident of issuing threats or using other forms of intimidation to the people present in her house, the IGP said dismissing such rumours doing rounds in the social media as totally false. According to Khongsai, Bains had agreed to give an

Bhabananda is the BJP candidate for RS seat

IT News
Imphal, May 14: State Unit BJP President Kshetrimayum Bhabananda has been announced as the Rajya Sabha candidate of the BJP.

Jagat Prakash, Secretary Central Election Committee has issued an order in the matter. The bye - election for the vacant RS seat will be held on May 25. The seat remain vacant after the demise of Haji Abdul Salam.

Relay Hunger strike

IT News
Imphal, May 14: 2 Candidates who had appeared the interview for recruitment to various posts in Fire Services today begins relay hunger strike at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai community hall demanding announcement of the result. All Manipur Fire services Candidates and Guardians' Association had earlier urged the government to announce the result within May 10.

Govt issues alert against latest cyber attack

Courtesy: AIR
New Delhi, May 14: Government's cyber security arm CERT-In has alerted vital institutions including RBI, stock markets and NPCI against the latest cyber attack that has infected thousands of systems globally. It has issued a list of do's and don'ts to these agencies and advised installation of relevant "patches" to protect against any data breaches. AIR correspondent reports that nearly 100 countries, including India, were hit by a massive cyber attack which began on Friday. A new ransomware named

"Wannacry" is spreading globally that encrypts files on the infected Windows PCs. As per the advisory issued by CERT In yesterday, the ransomware infects other computers on the same network and is also spreading through malicious attachments to e-mails. CERT-In has advised users and organisations to apply patches to Windows systems to prevent this infection. The attack was first reported from Sweden, Britain and France. Meanwhile, Microsoft has taken the unusual step of releasing security updates for some older versions of its Windows platforms to counter the cyber ransomware attacks.

Candidates appeared for Edn(S) office assistant post threaten agitation

IT News
Imphal, May 14: Candidates who had appeared in the selection test for recruitment of Office Assistant for Education (S) department today threaten serious agitation if the government failed to complete the recruitment process by conducting viva voce. The candidates also formed a body called All Manipur Edn(S) office assistant written test and speed test successful candidates Association. A spokesperson of the body W Ingocha while talking to media persons said that the recruitment test was conducted in 2016 and after completing written and viva voce the recruitment has been postponed due to election code of conduct.

Meghalaya Launches 24X7 Helpline for Distressed Women

PTI
Shillong, May 14: Meghalaya State Commission for Women on Friday launched a 24X7 helpline to assist women in the domains of harassment and distress. "The helpline bearing number 181 is an attempt to provide all kinds of assistance - legal, police, medical, counseling and temporary support services - to women affected by violence," Meghalaya State Commission for Women chairperson Theilin Phanbuh said at its launch. It's centre is currently situated at Ganesh Das Government Maternal and Child Health Hospital in Shillong. "The helpline is a long felt need for women in distress and its launch will be a boon in reaching out to those who need of help," she said.

Phanbuh also appealed to the helpline staff to dedicate themselves to the cause and work to restore the dignity of women. Social welfare additional chief secretary H Marwein, who was present on the occasion, said that the helpline is an "effective mechanism that will go a long way in curbing sexual abuse and atrocities against women."

North East region will have better rail connectivity: MoS Railways Rajen Gohain

New Delhi, May 14: Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain said that the North East region of the country will get better rail connectivity and service. Talking to AIR, he said that as per direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Railway Ministry has laid emphasis upon the better rail connectivity in the region to promote tourism and other sectors. He said that the Railway Ministry will complete the double track project upto the

Guwahati via Goalpara within short period. Mr. Gohain said that for the electrified train traffic in Assam all the process have been completed. The minister said that 29 new trains are already introduced in North East region. The Ministry has proposed to declare the old Haflong station as a heritage station. Regarding the recruitment policy of North East Frontier Railway, Gohain said that the Ministry chalked out policy to recruit the local youths in 3rd and 4th grade posts.

India to grow at 7.7% in 2018-19: IMF

New Delhi, May 14: The International Monetary Fund says India's growth is expected to rebound to 7.7 per cent in the 2017-18 fiscal and 7.7 per cent in 2018-19 after disruptions caused by demonetization. IMF has also recommended the removal of long-standing structural bottlenecks to enhance market efficiency. It

said temporary disruptions caused by cash shortages accompanying the currency exchange initiative are expected to gradually dissipate in 2017 as cash shortages ease. Such disruptions would also be offset by tailwinds from a favorable monsoon season and continued progress in resolving supply-side bottlenecks, the IMF said.