

Economic blockade and its effect in Imphal



UNC eco-blockade worries CAF&PD; appeals IOC to transport fuel along HN-37

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Imphal, Nov 4: Directorate of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (CAF&PD), Govt. of Manipur is worried about the stock position of fuel in the state as UNC's general 10 days economic blockade has severely affected transportation of fuels and other essential commodities along NH 2. The UNC economic blockade enters 2 days and as no oil tanker truck arrived along the NH2. The fuel stock was already running dry as no goods truck were allowed to travel during October 18 to Oct 31. Regarding the matter the CAF & PD has written the Deputy general manager of Indian Oil, Noonmati Guwahati to allow the transportation of fuel along Imphal Jiribam route.

The content of the letter written by the Director CAF& PD is produced below:

Bishwajit files nomination today

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Imphal, Nov. 4: BJP Candidate for Thongju Assembly constituency, Thongam Bishwajit files his nomination to the Election Returning Officer at Porompat today. The candidate was accompanied by BJP Maipr Pradesh President Thounaojam Chaoba, General Secy. Ashini, Media Secretary Basanta while filing the nomination paper. Congress candidate Bijoy Kojiam had earlier filed his nomination from the same constituency. This by-election is going to be a tough fight between the Congress and BJP as no other political party candidate has filed nomination till today. According to BJP source some of the central leaders are coming here in Imphal to campaign for the by-election in both the constituencies. Khumukcham Joykishan is fighting as BJP candidate in Thangmeiband AC by-election.

"As you are aware that stock position of Petroleum Products of IOC and other oil marketing companies in Manipur has been affected much in view of blockades called by different organisations along National Highway - 2 (Imphal - Dimapur) which is the main route for transportation since 18 October, 2015 till 31st October, 2015 of Petroleum Products and other essentials commodities. "Another economic blockade along the same NH-2 has been imposed by UNC till 10th November, 2015 w.e.f. 2nd November, 2015. Only one and half day (part of 31st October and full day of 1st November, 2015) only were available time for transportation of Petroleum Products along NH-2

towards Manipur. "The little amount of stock of Petroleum Products which had not been induced for 12 days cannot be compensated by transportation in one half day & one full day. While the stock is inadequate, it has to last for full 10 days without any induction during the blockade period of 10 days. Then, it will be difficult to manage for rationing the delivery of Petroleum Products to the Public. Meanwhile, Consumers will need Petrol & Diesel for operating private vehicle/passenger services and also LPG Gas for the incoming biggest festival of Ningol Chakouba in the State due on 13th November, 2015. "Considering the need of the public who have been suffering shortage of

Petroleum Products for about a fortnight, it is advisable to IOC to ensure that all IOC tankers/bullets fly along NH-37 (Imphal-Jiribam Route) at the earliest and to make specific arrangement at the nearest refuelling station to supplement the existing deplorable stock of Petroleum Products in Manipur in public interest. "It is also proposed that one time induction of MS and LPG in bulk from Guwahati may be made in addition to the present transport tankers in Manipur to ease out the fuel concern in the State. The IOC officials at Imphal may also be directed to coordinate with State Police Department to provide escort to resume the fuel transportation along NH-37."

KHUKYO appeals UNC to lift eco-blocked in view of Ningol Chakouba fest

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Imphal, Nov.4: Khundrakpam Kendra Youth Organisation (KHUKYO) has appealed the United Naga Council to lift the 10 days economic blockade in view of the ensuing Ningol Chakouba festival, Manipur's biggest festival slated on Nov 13. According to KHUKYO statement issued by its publicity secretary I.Tony, calling of economic blockade on the national highway by UNC on the eve of Ningol Chakouba is very unfortunate. 'Ningol Chakouba' is a special day for the married daughters in Manipur which strengthens fraternity and love. On this

special day, a grand feast of 'iinjang mathen-mathen' (various cuisines) is prepared in the honour of the daughter at her 'mamap' (mother's house). It said that the festival belongs to all community both living in hill and valley. However, calling of blocked has shocked the people particularly the people in the valley. As such, we appeal UNC to lift the blocked in view of the cultural festival. Calling of bandh, blocked for a petty demand has been a fashion in Manipur. Although, bandh, blocked targets the government, the innocent people become the victim of such agitation.

