

Maoists set 48 hours deadline for distribution of allotted ration under NFSM

IT News

Imphal, July 20: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM) has extended support to the ongoing peoples' movement at Khurai and Khundrakpan Assembly constituencies against government authority's failure to distribute allotted share of ration under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM).

In a press communiqué signed by one Comrade Nonglen Meitei, Secy. Publicity and propaganda MCPM, the outfit warns MLAs of the two assembly constituencies to face serious consequences if fails to distribute the allotted share to the people within 48 hours. It also appealed the people to continue the movement until their rightful share has been distributed to them.

The rebel group also bombarded strong words against the two MLAs stating that if the people's rightful shares are not distributed within the period as mentioned, the outfit will take up the matter seriously as the act is nothing less than looting the people.

RIMS appeals TAMOA to withdraw agitation

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Imphal, July 20: The authority of Regional Institute of Medical Science (RIMS), Imphal appeals to the Teachers' and Medical Officers' Association (TAMOA) of RIMS to withdraw the decisions of the TAMOA to abstain from attending OPD services by its members from 21st to 23rd July, 2016 if the authority of RIMS does not revoke the suspension of Dr. L. Trinity by 4.00 pm of 20th July, 2016 in the larger interest of patient and public.

A statement of the Director RIMS, Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh said that a throughout Inquiry is underway into the unfortunate death of Thokchom Kongbi Khereda of Khurai Kongpab Sajor Leikai, Imphal. As the committee is trying to complete and submit its report at the earliest, the institute sought cooperation from all concerns in the regard.

Hearing on petition filed against wanted tag on Ratan deferred

IT News

Imphal, July 19: The hearing of the petition filed by former JCILPS Convenor Kh Ratan challenging the "Wanted" tag on him has been deferred to another bench as the Division bench of Chief Justice RR Prasad and Justice S Serto had denied plead by the Advocate General to proceed criminal contempt against state media which carries news report of yesterday's proceeding terming it as "scandalous" report.

The hearing which was scheduled today was strongly objected from further continuation by the Advocate general as he plead the division bench to accept criminal contempt to the media which carried the report yesterday before the hearing of the case filed by Kh Ratan continues.

Petitioner's counsels Sr Advocate Khaidem Mani, Sr Advocate I Lalit and advocate Rakesh Meihoubam plead the division bench to proceed the hearing as the matter related to the press can be taken up aside, however, the Advocate general strongly argued as the media report had the tendency to influence the judgment. Later after hearing the argument, the division bench deferred the hearing to another bench.

Petitioner's counsel Advocate Khaidem Mani, while speaking to Imphal Times said that the hearing might be scheduled at another bench in the coming days. He however could not spell the date as the matter is yet to be fixed.

Petitioner's counsels Advocate Khaidem Mani, Advocate I Lalit and advocate Rakesh Meihoubam had yesterday argued that no proper procedures under section 82 of CrPC was not followed while proclaiming offender to Kh Ratan and that the Wanted status was announced by the police PRO through a press note in

contravention of formal procedure. Replying to the argument, the respondents represented by Advocate General Thokchom Ibohal and Addl Advocate General Namojam Ibotombi contended that the police can proclaim an individual as Wanted under CrPC 157 citing various instances from the state and outside.

Women folks storm at Raj Bhavan

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Imphal, July 20: Expressing displeasure to the discontinuation of the case hearing of the petition filed by Kh. Ratan against the wanted tag labelled against him, large number of women folk today storm to the Raj Bhavan demanding Governor's intervention to the declaration of "wanted" to former JCILPS leader Khomdram Ratan at around 1 pm today.

Witness said that at around 1 pm large number of women numbering around 40 to 50 gathered in front of Raj Bhavan stunning the security forces

deployed at raj Bhavan. The women folk shook the gate shouting the security personnel to open the gate. A team of City Police led by its OC Sudhir along with large number of women security rushed the site and intervened the agitators.

Later officials of the Raj Bhavan came out and spoke to the women regarding the demand they are putting up. As the women folk insisted to meet the governor, the officials after taking the governor's office permission allowed 5 of the representatives to meet the governor.

13 hour general strike affects normal life in the State

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Imphal, July 20: The 13 hours general strike called by proscribed group Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP, Poirei Meitei) has severely affected normal life in Imphal area. The outfit called the general strike demanding action against illegal appointments of regular post to two professors at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS).

Almost all the shops and business establishments were closed including Khwairamband Keithel, Paona Keithel, Thagal Keithel. Educational institution also remained closed with less attendance at Government run offices. Bank transaction too was put to a complete halt due to the ongoing bandh.

Roads are deserted with only few vehicles. Inter-state bus services, passenger vehicles stay off the road.

Meanwhile, all types of vehicles were also stopped plying along the NH-37 (Imphal-Jiri and Imphal-Tamenglong Road).

On Imphal - Dimapur too all inter-state bus services to suspended during the general strike.

However, the bandh fails to give impact live at Hill district particularly at senapati District and Churachandpur district.

Bandh crippled life in Yairipok: JAC demand action against SDPO

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Imphal, July 20: 48 hours bandh called against the construction of Power substation at the campus of Yairipok Aided High School and Yairipok Govt. High School has crippled normalcy at Yairipok area. Since early morning today large number of people including students of both the schools came out at the street and prevented vehicular movement be sitting across the road. Speaking to media persons, members of the JAC present at the protest site said that the bandh is being called to stop the construction of the power sub-station as according to the resolutions adopted in a public meetings held on June 20 and 22.

