

## 12 hour shut down on Thangmeiband area cripple normal lives around the area



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The 12th hour shut down in Thangmeiband area called by JAC against the death of Babysana has crippled the normal lives in and around the area. Shops were closed and the vehicular movement is very scarce.

Not only in Thangmeiband area but shops and other business establishment in and around Thangal Bazar area were also affected during the 12 hour total shut down. Large number of protesters came out on the road in Thangmeiband area and blocked it. The bandh supporter also burnt tyres on the road to prevent vehicular

movement.

The angry protesters also burnt the effigy of the founder and principal of Standard Robarth, Landhoni at Khuyathong Polem Leikai. They shouted Landhoni the killer and also demand justice to Babysana.

The alleys of Thangmeiband were also blocked by placing poles on the road.

On the other hand state government also deployed huge number of police personnel around the Thangmeiband area to prevent any untoward incident. The police patrol in and every alley of Thangmeiband to control the protesters.

Several tear gas and smoke

bombs were fired to disperse the protesters.

Meanwhile hundreds of Churachand higher Secondary School students marched a protest rally against the death of Babysana. The students started marching from their school passing palace compound and Checkin. The march was halted by police personnel at Minuthong bridge. Confrontation between the police and students took place. Several tear gas were fired to disperse the protesters injuring one student. The students roared the streets demanding justice to Babysana.

## Mega Food Park construction approved in principle - Rameswar Teli

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The Government of India has approved in principle, the construction of Mega Food Park in Manipur estimated at Rs. 80 crore (approx), said Minister of State, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Rameswar Teli, today.

Addressing the inaugural function of the one day workshop on Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana at Hotel Imphal this morning, Minister Teli said that the Mega Food Park project will receive Rs.50 crore subsidies from the Centre. He observed that there is no lack of fund in the ministry for entrepreneurs and further encouraged to send in proposals to the government so as to avail the available funds.

Addressing the gathering as the Guest of Honour, Minister Textiles, Commerce and Industries Thongam Biswajit Singh urged the entrepreneurs to take advantage of the provisions of the scheme. He said the entrepreneurs should not limit themselves to the valley districts, and instead

spread their units to hills districts so that they can provide employment to the locals as well as build up the feeling of national integration. Encouraging entrepreneurship in the State, Shri Biswajit reiterated that increase in the number of entrepreneurs can help in solving the unemployment issue in the State. He further urged the Centre for setting up of a Small State Development Policy. Shri Biswajit also lauded the entrepreneurs for their success without any financial assistance from both the government and the banks till now, and at the same time, he encouraged them to link up with his department so that they can avail the schemes for them.

Meanwhile, a one-minute silence was observed by the gathering as a mark of respect to the departed soul of former Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraaj. The inaugural function was also attended by Chief Secretary Dr. J Suresh Babu, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of



India, Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Government of Manipur P.Vaiphei, Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce Dr. Rajeev Singh, among others.

The workshop is being organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce supported by the Department of Textiles, Commerce & Industries, Government of

Manipur and Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India with the main aim of spreading awareness about the Kisan Sampada Yojana among the entrepreneurs.

State entrepreneurs and bankers also attended the workshop. Several officials and resource persons spoke on various components of the scheme in the afternoon session

## JAC co-convenor along with a member sent to judicial custody for 15 days

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Co-Convenor of Joint Action Committee against the killing of Babysana, Pratap Leishangthem and member of JAC Elangbam Joykumar were sent to Judicial custody for 15 days.

The two were arrested yesterday and brought today in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate.

Speaking to media persons while coming out from the court Pratap said that they will not pray for bail and added to let the law take its own course. The two were arrested in connection with the today's bandh on Thangmeiband area and the 24 hour state wide bandh which was called by the JAC for not clarifying from the government side regarding the death case of Babysana.



## Swachhata Pakhwada underway at Chadel; seminar cum discussion held

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The Nehru Yuva Kendra Chandel has launched Swachhata Pakhwada (cleanliness fortnight) from August 1 at Charangching Khullun Village.

In connection with the programme a seminar cum discussion on swachhata Pakhwada was held at Purum Pantha village initiated by the Youth club of the village.

The programme was open with a prayer by Mr. Mayonmi Ningshen pastor of the village. The chief and Ningthou of the village Mr. Sankhil Abishing and Mr. Sankhil Jeevan respectively gave welcome remark and

accorded the participants. The participants began the programme with a pledge to keep their village clean and invite others to do the same. They promise to dedicate some hours every week both individually or as a community for sanitation and cleanliness.

Speaking at the event the resource person Mr. Dearson Tongtang, District Consultant, Poshan Abhiyan Chandel spoke to the participants about the need of the keeping once surroundings clean and sanitised. He spoke on the relation between cleanliness and health. He invited upon the youths to continue keeping the village clean and

environmentally friendly. The UNV district Youth Coordinator Ng Rameson Monsang praised the youths for the continuous efforts for trying to maintain their village as a clean and plastic free village. He urged them to carry forward the wish of Prime Minister through Swachhata Pakhwada as part of their daily life.

The youth President Mr. Setpuwon and Circle youth Leader Mr. SK Shedwar were present with youth club leaders from the neighbouring villages. Around 250 participants had attended the program. Swachhata Pakhwada under NYK Chandel will continue officially till 15th of August 2019.

## SMSU condemns Babysana's incident; blames School authority

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The Shillong Manipuri Students Union (SMSU) condemns the mysterious death of N. Babysana Chanu, a 14 year a student of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary school who found hanging at dormitory of the residential school on July 18 morning.

A press statement released by Chongtham Thangamba Meetei, SMSU President said that the Union condemns the school authority for such irresponsible act foul play and heinous crime against a child and demands the Manipur state government to provide efficient, humane and accountable justice system and conduct fair, impartial and speedy

investigate for such mysterious death of a minor girl.

The Union further demanded to the state Government to provide a strict rules and regulations for the private hostels in the state and inspecting time to time as per requirement. The Union also demands a stringent punishment to the culprit involved in the case.

## Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaign for farmers of Chakpikarong

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Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chandel organized the time-bound and mission-mode water conservation and irrigation efficiency campaign for water security-Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaign for farmers of Lampi, Chakpikarong, Tampi and Ruwngchang Villages today.

Dr. K. Sonamani Singh, ACTO (SWCE), KVK, Chandel highlighted the participants about the objectives of the campaign and stressed the need for its effective implementation. The entire

district is reeling under acute water shortage. In this critical juncture, it would be prudent to take up the cause of water harvesting on a participatory mode. The villagers need to rejuvenate the dying age-old water bodies and hill streams/springs which were perennial till a few years back. It should become mandatory for all the villagers to locate the course and origin of these trickling traditional water bodies and hill streams/springs and to conserve the trees growing in their catchments.

The campaign envisions helping people to plan and work for rainwater harvesting, maintenance and upkeep of ponds and village tanks and conservation of water. This campaign in the district of Chandel will ensure 5 important water conservation interventions-rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies, reuse of water and recharging of structures, watershed development and intensive afforestation. These water conservation efforts will

also be supplemented with special interventions including the development of block and district water conservation plans and KVK melas, promotion of efficient water use for irrigation and better choice in crops through KVKs.

Hopefully, successful implementation of this campaign will lead to increase in soil moisture in farmers' fields, groundwater level, surface water storage capacity, and increased crop production. The staffs of the KVK namely Dr. Ametia, Dr. Prabhathi and Dr. Ch. Sunil too were present in the campaign.