

Govt. College teachers of Manipur line up series of agitation over non implementation of 7th Pay; sets Jan 28 as deadline

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Government College Teacher's body FEGOCTA today set deadline to the government for implementation of the Revised 7th UGC pay. The state government had time and again talk with the government over this matter and the FEGOCTA representatives said that they have been assured for implementation of the revised UGC 7th Pay. Talking reporters at Manipur Press Club today afternoon Convenor of the FEGOCTA Somorendra said that the 7th pay has been implemented for all government college teachers at other states of the country. He said that even after the government of Manipur had assured to implement the 7th pay many times it has never been converted into action. He demanded the government to implement the 7th Pay at the earliest and set deadline on January 28. "If government fails to implement the revised UGC 7th pay than the FEGOCTA will left with no choice but to launch series of democratic agitation. He said the teachers' body will begin with sit-in-protest and later they may intensify their agitation even at the cost of boycotting classes.

Drug peddlers arrested

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A combined team of Thoubal Police including women police and District Information Branch (DIB)-Thoubal arrested two drug peddlers namely, Md.Muktar @ Ithem (32) S/o Md.Kheiruddin of Moijing Leingojil and Akoijam Suvajit Singh (41) S/o Ak.Mangi Singh of Thoubal Wangmataba Mathak Leikai from Moijing Awang Leikai near L.P School on Jan. 16 at about 02:20 pm, and seized 6 grams of Heroin (No. 4 Powder), 38 nos. of WY tablets and one Honda DIO which was used in transportation and selling of drugs. In this regard a case has been registered at Thoubal Police Station for investigation.

CM leaves for New Delhi; likely to meet Central leadership for reshuffle of his ministry

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today left Imphal for New Delhi. According to source from the CMO, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh will be attending the oath taking ceremony of BJP Working President Jagat Prakash Nadda as the full time president of the BJP to be solemnized tomorrow. However, BJP source close to Imphal Times said that the Chief Minister is likely to meet Home Minister Amid Shah and other BJP central leadership including the newly elected president, Organisation Secretary for North East to discuss over the

issue for reshuffle of his Ministry. Biren is also likely to consult with the BJP central leadership regarding the election/selection of a new President for BJP Manipur Pradesh as the term for the present president K. Bhavananda is being over. Base on a source, Imphal Times had reported that the N. Biren Singh led ministry is likely to reshuffle by the last week of January. As per the source, The N. Biren Singh government is likely to replace 4 cabinet ministers by new faces. Political analysts are of the view that N. Biren Singh cannot make a decision on whom to be replaced in his cabinet ministry as any

decision taken by him may face serious consequences as there are possibility of rebellion from BJP MLAs as well as those congress MLAs who joined the BJP. Above all a decision by him may prompt the NPP to pull out from his government. Having understood the situation, N. Biren Singh may leave the decision on whom to be replaced in his ministry to the Central BJP leadership. However, he may recommend some to the central leadership. Another source said that it is likely that 2 Ministers from the NPP may be dropped along with another 2 from the BJP. The source however fails to detail on who will be replaced.

Stop land allotment at Paddy land of Yaithibi Loukol for establishing Medical Institution -YFPHR

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) sought the attention of the Chief Minister to stop land allotment for the setting up of the medical college at 44 Yaithibi Loukol which was once proposed to be used for the establishment of Food Park in the near past and National Sports University which are still being opposed by the people as the cultivable land and its production are the only sources of livelihood for the people inhabited in the area. Providing compensation may have serious impact on the sustainable livelihood. "We learned that our government is committed to protect the cultivable land as such we would like to draw the attention of CM that most people in Manipur are

dependent on the Agriculture land for their sustainable livelihood at this juncture of shrinking of paddy land mostly in valley. Thus, the construction of said Medical institution will be a threat to the livelihood of the people who depends on the said loukol and people of Manipur in general. We also fear that such situation will also leads to more dependency to other state for the food which is also deprivation of right to food and nutrition", a statement by Phajaton of YFPHR said. The forum said that large number of cultivable land have been sacrificed in the name of Development Projects which resulted in acute shortage of food production in the state and resulted in dependency to other state. The forum urged the Chief Minister to stop land

allotment for setting up of the medical Institution immediately as to save the paddy field for the livelihood of the people as per the "The Manipur Conservation of Paddy and Wetland Act, 2014." It also demanded the Chief Minister to direct the District Commissioner of Thoubal District to make demarcation of allotment land for the construction of medical institution in meadow areas but not in the paddy field or any other place that could be related to destruction of environment. The YFPHR also urged the state authority to monitor and stop on construction of any development work in the paddy field which are not sustainable and can be threat to right to food as per the "The Manipur Conservation of Paddy and Wetland Act, 2014."

MP Dr. RK Ranjan blames parent's irresponsibility to the rise of drug use among students

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Lok Sabha MP Dr. RK Ranjan today blamed the irresponsibility of parents in raising up their children for the increase in drug use among the students of the state. Speaking on the 29th foundation day of the Eastern Star Higher Secondary School, Khangabok in Thoubal district today, Dr. Ranjan said that had the parents of today's Manipur properly guided their children and gave proper advice problems being face by the state like drugs, insurgency and agitation in the street would not have happen. Dr. Ranjan however said that teachers and schools do have responsibility in grooming



good students. "Parents should play major responsibility for moving the society towards a brighter side, teachers are just gardener to nurture the children", RK. Ranjan said. He appealed the students to follow the path of the successful persons and to follow the righteous path. Today's function was also attended by MLA Y.Surchandra, Thokchom Jadumani, former VP BJP Manipur Pradesh, Thoubal DC N.Bandana-IAS, Thoubal SP Dr.S. Ibomcha-MPS, Khangabok Zilla Parishad Member Kh.Rajmohon, Founder Principal of the school Kh.Mangiao Singh and pradhan of Khangabok Part-I,II,III.

