

## Newly created Jiribam revenue district inaugurated

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 14:** Chief Minister of Manipur, Okram Ibobi Singh today inaugurated Jiribam Revenue District in the presence of concern Ministers, MLAs and district authority. Jiribam along with 6 other subdivisions were created to full-fledged revenue district by the government of Manipur on Dec 8. Mix responses received to the sudden announcement of the new district with some dancing and praising the government and some decrying the government. The rejection came particularly from UNC, the Naga organization enforcing economic blockade in the Highways and political parties including BJP. Inauguration of Phezerol district scheduled today has been postponed. The Chief Minister will inaugurate Tengnoupal District. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, Revenue Minister I Hemochandra, Commerce and Industries Minister Govindas Konthoujam, MLA of Jiribam Assembly constituency Th Devendra Singh, Chief Secy. O Nobokishore and Dr. RK Nimai, Consultant to the Government of Manipur. The Chief Minister along with others went to Jiribam in a chopper. Dr. Harmit Singh Pahuja Singh, IAS, the first DC of the newly created revenue district welcomes the dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion,



Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh said that Jiribam Revenue district was not created for one particular community but is for the convenience of the entire community of the region. The Chief Minister also assured to take up infrastructural development works at all the sub divisions of the newly created district. "I know the inconveniences of Fire brigade in proving service to residents at

Borobekra. When there was a fire incident at Jakuradhore Bazar the Fire brigade from Jiribam could not reach the site on time", the chief Minister said and added that a new fire station will be constructed at JT Road in consultation with the local MLA. Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam while speaking on the occasion said that state government is considering Jiribam as an important places

as it is the a door or gateway of Manipur. He however appealed the people to remain alert at most of the time as the place itself stands as a door to the state. Revenue Minister I Hemochandra Singh, Commerce and Industries Minister Gobindas Konthoujam and local MLA, Th. Debendra Singhalo lauded the effort of the Chief Minister in creating the 7 new revenue district.

## Prepaid counter opened; Cease work strike continues

**IT news**  
**Imphal, Dec 14:** While the downed prepaid counters of electricity department has been opened from today, the Manipur electricity employees union (MEEU) still continues their cease work strike demanding their regularization of muster roll and work charged employees of Manipur State Power Distribution Corporation Limited (MSPDCL) at Keisampat. Speaking to media persons, one of the employees said the union members had already met the Commissioner and discussed their demands and

issues to which the Commissioner gave them assurance that the matter will be taken up with the Chief Minister personally stating that the demands are legit. The employee also said that despite the current unstable situation, the Chief Minister have not given any positive response so far to the union. Instead of a written assurance, verbal assurance has been received which the union consider very unfortunate but will wait for the result, the employee added. The union threatens to continue the cease work strike at the Corporation complex

which began from December 6, 2016, until their demands for service of muster roll and work charged employees is regularized at the earliest. The union has been demanding the government to regularise the service of muster roll and work charged employees since 2014 whereas the state government has regularised the service of muster roll and work charged employees for some other departments of the state. Manipur State Power Distribution Corporation Limited has 38 muster roll and 305 work charged employees.

## RPF/PLA reiterated stands on restriction on ex-cadres from contesting election

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 14:** Revolutionary People's Party (RPF) has reiterated that its restriction of contesting election by deserters of RPF and its army wing PLA is still in force and their former cadres should refrain themselves from contesting in the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur

Legislative Assembly elections. In a release, Roben Khuman, Secretary Publicity, RPF, said that the party has been wedging war against India to regain sovereignty of Manipur and contesting in the election by accepting the Constitution of India is violation of its principle.

Stating that those who violate the rule of the outfit are the enemy of the people, Roben Khuman warned that former cadres of RPF/PLA should refrain themselves from contesting in the forthcoming election and those who violate the restriction must accept punishments awarded by the party.

## Gaidon and Stephen remanded in police custody for 7 more days

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 14:** Police today remanded UNC president Gaidon Kamei and Publicity Secy. Sangkhel Stephen for 7 days in police custody for the second time. The two were arrested by a team of Manipur police from Pheidingga on November 25 on charge of disrupting traffic at National Highways of the state. Both were produced on December 8 to the court but were re-arrested by Tadubi Police Station in connection with a case registered against them and remanded in police

custody for 14 days. Advocate S Inaobi and Advocate Achamliu Golmei appeared on behalf of them. After being produced to the court the police seek more time for investigation to the court. As per the submission by the police some volunteers or supporters of the UNC which has been enforcing the economic blockade along the national Highways had torch a loaded truck bearing registration number MN-01-9194 near Tadubi at around 6.25 am of November 21. The truck was transporting 600

bags of chicken feeds from Jalpaiguri, Silguri. The truck was set ablaze by 5/5 persons suspected to be supporters / activist of UNC and as they were involved in with full conspiracy of the organization, both Gaidon Kamei and Stephen were highly required in Police custody for further investigation. Following the plea, the Chief Judicial Magistrate Imphal East granted 7 days remand of both the accused in police custody. The Court directed them to produce before the court on 20/12/2016.

