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PMO intervene commissioning of Mapithel Dam

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: Prime Minister Office (PMO) has sought reasonable clarification regarding Mapithel Dam which is scheduled to inaugurate on September 2, this year. A highly reliable source said that in the regard the Union Ministry of power has directed the state government to stop the commissioning of Mapithel Dam. The directives come as a complaint by one Shivani Choudhary, executive director of housing and land rights network Delhi. In the complaint to the PMO it is stated that the force commissioning of Mapithel Dam as it would amount to violation of human rights of the people residing at the close proximity of the area as well as it would impact the free flow of Thoubal River. The complaint also urged to resume the expert review

committee formed in 2008 and address all pending rehabilitation and resettlement, and other issues related to impacts of the Mapithel dam as per the finding of the ERC prior to commissioning of the project. Another serious allegation to the Manipur Government mentioned by the complainant is the failure of the various mega Dam in the state. The PMO was urged to review and investigate the failure and under performance of all commissioned mega dams in Manipur such as the khuga Multipurpose hydroelectric project, the Khoopum dam, the Singda multipurpose hydroelectric project and the Loktak multipurpose hydroelectric project and implement the 2009 recommendations of the UN special Rapporteur given on the Mapithel dam.

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IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: Union Home Minister of State for Home, Kiran Rijji today arrived at Imphal and paid fitting tribute to the portrait of freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu at Tingkao Rangko Temple at Chingmeirong. The Home Minister was earlier scheduled to visit the birth place of Gaidinliu at Nungkao in Tamenglong District by helicopter, however due to bad weather the visit was cancelled and the memorial service of the freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu was held at Tingkao Rangko Temple at Chingmeirong, Imphal West. The Union Minister was received by the President of the BJP Manipur Pradesh, Ksh Bhavananda and other prominent leaders of the BJP at Imphal Airport. Speaking on the occasion Rijji lauded the talents of the

youth of the state which had contributed at many field to the country particularly in the field of Sports, however decried on the failure to reach the benefit provided by the central government. "sometime we feel pain when the Manipur state has not able to reach the development project to the poor people taken up by the government of India in the jewel of India and has must potential and talented youth especially in sport", Rijji said. He called on the need for collective work with CSOs, all political party to restore peace in the state. On the other hand the Minister who hails from Arunachal Pradesh, an NE state said that the believed of the indigenous people of the land are identical however there is slightly difference in conversation and normal practices.

BJP's 12 hour bandh hit normal life in the state

Detained BJP MLAs released; Bandh shortened at 1 pm

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: The 12 hour bandh called against the detention of BJP MLAs Khumukcham Joykishan and Thongam Bishwajit today disrupted normalcy in the state as BJP workers and other supporters including volunteers of the Manipur Police Constable Recruitment appeared candidates came out at streets and prevented vehicular movements at various areas here in Imphal. Both the MLA Khumukcham Joykishan and MLA Thongam Bishwajit were arrested for spearheading agitation to prevent conduct of the Manipur Police Constable fresh recruitment test held at Pangei Police training Center. Both were produced before

the CJM Imphal East and sent to judicial custody as they refuse to plea bail. According to a reliable source, state government received heavy pressure from the central government and following that the state government have no choice but to withdraw the FIR lodge against them and released them without condition. Following the released, the 12 hour bandh was shortened at 1 pm today. The bandh however did not give any disturbance to the proposed programme of the Union Home Minister of State, Kiran Rijji. Report said that large number of BJP workers with flags blocked road at Keishampat junction leaving helpless to the

police personnel deployed at the area. BJP workers also burnt tyres and blocked road by placing iron poles across the road at Sagolband Bijoy Govinda area. At Jiri Parking area Wahengleikai, BJP Supporters stopped all sort of vehicles. At various places of the state including Imphal West, Imphal East and Thoubal District bandh supporters prevented all sort of movement putting life to complete halt. Some shops were seen open at morning today but after BJP workers and Police Constable appeared candidates came out to the streets those shops were forced to close down till the bandh was announced shortened at 1 pm.

