

AMTDEU began cease work

IT News
Imphal, Oct 17: The All Manipur Transport Department Employees Union (AMTDEU) has begun indefinite cease work from today onwards against the failure of their demands made to the government. Speaking to the media persons, H Bijoy Kumar, Secretary of AMTDEU said that the union took the decision to undergo indefinite cease work after a meeting held on October 14, 2016 as the concern department has failed to fulfill their demands to revoke the re-engage of employees who already retired and are on pension from the transport department.

H Bijoy Kumar also said that a DDO employee who has already retired and on pension is still working at the department which is very unfortunate. Re-engagement of retired employee on contract basis has violated the rights of the employees who are supposed to be not working at all, he added.

H Bijoy further said that the union will continue their indefinite cease work until and unless their demands are fulfilled by the concern authority.

SEACO elects new office bearers for Kumbi branch

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Imphal, Oct 17: South East Asian Cultural Organisation (SEACO), an organization working for promotion of Indigenous Manipuri Culture had elected 15 members office bearers for Kumbi branch on October 13 during a meeting held at Kumbi Lai Sanding Leikai Meitei Sanglen. Wahengbam Mani Luwang is the new President of the SEACO Kumbi branch, Sanaton (Tamyai) Haobijam is the new General Secretary of the newly opened Kumbi SEACO branch.

BJYM volunteers turn violent; vandalize MPSC office

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Imphal, Oct 17: Large number of BJYM Manipur Pradesh, who were protesting irregularities to the conduct of Combined Manipur Civil Services Combined Competitive examination today turned violent and vandalised the office complex of the MPSC located inbetween North AOC and Chingmeirong along the National Highway. The BJYM Volunteers today staged a protest demonstration demanding cancellation of the interview scheduled today alleging foul play and encouragement of unfair means to the selection of candidates in the recently conducted combined civil service examination. Police which rush the spot tried to stop them from committing vandalism however as the BJYM volunteers turn hostile more

police team re-enforced and disperse them. 3 volunteers of the BJYM were picked up by the police team.

The BJYM volunteers also shouted slogans like "stop ruining youth future" "save the youth save the nation".

Biren and Franchis officially join BJP

IT News
Imphal, Oct 17: Former Congress strongmen, Nonthongbam Biren of Heingang Assembly Constituency and Franchis Ngazokpa of Tadubi Assembly constituency, who resigned from both MLA and Congress party today officially, joined the BJP. A grand reception functions of the two former congress strong men at its party head office at keishampat Nityapat Chuthek.

Hemanta Bishwas, National General Secretary Ram Madhav and Ajay Janwan attended the reception function of the two newly enrolled BJP members. State Leaders including Th Chaoba, Bhabananda, Ashinikumar and Premanda along with other state executive members also attended the function. With the enrollment of the two congress MLA the number of MLAs who had joined the BJP now reaches 3. former MLA Kh. Loken of Sagolband Assembly constituency had also joined the BJP with his supporters yesterday.

Forest dept Employees' and Workers' demand regularization of muster roll staffs

IT News
Imphal, Oct 17: The all Manipur Forest Department Employees and Workers Union demand regularization of casual and muster roll workers in seniority bases. Speaking to the media person president of the AMFDWU N. Sotinkumar said that association had submitted a memorandum to chief minister, Minister of Forest Environment and Chief Secretary in connection with regularization of casual and

muster roll workers. He further added that the union has been litigating for the last more than 20 years and they have been serving with the expectation that one day their services would be regularized. As result of that high court of Manipur gave a direction on 23rd of September to regularize the members of the petitioners union in seniority bases.

He further added that principal chief conservator of forest and cabinet decision to

regularized 128 out of 268 casual and muster roll workers in seniority bases however the head of department has resorted to irregular, illegal methods and procedure against the courts direction for the regularization by imposing various conditions. He demanded regularization to be done as according to seniority list, if the government fails to fulfill the demand within 20 days then the union will classify various agitation.

9th Fortnight Barrier Free Campaign 2016

IT News
Imphal, Oct 17: The Handicapped Development (HD) Foundation, Manipur in collaboration with the Youth Coordinating Committee, Heirok has organised the opening ceremony of the 9th Fortnight Barrier Free Campaign 2016 under the theme "Make Universal Design To Access For All" at Heirok Part-1 Umang Laikol of Thoubal District here today.

