

## RS MP's men infringe Press Freedom by intimidating Editor for reporting fund misappropriation

IT Desk  
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Two persons who identified themselves as close associates of the Rajya Sabha MP K. Bhabananda came to the residence of Imphal Times Editor Rinku Khumukcham to intimidate the newspaper asking the motive for reporting the misappropriation of Local Area Development Fund reported in this newspaper.

Citizens or any political workers or bureaucratic officers have all rights to clarify/refute any reported news to be wrong and also have right to go to the Law Court if wanted to initiate action against any report by newspaper if it turns out false. But the law of the land does not permit any person to question

newspaper journalist on why the news is being published.

Those people seem to forget that a huge amount of public money has been looted in the name of taking up developmental works. And looting of public money is a crime punishable under the law of the land.

The two persons who identified themselves as close associates of Rajya Sabha MP K. Bhabananda besides being office bearer of BJP Manipur Pradesh had infringed upon the freedom of press by asking question which should only come through law court. Their motive of directly coming to meet the editor seems a warning if continued to report about the misutilization of public money under MPLAD.

Starting from tomorrow Imphal Times along with a TV channel will highlight the reality of how the MPLAD have been looted. And reporting about the misappropriation of fund (public money) is totally in the interest of the people.

Any unwanted thing happens to any staff of the Imphal Times should be the responsibility by the two persons and the Rajya Sabha MP K. Bhabananda who reportedly sent them to the residence of the Editor of this newspaper. Whether it may be in the form of accident, or road rage or any unusual attack, Imphal Times will presume it as a handy work of them for reporting the misappropriation of MPLAD.

Considering that there is a well organised group who would temper the marks of the students

Sital stressed that the authorities from top to bottom need to be streamlined.

With previous factors the Board becomes untrustworthy by the people of the state, Sital added.

He concluded that the only way to save BOSEM is to do right things irrespective of friend and relatives by high officials of education and Education ministers.

Sital further warned that appropriate actions will be taken up by their students organisation along with the help of the people if Education Ministers and other high officials of Education Department fails to heed their demands.

## Sit-in-protest held against bomb threat

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A sit-in-protest was staged today at Canchipur (near 1<sup>st</sup> gate Manipur University) against the placing of bomb (IED) at the residence of the Vice Chancellor of National Technological University (NTU) at Chanchipur. The IED was placed by unknown persons on June 28 at the residence of the VC. The bomb was found by the family members at around 6.50 pm of that day. Police team who were reported regarding the finding of the bomb safely retrieves the bomb and effuse it.

## 3rd conference of All Manipur Mid day meal workers union held

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The third conference of All Manipur Mid Day meal workers union which was affiliated to centre of Indian Trade Union, New Delhi held today at Johnston Higher Secondary School.

Speaking on the occasion General Secretary of Mid day meal Workers' Federation of India Jai Bhagwan said that around 25 lakhs of Mid day meal workers were helping cores of students of India in order to build a new India.

He added that the government irrespective of the parties who rule has always been neglected Mid day meal workers. They were happy for providing such scheme which helps cores of

students to give free meal but the government has never take any initiative for the welfare of 25 lakhs Mid day meal workers, Jai added.

He further questioned that with their wage of only one thousand rupees how the family of the workers could survive in today's society and added how the students could be in a state of well being if the workers who are their to feed the students couldn't survive.

Highlighting the works of Mid day meal workers Jai mentioned that the workers not simply cook for the students working only a few hours he added that several activities where a grade four should be doing were done by the workers and their works includes sweeping, carrying water, and even

opening and closing of the school gate. He urge to increase the wage of the workers to the level of grade four.

Fearing with the present trend of the government where there is the decay of government schools where most of the underprivileged students went and also the privatisation, Jai said that they also need to focus on such issues also.

He vigorously said that protest and organising agitation is their only way forward to meet their demands.

