

## Wokha 'total bandh' from 6 am Monday

**Courtesy EMN Dimapur, Dec. 17:** The All Commercial Vehicle Association (ACVA) Wokha has announced a 'total indefinite bandh' within Wokha jurisdiction from 6 am of Dec. 18.

A press statement from the ACVA on Sunday informed that the shutdown has been called to protest the 'seizure of taxi keys' by alleged 'erring NSCN (IM) cadres' at Khedi Transport Agency, Taxi Counter, Kezieke NB III Kohima for 'not entertaining yearly vehicle tax'.

"The bandh has been imposed due to non-compliance of the ACVA's demand by the erring NSCN (IM) cadres who fails (sic) to hand over the seized keys at the given deadline (i.e. 16th Dec 2017). The frontal organization supporting the total bandh has appended their signature of which - ACAUT Wokha, Lotha Eloeh Hoho, Lotha Youth Hoho, Lotha Students' Union, WDC&I, WDEA and WDAU were present in the meeting.

"In an emergency meeting held at ACVA Wokha office today had unanimously decided to impose the said bandh, which will enforce beginning 6 in the morning and will continue till the demand is met. It also stated that if any untoward incident arises during the bandh, the NSCN (IM) organization will be held responsible," the statement read. It has appealed all commercial vehicles and business establishment to cooperate. Exemptions from the purview of bandh have been made for personnel of media, paramilitary, fire and emergency services, district administration and police.

In a separate statement, the Against Corruption and Unabated Taxation (ACAUT) Nagaland has expressed shock 'that despite the dire situation of the Naga political reality the factions would still indulge in anti-people activities thus hampering the Naga cause'.

At a time when 'the statesmanship of the NPGs' is called for, it stated, provoking the masses with condemnable criminal activities is not only foolish but creating roadblocks towards settlement of the Naga issue itself. "Thus, the NPGs creating such a situation is totally condemnable."

It requested 'the various NPGs' to undertake immediate remedial measures with regard to two situations which have 'angered the masses'.

## BJP wins majority seats in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh State Assembly election

**IT Desk**

**Imphal, Dec 18:** The BJP wins majority seats for the fifth consecutive term in Gujarat, but by a lower margin of victory than last time, with the Congress giving it a scare earlier today.

Agency report said that of the 182 seats, BJP wins in 99 seats and Congress manage to get 80 seat while 3 goes to others. The BJP will form govt. at Gujarat as a party needs to win 92 of the state's 182 assembly seats to form government.

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The BJP will also form the government in Himachal Pradesh with a big win, snatching another state from the Congress. Of the 68 seat BJP wins in 44 seats and Congress manage to regain in

20 seat while 4 were managed to win by others.

Media report said that counting for both the state assembly election began at 8 am. In early rounds of counting of votes in the Gujarat assembly elections, the BJP and Congress were neck and neck. The BJP then pulled ahead, but is now at 99, 16 short of the 115 it had won last time. The Congress wins in 80 seat, 19 up from the last assembly election.

The BJP has lost much ground in Gujarat's Saurashtra region, while it is more or less at par in central, north and south Gujarat compared to the 2012 election. The party has been in power in the state for the last two decades and is seen to have shaken off today a considerable build-up of an anti-incumbency sentiment.

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moment, a contest important not only for the state but also national politics. A win today will give the BJP added momentum in the run-up to the 2019 national election after its sweep of Uttar Pradesh earlier this year.

Winning Gujarat, his home state, is also a matter of prestige for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a bitterly fought battle versus Rahul Gandhi, the Prime Minister made the election more about Gujarat pride and less about issues like development and economic policies raised by the new Congress president. The BJP also sweep Himachal, winning in 44 of the state's 68 assembly seats. The BJP had deviated from its strategy in recent state elections by naming a presumptive chief minister PK Dhimal. A party needs 35 seats or more to form government in Himachal

Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath asks Congress to prepare for 2024.

"The results have shown that the people of Gujarat and Himachal are strongly with the economic initiatives taken by Prime Minister Modi and will continue to support him to see India emerge as a global economic superpower," Adityanath said. The monk-turned-chief minister also advised Opposition leaders to accept the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, agency added. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to deliver the party workers at Ahmedabad today. It was the president of the BJP Amid Shah that usually deliver speech over election but this time the Prime minister had taken the task by himself.