The HD Foundation has been organizing "Fortnight Barrier Free Campaign" every year since 2008 with the main objective of creating an environment which is accessible and useable by everyone in the society, including people with disabilities.

Dr RK Kumarjit, Managing Director of State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Manipur, Dr Ch

Rupachandra Singh, Chairman of Handicapped Development Foundation of Manipur, Th Radheshyam, Senior IPS Additional Director of MPIC, Dhanabir Laishram, Social Scientist, S Sanjoy, General Secretary of AMUCO and Ksh Ibomcha, President of Youth Coordinating Committee, Heirok attended the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honours respectively.

SDDC calls for Churachandpur bandh on Oct 19

IT News
CCpur, Oct 17: The Saikot Sub-Division Demand Committee (SDDC) has called for total bandh in Tuithaphai valley (Churachandpur town) on October 19 from 6 am to 5 pm after the Manipur government "failed" to appoint and depute SDO staff to their place of posting.

In a statement, the SDDC said that they had submitted their demand for a full-fledged SDO in Saikot to the state government on September 23 through the Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur.

"We informed the government our sincere demand through the DC of Churachandpur District and in that letter we mentioned that unless the it fails to act on it by October 15, 2016, we would be left with no choice but to start an agitation. The government did not even reply our letter where we expressed our genuine demands," SDDC chairman Timothy Z. Loke and SDDC secretary R. Zaitaisanga said in a statement.

The group said that since the government "failed to our demands seriously we felt the it is only interested in vote bank politics."

"Many in the public are also asking whether we are no longer part of Manipur state to deserve such treatment. As a result, the SDDC is calling for total shut down in Churachandpur town on October 19 starting from 6 to 5 pm," the leaders said.

The group also appealed to the general public to cooperate during the agitation. "We appeal to everyone to cooperate with us to avoid any untoward incidents especially from our volunteers. Those having vehicles are also requested to respect the bandh and if any incident happens it should not be taken as communal by anyone," the SDDC said, adding that it has instructed activists to strictly impose the strike.

"The public must be ready to meet any consequences from the state machinery as the government's attitude shows it never cared about our development and welfare," they added.

The SDDC's agitation programme has been endorsed the leadership of major communities like the Kuki Inpi, Zomi Council, Hmar Inpi, Vaiphei Peoples Council, Mizo People Convention and the Hmar National Union.

"Student organisations are also lending their moral support to our movement," the group said.

The SDDC also said that the agitation is non-communal and it is for the "benefit of everyone" in Churachandpur District. "Our demand is for development of the area and not for any specific community. As such, we are getting massive support from community leaders and we expect the public to enforce the bandh effectively," the SDDC statement added. Churachandpur township (also called Tuithaphai) is inhabited by the Zo tribes like Paite, Hmar, Lushai-Mizo, Vaiphei, Simte, Gange, Kuki, Zou and other smaller communities.

The water supply, electricity, medical, religious activities, airport drop & pick along with students' transportation would be left out of the bandh.

"However, those schools within Saikot SDO area would be closed indefinitely from October 19. And if the government thinks that we are not serious, we are ready to even go on hunger strike, and boycotting of the upcoming election," the SDDC leaders said.

JAC continues sit-in-protest

IT News
Imphal, Oct 17: JAC against the implementation of Stat Reservation Policy in admission in Manipur University (A Central University) continues their sit-in-protest and relay hunger strike at Manipur University gate.

Sit-in-protest and relay hunger strike is staged against the

delay in admission process and wrong interpretation of CEI Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Act, 2012 where another six students has volunteer to undergo the relay hunger strike in place of the five students who began the relay hunger strike from October 16, 2016.

The six students are Naorem Naresh Singh of History Department, Maklakpam Imran Khan and Makakmuyam Laskar of PESS, Ningthoujam Renu Devi, Thokchom Panthoi Devi and W Henarita Chanu of Maths.

The sit-in-protest and relay hunger strike will continue till October 21, 2016.

