

Public curfew supporter blocking road at Naoremthong Khulem leikai



JCILPS public curfew underway

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Imphal, May 7: The 2nd day of the public curfew called by the JCILPS saw total shut down in Imphal and other valley district in the area. Almost all vehicles – both private and commercial, schools, colleges were closed and government offices were deserted look with only few staffs seen attending. Banks and other business establishment were totally shut.

The public curfew will conclude at 6 pm today and as announced by the JCILPS, volunteers and supporters of the JCILPS will form human chain from 5pm to 6 pm and later a rally will be staged. At DC office Lamphel, large number of meira paibi throng at the office and shouted slogan to remove name of the outsiders from the voter lists as well as implementation of the ILPS at the earliest possible time.

Thoubal district also remain greatly affected by the public curfew.

Thoubal Bazar, Wangjing

Public curfew affects life at Jiribam

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Imphal, May 7: As part of the state wide public curfew called by Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS), Jiribam branch of the joint committee is effectively implementing at the area today.

The 42-hour public curfew has largely affected the normalcy in the sub-division. Both government and private establishments remain shutting down owing to the curfew. Roads and streets bore a deserted look and while transport services were also suspended.

Regarding the public curfew, Convenor of JCILPS, Jiribam Branch Y Sanjib Singh appealed the government of Manipur and concerned authority to implement the ILPS related bills that were passed by the state legislative.

Bazar, Yairipok Bazar and small business areas remained closed. Transport and passenger services were suspended. Government and private educational institutes as well as banking services remained shut down.

Meanwhile preventing movement of vehicles, members of JCILPS student's wing along with different Meira Paibi Lup shouted many slogans to implement immediately the pass bill of ILP, prevent non-indigenous people from contesting running elections, etc. along the Indo-Myanmar highway road near Thoubal Wangmataba Devi Mantap.

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Imphal, May 7: With Imphal Municipality Election coming up shortly, the BJP Manipur Pradesh has set its agenda for this upcoming election in two main specific areas. Convenor of the State Election Management Committee Th. Chaoba today said that improvement in the law and order situation of the state as well as fight against corruption will be the agenda of the BJP Manipur Pradesh for the upcoming IMC election scheduled on June 2. However the former President did not spelled out the mechanism to root out corruption from the state.

Speaking to the media person

Th Chaoba said that Modi led NDA government has been giving top priority on the core issues of law and order and fight against corruption to bring a social change in the society.

"In this upcoming IMC election, the BJP Manipur Pradesh will follow the path of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as it is the only means to develop the state", Chaoba said.

He further added that BJP will field candidates in all 27 wards of IMC wards among which number of women candidates will be not less than 15.

"BJP's another priority is empowerment of women and so the party decided to field more

women candidates in this election", Chaoba added. Till now 59 candidates have taken application form to apply ticket among them 20 have submitted so far, Chaoba added.

He said code of conduct for the upcoming election should be enforced on the day the state government gives approval for conduct of the election.

"Even after knowing this the state government has not done anything to enforce the code of conduct", Chaoba said indicating foul play to the part of the state government.

"Instead the state government

has announced for the recruitment of teacher, launched National food security act and recruited of Panchayat secretary even after the date for election has been announced", Chaoba said.

The attitude is a clear example to show that the government is more like a dictator.

As according to a office memorandum to the State Election Commission by Secretary MAHUD Public notice of the IMC election will be announced on 12 of this month, last date of filling nominations will be on May 17 and election will

held on June 2.

While replying to the media person about the BJP stand on the implementation of ILPS in Manipur Th Chaoba said that BJP Manipur Pradesh had been a supporter of the issue from the beginning and will also continue to support. He further added that as BJP was not a party to the drafting committee of the three Bills the state government should be held responsible to any unwanted development.

Chaoba was giving clean hit to the ball throw by Congress party which said that BJP is the one which can give pressure to the president for giving consent to the act. He further said that the 2 BJP MLAs will support to the government move if it is for implementation of ILPS in the state. Regarding the removal of outsider from voter list Chaoba said that removing of outsider's voter list could only be done through law court.

