

MRI investigation resumes at RIMS

ITNews
Imphal, Sept 22: MRI investigation at RIMS which has been suspended for the last few days due to technical failure has been resumed from today in the department of Radiodiagnosis of RIMS Imphal. This has been stated in a press statement of the Medical Superintendent, RIMS today.

EGM Condemns killing of reporter in Tripura

ITNews
Imphal, Sept. 22: The Editors Guild Manipur (EGM) strongly condemn killing of Shantanu Bhowmik, a reporter of Dinraat Channel, of Tripura by a mob on 20 September 2017. Bhowmik was killed when he was doing his duty of collecting news of a class between two groups in Tripura. In a press statement the EGM shows its solidarity with the Tripura Journalists Union, the Agartala Press Club and Tripura Working Journalists Association. "We here in Manipur too know the pressure under which journalist work over work and hence extend our solidarity. We support the demand of the various journalist organization of Tripura and ask Tripura Government book the culprits and book them under the law of the land. We also support the demand for handing over the case to CBI. EGM considers any attack on any journalist weather in Manipur, Tripura or any where in the world as attack on the freedom speech so essential for functioning of the media", the EGM statement said.

No. 4 drug seized

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Imphal, Sept 22: A team of Thoubal Police Commando team seized 26 gram of Heroin powder commonly known as No. 4 drug from a person identified as R.K Gibson Singh (25) s/o R.K Sunil Singh of Nongmeibung Ashangbam Leikai from Tentha crossing in Wangjing at around 4.30 pm yesterday. As per police source the drug was purchased by the person arrested from Moreh and brought it to sell in Kakching area. The arrested person along with seized drug was handed over to Thoubal Police Station.

ATSUM threatens state-wide general strike from Sept. 28

ITNews
Imphal, Sept 22: All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) today threatened to call state wide general strike on September 28 over state government failure to respond to the charter of demands submitted to the Chief Minister. Vareiyu Shatsang, president ATSUM, while talking to media persons at the sideline of a sit-in-protest staged today at Chingmetrong stated that a charter of demand has been submitted to the Chief Minister of Manipur addressing the grievances of the tribal students on August

17, 2017. He said the Chief Minister had appealed the people of the state to express their grievances before calling any bandh or blockade but the grievances of the ATSUM has not been responded till today. He said that if the state government do not give any response to the sit-in-protest staged today the ATSUM will call state wide general strike on September 28. The charter of demand includes appointment of non-teaching and teaching faculties and to develop infrastructures at the educational institutions in Hill

district, to do away with the culture of utilisation of teachers, establishment of residential schools in the hills, to develop infrastructure for the ZEOs offices, to regularise adhoc teachers and to establish PHC centers in the entire hill districts. Other demands included are to facilitate computer examination centers in the Hill districts and also to comply with the 31% reservation policy for the ST students at Manipur University and also to initiate reservation for ST candidates while recruitment of any government post.

Incessant rains hits normalcy in Noney and Tamenglong dist.

ITNews
Imphal, Sept 22: Incessant rain in the past few days has severely hit normal life in Noney district too. While most places in the valley districts of the state have been reported to have been affected as major rivers overflows and flooded many places in Kakching and Thoubal districts, mudslide at hill districts had hampered normal traffic. Report reaching here said that a massive landslide occurred at Inraolung, Khongjaron at Tamenglong -Khongsang road last night. Due to the landslide many vehicles were

stranded at both sides. Many jhum cultivation have also been destroyed by mudslide occurred due to the incessant rains. Meanwhile a labourer of the railway construction work was also reported to have died of a rain related accident at Nungtek under Noney district.

The Railway construction work at Tamenglong and Noney districts have also been put to halt due to heavy rains. Purul-Lakhamai road in Senapati district has also been reported blocked near Paokho (Vaki) & Sirong today due to landslide.

Mizoram govt, resumes talk with HPC (D)

Source AIR
Shillong, Sept 22: Peace talks between the Mizoram government and Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) (HPC-D) resumed yesterday after five months. Additional Secretary in the Home department and leader of the five-member state government delegation Lalbiakzama said that talks were held with mutual trust on both the sides and deliberated clause by clause

the proposed legislation on autonomy, power and functions of the Sinlung Hills Council. It was proposed in the framework agreement between the Mizoram government and the HPC (D) that the existing Sinlung Hills Development Council would be given more autonomy to suit the interests of the people of the area. In the next round, talks would be elevated to a political level.

