

## State lawyers stage protest against mob violence and subsequent assault to a lawyer

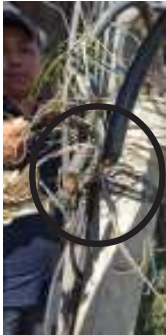


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The Bill passed by the state government to deal mob violence seems to be in vain as even lawyers who are the custodian of laws of the land are left with no choice but to stage protest after a mob attack one of their colleague after vandalizing the court complex at Uripok. The Sit-in-protest staged today at Cherap court complex was against the assault of a lawyer by a mob inside the court complex on May 18. The mob also vandalized property of the court. The protest was organised jointly by All Manipur Bar Association and High Court Bar Association. Speaking to media persons President in charge of AMBA Brajit Singh strongly condemned the mob violence. He said that the court have full responsibility for under trial prisoners. He also said that no one is above the law, even the ministers and MLA's can't escape the punishment if found guilty and added that the court should decide it. Highlighting various incidents regarding damage of court by

mob he said that there might be lapse of security. He added that the state government and home department should arrange adequate security measures for such cases which may erupt violence. He appealed the people not to take part in such violence. Even though many legal awareness were done in many places to avoid mob violence there seems to be of no positive result for such awareness, he added. Brajit stressed that such mob violence becomes a trend in our society. He added that it takes time to deliver justice as per Indian law and concluded that justice will surely be delivered. Mention may be made the Manipur Legislative Assembly passed the Manipur Protection from Mob Violence Bill that proposes ways to stop the increasing number of lynchings in the state in December last year. The law recommends punishment for lynching, public humiliation through exclusion from public services and forcing a person to leave his or her home without their consent. It recommends a rigorous life imprisonment term and a fine of Rs 5 lakh if the crime results in the death of a victim.

## Miscreants cut BSNL cable



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Miscreants cut BSNL cable at Keishamshong Elangbam Leikai, Leirak Machine in Imphal west creating inconvenience to land line BSNL consumers. Line men of the BSNL took almost half the day searching the defected connection after they received complaints from consumers including Imphal Times media houses. Imphal Times staffs along with the BSNL line men search for the defected area at all connection junction. The team found the cable being chopped using sharp cutters for reason best known to the miscreants. As per the line men of the BSNL 100 pair cable, 50 pair cable and 20 pair cable were cut off using sharp cutters. "We received complaints from 3 consumers and have been tracing to find out the defect since early morning", a line men said. He added that the way the cable are being cut off seems intentional but the motive is not known. The area where the BSNL cable were left cut off is at Keishamshong Elangbam Leikai Leirak Achouba Machine.

**By - Nava Thakuria**  
**Guwahati, May 20,**

Senior Indian journalist and researcher on environment and development issues, Keya Acharya expressed concern over the state of environment across the country and said that Bengaluru can be an example of environmental mismanagement for northeastern (NE) provinces, which still have comparatively less pollutants. Ms Acharya commented while interacting with journalists in Guwahati Press Club through video conferencing and said that fifty four percent of India has become water stressed now. "While cities like Bengaluru are already suffering due to environmental degradation, northeastern States could definitely learn not to follow



examples from States like Karnataka," she said while emphasizing on rain water harvesting to be made mandatory in all growing cities while initiating new high-rise constructions. "Rain water should be considered as a resource and used as a resource as well. This is more relevant for northeastern States including Assam which receives more rainfall," observed Ms Acharya adding that the

## AIFUCTO stands with AMCTA's demand for implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> UGC pay scale

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Long pending demand by the All Manipur College Teachers' Association (AMCTA) for implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> UGC pay gets support from the All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisations (AIFUCTO). The apex body of associations of teachers of state Universities and colleges of India, which represent more than 6 (six) lakh teachers of the country had submitted memorandum to the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Education Minister Th Radheshyam and also to the Chief Secretary of Manipur urging the government to fulfill the 10 points charter of demand submitted to the government by the AMCTA. The AIFUCTO memorandums submitted separately appealed the concern to

implement the 7<sup>th</sup> UGC Pay Scales to the College Teachers and equivalent cadres of Manipur and fulfillment of the genuine demands of AMCTA. The memorandum stated that almost all the respective state governments in India have implemented the revised 7<sup>th</sup> UGC Pay Scales to university and college teachers and equivalent cadres. The AIFUCTO expressed strong dissatisfaction to learn that Manipur is the lone state in the entire North East where the revised 7<sup>th</sup> UGC Pay Scales are not yet implemented till date. It also stated that the college teachers of the state are denied to enjoy the two allowances i.e., SCA & TA of the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Scales till date due to the violation of the decision of state cabinet mentioning as - "College Teachers presently serving under the Department of Higher Education & Technical Education,

