

## Kishorchand's wife Ranjita seeks justice for her husband; protest staged, many supports



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Wife of Wangkhem Kishorchand who was detained by district administration without spelling out any reason for the detention soon after he was released by the Chief Judicial

### Arvind Saxena sworn in as UPSC chairman

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Arvind Saxena was sworn in as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission, UPSC, on Thursday. The Oath of Office and Secrecy was administered by Prof Pradeep Kumar Joshi, senior most Member of the Commission, at a ceremony in New Delhi.

Mr Saxena joined the Commission as Member on May 2015 and was appointed to perform the duties of Chairman of the UPSC in June this year.

A student of Civil Engineering from Delhi College of Engineering and M Tech in Systems Management from IIT, New Delhi, Mr Saxena was selected for the Civil Services and joined the Indian Postal Service in 1978. In 1988, he left the Indian Postal Service to join the Research and Analysis Wing of the Cabinet Secretariat, where he specialised in the study of strategic developments in neighbouring countries, including Nepal, China and Pakistan.

Mr Saxena is a recipient of awards for Meritorious Services (2005) and Distinguished Services (2012), conferred by the Prime Minister, in recognition of his exemplary work and unblemished service record in the Research and Analysis Wing.

Magistrate, Imphal West continue to seek justice for husband.

A sit-in-protest was staged today on the roadside of MI road at Moirang Ningthou Leirak, Imphal West by Ranjita and her family as well as the locals of Moirang Ningthou Leirak. The protest which began at 10.30 am today was seen attended by locals, relatives and family of Kishorchand but later many people from various part of the state came and joined the protest showing solidarity to Kishorchand.

Playcards denouncing the arbitrary arrest of Wangkhem Kishorchand were display during the protest and demanded his immediate release.

Still family member do not know why Kishorchand is detained and under which provision. But source said that Kishorchand might have been

detained under National Security ACT.

On November 26, CJM Imphal West had ruled that viral video which the Kishorchand uploaded was not attracted to Section 124-A.

And as for the Section 294 and 500 of the IPC which was charged against him, the CJM said that both the section were bailable and following that he was released on bail.

The re-arrest has been condemn by various sections of people even though the language Kishorchand use in the Video was not appreciated as it content slang words.

"Kishorchand detention is nothing but extreme violation of Human Rights which is only done by authoritarian regime", a protestor said.

Many rights activists and representative of SSUM also came and showed solidarity to Kishorchand's wife Ranjita and family.

## Minister Shyamkumar And Forest Team Conduct Spot Inspection

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Forest and Environment Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar accompanied by the officials and staffs of the Forest and Wildlife of the department today conducted a spot inspection near the banks of Imphal river at the Ningomthong Kitna Panung, Imphal East. The inspection comes after a woman, identified as Mutum Inakhunbi reportedly saw two unidentified animals at the residential area at around 3.30 pm yesterday.

Addressing the media persons, Minister Th. Shyamkumar said small animals from the mountains hunting for food might have arrived in areas near the Imphal river banks which are thickly covered with bushes. He

informed that the experts from the Wildlife Institute of India will be arriving tomorrow following which the truth can be ascertained. He also stated that the mysterious killing is first of its kind for the State. The Minister also said that the Forest and Wildlife teams are doing their job following the rules and regulations of the Forest Act and the department will take up every required action. The Minister also appealed to the public to be vigilant about false information spread in the social media which will create fear among the masses.

He also advised the locals to take up social service to keep the river banks clean. He however cautioned that they should not burn the bushes as it can harm other living creatures around the area. He again appealed to the public

to save the environment and wildlife and stop killing animals out of suspicion.

Th. Mohendra Pratap Singh, Conservator of Forests, Central Circle said that the Forest Department is taking necessary steps to find out the truth about the suspected animal which is responsible behind the killings of the domestic livestock. Stating that the arrival of three experts from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun will expedite the investigation, he said traps are set up at foothills of the mountains and other locations to catch the predator apart from investigations at the Manipur Zoological Garden.

Stating that the suspected animal is attacking only the small domestic livestock, he said it does not pose a threat to the humans. He further said it will be wrong to target and kill

animals out of suspicion. He appealed the public to maintain calm and peace so that the department officials can find out the truth at the earliest.

It is worth mentioning here that already two experts, Dr M. Vikramjit Sharma and Dr N. Sharmila from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun are helping the Forest and Environment Department officials in the investigation. Both the experts said that people's support is needed as they are investigating the matter and appealed to stop killings of wildlife animals.

The spot inspection was also attended by Kereilhouvi Angami, PCCF and HoFF, Shri DJN Anand, PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Anurag Bajpai, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), RK Amarjit Singh, DFO, Central Forest Division among others.

## Waphong Inthan - A failed village

By- Roman Riamroi Inpui

Waphong Inthan is one of the richest village among the Inpui Naga villages in terms of natural products. However, it is one of the most remote and poorest village in today's world, which is located in Saitu Gampazol subdivision of Senapati District with population of around 200, approximately 27 km from the heart of Imphal. Agriculture is the main occupation of the people there.

The village is surrounded by three major & minor rivers i) **Taah (Jei river)** in the western side, ii) **Lwlanga kwa** in the eastern side and iii) **Rwabwa kwa** in the northern side.

It is surprising that the villagers had to build their natural bamboo bridge which was inherited from their forefathers and it lasted longer than the bridges that were constructed by the Government of Manipur

in State highways and National Highways. Its not funny. The Government takes around 10 years and these villagers took only one day to complete the bridge.

