

## Govt. targeting to provide 3.5 lakh prepaid meters by December 2016 CM O. Ibobi Singh urges PGCIL to expedite works

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**Imphal, Oct 4:** Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh who is also the Chairman of NERPC today said that the government is targeting to provide 3.5 lakh prepaid meters to the electric consumers of the 4 valley districts and to those of District Head Quarters and Sub-Divisional Head Quarters of the hill districts of Manipur by December 2016.

He stated this while speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural function of the 17<sup>th</sup> Technical Coordination Committee Meeting of the North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) held at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal organised under the aegis of Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL). Chief Minister also said that the State government is targeting to commission 400 KV Sub-Station being constructed at Thoubal very soon. For this, he urged the Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL) to expedite works for the



upgradation of 132 KV Sub-Station at Yurembam to 400 KV sub-station since the 400 KV sub-station at Thoubal is to be supplied from 400 KV sub-station at Yurembam. Besides this, he also appealed to the Power Grid to expedite the projects taken up by them under the World Bank for development of power infrastructures in the state. Expressing his unhappiness over the slow progress in the implementation of these projects he wished that the projects be transferred to state government saying that the construction of 400KV sub-

station at Thoubal is being targeted to complete within a record time of one year, Chief Minister continued. Mentioning that the present peak demand of power in the state is 140 MW, Shri Ibobi said that with the commissioning the two 400 KV substations around 1000 MW capacity of power will be available in the state which would be enough for the state's power requirement for the next 20-30 years. He also mentioned that in addition to the already commissioned 400 KV line from Silchar to Imphal, the state government has already proposed another 400 KV line

from Misa (Assam) via New Kohima and Mariani (Assam) to make a loop for sustained power supply. The meeting was attended S.D. Dubey, Chairman Central Electricity Authority, P.K. Mishra, Member Secretary NERPC, S. Ganguly, MD OITPC, N. Sarat Singh, MD MSPCL and Chairman TCC on the dais. The concerned officials of seven North East States and stakeholders like Power Grid, NEEPCO, NHPC etc. also attended the meeting which is held annually to discuss and solve the issues in the power sector in the region.

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**Imphal, Oct. 4:** In an open letter to her son, five time world boxing champion and presently nominated as Rajya Sabha MP, Mary Kom had stated that she was molested first in Manipur and then again while she was out with her girl friends in Delhi and Haryana's Hissar.

"I know it is shocking to learn that even a woman who has earned her spurs, boxing her way through life, was made to feel violated. I was on my way to my training camp at 8.30 in the morning in a cycle rickshaw when a stranger suddenly lunged at me and stroked my breast. I was angry, very angry. I leapt off the rickshaw and chased him, holding my slipper in my hand, but he managed to escape. My regret is that I could not catch him or the karate that I had already learnt by then, would have come in handy", the letter written to her sons was produce in Hindustan Times. Motive of the letter was rather to teach her sons to give highest respect to women. "I was only 17-years-old then and am 33 now. I have brought great fame to my country and have been celebrated as a medallist but what I also want, is to be respected as a woman. We women have scaled heights



and stormed male bastions but for some men, we are still all about our bodies. Remember, dear sons, like you, we too have two eyes and a nose. Some parts of our bodies are different and that's the only thing that sets us apart. We use our brains to think, like all men do, and we feel with our hearts, like you do. We don't deserve our breasts to be touched or our bums patted. That's what happened to my friends and me in Delhi and Hissar, while we were taking a walk outside our training camps". Taking a dig to the racism attitude she further wrote, "There are other words that you will hear soon. You might be walking with me one of

these days to hear your mother being called a 'chinky'. That is a slur. That is racist. I am Indian and I know you are growing up to be proud Indians. We belong to a state that is in the grip of an insurgency. I protect you against violence. I help you overcome fears. Equally important — as you get on to become this great country's future — is that you grow to respect women. A lot of women from our State are targeted for the way they look and the way they dress. 'Chinkies' are not fair game". She further wrote, "Sexual crimes are also steeped in our mindsets and I would fail in my duty as a mother, if I did not tell you — all great sons of this country — that we alone have rights to our bodies. Respect women when they say 'No'. Don't stalk them to death because they have said 'No'. Rape is not about sex; it is only about a misplaced sense of power and revenge. "I know I can beat a molester to pulp and that might help me fight the deep sense of being defiled but why should it even come to that? Desire is beautiful when it is reciprocal. We have often heard the explanation of 'boys will be boys'. Let's build a society where girls can be safe, secure and respected".

## Imphal-Moreh road shut down

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 4:** Locals of Pallel Thamnokpi today shut down Imphal-Moreh road without any warning in connection with the death of a male motorcyclist and injuring one woman in yesterday incident which took place at round 4:30 pm at Pallel Thamnokpi under Tengenoupal Police station.

According to a report, many passengers' vehicles and heavy truck have been put hold at Thamnokpi by the locals. The motorcyclist who succumbed to his injuries was identified as Kh Moshing Tarao, 48, son of (late) Kh Kochung Tarao of Tarao Laimanai village under Chandel district. His motorcycle collided with a passenger bus along the Imphal-Moreh road.

## Students Gherao Education (S) office

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 4:** Students of Wangoo Higher Secondary School in Thoubal District today Gherao the office of Education (S) at Lamphel at around noon today demanding filling up of vacant teachers. The students of the school had submitted memorandums to fill up the vacant teachers to concern government officials time and again. However, instead of sending teachers, the school education

department had transferred some of the teachers from the school amid the demand. Report said that students of the school came in a bus and all of a sudden Gherao the office of Education (S) at around noon. The student shouted slogans demanding teachers. Police team which arrived at the scene put the situation under control by allowing three representatives of the students to meet the director. As the director was

not present in the office, an authority of the Directorate talked with the students and assured to send teachers by October 6. Following the assurance the students return back but threaten serious form of agitation if the authority fails to keep their word. Talking to reporters a student representative said that they will wait till October 6 and if authorities fail to keep their words they will launch serious form of agitation.

