

Babysana case: Finally, CBI is all set to take the case

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Central Bureau of Investigation has given administrative approval to handle the case of Ningthoujam Babysana's death in the boarding of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School, said a reliable source. The source added that the case will be handled by the CBI Kolkata. The source further said that the request to handover the FIR number 138 filed by Singamei police station to CBI has been timely received and an official order to investigate the case has also been sent to the Special Crime Branch (SCB) of CBI Kolkata.

The case might be handled by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Abhay Singha. Lungnia Elizabeth's case was also handled by CBI Kolkata. As per the source, it has been more than a week since the case has been handed over to the Special Crime Branch, CBI Kolkata. The FIR filed by Manipur Police and the post-mortem reports have been analysed. As per the rule, an official notice just needs to be released stating that the case is going to be handled by Special Crime Branch. Regarding this, if the DGP and Chief Secretary of Manipur put pressure, then the investigation might start in a day or two. The case was

handed over to CBI since it is in public interest, said the source. It is also worth mentioning that there have been continuous agitations and bandhs by JAC and people of Manipur for the handing over of the case to CBI. Even the father of late Babysana has expressed willingness to give his statement if the CBI is involved. The entire state has been in a chaotic situation and regular functioning of various educational institutions has been disturbed all this while. The news of CBI finally handling the case might bring back the normalcy of the state with the hope that the justice will be served.

STDCM warns to boycott construction of Railway line if govt. fails to send recommendation by September 5

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Decrying over the failure to send recommendation to the central government to include Meetei/Meitei in the ST list, Coordinating body of Schedule Tribe Demand Committee warned to boycott the construction of railway line.

Speaking to media persons in

a press meet held today at the office of STDCM Convenor of Coordinating body L. Romesh said that they have been tolerating for a long time and added that they will intensify the agitation. He added that they will banned the construction work of the railway line if the government fails to send the

recommendation to include Meetei/Meitei in the ST list by September 5. Romesh further warned that if the construction still goes on without an understanding between the government and STDCM then the consequences should be held responsible by the government.

Drug siezed

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A joint team of CDO Thoubal led by Jem. Md Amin Khan and fLilong PS led by Inspector O. Ajit Singh assisted by ASI L. Tikendro along with the volunteers of ALADA conducted house search at Lilong Bazaar and recovered 34 nos of Codeine RTX cough syrup bottles, 356 nos. of SP

tablets, 650 nos. of WY tablets and 8 gms of heroine No. 4 from one Md Maseluddin @Masley (29) s/o Md Qutubuddin of Cachar, Assam at present living at Lilong bazaar and Kh Shadad Ali (25) s/o (L) Haji Nasib Ali of Lilong bazaar yesterday midnight. The seized items along with the arrested persons have been handed over to Lilong PS for further necessary action.

Guv' CM greets Teachers on Teachers' Day

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Manipur Governor Dr. Najma heptulla and Chief Minister N.Biren Singh extends his warm greetings to teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day 2019.

In his message Chief Minister said that teachers shape children into responsible citizens, and thus shape the nation. The future of a nation therefore lies in the hand of teachers. The 5th of September is celebrated as Teachers' Day every year across the country in commemoration of the birthday of late Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice President and the second President of India. It is a tribute to the contribution made by teachers towards society. Chief Minister further said that in celebrating Teacher's Day, we respectfully pay homage to late Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, a philosopher and a teacher par excellence. He appealed to the teaching community of the State to draw inspiration from Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and discharge their duties, with a renewed sense of dedication and commitment.

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Zeilad Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the biodiversity hotspot underTousem Sub-division of Tamenglong district in Manipur. Zeilad WLS alongwith contiguous landscapes of Jiri-Makru WLS and Bunning WLS are known to be rich in biodiversity and important for conservation. Very little work has been carried out in these areas and the repository of biodiversity is yet to be explored. On the other hand, tree felling and habitat destruction through reduced fallow Jhum cultivation is taking a serious toll on biodiversity. Hunting is a common practice. The area is home to endemic species and offers potential for the discovery of many new species. Communities belonging to Zeliangrong Naga, particularly the Rongmei tribe of 6 villages within the periphery of Zeilad WLS are



facing extreme difficulties for basic developmental facilities such as road, health care and education. Mr. Mathew, Chairman of Bamgaizang Village has informed team visiting the sanctuary. He had informed that the approach road from NH-37, Changdai, Kahulung to Bamgaizang is in deplorable condition and villagers are facing extreme hardships to travel by foot for nearly 6-7 hrs. to reach

