

Plantation prog. by Letz Paint the Earth Green (Green Painters), Kiddies Corner English High School, Chingmeirong and members of SEEDS at Socio Economic and Environment Development Society Complex.

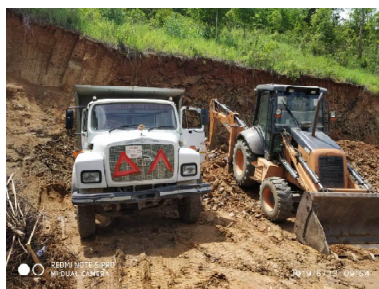


Law maker breaks law: MLA and his armed escort overpowered and snatch seized machineries from Forest Dept. staffs

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An MLA overpowered Forest department officials using his armed security escorts and hijacked seized machineries which were caught red handed while excavating and cutting trees at a hill range in Thoubal district.

Source said, MLA of Khangabok Assembly Constituency Okram Surjakumar along with his armed security escort and some supporter halted the staffs of Thoubal Forest Division at Khangabok Lamlong area today morning while they were on their way Forest Range Office along with the seized excavator (JCB) and a truck. The MLA and his supporters then snatch and took away those seized machineries from the Forest department staffs The Thoubal Forest Division,



Forest Department, Government of Manipur, along with NGOs and other civil organisations, have been trying to save the hill Range at Tentha and other adjoining areas by stopping illegal excavation and clear felling of trees. This endeavour of Forest Department, NGOs and other civil bodies is also in

compliance with the various orders passed by the High Court of Manipur in PIL No 25 of 2017.

The excavator (JCB) and the trucks were caught by the forest staffs who were not armed while excavating the said protected Hill Range at Tentha Thambal Chingya in Thoubal district.

The unarmed Forest Guards and officials of the Department were left in a state of helplessness, a report reaching here said.

It is unfortunate that the MLA of Khangabok Assembly Constituency, who is a lawmaker, instead of behaving as a responsible public leader, has defied the law of the land and also disrespected the rulings of the High Court of Manipur.

"Such irresponsible Act of taking law in hand by a public leader in front of the general public is highly condemnable and unbecoming of a public leader. Such act will only discourage the forest field functionaries in their endeavour to conserve, protect the forest wealth of the State and contribute to the changing ecological balances", an Official of the Forest department said while taking to Imphal Times

HC directs Govt. authority to conduct inquiry for misuses of public funds in construction of PHC in Tengnoupal District

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High Court of Manipur by Judgment / Order dated June 11, 2019 in PIL No. 23 of 2019 has directed the Principal Secretary of Health, Government of Manipur to inquire without any further delay for misuse of public funds in construction of Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Rilram Centre, Tengnoupal, Manipur.

The Primary Health Centre at Rilram Centre is funded by NABARD for Hill District of Manipur right from the year 2011. The Construction and development of the PHC is implemented by the Government of Manipur through an agency called Manipur Development Society. However, even after the lapse of 7 years construction of PHC remain incomplete and abandon by the concerned contractors.

Momo Tantanga, a Social Worker by profession approached the High Court of Manipur by filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL)

complaining against the corrupt practice and misuse of public funds in construction and delayed of PHC at Rilram Centre as such the public/villagers of 17 surrounding villages near Rilram Centre are facing untold misery due to lack of Medical Care Centre and PHC/Hospital.

Appearing for the petitioner Advocate S. Thoi Thoi Meitei submits before the High Court by producing several Judgments of Supreme Court of India which confirmed that Right to Health is also a Fundamental Right as held in Consumer Education & Resource Centre -Vs- Union of India and Kirloskar Brother Ltd. -Vs- Employees' State Insurance Corpn.

The State Government is under obligation to provide basic medical facilities and treatment failing which it will amount to violation of Article 21 of the Constitution and liable to pay compensation to the victim and its family as already held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Paschim

Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity -Vs- State of West Bengal and Mahendra Pratap Singh -Vs- State of Orissa. Further learned Advocate/Counsel of the petitioner also rely on State of Punjab and Ors -Vs- Mohindra Singh Chawala which held that Right to health integral to Right to life and the Government has a Constitutional obligation to provide health facilities.

Having prima facie and considering seriousness of the matter that affect the public health at large, the High Court dispose the PIL at first day of listing/hearing before it by directing the Principal Secretary of Health Department to hold an appropriate inquiry without any further delay and also to take appropriate action by fixing responsibility on the erring officials and concerned contractors as to how the funds has not been properly utilized. The Court also directs to finish the construction of PHC at Rilram Centre with all proper facilities at the earliest.

More plantations continues under Green Manipur

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One day tree plantation programme was jointly organised by Letz Paint the Earth Green (Green Painters), Kiddies Corner English High School, Chingmeirong and members of SEEDS at Socio Economic and Environment Development Society Complex, near Sahebung village, Kangpokpi district. Around 50 volunteers and students actively participated in the programme. After the plantation a short interaction with the young and energetic minds of the school was conducted on the values and importance of such activities by the elders present on that programme. It may be mention that Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission was launched on that complex yesterday by N Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur.