## Indo-Mynamr border trade freezes as Myanmar authority shuts border gate

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**Imphal, Oct 4:** Myanmar authority continue to close its gate putting a complete halt to the border trade following the recent shoot out taken place inside their territory as well as blast triggered yesterday evening. Report said that even though Indian authority keeps the gate open, the Myanmar authority closed the Gate No. 2. Source said the

Myanmar authority is reviewing security measures in the wake of a shootout incident inside their territory on the day before yesterday, where a leader of armed group belonging to KCP was killed and also on the triggering of a bomb yesterday evening at around 7.55 pm near Muslim Basti of Moreh at the "No Man's Land" along India-Myanmar Border, opposite

Border Pillar No 79. Even as there were no human casualties, the Myanmar authority takes the matter dead serious. Following the development Myanmar authority has called a meeting with the Indian authority tomorrow at Tamu in Myanmar. The meeting will be attended by Chandell DC, Moreh ADC, ASP and custom authority, a source said.

## Outer Manipur Tribal Forum calls 12 hours bandh

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct 4:** Terming the State Government attitude towards tribal community as apathetic approach, the Outer Manipur Tribal Forum (OMTF) and Joint Action Committee against Anti-Tribal Bills (JACAATB) while condemning the state government has called 12 hour bandh in Manipur on October 7.

In a joint statement, OMTF and JACAATB, on September 30, deliberated on the newly drafted Bill on Non-Local People of Manipur and the Scheduled Tribe Status demand by the Coordinating Body of

Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee of Manipur and resolved to call the 12-hour bandh.

The two bodies have also restated the boycott of tribal MLAs in the state. OMTF and JACAATB said in a joint statement that any individuals, organizations or political parties betraying the indigenous people shall have no place in the tribal areas of Manipur.

They also state that neither the forum nor the JAC shall be responsible for any untoward incidents if any persons or individual fail to comply with the boycott.

According to a joint release, the OMTF and JACAATB have submitted a memorandum to the prime minister to oppose the demand of the Meitei community for a Scheduled Tribe status.

The two bodies will also organise a joint tour in tribal areas, including Motbung, Kangpokpi, Senapati, Ukhrul, Chandel and Tamenglong to create awareness on Constitutional rights and duties of tribals. The two bodies have declared the 12-hour bandh in all tribal-inhabited areas of the state from morning 6 till evening 6 of October 7.

## Residents of Phuba – a village in Senapati district, not happy with state government

**By: Laishram Ranbir**

**Imphal, Oct 4:** "Numerous memorandums have been submitted pleading government authority to repair this road but no authority turns up to fulfill our plea. The road is in the most deteriorated condition and neither the government authority nor anybody from the center is listening to our grievances. Now, we are left with no choice but to generate our own resource to make this road motorable, as this is our only lifeline". Perhaps the most commonly heard words from people of the state, but this time Dizi Maithai, Village Chief of Phuba of Senapati district said this in state of anguished to this journalist.

Indeed, crores of rupees had been sanctioned to repair the road however, no work for repairment has been seen taken up. At the same time the villagers expressed their anguished over the negligence of either the district administration or the local MLA Alexander Pao. "The SDC, MLA or any other government authorities had ever come to take stock of the conditions of the roads or to look into how the villagers are struggling hard for survival

Phuba is not only the Village, but around 60 others villages in and around the area are suffering due to government negligence. The village is just around 90 Kilometers from Imphal and around 60 Km from from Senapati District Head Quarter and it comes under Paomata Tehsil. The road the Phuba village Chief was talking about is called Maram -Maiba-Phuba- Khuman road and is state high ways which also connect Ukhrul district Headquarter. Phuba Villages has many tourist attraction places with breathtaking



landscapes, amazing waterfalls (Ngaipai-Ngaipou-Siibu Waterfall), spectacular water streams, explore and unexplored caves and many. The Villages also celebrate various traditional festival and one such festival which is worth mentioning is "PAOKI Plantation Festival" - a grand festivals of the Poumai Tribe. Due to the pathetic road condition, many people cannot

visit to have a glimpse of the Phuba villages and its traditional authenticity. The Heaven like beauty of Phuba village still remain obscured to many people including citizens of the state. "We no more trust the government, now its left with no choice but to repair the road with our own resource", said a village Thio. They had tried, repaired it once but the to and fro of heavy vehicles again brings to the similar deplorable condition. Now the condition of the road is in most pathetic condition that villagers

take risk everyday in travelling to the road and never argued on the demand for fare by the transporters at their will. This journalist witness several hazardous potholes and mudslide prone areas. Many fatalities have occurred in the past due to road mishaps as availing of medical attention has become an arduous task because of the worsening condition. Of the entire stretch of the highway, only a few km long stretches Imphal to Maiba Village is in a better condition. But beyond Maiba Village till Phuba Khuman Village, the road is filled up with pot-holes and is in the most pathetic condition making it even unsuitable for pedestrians thereby causing lots of inconveniences to transporters and passengers. In rainy season villagers face the worst. Phuba Khuman village has a population of around 8000 peoples. There are about 900 household. Paddy, maize, potato, cabbage, cereals are the main economic crops of the village where rice is the staple food. Poultry and fishery are common as well.