

Male Police enter residence of Thanga Gang rape victim – Rights body

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In a serious allegation by Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights, state police posted at Keibul Police station entered the residence of Thanga Gang Rape Victim on the night of April 27- the day the victim returned home without the presence of any women police personnel and conducted search operation for some of the people who

were involved in attacking the house of an accused on February 14.

The Rights body said that the male police entered the victim residence on the first day of her return at her house after the incident took place and also threatened the family members of the victim.

A memorandum demanding appropriate action has been submitted today to the Chief Minister of Manipur.

The Rights body in the memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister had also stated that on April 25, some person had indirectly threatened the victim girl showing a gun inside the Bishnupur Court premises while she was

attending for recording 164 statement in the court. The Bishnupur court is located adjacent to the Bishnupur district Police headquarter. The victim girl also received a threat call from an unknown number a day before she appeared before the court for the 164 statement, the Rights body added.

The Rights Body urged the Chief Minister for replacing of both the Keibul Officer-in-charge by transferring him from the police station, I.O of the case and the police personnel by the officers who have integrity in dealing with such crime.

Other demands includes arrest the persons involved in

protecting the rapist till date and arrest the remaining rapist as well as arrest of the person who had threatened the girl on phone and on the premises of the court.

The victim of the Thanga rape case is a minor. In response to the outrage over recent cases of rapes in Kathua and Unnao the Union Cabinet had recently approved the promulgation of an Ordinance to provide death penalty for rapists of girls below 12 years, according to a senior government official.

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance provides for stringent punishment of a jail term of minimum 20 years or life

imprisonment or death for rape of a girl under 12 years.

As per the ordinance, for the crime of rape of a girl under 16 years, minimum punishment has been increased from 10 years to 20 years, which can be extended to imprisonment for the rest of life. Minimum punishment for rape of women has also been increased from rigorous imprisonment of 7 years to 10 years, which can be extended to life imprisonment. It provides for speedy investigation and trial, which must be completed in two months. There will be no provision for anticipatory bail for a person accused of rape or gang rape of a girl under 16 years.

News report about TRPC meeting which quoted ban of Diesel auto prompted protest



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A day after passenger diesel auto service plying along RIMS road stopped protesting the government measures to prevent them from entering Imphal city, passenger diesel auto service providers plying from Kiyamei, Lillong and MU to Kwairamband Keithel stopped their service today and staged protest in front of Manipur University gate by parking their vehicles.

The protest is the outcome of the news report published in the local daily sent out by DIPR stating gov. measures to ban diesel auto from entering Imphal city area at which the Chief Minister had stated during the first meeting of the Traffic Regulation and Parking Committee (TRPC) meeting held on April 25 since the government was formed.

However, during a discussion hour at ISTV, Director MAHUD Gitkumar, who was also present in the TRPC meeting stated that Chief Minister only suggested if diesel auto could be prevented by taking up some measure after thorough study. He had stated that the government is not having any immediate plan to ban the diesel auto but had consulted to conduct a survey on how it could be managed. According to Gitkumar, The

chief minister had suggested if the auto rickshaw and diesel van transports could be substituted by state bus service and to allow E-rickshaw. However, as per news report it was stated that the Chief Minister is replacing city bus service and e-rickshaw in place of diesel auto by preventing them entering the city area.

Based on the report the auto rickshaw drivers condemned the government's decision of banning the diesel auto without providing an alternative means of living. They demanded to provide electric rickshaws on loan basis.

At present over 18,000 auto rickshaws are registered in Manipur and an immediate ban would mean leaving 18,000 family jobless, N. Hementa, Editor of Huiyen Lanpao Daily had stated.

According to the MAHUD Director the Chief Minister had advice to constitute expert committee to take stock of the situation which create traffic menace in the state. IIT Kharagpur had been awarded to study the present situation for making a master plan, while Economics department and Anthropology department of the Manipur University will be consulted about the problems of the people which jam traffic in Imphal.

Tributes paid to Simanta Bhagawati



By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, April 28,

The media fraternity today (27 April) paid heartfelt tributes to senior scribe Simanta Bhagawati, who passed away on last Saturday (21 April). A popular media columnist in The Assam Tribune

and also a popular tennis player Simanta, 53, faced a massive stroke while playing in a court and later breathed his last in a city hospital.

The speakers in the meeting, organized by Journalist Forum Assam at Guwahati Press Club, remembered Simanta as a dedicated journalist with full of humour. A jolly personality till his last moments Simanta left behind his wife, daughter with a host of relatives and well-wishers.

Speaking briefly daughter Ananya Simanta termed his father as an unique individual and best friend to her. His uncle Robin Borthakur remembered Simanta as a devoted journalist and a warm family member.