Law & order and corruption issues to be main agenda of BJP in IMC election

LJP Manipur State Unite blames both Congress and BJP over delay in ILPS

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Imphal, May 7: A day after JCILPS sets deadline to all the political parties of the state to make their stand clear to the implementation of the Inner Line Permit system in the state besides criticising those for not giving proper commitment to the cause of the people, Lok Janashakti Party (LJP)- Manipur state unit today showed its support. In a press meet held today at its office at Babupara, the political party said that they will support to the agitation being spearheaded by the JCILPS for introduction of Inner line permit system in the state.

Speaking to the media persons, Ningombam Iboh, spokesperson of the LJP Manipur state unit, said that it's been almost 9 month the 3 Bills related for implementation of the Inner Line Permit System in the State Assembly has been put on pending.

"We strongly urged the state government to give pressure to the central government and the president for giving assent to the three Bills passed by the state assembly", Iboh said. He further said that the three Bills were passed after series of agitation resulting to the cost of a student's life and if

the government failed to implement this Bills then the LJP will extend support to any kind of agitation spearheaded by the JCILPS, without getting fruitful the bill are laying on the table of the president of India almost 9 month.

Iboh further blamed the BJP which is in power at the centre for remaining quite to the demand of the people of the state. Besides, the LJP spoke persons also strike hard to Congress party which is in power in the state over its failure in giving pressure to the central government to pass the Bills.

State BJP Chief to set out padayatra

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Imphal, May 7: The newly appointed President of Bharatiya Janata Party Manipur Pradesh, Ksh Bhabhananda Singh to outset a padayatra for the upcoming Imphal Municipality elections.

According to a source inside the Pradesh BJP, it is informed that the President would launch his tour around the 27 wards of Imphal Municipal Corporation likely from May 12. During the foot pilgrimage, Bhabhananda would inspect government educational institutions and interact with locals about their problems.

The BJP leader is also planning to create awareness about the corrupt practices of Congress government in the state and galvanise party cadres ahead of the IMC and state assembly elections.

It also informed that the party will put together all the public grievances witnessed during the yatra (tour) and make proper plans to address it if BJP formed government in the state in the next assembly elections.

It is also informed that the state party workers are conducting research and chalking out plans to conduct the first padayatra of the new president in a grand and successful manner.

Tamenglong wore a deserted look due to 48-hour bandh

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Imphal, May 7: The 48-hour bandh called by Truck Drivers Association, Tamenglong has affected the normalcy in Tamenglong district and along the National Highway 37 (Imphal-Jiribam).

Owing to the bandh, which came into effect from midnight of May 6, transport services at the district head quarters were suspended, while commercial establishment remain shut. Government and private offices were seen shut down today. Endorsing the bandh Joint Forum of Transport Welfare Association, Tamenglong district has also boycotted government offices in the district since April 28.

A member of the Joint Forum has expressed their support to the demand of Truck Drivers Association; and said that it would extend all possible help to the Truck Drivers Association in their future course of actions.

Manipur as Medical value tourism in South East Asia

By Reena Nongmaithem

Imphal, May 7: "Can Manipur dreams to become healthcare destination of South East Asia?" - the most asked question among the people of the state particularly those working in Health care sector as well as those in the tourism sector.

The answer is simple - we need to look and find out the available opportunities, strengths and explore the new medical technology, said Dr. Kh. Palin, the Managing Director of Shija Hospitals and Research Institute (SHRI). Manipur has tremendous

scope to be a destiny of Medical value tourism not only for South East Asian Countries but from other countries too, said health entrepreneur Icon in North East India Dr Palin added. He said first of all, our state has abundance of opportunities because of our location, hospitality nature of our region, comfortable weather, land, lake, hills, short surface connectivity with Myanmar, Trans Asia Highway, International Airport, India's "Look East" policy and so on.

Besides, Manipur being in the

border with Myanmar and being at the meeting point of 2 super power nations - India and China we can take a lot of opportunities, Palin. He also added that the state is also a destination for War tourism as the region was a battlefield of the World War II.

