

Olympic Day Run at Khuman Lampak in Imphal



Manipur requires 350 Mega Unit annually to ensure 24x7 power supply

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Even as the corporatization of the state power department in 2014 has brought tremendous changes in the supply of power to the people of the state, Manipur still requires 350 Mega Unit energy annually to ensure 24x7 power supply in Imphal and other district head quarters of the state.

"To ensure 24x7 Power supply to Imphal and other District Head Quarters around 1350 MU of annual energy may be required, whereas present power allocation from Central Power Sector Unit's (CPSU's) is about 1000 MU", said Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, who is also in charge of Power department during a one day conference on Electricity and Related issues sensitization in Manipur co-organized by the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram, Manipur State Power Company Ltd (MSPCL) and Manipur State Power Distribution Company Ltd (MSPDCL) at Dynasty Hall, Classic Grande Imphal. Manipur faced the worst power scenario in post 2014, but after the state Power Department was corporatized



and divided into MSPCL and MSPDCL, power crises in the state has been tremendously improved.

Speaking at the occasion Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh said that revenue collection was increased to Rs. 11 (eleven) crores in 2015-16 while it was only Rs 4 (four) crores in 2013-14. The success in the revenue collection is due to the streamlining of the MSPDCL and also the installation of the Pre-paid meter system. "Approximately 2.2 lakh prepaid meters have been installed against target of 3.5 lakhs to streamline the power distribution system and check unauthorized consumers", said Okram Ibobi Singh. Manipur has achieved 87.5% village electrification out of 2582 villages, in pursuance of the goal of 100% electrification of all villages by 2018 and access to all

household by 2019, he added. Re-iterating the goal of providing 24x7 power for all in the state by 2019, Mr. Ibobi informed that by 2021-2022, additional capacity of 945 MVA in 400 KV, 425 MVA in 132 KV and 749.5 MVA in 33 KV system respectively are being added totaling the transformation capacity to 945 MVA, 942 MVA and 1273.6 MVA in 400 KV, 132 KV and 33 KV levels respectively enough to cater the requirement for about 20 years or so. The commissioning of the ATS 400 KV D/C line from Silchar to Imphal charged at 132 KV on 15th March, 2015 created a new era for the state by enhancing the Inter State transmission capacity, he stated, adding that for reliability of supply, on the insistence of state government the 5th Standing Committee on Power System Planning of

North Eastern Region had agreed to extend 400 KV line from Imphal to Misa via New Kohima and New Mariani forming a 400 KV ring loop of Imphal - New Kohima - New Mariani - Misa - Balipura - Bongaigaon - Azara - Bymihat - Silchar - Imphal benefiting all the north eastern states.

The Chief Minister also said that the state had achieved commendable progress in renewable energy power sector. MANIREDA has accomplished implementation of altogether 4.2 MW off-grid renewable energy systems through solar, wind, hydro, biomass and hybrid projects. Roof top solar power plant will play an important role in achieving State Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) target of 8% of total energy requirement from solar sector by 2022. In his welcome address, Mr. RK Kishore Singh, Chairperson of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram urged for speedy framing and implementation of the State Solar Policy to meet the energy requirements of Manipur.

Govt. approves 7th Pay Commission hikes

ANI
New Delhi, June 29: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the recommendations made by the 7th Pay Commission, which is likely to see a higher increase in the basic pay by nearly 15 percent for over one crore government employees and pensioners. The implementation of new pay scales recommended by the 7th Pay Commission will impact the remuneration of nearly 50 lakh central government employees and 58

lakh pensioners. The key recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission is a 23.55 percent increase in salaries, allowances and pension of central government employees and pensioners, which is estimated to put an additional burden of Rs. 1.02 lakh crore on the exchequer annually or nearly 0.7 per cent of GDP. However, the hike is the lowest in last seven decades as it is built around the recommendation for a 14.27

per cent hike in basic pay. The panel headed by Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha was set up to study the recommendations of the pay commission headed by Justice AK Mathur. One of the key changes suggested by the pay commission has been the 'New Pay Structure', under which the existing system of pay bands and grade pay will be ejected and a new pay matrix will be brought in to bring about more transparency.

