

12 injured in rally demanding justice for Reamei Chungamlu; JAC calls indefinite blockade at NHs and shuts all project in Zelianrong area

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At least 12 people including 4 police personnel and a journalist were injured during a protest rally organised by the JAC demanding justice for Reamei Chungamlu who was found dead in a mysterious condition. The incident happened as the police tried to stop the rally at Thangmeiband area today

afternoon. Following today's police action, Joint action committee formed against the mysterious death of Reamei Chungamlu had announced indefinite blockade along the National Highways and total shuts down on all the state and national projects being taken up in Zelianrong inhabited area. The protest rally started from Tarung Community Hall and

marched towards Thangmeiband. Police halted the rally at Thangmeiband Sinam Leikai near Savio School. To disperse the protestor police used smoke bombs, mock bombs and tear gas shells. General Secretary of Rongmei Naga Students Organization Zenthui Pamei strongly condemned the police brutality and added that those who are there to

protect the people attacked the people. He added that they staged a peaceful rally demanding punishment of the culprit at the earliest. He also strongly condemned the Chief Minister for not allowing to the JAC to submit memorandum. Reamei Chungamlu was found dead under mysterious circumstances on August 17 at Moirang Pangsang Leikai.

Bangladesh says - Kashmir issue India's internal affair

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Bangladesh has described the matter related to Jammu and Kashmir as an internal issue of India. 'Bangladesh maintains that the abrogation of Article 370 by the Indian government is an internal issue of India', Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh said on Wednesday evening sharing Bangladesh's position on

Jammu and Kashmir. The foreign ministry statement said that Bangladesh has always advocated maintaining regional peace and stability, as well as development as priority for all countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government on August 5 stripped Jammu and Kashmir of its semi-autonomy and statehood, creating two federal territories. The order abrogated Article

370 of India's Constitution, which gives the state of Jammu and Kashmir its own constitution and decision-making rights for all matters except for defense, communications and foreign affairs. The article also forbids Indians outside the state from permanently settling, buying land, holding local government jobs and securing educational scholarships.

Moreh bandh Day-2: Supporters cordon AR camp and shouted to stay inside their camp

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On day-2 of the 48 hours bandh 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), normalcy in border town Moreh was severely disturbed as bandh supporters cordoned Assam Rifles camp at Moreh and shouted the AR personnel

to stay inside the camp. The civil society bodies began the 48 hours bandh from 5 am yesterday in protest against the alleged atrocities and disturbance to the common people by 43 Assam Rifles, Moreh at Moreh gate no. 1. Police seems to be helpless with the protestors going hostile and the Assam Rifles too resorted extreme tolerance in controlling the bandh supporters. All shops and business establishment in Moreh town

including government offices continue to shuts 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 at many places. Road from Pallet 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.

Ekta Parishad demands legal entitlement for homeless pattaless people

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'Ekta Parishad' Manipur, demanded the government to provide 'Patta' 'legal entitlement' for the landless & shelter-less poor families living without any Patta residing at the valley areas of Manipur. Speaking to media persons in a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club, the 'Ekta Parishad' Manipur Project Coordinator, Haobijam Surjit stated that around 70% of the household doesn't have any legal (land) entitlement, according to 2011 Socio-Economic Census and out of which 40% is population without patta lies in the valley areas. He further said that as they didn't have the pattas, the people can't avail the government schemes and also the students can't obtain the OBC certificates due to lack of land document or patta. And according to the Parishad Survey, 3 district of

Manipur, namely rural areas of Bishnupur, Imphal East & West District, around 3000 plus household doesn't have land patta though they possessed land, he added. Surjit continued that the landless poor deserved to have homestead land, decent houses under Right to Life, (Right to Shelter) Article 21 of Indian Constitution, Surjit further stressed that since 2017 November rallies were also staged also the Parishad had also sent letters & reminder

to Manipur CM, Gov, state Revenue Minister & secretary, and all the concern DCs. The Parishad then filed a PIL to High Court of Manipur, wherein the Court in its directive on 19th August to expedite the concern authority to resolve the issue, Surjit stated. Surjit urged the government to take their issue seriously and to discuss and take decision in the assembly session for the poor peoples of the land.