AMSU shuts down all the activities of DM University



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Failure to function as a full-fledged University, All Manipur Students Union (AMSU) today announced 'shut-down of all activities of the Dhanamanjuri (DM) University including counselling of new students. Speaking to media person at the head office of AMSU, Peter Laishram, President of AMSU said that the University was in total chaos. He said that the university doesn't have regular Vice Chancellor or registrar. Moreover he added that there isn't any syndicate members, Academic Council and Deans of the University where it is a must for being a university.

"As DM University was not a member of the Association of Indian University, the certificates which the students procure will be completely useless", Peter added. Highlighting the lack of various things for being a University, Peter said that as there were no proper teaching and non teaching staffs of the varsity and the students have faced tremendous problems. And also the students studying in the varsity doesn't receive their registration numbers till now, he added. He also said that the students have never participated in any East Zone or national and international competition as the university was not a member of AIU.

He stressed that until the varsity has a proper Vice Chancellor and registrar selected under proper Rules and regulations and also various other things which a University must have, all the activities of the varsity will be shut down from today. He said that all the failures of being a proper university is mainly because of the lack of certain things a university must have. He further said that all the responsibility should be held by the present government as well as the concern authorities. Peter concluded by saying that student should never face such situations from now onwards and also authorities should never play with the carrier of the students' life.

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"One Day Conference on The Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016" jointly organized by Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, Manipur and Welfare Association for Differently Aabled Persons, in associated with State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt of Manipur was held at Thongam Community Hall, Kakching Khunou, Kakching District, Manipur. Dr. RK Kumarjit Singh, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of Manipur, P. Gopendro Singh, President Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, Manipur, A. Kameshor Singh, District Social Welfare Officer, Thoubal District, Kh. Leima Devi, Chairperson, Kakching Municipal Council, Kh. Radhamani Devi, Counsilar, chaired the function as a Chief Guest, President and Guests of honours respectively. In the conference Chief Guest

Victims of acid attack are now considered as one of persons with disabilities – Dr. RK Kumarjit

Dr. RK Kumarjit Singh delivered that victims of acid attack are now considered as one of persons with disabilities same as the persons born with physical defects adding that Govt. has recognized 21 different types of disabilities to formulate the schemes for their support. Dr RK Kumarjit continued the state had failed to frame the policy under 'The Persons With Disability Act, 1995 which was popularly known as Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act, 1995 before it was replaced by 'The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016' and the new Act was approved by the President of India on December 27 of 2016. As such, it is of no use to hide such cases, he added and urged the public to use the 4% quota reserved for persons with disability in Govt. jobs.

L. Dhaneshor Singh, Child Welfare Officer, Department of Social Welfare, summarized that the differently nature of ability to categories a persons of being disability is increase from the 7 to 21 by amending in the parliament recently which include Autism. Those who want to get the benefits of differently abled schemes of government need to get the disability certificate from the concern authority. There is provision to get disability certificate from the Primary Health Centre also but there may raised the certain

problems due to absence of specialist doctors to determined the physical disabilities. He added that the Department is implementing various social security schemes under State Plan including Scholarship for the students with disabilities, Unemployment allowance to the educated unemployed persons with disabilities, Financial assistance to the organizations formed by the persons with disabilities or Parents of severe disabilities. A. Kameshor Singh, District Social Welfare Officer, Thoubal said that the Right of Persons with Disability (RPWD) Act, 2016, number of specified disability has increased from 7 to 21 categories and the number of persons with disabilities in the state will increase as well. He also said that the new government's initiative of "CM gi Sotharabasingi Tengbang" which aims to ensure the quality of life to persons with disabilities has largely helped in identification of disabilities and also appealed to the Government to took up such welfare measures in the future too. L. Amerendra Sharma a national awardee who always engrave the persons with disabilities in exploring their hidden talents to the society in different fields, he also made many awardee by enhancing their talent.

Elderly couple, domestic help found murdered in Delhi's Vasant Vihar

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An elderly couple and their maid were found murdered at their first floor flat in South Delhi's Vasant Vihar Sunday morning, police said.

Vishnu Mathur (78), his wife Shashi Mathur (75) and their full time domestic help Khushbu (20) were found with stab wounds in their throats. "Another domestic help of the couple who came to work around 8.30 am found

them murdered. She alerted the neighbours who informed the police," deputy commissioner of police (southwest) Devender Arya said. The officer said the entry into the house seemed friendly. Mathur and his

wife were retired government officials. "The flat was ransacked. It could be robbery. Other angles are also being probed," Arya said. The couple's daughter lives in New Delhi's Greater Kailash area. Their son died

some years ago in a road accident. The murder comes on the heels of Friday's mass murder when a private tutor allegedly killed his wife, seven-year-old daughter, five-year-old son and 40-day-old daughter.