

Uripok Kangchup road during bandh called by JAC against the assault of T Tarini



## Center approves new criteria for inclusion in the list of ST

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** Government of India on June 15, 1999 (as further amended on 25.6.2002), has approved modalities for deciding claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in orders specifying lists of STs. The criteria followed for specification of a community as a Scheduled Tribe are (i) indications of primitive traits, (ii) distinctive culture, (iii) geographical isolation, (iv) shyness of contact with the community at large, and (v) backwardness. Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today. Accordingly, only those proposals which have been recommended and justified by concerned State Government / UT Administration can be processed further. Thereafter, it has to be concurred with by Registrar General of India (RGI) and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) for consideration for amendment of legislation, said the Minister. Further he also informed that there is no attempt to dilute the existing criteria by the Government.

## ILPS protest turns ugly again after police assaulted woman protestor

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 10:** Agitation demanding implementation for Inner Line Permit System in the state once more turned ugly at Uripok Kangchup road here in Imphal after a male police officer allegedly assaulted a lady protestor at Uripok Sorbon Thingel Gopalji Leirak on the evening of May 8. Even after the JCILPS had made an understanding with the local club and Meira Paibi organisation of Uripok area, a JAC formed against the assault of the lady protestors today enforced complete blockade at Kangchup road inbetween Uripok Gopalji Leirak to Naoremthong. Even Police and paramilitary vehicles were not allowed to pass through the road stressed.



In addition to the demand for ILPS in the state, the JAC now demanded legal action against the police personnel who had assaulted a lady mercilessly. Blaming the local MLAs for failure to listen to

the grievances of the people, the JAC also decided to boycott the local MLA Nandakumar. The local clubs and Meira Paibi organisations of Uripok area had resolved to stand together and support to any decision of the lady who sustain injury in the police brutality.

The lady Taorangbam Tarini (Taini) has been undergoing fast unto death protest demanding appropriate action against the police officer who had assaulted her since May 9 morning. Her condition is deteriorating

and government authority had sent ambulance to pick up any time. However, till 2 pm the state government were left with no choice as they can't pick up the lady due to legal restriction. Due to the unannounced bandh, commuters along the route faced extreme inconveniences. A person who had tried to defy the bandh was thrash by bandh supporter near Goplaji area at around noon. Many people have to take alternative route to return home as they do not get any information about the bandh.

## JCB driver freed from captive

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** 23 year-old Kh Tontonba Singh, s/o Th Kwaklei of Pakhao Naharup Awang Leikai, who has been missing since May 3, has been freed by his kidnapper yesterday from Luigam Village of Churachandpur district. Tontonba told the media person in a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club that he is a JCB driver and working at Luigam village PMGSY works. He had been kidnapped from the work shed by 5 (five) armed personnel in the mid-night of May 3 in connection with the monetary demand of 70 lakhs from the

contractor. He further added they never beat him during their custody and yesterday they freed him at around 11 am between Churachandpur town and Kongpan. Convenor of the JAC against the forcedly abduction of Kh Tontonba, Okram Saratchandra during the press meet condemned the abduction of innocent people for no reason and he also appealed all the armed group not to repeat such incident that might disturb the peaceful co-existence among the various communities in the state.

## NTST sought comments from state govt. over CCpur firing case

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has sought comments from the Manipur Government over the death of 9 protestors against the passing of ILPS related Bills in state Assembly at Churachandpur. A PIB released stated that the matter has been taken up the case after Manipur Tribal's Forum, Delhi complaint the matter to the Commission on November 11, 2015. Quoting the Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Mansukhbhai

Dhanjibhai Vasava written reply in Rajya Sabha, the PIB released said that the Tribal Affairs Hills and SC Development Department, Government of Manipur has informed that Magisterial Inquiry had been ordered by State Home Department. The Inquiry Officer has reported that the local people and Joint Action Committee did not allow him to conduct the Magisterial Inquiry. It was further reported that the State Government was trying hard to bring normalcy in the area by negotiating with the local people.

## TVS launches two wheelers

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** Pijonna Kamei, Director Economics & Statistics, GoM has launched two wheelers- Super XL

(mopaid) and TVS Victor CC (motor cycle)- in Manipur during a function at JK TVS Thangmeiband opposite Thou Ground here today morning.



## ADC Chairman slam government on ILPS Bills and failure in devolution of powers

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 11:** 6 chairmen of Autonomous District Council Manipur today strongly opposed the state government decision for passing of the 3 ILPS related Bills terming it as anti-tribal and alleged the government of bypassing Hill Area Committee while in the passing of the Bills. "The passing of the 3 Bills is in complete violation of the Article 371(C) of the Constitution of India", said Dr. Yaronsho Ngalung, Chairman of the Autonomous District Council, Ukhrul, in a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club. Dr. Yaronsho said Hill Area Committee is the representative body of the hill peoples of the state after it came into existence in 1971 under the Article 371 (C) VB

Giri was the President of India. "We oppose the three Bills not for communal agenda but because the state government has never consulted the Hill Area Committee before passing it as those are related with Hill people", Dr. Yaronsho added. He also said that the 3 ILPS related Bills are not money Bills. On the other hand the ADC Chairmen also blamed the state government over its failure on devolution of powers to the Autonomous District Council. A memorandum expressing their grievances over the attitude of the state government has been submitted to the prime Minister of India as well as to the Union Minister for Rural Development. In the memorandum submitted to the Union Home