BJP demands action against officials responsible for tilted Thoubal Wangmataba Shopping Complex

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Former Minister and BJP Manipur Pradesh spokesperson, Moirangthem Hemanta demanded to punish the concern engineers and contractors who constructed Thoubal Wangmataba shopping complex, which was found tilted on June 24 towards Thoubal river, according to law of the land. Stating that people of the state are not satisfied with the irresponsible statements made by Manipur Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh on every issues, Hemanta said that the skidding of the shopping complex towards Thoubal river has raised questions on the structural integrity of the building. Hemanta said that the statement of the Ibobi favouring the engineers and contractors is becoming an irresponsible CM. While, the former Minister questioned why the government failed to conduct open tender before construction of the market building and is hiding the names of the contractors responsible for construction of the shopping complex. He said Chief Minister has

acted against the expectation of the people that the Chief Minister would initiate action against the erring engineers and contractors exercising his powers and function as CM. Alleging that the ruling Indian National Congress continues to loot huge public money in the name of infrastructural development, the BJP spokesman said that many dams, market shed, canal building constructed during the Congress regime had collapsed due to lack of quality control. He demanded that government should register an FIR against the erring officials and contractors and arrest them at the earliest. "Congress government is working for their profits only. As such the party is coming to downfall day by day", he said. "Notably, the shopping complex situated at Thoubal Wangma Lai Sanglen ward number 2 was constructed right near the river embankment by SIMPLEX, a company responsible for building major mega projects in the state including the Kwairemband market that was recently damaged during the

January 5 earthquake," Hemanta said. As the building skidded towards Thoubal river shopkeepers panicked and immediately evacuated while a gap of 30 feet wide and 2 feet deep was created from its existing position. The construction work of the shopping complex costing over 45 lakhs was started in the year 2013 and completed in the end of 2015 with the PWD as the nodal agency. Three months after the completion the shopping complex was made operational with 16 shops at the ground floor and 14 shops on the first floor.

Search operation at Moirang Keithel

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Bishnupur District Police Commando conducted a search operation at Moirang Keithel area today at around 11 am. During the search operation 24 persons without proper proof of identification were picked up for further verification and later handed over to Moirang police station. There are no reports of arrests till the time of filing the report.

PREPAK cadres arrested

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Imphal east District Police Commando team arrested two cadres of proscribed group PREPAK from TaKokpali area under Iriblung Police Station on Tuesday evening at around 3 pm along with one 9 mm pistol with 7 live bullets. The arrested cadres are identified as MD Amir Khan (31 yrs) son of late Md Helaluddin of Lilong Tairen Makhong and Kongkham Romesh (44 yrs) son of late K Kameshwar of Keishampat Kangabam Leikai.

2 KYKL arrested

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Combine team of Thoubal District Police Commando and 2nd Assam Rifles arrested an 2nd lieutenant of proscribed group KYKL at around 9 am today. The arrested person has been identified as Thoudam Bisheswar @Rickay @Ibungo (32) S/o late Th. Tomba of Thounaojam mamang leikai of Khongjom near Slope land high school. A police source said that the person joined the outfit in 2000 through one Simon of Umathel and underwent basic military training at Khongyong (Chandel dist.) under army no. 385 of 11th batch. He had been handed over to Khongjom Police station.

Bodies condole demise of Isak Chishi Swu

IT News
Chandel June 29: Several civil organisations including Chandel Naga Peoples' Organisation (CNPO), Naga Women Union Chandel (NWUC), Naga Students' Union Chandel (NSUC), Naga Chiefs' Association Chandel (NCAC), Anal, Aimal, Chotho, Lamkang, Maring, Mongsang, Moyon, Tarao, Khoibu tribe union and Campaign for Peace & Democracy Manipur (CPDM) have condoned the sad demise of Isak Chishi Swu (87), founder-member and Chairman of Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagalim (ISAK-Muivah), who passed away in a hospital in New Delhi on Tuesday following a prolonged kidney ailment and urinary tract infection. CNPO led the organisations in giving respect and honour to the departed soul of the top NSCN-IM leader by organising a condolence meeting at its office located at district headquarters town Chandel which was attended

