

## Extortion threat:

### Doctors in Imphal fear to attend unknown patients; feel insecure in performing duty

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Some eminent Professors and Assistance Professors who are working at RIMS and INIMS now stop attending patients who are not known to them as they fear unwanted consequences after receiving extortion threat from an underground organization. Source with the Imphal Times said that the UG

group also served huge amount of monetary demand to five private hospitals. Interestingly the demand note to the doctors by way of messaging through mobile phone, three days after Union Home Minister Rajnath had stated that - Curbing insurgency in North East is his highest achievement. In an interview with the PTI, the Union Home Minister was quoted as saying - "Insurgency in Northeast is almost finished"

on April 26 this year. The extortion threat to the doctors was reportedly sent on April 29, the source revealed. Patients in need of specialized doctor now face inconvenience in consulting about their illness as the doctors have to first check on whether it is safe for them to attend the patient as they fear attack from the UG. The source further added that it was the same UG group that had exploded a

hand grenade to the residence of Dr. Chito at Thangmeiband Hijam Dewang Leikai on April 24 this year over monetary demand. When some of the doctors received the extortion note personally doctors at JNIMS were reported to have been served through an administrative head of the hospital. Most of the doctors now are mentally disturbed due to the pressure of the UG group.

## COHSEM declares Class XII exam result; Private schools continue to dominate government schools

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The Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur (COHSEM) released the results of Manipur Board Higher Secondary Education (HSE) or Class 12 exams 2019 today, (Wednesday 8 May) at 3 pm.

The results is available on the board's official websites — manipurcohsem.com and manresults.nic.in. The examination was conducted from 18 February to 20 March.

Of the top 25 students in Science stream none of the students from government school could enter. Micheal Ato a student of MECI Explore Academy Changangei and Laishram Librada Singh, another student of XTRA Edge School Gharu score 476 marks out of 500 to top the examination.

Sujata Basnet of Herbert School, Changangei score 474 mark to get 2<sup>nd</sup> position while Jasmine Heigrujam of Herberth School, Changangei score 469 mark

and is the third position holder.

All the top 25 toppers are from the private schools namely Comet, MECI XTRA Edge, Herbert Higher secondary School. None from the Govt. school could find a place in the top 25.

In Arts stream Oinam Barlin Meitei of Enlighten Knowledge Higher Secondary School Sangakpham scores 445 marks to top the examination, Melody Moirangthem of the same school scores 439 to get second position while LP Tracy of Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School Senapati scores 432 to get 3<sup>rd</sup> rank.

A Student of Ibotnsana Girls' Higher Secondary School lairenjam Linthoingambi Devi and another from TG Higher Secondary School — Leishangthem Brindashi Devi score 429 and 424 marks to get the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> position. Both indeed comes to the rescue of the state government image.

In Commerce stream, students of TG higher Secondary school could manage to

occupied the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> position. But a student of a private school Sangai Higher Secondary School — Gurumayum Robert scores 416 marks to top the exam another student of the same school Yaikhom Babina Chanu also scores 393 marks to share the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank with the student from TG higher Secondary School. Ngamsanglen Haokip of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School (Arts & Commrce) Maram scores 397 marks to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> rank.

For 2019, a total of 28,024 students had appeared for Higher Secondary Examination (HSE) or Class 12, which was organized by COHSEM, Manipur at various examination centres, spread across the state. After the declaration of COHSEM 12th Result 2019, the Manipur Board will also announce the detailed schedule for Supplementary Exam. Re-evaluation and Rechecking details soon. Students are advised to get in touch with their respective schools to get latest update about it.

## Sit in protest staged

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JAC formed against the injury of Kongsam Santosh and the Co-ordinator body of Khurai today staged a sit-in-protest at Thoroijam leirak, Khurai from 11 am to 2 pm today demanding compensation of the injured victim as well punishment of the culprits involved in the blasting of the bomb.

The twin blast occurred on the evening of April 22 this

year near MMTA office where the Assam Rifles Transit camp was also located at close proximity. Kongsam Santosh sustained injury in the blast and government authority still has not provided any assistant of any kind.

The protestor said that no authority of the government had also visited the injured. They urged the govt. to provide adequate security to Santosh until the culprits are arrested.

## Polling at 168 booths of Tripura declared void, re-polling on May 12: EC

Agency  
Agartala, May 8,

The Election Commission of India (EC) on Wednesday declared polling across 168 booths of Tripura West parliamentary constituency as void and ordered a re-polling on May 12 along with the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections 2019.

"After taking all material circumstances into account,

the Election Commission declared under Sub-Sections (2) of Section 58 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 that the polling on April 11, 2019, at 168 polling stations in 1-Tripura West parliamentary constituency against the assembly segments to be void and appointments May 12 as the date and fix hours from 7 am to 5 pm for taking a fresh poll," an official statement said.

