

Foul play suspected in death of 17-yr old housewife at Chingmeirong

Husband, his family banished for life; house razed

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Imphal, May 6: Claiming that her husband Khunaijam Inoacha and in laws were behind the killing of seventeen year-old R Lunglailu, an uncontrolled mob completely dismantled the house of Inoacha at Chingmeirong Kabui Khul Mamang Leikai this afternoon.

Unconfirmed reports said a bed-sheet covered in blood was discovered concealed in one of the rooms by some people committing the vandalism.

On the other hand, after holding consultation the JAC formed on the death of the young housewife and



community leaders have banished Inoacha and his family from the locality for life and forbid the use and sale of their property without their consent. Inoacha, his mother and sister-in-law had already surrendered to Lamphel Police Station yesterday itself. A meeting was held at Chingmeirong Kabui Khul

shortly after the Inoacha's house was razed, with the aim of arriving at a common course of action. A memorandum was drafted during the meeting which was submitted to the chief minister and officer in charge of Lamphel Police station. The memorandum appealed to the authorities to understand

the sentiment of the public and take appropriate actions for framing charge sheet against the suspects. It wanted the court to hold a speedy trial and asked the police to sincerely dispense their duties and do the needful to enable the court to award capital punishment to the accused.

Regarding the plot owned by the family of the husband of the victim, the memorandum announced that the use and sale of the property will not be allowed to go ahead without the consent of the concerned authorities of Chingmeirong Kabui Khul and Chingmeirong Mamang Meitei Leikai. It further provided the state government a three-day deadline to furnish information of the killing while asking the lawyers in the state not to defend the accused at the trial.

Current status of DBT, financial inclusion reviewed

DIPR

Imphal, May 6: Deputy Chief Minister Shri Y. Joykumar Singh today reviewed the current status of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and Financial Inclusion relating to various welfare schemes which are being implemented in the State. The meeting which was held at the Conference Hall of Manipur Secretariat (South Block) and chaired by the Deputy Chief Minister discussed in length the technicalities of implementation of DBT for various schemes implemented by the departments.

Head of departments including from Rural Development, Social Welfare, Tribal Affairs & Hills and School Education deliberated on issues pertaining to the cent-percent implementation of DBT and seeding of Aadhar & Mobile number with beneficiaries' bank accounts in the State.

While acknowledging the difficulties faced by various departments in implementing schemes through DBT, mostly in the remote areas where banking facilities have not been provided, Shri Joykumar Singh instructed the bank officials to expedite means to open branches wherever necessary. He maintained that all major issues like infrastructure, connectivity and communication while opening bank branches would be addressed if all the stakeholders co-operate each other. He appealed to all the stakeholders to co-operate with the government to attain the target as it is one of the target set by the government. Regarding the opening of bank branches in the unbanked blocks in the State, Commissioner (Finance) Shri V. K. Dewangan said, of the 32 unbanked blocks in the State, initiative have been

started for opening bank branches in 21 blocks. Of these, banks will be made operational in four blocks - T. Vaichong, Phungyar, Nungba and Sangaikot from first June this year and remaining blocks will also be covered very soon, he added. He also instructed the officials to complete Aadhar & Mobile number seeding with beneficiaries' bank accounts as early as possible. The meeting which was attended by the bank officials also discussed issues about financial inclusion/ opening of bank accounts in the State. The total Saving Accounts opened in the State as on 31/03/2017 are 26,85,430 of which Aadhar seeded accounts are 10,38,895 only. Out of the total 1,23,599 beneficiaries under different schemes in Social Welfare Department, only 2,370 beneficiaries are yet to open/register their bank accounts

TDMPCDC

renews demand on eve of RS election

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Imphal, May 6: The Thoubal District MP Candidature Demand Committee has demanded that a person from the Assembly constituencies of Thoubal district that are included in the Outer Parliamentary constituency be sent to the Rajya Sabha as the voters in these constituencies have been denied the right to stand for election in their own parliamentary constituency. Election for the lone Rajya Sabha seat will be held on coming May 25 after it fell vacant following the death of Haji Abdul Salam who incidentally hails from Wabagai, one of the eight star-crossed Assembly constituencies. The remaining Assembly constituencies in the Outer Parliamentary constituency whose 2.35 lakh electorates can vote but are ineligible to enter the fray as a candidate are Heirok, Wangjing, Tentha, Khangabok, Kakching, Sugnu and Hiyanglam, all part of the erstwhile Thoubal district, and Jiribam.

A sit in protest was also organised today to reinforce the demand to the state government. The committee has warned that it is all geared up to launch a series of intense agitations and even go far ahead to boycott the Rajya Sabha elections if the demand is not heeded. The committee also expressed its unhappiness over the denial of the right to stand in the Lok Sabha elections as the outer constituency is reserved for ST, stating that the people of the eight Assembly constituencies have been reduced to status of second class citizens.

Seminar on act east policies

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Imphal, May 6: A two-day national seminar on the topic "Opportunities and Challenges of Act East Policy to North Eastern Region" began at Waikhom Mani Girls College in Thoubal Okram.

