

## When CM Biren meets Minister Bishwajit

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Perhaps it was an accident, but an interesting drama folded today morning at New Delhi, after Chief Minister N. Biren Singh encountered deceased leader Minister Th. Bishwajit at Manipur Bhavan. "They didn't even look at each other

and courtesy greeting didn't happen", an eye witnessed said. The gestures of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Th. Bishwajit revealed that the crisis has not been solved, an MLA told Imphal Times. Source from Delhi however said that the ongoing crisis will be solved in two or three days, but did not reveal the

chemistry of how it will be solved. Restoring of the key portfolio to Minister N. Bishwajit will be a moral defeat of Chief Minister N. Biren and accepting the decision of the Chief Minister to conduct enquiry to the department by not restoring the portfolio is again a defeat of Minister Th. Bishwajit. The wind that

blows in the political theatre is not yet settled. If the central leadership settled the issue keeping intact the position of N. Biren Singh, Th. Bishwajit had already stated that he will resign from the Ministerial post as per disclosure by a daily newspaper that interview him recently.

## 7 shops 1 house gutted; property worth crores reportedly destroyed

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7 shops and a house was gutted last evening after caught in accidental fire that

### MAMO stage sit-in-protest

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Manipur Anganwadi Mahila Organisation (MAMO), an industrial unit of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh today staged a sit in protest at Keishampat leimajam Leikai drawing the attention of the government to various demands put up by them. The demands includes terminal benefits and pensions to the Anganwadi workers and helpers retiring after a long service, promotion of the Anganwadi workers to supervisors and helpers to Anganwadi workers, uniform welfare schemes for Anganwadi Workers and helper in the entire state, timely payments of wages, all benefits and dues, speedy completion of Anganwadi Building, TA /DA among others.

### Akoijam family extends monetary help to AMWJU

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Mother of late Akoijam Ibemhal (Bebe), Akoijam Ongbi Santibala today donated some amount for the welfare of Journalists to the representatives of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU). The monetary help was handed over to Vice President of AMWJU S. Bokuljaoba. Mention may be made that Ex-Minister Akoijam Langnam, father of Akoijam Ibemhal has been extending monetary help to AMWJU from time to time.

broke out at Phoubakchao Phouoibi Bazar, Mayang Imphal Kendra, around 9:30 pm. Cause of the fire is not known. Properties worth crores of rupees has been destroyed, a report said. The 7 shops and the house that were gutted belongs to Md. Akbar S/o Md. Abdur Rasid, Phoubakchao Awang Leikai, Md. Janab Ali S/o Md. Alimuddin, Phoubakchao Khok Makhong, Md. Nasir S/o Md. (L) Hesamuddin, Phoubakchao Khok Makhong, Md. Ali S/o. Md. Amuba,



Mayang Imphal, Md. Firoz S/o Md. Islamuddin, Phoubakchao, Md. Mushamuddin S/o Md. Teinalamuddin, Phoubakchao, Md. Isalao S/o (L) Md. Abdur Rahaman, Phoubakchao and Md. Abdul Hakim S/o (L)Abdul Satur, Phoubakchao Awang Leikai.

## CM and Leishemba Sanajaoba disrespected Sanamahi Iaining : KCP MC

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KCP MC in a statement released to address debates surrounding the inauguration of Sanamahi Temple has said Chief Minister Biren and Leishemba Sanajaoba have disrespected Sanamahi religion. "Chief Minister and Leishemba Sanajaoba, whom some people consider Ningthou, were invited as chief guest of the program held in connection with the inauguration of the Temple", the statement said. Both of them did not turn up for the event. Instead, the CM went to Hindu Vaishnavite Govinda Temple with foreign leader Ram Madhav. On the other hand, the so called

ningthou Leisemba Sanajaoba feasted with foreign leader Pralad Singh Patel on the same day, the statement added. The outfit stated that khaki shorts wearing Gau Rakshaks have stopped these two people from attending the event. The actions of these two individuals show that they have no respect for Sanamahi religion. The outfit stated that what Hindu terrorist Shanti Das Gosai did during the time of Meidingu Pamheiba to destroy this society, Leisemba Sanajaoba is also working with Hindu terrorist organisation RSS to ruin this society. It urged the people to understand the situation in front of us. The people of Manipur should not take their

actions lightly. We should remember the words of Lorembam Khongnangthaba, "maruna thabadi houde, Sembi Mukaklei maru thabadi hougan." "We should understand that the sons and daughters of Sembi Mukaklei will not do anything good for the people. Their actions are not surprising at all in this regard", the statement added. Regarding the controversy of the word, Kiyong, people who are well versed in this matter should clarify on it. There is a need to settle whether this word is a newly constructed word or not. The outfit urges that the debate over the matter should go in the right direction. Moreover, the outfit clarifies

that the close watch that the outfit is keeping in catholic schools has nothing to do with money. It said that KCP MC has already declared that it would not take any monetary contribution from the people. It is not taking any money from these schools. The outfit manages its finances with the help of Maoist Communist Party of Manipur, it stated. KCP MC is only concerned with the manner in which these schools are used to spread religion by building churches in schools, according to the statement. It said that these schools should not be used as spaces to lure people for religious purposes. If these things continue, the outfit will call a public curfew, the statement stated.