Manipur Government and centre should come out with a policy to prevent bandh and economic blocked culture in the state to avoid unwanted happenings. It may be recalled that a 10-day economic blockade was called by United Naga Council (UNC) against the three bills passed by the Manipur government. The blockade was effective from Monday midnight. The UNC decision on imposing the economic blockade came after a meeting held on October 29, which seriously reviewed the overall political development and situation prevailing in the state of Manipur particularly Nagas and tribals in the hills. (Contd. on page 2)

AITUC blames Union Home Ministry for failure to establish HW Protection Force

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Imphal, Nov. 4: All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) today alleges Union Home Department for interrupting to the setting up of National Highway Force. Speaking to the one day political conference of the AITUC, Imphal East District held at Irawat Bhawan Auditorium today, General Secretary of AITUC L. Sotinkumar said that even though the people of the state has been demanding High Way Protection Force from a

very long time the state government under the directives of the Union Home Ministry has not taken up any initiative to establish the High Way Protection Force as they fear strong opposition from the NSCN-IM. He further added that the demand for setting of a National Highway Security protection force in national highway is for the security of the drivers as the route is frequently blocked by anti social elements.

Sotin termed Modi led government as anti worker by re-establishing the labour law which extended the working hours from 6 to 12 hour per day. As a part of the conference, a book called "Modi sarkama sinmisingbu meenai oihanaba thousil" also release. President of Imphal East district AITUC Tomba Meitei and president of TUCC Manipur Kh Gyaneshor Singh also attained as main speakers.

Myanmar-Manipur conference on conservation of cultural heritage

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Imphal, Nov 4: Myanmar-Manipur conference on conservation of cultural heritage will be held at Chorus Repertory Theatre in Imphal, Manipur from November 23 to 25, 2015 organised by Imasi Maharaj Kumari Binodini Devi Foundation. The conference will bring together artists and scholars from Myanmar and Manipur to discuss the challenges and issues of

cultural heritage conservation. It is open to the public but seating is limited and prior registration is required. The event is organized in association with Laihui and supported by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur; Asian Cultural Council of New York; and Chorus Repertory Theatre. International participants-Dr. Shobhana Chelliah (US) on Old Manipuri, Dr. Pyriet Phyo

Kyaw (Myanmar) on Bagan architecture, sculpture and art, Grace Szh (Myanmar) on Film and Cultural Conservation, U Thaw Kaung (Myanmar) on Myanmar Manuscripts, Dr. Tin Maung Kyi (Myanmar) on Shamanic Performance, Francois Tainturier (France) on Shwe Nandaw Monastery Conservation, Kathryn Deyell (Australia) on Reclamation of Tangkhul Culture Jessie English and Eric Feigenbaum (US), Documentation.

State to take financial assistant from World Bank ad ADB

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Imphal, Nov 4: State government of Manipur has invited executives of Asian Development Bank and World Bank to visit the state to have an interaction with the chief functionaries of state government to seek financial assistance for taking up developmental works. Official source said that the initiative is being taken up as several other states are being benefitted by external aided projects that support development effort of their respective states. For the matter these

bigger states have already taken advantage of funding from financial institution like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and JICA etc. For the purpose all the IAS officers of the state and head of departments has been given strict direction to formulate schemes ad programmes for their respective department before the scheduled visit of the world bank authority. For strike compliances of the said programme all IAS officers of the state and other head of department has been advice to reflect their

performance in the Annual Performance Appraisal Report (PAR). The decision was taken during a meeting held at the Secretariat Conference Hall regarding the access to external funding for projects or programmes in the state on November 3, said an official source. The source added that the decision was taken in accordance with the guidelines on PAR, wherein targets of the IAS officers shall be set by Reporting Officer at the beginning of the years i.e. the period of reporting.