He said that until the poorer section is uplifted crimes in the state will never be removed and added to give patta to the patta less people for an egalitarian society. Surjit warned that if Government fails to heed the calls of this homeless people, then a strong but democratic movement may arise by the homeless people from District to state level which can make the state government a big headache. So Surjit asked the state government to expedite the legal entitlement process.

Manipur's titular king Leishemba attended HUNIC conference in Thailand as Special Guest



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Titular king of Manipur, Leishemba Sanajaoba participated in the 2nd International HUNIC Conference, 2019, held in Thailand as a special guest, becoming the first one from Manipur. Organized by the Humanities and Social Sciences, Surindra Rajabhat University, Surin Province, Muang District, Thailand, the inaugural function was held on August 22, 2019. Maharaja Leishemba was one of the distinguished guests, which included Chancellor of the

S.R. University, Deputy Governor of Surin, Muang District, and eminent scholars from Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, etc. He was felicitated with "A Certificate of Honour" by the Chancellor, and, in return, the Maharaja also presented Lengan Phee of Manipur to the Chancellor and other distinguished guests present. While speaking at the gathering, Leishemba Sanajaoba expressed delight to have been invited at the conference and various similarities between Thailand and Manipur, such as culture, lifestyle, rituals, food habits,

attires, physical anatomy, etc. He further added that just like Thailand, Manipur was once a sovereign kingdom for thousands of years before it became a part of India in 1949. Manipur had its unique civilisation and history, he said, and had a close historical relationship with Thailand. The Maharaja expressed his hope for the return of the close relationship between Thailand and other South East Asian countries and Manipur with the coming of the India's Act East Policy. He concluded his speech praying for the love and peace to restore in the regions.

ATRPFM condemn shooting by police; demands justice for Chungamliu Riamei

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All Tribal Rights' Protection Forum Manipur (ATRPFM) expressed strong condemnation to the shooting by police that injured a Kabui lady while staging protest to alleged murder of Chungamliu Riamei. The State Government and the police cannot deny justice for

the victim who was believed to have been murdered on August 17 at her marital home and criminals cannot be encouraged by concealing facts, the statement said. The Forum also expressed strong resentment against the crime committed to tribal women alleging the death as murdered. The murdered look like suicide and the State Government and

police just let it go without delivering justice to the victim, the statement said. The statement further said that the report of postmortem cannot be concealed by the authority as hiding the fact by the concern authority is "Justice delay is justice denied". The Forum appealed to book the culprit(s) immediately and deal in accordance with law of the land.

Hill journalists urges CM to set up Press Club in all District HQs

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A six-member team of Manipur Hill Journalists' Union (MHJU) led by its president Ramkung Pamei called on Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

They submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister drawing his attention to the need of a Press Club each in all the district headquarters while urging him to start construction within this financial year from Tamenglong district headquarters.

After patiently listening to the members of MHJU, the Chief Minister assured them to look into their needs and grievances. N. Biren Singh also discussed various developmental works being executed in different hill districts with the scribes.

CADA organises academic awareness programme on impact of intoxicants

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As part of its ongoing drive against drugs and alcohol in various part of the state, Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) organised an Academic Awareness Programme at Ningombam High School, Imphal West District. CADA, Imphal West District Committee, Kongbrailatpam Bina as presidium members. Secy. General, CADA, Geetchandra Mangang speaking as resource person of the programme said that the students should not

The programme was attended by Head Master, Ningombam High School, Mayangbam Loken, Vice President, CADA, Ningthoujam Doren and Secy. General, CADA, Imphal West District Committee, Kongbrailatpam Bina as presidium members. Secy. General, CADA, Geetchandra Mangang speaking as resource person of the programme said that the students should not

involved in any kind of activities related to drugs or intoxicating substances but focus and channel their energy on studies. He appealed the students to be aware while making companion. He further appealed to the students not to make friends with bad habit. He advised the students on the ill effect of using drugs and intoxicated substances that abuse on our health.

Lai river bed of Khangabok clean-up drive begins

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A drive to clean the Lai Turel riverbed of Khangabok Part-2 in Thoubal district begins yesterday under the sponsorship of Former vice president of BJP Manipur Pradesh, Thokchom Jadumani. The Lai riverbed which is also a branch of the Arong river of Khangabok had suffocated by bushes since a long time back. The former vice-president of BJP personally supervise the cleaning work. Locals of the area appreciated his work and wished him to serve for the people.