by several Naga leaders and public, said a release from CNPO. As a mark of respect and mourning a two minute silence was observed during the meeting and all business establishments and shops remained closed. Several leaders who attended the meeting spoke and remembered the great work contributed by Isak Chishi Swu towards the cause of Nagas. The gathering, while praying for the soul to rest in peace, shared the pain and sorrows of the bereaved family. In a separate release, CPDM pays red salute and condole the demise of Chairman of National Socialist Council of Nagalim (IM), late Isak Chishi Swu. Isak Swu was one of the leaders in Northeast India who have stood firmly for the cause of a political ideology and have dedicated fully to unite his people to achieve higher level of independence and

progress, said a release from CPDM. "He was a tall figure in the post 1947 Naga resistance movement, on whose footsteps many Nagas would still continue to strive for brighter future. His untimely demise shocked many who would miss him a lot in crucial times of Nagas' march towards unity and the struggle for a brighter collective future in the Northeast region." The release also said that CPDM feels the pain of losing him and deeply condoles his demise. May his name live long in the history of resistance to subjugation, oppression and exploitation.

Politicization of rations at Shejng

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Food Security Cardholders of Shejng under Lamlai Police Station have staged sit-in-protest demonstration at Public Playground of the locality against the politicization of ration distribution in the area.

One of the protestor said that distribution of rations under the National Food Security Act in the area is conducting in a partial manner, none of the beneficiaries received their due rations fully. In this connection a JAC has been formed and served the concerned officials and fair price

shop owners to distribute the allotted ration shares on or before July 1.

KAYO congratulates Wahengbam Rorrkychand

IT News
Imphal, June 29: Kumbi Adarsh Youth Organization (KAYO) has congratulated social worker and its Executive Member, W A H E N G B A M RORRKYCHAND SINGH on being selected as Member (Social Worker) of Juvenile Justice Board, Bishnupur District, Manipur. President, Moirangthem Bineswar Singh and other members of KAYO felicitated Rorrkychand during a simple function held at the premise of the club situated at Kumbi Kangjeibung Tuesday evening. As a social worker, Rorrkychand has been taking pivotal roles in imparting

elementary education to students belonging to poor families of Kumbi and Thanga Assembly Constituencies for almost a decade. He is also actively associated with many voluntary works for the welfare of farmers and fishermen in the state especially who are inhabited in and around the Loktak Lake. KAYO wishes him good luck to his new assignment as Member (Social Worker) of Juvenile Justice Board, Bishnupur District and future social-work endeavour. It may be mentioned that Rorrkychand Wahengbam is also a contributor of Imphal Times evening daily newspaper.

M.C.Mary Kom flags off Olympic Day Run in Imphal

DIPR
Imphal, June 29: Olympian M.C. Mary Kom, Member of Parliament as Chief Guest flagged off the Olympic Day Run today at 8 am at Main Stadium, Khuman Lampak, Imphal. The event was organized by the Manipur Olympic Association in collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Manipur. Around 700 sportspersons including high ranking officers led by the President of Manipur Olympic Association Shri I. Hemochandra Singh, Minister (Revenue, Law & Legislative Affairs and Forest & Environment) took part at the Run which covered two kilometers along Dingku Road- Khongnang Ani Karak- North AOC- MMTA-Khuman Lampak. The Secretary General of Manipur Olympic Association Shri Sunil Elangbam said, "Olympic Day is an annual celebration that commemorates the formal establishment of the International Olympic Committee on June 23, 1894. It was officially created in 1948 as a sort of birthday of the Olympic Movement". The

event was held today due to General Strike on June 23, he added. He stated, "In 1987, in an effort to encourage all NOCs to commemorate and celebrate Olympic Day, the IOC Sport for All Commission launched the Olympic Day Run concept with the objective of promoting the practice of participation in sport by men, women and children from all corners of the world and all walks of life, regardless of athletic ability. The first Olympic Day Run was held in 1987, over a distance of 10km, with 45 participating National Olympic Committees". He extended best wishes to all participants from Manipur in the forthcoming Rio Olympic 2016. Those prominent sportspersons who took part at the Run were boxer Dingku, boxing coach Ibomcha, hockey players Thoiba and Tiken. The Commissioner (MAHJUD) R K Dinesh IAS, Secretary to Chief Minister N. Ashok Kumar IAS took part at the Run. Commissioner (YAS) H. Deleep IAS and Director (YAS) Dr. Harmit Singh Pahuja attended the event.