**Government of Manipur be given Academic Grade Pay (AGP) in place of Grade Pay".** Unfortunately, ROP was issued in form of contradiction to the cabinet decision as - "AGP shall not be equated to Grade Pay provided to other government employees for whatsoever" laid down in Para 4 of the Govt. orders No. 7(7)/3/2009-HE(Misc)/Pt.(1) dated 12.8.2011 (ROP 2011) which has till been hurdle in releasing the two allowances and which have not been mentioned in 6<sup>th</sup> UGC Pay revision orders of all states of India except Manipur. The AIFUCTO also expressed strong supports to the AMCTA's 10 - point charter of demands submitted to the Government

of Manipur on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and of which reminder of the same had submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 and urges the government to fulfil the same without delay. The apex body of university and college teachers' organisations in India and pioneer in the upliftment of higher education across the country urged the Government of Manipur to implement the 7<sup>th</sup> UGC Pay Scales in TOTO to the college teachers of the state as done in other states where the same have been implemented. The memorandum submitted was signed by Prof. Arun Kumar, General Secretary of AIFUCTO.

## JSCC seize and destroy tobacco products sold in an around Educational institution

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Joint Students coordinating committee's youth task force today seized and destroy tobacco products sold in and around Educational institute. The youth task force comprising of 20 volunteers under the anti drug campaign seize tobacco products from the shops situated in 100 m radius of Imphal College and Children Ideal High School. Speaking to media persons Convener of JSCC Sarangthem Manjit said that the campaign was to make educational institute a free zone against drugs and

tobacco. He further said that they will continue the drive against drugs and tobacco which is sold within 100 m radius from Educational institute. He warned that if shops near Educational institute were found selling tobacco products, they will forced to shut it down forever. Manjit stressed that various acts and laws were also passed not to sold tobacco products within 100m radius from Educational institute. In order to make a healthy society he said that the youth should stay away from such intoxicants and added that intense drive against tobacco will done further by them.

## Painting Competition held to mark "International Day of Biodiversity 2019"



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As part of the International Day of Biodiversity, a division level painting competition under the theme "Our Biodiversity Our Food Our Health" was held for students of Class V to XII on Sunday at KM Blooming Higher Secondary School. The painting competition was jointly organized by the Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur and Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal under the leadership of L. Devala DFO, Thoubal

Forest Division. Over 350 students from different educational institutions from the Thoubal division area took part in the painting competition. The prize distribution ceremony for the competitions will be held on May 22 along with International Day of Biodiversity -2019 at Divisional Forest Office, Thoubal. DFO Thoubal L. Devala, Dy RO Forest Martin, President of WBCC Rabi Takhellambam, Secretary of WBCC and Forest Staffs & WBCC members were also present on the Competition.

## NE can learn from big city disaster: Keya Acharya

but those were superficially addressed. Travelled extensively to countries in south America, south and southeast Asia, south & east Africa and Europe on various assignments ranging from forestry to renewable energy to solid waste management to rural development etc Ms Acharya however expressed dissatisfaction over the media's inept role in highlighting environmental issues. She stated that the influence of media editors in India had slowly diminished, which had impacted the quality of news. The editorial space in media has been encroached by interest of the owners, Ms Acharya claimed, adding that it has led to shrinking media space for people-centric issues including the environment.

## CrPC 144 imposed in Thoubal district

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With the preparation of the counting of votes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election which is scheduled to hold on May 23, district administration have been taking up various measures to ensure safety and security for all. Thoubal district Administration had impose prohibition under Subsection 2 of 144 CrPC in the district with effect from tomorrow ( May 21) in addition to the prohibition from 18 hours till 6 hours . Carrying of deadly weapons and assembly of more than 5 people have been prohibited till the counting of vote is over covering the whole of Thoubal District.