## CSO leaders of Manipur meet INC President Rahul Gandhi; appointment for PM, HM likely after December 20

**IT News**

**Imphal, Dec 17:** Leaders of the different civil society organisations of the state who are presently camping at Delhi over the Frame Work Agreement signed between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM today meet the President of Indian National Congress Rahul Gandhi.

President of United Committee Manipur (UCM) Elangbam Johnson, President of All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO) Ph. Devan, President of NIPCO Siniil Karan, President of CCSK Jeetendra Ningombam are presently camping at New Delhi to address the grievances of the people to the various political parties to support the people of the state regarding the solution that is sorting out soon between the GoI and NSCN-IM in the coming days.

The CSO team from Manipur had also met D. Raja, MP and National general Secretary of Communist Party of India. The team had taken appointment of Lok Jan Shakti Chief Ram Villas Paswan. The team will meet the Lok Jan Shakti President at 6 pm today. They will also meet the Chief Minister of New Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal tomorrow, a report reaching here said.

The team had applied appointment to meet the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Home Minister Rajnath .

Minister of state Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju and other BJP leaders. Source said that till now no appointment has been fixed but it is likely that the team may be able to get appointment after December 20. The CSOs has been demanding revelation of the contents of the Frame Work Agreement signed between the NSCN IM and the Government of India. With signals of bringing about a solution between the two after the assurance by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind during HornBill Festival and also by the Governor of Nagaland in September, there is apprehension among the people of the state on whether the agreement will segregate the state of Manipur or not.

The CSOs had been opposing any kind of arrangement on separate administration for certain section of people inside the state of Manipur.

Earlier the Prime Minister of India and other leaders of the BJP including the Home Minister Rajnath had assured that there will be no question of redrawing the boundaries of the states neighbouring states of Nagaland including Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. However, the CSOs still have apprehension about granting separate administration for some sections of people as the contents has not been revealed so far.

## Identification for beneficiaries of PMEGP to be held

**DIPR**

**Imphal, Dec 18:** The Deputy Commissioner who is also the Chairman of DLTFPC, Tamenglong notifies to all the concerned that the interview/interaction for identification of beneficiaries under Prime Minister's Employment Generation

Programme (PMEGP) for the year 2017-18 in respect of Tamenglong District will be held on December 29, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. onwards in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong. Candidates are required to bring their original certificates of educational

and technical qualifications (if any) and Aadhar Card at the time of interview. No further interview for absentee candidates will be held under any circumstances.

Detail information can be had from the office of the KVIB, KVIB and DIC, Tamenglong.

## Congress continue protest over FA

**IT News**

**Imphal, Dec 17:** Congress party continue its protest demanding the government to make public the contents of the Frame Work Agreement signed between the NSCN-IM and GoI. Today the MPCC organised the protest at Wangjing Tantha. Various leaders of the party including Opposition leader O Ibobi and G Gaikhangam attended the protest demonstration.

## Ex Servicemen Rally at Leimakhong

**PIB (DW)**

**Imphal, Dec 18:** Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Rally was conducted by Red Shield Division on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Leimakhong Military Garrison. The Rally saw participation by more than 1100 ESM, Veer Naris and children. The Rally was graced by Lieutenant General (Retd) K Himalay Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM and Deputy General Officer Commanding Brig SKS Chauhan apart from other Civil and Military Dignitaries. All the Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris, Widows of deceased soldiers and their dependents were at the outset welcomed and the World War II Veterans, Gallantry award winners and Veer Naris in particular were

specially felicitated. Lieutenant General (Retd) K Himalay Singh expressed that welfare of ESM, Veer Naris and World War II Veterans will given top most priority. He stressed on wide publicity of various Central/State/Army welfare schemes for the ESM. He praising the dedication and hard work of the retired ranks and files of the Armed Forces, said that it was this league of extraordinary people who by setting an example in the society, acted as catalysts in remoulding it. He exhorted the younger generation to learn from the Veterans and endeavour to emulate their lives in ensuring a progressive and prosperous Manipur. The event was marked by the release of booklets on various

welfare schemes under implementation by the Government for the benefit of the Ex-Servicemen fraternity. 01 World War II Veterans, 04 Chakra Awardees, 19 Veer Naris and 54 Widows of deceased soldiers were honoured for their invaluable contribution towards nation building. The Red Shield Division got together with the State Administration and corporate house with 40 Stalls for the ESM and also provided a platform for ESM to register to Project 'Suvigya'. The Rally was a success and brought together the serving and Veteran soldiers clearly highlighting the binding spirit of camaraderie of the Armed Forces.