We have two medical colleges and a number of Nursing as well as Paramedical Institutes which produces enough number of medical practitioners and nursing staffs, the SHRI Managing director said with pride.

However, there is urgent need to update the facilities

available here to attract medical tourists.

There, we need to rethink our healthcare planning and develop Infrastructure and HR, Quality and Accreditation, Law and Order, Accessibility, Affordability according to our opportunity, he maintained.

Since the Government alone cannot handle healthcare of 1.3 billion populations of India. Public Private Partnership is the most effective 'Mantra' to provide affordable quality healthcare to the masses. Categorisation of healthcare institutes and quality control should be undertaken, he

added.

In order to attract medical tourist in the state, he commented that since only quality service will attract more medical value tourists, a task force constituted by Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Tourism may assess the opportunities for promoting our state as one of the health destination and formulate policy to promote and control the quality of healthcare of the state which will also automatically generate nearly 2 lakhs of employment in turbulent Manipur.

Manipur Fire & Emergency Services declared as 1st responder to any disaster

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Imphal, May 7: The Department of Relief & Disaster Management under the Government of Manipur has set up Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) at the State Level and the District Level for emergency communication from district to state and from state to the Central Government.

The Department has notified and constituted 35 State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) drawn from various units of the Police Department under section 45 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 as a specialist response team to any disaster in the

State. The SDRF personnel have been trained on Disaster Management particularly on Search and Rescue, First Aid etc. at National Civil Defense College, Nagpur. The Manipur Fire & Emergency Services has also been declared as the first responder to any disaster in the State.

During the year 2015-16, the state of Manipur experienced two major disasters starting from 26th July 2015. The disasters have claimed 16 lives and caused extensive damages to the standing crops, fish farms, roads & bridges and buildings. The Relief and Disaster

Management Department has released altogether Rs. 10.10 crore to the Deputy Commissioners for the relief operations and payment of ex-gratia to the families of the deceased persons.

On 4th January, 2016 at 0435 hours, Manipur was hit by a Major Earthquake with the magnitude of 6.7 in the Richter Scale that claimed the lives of 10 persons and injuries to 120 persons and caused extensive damage to altogether 3218 buildings consisting of both government & private buildings. To meet the urgent requirement of the Deputy Commissioners during relief operations, providing relief

materials, ex-gratia payment and reconstruction of the fully and partially damage private houses, a sum of Rs. 10.00 crore has been released to the Deputy Commissioners.

During the last year various training programmes were conducted on School Safety and Preparation of School Disaster Management Plans, Building Codes & Design and Basic Disaster Management Concepts to various stakeholders such as teachers, engineers, masons, police officials, VDF, NSS, NCC, NYKS officials and community volunteers and elected members of the locals bodies. (Contd. on page 2)

Being biological is not all that is needed to be a mother

By Reena Nongmaithem

Imphal, May 7: John Mpaimei, a Quatar based vocalist, musician hailing from Tamenglong, Manipur is releasing a Mothers' Day special number "Radiance of her beauty" on coming May 8 on which day the World is celebrating "International Mothers' Day". While talking to this reporter regarding his new number, John dedicated his special song to a beautiful young lady from Manipur, whose name, working address, in complete disclosure but on whom his story of the song is based and to all mother around the World. "The song is based on a real

life story of a Manipuri beautiful young lady working somewhere abroad who has been sponsoring a boy with poor family background in Manipur for his educational finances for the years".

He said the song talks about that girl's love for the child who she never met in her life till today but a bond of motherly connection developed between the two strangers. It is about the girl who believes in humanity and love with no geographical boundary above caste, creed, tribe, religion or anything else. And the song talks about her motherly love though she is not a biological mother but the girl feels him like



his own son and she is even planning to meet him soon one fine day, narrated John. Earlier this young musician's music album 'Far Away', the title song 'Far Away' had hit MTV Indies Top 10 and was played listed on Vh1 hit factory & Vh1 exclusive. His other song numbers 'Cry'; 'From Now & Always' were nominated for the best song in artist Aloud Music award 2014 & 2015.