Myanmar State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi to arrive in New Delhi today

ANI
New Delhi, Oct. 17: State Counsellor of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi will today arrive in New Delhi. She reached India yesterday to attend the BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit in Goa. Suu Kyi will be accompanied by several key ministers and senior

officials. During her three-day stay in the national capital, she will call on the President Pranab Mukherjee and also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj. She will attend a business event during which she will interact with leading Indian business

leaders on ways of bolstering bilateral economic and commercial relations. The visit of the State Counsellor will provide an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest and seek ways to further strengthen the close and friendly ties that exist between the two countries.

"Can BJP able to translate into reality on the axis opinion poll of Manipur election 2017;

By: Chand Wabenba

Imphal, Oct. 17: Manipur is a socially and politically conflict state. The big challenge of such conflict is due to the lack of social and economic empowerment in the land since many decades which is a root cause to many other conflicts.

The people of Manipur have been witnessing the unstable state governments in the past. People were happy after a stable SPF government led by Congress came into power since 2002 to 2012 than since 2012 till date rule by congress only but Chief Minister is only one - Okram Ibobi Singh, because at least there is a stable government in the state.

However, people's expectation from this incumbent congress government never fulfilled and this cause social chaos.

Numerous incidents social unrest occurred during this incumbent regime where people suffered a lot. Unprecedented incident occurred on two national highways, which is the life lines for Manipur with blockade and bandh for more than a month which never occurred in a democratic state.

Shutting down of educational institutes in months long which is very rare incident in a democratic country. Such horrible situation of state of affairs is created in

Manipur under the present regime. Development are stagnant and law and order has collapsed there by peace was not maintained. Such hardship situation will never forget by concerns people.

People of Manipur no more desires to witness such worse situation in the days to come. However there are many dead-locks of social issues in state including sensitive AFSPA, ILP and other social and political sensitive issues never reaching a conclusion in time under the present congress regime.

This is due to the lack of competency of legislature of Congress, who are in power, and on the other hand lack of strong political wisdom even to resolve issues timely under the leadership of Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh.

This is clearly proved that few veteran congress leaders, who are credible and who have political sense to serve the people and state frustrated under the congress style of governance. They lost faith with their parent party and compelled to leave the Indian National Congress to continue their service for the people and state.

There are numbers of unprecedented acts of corruption, nepotism, favouritism and crimes committed under the present government. In short lack of transparency and accountability of the governance under Congress

dispensation.

Manipur is one of the trade route for illegal drugs trafficking. And there were incidents for seizer of huge consignments of drugs in the state and involvement of congress leaders which is the present government. Now the Drugs abusing is one of the major challenge in society of Manipur.

Manipur civil society organizations and NGOs are strong voice against the drugs abuse and illegal drugs trafficking but state government has never done something remarkable to stop this. Notably, BJP state Unit Manipur has been stated laud for drugs free Manipur but people of the state are looking forward how far the BJP could do in this regard said a source. Unfortunately, in every election money and muscle power played a vital role. Party which has a lot of money and is able to manage this culture always benefits in the election. Manipur politics has never reflected issue based politics till now.

Now the big question is a survey conducted by a media house- India Today- is favoring BJP on vote share of 40%, INC 37% and other 23% as of now but can be it practicable in final battlefield.

The report of axis opinion is reflection of mood of the people of Manipur. How far BJP can be converted into

real vote said, it is a strong challengers BJP.

Whereas the congress party who has been ruling the state for one and half decade of years has undisputed leadership of Ibobi and 90% of the candidates of Congress has been finalized in their respective constituencies. Most of the existing MLAs of congress who have been elected twice, thrice, fourth and even for the fifth time. Defeating them should not be taken as an easy task by BJP said the source.

BJP needs to set a suitable election or political strategy to deal with high handed congress in Manipur to win the electoral battle of Manipur 2017. A strong political leadership or face of BJP also need of the hour in Manipur.

The present government is facing hardship to submit pending Utilization certificate nearly more than Rs 5000 crores to different Ministries of the Central government for the last few years. If the BJP government at Centre cracks down a major corruption case against the incumbent state government of Manipur as a part of strategy of party, there will be a strong message to the people of Manipur and BJP will be swing.

A big blow will be given to the ruling party in the state and it will create a complete new political atmosphere in the state of Manipur, which will favour to BJP.



BJYM Volunteers in action : vandalise MPSC office