## Rahul Bhardhvaj stuns top seeded A Dasgupta

**Guwahati, Dec 18 -** Sixth seeded Rahul Bhardhvaj of Air India scored an upset victory over top seeded Arintap Dasgupta of West Bengal to breeze into the finals of under-19 boys' singles competition of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Junior National Badminton Championships here at the Deshbhakta Tarun Ram Phookan Indoor Stadium yesterday. Rahul started on a strong note and ran away with the opening 21-12 in no time. In the second game, Arintap did try to make a comeback but Rahul managed to stave him off and won the second game 21-17 to move into the finals and will face the winner of the

match that will be played between Aryanam Tandon and Abhishek Saini. In the boys' under-17 category, fourth seeded Maysnam Meiraba of Manipur steamrolled Iman Sonowal of Assam 21-13, 21-19 to set the summit clash with Amit Rathore of Madhya Pradesh who stunned the top seeded Dhruv Rawat of Uttarakhand 21-13, 21-14. Top seeded Akarshi Kashyap of Chhattisgarh posted a comfortable 21-12, 21-16 victory over Trisha Hedge of Karnataka to book a berth in the final of the under-17 girls' singles category. She will take on second seeded Malvika Bansod of Maharashtra who

beat Unnati Bisht of Uttarakhand 21-12, 21-13. In the girls' under-19 event, Akarshi qualified for the semifinals to stay on course for twin delight in the tournament after her opponent Aadya Variyath of Kerala retired mid-way during the first game. She will face Malvika for a spot in the finals who beat Dipti Kuity of Gujarat 21-12, 21-19. Seventh seeded Ira Sharma of Haryana pulled off an upset 21-15, 21-13 victory over second seeded Purva Barve of Air India to set up a last four meeting with Vaidehi Choudhari of Maharashtra. Vaidehi beat local favourite Ashmita Chaliha 23-21, 9-21, 21-19 in a grueling encounter.

## Gerrari Off-roaders crowned JK Tyre-Orange 4x4 Fury kings

**By: Monsum Hazarika**

**Itanagar Dec 18:** Overnight leaders Gerrari Off-roaders from Chandigarh proved to be the most accomplished team in the JK Tyre-Orange 4x4 Fury, clinching the coveted title and the winners' prize purse of Rs 2.5 lakh with ease here on the third and final day on Sunday. Kabir Waraich and Gurmeet Singh proved to be in a different league, excelling on each of the three days to amass 514.5 points to win the title.

Association of Off-roaders from Nagaland (AON) mustered 398.5 points to take the second place while home team MOCA grabbed the third position to round off a sensational show for the North-Eastern teams.

Gerrari's Kabir and Gurmeet were ably assisted by co-drivers Yuvraj Tiwana and Dushyant Khosla as they worked brilliantly as a team to surge ahead on the second ahead day itself.

The Nagaland team was well served by Angulie Vupru and



Sathish Kumar (drivers) and Neiketoulie Meyase and Yanren Jamio (co-drivers).

MOCA had Miranjant Choudhury and Tsengtsing at the helm while Purbajyoti Choudhury and Jeninder Mantaw worked in tandem with them.

Gerrari stumbled just a little on Day 2, slipping to the fifth place in one of the stages. But they were unbeatable in all other five stages to be crowned unchallenged kings. On Sunday, the competitors had to grapple with two tough stages. In the Bush Man, their cars had to first climb some wood logs, get into the river and drive to the jungle and come back into the river and finish all in 20 mins.

In the final stage, Showman, they had to tackle a man-made gradient which was twelve feet high followed by a sharp drop down. It was all about the right technique and precision.

Kabir Waraich and Gurmeet Singh showed nerves of steel and great control to comfortably win these stages too.