

AP Pandey's non cooperation-delay for the enquiry committee

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Non co-operation of prof. AP Pandey in the proceeding of the Committee is one of the ground for the delay in completing the enquiry of the 2 member committee constituted by the MHRD. A source close to Imphal Times said that the two member independent enquiry committee had directed the MHRD to enforce its order dated 17/8/2018 by compelling the appearance of the prof. AP Pandey before the Committee in person on the next date of sitting that is on October 20, 2018. Meanwhile, AP Pandey had challenge the Manipur High Court order which appointed an administrator to look after the post of the Manipur University today. The plea was however rejected today. Pandey's Lawyer had plea the court to stay the inquiry and to stop the new administrator from sanctioning and taking policy decisions but refuse all.

Armed Violence and nationalism : reflections in Manipuri Literature released



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A book titled " Armed Violence and nationalism : reflections in Manipuri Literature" Edited by Prof. MC Arun of the Anthropology dept. Manipur University and Dr. Aheibam Koireng was released today by the Administrator of the Manipur University Jarnail Singh today.

Fierce gun battle between armed rebel group reported at Moreh

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A fierce gun battle took place between unknown militant groups at 11 KV Power Sub-station of Indo-Myanmar Border Town Moreh, in the early hours of Friday.

The encounter started around 1:10am and lasted till 1:52am. The incident is suspected to be between two militant groups who have based in Moreh town. Incident of firing took place in front of Electricity Office Gate & Trade Center Office Gate. The firing continued till around 1:52 am. Bullet marks are found in the entrance gate of the electricity campus and front of the electricity building. Also bullet marks are found in the gate of trade centre, one almirah and building walls of trade centre. Blood stains are found just outside electricity gate, then on the main road

between trade centre & electricity and entry road towards Elora Hotels. Around 250-300 empty cases are found in and around electricity campus, and also some splinter of Blast Hand Granade were also found leading roads etc.

Morning situation report is normal and one info received from Moreh Police Station that today Early Morning Heavy gun fire breakout between unknown militant groups in the early hours of Friday. The incident is suspected to be between Kuki Militant group's and another Source said that one cadre of a particular group sustain injury in the gunfight.

One Live Hand Granade and On Pistol with 7 round unused bullet recovered during Search Operation conducted at the spot by Police and Commando of Moreh Police Station. Staff of 11 KV Power

Sub-station feel unsecured as they are one who was in the Campus during the Gun Firing and Bomb Blasting. For today the Staff will not open their Office but they will do their duty if any emergency comes. Some staff left the Sub-station Campus and Went to IB of Electricity Department to save guard themselves.

Earlier in past 2-3 day ,we knew that an RGP modified to IED was planted at the Bridge and then the gun firing comes again. If such acts occurred frequently in Indo-Myanmar Border Town Moreh than the Vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about Act East Policy and the Business with other foreign countries will not be success. And also it easily shows that the Border guarding force Assam Rifle is not fit to guard the Indo-Myanmar Border. As such things happens frequently in the border Town

'Government of India Treating Human Rights Organisations Like Criminal Enterprises'

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Amnesty India's bank accounts have been frozen by the Enforcement Directorate, effectively stopping our work. Amnesty India is thus the latest target of the government's assault on civil society in the country. The accounts of Greenpeace India were frozen earlier this month. "Government authorities are increasingly treating human rights organizations like criminal enterprises", said Aakar Patel. "As an organization committed to the rule of law, our operations in India have always conformed with our national regulations. The principles of transparency and accountability are at the heart of our work."

Around 1:30 pm on 25 October, a group of officers from the Enforcement Directorate entered our premises and

locked the gates behind them. They ordered the Amnesty India staff to remain in office, shut their laptops, and not use their mobile phones.

The focus of the Enforcement Directorate's questioning was the relationship between two entities: Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd and Amnesty International India Foundation.

Most of the documents asked for during the search were available in the public domain or were already filed with the relevant authorities. Details of our current structure, which was the focus of much of the questioning, have been available on our website since 2014.

However, ahead of the raids, the Indian authorities leaked a cache of their internal documents marked "secret" that appear to cast Amnesty India's operations as a dark web of intrigue.

"Our work in India, as elsewhere, is to uphold and fight for universal human rights. These are the same values that are enshrined in the Indian Constitution and flow from a long and rich Indian tradition of pluralism, tolerance and dissent," said Aakar Patel.

"We could not agree more with the Prime Minister when he says that periods of repression, like during the Emergency, have left a stain on India's history. Sadly, those dark days are now casting a shadow over India again. Instead of protecting human rights, as it vowed to do, the government is now targeting the people who fight for them", said Aakar Patel.

Over 40 lakh Indians have supported Amnesty India's work over the last six years and around one lakh Indians have made a financial contribution.

Three days annual Ukhrul Flower Festival begins

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Ukhrul, Oct 26,

Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar today expressed his concern over the decreasing forest cover in the Ukhrul district. He appealed to the people of the Ukhrul district to plant more trees to increase forest cover. Minister Th. Shyamkumar was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural day function of the Annual Ukhrul Flower Festival held under the theme 'Potted Fever' at the Town Hall, Ukhrul. The three days festival is organised by Ukhrul Flower Society (UFS) and it will conclude on 28th October, 2018.

