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Kumbi road blocked over hit and run case

IT News
Imphal, May 3: Demanding that the administration provide information about the vehicle and identity of the driver involved in a hit and run case on May 1 that killed a local youth, local residents today blocked Kumbi road at Hougrampat which falls under Thanga Assembly constituency. The 32-year-old man killed in the road mishap on the Moirang-Kumbi road was Seram Basanta, son of Momon. Local organizations had served a 24-hour deadline for arresting the errant driver after a sit in protest held at Moirang at Hougrampat. A JAC against the killing of Seram Basanta was also subsequently formed. Though Keibul police had taken the body for post mortem examinations, bereaved family members, relatives and friends have threatened that the body will not be claimed unless their demands are satisfied.

Driver, helper abducted by Kuki rebels; released later

IT News
Imphal, May 3: A truck driver and his helper were abducted by suspected cadres of KNF (P) at a place between Keithelmbani and Sapermeina at around 11 am today. The truck which was laden with tiles plates was proceeding towards Imphal from Dimapur. The reason for kidnapping the driver and helper was to demand a ransom of Rs two lakh from the owner of the truck. However, the two persons were released shortly at around 12.10 pm.

Dead body

IT News
Imphal, May 3: The dead body of a man was found floating in a shallow drain inside Khuman Lampak sports complex this morning. According to reports he was dressed in blue jeans, dark jacket and blue slippers. The identity of the man has not been ascertained.

SEACO condoles

IT News
Imphal, May 3: South East Asia Cultural Organisation has issued its condolences on the demise of its incumbent auditor Thokchom Shamo Meitei of Heinobok. Shamo made valuable contributions during the early days of establishment of SEACO and its members share the grief of the bereaved family and pray that he rest in peace in heavenly abode, a press statement from the organization stated.

World Press Freedom Day observed

Media plays an important role in bringing out the grievances of the public before the government- K Radhakumar

DIPR
Imphal, May 3: The World Press Freedom Day-2017 was observed today at the State Information Centre, DIPR, Palace Gate under the theme "Promoting the media's potential as a catalyser of peace and mutual understanding". The observation was organised by the Editors' Guild Manipur. IPR Commissioner Kangjam Radhakumar, Director IPR Meghachandra Kongbam, Secretary General, Editors' Guild Manipur Yumnam Rupachandra and President Editors' Guild Manipur Ahongshangbam Mobi Singh attended the function as Chief Guest. Guests of Honour and President respectively. Addressing the gathering, Commissioner Radhakumar said the observance of the day reminds the people about the importance of freedom of press. He added this year's theme is also an appropriate theme for the present times. The IPR Commissioner continued that the media plays an important role in bringing out the grievances of the public before the government. Stressing on the role of the media in bringing good governance, IPR Director Meghachandra Kongbam said the media has a big role to play



in achieving Sustainable Development in the world by 2030 which was adopted by the UN in 2015. He elaborated the media helps in reaching out the various development programmes of the government to the masses. The IPR director also spoke on the various grievances faced by the media in carrying out their duties. AIR News Editor Dr. Aribam Ibomcha Sharma said whether media brings peace or create war has become a major topic of debate in today's world. EGM Secretary General Rupachandra said today there are certain issues

affecting the working of journalist fraternity. He further elaborated that earlier paid news was a major issue, however, today, the issue of fake news is fast becoming a major world-wide menace. He continued this year the World Press Freedom Day is observed under three sub-themes, which are justice for all as a prerequisite for freedom of expression and sustainable development; promoting the media's potential as a catalyser of peace and mutual understanding; and freedom of expression and freedom of information foster more inclusive societies

PM Modi on World Press Freedom Day

Courtesy IE
New Delhi, May 3: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reiterated his 'unwavering support' towards the freedom of the media and press, saying its independence is vital in a democracy. Prime Minister Modi's comments come on the

occasion of World Press Freedom Day, instituted by the United Nations. In tweets this morning, Prime Minister Modi said it is a day to "reiterate our unwavering support towards a free and vibrant press, which is vital in a democracy." He also said that

social media has now emerged as an active medium of engagement and has added 'more vigour' to press freedom. World Press Freedom Day is a day to reiterate our unwavering support towards a free & vibrant press, which is vital in a democracy.

Tanker trucks still yet to deliver fuel at oil depots

IT News
Imphal, May 3: Despite the assurance given to issue petrol and diesel at oil depots of the state, many people could not get fuels as oil tankers did not deliver petrol and diesel to the oil depots. Divers have ceased their work protesting the attack on oil tankers on Imphal-Dimapur road by arm militants. The All Manipur Petroleum Products and Drivers

Associations suspended their seized work and agreed to deliver oil to the oil depots after Chief Minister of Manipur assured them to fulfill their demands, yesterday. Few oil tankers have started to deliver fuels to some oil depots while most of the oil depot in and around the city remains closed. It is expected that most of the oil tankers will resume delivering fuels to the oil

depots and fuels to the consumers will be made available by today evening. There is a sufficient stock for 22 days at Malom Oil Depot. Mention may be that cadres of KCP peoples' war group have fired bullets at the oil tankers on April 18 and 30, 2017 on Imphal-Dimapur, National Highway 1. Police have already arrested 4 KRA cadres in connection with the issue on April 21.