The seminar is being organised by Waikhom Mani Girls College and Thoubal College under the aegis of University Grant Commission. Additional director of Education (U) RK Yaikul lighted the ceremonial lamp as the chief guest to inaugurate the seminar. In his speech Yaikul said it is imperative that each of us in the northeastern region fully understand the act east policy which is being taken up by the Centre for the development of the region. We should strive to know about it at our maximum level and again benefit from its programmes, he stated.

During the plenary session professor of Manipur University E Bijoykumar read his paper on the topic Opportunities and Challenges of Act East Policies to North Eastern Region. In the afternoon session, four lecturers presented their papers. Former principal of the host college, Dr Sanaton, present principal Dr O Ibeton, benefactor of the college W Ranjit, former principal of Thoubal college W Nipamacha were among the prominent invitees.

CSOs demand justice for slain teacher

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Imphal, May 6: Backing the suspicion among villagers that the 21-year old teacher Nengnekim alias Shila was sexually assaulted prior to her death, many civil society organizations have demanded the authorities to give befitting punishment to the perpetrators.

In a joint statement, seven CSOs namely the All Tribal Women Organisation; Molnoi Area Welfare Council; Kuki Women Human Rights; Chingtam Nupi Apunba Lup, Pallei; District Women Council, UNMM, Chandel; Cente for Women and Girls; Molnoi Area Youth Union and Weaker Section Development Council demanded that the families of Nengnekim and Kaikholen Tuboi be given justice, adding that they will not stop condemning the killing until the persons behind their deaths are booked.

The bodies of Nengnekim, a teacher at a kids care centre, and Kaikholen Tuboi, 28, were discovered at separate places near Sugnu yesterday. Tuboi appeared to have been struck multiple times on the

head with a heavy, blunt object.

The CSOs also addressed the press at Molnoi today. The secretary of Centre for Women and Girls Hechin Haokip spoke on behalf of the CSOs.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the low percentage of conviction of sexual offenders, the statement said while the Nirbhaya case has become a landmark case, many incidents of killings and assaults are being reported on a regular basis. The fact that only a few people get conviction has emboldened the offenders, it stated.

There is corruption in law enforcement, forensic test takes forever, delayed submission of charge sheets hampers the course of trial, post mortems are not free from interference and this shall remain so until the post mortem ar video recorded and conducted by a group of doctors, the CSOs charged in the statement.

"It is also worrying that customary laws allow sexual assaulters to walk free by merely paying monetary funds or offering animals," it stated.

RRM begins campaign for plastic free environment

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Imphal, May 6: The 9th edition of Mahousa Ima Lairembi Ningsing Tha - 2017, a month-long environmental campaign organized annually by Royal Riders Manipur (RRM), kicked off today with a poster and sticker campaign at Badminton Indoor Stadium of DM College.

Speaking to the media persons, Ziti Saikhom, General Secretary of RRM said that the campaign is being hosted in cognizance of the theme of the United Nation's month-long observation in connection with World Environment Day "Connecting People to Nature."

The main objective of the campaign is creating a plastic free environment, he added.

Ziti Saikhom also said that only a small portion of plastic products used is recycled, while a dangerously large amount of them ends up as waste affecting the nature.

Human health problems have grown over the past decades due to the harmful chemicals produced from the plastic products, he added.

In the quest for avoiding the use of plastic products and consequently stopping environment degradation arising from the chemicals released from plastics, support from the public is very much needed. The support of the



public applies similarly in the RRM's campaign for a free plastic environment which has been going on successfully for many years, Ziti asserted.

Today's poster and sticker campaign which kick off from DM College passed all the way through Lila Singh Khongnangkhang, Chingmeirong, Khurai-Lamlong, Kongba Bazar, Singjamei and main

thoroughfares of Imphal East and Imphal West districts before winding up at the starting point, the Badminton Indoor Stadium of DM College.

The month-long environmental campaign, Mahousa Ima Lairembi Ningsing Tha - 2017 will conclude on June 5 at the office of RRM at Games Village, Langol after a mass public awareness campaign.

Punjab govt makes Aadhar cards mandatory for all financial assistance schemes

Chandigarh, May 6: Punjab government has made Aadhar Cards mandatory in place of Ration Cards for all Financial Assistance scheme besides introducing new forms to get the benefit of old age pensions.

Giving this information at Chandigarh, a government spokesman said that the step has been taken by the Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh to ensure that only genuine people get the benefits of pension and other financial assistance schemes.

He said, the Chief Minister has also directed the Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development to undertake a survey of the existing beneficiaries of various schemes besides review of beneficiaries of Aata-Dal Scheme to weed out the ineligible beneficiaries.

The existing pensioners, however, will continue to get the pension benefits till the lists are reviewed, he added.

He said that in as per new norms, the process for both urban and rural pensions is being simplified with the applicants only required to provide a self-declaration instead of the current system of verification from the area municipal councillor in case of urban pensioners and two panchayat members in case of rural pensioners. He said that the government has also decided to recover double the pension amount from those applicants who furnish wrong details. He said that action would also be taken against the officer who includes ineligible beneficiaries.

The spokesman said that the government has also decided to introduce a quarterly pension system to bring about more transparency.

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