They demanded the substation to be constructed somewhere else, but not inside the school campus.

He further added that during the protest the SDPO of Yairipok brutally assaulted two students.

The 2 students sustained minor injuries and were admitted at Yairipok CHC.

The JAC demanded immediate action against the SDPO who had assaulted the students.

Relay hunger strike continuous: 4 Students began fast-unto-death

IT News

Imphal, July 20: Demanding withdrawal of the wanted tag on former JCILPS convenor Khomdram Ratan and enforcement of ILPS or a similar system in the State, the relay hunger strike which was launched since morning 7 am of July 17 at Singamei Bridge has reach its fourth day today.

Thingujam (O) Ibetombi (73), Soibam (O) Sanajaobi (63), Laishram (O) Ningshirei (75) and Khangebam Ningol Tongbram (O) Remuka (67) all from Singamei Kongba Road volunteers to continue the relay hunger strike for the seventh phase.

Meanwhile, four students have also begun fast-unto-death protest demanding implementation of ILPS in the

state and revocation of wanted tag on K Ratan since last night.

They are students of TG Higher Secondary School 12th Arts Tomthinganbi Toijam, d/o T Seiyabarta Luwang of Kongba Khaidem Leikai; TG Higher Secondary School 12th Science Pangambam Meria, d/o P Naobicha of Kongba Kshetri Leikai; Johnston Higher Secondary School 12th Science Ningthoujam Anand s/o N Bubon of Kangchup Mamang Leikai and CC Higher Secondary School 9th Science Chingkheinganba Nameirkapam s/o N Ranjit of Ningthem Pukhri Mapal.

On the other hand, it is said that the relay hunger strike would go on until the JAC's demands are fulfilled or a solution is achieved.

Cable TV digitisation workshop for nodal officers held

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Imphal, July 20: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India has organised Cable TV Digitization Workshop for nodal officers of North Eastern States today at Hotel Classic Grande at Chingmeirong Imphal.



On the occasion, Yogendra Pal, Advisor Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said that during the workshop of the nodal officers especially from North Eastern regions, discussions will be on the various provisions of the Cable Television Network Act, if somebody violates the Act the actions that suppose to be taken up, if somebody runs unauthorised channels what actions can be taken up, who are authorised persons etc.

Cable TV Digitization has many positive sides. Digitization enables efficient utilization of the spectrum bandwidth available on the cable and thereby drastically enhances the capacity to carry channels on cable. It gives choice to consumers. It brings in transparency as the signals of the cable operator are encrypted and can be received only through a set top box after due authorization from the service provider, he added.

Though the workshop was organised for the nodal officers of North Eastern States, it was mainly attended by the nodal officers from Manipur and Nagaland. It is worth to mention that the

Ministry has laid down the schedules for digitization of the Cable TV Networks in India in four phases. The dateline for Phase I was 31st October 2012, the II phase was 31st March 2013, the III phase was 31st December 2015 and the IV phase will go till 31st December 2016. Manipur belongs to the IV phase.

Manipur Govt to Publish Indian Constitution in Manipuri

Courtesy: NE Today

Imphal Manipur's Directorate of Printing & Stationery has taken up a project to translate the Indian Constitution in the Manipuri language and publish it.

Addressing a press conference in Imphal, Assistant Director Toijam Devananda said on Tuesday that the directorate has plans to print updated Manipur Gazettes both ordinary and extra ordinary. He said that the directorate has now installed innovative machineries including Programmable paper cutting machine, Gathering

machine, Section sewing machine, perfect binding machine, UV Curving machine and color digital printing machine.

Regarding upgradation of the directorate building, he said there has been restrictions from the government authority although the directorate was able to collect non tax revenue amounting to Rs 10.02 lakhs for the year 2015-16 against the target of Rs 3.46 lakhs fixed by the government and Rs 8.92 lakhs for the current year 2016-17 (till date). He said the

department managed to collect Rs 17.65 lakhs in non-tax revenue collection for the year 2014 - 2015 against the target of Rs. 8.40 lakhs.

The government press, Manipur was established as State Printing Press in 1919 after passing a resolution in the Manipur State Darbar in 1918. Later it was upgraded to a full-fledged Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Manipur on July 25, 1979 and since then the post of director has been held by Selection Grade MCS officer/IAS officer.

every priority householder was distributed accordingly. One of the Agent said that the rice which is being distributed is for the month of April due to late arrival for the Kwakta Municipal Council and Kwakta Gram Panchayat areas through it is already July month.

On the other hand, priority card and AAY card holders can avail their rations from their respective ward fare prize shop agents, the agent added.

As the distributing rice is for the month of April, the agent clarifies to the beneficiaries not to get confused thinking the rice is for the month of July.

NFSA rice distributed at Kwakta to beneficiaries

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Imphal, July 20: Fair price shop agents today have began distributing ration under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) to the beneficiaries of Kwakta Municipal Council and Kwakta Gram Panchayat areas under Moirang Assembly Council.

The NFSA rice was distributed to the priority card and AAY card holders of the Kwakta Municipal Council and Kwakta Gram Panchayat areas at the rate allotted by the Government.

Allotted rice which is 35-kg each of every AYY card holders and 5-kg each for the month of April and