

Road rage – SBI Dy. Manager shot youth to death

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A 25 years old youth was shot dead by a deputy manager of the State Bank of India, presently posted at Leimakhong Branch, over failure to provide space for take off of his vehicle. The incident happened at around 10 pm yesterday at Naoremthong under Lamphel Police Station. The deceased has been identified as Salam Prasanta Singh, 25 yrs s/o S. Tomba Singh of Changangei Ucheekon, Imphal West. Report said that last evening, at around 10pm, the deceased Prasanta along with his friends were on their way to witness a musical night somewhere at Sekmai area until they reached near Salai Holding office and coincide with another I-20 vehicle. Prasanta, at the time was reportedly driving a Swift Car bearing registration number MN 06-LA 6624 with three of his friend, while another four of his friend were in another

car (Cruze). A minor argument occurred with the person driving the I-20 car bearing registration No. MN-01 3G 6843 and the deceased Prasanta over failure to provide adequate space for take off near Salai Holding office at Tera. The driver of the I 20 car, Chabungbam Budhachandra Singh 56yrs s/o Late Ch. Babudhon Singh of Sagolban Tera Loukrakpam Leikai who later turn out to be Deputy Manager SBI Branch Leimakhong, after taking off reportedly stopped his vehicle at Naoremthong (Bridge). There he reportedly took out a pistol and stopped Prasanta. According to a friend of the deceased who happened to accompany him yesterday, the Bank Manager along with one of his friend drive them out saying that they only need Prasanta. He was then pull inside the car and Budhachandra shot him

dead inside the vehicle.

The accused, Chabungbam Budhachandra Singh has been arrested by the Lamphel police and the pistol he used to be a license gun.

Following the killing of the youth, large number of people of Changangei Ucheekon near airport blocked the Tiddim road from around 8 am. A police team led by SP cool the anger saying that the accused has been arrested and that the law will take its own course. Local MLA AK Mirabai also rushed the spot to take stock of the situation. The road blocked was later lifted at around 10 am after the SP Imphal West calm the anger of the local. Later, a meeting was held and a committee called Peoples' Action Committee against the killing of Prasanta was formed. The PAC still do not claim the death body denouncing the killing.

KTT fellowship

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Staff reporter Heigruijam Sadananda of Poknapam daily and Reporter ST Lelen Vaiphei of Imphal Free Press have been jointly selected for The Khelen Thokchom Trust (KTT) Media Fellowship 2018-19 awards after their applications accompanied by the relevant documents were scrutinised by a two member expert committee of the KTT. Forty two year old Sadananda, a resident of Haobam Marak Ngangom Leikai, Imphal west district, has been working as a staff reporter (Sports) since November 2006 till date while

26 years old ST Lelen Vaiphei, a resident of Bijang Aijalong Churachandpur district and presently staying in Lamphel CP quarter Type IV. On the other hand Lelen, a master degree in sociology holds diploma in Mass communication and Journalism and he is presently working as a reporter of Imphal Free Press. As announced earlier, the selected journalists will explore the potential and prospects of the game of cricket in Manipur through their research and documentation in the next three months. For which the KTT will provide a similar consolidated amount to both the fellows to support their research and travel etc.

HRLN founder, Colin Gonsalves says KishoreChandra's statement on Rani Jhansi is protected by Freedom of Speech

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Colin Gonsalves, the Founder of Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) in an exclusive interview to Journalist Seram Rojesh at New Delhi, has extended his full support to the hue and cry of the right thinking people against the detention of Kishorechandra Wankhem under National Security Act.

"To say that Rani Jhansi has nothing to do with Manipur, whether right or wrong, is absolutely protected by Freedom of Expression. He may be right or he may be wrong, but there is nobody in the country who can prosecute a journalist or anybody for that matter on the basis of statement which is seemingly offence to some very conservative or right wing society; it is protected by freedom of expression", Colin Gonsalves said.

The founder of the HRLN further said that to use a "F" word or to use a swear word is a part of freedom of Expression. Giving



observation to the statement which Kishorechandra Wankhem has uploaded in Social media expressing his anger Colin Gonsalves said that the detainee journalist has lawfully and justifiably use the swear word. "It is lawfully used, it is justifiably used and for the state to trial to such person is totally wrong", the renowned activist said. He appealed the case of Keshorechand be moved to the High Court immediately and gets bail in this matter. "Not only he should gets bail but this entire prosecution should be quashed", Colin Gonsalves said and added

that on the face of the FIR even if accepted the content be correct, to use a swear word is totally permissible under the constitution of India. It is part of Freedom of Expression and every Journalist, every Human Rights activist should stand up support Kishorechand in this tyrannical use of law against him, he added. Colin Gonsalves also stated that Human Rights Network Law Network stands fully with Kishorechandra Wankhem and said that victory will be on the side of the journalist as what done is totally unconstitutional. During the the Annual General

Body Meeting 2018 (AGM 2018) of Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) held at Rajasthan from 19th December to 23rd December 2018 various issues of human rights violations in many parts of India including the arrest of a journalist in Manipur, Mr. Kishorechandra Wankhem for using "F" word under NSA by the present government of Manipur was also discussed. Mr. Kishorechandra was arrested for his Facebook post criticizing the government of Manipur for organizing the birth anniversary of Rani Jhansi in Manipur. On this case of Kishorechandra, Mr. Shreeji Vhavsar, senior advocate of the Supreme Court, associated with HRLN had gone to Imphal to meet Mrs. Ranjita Wankhemcha, the wife of Mr. Kishorechandra and went to Manipur Central Jail, Sajiwa to meet him on 20th December 2018. Even after 3 hours of waiting, the jail officials didn't allow the advocate to meet his client.