Stating that the State Government is committed to help the people of Ukhrul by availing the benefits of the various welfare programs, he said the State Government also needs cooperation from the people. He said with cooperation from every



stakeholders development can be brought in the State.

Appreciating the Ukhrul Flower Society (UFS) for organising the flower festival, he said UFS should find a suitable location such as a hillock, where flowers

can be planted and develop it as a flower park. He opined that the flower park can add to the scenic beauty of Ukhrul and attract tourists in the area. Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister further

assured that he will consult with the officials of the departments under him so that welfare projects can be taken in the district apart from the ongoing projects.

Artax A. Shimray, Advisor, UFS said he had requested the State Government to frame a policy for floriculture so that various welfare schemes can be implemented apart from providing livelihood to the people. He said many medicinal plants and ornamental plants found in Ukhrul can be sold commercially to generate income. He also urged the concerned department to provide training programs.

The highlights of three days annual flower festival are flower show, exhibition cum sale of flowers, organic vegetables and fruits, local foods and cuisines, processed food items and local handicrafts. District Level Officers of Ukhrul district, Ningshim Shaiza, Chairman, UFS and locals attended the function.

CRPF distributes Solar Lanterns to villages in Senapati district



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109 Bn CRPF distributed Solar Lanterns in Civic Action Programme at Senapati, under the aegis of IGP M&N Sector CRPF today. During said programme special attention was paid to the villages which do not have electric connection, i.e. Katomei Nepali Part-II, Katomei Center Gopilana Part-II, Maram Kunhou Part-III and Oklong Khunou villages of Senapati District where there is no electric supply.

Chief Guest on the occasion Sh. Pradip Kumar (IPS) SP Senapati, praised the work of CRPF for taking care of needy persons of the Senapati District. The Civic Action Programme was attended by the Sh. Sh. Lakshya Sharma (IPS) SDPO Senapati, Sh. Khovei David Manager of MSPDCL Senapati, Sh. James Hao Vice President of SDSA Senapati, Sh. Luikang Deputy Manager of MSPDCL Senapati, Shri Somanath Maharana Second-in-Command 109 Bn, Shri Alok Ranjan Dy Comdt and many dignitaries along with about

two hundred villagers of various villages in Senapati dist. People were very happy and praised the CRPF for humble care of needy person of the society. Sh. Pradip Kumar (IPS) SP Senapati Concluded by saying, CRPF has been always at the forefront to help the needy and marginalized sections of the society.

Somanath Maharana Second-in-Command 109 Bn, in his Speech said that it is need of the hour and our primary duty is to take care of needy person of society and there smiles inspire us to do more and more for them. We have recently constructed a Public convenience/toilet at Karong, Senapati, and distribution sports items and student utility at Thong Upper Primary School at Senapati. And He also said they in coming months one passenger shed at Karong Village will be renovated by 109 Bn. CRPF. He also invited youth to join football tournament which will be organized in the month of December 2018 in Senapati District. He thanked everyone including the chief guest for gracing the occasion.

2 day seminar on Hinduism in Manipur kicks starts at MU

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2 day Seminar on Hinduism in Manipur, organised by the Centre for Manipuri Studies, Manipur University begins today at Political Science Lecture Hall no. 1, Old Social Science Block, Manipur University. Administrator of the Manipur University Jarnail Singh attended the inaugural function as Chief Guest). Prof. N. Lokendra (President), Prof. MC Arun (Guest of Honour) and Prof. W. Nabakumar share the dais. The first day session began

with presentation from Sr. Journalist Manindra Komsam on the topic Advent of Gaudiya Vaishnavism in Manipur: An Epoch of Manipuri Cultural Integration .

Dr. P. Milan Khangamcha, Philosophy Dept., Manipur University (MU) presented papers on The Political Implication of Manipuri Vaishnavism. In the second session Dr. Yumlembam Khogen Singh, Sociology Dept., MU presented paper on Consolidation of Hinduism in Manipur: Explicating the Case of Meitei Vaishnavism. W.Jibanlata Devi, Asst. Professor, History Dept., Maharaja Bodhchandra College presented paper on Impact of Vaishnavism on the Manipuri Society. Dr

Th. Nishikanta Singh, Dept of History, M.B.College, Imphal presented paper on the Impact of Hinduism in the Coins of Manipu. Dr. B. Devdutta Sharma, Asst. Prof., Sociology Dept., WMG College, Thoubal presented papers on Nong Laoba: Rainmaking Rituals among the Meiteis.

Linthoi Chanu, Freelance Researcher, presented paper on The Role of Amaibi in preserving the Pre-Hindu tradition of Manipur by Linthoi Chanu, Freelance Researcher, Dr. M. Ranjana and Dr. L. Basanti Devi, Dept. of History, Standard College, Imphal.