NSCN-IM recounts Naga's unique history

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: NSCN-IM today said that the framework Agreement put in place today between the Nagas and Government of India is a result of prolonged, dedicated and prayerful outcome between the two parties who have submitted themselves to settling down the final question of the Naga people, not this current Nagaland state. The statement said that when GoI leaders say they now well understand the 'Naga's situations', they do not mean the present Nagaland State. It said the when successive Indian Prime Ministers say the case of the Naga people is 'UNIQUE', the term 'Law and Order' has been completely ruled out now. The realization that seeking military settlement has proved its own futility explicitly asserts that the case between the Naga people and GoI need be settled politically. The NSCN-IM statement also reminded the history of the Naga movement. It said Nagaland State is already an abrogated agreement. In the first place this 16th state of India is a brain child of an arrangement which was

severely condemned by the then NNC saying, "Who are this people (the then NPC) to inter into agreement with the Government of India", Said Late AZ Phizo. 'Who mandated these people? We have come this far involving sacrifices of thousands of precious lives therewith'. No matter such a benevolent provisions in the form of 371 (A) there are vital clauses which have already been knocked out. It doesn't demand further explanation. Secondly, people who have the least knowledge of how much efforts the Government of India and Naga leaders in collaboration with internationally re-known legal experts, constitutional experts, on legal matters and conflict resolutions, people who are so much committed to peace around the world, have work this far to allow permanent settlement between the GoI and the Naga people wherever they are today. Series of collective and wide ranging consultations that have taken place right from the start of the on-going peace talks have never failed to garner the wisdom and strength of the Nagas wherever they are. Nagas who were forced to live

under politically tormenting situations inside different political structures of India and Myanmar are not as happy and comfortable as those who have aggressively reaped the fruit from the quick-fix 16th states of India. These group who have incessantly asserted on safeguarding the sanctity of Nagaland state had also at the same time ridiculed the framework agreement as being devoid of Naga sovereignty and Naga integration. What exactly do they want? Naga integration or protecting the 16th States of India? The so called NPGs should be bold enough to dare and officially declared themselves that they stand for safeguarding the 16th state of India and refrain themselves to talk about the Naga issue. We do appreciate the unsparing and immense efforts put forward by the Nagaland state Government, Naga civil societies, Church groups, Senior citizens and all who are deeply dedicated to bringing about an inclusive settlement and to whom the framework agreement put in place is accredited to the statement added. (full text on tomorrow's issue)

Committee on privileges, Delhi Legislative Assembly to visit Imphal

DIPR
Imphal, Aug 31: A Committee on Privileges, Delhi Legislative Assembly has arrived in Manipur on 30th August, 2016 to exchange views and knowledge with the Sister Committee on Privileges and Ethics, Manipur Legislative Assembly regarding its functioning and other related matters. The visiting Committee will call on Deputy Speaker/Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Ethics, Manipur Legislative Assembly at Hotel Classic Grande, Chingmeirong, Imphal at 6 p.m today according to a statement issued by Deputy Secretary (Admn), Manipur Legislative Assembly.

Exam postponed

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: Examination scheduled to begin from September 1, 2016 for class XI and Class XII for Special Regular English School Nambol has been postponed till September 5, said a statement of the Principal of the School. It said exam scheduled for September 6 will remain unchanged and scheduled for postponed subject will be rescheduled with a new notification. Reason for postponed for the examination is not mentioned, but coincidentally the statement of the School Principal reached media houses a day after surrendered militants' body call 65 hours bandh/ general strike from September 2 and 24 hour general strike called by an UG group.

UNC leader Gaidon Kamei prevented from attending CCpur JAC meeting

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: President of the United Naga Council (UNC) Gaidon Kamei was today forced to return back without attending the meeting organised by the Churachandpur JAC which is spearheading an anti ILPS Bill protest today. Report said that the UNC President, Gaidon Kamei, also convener of Outer Manipur Tribal forum, was stopped by a group of people at Mangleinphai area in

Churachandpur district while coming to attend the meeting scheduled today at Churachandpur district head quarter. Even MP from Assam Bishwajit Daimary was also forced to return back from the area by the group pf people who have differences with the JAC formed against the ILPS related Bills. The JAC has been organising series of demonstration including shutting down of the town for 12 hours and

staging of sit-in demonstration and mass rally in Churachandpur district in connection with the observance of Tribal Unity Day today. The day is observed by the JAC Churachandpur to commemorate the mass uprising at Churachandpur last year against the passing of the ILPS related Bills. Nine tribal youth were killed in the uprising whose death body still is kept without performing the last right.

