

AMSU criticises arrest of critics to the govt.

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All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) while appreciating the god work of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government had appealed the government not to suppress the voice of the people. In a statement the student's body questioned the intention of the government over its excess to any critics to the activities of the government. It said the government is giving no respect to the Right to freedom of Speech. Those arrested for criticising the system is strongly condemn by AMSU, the statement said.

The statement further added the viral video uploaded by some Non local threatening the people of the state is a serious issue, AMSU considered such a video as a direct challenge to the government. The AMSU also question on why those involved in the video are still not arrested.

In democratic institution positive criticism by the CSOs and opposition political party is a much for check and balance of power, the statement said. It also added that police publicise report as if they have arrested those involved in the hate video but the reality turn out to be different. The AMSU appeal the government to run the government without any biasness and with sincerity and commitment.

POFM open one more unit at Nongbrang

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Proletarian Feminist Movement of Manipur, POFM has open another unit at Nongbrang, in Imphal East district yesterday. This is the second unit of the organisation open 4 days. The president of POFM Surjabala while talking to Imphal Times said that they will open more branch at other district of the state so that the POFM will open more unit at other part of the state so that proletarian women from all part of the state could jointly fight against all form of violence against women and children of the state.

POFM is a women's body who had recently staged series of protest demanding justice for Thanga gang rape victim as well as punishment of the Sekmai Assembly Constituency MLA who is alleged of raping a lady from Thangmeiband Assembly constituency.

Are the investigating team of Thanga rape case trying to silence the minor victim? YFPHR condemns unethical interrogations of minor sexual assault victim

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Pressure from NGOs, students' body and Rights activist have finally handed over the controversial Thanga gang rape case to Crime Branch, however, the handling of the case by the Crime branch authority once again is sceptic of delivering justice to the minor victim as the interrogation conducted to the minor victim appeared more like lack of professionalism and training as the victim girl fainted twice on two different occasion unable to bear the question. On May 24 a team of the crime branch along with lady police came to the victim's family and interrogated the minor victim for over two hours and due to lack of training how to create friendly environment in

dealing with minor sexually assaulted Children the victim minor fainted and was rushed to the District Hospital Bishnupur. The father of the victim girl even though was not happy on the way the team interrogated could not say or complaint anything as he have no idea of the law. "I am not happy these police people are interrogating my daughter who is already in state of trauma", the victim's father told over phone to one of his friend. He further said that he could not said anything as he assume it as normal procedure.

The nature of investigation being carried out by the State Police dealing with Thanga Gang Rape case is vehemently condemn by Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR). The forum said that the investigation team failed



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to maintain the child friendly environment but created an environment of interrogation of criminals beside a member of District Child Protection Unit, Bishnupur was present. "Failure in maintaining child friendly environment by the lady Police Officer clearly indicates that the State Police dealing with the cases have not been trained properly on how to deal with a minor

sexual assault victim and also indicates to victimize the victim not to reveal the case but to stay silent", the Forum added. The Forum asked the team, "how many more statement of the victim girl is in need to be recorded besides repeated recording of 161 statements by the WPS Bishnupur in the first instance, also by the Special Investigation Team

which was formed to investigate the matter, also 2 times recording of 164 statement by the court and also attempt to record another statement by the present investigation team. YFPHR suspect that it is an attempt to victimize and suppress the victim girl by the Investigation Team of the case having nexus with Political influences and the accused family members like earlier".

It could be noted that the victim girl was fainted due to PTSD on the 26th of April, 2018 while present for the 2nd time recording of 164 statements and on 24th May, 2018 recording of statement by the present Investigation Team as the Lady Police Officer had used harsh words and had heated argument with the victim girl, where we believe that the Investigating Officer

was trained to harass the girl and were not trained properly on how to deal with a minor sexual assault victim, the forum alleged.

The YFPHR also condemn the District Child Protection Unit, Bishnupur for keeping silent besides knowing the fact of such ill treatment by the Lady Police Officer in front of its members who is responsible to protect the rights of the child or the victim.

YFPHR urged the Investigating Team to stop meeting the child and harassing her in the name of recording statement as the Investigation Team has much statements to review the earlier statement Provided and would like to appeal the CM, DGP and Social Welfare Minister to punish the Lady Police Officer for harassing the girl.

Polling for by-elections to 4 Lok Sabha & 10 Assembly constituencies spread over 10 states held today

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(inputs from agencies)
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Polling is underway for by-elections to four Lok Sabha seats and 10 Assembly constituencies spread over 10 states. Voting began at 7 this morning amidst tight security. Lok Sabha seats where bypolls are being held are Kairana in Uttar Pradesh, Palghar and Bhandara-Gondiya in Maharashtra and the sole parliamentary constituency in Nagaland. Assembly constituencies

where bypolls are being held are Noorpur in Uttar Pradesh, Shahkot in Punjab, Jokihat in Bihar, Gomia and Silli in Jharkhand, Chengannur in Kerala, Palus Kadegaon in Maharashtra, Ampati in Meghalaya, Tharali in Uttarakhand and Maheshitala in West Bengal. In Nagaland, 60 percent of voters cast their votes till 1 pm bypoll to the lone Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio cast his vote at a polling booth at Touphema Basa village, around 25 km from the state capital,

around 10 am, sources said. The ruling People's Democratic Alliance (PDA), which has the NDPP and the BJP as its major constituents, has fielded former minister Tokheho Yepthomi from the seat. Yepthomi is pitted against Opposition Naga People's Front (NPF) nominee C Apok Jamir. The Congress has also extended its support to Jamir. Altogether 11,97,436 people are eligible to exercise their franchise at 2196 polling stations across the state, Nagaland Chief Electoral Officer Abhijit Sinha said.

