

DPC faced lecturer candidates warns intense agitation demanding declaration of result

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All Manipur Government Higher Secondary Contract Lecturer DPC faced candidates Association 2018, warned the government with intense agitation if the government fail to declare their result. Speaking to media persons today at Manipur Press Club, General Secretary of All Manipur Government Higher Secondary Contract Lecturer DPC faced candidates Association 2018, AK Romeo said that the results of the DPC they faced for 688 post of contract lecturer where the notification issue on June 21 and July 6, 2018 was still left undeclared. He further said that the Education Minister previously assured to declare the result at the earliest but the government still fails till now. He appealed the government to declare the result within 20 July. Romeo concluded all the responsibility should be held by the government if untoward incident took place.

13 Festival of Thang ta held

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The 13th Festival of Thang-ta organised by Kangleipak Thang-ta Cultural Association under the aegis of Sangnet Natak Akademi, New Delhi was held yesterday at the auditorium of the Association, Lairenpat, Imphal East.

A presentation of cultural show under the aegis of Department of Art and culture was also done as a part of the festival.

Speaking on the occasion Director of JN Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal L. Upendra Sharma highlighted the uniqueness of the Thang ta. He also said that there is a philosophy behind it which needs to aware to the young generation to sustain it.

The government as well as the people should protect it, he added.

The function was attended by Sangnet Nanak Awardee K. Sanathoiba Sharma among others.

Meira Paibis demands CBI enquiry to the stealing of NFSA rice



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After MLA of Khurai Assembly Constituency along with the people of the area spark protest over non-distribution of NFSA rice to the people various people and social bodies started protesting against the irregularities committed in the distribution of NFSA rice.

Women volunteers of Wabagai Tera Pishak Meira Paibi Association today staged sit-in-protest demanding CBI enquiry to the stealing of NFSA rice at Wabagai Tera Pishak Laksmi Bazar. The protest demonstration was organised by Socialist Women Association (SWA). Speaking to reporters, Wahengbam Lili Leima, a

representative of the Meira Paibi said that even though the government had allotted 5 Kg of NFSA rice to each card holder for one month they never get the 5 KG of rice. She said that some people are hijacking their share and government needs to investigate over matter so that people get their share. She demanded CBI enquiry to the stealing of NFSA rice.

CAF & PD clarification is self contradictory - Maoist

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Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur today slammed the CAF and PD Minister Karam Shyam over his clarification regarding ruckus over non-distribution of NFSA rice to people of Khurai Assembly Constituency terming it as self contradictory. A statement of the outfit said that the Minister has stated that NFSA rice cannot be issued until utilization certificate for one month is submitted and the Minister also stated that the NFSA rice for five months has been issued to contractor. The Maoist question on the modus operandi of how a contractor could lift the NFSA rice quota for Khurai Assembly constituency

without submitting any utilization certificate. And why the Minister appreciated the Contractor for lifting the five month rice quota when he had stated that rice cannot be issued without submitting the utilization certificate, the Maoist asked. Stealing of NFSA rice is equivalent to lifting of rice without submitting utilization certificate, the Maoist said and demanded action against the contractor and those staffs of the CAF and PD who are involved in the stealing of rice meant for the poor people. On the other hand the Maoist said that the controversial NFSA rice has never been seen by the people of 20 Assembly Constituencies. It also ridicule the Minister for threatening defamation case against those agitators demanding their rights. It added that the lifting

of NFSA rice amidst the investigation by the so called High Power Committee formed to investigate over the matter is nothing but a violation to the guideline which the Minister had stated. The Maoist also question about the whereabouts of the SK oil which are to be distributed under the PDS by the CAF and PD. This SK oil has been sold in back door to petrol pump depot so that the owner of the petrol pump adulterate it with the petrol, the Maoist said. It further warned the government of general strike if the authority fails to award appropriate punishment to those staffs of the CAF and PD who had allowed to lift the 5 months quotas of 2nd NFSA rice to the Transport Contractor within five day.

Four members of a family died after eating Mushroom

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Four member of a family died after eating mushroom in Tangkhul Sihai Khullen Village of Ukhrul district, a report said. The family members reportedly consumed the mushroom on July 12 later they were rushed to hospital where they succumbed.

State police combs various areas of greater Imphal

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Security measures had been beef up in the state following reports of unwanted element trying the sabotage the law and order condition of the state. State police today conducted combing operation at various area of greater Imphal area.

The state police conducted the combing operation at Paona Bazar, Thangal Bazar, Khuyathong crossing, Lillasing Khong, North AOC, ISBT Chingmeirong, Nityapat

Chuthek, Keishampat, Moirangkhom, Singamei and Waheng Leikai in Imphal West. Similar search operation was also conducted at Palace Compound, JNIMS crossing, Lamlong and Kongba Bazar of Imphal West.

At least 43 persons were picked up for verification during the combing operation conducted at various part of Imphal West while 153 people were verified. In the combing operation conducted at various places of Imphal East, at least 26 persons were picked up for further verification.

Indigenous trees planted at Langol Punshi Lok

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Around 100 indigenous trees were planted today at Langol Punshi Lok for a greener place. The plantation program was organised jointly by Kangleipak Facebook Group, International Sanamahism Students' Association, Salaitaret Punshi Lupitil, Kangleipak Chaokhatna Lup. Speaking to media person President of ISSA Khaidem

Bonish said that the main objective of the plantation was to obtain a greener Manipur. Highlighting the need to save indigenous plants and trees he stressed that they have all planted the indigenous trees in the event.

