

Bandh supporters blocking road by burning woods



Bandh disrupt normalcy; Chief Minister says it happen every time; Dy CM says he will give comment tomorrow

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Imphal, Aug 24: Indefinite Manipur Bandh called by the Manipur Police recruitment DPC appeared candidates of 2013 from yesterday midnight has severely affected normalcy in the state putting life to a grinding halt at some of the area.

The bandh called by the constable appeared candidates demanding revocation of the state cabinet decision for cancellation of the recruitment is in no mood for consideration to the Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam as both reluctant to give proper comment to the queries by reporters at Hotel Imphal when asked their responses.

"It happen every time, it is not new", was the answer replied to reporters by Chief Minister Okram Ibobi.

Deputy Chief Minister Gakhangam, who is also in-charge of Home tried to sideline the matter which cripple normal life in the state saying that he will make some statement tomorrow.

Meanwhile, bandh supporters at many places burnt tyres in the middle of the road, placed woods and vandalised vehicles which violated the indefinite bandh. At Kakching life was put to standstill with supporters



preventing movements of vehicles and shutting all sort of business establishment including Kakching Keithel and other shops. Since early morning today bandh supporters places woods and other materials in the middle of the road at Langthabal area. Report said that heated argument arises between a van driver transporting newspaper to other district at Langthabal area. Latter, the matter was settled after leaders of the constable appeared body settled the matter amicably.

At Khumbong area bandh supporters even stopped AR vehicle which was travelling to their camp at Keithelmanbi. At Sardar Hills too the bandh is total, with student's body TSA extending its support. At around morning the bandh failed to give much impact in greater Imphal area. Vehicles were seen in the street but the number was slightly decrease. Passenger service diesel auto vehicles and some private vehicles were seen plying but less in normal from other days in the morning.

However, later on afternoon, street in Imphal area are seen deserted as vehicles stopped plying on the road. Shops which were seen opened early in the morning were force to close down by bandh supporters. Govt. offices witness thin attendance as many employees were stranded at various places due to the bandh. Meanwhile, police has arrested around 18 bandh supporters from various places including Iriblung, Singjamei and other areas.

Govt. completes procedure to acquire land for widening of NH-39

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Imphal, Aug 24: State government has completed all procedure to purchase land from land owners for widening of road from Lilong to Moreh on NH-39 and from Wangjing in NH 39 to Khudengthabi via Heirok and Machi. Source said that DC Thoubal and DC Chandel will supervise the land acquisition process along

with suitable value of standing properties for direct purchase through negotiation with affected land owners. It further added that the compensation will be paid by National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) with fund provided by the Ministry. A government source said that the road stretch between

Lilong to Wangjing will be 4 lane standard which means the wide of the road will be 30 meters with paved shoulder and also service land in built-up areas (37.50) at 8 (eight) locations as per land acquisition plan prepared by NHIDCL. The road stretch between Wangjing to Moreh and the one via Heirok will be 2 lane standard, the source added.

17 Injured in Clashes between Tripura Tribals, Agartala Locals

PTI

Agartala, Aug. 24: At least 17 people were injured in clashes between supporters and activists of the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) and local residents in different parts of the capital today, police said.

"A group of people from the procession of IPFT attacked some persons at the heart of the town at Kaman Chowmuahai and ransacked some shops and set some vehicles on fire, apparently without provocation. The incident resulted in clashes and at least 17 people, including women were injured," Uttam Bhaumick, the superintendent of police at the police control room said.

Soon after the incident, DGP K Nagraj and SP (West) Abhijit Saptarshi rushed to the spot. A large contingent of police and paramilitary forces brought the situation under control, he said. Bhaumick said in one place the police had to resort to lathi charge to disperse the unruly crowd.

The IPFT, a tribal based party, today took out a procession in the city demanding "Twipra land" - a separate state for the tribals - by carving out of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAACDC) from the state. The tribal council constitutes two third of the state territory and is home to tribals who form one third of the population. The rest of the state's population are considered migrants.

The ruling CPI(M) condemned the activities of IPFT supporters and alleged it was a "preplanned conspiracy to disrupt the communal harmony of the state". "The IPFT is trying to disrupt



the communal harmony since long. Today's incident was preplanned and aimed at breaking the communal

harmony and peace in the state. We appeal to all to maintain peace and calm," the party said in a statement.

NIPP condemn Tripura incidents

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Imphal, Aug 24: North East Indigenous People Parliament (NIPP) strongly condemn the attack by CPI-M and Bangladeshi refugee to the indigenous Tripuri people. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today afternoon, coordinator of NIPP Ningthouja Lancha appealed the Chief Minister of Tripura and Central committee of CPI-M to apology to the people of the Tripura for yesterday incident at which around 6 people were killed and 41 others were left seriously injured besides raping of many indigenous Tripuri women by Bangladeshi refugees who called themselves as Tripuri. Lancha warned serious agitation against the Bangladeshi Refugees across the entire North East Region if the kind of action continues. "North East Indigenous People Parliament (NIPP) will organise strong agitation against all Bangladeshi refugees taking shelter at

various part of the North East India. Narrating on how yesterday's incident happened; Lancha said that Indigenous Peoples Front Tripura (IPFT) was celebrating the 6th Schedule day at Stable ground now known as Swami Vevikananda Maidan. Following the celebration a mass rally was organised demanding a separate state for the Indigenous people Borok inside Tripura. However, CPI-M supporters and Bangladeshi refugees started pelting stones and beer bottle to disturb the rally. As clashed broke out between the two groups the irate indigenous people burnt various vehicles including cars and bike. In retaliation, the Bangladeshi refugees assaulted, killed and raped the indigenous people, Lancha added. He further added that Tripura government has shutdown internet and even TV channel to control the issue.

