

School transporters staged protest

Denouncing the shooting of a school van by unknown miscreants at around 10.30 pm of May 4 at Lamlai Mayai Leikai, Imphal East, under Lamlai police station, School transporter drivers' body today staged a sit-in-protest at Tidim ground. The school van drivers body demanded immediate arrest and punishment of those involved in the shooting of the van.



State Central Library witnessed drastic rise of visitors; improper maintenance upset readers

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Even though in the global era where technology dominated in all sphere, readers who came to seek knowledge and learn from the State Central Library increase drastically in the past few years. But unfortunately, the condition of the Library is more like the garbage scattered in and around Imphal - an indication of negligence from the part of Government. Books at the State Central Library are fully covered with dust and properly piled up in an orderly manner.

On an average, around 100 knowledge seekers, mostly students visited the Library. Earlier, not so many knowledge seekers utilized the benefit of Library, said a visitor at the Library while talking to Imphal Times.

The State Central Library is the main public library under the state government where many leaders, scholars, writers were produced. It is the hub of knowledge for the people of the state.

However, the Manipur State Library remains as one of the most neglected sector with just one Librarian. The present state of the Library required at least three librarians. Moreover, updated and newly released books are not available but the number of visitors increase as the reading



hall is still a heaven for book lovers.

"Most of the visitors came to the library along with their own books either for preparing for various recruitment exams or for passion", a staff said. Talking to a reporter of Imphal Times one reader identified as Chinglemba said that they didn't find many of the books they wanted and added that most of the books are outdated.

"The way the books are maintain is very unfortunate",

Chinglemba said. All the books were covered with dust and dirt like being kept in an abandoned apartment and it is a clear sign of negligence, he added.

"People from other states and countries will surely looked down upon to the people of the state if they find out the way how the state central Library treated the books which is the root towards all the kinds development for the state", Chinglemba said.

Another reader named Ashnikumar said to Imphal

Times that at times of examination there isn't enough space for the readers as many came to read. He added that the outnumbered readers even read in the empty space outside the reading room. He further said that there was also some incident where there was lack of chairs for the readers but provided after complaining to the authority.

"I felt happy to see the number of readers increased everyday. It was such a good sign for the state where reading habits perpetually increase. Everyday

new faces come up at the library", he added.

He appealed the government to keep more updated books at the library and also to enable internet connection which will surely help the readers in gathering information in this age of technology.

After inspecting by Imphal Times reporter the capacity of seats for the readers of the library is around 150 only and the whole state library was maintained by only one librarian who is the chief librarian. In such library at least 3 librarians is necessary for proper management of the library. Not only that there isn't any sweeper or cleaner who would maintain a clean environment and also to clean the precious books. The toilets for the library is also in an awful state.

Speaking to Imphal Times reporter Chief Librarian said that the lack of staffs is the main problem behind the improper maintenance.

He said that the number of readers increased drastically in the past few years and added that even seats were not enough during the examination season.

He further said that even though in this age of digital technology the significance of printed books cannot be dominated by the digital one. Printed books will still dominate in the long run even though various technologies come up, he added.

Activists threaten intense agitation against NF railway project



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Right activists in the state today threaten intense agitation if the ongoing NF Railway project has not been stopped.

Speaking at the one day Public Consultation on the impact of Trans Asian Railway project held at Manipur Press Club, rights activist Kiran Thokchom, while highlighting the impact of the NF railway project to the people and the villagers, said that intense agitation will be initiated if the railway project and its companies doesn't leave the state.

The public consultation on the impact of Trans Asian railway project was organised jointly by the affected villagers, Centre for Research and advocacy Manipur, youth forum for protection of Human rights, Environment Conservation Network, Young Peoples for Social Reform and Youth Action Committee for protection of Indigenous People.

Kiran Thokchom, who is a member of the organiser said that the railway project has affected the lives of the people and the surrounding villages drastically. Not only the agricultural lands water resources are also greatly affected, he added.

He further said that the available water bodies were again polluted by the cements used in the construction causing various diseases to the users. He also said that they will take a firm stand to fight against such environment degradation and the violation of right to water by the authorities.

"It seems like they have a hidden agenda on the construction of the Railway Project" Kiran said and added that the main objective of the railway project was to extract the resources from the state. Manipur has huge natural resources and is a virgin state. Crude oil were searched by

the companies at various places using bombs and many others.

He said that the main aim of the consultation was to give awareness to the people highlighting the agenda of bringing the railway project.

Kiran stressed that the authority has violated the rights to free prior information and added that social impact assessment and environmental impact assessment were done at their own will by the authorities. He strongly condemned such actions and act by the authorities.

Highlighting the negligence of the government towards its people Kiran added that no proper rehabilitation or resettlement for the affected families have not been provided till now.

