

## Bureaucrats nexus with political party : Dir. Edn. (S) signs in certificate of BJP Heirok Mandal

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Nothing seems to be going well in the governance of the state as not only the law makers but also the bureaucrats who were supposed to exercise their power judiciously started politicizing their status in the state government. In the certificates awarded by Bharatya Janata Party (BJP) Heirok Mandal to meritorious students of class X and XII examination conducted by the BOSEM and COHSEM, distributed on July 7 at a function organised by the Mandal at Nongpok Lourembam



Umang Laikol, Director of Education (s), Government of Manipur, Thokchom Kirankumar signed the certificate of recognition along with Education Minister

Th. Radheshyam and President of the BJP Heirok Mandal, Thokchom Chourajit Singh. Questions arises from various sections of the society is that

How could the Director of the Education (S) give recognition from his own capacity as the Director, signed in a certificate issued by a political party? Not only that the Education Director signed in the 'recognition certificate' issued by the political party but also he attended the function organised by Political party as dignitaries on the dais. Even Education Minister Th. Radheshyam also signed the certificate of recognition at the capacity of the Minister. Interestingly another government employee attended as dais member was Arambam Anikumar, ZEO Zone -III, Thoubal.

## Encroachers to Forest land evicted at Tarung Guigailong; Owners felt discontented, considered it as illegal eviction



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Around shops constructed on the side of Langol hills at Tarung Guigailong Parking area were evicted today around 8 in the morning by Forest Department along with Manipur Police.

Around 14 kutchas shops were dismantled where department considered it as new encroachers at Langol Reserve Forest though the owners considered that they didn't encroached as they construct it on the edge of the drain without encroaching the hill and considered it as illegal eviction. Large number of people gathered to stop the eviction process though the forest Departments along with the Manipur police foiled their attempt.

Speaking to media persons Divisional Forest Officer RK Amarjit said that the eviction drive to encroachers at Langol Reserve forest is a continuous process. He said that they have detected new encroachers through satellite imageries. The shops were not running for the last 6-7 years,

he added. Amarjit further asserts that 14 kutchas shops that were set up encroaching Langol reserve forest were evicted today.

Requesting the people living around the Langol area he appealed to stop making new structures inside the reserve forest areas.

Answering the question whether the shop owners have any provisions for compensation Amarjit stated that as the construction of shops were illegal there will be no compensation.

Highlighting the other encroachers, Amarjit stressed that there is a legal process and they will evict the other encroachers after the completion of the legal process which may fall before 3 December.

The dismantled shops that were evicted include hotel, groceries stores, meat shops, vegetable shop, and second hand shops. Considering the eviction as an illegal one, aggravated shop owner Lucy Gangmei who sells vegetables said that the time given by the authority was too less and also they built their shops on the roadside

without encroaching the reserve areas.

She further said that they built the shops to maintain a livelihood from the shop as they were poor persons who strive to feed their families.

Considering the act as an inhumane she said that they were just a mere street vendor and also they will leave and evicted the place voluntarily if the government has any plans or projects to built near it though they didn't built on the reserve areas.

Reminding the days of notice Lucy said that the first notice given to the shop owners on June 17 and a notice for written explanation was delivered to them on June 25. After that they have given a written explanation on June 26. Further a notice was served to them to vacate their shops before July 5.

She added that the time given to them is very less where the authority should give at least a month to time to vacate.

Being in a poor family where the people search their livelihood from it the owners were left stranded not knowing who to complain

## Garbage collectors assaulted; protest staged

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Resident of Palace Compound, Imphal East today stage protest after garbage collectors vehicles stopped collecting garbage after the workers collecting the garbage and the driver of the vehicle were assaulted by one Telem Basanta of the locality. According to Yumnam Ongbi Ibeyima, secretary of Sana Konung Meira Paibi Lup, two workers and the driver of vehicle collecting garbage from the Palace compound area were assaulted by one Telem Basanta yesterday afternoon. The person Telem Basanta allegedly given two bullets to the worker of the vehicle and assaulted them. Basanta was picked up by a team of Imphal East. The Meira Paibi appealed the government authority to cancel the gun license of Telem Basanta as they fear unwanted incident in the coming days.

## “Hill Leaders’ Day” and “Meeyamgi Numit”

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A statement by the Secretary to Chief Minister of Manipur, Ningthoujam Geoffrey, said that the “Hill Leaders’ Day” and “Meeyamgi Numit” for the month of July will be held jointly on July 15, 2019.

## AMMSO and PSU attempts to lock the OBC Boys’ Hostel

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All Manipur Muslims Students Organisation and Pungal Students Union DM tried to lock the OBC Boys Hostel located at DM Commerce for irregularities in the selection process of hostellers.

Speaking to media persons President of AMMSO Pusham Javed Ahmad alleged that the authorities have selected students on their own choice without following the norms of selection procedure. Students were handpicked by the teachers in selecting hostellers.