Late Robinhood's family appeals to relax bandh on Sept 3

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: Family of late Sapam Robinhood today appealed the concern group to relax bandh on September 3, 2016 as the day falls 1st death anniversary of the deceased who was killed during protest demonstration for introduction of ILPS in the state. Father of Sapam Robinhood,

S. Romesh requested to relax the bandh called as it would hampered the traditional ritual ceremony of his son. Chairman of Robinhood Foundation, Ch. Shyamchand said that Sapam Robinhood was killed during students' agitation demanding implementation of ILPS in Manipur. He expressed dissatisfaction to the enquiry

commission headed by Justice Mutum Binoykumar Singh for delaying the enquiry till today instead of completing it within the stipulated time. Shyamchand further appealed the state government to produce the enquiry report of Sapam Robinhood in the upcoming state assembly session which is scheduled to begin from September 2.

"Claims and Refutations: Compilations on Inner Line Permit System" released

IT News
Imphal, Aug 31: A book called "Claims and Refutations: Compilations on Inner Line Permit System" edited by Dr. Homen Thangjam, Dr. Shukhadeba Sharma Hanjabam & Dr. Aheibam Koreng published by Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University was released today at the Conference Hall, Anthropology Department, Manipur University today. The book released function organized by Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University was attended by Prof. M. Dhaneshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University as Chief Guest and Prof. W Nabakumar, Anthropology Department as Guest of Honour while Prof. L. Loken, Dean Students' Welfare MU presided over it. About the Book In pre-colonial Manipur, immigration does not lead any to any social tension. Post 1891, there was instances of patronizing foreigners to live and settled in 'British Reserved Areas' by the British Colonial Authority. Even then, there were mechanisms for check and balances for restricting the entry of foreigners without permission and strictly limiting the number of days granted for stay. The problem started with the integration of Manipur to India in the year 1949. The removal of restrictions on the entry of outsiders by the GoI on 18 November 1950 was responsible for swarming in of immigrants in voluminous proportion

consequently leading to increased pressure and shrinking of agricultural land and wet land and deforestation. The Manipur natives started perceiving that it had seriously impacted the cultural, socio-economic and geo-political structure of the land. At such milieu, the people of Manipur, particularly students, sprang up a movement directing against the state urging the government to expedite the process of deporting illegal immigrants in the early 1970s. It was at its peak during the period of 1980 to 1994 in which there have been two Memorandums of Agreement signed between the Government of Manipur and the agitating student's body in the year 1980 and 1994 for the detection and deportation of illegal immigrants. However, it remains immaterial. After the movement remaining lull for quite some time, it resurfaces with some concerted effort by United Committee Manipur (UCM). As a consequence of it, the Manipur State Legislative Assembly (MSLA) and the State Cabinet during the year 2012 - 2013, make some concerted efforts for extending the provisions of Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation 1873 to the State of Manipur 'to save the indigenous people of Manipur from being overtaken by the outsiders'. In the meantime, Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) came into existence to champion the cause of enacting and implementing appropriate laws to protect the indigenous people of Manipur. With it, the movement became more broad-based and inclusive in

the valley of Manipur, though same cannot be said of the hills. On 10th December 2014, the All Manipur Political Party on Inner Line Permit System submitted a report compiling reviews and opinions of experts towards framing appropriate provision of law for Protection of the Indigenous People recommending the enactment of law by the state government - to regulate the entry of visitors to the State with the provisions for issuing a permit for proper verification of the character and antecedent of such visitors; for compulsory reporting and verification of antecedents of tenants and domestic/professional helpers; strict enforcement of the existing law relating to the foreigners to check the entry of illegal migrants from neighboring countries; may be suitably amending the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960 to incorporate a provision for imposing restriction on the transfer of land to the non-residents of the State with the basic intention of protecting the interest of local inhabitants while ensuring that the development of the State is not hampered; taking up immediate action for strict implementation of the existing labor laws in the state for enabling the State Government to identify and to restrict anti-social elements who tried to enter the State as the workmen; creating a separate Directorate under the State Home Department for monitoring and effective implementation of the proposed law on the Manipur Visitors Compulsory Registration, after its enactment. (Contd. on page 2)