

Women bodies, students continue protest against arrest of MU faculties and students; stage rally



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Large number of students along with vendor ladies of Kwairamband Ima Keithel and other civil society bodies continue to stage protest demanding release of the arrested Manipur University Faculties and students. A rally was staged at Kwairambandh Ima keithel shouting slogans for unconditional release of the arrested faculty members and students of the Manipur University.

The rally was spearheaded by AMSU, MSF, DESAM, SUK,

KSA and AIMS also demanded immediate solution to the MU impasse by completing the ongoing enquiry into the Financial and administrative irregularities committed by Prof. AP Pandey at the capacity of the VC of Manipur University. Meanwhile, various women bodies of Wangkhei area comprising of Wangkhei Pujah Lampak Women Welfare Organisation, Chaokhat

Xhongthang Nupue Lup, Thangapat Mapal Mayai Leikai Women's Development Association along with Imphal Public Club Thangapat Mapal and Young Voluntary Organisation, Wangkhei today formed a joint body called Wangkhei Apunba Lup and discussed threadbare on yesterday students' uproar in front of the residence of Pro VC Prof. Yugindro. Police fired tear gas shells and mock bomb

yesterday evening after large number of students thronged to the residence of the Pro VC at Wangkhei Thangapat Mapal.

The meeting resolved to request Prof. Yugindro to stay at security zone like government quarter until the ongoing impasse at Manipur University is settled as his presence among the locals is risky for the people of the area particularly the women and children of the area. Failure to comply with the request of the locals may result the local bodies to take up stern action for safety of the localities.

A resolution copy of the meeting was received by Prof. Yugindro. Mentioned may be made that, a letter written by Prof. Yugindro to the Secy. Of the MHRD, Dept. of Higher Education had angered not only the Manipur University Community but also the Governor of the State Dr.

Nazma Heptulla. As reported in a local daily, a letter addressed to the Pro VC from the office of the Governor had called on pro VC for explanation of defaming the Governor. The Office of the governor also condemn the word terrorist used to the agitators. Meanwhile, president of Shiv sena Manipur Pradesh, Moirangthem Tombi today demanded immediate resignation of Pro. VC Yugindro for defaming the governor of the state and for calling the agitators of the Manipur University as Terrorist.

Civil body appeals to stop the ongoing religious encroachment activities inside Kangla

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A civil body called Kangla Kanba Lup has appealed the government of Manipur to stop religious encroachment being underway inside Kangla. The statement said that Kangla was the first dry spot that emerged out of an immense body of water and where the Sanamahi religion was originated. However,

the ongoing construction of the so called the Ras Leela Dance Hall within the sacred Kangla has created a huge apprehension among the followers of Sanamahi. The Ras Leela dance portrays the lord Krishna and his gopies which is of Hindu origin. Hence, erecting such a dance hall within the boundaries of the sacred Kangla is definitely a religious encroachment to the Sanamahi religion.

Post food poisoning health check up organised



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Directorate of AYUSH, Lamphelpat in association with Waithou Churu Youth Club jointly organized a free health check up at Waithou Churu UJB school, Waithou Chiru, Senapati District today. While responding to a query, Dr L Promila Devi, Jt. Director (Public Health), directorate of AYUSH Lamphelpat expressed that the directorate of AYUSH has conducted this health check up in view of the mass food poisoning of about 200 Chiru tribe following a wedding feast held on 4 October last which was reported in the local dailies. She further informed that

around 130 people were given health check up and necessary medical treatment to the deserving local populace who were not attended to hospital due to less severity of food poisoning but effected mildly, adding that most of the cases were diarrhoea, dysentery and also vomiting. On the sideline of the healthcamp, Dr Takhellambam Tomba, a local leader as well as a homoeopathy doctor by profession told that he has

initiated in consultation with local youths considering post food poisoning health distress of the Chiru community for a possible detoxification. During the health camp, four doctors namely Dr L Promila Devi - Jt. Director, Dr S Usha Devi - Medical Superintendent, Dr Ch Ronibala, MO (homoeo) and Dr H Brainy, Apprentice were participated in the free health checkup along with two nurses namely Y Hisha Devi and N Memthoi Devi.

Dates out for polls in five states, final test before 2019 Lok Sabha battle

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Setting the ball rolling for five Assembly elections, the Election Commission announced Saturday the dates for polls in the states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana. While voting will be held in November and December, results for all five states, seen as a bellwether for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, will be announced on December 11.

Barring Maoist-affected Chhattisgarh, the other states will conduct elections in a single phase. South Chhattisgarh, with 18 seats, will vote on November 12 and the 72 seats in north Chhattisgarh will vote on November 20. For 230 seats in Madhya

Pradesh and 40 seats in Mizoram, the voting will take place on November 28. And Rajasthan and Telangana will poll for their 200 and 119 seats on December 7.