News reporting course started at Tamenglong

DIPR
Tamenglong, May 3: A 7-Day Basic Course in News Reporting was opened today by Course Coordinator, State Institute of Journalism, DIPR Chongtham Noyon Singh at Tamenglong District Information Office. The President, Tamenglong District Working Journalist's Union Ramkung Pamei and the President of Manipur Hills Journalist's Union Sothing Shimray were the President and Guest of Honour of the inaugural function. The Course Coordinator who is also Dy. Director, IPR in his speech stated that the present training course was the third



program conducted in the hill district of Manipur. In the last year such training program were conducted at Ukhrul and

Senapati District Headquarter. The 7 day basic course will be conducted in Churachandpur district Headquarter soon, he

Irom Sharmila is getting married to British citizen Desmond Kutino

By: Renu Ratheesh
Courtesy: India Live Today
Madurai, May 3: Manipur's Iron lady Irom Sharmila is getting married. British citizen Desmond Kutino is the groom. Now Irom Sharmila is back in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. They both want relief from the pain of being rejected by her own people of Manipur. She returned to her home for getting passport to go abroad as Kutino is in Britain. But the

when he was in Bangalore. Later they met and fell in love. But, in the midst of her fight for the people of Manipur, Irom did not think of a marriage. But the failure in recent elections had isolated her. Irom came to Kerala to find relief from the pain of being rejected by her own people of Manipur. She returned to her home for getting passport to go abroad as Kutino is in Britain. But the

authorities did not approve to give her a passport. So, they decided to get married in India. Now Irom Sharmila is in Madurai. The groom has reached Madurai. Both of them had together decided that they would come to Kerala for getting married. But they did not reveal the date of the marriage yet. However, Malayalees who love Irom are so happy that Kerala will be hosting the wedding.

Edu. Min. Assures harsh action against malpractice during the evaluation of answer scripts of HSLC exam

IT News
Imphal, May 3: Thokchom Radheshya, Education Minister of Manipur, today stated that any persons found involved in the malpractice during the evaluation of answer scripts of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) Examination conducted by Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) will not be spared. Speaking to media persons, during a teachers training program held at SCERT, Lamphelpat, Imphal West, Education Minister said that an inquiry committee has been

instituted headed by Principal Secretary of Education (S) to probe the allegation of malpractice in evaluation of answer scripts. If officials are found involved in the malpractice, strict action will be taken against them and no one will be spared, he added. Responding to the media query on the malpractices by the secretary of BOSEM, Education Minister also said that inquiry is under process and appropriate action will be taken against the secretary if found guilty.

It may be mentioned that Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) has alleged that there are malpractices in the evaluation of answer scripts of HSLC Examination conducted by BOSEM. The student body accused T Amubi, a mathematics teacher of Peace and Freedom Academy, Thoubal for replacing all answer sheets by a new one at CC Higher Secondary School. The student body also accused the BOSEM Secretary for many wrong doing.

Vehicle thief arrested

IT News
Imphal, May 3: Police arrested a suspected vehicle thief identified as Riyaj Khan, 26, son of late Abdul Gaffar of Borayanbi Khunjoa Palli, Moirang in Bishnupur district from near the Sulab complex at BT Road along with a Suzuki Access (MN01Z 7113). In this connection a case has been registered at City police station under IPC 379 and investigation is underway.

Silver Jubilee

IT News
Imphal, May 3: Peacemarker Vision High School today celebrated Silver Jubilee function at Laii Village in Senapati district. PHED Minister L Dikho, Chairman ADC Senapati ML Markson and former Chairman ADC Senapati LK Kasaso attended as dignitaries.

Joint Meeting of Minister and CSO held at Senapati

DIPR
Imphal, May 3: A joint meeting under NPO and Civil Society Organisation, Senapati was held on 2nd May, 2017 at DRDA Conference Hall. PHED, Printing & Stationery Minister, Lousi Dikho, Tribal and Hill Areas, Fisheries Minister, N. Kayisii, and Senapati ADC, Chairman ML Markson along with his colleagues attended the meeting. Tribal Development & Hills Minister Kayisii assured that he would avail the fund to the maximum under the various Tribal

schemes. PHED Minister Dikho appreciates the initiators of Barak festivals and he also pointed that Barak River has got lots of potentiality like providing water to the whole state through proper water storage set-up and making a good attraction for tourist. The convener of the meeting briefs some of the programme taken up in the past. The meeting also discussed on the recognition of Barak Festival as state festival and checked out programmes to be taken up during the festival.

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added. He further appealed to the course participants to attend classes regularly so that they can learn more knowledges in the field of Journalism and mass communication. In his Presidential address Ramkung said, it is a first of its kind in Tamenglong District. Though it is the beginning it will pave the way for revival of Journalism in the District, he said. He also appealed the department for organising such training program in the hill areas. Altogether 26 youths are participating in the course which will concludes on 9th May, 2017.