

## CorCom boycotts PM visit; calls 17 hours total shut down on March 16

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**Imphal, March 13:** Conglomerate of major rebel groups – CorCom, operating in the region while boycotting the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 16 has called 17 hours total shut down from 1 am to 6 pm of the day in the state. CorCom is a body comprises of PREPAK, PREPAK (PRO), UNLF and RPF. A statement of the publicity committee of this body in an e-mail to media houses said that students appearing in the ongoing examinations, rituals activities, fire service and medical emergency will be relax during the total shut down. The statement said that the visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the state of Manipur is nothing but to suppress the people of this state to strengthen the colonial rule. “The propose visit of the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on March 16 to lay foundation stone for National Sports University at Koutruk of Imphal East and for inauguration of the National Science Congress at Manipur University is not new. Like other Indian leaders he will deliver sweet words by pretending real care for the people of the state so that the colonial rule strengthened”, the CorCom Statement said. On the other hand the statement said that India’s Look East Policy which has been converted into Act East Policy is not for improvement of economy of the people of this region. The policy is for suppressing the revolutionary movement in the region, the statement added. It said, in all the bilateral agreement signed by India with the 10 member ASEAN countries since 1992, a provision to jointly fight the

revolutionary movement and combat terrorism has been mention. India terms the revolutionary movement here in WESEA region as terrorist. The statement also said that if Modi want a develop Manipur than why Industrial Park which was included in the 12 point agreement with China has been established at Gujarat instead of Manipur (Kangleipak). The silence of Prime Minister Modi over the people demands for repeal of draconian Act AFSPA has also been mentioned saying that till today the matter has been left aside. The CorCom statement said that to the people of the region – Indian National Congress, Janata Party, Bharatiya Janata Party and other political parties of India makes no difference. Their policy toward Manipur (Kangleipak) is no difference, it added.

## Reality of Govt. Schools:

# Assurance for improvement skeptical as mismanagement put a High School without benches and desk

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 12:** Education Minister Th. Radheshyam assurances to improve the status of government schools turn out to be a mere joke as authorities of the Education (S) department put a high school which have 150 students without benches and desk. The benches and desks of Thanchet High School, Nongmeibung Pung Mathak, Imphal East were taken by an order of the ZEO, Zone 2 for utilization at other exam centers for the ongoing class X and Class XII examination. “With no desks and benches, we fear of losing students from enrolling in the school”, N. Beni, Former Principle, Thanchet High School, Nongmeibung Pung Mathak, said during an award

distribution of the school annual sports meet yesterday. N Beni said that though Thanchet High School is a government school, using the school property for 10 and 12 exam purpose at other center under zone-2 by ZEO while the classes of the school is on the run is very unfortunate. “Somehow, school managing committee is proving the needed infrastructure for the students from the nearby coaching center which the government fails to notice”, she added. Beni also said that Thanchet High School use to have more than 150 students while it was as Junior High School but with the government upgrading the school into Senior High School, more than 60 % of students enrolment in the

school have decline leaving only 66 students since the school began resuming from 2015 after three years gape due to full renovation of the school building. Due to the three years gape, many of the students have enrolled at other school which is very disappointing for the Thanchet High School and currently school property utilized for 10-12 exam hurts the school environment and the students who came to learn something new from the schools, she added. Beni further said that while the school is facing infrastructure problems, there is shortage of teachers for each subjects. Though the Thanchet High School is already upgraded to Senior High School (Class 1 to 10), it has 21 teachers, 5 of

them are utilized teachers and atleast 10 RAMSA teachers among the 21 teachers are posted at the school while there is no teacher posted for home science as well as for Social Science with no primary teacher which the current teachers are managing on their own, so far, she added. Being a government school, the concern authority should give more emphasis on the government run schools in the state rather than keeping it for namesake and at the end left to diminish on its own. If proper infrastructures can be provided no government school will fail in the state, N. Beni asserts. Thanchet High School was established in the year 1965 from Lower Primary which is now a Senior High School.