Bamgaizang from the Highway or vice-versa. Roads are narrow with ruts all the ways making difficult to drive vehicles and during monsoon vehicle movements are also restricted. Communications are at life risks, besides villagers attempting travels for livelihoods and emergency health care services at Tamenglong. Villagers have informed about their problems and are keen

to work towards expanding conservation, restoration efforts and therefore would require help in motivation, mobilization and development of ecotourism initiatives including training of locals as guides and other ecotourism ventures. It was informed that the ownership of community areas are largely private or clan-based, and with their practice of Jhum cultivation the entire village community participates in conserving

forest areas in decision making and resolutions passed by the Village Councils for ban in hunting and extracting forest resources etc. Protecting forest and wetland ecosystem is not only important for regenerating degraded jhum lands, and for locals who can continue to draw upon its myriad ecosystem services, but also because these forests have connectivity to nearby sanctuaries for conservation. This ensures conservation and restoration at the landscape level, and allows possible movement of animals across the landscape, preventing species fragmentation etc. Hence creation of Community Conserved Areas and enforcement of rules and regulations to prevent hunting and tree felling will be a core strategy to protect biodiversity of Zeilad WLS and also motivate others to follow suit and encourage conservation efforts in Manipur.

Edn(S) dept introduces 'No School Bag Day' for all students reading in class I to VIII

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The Department of Education (Schools) Government of Manipur has introduced 'No School Bag' day for students reading in Class I to VIII. An Office memorandum regarding the matter has been issued by the State Education (S) Department. As per the office memorandum students reading in Class I to VIII in all government and private school will carry no school bag on every working Saturday.

The decision has been taken in view of the long term physical and mental effects of carrying heavy School Bags every day by the young students reading in Classes I to 8 causing lots of inconveniences, health problems and discomfort to them, have decided to introduce review the practice. The office memorandum signed by T. Ranjit Singh

Commissioner, Education (S) Department said that the students in the categories of Classes I to 8 are found to be always engaged with the routine works related to school curriculum/syllabi, additional home work assignments thereby finding hard to find any quality time for life skill activities including games and sports, extra co-curricular activities, etc which can help in their holistic personality development and growth.

"The Department of Education (Schools) is of the considered view the focus as on date will be more on the areas for providing a holistic development of the students by making Schools a joyful place for learning and considering the above circumstances and with an objective to reduce the excessive stress created



amongst the students on the one hand and also to make schools a more conducive and joyful place, the Government have decided to declare every working Saturday as "NO SCHOOL BAG DAY". "The "No School Bag Day" shall be enforced in all categories of Schools including the Government, Government Aided and

Unaided/Private Schools for students in Classes I to 8. On all working Saturday, the students shall not carry any school bag and Schools shall ensure taking skill activities including extra-curricular activities, games and sports, recreational activities, etc and make schools a more joy place of learning", the office memorandum added.

Farmers' meet resolves to formulate water and farmers' policy

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Concerning about the draught participation of drought affected farmers in the assessment of Impacts at Manipur Press Club.

The farmers meet resolves several points demanding rehabilitations to the affected farmers by Draught in Manipur.

A memorandum having all their resolutions will also be given to the Governor of Manipur.

The resolution includes that the The declaration of the drought In Manipur for the year 2019 should ensure the full assessment of Impacts on farmers both In hill and

valley with the rightful participation of drought affected farmers in the assessment of Impacts also to ensure that all affected farmers are not left behind. Also the farmers demands that The affected farmers should be provided necessary compensation and other Livelihood and rehabilitation measures for the loss of their crops timely and added that the government should provide free water, electricity and free education for all children of

farmers in schools, colleges and universities. Demanding for a fair compensation and rehabilitation the resolution added that the distribution and provision of crop compensation and other rehabilitation measures should be free from all forms of corruption, nepotism, favouritism and manipulation which will render further hardship to the already suffered farmers. The meet also resolved to urged the government in establishing a grievance cell to ensure that

Farmers affected by drought can raise concerns or complaints to seek redressal and to ensure the receipt of compensation or any other provision of rehabilitation for their losses.

They also urged to participate Civil Societies in the assessment of impacts of drought in all districts. Concerning about the functioning of various irrigation projects they urged the Government to take urgent steps to ensure that the Canals from irrigation projects in Manipur provide irrigation water to the agricultural fields nearby and also to formulate a committee involving CSO to monitor and assess its functioning.

They also demanded to formulate water and farmers policy for the state and lastly demanded to replace shifting cultivation with alternative method.

Addressing the key note General Secretary of Irabot Foundation Kh. Gopen Luwang stressed they were uncertain whether the compensation and rehabilitation for the affected farmers will be given to the said affected ones.

President of IFM Thongam Ajit said that the farmers sold their farmlands as they cant profit from it and thus were bought by rich peoples thereby establishing new factories in the farmlands. He added that the production of the state also decreased because of it.

The farmers meet was attended by Vice President of AMUCO K. Helen, President of AMWOVA Y. Kunjaram, President of AMESCO BK Moirangcha, President of NRC S. Susilkanta, President of COHR Phulindro K. Namsam, President of Poirai Leimmar Apunba Meira Paibi Lup L. Memchoubi.