

## Protest against the death of Babysana intensifies; school and colleges turn war field like situation; many students injured

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Simultaneous protest from students of different schools and colleges demanding justice for Babysana had surprised the state police today afternoon. Not only in the school area but protest by group of students from another direction also disturbed Kwairambandh Keithel for few hours as police tried to prevent them. The protest over Babysana's death had turned some schools and colleges campus in Imphal area similar to war field as police resorted to fire mock bomb and tear gas shells while controlling the students.

At CC Higher Secondary School the students did not roll back even after the police fire mock bomb but retaliated with slingshots and by pelting stones. At least 16 students were reported injured in today's clash. As per report at least 10 students including girl students of Ananda Higher Secondary School and CC Higher Secondary schools were injured.

At Churachand Higher Secondary school students of the school along with Ananda Higher secondary School tried to march a protest rally towards CM bungalow and governor. The police personnel posted their keeping strict vigil confronted with the students. Police fire tear gas shells to dispersed the protesters.

The agitating students in turn threw stones and sling shots with stones. Police further used several tear gas shells. The scene was more like a battlefield clashing between two uniforms, the students and the police.

10 students including 8 females and 2 males were injured and out of which 1 girl student of

Ananda Higher Secondary School was seriously injured. One of the agitating students complained the atrocities of the police and the used of expired tear gas shell.

In a similar incident students of Imphal College marched towards Kwakeithel which was halted again by the police. To disperse the rally the police personnel fire tear gas shell and mock bombs. Around 7 persons including 4 volunteers of MSF who were discussing about the death anniversary of Chittaranjan were injured.

Meanwhile students of various schools tried to initiate a protest from the Kwairambandh keithel. The police stationed their stopped the protestors. After confrontation police used mock bombs and tear gas shells. The police lathi charge the protestors injuring one student of Ithotsana Higher secondary school.

Trying to stage a sit-in-protest students of Tamphasana Higher secondary school were halted by the police using smoke bombs. A student of TG courageously kicked the smoke bomb thrown towards them, which the video of it went viral in social media.

Also students of Manipur College protested at the gates of their college demanding justice to Babysana.



With the mysterious death of Babysana in her hostel the state continue to remain hue and cry. Several protests erupts demanding justice of the deceased Babysana and state wide bandh was also called twice by the JAC formed in connection with the death of Babysana.

Meanwhile, Manipur Students Federation expressed strong condemnation terming the act of police as atrocious. Speaking in a press meet held today at its office Working President of MSF Lucky Kongsam condemned the atrocities done by the police to the agitators who

protested democratically. He further added that they strongly condemned the direct firing of smoke bombs and tear gas shells to their office injuring 4 of their volunteers who were preparing for the mobilisation and organisation of the death anniversary of Chittaranjan.

## Kaiku and Gokul join mass court arrest protest

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Mass Court arrest – a protest launched by the JAC against the mysterious death of N. Babysana which was kicked start yesterday continue. Film star RK Sorendro popularly

known as Kaiku, who had also contested the Lok Sabha Election along with another film star Athokpam Gokul today joined the mass court arrest protest. As the two renowned film personalities along with other protestors lifted their hand and came forward

towards the police demanding them to arrest, the police deployed at the spot denied to arrest them. The police team told them to return back but the agitators continues. Till the filing of this story there was no report of any arrest.

## 6 suspected illegal immigrants detained



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Imphal Airport authorities and state police personnel along with other security forces deployed at the airport were

taken by surprise after they found six persons whose Adhaar Card were issued from the state of Manipur while they revealed that they were born and brought up at Hyderabad, a source told to

whether they are coming from Hyderabad or not as they possessed identity documents which is suspicious. Police are now investigating on where they come from and where they had to go as well as who are behind the transportation. Investigation however is delayed as most police personnel were engaged in controlling students' uprising and protest over the death of Babysana.

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## Many condole the demise of Photo Journalist Ph. Santosh

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Khelen Thokchom Trust (KTT) condole the untimely and unfortunate demise of Phanjoubam Santosh, one of the pioneers Photo Journalist in North East India. He passed away at around 5 pm on August 9.

He was 57 and is survived by his mother, wife and two children.

A condolence message by KTT said that the members at KTT fondly called him as Santosh or known as PTI Santosh as he has been associating with the news agency for quite some time.

Late Santosh started clicking photo in 1974 and became a freelance photojournalist in 1980 and later he became first Reuters photographer from Manipur.

He had captured the crucial and momentous events in the history of Manipur in the last more than 3 decades through his lens. He had even displayed through his solo photo exhibitions in the state. For his focused and determined works, he was given lifetime achievement award in photojournalism by NETV in 2005.

He was passionate about his work, he was a keen traveller, and he was a great mentor to young photographers as well. With his departure, we have lost a great champion for photo journalism, a wonderful person, and a good friend.

