

Irate locals of Keirao area in Imphal East shut ting down the Iriblung water supply scheme office today morning



Life in Imphal freezes for 1 hour as Keithel lady protest for ST status

IT News
Imphal, Dec 6: Life in Imphal city and other district head quarters in Valley region of Manipur was put to a complete halt for one hour starting from 11 am as Keithel ladies of almost all major market areas went out at the street showing solidarity to the demand for ST status of Meitei/Meitei.

As stated by Mutum Churamani, Convener of the Coordinating Committee for Scheduled Tribe status of Meitei / Meitei during a press meet day before yesterday, womenfolks of various Keithel in Imphal, Bishnupur Thoubal,



Wangjing etc. came out to the street by holding banner in protest of the ST demand committee.

report reaching here said that protest were staged at Nambol, Bishnupur. Wangjing

, Khwairamband Keithel in Imphal, Khurai Lamlong, samurou etc.

During the protest shops and other business establishment at Keithel areas of each places remain shuts. vehicles were

not allow to pass and the womenfolk shouted slogans demanding inclusion of Meitei/ Meitei communities to Scheduled Tribe list under the constitution of india.

Day before yesterday the convener of ST demand coordinating body Mutum Charamani had stated that if the state government fails to sent the socio economic condition of the Meitei/ Meitei people and the Ethnography of the Meitei/ meitei to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as demanded by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, the committee will intensify its agitations.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa passes away

Chennai, Dec 6: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa passed away at a Chennai hospital last night, the 68-year old AIADMK supreme breathed her last at 11:30 PM at the Apollo Hospital. She had suffered a massive cardiac arrest on Sunday evening. Jayalalithaa was admitted to the hospital on September 22 following complaints of fever and dehydration, but she never fully recovered. Jayalalithaa's body was taken to her Poes Garden residence before being taken to Rajaji Hall, where people can pay



her last respects to the departed soul. Last rites will be performed at 4.30 PM today.

Tamil Nadu government has announced a seven-day State Mourning from today. During

the period, the national flag on all government buildings will be flown at half-mast. No official entertainment will also be held during this period. The government has also declared a three-day holiday for all educational institutions in the state. The neighbouring union territory of Puducherry has also announced a holiday for all government offices and educational institutions today as a mark of respect to Jayalalithaa.

She had scored a historic win in Tamil Nadu assembly elections about six months ago. A film actress Jayalalithaa had entered the politics in early 1980s under the guidance of her mentor MG Ramachandran. A five-time Chief Minister, Jayalalithaa pioneered a string of social sector schemes like 'cradle to baby scheme' aimed at fighting the curse of female foeticide. She also started public welfare schemes like Amma Canteens to provide low-priced food to the urban poor. Other similar pro-poor schemes launched by her included 'Amma salli' 'Amma water' and 'Amma medicines'.

The funeral of Jayalalithaa will be held at MGR Memorial in Marina beach area of Chennai. The mortal remains of J Jayalalithaa have been lying in state at the Rajaji Hall where lakhs of people have been paying their last respects to the departed leader since early this morning. A steady stream of visitors ranging from VVIPs to many people who are just longing to get a glimpse of the leader.

Meanwhile, arrangements are in place at the MGR memorial where it will be the final resting place of Jayalalithaa. The police have been streamlining the swarming crowd with great difficulty. People living in districts are paying tributes to their departed leader and paying floral tributes in front of her portraits and photos. Ms Jayalalithaa passed away last night to a cardiac arrest last night at 11:30 pm.

National Flag will fly half-mast today

PIB
New Delhi, Dec 6: The Government of India today announced with profound sorrow the death of Selvi J. Jayalalithaa, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, including Delhi and yesterday at Chennai. Today, the Government is observing one-day State mourning throughout the country and there will be no official entertainment.

As a mark of respect to the departed dignitary, the Centre has decided that the National Flag will fly half-mast in the capitals of all States/UTs, including Delhi and throughout the State of Tamil Nadu. A state funeral will be accorded to the departed leader at 4.30 PM today in Chennai.

Manipur CM Condoles

IT News
Imphal, Dec 6: Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today condole the demise of Tamil Nadu Chief minister J. Jayalalithaa.

"We have lost a great leader, a far sighted politician who always stood for the poor and the down trodden", the Chief

Minister writes in the condolence message.

The Chief Minister also stated that Jayalalithaa demise is a great lost not only for the people of Tamil Nadu but also for the nation.

The Chief Minister extended the condolence message on behalf of the people of the state.

State BJP Condoles

IT News
Imphal, Dec 6: BJP Manipur Pradesh and its sisters organisations including Mahila Morcha also condole the demise of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister.

General Secretary Administration

Ashinikumar, in a message share the pains of the people people of Tamil Nadu at this moment.

"It is not only the lost of Tamil Nadu but lost for the entire nation. Her demise will be a vacuum in Indian politics", the state BJP said.

State's first home rooftop solar unit inaugurated

IT News
Imphal, Dec 6: In a first, a grid connected 5kw rooftop power supply and consumption unit is inaugurated by chief secretary O Nabanishore at Khurai Kongpal Kongkham Leikai, Imphal East on Tuesday.

The solar unit is installed at the home of businessman and entrepreneur Jyotin Thokchom.

Addressing the inaugural function, Nabanishore said the effort by Jyotin is indeed laudable in the face of power shortage in Manipur.

He said Jyotin's effort will be etched in the history of Manipur as the first grid-connected home in the state.