## TKSU to begin indefinite general Strike in CCpur district tomorrow

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Imphal, May 8,

The Thadou-Kuki Student Union (TKSU) is all set to commence Indefinite General Strike from 1 a. m. of May 9, in Churachandpur district, over government failure to fulfill their demand. The students' body has been demanding cancellation of the government order with regard to the appointment of Dr. Th. Siamkhum as the in-charge Principal of the Churachandpur Govt. College. An ultimatum was served to the government mentioning the cancellation of the govt. interim order dated April 25.

Students appearing examinations, electricity, Water Supply and Medical are exempted in the indefinite general strike.

## Mock exercise for rescuing flood victim held



IT News  
Thoubal, May 8,

Manipur State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and 12th Battalion National Disaster Force (NDRF) of Arunachal Pradesh today jointly conducted a mock exercise for rescuing victims of flood at Arong River in

Khangabok of Thoubal district. The mock exercise was conducted under the aegis of the Relief and Disaster Management Department Government of Manipur. Staffs of the District Administration Thoubal, Thoubal Municipal Council, District Health Society

Thoubal, District Hospital, Thoubal, Thoubal Police, District Traffic Police, Indian Red Cross Society Manipur, Fire service, among others were present during the mock exercise conducted at Arong River at Athokpam Makha Ithouou Arong Ningthou and Ibenhou Shandrik Chaningkhombae Shangler area.

## Manipur girl comes 3rd in Indian School Certificate exam

From a correspondent  
Imphal, May 8,

A girl student from Manipur bagged third position (Arts stream) in the Council for Indian Schools Certificate Examinations conducted Class XII or ISC (Indian School Certificate) exams 2019, sources said on Wednesday.

The girl student identified as Ningombam Tampha Chanu got 398 marks out of 400 and best four subjects (100 in economics history and psychology and 98 in English), 99.50%. Ningombam Tampha, a student of Mayo College Girls' school, Ajmer in Rajasthan, is the daughter of

N Meiraba of Singamei Chongthem Leikai in Imphal. She shared the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in all India ranking with 35 others while the second position of the exam was jointly shared by 16 students.

The first position holders titles was jointly shared two students namely Dewang Kumar Agarwal of La Martiniere for boys, Kolkata and Vibha Swaminathan of Mallya Aditi International school, Bengaluru of Humanities, both scored 100% marks. Girls performed marginally better than boys ISC board examinations. The report of Tampha Chanu's success in the ISC was appeared in the Jaipur based

National newspaper. The result of the ISC exams results 2019 were declared on Tuesday. The pass percentage of candidates who appeared in the exam was 96.52%. It is up by .031% according to Gerry Arathoun, chief executive and secretary of the council for the Indian school certificate examination, report added. Girls achieved a pass percentage of 97.84%, boys have achieved a pass percentage of 95.40%. Out of the 86, 713 candidates who had appeared in the exam 39,964 are girls while 46,749 were boys, according to reports The ISC exams was held from February 4 to March 25, 2019.

## IMA demands a comprehensive review on upholding the PCPNDT act



From a Correspondent  
New Delhi May 8,

After the Supreme Court upholding the constitutional validity of the PCPNDT Act, The Indian Medical Association (IMA) demands a comprehensive

review, repeal and reconception of the act. The main purpose of enacting the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (PCPNDT) is to ban the misuse the selection of sex selection techniques and prevent female feticides. The actual aim of the act is to arrest the declining sex ratio in India. IMA believes that in spite of harsh implementation the law has miserably failed in restoring the sex ratio of the country. "IMA demands a reconception and nothing

short of this is acceptable to the medical profession. This is a black law and has miserably failed in achieving its objective in the 24 years of its dubious existence. The layman's approach of the ill conceived legislation has only resulted in unending harassment of every single practicing Obstetrician and Radiologist in the country. The sex ratio of the country has in fact deteriorated and needs an urgent course of correction is warranted. Social determinants of the issue also have to be addressed." Said Dr Santanu Sen, National President, IMA.

According to IMA, no movement for the Girl child can succeed without the partnership and whole hearted support of the medical profession. Enormous goodwill and activism exists inside the medical profession for the cause of the Girl Child. "It is completely unacceptable to presume that every Obstetrician and Radiologist is culpable of sex selection and female feticide and singling out the ultrasound machines and the doctors as source of evil by the law. Culpability of the involved couple and the family should be brought under the majesty

of the law as well. Action against quackery and illegal abortion industry are in order. Social movements for empowering the Girl Child should be funded by the Government. Attempting to address the social evil by quarantining the ultrasound machine and painting the doctors black was bound to be a failure." Said Dr RV Asokan, Honorary Secretary General of IMA. The law has suffered from serious conceptual flaws and a layman's approach. After wasting thousands of crores of public money and harassing an entire generation of

doctors, the law has nothing to show. Instead of tapping the goodwill of the medical profession, this law has alienated doctors since its inception. "Time has come to review the effectiveness of the law in addressing the issue. To repeal the current law and reconceive one with equal responsibility and participation of everyone concerned will be the right way to go. The medical profession reserves the right to withdraw appropriate services and resist all the harassments and injustice inflicted on it." Added Dr Sen.