Members of Editors Guild Manipur, also condole the sudden demise of senior journalist and PTI photo Journalist Ph. Santosh. He is survived by his wife and two children. Members share the grief of his family as they go through difficult times. During his times Santosh was a prolific journalist who travelled deep into rural Manipur and captured images that had immense impact on the society. Members of EGM pray for his soul.

The All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) in a condolence message said that Phanjoubam Santosh had been associated with the AMWJU for the last Many years and has been an epitome of inspiration and a source of encouragement to



## CM Condoles Phanjoubam Santosh

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has expressed shock and deep sadness over the sudden and untimely demise of senior photo journalist Phanjoubam Santosh due to an ailment on August 9, 2019.

In a condolence message, the Chief Minister lamented that in his demise, the State has lost an experienced, courageous, energetic and upright photo journalist.

Condoling the death of the senior photo journalist, CM N. Biren also expressed solidarity with the bereaved family at this time of sorrow. He also prayed that his soul may rest in peace in heavenly abode.

all the members.

"The All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) is deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Senior Photo Journalist Phanjoubam Santosh", the AMWJU statement said.

The statement also said that the untimely demise has left a vacuum, which will never be able to be filled and is a great loss to the Journalists' Fraternity.

Phanjoubam Santosh's lifeless body was brought at Manipur Press Club yesterday evening to pay the last respect. IPR Minister Bishwajit Thongam, AMWJU members and ex-members pay floral tribute to the departed soul. A two minutes silence was also observed as a mark of respect to the departed journalist.

## AMMSO clarifies

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All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation clarifies that they or the community have no connection with those who are using their name and asking to re-open Standard Robarth School on print electronic media. A statement signed by Pusam Zabeed Ahmed, President of AMMSO, further said that this unfortunate event seems to have been done under the influence of the school authority and AMMSO highly condemns it and requests people to find and punish the culprit. Further, President of AMMSO stated in the statement that AMMSO wholeheartedly supports JAC, TUC, and students' organizations in this movement to find the truth behind the suspicious death of N. Babysana.

## MCSCCE 2016 Scam

## Decide the Case within eight weeks: SC to HC

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The controversy surrounding the MCSCCE 2016 conducted by MPSC refuses to die. It has been more than two years that the case has been going on in the HC of Manipur whereby some of the candidates had asked for cancellation of exam in light of various illegalities and irregularities pointed out by the court appointed Enquiry committee. Now, the Supreme Court had intervened in the ongoing case, after a candidate named Neoljit Mayengbam and another filed a case in SC against the way the case was deliberately being dragged on in HC. The SC in its final judgement dated 5th of August, has now directed the HC to decide the case within eight weeks from the date of

receipt of its order, i.e by 9th October, 2019.

The SC had pulled up the HC for taking an undue and inordinate delay in deciding the case that has huge ramifications for the State. The SC has also expressed strong displeasure at the conduct of the HC especially the way the case was being dragged on in the HC without any proper reason. It may be mentioned herein that the SC again long back in 12th April, 2018, while disposing of an SLP filed by some selected candidates, had also asked the HC to decide the case expeditiously taking into note the huge irregularities found out by the Enquiry committee. Some of the shocking irregularities found out by the enquiry committee were the absence of supervisor signature, examiner signature, invigilator

signatures in many of the answer scripts. There were also cases of alterations of marks in many of answer scripts without the initials of the examiners concerned, huge totalling errors, double allotment of marks to same question again and again. It was also found out that there was wide discrepancies in the signature supposed to be done by the same examiner. This was also confirmed by Forensic experts consulted by some of the candidates. The most shocking finding of the enquiry committee was the fact that there was still many answer scripts which were yet to be evaluated by examiners.

In light of such revelations, the Judges of SC had in the open Court orally remarked that the only option is to quash the entire examination

and conduct afresh. But it is saddening to see that even after these findings of the enquiry committee and the observations of the SC, neither the State Government nor the MPSC has been proactive and forthcoming in their approach in finding out the perpetrators of these crimes. It becomes even more worrisome when the High Court of Manipur, instead of hearing the case and deciding it on merits at earliest, simply sits on the case and simply delays and adjourn the case. Such an approach would only strengthen the case of the wrongdoers and kill the spirit of those many deserving candidates. But now that the SC had asked the HC to decide the case within 8 weeks, a positive response can be expected.

## National Deworming Day launched at Thoubal

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The second round of the National Deworming Day was launched today at Thoubal as a part of the nationwide programme held all over India. It was organised by District Health Society, Thoubal at the Lalit Madhop Sharma High School, Khongiom.

On the occasion, Dr. N. Jayantakumar Singh, CMO/ District Mission Director, DHS, Thoubal attended as

Chief Guest, Dr. Ksh. Memcha Devi District Family Welfare Officer Thoubal as President and Th. Ingocha Singh Headmaster Lalit Madhop Sharma High School, Khongiom attended as guests of honour.

The aim of this programme is to deworm all the children from 1 to 19 years and improve their well-being. Children between 1 to 2 years are administered half of one Albendazole tablet. Children between 2 to 19 years are given one full tablet.