There is a crucial juncture with urbanisation and nature where nature an its resources were all depleted in the name of urbanisation and development, he added. Highlighting the ways how

the Meitei have preserved forest, he highlighted that the Umang Ali were made all covered with trees and plants and also a pond is a must near the area.

He lauded the steps many have taken up to plant trees for a greener place. We need to take care of the plants and trees that we have planted and leaving it abandoned will be of no use for planting, he added. He concluded that many such activities will be taken up in the near future.

UKLF condemn killing of its cadres, points figure at KNO

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A day after unknown gunmen shot dead a top cadre of the UKLF at Moreh, the outfit expressed strong condemnation.

A statement released by the rebel group, The United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) term the incident as brutal murder.

"UKLF strongly condemn the brutal murder of 2nd Lieutenant John Gangte, Town Commander of Moreh

at Ngamkhai Veng, Moreh in a broad daylight on the 13th July, 2019 without any provocation". The statement signed by T. James, Joint Secy. UKLF said.

The statement further said, "It is very unfortunate that, the KNO still continued killing our own brethren in a cold blood while most of the leaders of Kuki Revolutionary groups under Suspension of Operation (SoO) were sitting together for bringing our national

Political Solution with the Central and State government. And it is not the first time that KNO unleashed reign of terror and creating panic amongst the denizens of Moreh Hill Town".

It said in the past KNO Cadres inhumanly murdered Late Capt. George of UKLF and continued random firing and bombing of civilian resident of the town. It is high time to question the leadership of KNO on what intention do they come down in the mainstream in signing Suspension of Operation with the State and Central government.

As per the Investigation Team of the front it is reveals that, 2nd Lieutenant John Gangte was ambushed and mercilessly murdered by Cadres of KNO under the Command of Mr. Thahpi/Thangboi Haokip, OC of KNA Moreh. And the assassination was carried out by Mr. Thangmang Haokip, Moreh Town Commander KNA, Mr. Hmelen Khongsai Second-in-command of Hermon Camp and Seingam Haokip, a Cadre and a resident of Chavangphai, Moreh, the statement said.

The UKLF appealed the Competent Authority to take stern action against all the perpetrators and the leaders of the responsible group in order to avoid recurrence of such unwanted incidents in the future.

Thangal Union clarifies "Koirao tribe" as a Naga tribe

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Thangal Union (TU) had clarified that they have no link with the Kuki tribe as stated by some scholars.

In a press statement issued by Dikapa K., General Secretary, Thangal Union (TU) it is stated that they have been made aware of several fabricated stories and false claims doing the round in some self-titled scholarly publications and articles linking the "Koirao Tribe," also known as the Thangal Tribe with the Kuki Tribe of Manipur. There were also reports of a memorial stone being erected somewhere by certain group with "Koirao" name inscribed on it, listing it as one of the Kuki sub-tribe of Manipur. In this

connection, the Thangal Union (TU) made this clarification very clear once and for all that the link-up theory, emanating from certain quarters is totally unfounded, mischievous and untrue further warning any attempt to do so would be totally unacceptable to the people of the Thangal Tribe living in Manipur. "History has established that the Thangal Tribe is one of the original indigenous Naga group living from time immemorial in the northern part of Manipur. The tribe was recorded by the Britishers through various names such as Thangal, Meeyangkhang (W. MC. Culloch, 1859), Kolya (Dr. Brown, 1873) and Khoirao (Grierson, 1903), it stated. After India got its independence, the tribe was again recognised and

listed in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Orders (Amendment) Act, 1956 as "Koirao." The term "Thangal" was added as a synonym in the year, 2012 with the constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Act, 2011 (SL No. 2 of 2012 Order), issued by the Gazette of India under Ministry of law and Justice (Legislative Dept.). (An Act further to amend the constitution (Scheduled Tribes) order, 1950 to modify the list of Scheduled Tribes in the states of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh) even though the term "Koirao Tribe" still retained. The term "Koirao Tribe" is never applied to any other tribe or group except to the people of the Thangal Naga tribe, it mentioned. It is neither used by any people nor known to

any group of people except the people of Thangal living in Manipur", the statement said.

It further said that the Thangal tribe is one of the Naga groups of Manipur who migrated from Makhel (Ancestral home of the Nagas) and moved further south, settling in the present hill territories of Manipur, the statement added. Makhel, a village located near Tadubi under Senapati district is considered as the ancestral home of the Koirao tribe (Erstwhile name of the Thangal tribe). The Thangals have their own traditions, cultures, customs and costumes which in no way is akin to any of the Kuki sub-tribal groups. It has a wide variety of folk traditions, folk tales and folk songs transmitted from generation to generation that

depicts the history and origin of its people and also reflects the socio-cultural ethos of the Thangal Nagas. The Thangals speak a language which is entirely distinct and different from Kuki languages. Dr. Grierson (1993) and TC Hodson (1911) recorded the language and called it "Khoirao Naga" language. The Thangal Union strongly condemns the fabricated story of the Koirao tribe to be one of the Kuki sub-tribe, which is being circulated around to mislead the ignorant people. The body therefore appeals those individuals and vested groups concerned to come to reality and not infringe upon others' identity and culture while building their own cause and at the same time not try to distort the historical facts.