## Acid Victim denied compensation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 13:** JAC Against the Acid Attack on Mangsatabam (O) Menaka decry over the negligence of the state government in proving the Acid attack survivor compensation for the acid victim. Speaking to the media persons, Mangsatabam (O) Menaka, acid victim, said that since the incident of the acid attack, she and her family has been left neglected by the concern apart from getting the free medical treatment at RIMS. “As of now I didn’t get any compensation even though CM had announced during Feb. state assembly session”, Menaka said disappointedly.

## PAC, NEFIS demand immediate handing of Pravish Chanam case to CBI; submits memorandum to union Home Minister

**Imphal, March 13:** A delegation of North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today submitted a memorandum to Union Minister of Home Affairs, Rajnath Singh regarding the lack of investigation into case of death of a Manipuri youth, Pravish Chanam in Noida, Uttar Pradesh under suspicious circumstances. People Action Committee (PAC) which has been spearheading agitation for justice to Pravish Chanam also demanded positive response from the Union Home Minister who is visiting the state on March 16. In a press conference at Manipur Press Club, Convenor of the PAC

said that even though the BJP government has assured to hand over the case of the brutal murder of Pravish Chanam to CBI, nothing has been done for the CBI to investigate the case. The Convenor also decried Chief Minister N. Biren Singh’s refusal to meet the PAC regarding the matter. He said if no announcement regarding the case is made during the HM visit the PAC will intensify the agitation. Meanwhile, sit-in-protest has been staged at Langthabal demanding justice for Pravish Chanam. Pravish Chanam, died in Noida last year under suspicious circumstances. He had come to Delhi on a visit

and had been residing in Safdarjung, Delhi with his friends. On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017, he went to Knowledge Park in Noida to attend a music concert with his friends and went missing after the concert and had been later found dead. The Noida Police had been making investigation into the circumstances which led to his death. But the shoddy inquiry conducted by the police as well as the subsequent details of the case strongly pointed towards the dubious role of police personnel themselves in the case. Consequently, the victim’s family demanded an inquiry by Central Bureau of Investigation into the case. Since, the matter fell under the

authority of UP Govt, the deceased’s family requested the Manipur Govt to ask UP Chief Minister to transfer the case to CBI. Despite UP Govt assuring the Manipur Govt that the case would be transferred to the CBI, no further steps have been taken in this direction. This amounts to a blatant attempt to shield the culprits by allowing them ample time to destroy evidence which may implicate them in future. The delegation sought immediate intervention of the Union Home Ministry into the matter. Besides the PAC, the NEFIS also warned of an intensification of people’s struggle, if its demands are not met.

## Skill Development Program Kick Off

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**Imphal, March 13:** 35 days skill development (training) program on garment making and stitching for Tamenglong District kick off at Manipur Creations, 3C Takyel Industrial Estate, Imphal West. The training program is organized by Manipur Creations which is funded by CML Tata Trust in association with Tamenglong District Administration. Speaking to the media persons, Kojiam Vasunraz, Proprietor of Manipur Creations said that the training program is solely meant for the upliftment of the socioeconomic condition of the people of Tamenglong District. The main objective of the program is to provide training and jobs to those in the hill

district who are living below the poverty line, he added. Vasunraz also said that 50 persons from Tamenglong District who are living below the poverty line in have been selected to undergo the 35 days training under Manipur Creations on garment making and stitching. With this training program, an income of Rs 7500 per month per job worker can be generated which will turn into Rs 375000 for 50 workers in a month and Rs 4500000 annually. The trainees are getting a sponsorship of Rs 31 lakhs from CML Tata trust which will enable them to generate Rs 4500000 annually and in turn will be the great achievement of CML Tata Trust, tamenglong District Administration and Manipur Creations, he added.