Of the five states, Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh are ruled by BJP Chief Ministers Vasundhara Rajje, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Raman Singh, while Telangana goes to polls after TRS chief and CM K Chandrashekar Rao dissolved the Assembly in September, nine months before its term expired. Mizoram has never seen a BJP government, and Congress Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla has headed the state government since 2008.

The lone Congress-ruled state to go to polls in November, the Congress won 34 of the 40-member house in 2013 with 44.6 per cent of

votes, while the BJP not win a single seat and just a meagre 0.37 per cent of votes. The Mizo National Front, a local party was the only Opposition and won five seats. The BJP has announced that it would go solo in the polls while the Congress looks for a third consecutive term.

Incidentally, the five states together send 83 members to the Lok Sabha, and the outcomes are likely to impact the general election in 2019.

With Chouhan and Raman Singh looking for a fourth consecutive term as chief ministers, the Congress aims to ride an anti-incumbency wave to wrest MP and Chhattisgarh from the BJP. And in Rajasthan, the incumbent BJP will hope to convince voters against the tradition of swapping parties every five years.

Man shot dead

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Armed assailant suspected to be cadres to NSCN-IM today shot dead a person identified as Salimpou Pamei at his residence at Khoopung Thangong village, in Tamenglong district at around 11.30 am today. As per information received, the deceased is a cadre of proscribed armed group ZUF and is serving at the rank of a captain. He was reportedly shot in front of his wife.

Tamenglong District Hospital In Grave Shortage Of Manpowers (Doctors), Infrastructures And Other Equipments

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Tamenglong District Hospital, the only hospital in Tamenglong District was functioning in a worn out building (before shifting to the newly constructed building) without proper infrastructure. Shortage of required Manpower, equipment and other basic requirements. Even after shifting to the newly constructed Building, everything remains the same except for the building. Due to the lack of basic medical facilities, many precious lives were lost. It can be recollected that on the 12th of September, 2017 a pregnant mother was referred to Imphal Hospital by the concern Tamenglong District Hospital authority since there was no specialist

as well as facilities for complicated delivery in Tamenglong District Hospital, the mother deliver a baby on the way to Imphal after risking her life from various types of infections. After struggling with the sub-standard Tamenglong District hospital facilities for many good years, the construction of new 50-bedded District hospital at Tamenglong District which is now upgraded to 100-bedded hospital gave a new hope for the general public of the District. The hospital was moved in to the new building on 26th of October, 2017 and Inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur Shri N. Biren Singh on 15th of November, 2017. However, it was just the same old wine in the new bottle with no other required infrastructure,



equipments and required number of Doctors. Recently, on the 30th of September, 2018, a class VI (6) boy studying in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tamenglong was referred to Imphal Hospital after being bitten by snake since the Tamenglong District Hospital could not afford to have even an anti venom. The boy's

whole body was completely swollen due to the delay in required medication. He is currently undergoing treatment in Imphal Hospital. The new upgraded 100-Bedded Tamenglong District Hospital is facing lots of infrastructure challenges, shortage of Doctors, lack of necessary equipments and

other basic amenities. The data of present condition of Tamenglong District Hospital as per the official information received from CMO of Tamenglong District Hospital is highlighted vividly below in a table in the interest of the general public of Tamenglong district. (Contd. on Page 4)

Legal awareness programme on Mental Health

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Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, under the supervision of Manipur State Legal Services Authority today organised a "One Day Legal Awareness Programme" on the NALSA (Mentally ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) and NALSA (Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Scheme)." at Khumbong Khaidem Mayai Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur.

Nimol Chand Ningombam, Chief Editor, Phijigi Manigilaktagi, Ch. Opendo Singh, Former President, Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, Advocate, Th.Premalata, Asst. Director, Human Rights Law Network, Laimayum Amarendra Sharma, National Awardee Best Individual working for the cause of Persons with Disabilities spoke about while speaking on the stressed on the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, and to promote hidden talents of Persons with Disabilities

attended the function as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively.

Advocate, Th.Premalata, Asst. Director, Human Rights Law Network, spoke about while speaking on the occasion on the topic Welfare Scheme Sponsored by State Government and Central Government, Women Rights, Mentally ill and Mentally Disabled Persons, she said that any kind of verbal and physical harassments meted out to women can be claimed as domestic violence. She added that denying education to girl child and keeping wives for household works only can also be rated as violence against women and labourers. Laimayum Amarendra Sharma, National Awardee Best Individual working for the cause of Persons with Disabilities spoke about while speaking on the stressed on the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, and to promote hidden talents of Persons with Disabilities