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Fitting tribute paid to Ex-Minister M. Ibotombi on 22nd Death Anniversary CM says assassination, an easy job are acts of cowards

IT News
Imphal, Dec 7: Chief Minister Okram Ibobi today said that act of killing people, assassination - an easy job are committed only by cowards. Speaking on the 22nd death anniversary function of the Ex-Minister M Ibotombi organized by Moirangthem Ibotombi Memorial Trust at the Moirangthem Ibotombi Memorial Complex in Heork of Thoubal district today, Chief Minister O Ibobi said that short temper or vengeance might have been the reason for someone to commit the most cowardice act but killing will not bring any solution. He appealed people to think into



the matter and said that we all should work together not to make such barbaric act repeated again. Ex-Minister Moirangthem Ibotombi was assassinated by armed group 22 years back, his son M Okendro is presently the RD & PR Minister of Ibobi led Congress government. Every year fitting tribute was

paid to the departed leader by organizing grand memorial function. This year the remembrance function was organised under the theme - "Aphaba Khunnai Amagidamak Apikpa Wakhal Thadoklasi", which literary meant let us leave selfish thinking for a better society. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi

further said that no organizations or individuals have clarified the reason for killing late Ibotombi.

"Every year the organizing committee has been asking those responsible for the killing of late M. Ibotombi to give reason for such an extreme action but till today no has clarified", the chief

Minister said. On the other hand the Chief Minister said that even the law court takes time to decide in awarding capital punishment to culprits. How could someone take the life of a person so cheap? How could someone punish a person with capital punishment on the ground that he had committed some crimes? Did any of them ever enquired on why the wrongs are being committed or did any of them find out whether it was compelled to do or not, Okram Ibobi questioned.

The chief Minister further appealed the people to stop act of barbarism and eradicate violent activities from the society for a better peaceful society.

Earlier, Chief Minister O.Ibobi, Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, Parliamentary Secretaries, Ministers, MLAs, and top officials of Manipur Police Departments along with thousands of people paid floral tribute at the memorial complex of Ex-Minister M Ibotombi.

UCM to call all community meet on December 9

AMCO & TCLF urge govt. resolve Eco-blockade crisis

IT News
Imphal, Dec 7: With the UNC fails to listen to the plead of the UCM to roll back the economic blockade along the two national highways, the United Committee Manipur (UCM) has called an all community meeting on December 9.

This was stated by Elangbam Johnson, President of the United Committee Manipur while talking to media persons today. Johnson said that as the deadline given to the UNC has been over the UCM is now left with no choice to convene an all community meeting to find a way to counter the UNC economic blockade.

He said the economic blockade has given tremendous hardship not only to the people of the valley areas but also to those villagers in interior Hill district. He appealed UNC to once more reconsider the appeal for relaxation of the economic blockade from various sections of the

society. The All Manipur Christian Organisation (AMCO) and Tribal Churches Leader Forum (TCLF) has demanded to sort out the current issues between State Government and United Naga Council (UNC) with a clarification over the announcement of Jiribam and Sadar Hills as full fledged district. Speaking to the media persons here at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, L Saimon Raomai, executive member of TCLF said that it was a wrong move for the State Government trying to approve Jiribam and Sadar Hills as full fledged district without the concern of the Stakeholder of each district and community. The decision let the economic blockade to come in action call by United Naga Council (UNC) where both hill and valley people have met the limit of suffering. UNC are not against the any community but against the State Government, he added.

Security tighten in NH-37; over 700 trucks stranded at Jiribam

IT News
Imphal, Dec 7: State security forces had escorted around 650 empty trucks at NH-37 towards Jiribam to ferrying essential commodities. Reports from Jiribam said that around 700 loaded trucks including Oil tanker are presently stranded at Jiribam. The security force which escorted the empty trucks from Imphal early today morning will again brought those trucks which remain stranded at Jiribam.

As per report, the security escort will first escorted the Oil tanker vehicles towards Imphal and later those ferrying essential commodities like rice and vegetable will be brought to Imphal. Meanwhile, security have been tightened up at almost all sensitive areas. As per permission from the Central government Central para Military forces have been deployed at Noney, Nungba, Sibilong and Nung Dolan areas.

No roll back in UNC's economic blockade; counter blockade intensifies

IT News
Imphal, Dec 7: There is no roll back to the 27 days long economic blockade called by the United Naga Council (UNC) even though various sections of the society including Church Bodies, civil society organisations and other Hill base bodies had appealed to relax it for some days in view of the hardship face by the general public.

However, source with this newspaper said that some members of the UNC are looking for alternative ways to end the blockade if the Central

government intervene and demands put up by them are listened. With Christmas festival just round the corner the UNC is giving immense pressure to score points so that Manipur government drop out the idea creating Sadar Hills District.

However, as the state government has taken its own stand and is utilising all sort of security measures to allow free passage of vehicles carrying essential commodities for the state. Moreover the center's assurance to provide central paramilitary force if needed has made the state government stand rigid and it

seems like the government will not compromise ti any of its stands.

Meanwhile, counter blockade called against the UNC's economic blockade at various places of the state has made life terrible for those villagers living in the interior part of the Hill districts.

Counter blockade supporters today intensified at Khurai, Pallel and NH 37. Pallel keithel remain shuts to protest the UNC's economic blockade. At Sejang and nearby area along the Imphal Ukhrul road counter blockade supporters stopped all sort of goods ferrying vehicles and pulled it down.