Voting began at 7 AM and will go on till 4 PM in 1887 polling stations, while it will end an hour ahead in 309 booths, the CEO said. "In 309 booths, set up in faraway places with barely any transportation facilities, the polling will end at 3 PM for the convenience of the election officials," he said. Altogether, 40 companies of Central Armed Police Forces along with 80 companies of Nagaland Armed Police, 770 Home Guards and 2600 village guards have been deployed across the state to ensure free

and fair polls, Sinha added. The bypoll was necessitated after Rio, who is also the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader, resigned as a Lok Sabha member in February, days before the assembly polls.

Polling is also underway to the Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly constituency in Karnataka. The election was postponed after thousands of voter cards along with around one lakh counterfoils were seized from a house in SLV Park View Apartment in Bengaluru. (Contd. on page 4)

'Sampark for Samarathan' campaign Agency New Delhi, May 28,

The BJP will launch a massive 'Sampark for Samarathan' campaign to create awareness about the noble works done during the last four years by the Narendra Modi Government.

All party workers including BJP President Amit Shah and booth level workers will take part in the campaign. Mr. Shah will reach out to 50 people personally with details of initiatives and achievements of the government whereas each karyakarta will contact at least 10 people to make them aware about the achievements.

As alternative, renewable sources of energy to be opted: Dy CM

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Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh said, renewable sources of energy should be opted as an alternative to meet energy requirements in the state. He was speaking at the inaugural function of grid connected roof top solar power plant with generation capacity of five kilowatts, at the Community Hall of Uripok Ahanthem Leikai Development Organisation in Imphal today. Deputy Chief Minister said, non-renewable energy sources like fossil fuels would be exhausted after some decades but renewable sources like solar energy will last long for decades. He said, with the increasing population, energy consumption level has also been increasing day by day. To meet such energy requirements, solar energy which can be generated using abundantly available sun light should be encouraged. Joykumar Singh further said that street lighting or domestic uses of power can easily be generated if roof top solar



panels are installed. Besides this, excess energy generated from the plant can also be sold to power grid thereby generating revenue as well. Stating that, the project which is jointly taken up by MANIREDA and MSPDCL will definitely help in providing energy requirements in the state, Deputy Chief Minister said, almost all areas under Uripok Assembly Constituency will be covered under the project and street lighting in the areas will be completed within June this year. He said, once street lighting is completed, it will be helpful in controlling crime and related activities. He appealed people to co-operate with this initiative to encourage solar energy generation in the state.

Director, MANIREDA Shri L. Manglem Singh also spoke on the importance of solar energy in helping to provide energy requirements in the state. He said, under the project, 70 per cent of the total cost for installation will be borne by MANIREDA. Only the remaining 30 per cent will be borne by the individual or the company or firm who have applied for the work. He urged people to co-operate with MANIREDA and also asked them to apply through website for installation of solar power plants. Earlier today, Deputy Chief Minister inaugurated a grid connected roof top solar power plant of five kilo watts at Saikal Academy near Uripok Cheirap Court in Imphal.

Erendro refuses to plea bail; sent to judicial custody for 15 day

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PRJA convenor Erendro Leichomba, who was arrested by the city police in connection with the sharing of a hate speech viral video was produced to CJM Imphal West today along with 6 other persons arrested on the same case.



While the rest had applied for bail and granted by the CJM Erendro refused to apply the plea for bail as he stands on saying that he had not committed any crime as he had shared the video as a warning to the police who had failed to arrest the culprits involved. Later CJM Imphal West today sent him in judicial custody for 15 days.

Police conducted search operation at different places of Imphal

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As a part of security measures taken up by the District police Imphal East, Cordon and Search Operation was conducted by teams of CDO-IE led by Inspector B. Lunthang Vaiphei OC-CDO IE under command of Robinsun khannam DSP-CDO, and overall supervision of M.Kumarjit Singh Addl SP Ops from 5.30 am to 6. Am. at New Checkon crossing to Tribal market. A total of 255 persons were verified. The team picked



up 7 persons who failed to showed ID proof and handed over Porompat Police Station for further verification. Another team of city police from Imphal West district also conducted Cordon and

Search operation at Ngari galli and Masajid road and Nagamapal 200sabam leirak. About 200 persons were physically verified however no arrest was made during the operation.