The chief secretary also thanked MPDCL and Maniredra for providing support in solar rooftop unit scheme in the state.

Irate locals shut down Iriblung water supply scheme

IT News
Imphal, Dec 6: Failure to provide safe drinking water facility by the Iriblung rural water supply scheme for many years has infuriated the Keirao locals, prompting them to shut down the water supply scheme indefinitely.

Irate locals of Keirao bitra Awang Leikai under the aegis of Iriblung Library Union locked the pump house of the scheme situated near the Iriblung bridge at about 9 am this morning.

Iriblung Library Union, Chairman Salam Madhumangol said that people of Keirao bitra, particularly the inhabitants residing between the stretch between Iriblung bridge to Keirao Tarung Makhong have been denied safe drinking water by the Iriblung water supply scheme (rural) for the last 20 years. Local club had earlier appealed to the department concerned to provide drinking water to the villagers. Despite repeated appeals, no authority paid any heed to the public grievances and managed to take up

befitting action to this effect.

A public meeting held at the complex of Iriblung Library Union, Keirao Bitra this morning took serious note of the government's apathy to the villagers and unanimously resolved to shut down the water supply scheme indefinitely with immediate effect demanding safe drinking water to the aggrieved people.

He said that Iriblung water supply scheme comprises two schemes rural and urban. Augmentation of Water Supply for Imphal City Phase-1 at Iriblung constructed by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) was commissioned in 2007. It was constructed under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCP) at an estimated cost of Rs 816.66 lakhs with the main objective of providing safe drinking water to the people in Imphal city. This Urban water supply scheme is now properly working and supplying regular drinking water to Imphal city area while the rural water supply scheme fails to

provide even a single drop of drinking water to the local people.

"PHED ignores the local people while it manages to provide water to the VIPs and urban people. Local people living near the water resource area are denied safe drinking water while people in the city are enjoying our water resources. We will not allow the department to use our water resource and provide drinking water to other areas until and unless the local people are provided drinking water," he said.

Despite the fact that all the water pipelines at Keirao bitra installed 50/60 years back are now almost worn out and got rusted, the department fails to replace the old pipelines with new ones. Our demand to replace with new pipelines was denied by the PHED officials giving lame excuse that the department had run out stock of pipes.

A memorandum was also submitted to the chief engineer PHED demanding drinking water to the people at the earliest.

State Congress boss has no answer on UNC's economic blockade

By: Wahengbam Rorkkychand
Imphal, Dec 6: When the people of Manipur especially people in valley areas are filled with anguish, frustration and insurmountable afflictions due to the ongoing economic blockade imposed by United Naga Council (UNC) along the national highways connecting the state, Chief of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) has no answer to reply to the general questions of the public- when this blockade will come to an end, and why the government is not taking any step to prevent the UNC and its supporters to make the people suffer by blocking the main lifeline of Manipur?

The blockade that has been on for more than a month has triggered price rise and crisis of essential commodities in Manipur. Naga apex body UNC

had imposed indefinite economic blockade along the national highways (39 and 53) from November 1, 2016 in protest against State government's decision to carve out two new districts- Sadar Hills from Senapati district populated and Jiribam from Imphal East district.

Infrustrated with the hardships,

bodies of valley and Kuki-based (like AMUCO, UCM, CCSK, JAC Sadar Hills, KIM, KSO) have come out openly and warned the State government to call off the blockade and UNC to reconsider their mode of agitation else to face the wrath of their impending moves against the economic blockade.

ongoing economic blockade and creation of two states, the 65-year-old Congress-strongman, who has been consistently representing 59 Saikot(ST) A/C for 5 (five) terms, said that it is up to the wisdom and intelligence of the Chief Minister, who is also the head of the Congress Legislature Party and his council of Ministers. The government will decide the steps which has to be taken up, Congress party and President of MPCC is not competent to comment on it. On another question- is there have any political agenda over the hasty announcement for the creation of Sadar Hills and Jiribam districts and government's inability to materialize its decision, this reporter got the same answer from the President of MPCC.

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blockade affected people in valley area have also retaliated with counter-economic blockade by preventing supply of essential commodities to hill areas from plain areas of the state, where non-Naga and non-Kuki are dominated.

Worsening the situation apex bodies of various civil society

In such a juncture of the state, this reporter of Imphal Times exclusively interviewed President of MPCC, TN Haokip at his presidential chamber situated at Congress Bhavan, the state Congress head office hereon Monday morning.

When asked about the opinion of MPCC over the

Manipur Players bag 3 Gold Medals for International Championship

IT News
Imphal, Dec.6: Three Manipuri Wushu players bags Gold Medal in 3rd Ding Feng Cup International Wushu Championship, which was held from 3 December, 2016 to 5 December, 2016 at Hang Chiang Indoor Stadium located at Penang in Malaysia.

Altogether 7 Medals including 3 goals, 3 Silvers and 1 Bronze were won by Indian team.

The three players - Naorem Boynao, Md Romiyo of Manipur and Laisom Ibungomacha of Assam bagged Gold Medal in 60 kg, 56 kg and 56 kg Senior Taolu category respectively.

Kaushik Gowde, Muniraju and Uday Kumar from Karnataka of Indian team



bagged silver medals in 45 kg, 56 kg and 70 kg category respectively, while Tamil Nadu's Yuvaraj bagged

bronze medal.

The Team was led by India Wushu Coach, Ksh. Jugeswor Singh.