Intensified Pulse Polio immunization



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Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal District, N.Bandana formally introduced the first round of Intensified Pulse Polio immunization (IPPI) at Thoubal DC complex, Mini Secretariat. The immunisation programme initiated by District Health Society, Thoubal under the Directive of National Health Mission witnesses a huge turnout of kids from different Anshunwadi centre located in and around Thoubal. Speaking on the Occasion, DC Thoubal N.Bandana said it aim to immunize 34105 children within the age range of 5 years from the Thoubal district. The programme which is to be organized for 3 days is aided by opening 325 Pulse Polio booth at different locations of the district to fulfil the vision. Appointing 66 supervisor (Technical Level) and 9 District Supervisor Team Bandana said. Those who miss today's immunization programme can avail the immunization for two more days and also door to door immunization activities will be done, he added. He further appeals the general public to help and support in eradicating Polio from Manipur. Chief Medical Officer, Thoubal Dr. N.Jayentakumar, District Family Welfare Officer Thoubal Dr. Ksh.Memcha and District Health Society Thoubal DPM Ch. Basanta

were also present in today's immunization programme. On the other hand, Composite Hospital Langjing, Imphal under the aegis of IGP Manipur and Nagaland sector conducted Pulse Polio Immunization programme today at Langjing, Imphal. The program was organised as a part of Universal Immunization Program. Anshuman Yadav, IPS, IGP,M&N Sector graced the occasion as Chief Guest. D.K Tripathi, DIGP, Suresh Sharma, DIGP, H.K Kanaujia, DIGP, I.Lokendra Singh, DIGP, P.K Singh, DIGP and Dr Deepak, CMO (Anesthetist) along with other Officers, Doctors and Staff have organized the programme in befitting manner. Under this programme, Pulse Polio immunization drops have been administered to 215 children under the age of five years. Shri Anshuman Yadav, IPS, IGP M&N Sector expressed his happiness to be a part of Universal Immunization Program. Shri Anshuman Yadav, IPS, IGP emphasized the importance of Pulse Polio Immunization Program. He stated that this program has been started with an objective of achieving hundred percent coverage under oral polio vaccine. It aimed to immunize children through improved social mobilization and maintain high level of awareness among the public. 109 BN CRPF under the aegis of IGP Manipur and Nagaland

sector also conducted Pulse Polio Immunization programme on 19/01/2020 at Monsangai, Distt. Imphal west, Imphal. The programme was conducted in collaboration with Public Health Sub Centre, Monsangai to eliminate poliomyelitis (Polio) in India by vaccinating all children under the age of five years against the polio virus. Under this programme, Pulse Polio immunization drops have been administered to children under the age of five years. Shri Vinod kumar, Commandant 109 Bn expressed his happiness to be a part of Universal Immunization Program. He stated that unit will continue to serve the people of Manipur by carrying such humanitarian activities. He draw the attention of villagers by mentioning that Pulse Polio Immunization Program has been started with an objective of achieving hundred percent coverage under oral polio vaccine. It aimed to immunize children through improved social mobilization, and maintain high level of awareness among the public. Commandant Vinod Kumar, Deputy Commandant Vinod Savant, Deputy Commandant Kiyam Rajiv Singh, Dr. Y. Meghachandra Singh organized the programme in befitting manner. Village president present on the occasion praised the concern of the unit Commandant for its virtuous affiliation

DESAM warns Education Min. over non compliance of their demand

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Student body Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) strike hard to Education Minister for commercialization of the Education Sector. A statement by the President of the Student body Salam Aakash, said that memorandum for over a year the DESAM had submitted memorandums to Education Minister and other concern authority to open Model Multi-disciplinary College (MMC) instead of the Integrated teacher Education programme and non compliance of the demand by the Education Minister is considered as an attempt to commercialize the education sector.

The statement said that the DESAM had submitted an ultimatum to the State Government to sent recommendation regarding the matter to the NCTE. The student body threaten of dire consequences if the Education Minister and the government failed to comply with the ultimatum and said that any untoward incident occurred out of this will be held responsible by the Education Minister. The matter regarding integrated teacher Education programme has been put to the notice to the level of Governor, Ministers etc. by submitting memorandum from time to time since 2019. It is now a year and the demand for 4 year BA, B.Ed/ B.Sc. B.Ed is constitutional and democratic. Depriving

the rights of the students by the authority is unfortunate and any untoward incident arises out of this should be held responsibility by the Education Minister Dr. Th. Radheshyam, the statement said. DESAM's demand is to timely procurement of train teachers. According to National Education Policy 2019, 4 years Integrated B. Ed course will be mandatory for all teacher by 2029. The statement said that in Assam, 68 selected college had open integrated course, but nothing of such has been open in Manipur. "If Manipur is a part f India than why the Manipur Government is not interested in taking up the NCTE rules?" the DESAM questioned.