## ACHR seeks NHRC’s action against Assam Police for torture of journalist Emmy C Lawbei

**Local source**  
**Aizawl, March 13:** Asian Centre for Human Rights has filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) against the brutal torture of journalists including Ms Emmy C Lawbei by the Assam police at Assam-Mizoram border, a disputed area near Bairabi town in Kolasib district of Mizoram on 10 March 2018. The victim, Ms Emmy C Lawbei, a journalist was brutally beaten by the Assam police personnel while they were out to cover the protest called by the students of Mizoram on the Assam-Mizoram border disputed area near Bairabi town in Kolasib district on 10 March 2018. The journalists alleged were little ahead of students to cover the protest but the Assam police lathi charged against them without provocation. Following the police lathi charge, Ms Lawbei sustained grievous injuries on her shoulder and back. She was immediately rushed to Bairabi Hospital in Mizoram for primary treatment. Asian Centre for Human Rights urged the NHRC to conduct an independent inquiry into the torture of the journalist Emmy C Lawbei and others by the police at Assam-Mizoram border, immediately suspend all the accused police personnel responsible for the torture and take appropriate legal action against them and pay interim compensation of Rs 5 lakhs each to the victims. Yesterday, staged a peaceful processions in Aizawl and

other district capitals condemning the unprovoked firing and assault on Mizo students and journalists by the Assam Police personnel at Zophai near Bairabi on the disputed inter-state border of Mizoram and Assam. The protests were also directed at the Mizoram government for its failure to provide security to the Mizos at the inter-state border. The protests were held under the banner of the Mizo Zirlai Pawl, which is the apex students body of the Mizos. On Saturday, when Mizo activists led by Mizo Zirlai Pawl went to the disputed area to construct a rest shed (‘Zofate Chawlhbuk’), the Assam Police personnel cased them brutally and opened fire at them. Not only students but even the journalists who were doing their jobs were not spared. Some journalists including News18 Assam-North East journalist Emmy C Lawbei were brutally beaten up by Assam Police despite wearing ‘Press’ ID card and identifying themselves as journalists. Another journalist, H Zate, was brutally assaulted. Earlier on 8 March, several Mizo students and at least three journalists were reportedly beaten up by Assam Police when the leaders of the MZP leaders attempted to re-construct the ‘Zofate Chawlhbuk’. The Mizoram Journalists’ Association (MJA) demanded an apology from the Assam government as well as compensation for the damage caused to their equipment. Tension has been simmering in that disputed area ever

since the Assam Police in the evening of 27 February destroyed a rest shed (‘Zofate Chawlhbuk’) constructed by the Mizo Zirlai Pawl at Zophai village on land which the MZP claims belongs to Mizoram. All political parties of Mizoram and several civil society

organizations have condemned the brutalities against the Mizo students and journalists by the Assam Police on Saturday. The Mizoram Police said one MZP activist received bullet injury in the leg. Several other students were injured in the lathi-charge.

## TSA condemns barbaric act of Assam Police on Mizo youths, sympathise with victims

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 13:** The Thadou Students’ Association, General Headquarters (TSA-GHQ) and TSA Mizoram Branch vehemently condemn the barbaric act of Assam Police who mindlessly carried out a reign of terror upon innocent Mizo youths at Zophai, Bairabi in Kolasib District, Mizoram and Mizoram media persons who were there to cover the incident. “We also condemn the high handedness of Assam’s Hailkandi district administration for utilising highly disproportionate strength of police force to commit such horrible and despicable acts on a small group of student volunteers of Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP) who were only trying to build a resting shed in a land within the boundary of Mizoram”, Michael Lamjathang Hoapik, Secretary General TSA, General Headquarters in a statement said. It further said that the use of such a large number of armed police personnel and indiscriminate firing and brute force to stop a small group of unarmed innocent students from building the resting shed is totally unbecome for all those responsible police personnel and officers and district administrators should be punished appropriately by authorities concerned. Such ugly and uncivilized incidents have no place in a democratic country and all those responsible should be punished according to the law of the land. The Thadou students and the whole Thadou community in Manipur, Mizoram and elsewhere stand by our Mizo blood brothers and sisters who have fallen victims of the unimaginable atrocities at the hands of the senseless Assam Police force and we join our hands with them for timely delivery of justice, the statement added.