

## CM re-launches Manipur Heli Service

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today re-launched the Manipur helicopter service connecting Imphal to Jiribam, Tamenglong and Moreh at Imphal International Airport. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the present government decided to introduce Manipur Heli Service so as to ease out the hardships faced by the people living in the remote parts of the State. He continued that the Heli service will cater to the critical need of safe, fast and cheap means of transport for the people. Chief Minister maintained that the government is also planning to introduce Helicopter service for the tourists which would offer sight seeing experience in the State. Under UDAN-2, the Ministry of Home Affairs has agreed to operate Manipur Heli Service connecting Imphal to Parbung and Thanlon soon, he added. Stating that Imphal-Mandalay flight service would be started soon, Chief Minister said that the Ministry has agreed to



hold a meeting with the flight operators to materialise the plans for the International flight service. Chief Minister said that the State government had urged the Centre to increase the number of flights from Imphal to various parts of the country. He maintained that Imphal-Dibrugarh flight service will be introduced soon. Chief Minister announced that a new runway would be constructed soon in the

Imphal International Airport. The tender process of the project amounting to around Rs 600 crores is almost complete, he added. Highlighting the Manipur Heli Service, Chief Minister continued that the government has appointed M/S Global Vectra Helicorp Limited as service provider for the Manipur Heli Service for the period upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. He said that BELL 412EP Helicopter with seating

capacity of 8-10 passengers will be deployed for the service. It may be mentioned that Manipur Heli Service under MHA Helicopter Service was earlier operated by service provider Pawan Hans Ltd. Deputy Chief Minister, Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, Commissioner (Transport), Director (Transport), Director (IPR), top civil and police officials attended the function.

## AIYF to bring up the case of Babysana into a national issue

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All India Youth Federation (AIYF) to bring up the issue of the mysterious death of Babysana into a national one. Speaking to media persons in a press meet held today at Irawat Bhawan National Vice President of AIYF Chingakham Sarat said that the issue where the truth about the death of Babysana hasn't been revealed till now will be brought up into a national issue. He further said that he will

brought up in the National Council Meeting which will be held on 26 August at Hyderabad to initiate the movement into a national one. Pointing that the role of the government regarding the case of Babysana as unfortunate Sarat said that till now the government hasn't delivered the truth about the death of Babysana whether it may be suicide or homicide. He added that such incidents is not new in Manipur. Highlighting about the day

where media persons were not allowed he said that the masses were suspicious and added that something is fishy about the incident. Sarat further claimed that all this lies in the hands of the people and added that the people should opt for good governance in times of election. The delaying nature of the investigation is very unfortunate, he added. State Secretary Yengkhom Sexona along with Sarat will go to National Council from the state.

## Relay hunger strike continues; poster campaign against the death of Babysana initiated

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Relay hunger strike in protest against the death of Babysana continues at Thangmeiband Sinam Leikai Naharol Leishemba Club, Thangmeiband Sinam Leikai. 20 volunteers staged the hunger strike protest from 8 in the morning today. Speaking to media persons Thangiam Aruna said that finding the truth about the death of Babysana will solve all the problem. The people have been suffering a lot for a long period of time, she added. She further said that only by delivering justice to Babysana will finish the

movement. Aruna said that even though the government headed by CM Biren assured that the case was handed over to CBI, no such reports was seen by the public. She also said that finding out the truth regarding such cases of crimes is not a tough job for the investigator and added that all the movements and agitations by the public will be concluded if the truth was delivered to the public. Meanwhile Students of DM college of Arts also organised poster campaign protesting against the death of Babysana today. Mutum Tennyson who is a student of DM Arts said to media persons that they have

started the poster campaign today and will cover the places in and around DM campus. Pointing out that justice for Babysana is being denied he considered justice delayed is justice denied and added that even though government claimed to give justice they still didn't find out the responsible for the death of Babysana till now. Being a student they come out today demanding justice for Babysana as they could not stand idly as they considered her as a fellow students. He demanded justice for the Babysana at the earliest. Poster with slogans justice delayed is justice denied were posted on the walls.