HG to get Constable Salary in UP

Allahabad, Dec 7: Even though Homeguards in the state of Manipur are not enjoying pay in par with the Police constable, the Allahabad High Court has directed the Uttar Pradesh state government to pay minimum wages of police constables to the Home Guards of the state. Rejecting a writ petition filed by the state government in the matter, the bench of Justice DK Shukla and Justice MC Tripathi ordered that the home guards should be paid minimum wages of a constable employed with state police.

Aged man succumbed after fainted while standing in queue for money exchange

IT News
Imphal, Dec 7: A 70 year old pensioner who has been undergoing at RIMS hospital after he fainted while waiting in line to exchange money Imphal Head post office on Monday. The deceased identified as Akoijam Ibohanbi (74), a resident of Thoubal Wangma

Taba Mathak Leikai fainted while he was waiting in queue at Imphal Head Post Office for exchange of demonetized currency note. Report said that staffs of the post office provided him first aid and later admitted to RIMS hospital where he has been undergoing treatment.

Logjam in Parliament continues over demonetisation

AIR New Delhi, Dec. 7: Demonetisation issue continues to disrupt proceedings in the Parliament with both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha witnessing adjournment till 2 pm as soon as the houses reassembled at noon after first adjournment. In Lok Sabha the opposition members including Congress, TMC and Left continued their protest demanding discussion on demonetisation under the rule that provides for voting. Speaker Sumitra Mahajan tried to take up matters of public importance even as the opposition members continued to raise slogans. Later, Speaker adjourned the House till 2 PM. Earlier, the House when assembled for the day, Opposition trooped into the Well shouting slogans even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present for a brief while. Mallikarjuna Kharge of

Congress reiterated demand for discussion under the rule that entails voting. Parliamentary Affairs minister Anant Kumar said the Government has already agreed for a discussion under Rule 193 that disallows voting. The Rajya Sabha was also adjourned for the second time till 2 pm on demonetization issue. There was no change in the situation when the House reassembled at Noon after its first adjournment. Chairman Mohd Hamid Ansari tried to conduct Question Hour but in vain. Both the treasury and opposition benches indulged in slogan shouting forcing adjournment of the House. Earlier, in the morning, Leader of the House Arun Jaitley charged the Opposition with creating ruckus under some pretexts. He recalled that the Government has readily agreed to the Opposition demand for a full-fledged

debate on demonetization since day-one. He said most of the leaders have already participated in the debate. Mr Jaitley urged the opposition to continue the discussion that has already been initiated last month. Prior to that, Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad alleged, 84 people in the last one month have died due to the Centre's move. He asked how much of black money has come back into the financial system. Naresh Aggarwal of Samajwadi Party said the Opposition is ready for discussion but in presence of Prime Minister. Ms Mayawati also made some remarks which could not be heard in the din. Deputy Chairman PJ Kurien said it is on record and urged the opposition to start discussion in which Prime Minister would take part. He adjourned the House as noisy scenes prevailed.

PM Narendra Modi slams opposition for not allowing debate on demonetisation

PTI New Delhi, Dec 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today flayed the opposition for its "undemocratic" act of not allowing a debate on the demonetisation issue even as he asserted that the "major reform" exercise had the support of the people. In his remarks made at the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, he said Parliament in the past decades has debated a number of government decisions, which had caused tensions and social conflict, but it was now derailed by rival parties over a "constructive decision" like demonetisation. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth

Kumar, who briefed reporters about the meeting, however, did not elaborate about the past decisions being referred to by the Prime Minister. Asserting that India is moving towards less-cash and a digital economy, Modi asked MPs to spread awareness about it in a similar manner they do so about EVMs and voters-list during elections. 'Janshakti' (people's support) is with the government on demonetisation, he said. "What some opposition parties are doing is undemocratic and the issue should be debated in Parliament." The Parliamentary Party also passed a resolution

condemning opposition parties as it accused them of "shifting goal posts". The party in the resolution also hailed people for their support. The resolution, proposed by Home Minister Rajnath Singh and seconded by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, also asked the opposition to allow the debate to take place. Kumar named Congress and TMC among the parties stalling Parliament. "Opposition parties are doing so for no valid reason and as part of a political agenda. We have made it clear that the Prime Minister will speak in both the Houses but they keep changing the goal posts," he said.

Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan made a presentation during the meeting about his ministry's work to move towards less-cash and digital transactions. Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar also spoke about how Goa government is working to ensure that 60 per cent of transactions in the state are cashless. He is also the former state Chief Minister. The meeting also condoned the death of several luminaries, including Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalithaa, Cho Ramaswamy, journalist and commentator, RSS functionary and former Governor Bhai Mahavir among others.

RBI's first review post-demonetisation today, interest rates at 6-year-low likely

New Delhi, Dec. 7: The Reserve Bank of India's bi-monthly monetary policy review is expected today. This will be the central bank's first review after the demonetisation of high denomination notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 was announced exactly a month ago. The RBI is widely expected to cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 6%. A 25-basis-point cut would bring down the repo rate to 6 per cent, which will be the lowest lending rates since September 2010. Some economists are even forecasting a 50-basis-point cut, given the slowdown on

the back of the cash crunch caused by demonetisation. Meanwhile, investors were cautious ahead of the key announcement, and expect the central bank to ease its key lending rates. The key Indian indices traded marginally in green during the early morning trading session, as healthy buying was witnessed in oil and gas, automobile and metal stocks. The rupee also continued to tread the recovery path for the second day today, climbing 12 paise to 67.78 against the US dollar ahead of the RBI's policy meet, scheduled around 2.30 pm today.

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