Transport dept. verified 1852 licenses

DIPR
Imphal, Sept. 22: Keeping in view the seriousness of fatal accidents in many cases, the Transport Department, Government of Manipur initiated a drive of checking fake / duplicate licenses being used by the drivers in the State in April this year and verified 1852 Licenses. The drive was in close coordination with the Traffic Police. Realizing the magnitude of the matter, a special cell has also been created in the Directorate of Transport under the Asst. Director of Transport, on 5th June 2017. Earlier 1773 Licenses have been submitted for verification and 400 fake licenses have been detected. FIRs are being lodged by the DTOs concerned and documents have been submitted to SP (CID/CB) for necessary enquiry. The Department is also concerned with the frequent complaints received from the public regarding unscrupulous and corrupt

practices by its officials. Under the aegis of the Anti-Corruption Cell, action has been initiated against an ASI (Taxation), DTO/Bishnupur and the concerned official has been placed under suspension. Another achievement of the Department is the launching of VAHAN and SARATHI at DTO/ Ukhrul by the Chief Minister, Shri N. Biren Singh on the 11th April 2017. This will facilitate issue for SMART Cards for registration of Vehicles and issue of Driving Licenses for the citizens of Ukhrul District. It is worth to recall that the Department of Transport under the mandate of the present Government has taken up the initiative of reviving the public transport system. After a gap of 15 years, the Department launched the public transport system christened as MANIPUR STATE TRANSPORT on 25.6.17. It is conceived with the objective of providing an economical, efficient, sustainable,

affordable and well-coordinated transport system for the State of Manipur. This will also bridge the gap between the demand for good public transport system and its poor supply by the private transport operators that is further compounded by the lack of standard and reliability in the private transport system and at the same time, it breeds unhealthy competition and factional disputes. It is proposed that the fleet size will be around 150 buses (mixed) to be achieved in three phases. Initially, the Government has approved five buses (Marco-Polo) for procurement. Initially, combined with the 10 (ten) Semi Low Floored (SLF) buses, the fleet size will be 15 buses (mixed). These buses will be used for inter-district and city bus services. The routes being covered are— City-Bus Service from ISBT and MST Complex, Moirangkhom in clockwise and counter clockwise direction passing through the

Ima Market complex; for Imphal-Thobal-Yairipok, SLF; Imphal- Moirang; Imphal-Mayailambi-Kakching; Imphal-Noney; Imphal-Moreh and Imphal- Pherzawl will operate from MST, Complex Moirangkhom. The fares for the city bus are charging at a flat rate of Rs. 10, whereas, for the inter-district buses, rate of Rs.1 per Km for valley section of the route and Rs. 1.20 for the hill section of the route is being charged. The initial response has been very positive and steps for consolidating the system by increasing the no. of routes and fleet size are being taken up. The Transport Department is also appraised and conscious of the various concerns regarding road safety and awareness. Keeping the need for public safety and awareness, signages indicating intersection points, cross roads, speed limit, pedestrian crossing and school ahead have also been affixed.

SC takes stern view of cow vigilantism, asks states to ensure compensation for victims

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 22: The Supreme Court on Friday observed that all states are obliged to compensate victims in cases of violence by cow vigilantes. The apex court noted that law and order is "essentially a state subject." "Victims are to be compensated. It is obligatory on the part of the state to compensate the victim of crime," a bench headed by the Chief Justice Dipak Misra said. Under the Code of Criminal Procedure, the state is under obligation to have a scheme for victim compensation and if they don't have then they should have one, it added. In the previous hearing on 6 September, the court had directed the chief secretaries of every state government to file the status report and had directed all state governments to appoint a senior police officer as a nodal officer in each district to ensure that incidents of cow vigilantism are prevented and dealt with

effectively. During the hearing on Friday, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh filed their compliance reports giving details of action taken against incidents of cow vigilantism, as reported by ANI. The apex court asked other states to file their reports soon and fixed the matter for hearing on 31 October. Senior counsel Indira Jaising, appearing for one of the petitioners, had urged the apex court to order compensation to the victims of violence by the vigilante groups. He said that there should be a National Policy for the Prevention of Crime. Senior counsel Kapil Sibal, also appearing for one of the petitioners, told the court that while the perpetrators of violence in the name of protecting cows were on bail, the victims faced FIRs and persecution. The apex court was hearing a PIL filed by Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma

Gandhi, seeking various reliefs, including a direction to all the governments to take preventive measures against cow vigilantism. In July, the Supreme Court had asked the centre and the states not to protect any kind of vigilantism and sought their response on violent incidents in the garb of cow protection. The centre had stated that it condemns any kind of vigilantism, but that law and order is a state subject and it has no role to play in the matter. "You say that law and order is a state subject and states are taking actions as per law. You don't protect any kind of vigilantism," the bench had asserted. Besides Gandhi, Congress leader Tehseen Poonawalla had filed a similar petition on the issue in August 2016. The top court had agreed to examine Poonawalla's plea which sought action against cow vigilantes who were allegedly indulging in violence and committing

atrocities against minorities. In his plea, Poonawalla had alleged that these groups were committing atrocities against Dalits and minorities in the name of protecting cows and other bovines and they needed to be "regulated and banned in the interest of social harmony, public morality and law and order in the country". The plea sought to declare as "unconstitutional" Section 12 of the Gujarat Animal Preservation Act, 1954, Section 13 of Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act, 1976, and Section 15 of Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 1964, which provide for protection of persons acting in good faith under the Act or rules. Seeking action against the vigilantes, the petition said the atrocities committed by them were punishable under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code and under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

HC defers hearing of NPF whip case

Source AIR
Kohima, Sept. 22: The Kohima Bench of Gauhati High Court has deferred the hearing on Naga People's Front (NPF) whip case to 12th of next month. This was revealed by Member of Rajya Sabha and NPF Secretary General K G Kenye during an interaction with media persons at NPF Central office in Kohima yesterday. The NPF Secretary General said under no circumstance can the Legislature Party elect the Party Whip because the Chief Whip is an appointed post which can only be appointed by the party President. Legislators can elect their Legislative Party leader but not the Chief Whip, he said, adding that even the NLA Speaker had broken the Assembly Rule of Business by accepting T R Zeliang as

the NPF whip without even rejecting the appointment of Kiyanielle Peseyie as the Party Whip since November 2014. On the claims of the NPF led by Lok Sabha MP Neiphiu Rio that over 32,000 Party workers rejected Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu's presidency during the general convention called by him and held in Dimapur on Wednesday, Kenye said they may claim, but whether attendees were actual NPF Party workers is questionable. He said that the actual list of active NPF Party workers was submitted to the Election Commission of India while the Master Register of the same is in the NPF Central Headquarters. Kenye said Neiphiu Rio and Zeliang group are trying to fool the Naga people with all the wrong moves but Election Commission cannot be fooled.

Model turned militant commander arrested in Dhaka

Siam Sarower Jamil
Dhaka, Sep 21: Law enforcers of Bangladesh Thursday claimed arrest of a suspected militant of the "Sarwar-Tamim Group" of the Neo-JMB, who they say is a militant commander trying to regroup the organisation. Arrestee Imam Mehedi Hasan alias Abu Jibril is a commander of the group's "Brigade Ad-Daraqutini", Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) said. Hailing from Patuakhali and engaged in efforts to regroup the organisation, Mehedi was arrested from Khilgaon in Dhaka, Rab said in a press briefing in the capital. Mehedi Hasan, son of Md Khorshed Alam, had come to Dhaka in 2011 and had a brief career in ramp modelling, said

his brother Waliur Alam. BBA graduate from Darul Ihsan University, he ran a home decor business for some while. Mehedi gave up his ramp modelling career due to complaint from his family, Waliur told The Daily Star. He went missing on May 4 and his mobile phone was shut since then. A general diary was filed with Khilgaon Police Station on May 5. He is married and now expecting a baby. Under initial interrogation, Mehedi confessed his involvement with JMB's Sarwar-Tamim group since 2015. He had connections with top militants including Holy Artisan attacker Nibras Islam, said Rab.