## BJP conducts signature campaign on demonetization under Wangkhem AC

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Dec. 14:** In support of the demonetization of high denominations decision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led NDA government, members of booth level committee of polling 32/15 under Wangkhem Assembly has conducted a mass signature campaign today at Yairipok Singa Makha Leikai. Executive Member of BJP Manipur Pradesh, Oinam Haridash; Ex-pradhan of Wangkhem, Gram Panchayat, S Modhuchandra and other BJP members of the assembly constituency attended at the signature campaign. Addressing the gathering at the

campaign, Oinam Haridash said that ceasing legal tender of Rs 500 and Rs 100 is a strong and promising step taken by the Prime Minister of India to put an end to the menace of black money in the country. Manipur is infected with internal cold war and enmity among the communities, he said while adding that peace and tranquility of the state could only be restored only when the BJP came to power in Manipur. In this regard, it is very important to elect BJP candidate from Wangkhem AC in the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Assembly Election. The development works taking place across the

state is not from the side of Congress government in the state, but all the money for development works are directly coming from Center to the state under the patronage of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. In all fronts, Haridash said, Wangkhem AC is one of the most underdeveloped constituencies in the state, while the present local Congress MLA is trying to worsen the pathetic situation of the A/C, he added. Other BJP local leaders have also appealed to support the steps taken by the NDA government in the Center and extend support to BJP in the upcoming assembly election.

## Delhi HC to hear pleas against demonetisation on December 22

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Dec 14:** Delhi High Court on Wednesday adjourned till December 22 the hearing on pleas challenging the demonetisation move after it was informed that the Supreme Court is seized of the matter. As the bench headed by Chief Justice G Rohini did not assemble today, the counsel for the petitioners sought a date after December 15 as the apex court will hear similar issues. The court adjourned the matter to December 22. The counsel said that the

Supreme Court is seized of the pleas challenging the November 8 decision to demonetise high value currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 and also the petition filed by the government seeking transfer of matters pending before various high courts to either the apex court or one of the high courts. The high court bench was hearing two separate pleas, one of which has sought discontinuation of new Rs 2,000 currency notes. The other petition has sought a direction to the Centre to ensure that all the ATMs are

dispensing cash and people do not suffer. One of the petitioners, Pooja Mahajan, who runs a designer showroom, has questioned the government allowing certain public utilities including hospitals and petrol pumps to use the old notes. In her plea, she has also claimed that the government has taken a dual stand as on the one hand it was encouraging people to deposit old notes in bank accounts and on the other hand, it was threatening them of prosecution for depositing over Rs 2.5 lakh.

## Reviewing Unification Politics of Manipur Nagas through Ethnicisation of Education (2006-2008)

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The issue of affiliating schools and colleges in Naga inhabited districts of Manipur to Nagaland Board of School Education and Nagaland University first came into notice as a delegation of All Naga Students Association Manipur (ANSAM) met the Nagaland Chief Minister, SC Jamir to press their demand. It urges to facilitate affiliation of schools and colleges in Naga inhabited districts of Manipur to NBSE and Nagaland University. The representation claimed that 'displaced' Naga students, who left Imphal valley in the wake of the anti-ceasefire agitation, failed to pursue their academic career due to the hostile environment compelling the students to take admission in schools and colleges in Nagaland. The demand for affiliating the schools in the four hill districts of Manipur to NBSE in lieu of the Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BoSEM) and subsequent replacement of BoSEM textbooks with that of NBSE in Manipur's four hill districts of Chandel, Tamenglong, Ukhrul and Senapati which was being

launched as a part of the non-cooperation movement by a section of the sponsored Nagas in pursuit of its agenda for Naga unification resurfaces in July 2006. In its pursuit, thousands of BoSEM textbooks were confiscated and consigned to flames alleging that syllabi of BoSEM underrate the cultural, social and traditional values of the Nagas. Such a move is very much related with the common Naga aspiration to live together as one under a single geographical entity. BoSEM text books are allegedly instrumental in subjugating the culture and tradition of Nagas and other ethnic groups of hill districts on the grounds that it amounts to imposition of Meitei culture over other ethnic groups. Naga Students Union, Chandel (NSUC), Naga Students Federation (NSF), Angami Students Union (ASU), ANSAM, Tangkhul Katamnao Saklong, Zeliangrong Students Union Manipur (ZSUM) were the organizations involved in the burning of books. The Naga organizations involved in the demand for shifting to NBSE affiliation alleged the state government of imposing Meitei

script, but it was denied by the Manipur Education Minister stating that pursuing the Manipuri language/ Meitei script by tribal students is optional. In view of the Naga Peoples Conventions (NPC) resolutions of August 8 and 9 in the year 2001 and 4th of November 2005, the movement for affiliation to NBSE and Nagaland University was statedly launched by ANSAM as part of the non-cooperation movement against the 'present state of Manipur' in pursuit of the demand for unification of all Naga homeland. UNC, Naga Womens Union Manipur (NWUM), and Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) too supported the pursuit for affiliation to NBSE. UNC, NWUM, NPMHR, and ANSAM issued a press clarification stating it as inevitable to set the record straight to justify the resolute stand of the Naga people for common administration. The joint statement outrightly rejected the allegations that the demand for introducing of NBSE syllabus in the four hill districts was planned by the NSCN-IM as a blatant lie. (Contd. on page 2)

## Counter blockade

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 14:** Truck Drivers and locals of the Khumbong Kethel continue the counter blockade at Khumbong keithel since early morning today. Yesterday the protestors burnt a Mini trucks and prevented all sort of vehicular movement after suspected volunteers of UNC fire upon the truck coming towards Imphal injuring a handyman on the previous day.

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