## First session of 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha begins today; CAB Bill likely to be tabled

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New Delhi, June 17,

The first session of the newly elected Lok Sabha began today with administering of oath to the Members. Pro-Tem speaker Dr. Virendra Kumar administered the oath to the members. Prime Minister and Leader of the House Narendra Modi took the oath. After taking the oath, Modi signed the roll of Members and greeted them. The House also observed silence for a short while to mark the solemn occasion of the first sitting of the 17th Lok Sabha. The sitting of the Lok Sabha is underway. TV Channel New X report says that the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) may likely to be table in the first session along with Triple Talak Bill. Official BJP's parliamentary

board will meet today at 6 pm at the party's headquarters in New Delhi. Meanwhile, Union Minister Smriti Irani, who defeated Congress President Rahul Gandhi in Amethi, received the longest applause when she took oath as a member of the 17th Lok Sabha on Monday. As soon as she was called for oath taking, ruling BJP members, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, other Union Ministers and MPs were seen enthusiastically thumping the desk for a long time. Kodikunni Suresh of the Congress was the second to take oath as the 17th Lok Sabha member, after Modi. According to reports, the Kerala MP is one of the frontrunners to lead the Congress in the Lok Sabha. Kerala was the lone silver lining in Congress' overall defeat in the Lok Sabha. In Kerala, the Congress-led UDF won 19 out of 20 seats.

The panel of presiding officers — K Suresh, Brijbhushan Sharan Singh and B Mehtab — took oath as Members after the Prime Minister. Union Ministers Harsh Vardhan, Sripad Naik and Ashwini Chaubey were amongst those who took oath in Sanskrit. Highlighting the role of an opposition in the democracy, Modi said the opposition need not bother about their numbers and urged them to speak actively and participate in the House proceedings. "In Parliament, we should forget 'Paksh', 'Vipaksh' and think about issues with 'nishpaksh spirit', work in larger interest of nation," PM Modi said in his brief address to reporters ahead of the 17th Lok Sabha. Speaking ahead of the 17th Lok Sabha's first session, Modi said, "We are working to fulfill people's aspiration. We value the opposition & their role. It's a sign of a healthy democracy to have a strong opposition. I believe that our session will be more productive as opposed to previous times." BJP MP Virendra Kumar took oath as the Protem Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Modi, chairing an all-party meeting on the eve of the first session of the new Lok Sabha, invited heads of all parties to a meeting on 19 June to discuss the "one nation, one election" issue and other important matters. Noting that there are many new faces in this Lok Sabha, Modi said the first session of the Lower House of Parliament should begin with "fresh zeal and new thinking".

## "Mr. India Grand Universe" Vikas Usham felicitated



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Vikas Usham of Haraorou Awang Leikai, Imphal East District, Manipur, who recently bag the title "Mr. India Grand Universe" in the national level competition held at Hyderabad on May, 2019. Organised by Akshays Mark Organisation India was felicitate by Education Enhancement Organisation (EEO), Laming, Thoubal District, at Laming Multipurpose Community Hall yesterday. Vikas Usham is pursuing B.Tech (Final semester) at

Goa Engineering College is the S/o. Usham Krishnachandra and C/o. Laimayum Brinalini Devi. Moreover, Vikas Usham is already won Goa State Level Mans Physique Championship organised by Goa Body Building Association and also claimed the title of "Male Model Body Beach Carnival" organised by a U.K. based fitness industry in March, 2019. He will be participating in the upcoming International Competition which will be held at Bangkok on June 24 to July 1<sup>st</sup> and Myanmar International Competition.

## Chandel District Yet to receive NREGS wages

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In a Press statement by Secy. Saka Hopeson, Japhou Bazar Authority, Chandel said that NREGS Beneficiaries of Japhou Bazar are yet to receive NREGS wages since 2017 even after the lapsed of two financial years. He added that empathetic to the financial woes faced by most NREGS Card Holders who're the meagre bread-winners, Japhou Bazar Authority took initiative and approached Chandel Deputy Commissioner several times on the specific matter, the last prominent meeting came about recently prior to the Lok Sabha Election on 07/04/2019 where Japhou Bazar Authority consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Executives members and Advisory Board members. Grievances were laid at his table for early redressal

concerning depriving of Job and Card Holders who're availing social security schemes. He further said that after a patient hearing, DC had assured that he would personally look into the issue and make appropriate arrangement for sanctioning the wages soon after the completion of Parliamentary election. However, so far no progress had been witness ground in spite of the completion of election process. Despite multiple reminders the district administration kept withholding authorization for release of the wages. He had been disregarded the sentiments of beneficiaries. It is evident from the conduct that DC had already backtracked and discarded his assurance without any intimation on the issue, he added. He urged that due to complacency and adamant

attitude meted towards beneficiaries by the Deputy Commissioner for withholding release of NREGS wages, Japhou Bazar Authority held its general meeting for all households/Jobs Card Holders on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, to decide further course of actions and adopted the following resolutions : (1)Members present at the meeting once again endorsed the previous General body meeting apropos to where the only mandated Japhou Bazar Authority were entrusted to press upon officials for early release of NREGS wages. Since then, the incumbent Japhou Bazar authority has been ceaselessly working on it. Thru the course of demand, the householders under Japhou Bazar Authority won't hesitate to take up the series of agitations in future. Job card holders strongly warned the erring officials to refrain from

any political influence in availing meagre financial aid provided by the government such as this social security schemes. (2)The members further decided to find the real intent behind withholding of NREGS wages through sources and inquire whether the money has been misappropriated by the errant officials for their personal benefits or diverted the money for other purposes. For both cases, the beneficiaries won't remain meek spectator but go to the extent of seeking compensation for causing mental harassment to the downtrodden Japhou Bazar card holders. (3)The members also decided to take up various democratic protests shut downs, strikes and series of agitations the errant Deputy Commissioner for his indifferent behaviour and mendacity.