What a pleasant surprise to tell the world that the Government of Manipur is not happy to help and has failed to do anything for the village.

Following points are the failure of Manipur Government.

**Education:** Amazingly, there is not even a primary school. Little kids were walking by foot around 3 km to attend the class in a private school next to the village. For higher studies, we have to walk around 27 kms. From a related sources, we came to know that the primary school which was sponsored for the village had been stolen by an idiotic man in collaboration with some Government staff long years

back.

**Health care:-** There is no ASHA, no Anganwadi centre, no hospital and pharmacy. OMG. How long do our pregnant woman have to walk 27 km by foot to deliver their child in a hospital? How long our 3 months old child have to walk long distances for polio vaccine in the thick forests?

I know this is not answerable by the Government of India and Manipur.

**Connectivity:-** We thank the British Government for their big help. The villagers were going through Inthan Lampui or Kangchup road which was constructed by the British during their rule. In their time, iron bridges were also built for the villagers but these no more exists now.

Now, repeatedly the villagers has requested the Government for construction of road and

connectivity but they become totally blind after making good promises. If your Government is not happy to help us, please bring back the British for us.

**Go to village Mission:-** Great! This is a good program launched by the Government of Manipur. We thought that this is specially for poor villagers like us. Oh no, this is total contradictory. From a related sources we came to know that due to bad connectivity, Government officials were not able to reach the village for the program. Ok we can agree to that.

OMG, after some days the MLA along with his colleagues came for fishing in the river with washing powder although it is prohibited by the local bodies.

**Election:-** What we have is Government mockery but no democracy. There is no polling station provided in the village. Sad that villagers have to walk around 19 km by foot or any means to give their votes.

The villagers have to take two days and one night for the sake of casting their right.

Candidates promise everything. However, these always turn to blatant lies after their success. When the villagers ask for help, the concerned Department began to ask the number of voters in the village. They're not willing to help the villagers because of less number of voters. It is not possible for every Government or political parties, like in India and Manipur, to help the village until their media propaganda is over.

Regular visit to the district headquarters and large voter areas should be immediately stopped by the Ministers and concerned authorities. Government might be thinking of peace and harmony by only visiting the district headquarters and big voters but this may again increase the separatists movement in the remote areas and State.

## Photo of Loukhatpa ceremony of Minister Biswajit and his new wife goes viral on Scoial media

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Photo of acceptance ceremony (Loukhatpa) of the IPR and PWD Minister Thongam Bishwajit along with his newly married wife by the bride family at Nagamapal SIngjubung Leirak today went viral in social networking site. The photo showed The Minister who already had two daughters and a wife being accepted as husband and wife with one Sorokhaibam Rebika. Whether the Minister married the new wife after completing formalities for legal divorce with his first wife Junreiwon popularly known as Junjun is yet to be known, but for reason best known to Mr. Bishwajit, he openly married the new wife for the second time.

When Tom, Dick or Harry married for the second or third time nobody cares but when a top politician who is also having important portfolio married a second wife then it is natural that everybody want to know it.

Articles 494 and 495 of the

Indian Penal Code of 1860, prohibited polygamy for the Christians. In 1955, the Hindu Marriage Act was drafted, which prohibited marriage of Hindu whose spouse was still living. Thus Polygamy became illegal in India in 1956, uniformly for all of its citizens except for Hindus in Goa where bigamy is legal, and for Muslims, who are permitted to have four wives.

In a polygamous Hindu marriage is null and void. While the punishment specified in Articles 494 and 495 is applicable, it is rare if the first spouse does not have an objection.

But the matter is different if he is a legislature of government employee. There are certain provisions for punishment as per the law of the land. As per **Section 494 of the Indian Penal Code** bigamy is a non-cognizable offence, bailable and compoundable with the permission of the court. It is punishable with imprisonment up to 7 years or fine or both. The Bollywood star and Lok Sabha member Dharmendra



The Photo of Minister Th. Bishwajit with his new wife which went viral on Social Media

was already married to Prakash Kaur when he married actress Hema Malini in 1980. While it was reported that he had converted to Islam for the sake of the marriage, he denied getting converted.

The Uttar Pradesh politician, Mulayam Singh Yadav was married twice. His first wife was

Malti Devi, whose son is Akhilesh Yadav (born 1973), the current Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Malti Devi died in May 2003. Yadav's second wife is Sadhna Gupta Yadav, with whom he has a son named Prateek Yadav (born 1988). Prateek manages land holdings of the Yadav family,

Mulayam's second wife was not acknowledged until February 2007, when the relationship was admitted in India's Supreme Court in a property dispute.

Ram Vilas Paswan married Rajkumari Devi in 1960s. In 1983, he had married Reena Sharma, an airhostess and a Punjabi Hindu from Amritsar. In 2014 he disclosed that he had divorced her in 1981, after his Lok Sabha nomination papers were challenged. He has two daughters from first wife, Usha and Asha. In the three cases, there was no political or legal impact. In 2014 supporters of BJP published a poster 'desh premi patni premi' suggesting that Digvijaya Singh had two wives, although he was only in a relationship with the second woman while the first wife was alive.

Legally the second wife of a Hindu would be a mistress, although religiously and socially she may be considered a wife. The law in India allows mistresses to be presumed wives unless proven otherwise