Assam Rifles distributes sports items

IGAR(S)
Imphal, Nov.4: 45 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) distributed Sport items to the youth of Sekta village under Assam Rifles Military Civic Action Programme for the year 2015-16 on 03 Nov 2015. During this event, Football, Volleyball, Cricket, Basket ball and Badminton equipment alongwith accessories were distributed to Youth of Sekta village. Assam Rifles has played a stellar role in promotion of sports in Manipur. Keeping the same tradition in view,



the sports items were distributed to the young people of Sekta village. Sekta is a famous village in a remote region of Manipur which has produced renowned sportsmen like Padma shree Phijam

Baishanop and Padma shree Dingko Singh. The noble gesture of Assam Rifles will assist in promoting sports among the future generation of Manipur and in addition wean them away from insurgency and drugs.

Govindas Konthoujam highlights 'make in Manipur' for make in India initiative

Manipur Information Centre New Delhi, Nov. 4: Manipur Commerce and Industries Minister Govindas Konthoujam explained on what the Manipur Government was going to do under 'Make in Manipur' for Make in India initiative of the Government of India. Participating at the Annual Textile Conference held today at India Habitat Centre with Union Minister of State for Textiles (Independent Charge), S.K. Gangwar in the chair; Govindas Konthoujam stated that the economy of Manipur was primarily based on

agriculture, horticulture, forestry, handloom, handicrafts, sericulture, animal husbandry etc. He said, "We are setting up Livelihood Business Incubators (LBI) and Technology Business Incubators (TBI) in all the 9 Districts of Manipur. In addition, we are planning to set up Rural Industry Service Centres (RISC) in each of 61 Blocks in Manipur. In these LBI, TBI and RISC we are planning to train and upgrade the skills of our educated unemployed youth for taking up entrepreneurial activities under MUDRA, PMEGP, Food Processing

Fund of NABARD, Credit Guarantee Fund Trust Scheme of MSME sector, Apparel & garment making, power loom, post cocoon activities. After making forward & backward linkages we will arrange suitable financing so that they can take up micro and small enterprises in order to earn additional income of minimum Rs.60,000 per annum. Since we have the highest density of Handloom weavers, the income generation potential through the sustained efforts in handloom, handicrafts and sericulture is huge in Manipur". He informed that as advised

by the Union Secretary of Textiles on 24th March, 2015 in a meeting taken by him in Imphal, the State Government submitted proposals for 10 Block level Handloom clusters, 10 Handicrafts clusters and Sericulture cluster proposals under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) to the concerned agencies under Ministry of Textiles. He urged the Union Minister, Textiles to announce the sanctions of those projects to give a boost to Make in Manipur which was part of Make in India initiative of

Government of India. He recalled that when the Union Minister and the Secretary of Textiles had visited Manipur on March 23 this year in Manipur, Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh had outlined the vision of State Government of Manipur that only additional employment generation on a mass scale would lead to the path of peace & prosperity in Manipur. Based on his vision, he had advised his officials to devise a road map for realising the vision.

He was proud to announce there that the State Cabinet of Manipur in its meeting held last week approved the proposal for launching the State Mission of 'Make in Manipur initiative for Employment Generation' in the Sangai Festival in Manipur to be held in the last week of November 2015. He extended his invitation to the Union Minister of Textiles and all the State Ministers of Textiles from different States to attend the launch of the mission and also enjoy the State hospitality during Sangai

Festival, an annual international festival showcasing 'Make in Manipur Exhibition', tourism potential and arts & culture of Manipur. Govindas Konthoujam expressed the gratitude of the Centre for sanction of Rs.13.17 crore for power loom and Rs. 235.76 lakh for four Block Level Handloom Clusters under NHDP, Rs 149.76 crore for Manipur Sericulture Project in four valley districts and Rs 30.39 crore under Integrated Sericulture Development Project for Eri & Mulberry in Hill District in Manipur. (Contd. on page 2)