AMWJU special general body meeting condemn detention of Kishorechandra under NSA

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A special general body meeting of AMWJU convened yesterday in the wake of the series of criticism from sections of people to the seemingly silence of the journalists fraternity to the detention of Kishorechandra Wankhem under NSA has clarified crystal clear that there is no difference of opinion with whoever concern with the detention as the All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) regarding the slapping of National Security

Act (NSA) to the journalist. "This meeting unanimously resolved to reiterate the resolutions adopted by the standing committee of the Union held on December 21, 2018 which condemned the detention of Kishorechandra under the National Security Act (NSA), by the state government". The General body meeting however condemned the offensive words used by the journalist in his criticism of the state government and BJP leadership in a video posted in his facebook account. Regarding the letter wrote by the AMWJU President,

Brozendro Ningomba to the Indian Journalists' Union (IJU) in regard to the status of Kishorechandra and clarification on why the AMWJU, which fuel more criticism from more sections of people and students bodies, the special GB meeting also resolved to rectify the letter and sent another letter to the IJU, superseding the earlier letter by reiterating that the mother association shall not comment on any issue relating to an affiliated unit without first seeking its views. The Special GB meeting of the AMWJU also took serious note of criticism by some

student bodies over Kishorechandra's issue in the social media and resolved to appeal to those bodies to discuss any issue relating to AMWJU rather than commenting on social media to ensure that no misunderstanding occurs in future. The meeting also condemn the boycotting of some daily newspaper except this newspaper (Imphal Times) and Imphal Free Press by Manipur University Students' Union in MU Campus but resolved to invite the MUSU representatives for discussion to remove any misunderstanding.

Oinam Dilip honoured with "Rising Star" award

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Manipuri artist Oinam Dilip was honored with the ART INC "Rising Star" award 2018, according to reports available here on Tuesday, the beautiful Christmas day. The award consists of a trophy, a certificate and cash award. The award was presented by Renu Rana of ART INC to honor masters and upcoming artists in the field of Painting, Sculptor and Photography in a gathering at India International Centre, New Delhi on December 24 Monday, the delayed report said. Eminent personalities of the art fraternity like Arpana Caur, Niren Sengupta, Hemant Khandelwal, and Biman Das comprise the panel of esteemed jury. The report added that Oinam Dilip is a freelance artist currently based in New Delhi with a degree from Delhi College of Art. His paintings have been collected in Korea, UK, US and Egypt. He is also currently working with Art Alive, one of India's premium



art Galleries in New Delhi. His first art exhibition which is an amalgamation of Dilip's paintings, neo art installation by Kenny Ngairangbam and fashion-showcase by Sailex Ngairangbam, in Manipur titled 'Art meets Fashion' was held under the aegis of KAI from November 24 to December 4, 2019 at the building of Ningthibee

collection, a popular handloom house in Imphal. It is said that Dilip's paintings have been showcased along the paintings of some of India's senior most artists in reputed art galleries of the country in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bangalore and a few abroad and some of his paintings have been collected in Korea, UK, US, Egypt.

Will not remain silence until Kishorechandra is released unconditionally- YPFHR

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YPFHR) expressed regret terming the trend as shrinking space for the public to voice out the grievances against the Government in a so called largest democratic country in the world like India. A statement said that Kishorechandra's detention by the state is a threat to the security of the civilians and for a nation at large for imposing a draconian act like NSA upon a lay man citizen. "We understand the democracy as "a nation running political ideology" is

conceived to be the sounding voice and action of the people with the citizenry having a primary role to choose the competent candidature to represent the whole population of the nation with due sensitivity towards welfare of the public. "The hot boiling issue in vogue herein Manipur regarding the detention of Kishorechandra under the NSA (National Security Act) for his comment against the ruling Government should have been taken as a mere personal opinion exercised by a human and a citizen of the country and his expression should not be politicized to impose the law

of NSA on his person and that the comment thrown by him may be of his personal reason. "The larger consideration of the ongoing feud and dilemma poses a question whether democratic ethos in India is sailing through with a healthy morale or not", the statement said. The YPFHR demand the Government of Manipur to release Kishorechandra unconditionally before the youths of the state erupt to fight against the violations of ones right to freedom of speech and expression and against the suppression by the state for better future.

MSAD & DAMMS to organise more protest

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Manipur Students' Association, Delhi (MSAD), in association with Delhi Association of Manipur Muslim Students (DAMMS), is organising a candle light rally on 29th of this month (Saturday) at Delhi University, North Campus against the following against the arbitrary arrest of Wankhemcha Wangthoi under NSA by the Manipur BJP government and the custodial killing of Abdul Gaffar of Lilong by the Indian military force (Assam Rifles) in Manipur.