Minister it has been stated that smooth functioning of the ADCs has been hampered as the post of Executive Director has been reverted to the Deputy Commissioner of the Districts. "After successful conduct of the election of ADCs in 2010 and as a part of decentralizing of power, the state government issued an order that assigned the Chairman of the ADCs as the Chairman of the DRDAs followed by an order of appointing CEOs as Executive Directors in their respective Hill districts. The arrangement was wholesome and it works with no clash of institution between ADCs and DCs office till 2012. But as the ED has been reverted to the DCs institutional clash between the office of the DCs and the ADCs now hampered

the smooth functioning of the ADCs", the memorandum signed by the 6 ADC chairmen stated. He further added that state government has not been taking due consideration for devolution of powers to the ADCs for their narrow minded political gain. Dr. Yaronsho Ngalung further said that the state government has not allotted any budget for the ADCs in the last Legislative Assembly session even as the central government has sanction monetary allocation. He said the 6 chairmen of Autonomous district council (ADCs) Manipur has also submitted a memorandum to the Prime minister of India requesting for allocation of appropriate funds under 14<sup>th</sup> finance commission recommendation.

## Farmers Training Hall Inaugurated

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, May 11:** The newly constructed Farmers Training Hall at Horticulture Farm, Khonghampat was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister Shri Gaikhangam today. And as a part of the programme 'Training of Farmers under MIDH 2015-16' was also held. Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest Shri Gaikhangam said that giving more importance to organic framing will have more prospect for farmers as people are looking forward to the products of organic farming. Farmers should abandon the traditional Jhum cultivation as it is scientifically and environmentally hazardous. Moreover, the taste of the state's Horticultural products can't be compared to other states. We are blessed by the mother nature. The Chief Guest further appealed to the farmers to engage more in cultivation and plantation of cash crops since cash crops are more economically beneficial and environment friendly too. The function was attended by Shri Vungzagin Valte, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary (HSC), Government of Manipur as President, Shri W.



Brajabidhu Singh, Hon'ble M.L.A., Lamshang A/C, as Guest of Honour. Shri Kailoulen Kigen, Director, Horticulture & Soil Conservation and Smt. Y. Dashumati Devi, Adhaksha, Imphal West Zilla Parishad were also on the dais as presidium members.

## Concerted efforts taken up for drinking water supply in Manipur

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, May 11:** The Government of Manipur has taken up adequate steps for quenching the need of people's potable water through Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Manipur. The Department is dealing with the maintenance of both Urban and Rural Water Supply Schemes and sanitation in the State. In view to meet the need of the people, various schemes had also been taken up by the PHED. The Department has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) - "Integrated Water Supply Project for Imphal Planning area" with an

estimated cost of Rs. 180.61 crores to improve and sustain water supply infrastructure for another 30 years designed period in phase manner. Phase-I of the project amounting to Rs. 98.54 crores under the then transition phase of JNNURM was sanctioned during February, 2014 and works are in progress. This phase includes the renovation of Water Treatment Plants (WTP) at Koirengai, Khuman Lampak, Singda, Kangchup extension, Chinga, Porompot, Minuthong, Canchipur and construction of 6 nos. of intake, 9 nos. of WTP, 5 nos. of clear water reservoirs, 3 nos. of service reservoirs, 3

nos. of pumping stations, 1 no. of overhead tank and 1 no. of emergency reservoir. Phase-II of the project amounting to Rs. 200 crores is proposed to be funded under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and phase-III amounting to Rs. 1531.82 crores is proposed to be funded under JICA loan. Under the Imphal Water Supply Scheme, 216.04 km of DI pipes of various sizes has been laid and 7 nos. of WTP of 44.93 MLD had been constructed and commissioned at Irlibung, Old Thumbuthong, Canchipur-II, P o t s a n g b a m - I I ,

Moirangkhom, Waihoupat, Singamei ward no. 17. Five nos. of reservoir of 2.5 ML capacity in total have been constructed at Babupara, Rahamani, Khongman and Koirengai. 5 nos. of overhead tanks of 0.45 ML capacity each have been constructed at Assembly Secretariat, Keishampat, Babupara, Nepa Menjor and Thiyam leikai. The financial expenditure incurred during the year 2002-16 is Rs. 247.29 crores. The Imphal City Sewerage Project (phase-I) covering Imphal Municipal ward no 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 26 is taken up under EAP with French assistance. Construction of Sewerage

Treatment Plant and five pumping stations has been completed. Primary sewer network of length of 22.231 km has been laid completely and out of 44.138 km secondary sewer network, length of 29.138 km has been laid. 92 per cent of the work has been completed. The cost of the project is Rs. 323.78 crores and the expenditure upto February, 2016 is Rs. 301.65 crores. Under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), 47 water supply schemes have been taken up and completed at various places in the hill districts. Works are also taken up under the NEC schemes.

During the year 2002-16, under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), 1374 habitations have been benefited and the expenditure incurred during this period is Rs. 24176.03. Under this scheme, it is expected to provide drinking water supply to all in the State by 2022 AD. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), a number of works have been implemented and the expenditure incurred during 2002-16 is Rs. 111.67 crores. Under this scheme, 4, 31,378 nos. of all rural individual households are to be provided Sanitary Latrines by 2nd October, 2019.