## Bangladesh: 15th anniv of Aug 21 grenade attacks today

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Dhaka, Aug 21

The 15th anniversary of the grenade attack on a rally of Awami League in front of its central office in Dhaka on August 21 in 2004 would be observed today. The ruling Awami League, its front and as associate organisations, its left-leaning allies, and other political parties, social-cultural and professional bodies have chalked out elaborate programmes across the country to mark the day. Twenty-four people, including late president Zillur Rahman's wife Ivy Rahman, were killed and over 200 were injured in the grenade attack on the rally of the then main opposition Awami League on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004 during the tenure of Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led alliance

government. Sheikh Hasina, Awami League president & present prime minister of Bangladesh, narrowly escaped the attack but the explosions caused her hearing damage. Awami League and its associate bodies would place wreaths at a makeshift altar in front of the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue at 9:00am today. A discussion would be held at Krishibid Institution of Bangladesh at Farmgate at 4:00pm. Awami League president and prime minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to chair the discussion. Two cases, one for murder and another under Explosives Substances Act were filed on August 22, 2004. The Criminal Investigation Department had arrested 20 people and allegedly forced Muhammad Jamal alias George

Miah, Abul Hasem Rana and Shafiqul Islam to confess to the attack in 2005. On October 10, 2018, the Dhaka Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 sentenced former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar, former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu and 17 others to death and acting BNP chairman Tarique Rahman and 18 others to life term jail and the rest 11 accused to varying jail terms in the grenade attack cases. On November 27, 2018, the High Court Division received the two references of sentencing 19 persons to death in the cases. Besides, all the 31 convicts who were detained in jail during the verdict filed appeals challenging the verdict. Eighteen other convicts, including Tarique Rahman, were still absconding and could not file any appeal challenging the trial court verdict.

## Moreh town paralyses during 48 hours bandh called by CSOs

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Indian border town Moreh remains paralyze during the 48 hours bandh which begins from 5 am today morning. The bandh is called by the Hill Tribal Council (HTC), Kuki Women Union and Human Rights (KWU and HR), Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), Moreh Youth Club (MYC) and All Moreh Traders Association (AMTA) in protest against the alleged atrocities and hindrances meted out by 43 Assam Rifles, Moreh along Moreh gate no. 1 stating that this has led to common people leaving themselves out of work. Almost all shops and business establishment in Moreh town including government offices were shut during the bandh. Large number of bandh supporters burnt tyres at



various places including at the road near AR camp. Women folks confronted Assam Rifles troopers during the bandh. Road from Pallel to Moreh was also blocked by bandh

supporters. Earlier the civil bodies had warned serious disturbing agitation if no concrete solution fails to come up before the expiry of the bandh

## Appointments given to die-in-harness candidates of Revenue Department

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Minister, CAF & PD, Revenue, Karam Shyam distributed appointment orders to 26 eligible candidates belonging to various categories of Grade - III and Grade - IV posts of Revenue Department under the die-in-harness scheme at his Old Secretariat office today. Talking to media persons, Minister K Shyam assured that the present Government led by Chief Minister Shri N Biren takes due concern about the welfare activities and grievances of the public and today's appointment to the die-in-harness candidates is one such noble step to solve their problem and ensure them of their deserving rights. As part of the administrative



machinery, we deeply acknowledge the pain and struggle of the deserving candidates who have struggled for almost 5-10 years for getting the much awaited appointment, he further noted. Commissioner Revenue H

Gyan Prakash, Joint Secretary Y Rajen, Undersecretary Ph Bhavananda Sharma, Section Officer M Gautam Singh, CAF & PD Director Ranjan Yumnam and other concerned officials participated in the press conference.

## Students threaten stir over govt.'s failure to sent teachers

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Student Union of Khangabok Higher Secondary School has threatened to boycott the school if the government fails to sent require teachers of the school by this month.

A statement signed by the general secretary of the School said that teachers for teaching English, Manipuri and Hindi remained vacant till today after the teachers who taught these subjects in the school had retired on superannuation. It stated that the Union has been demanding fielding of the vacant teachers and also renovation of the school infrastructures and had submitted memorandum to the concern authority time and again. The Khangabok Higher Secondary School, which have class six to class XII have a total of 600 students. The student union said that they will launch series of agitation from day 1 of next month including boycott of the school if the government authority fails to fulfill the demands.