He warned that if appropriate steps were not taken up by the government than they will halt the railway project and also the NF railway project along with coastal companies should leave the state. He reaffirmed that intense agitation will be done if they fail to left the place.

Social activist Asingpao kamei said that various aquatic animals and also many habitats were justness due to the project. He said that the project has affected both the hill and valley.

Asingpao further said that even though few compensation were given to the affected villagers adequate compensation were not given till date which violates the right to fair compensation, rehabilitation and resettlement act.

Highlighting the need of public awareness, Asingpao added that the affected villagers still suffers but the wealthy companies get benefited from it.

He also said that we need to find out the ways to mitigate the harms done to the environment and affecting the people in their socio economic life.

CM returns

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Chief Minister N. Biren today congratulate the student return back to Imphal after visiting to New Delhi in connection with the 17th Lok Sabha Election.

The Chief Minister was reportedly at Delhi for poll campaign of the BJP, however, a source said that the Chief Minister went to meet the central leaders of the BJP as there is an unpleasant wind blowing in the state BJP in the aftermath of the Parliamentary election. It is likely that a major reshuffle takes place after the declaration of the poll result on May 23.

CM congratulates

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Chief Minister N. Biren today congratulate the students of Manipur who have excelled in different streams of the Higher Secondary Examination (HSE), 2019 conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur. The CM also congratulate the parents and teachers for their relentless effort in supporting the student in achieving their goal.

No monetary demands were made from the doctors in the name of KCP: KCP-MC

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Secretary of the KCP MC, Lanchenba in a press statement has said that no faction of the KCP were involved in the monetary demand to doctors.

The statement said that the outfit after receiving complaints regarding monetary demands made to the doctors and private hospitals in the name of Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), the party inquired into the matter and it was found that none of the KCP factions were involved in the monetary demands.

The statement said that there are suspicions that those who are making monetary demands all over Manipur in the name of KCP are actually done by elements associated with the colonial masters.

"The only KCP which people of Kangleipak must trust is the KCP faction led by Comrade Noyon. Hence, people should not give money to anyone demanding money in the name of KCP who do not belong to KCP (Noyon) faction. Instead of that people should inform the party or people should do whatever is needed to be done to cure those people who are suffering from the disease called laziness and

are collecting money in the name of KCP", the statement said and added that people should ask what KCP has done for the people, which KCP faction has served the people. Most have taken money in the name of KCP from people and have done nothing.

People of Kangleipak must unite to stop these extortions rackets. People are aware KCP(Noyon) faction is the group which is going together will Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) and preparing for a national liberation struggle. KCP (Noyon) has developed its army for the liberation struggle and people are aware that building an army needs resources. Therefore, it is justified to monetarily support KCP (Noyon). KCP factions other than KCP (Noyon) should not demand money from the people. KCP (MC), the party which is releasing this statement understand this and even if KCP(MC) demands money from people, people should not give any money to us. The reason being we have not done anything good for Manipur for years and shown it to the people. KCP(MC) is preparing to work for the people of Manipur now and when this becomes successful people will come and help us

naturally. Till then, except KCP(Noyon), no other KCP faction is justified in demanding money from the people.

On the other hand, demands have been made to the doctors and all the private hospitals in the name of KCP. This is an act to create a bad reputation for KCP. Those who demanded money to the doctors said in their letter that doctors are guilty and in order to settle the matter they need huge sums of money. This is a shameless act from the part of those involved in it. If anyone is demanding money in the name of KCP, inform KCP(MC). Using the name of KCP and extorting money from people, the name of the revolutionary organization has been tarnished in front of the people. Now using the name of the organization, some people are further exploiting the people. People should not help any other KCP faction monetarily other than Noyon faction. KCP-MC has not made any monetary demands as of now to anyone. KCP (MC) has not made any decision to seek monetary contribution from people, the statement added.

KCP (MC) is again coming up anew because of the help of another revolutionary group with similar ideology.

Maoist Communist Party Manipur has helped enormously in building KCP(MC) and will continue to help in providing arms and ammunition, training and monetarily also. Till people trust KCP(MC), the party is not going to take help from the people. There are many ways to earn a living and improve our livelihood. The thinking that demanding money from people is the only way has given a bad name to the revolutionary war. In order to take money from the people, many are claiming to be KCP. People must unite to fight those who are giving the revolution a bad name. KCP (MC) urges the people to support its fight against those who are extorting money in the name of revolution without doing anything for the people.

Bikers with modified silencer fined

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Imphal West district police today conducted drive against modified two wheeler motor bike which make disturbing sound at Tidim road near Tidim ground.

Around 32 modified motor bikes which make disturbing sound were detained and fine after producing to the Court. The owner of the two wheeler motor bikes then ordered to replace the modified silencer with the original one failing which the police warn them of legal action.