Elder brother Santanu Bhagawati, sister Manashi Bhagawati Khaund with other relatives like Mala Sharma, Roman Sarma, Binu Bhagawati, Ratna Rani Kalita, Aditya Bhagawati etc were also present on the occasion.

Journalists Rupam Barua, Ranen Kumar Goswami, Nava Thakuria with Jagadindra Raichoudhury, Ranjan Barua etc also mourned the untimely demise of Simanta in the meeting, prior to which the participants offered floral tributes to the departed soul.

Awareness Program on Crime Against Women & Children held at Moreh

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One Day Awareness Program on Crime Against Women & Children was held today at Eastern Shine School, Moreh

It was jointly organised by Women Action for Development, Imphal and Eastern Shine School, Moreh. In the program Mangstabam Sobita (Secretary - WAD) stated that they are organising such awareness program to borders and remote area as cases Raping Minor girls, Molestation & murdering of minor girls etc. are on the rise. "To control and make aware to the students about laws and also to prevent the minor girls from being victims of rape we are organising this awareness programme", Sobita said. She further stated that such cases are arising because of lake of Education and lake of



carrying by parents, lake of counseling, as in the early period of time Girls got married in the age of 15-16 but now there is a prohibition of marriage below 18 yrs for Girls and 21 for Boys. If anyone found getting married in minor ages then the hold marriage arrangers and their parents will be punished according to Law. She lastly advice to the students that as to make our country, our state free from

rape then we all should know the law and Acts against it and we should be one of a volunteer as to prevent our mothers, our sisters to become a victims of Rape. In the program three advocate spoke about POC SO and other law as a resource person U.Kamala, L. Kiranmala and T. Nomita, Don Ngaihu Vung (Project Manager - CSD) and K. Shymo (Head master- ESS, Moreh) were the dice members

World Veterinary Day observed

DIPR
Imphal, April 28,

World Veterinary Day 2018 was observed under the theme, "The role of veterinary profession in sustainable development to improve livelihoods, food security and safety" at the Auditorium, Palace Gate, Imphal, today. Speaking as Chief Guest at the function, H.Dingo Singh, MLA, Legislative Assembly, Manipur said that the relations between human being and animals give us huge benefits and quantity of products for the sustainable development to improve livelihood of people. He appreciated the department for their effort in taking care of animals by taking up vaccination of ailing animals and encouraging to continue preservation of livestock for better livelihood of people in future. Veterinary Director, H. Chaoba Singh, Director (retired) S.Joy Kumar Secretary (Vety. &



A.H), Sumant Singh, IAS, were also present at the function as Guests of honour and President respectively. The Observation was organised by Manipur State Veterinary Council in association with Directorate Of Veterinary & A.H Sciences, Government of Manipur. Veterinary staff from different places of the State and other dignitaries also

attended the function. Awards and citation were also given to Dr.N.Muncha Devi, Vety. Officer, Kakwa Vety. Hospital, Ch.Ajanta Devi, Vety. Field Assistant, Akampat Vety. Dispensary, N.Dias Singh, Vety. Attendant, Kakwa Vety.Hospital for their contribution and dedication to the development of the Department.

Consultation programme on Crime against Children and role of Stakeholders

IT News
Thoubal, April 28,

Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) in association with Childline Thoubal jointly organised a District Level Consultation programme under the theme "Crime against Children and role of Stakeholders" at Thoubal District Court Conference hall.

The consultation programme was attended Keisham Pradip Singh, member MACR, Montu Ahanthem, coordinator MACR and S. Gautam, SP Thoubal as dignitaries on the dais.

H. Rishikesh sharma OC Thoubal attended as resource person.

Bus accident

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A Guwahati bound Zet travel tourist bus bearing registration number MN01-2174 today met an incident at NH 1 in between Mt. Zion School and Karong Bridge in Senapati district. No passenger was reported injured. Driver of the bus is identified as Ramesh.

Road Safety Week

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Thoubal, April 28:

As a part of the "Sarak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha" prog, which begins from April 23 this month, Thoubal district administration today observe Road Safety Week. Police team, officials of the district transport dept joined the programme. Various students and club members volunteered the district police in distributing road safety stickers to drivers of four wheeler and two wheeler vehicles.

President says education should play major role in making people self-reliant

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President Ram Nath Kovind has said that education is not only a way to gain knowledge or find a job but also plays a major role in making people self-reliant. He said, universities should focus on the kind of education that creates job providers and not job seekers. Mr Kovind was addressing the 27th convocation of Dr Harisingh Gour University in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh today. He said education

must mould students' attitude and behaviour and help in nation building. Mr Kovind appealed to the students to take advantage of government schemes aimed at creating self-employment. President also conferred degrees and medals to meritorious students. The program was also attended by Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Union Ministers Satyapal Singh and Virendra Kumar. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan was also present on the occasion.