President of All Manipur Mid day meal worker Union Maibam Loitang strongly condemned the treatment of the state government towards them where the workers were paid a sum of only one thousand rupees for their wage and that too for only ten months. She demanded to increase the monthly wage for the workers.

She warned that intense agitation will be done if their demands were not met.

There were seven thousand Mid day meal workers for the state providing around sixty thousand students.

The conference was attended by President of Manipur Government Services Federation M. Rajendra, Secretary of All India State Government Employees Federation L. Purohit, Leader of CITU Sarat Salam and Secretary of Construction Workers Federation of India Kshetrimayum Santa.

**Bishnupur:** Nodal Officer: D. Joykumar Singh, IFS, CF Heibokching, TYDC Toubungkhok, KYC Changangei Kabui Khun, Lamdeng Makha to Lamdeng Mayai Leikai, Epauthok, Uriopok, TPYPA Toubungkhok, EYDC Iroshimba, Long Vision, Patsoi Langsing, Toubungkhok Makha Farming Society, Awaching Kobi Thabi, Lamlai, Gwaltabi, Pungdombang, Nongnaga

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## Awareness program on water conservation and management organised

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Bashikhang Gram Panchayat and Community Recreation Centre Club (CRCL) today organised awareness program water conservation and management. Speaking to media persons Zilla Parishad member of Bashikhang Chirom Romeo said that

under the instruction of prime minister of the country regarding water conservation and management several activities were done inside the jurisdiction of Bashikhang. The activities include planting of trees, cleaning of drains and local water bodies. Romeo further said that water can be conserve and used for further used by the people during the rainy season by keeping the local water bodies clean and in useable form. He also admitted that they plan to focus on giving plant saplings on every household and thus help in curbing global warming. Pradhan, Zilla parishad and other volunteers of CRCL club planted trees on the surrounding of Mela lampak high school.

## DESAM urges government to conduct re-evaluations of all the answer scripts of HSLC exam

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Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) urged to conduct re-evaluations of all the answer script of HSLC examination 2019 by new examiners.

Speaking to media persons in a press meet held today at the temporary office of DESAM, Secretary General of DESAM said that like previous years this time also student who was supposed to be a rank holder in HSLC exam just became a first divisioner in the result given by BOSEM. This was known after the student re evaluated the answer paper. He added that no white paper report was published by the enquiry committee even after the completion of a year.

He stressed that such



negligence in completing the enquiry made them suspicious from the top level ministers to the authorities of BOSEM and also he further alleged that Board authorities, Head examiner and co-ordinator similar with previous years done wrong things in the tabulation and markings of the students sheets.

He urged to complete and made known to the public about the enquiry which was headed by an IAS regarding fraudulent checking of answer scripts of 2018 HSLC examination and also to take appropriate actions. Sital demanded that the government should conduct re-evaluations of all the answer scripts of HSLC examination which

## VANMAHOTSAVA 2019 The Festival of Forests



Van Mahotsava – The Festival of Forests, is being celebrated during the first week of July, all over the country since 1950 by planting trees and further, encouraging people to plant more trees. This year, the Manipur Forest Department is organising a massive

### "TREE PLANTATION PROGRAMME"

On 1st July, 2019 (Monday) from 08.00 a.m. onwards, to create mass awareness on the importance of tree plantation by involving members of the public. It would be heartening to see the Local Bodies, Organisations, schools, Institutions, Villages and all members of the public to participate in the programme scheduled at the following sites/locations:

**Bishnupur:** Nodal Officer: D. Joykumar Singh, IFS, CF Heibokching, TYDC Toubungkhok, KYC Changangei Kabui Khun, Lamdeng Makha to Lamdeng Mayai Leikai, Epauthok, Uriopok, TPYPA Toubungkhok, EYDC Iroshimba, Long Vision, Patsoi Langsing, Toubungkhok Makha Farming Society, Awaching Kobi Thabi, Lamlai, Gwaltabi, Pungdombang, Nongnaga

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### Come, let's plant trees. Now is planting time.

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