EGM condemns

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Imphal, Aug. 24: "Editors' Guild Manipur, condemn the incident in which Khumanthem Achouba, a hawk of Manipuri dailies was assaulted by around 20 bandh supporters today Langthabal Phuramakhong. Achouba was stopped and beaten and abused by the bandh supporters around 4.30 today morning.

The EGM also take serious note of the language used by the supporters of ongoing indefinite bandh called by candidates of 2013 DPC for selection of Constables. The EGM considers distribution of the news dailies as essential arm and part of the media fraternity without which the media cannot fulfil its role of dissemination of information. Taking serious note, the EGM appeal responsible officer bearer of the organisation spearheading the bandh to meet the undersigned or any member editors of EGM so as to settle the issue. EGM also appeal the office bearers of the organisation to advise their supporters not to harass hawkers or any members of the media fraternity doing their duties. If you have any complaints against the media, kindly talk to the members of the EGM for removing any misunderstanding.

DESAM kicks off yearlong anti-drug campaign with SAIDUM

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Imphal, August 24: Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) in association with State Alliance for Injecting Drug Use Programme (SAIDUM) have jointly launched yearlong anti-drug campaign on the theme 'our youth- our future' today at Khoirphaba Sanglen, Nambol under Bishnupur district. Addressing the gathering at the inaugural function of the campaign, Vice President of A Anand, Vice President of DESAM in his key note address that above 30 percent of the youth between 13-18 years of age are using drug;

owing to drug abuse they have turned into a soulless living person with no hope in future. The future of our youths is becoming dim day by day with the increasing drug abuse among the youth in Manipur. On top of it, less opportunity in employment and high level prevalence of corruption in the state made the youths disappoint and compelled them to drug abuse.

While stating that using drug open in the educational institute is an act of disrespecting the school or college, the VP of DESAM has appealed the students' community to refrain from drug

and work hard to become a responsible citizen. The feeling of nationalism should be ignited among the youth and it is their role to restore the lost ground of today's youth. President of Social Awareness Service Organisation (SASO), RK Tiken has also highlighted the prevailing drug menace in Manipur. He also appealed the students not to use drugs and discuss with elders regarding the drug abuse.

Around 1000 students from different schools under Bishnupur district were attended at the anti-drug programme.

BJP Kishan Morcha distributes paddy saplings

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Imphal, Aug 24: BJP Manipur Pradesh kishan Morcha vice president Ningthoujam Itomba Meetei on wednesday distributed paddy saplings to the farmers of Keirao whose paddy crops were damaged by the recent flood. Around 2000 bundles of paddy saplings were distributed to 30 flood affected farmers in the village. Youth development centre club

keirao bitra secretary Heikham Jadumani said that the recent flood and breakage of thongrangbi canal damaged paddy crops planted in about 20 hectares of land. As such, many farmers of the village are facing shortage of paddy saplings. Despite the local farmers facing shortage of saplings and fertilizers, no gov authority including the incumbent local MLA turned up the village for rescue of the flood affected

farmers, he said. While lauding the BJP kishan morcha VP N Itomba for his initiative, Jadumani said that paddy saplings provided by Itomba would help resolve the problems facing the farmers to some extent. Noting that Itomba had earlier distributed 500 urea bags to the farmers, he said that Itomba is the only man who always extend help to the people in the hour of need.

Treasuries are among the first offices to be fully computerised in the state

DIPR

Imphal, Aug. 24: Treasuries are among the first offices to be fully computerised in the State. Computerization of all Treasuries was initiated during the year 2005-2006 with funding by the 11th Finance Commission. The hardware installations were taken up then along with Computerisation for bill passing through "Treasury Net" software.

Computerization of pension database and payments for all Pensioners of Manipur was taken up during 2007-08, and it has helped in Computerised Pension calculation, life digital photography of pensioners replacing manual and lengthy procedures. Computerisation

of Pension payment was initiated for eradicating the inefficiencies of manual pension payment system thereby reducing delays in pension disbursement and removing fraudulent practices. Manipur is the only State in the North East where pension preparation is done by the Treasuries while in other States, it has been handed over to the bank. There are at present around 48000 pensioners/family pensioners. In recognition of the work of pension preparation by treasuries, the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, Manipur has been felicitated as the Award Winner at the 3rd e-North East Award, 2012 held

at Gangtok, Sikkim on 22-23rd of November 2012. The National Pension System (NPS) was introduced in the State for the Government employees joining the state service on or after 1st January 2005. Till date there are around 23,500 NPS subscribers in the State. The Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts ensures regular credit of contributions to the respective NPS Subscribers' Accounts. The Directorate has taken up various initiatives to sensitize the concerned stakeholders, like DDOs, Subscribers, etc. by way of conducting numerous Trainings & Awareness Programmes.

One Day Panel Discussion

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Imphal, Aug 24: One day panel discussion on "Peaceful Co-Existence amongst the Ethnic Groups of Manipur" was held today at MIMS Hall, Manipur University (MU), Canchipur, Imphal. The panel discussion was organised by All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) in connection with their Golden Jubilee Year, 2016.

Sanasam Subhachandra, President of All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU), Dr Lokendra Arambam, Former Head of Department of Audio Visual Research Centre of Manipur University (MU), Prof. WC Singh, MIMS Department of Manipur University (MU), Dr Thathang Vaiphei, Assistance Prof. of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and

Inclusion Policy of Manipur University (MU), Dr MD. Rahejuddin Sheikh, Director of DDU Kaushal Kendra Dhanamanjuri Community College of DM College of Science and RK Robichand, Director of Change and Peace Building Action (CPA) attended the panel discussion as president, moderator, panellist, chief guest and guest of honour respectively.