Questioning the selection of the hostellers from BBA and Commerce stream only, Javed asked whether the MOBC boys' hostel only belongs to the Commerce and BBA students.

Enquiring the reason behind the selection of only Commerce and BBA students to the superintendent Naorem Biren Javed stressed that the principal of DM Commerce ordered to select only BBA and Commerce students. With this reasons he thought that the hostel was run more like a business centre where authorities have selected their likes, he added.

Javed declared that the new

selection list of OBC Boys' Hostel will be a null and void. He further demanded to build a Minority Boys' Hostel in greater Imphal Area by the authority and warned that intense agitation will be initiated by AMMSO, PSU and along with the people if their demand was not made. Meanwhile confrontation between the volunteers of AMMSO and PSU with the hostellers occurs while the organizations tried to lock down the hostel. Further the hostel was not locked down. Speaking to media persons ex monitor of the University Hawaibam Thoithoi said that they strongly condemned the act of trying to lock down the hostel by the said organizations. He further said that no prior notice was given to them and as they have lived there and also coaching have also started they have no any other place than the hostel. Seven vacant seats should be selected out of 46 total seats.

## YFPHR urges for punishment of those involved to the attack on family member of HR defenders

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) expressed strong concern to the increasing trend of attack on Human Rights Defender and its family members.

“We deeply regret to learn the news of an attack by shooting at one young girl namely Urkribam Thoi who was driving at Bolero jeep with some of her friends on the night of 4th July, 2019 in front of her residence at Thongju Boroi Makhong, Naorem Leikai”, Th Phajaton, President of the Forum said. The YFPHR said that such an attack is considered as a life attempt and a threat to human rights defender as her father U Nobokishore and mother M Sobita are actively involved in human rights work in the state of Manipur and other internationally human rights work.

“Such an action of shooting is considered by YFPHR as a result of unchecked granting of gun licenses and increase of illegal small arms presence

in the state of Manipur. We seriously condemn such action of shooting and a proper investigation is required to arrest the culprits”, the Forum said. YFPHR, appealed the Police Department and the Government of Manipur to arrest the culprits immediately who are involved in shooting at Thoi and her friends.

## CPI(M) condoles the demise of Thangjam Jhulon.

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Communist Party of India (Marxist) Condoles the demise of a fellow partner of Lamyamba Irabot Thangjam Jhulon.

Thangjam Jhulon who was leader of CPI(M) who joined the party since the inception of CPI died at the age of 95 at his home at Taret Khul due to prolonged illness.

Addressing in a press statement Secretary, CPI(Marxist) Manipur State Committee Kshetrimayum Santa said that Comrade Jhulon has been taken vital roles for the party.

## Vidya Rao to attend Ghy press club program

By a correspondent  
Guwahati, July 9,

Legendary Assamese film-star Vidya Rao will attend 'Guest of the Month' program of Guwahati Press Club on Saturday. The interactive session with scribes will begin at 2pm on July 13, 2019 where the actress is expected to highlight on various cultural issues.

Prior to the program, an Assamese feature film (Sendoor by Pulak Gogoi) with Vidya Rao in the lead role will be screened on digital display at the press club auditorium on previous day (July 12 at 4 pm). One of the finest film personalities of Assam, Vidya Rao debuted with 'Sakuntala' (directed by Dr Bhupen Hazarika in 1961) and continued performing in a number of acclaimed Assamese movies. Some of award winning movies where Vidya Rao had performed include

'Pratidhahi' & 'Loti Ghoti' (directed by Bhupen Da), 'Aranya' (directed by SN Deb), 'Sarathi' (directed by Dr BN Saikia), 'Rag Birag' (directed by Bidyut Chakrabarty), 'Boibhav' (directed by Manju Borah).

Other important Assamese movies with Vidya Rao in important roles include 'Sangram', 'Chik Mik Bijuli', 'Mukuta', 'Manab Danab', 'Son Ma', 'Niyati', 'Ajoli Nabou', 'Manasi', 'Nayan Moni', 'Ghar Sansar', 'Jiban Surabhi', 'Mon Mandir', 'Puja', 'Urbasi' etc. She also performed in few Bengali movies like 'Bon Palashir Padawali', 'Teen Adhyay', 'Sesh Theke Suru', 'Paari', 'Chena Achena', 'Natan Dimer Alo' etc.

Vidya Rao was also involved with Kohinoor mobile theatre for some time and performed in Doordarshan production named 'Raja Saheb'. She produced the Assamese



movie 'Moina Jan' and few Doordarshan serials like 'Sandhyataru', 'Bis-Baspa', '14 August', 'Akasi Latar Rang', 'Seema' etc, whereas the evergreen artiste performed in a number of television serials, private entertaining channels and radio programs. Honoured with many

prestigious awards Vidya Rao also served as a jury member in regional and national film awards. A resident of Rehabori locality in Guwahati with family members, the self-taught artiste has overcome various personal tragedies to stand for more than five decades and her struggle continues to go on.