

Chief Minister Launches Inter-district and City Bus Service

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Imphal, June 24: After the State Government decided to revive public transport in the State under its 100-days programme with the name, Manipur State Transport, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched inter-district and city bus services today.

He flagged off the bus services from the complex of erstwhile Manipur State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), Moirangkhom, Imphal.

The main function of the launching ceremony was organised by the State Transport Department at ISBT complex, Deulahlad from where the Chief Minister also flagged off a bus of city bus service.

N. Biren Singh attended the function as the chief guest and Parliamentary Secretary (Transport) Khashim Vashum as the functional president. Speaking at the occasion, N.

Biren expressed confidence that the newly revived public transport system would be successful.

The Chief Minister also expressed happiness on launching the service on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitre and on being coincided by the occasion with Rath Jatra festival.

Stating that inter-district bus services for the remaining districts would also be launched soon, the Chief Minister said that the State Government would procure necessary buses for the said purpose at the earliest.

Observing that connectivity is a must to restore emotional integration, N. Biren urged the people to take MST as their own property.

He further opined that transparency would bring trust, and trust would further build up unity among people of different communities.

Works Minister Th. Biswajit, CAF and PD Minister Karam Shyam, MAHUD Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Tribal and Hill Areas Development Minister N. Kayisii, IFCD Minister Letpao Haokip and Education Minister Th. Radheshyam also attended the function as presidium members.

Parliamentary Secretaries,



Advisor to CM Rajat Sethi, Transport Commissioner M. Lakshmi Kumar and other top ranking police and civil officials were also present at the occasion.

Th. Biswajit while speaking at the occasion said that the Centre is ready to sanction additional funds under PMGSY to develop the roads of every nook and corner of the State.

As the Transport Department had launched public transport system, Works Department would also put in all possible efforts to keep the roads in tip-top condition for the convenience of the public.

He also lauded Chief Minister N. Biren for initiating the idea of Government's 100-days programme. The Minister said

that the programme had motivated the Ministers and officials to deliver progress within a stipulated time.

It may be mentioned that in the first phase, MST will operate city bus service in two routes, both originating from ISBT, Deulahlad. The transport agency would also initially have Imphal-Noney, Imphal-Moreh, Imphal-Kakching, Imphal-Yairipok, Imphal-Moirang and Imphal-Pherzawl inter-district bus services.

The proposed fleet size of the agency is around 150 buses to be achieved in three phases. Initially, purchase of five buses has been approved by the Government.

In the first phase, the fleet size will be of 15 buses including ten semi-low floor buses.

State PWD facing hard times with meagre fund allocation for High Ways maintenance

IT News

Imphal, June 25: Meagre fund allocations for maintenance of the National High Ways in the state is one big challenge that the state Public Works Department (PWD) is facing at the moment. Of the 16 National High Ways in the state of Manipur six are being handed over to the State PWD, others are being undertaken by the National Infrastructures and Development Corporation Limited and the Border Road Organisation, said the Additional Chief Engineer (NH) of PWD Manipur, N. Noren Singh during the interaction session of the One Day Media Sensitization Programme on State of National Highways in Manipur held at Hotel Classic today.

Chief Engineer of PWD Manipur Tiken, Additional Chief Engineer T. Rabindra Kumar (State Highways) and Superintending Engineer, PWD, Y. Joykumar were also present in the one day Media Sensitization Programme organised by the Editor's Guild Manipur.

Speaking on the occasion N. Noren Singh, Additional Chief Engineer, PWD further said that the six National Highways

being handed over to the state PWD are NH 2 (Mao-Imphal-Churachandpur stretch), NH-202 (Imphal-Yangangpokpi stretch), portion of NH 37 (Imphal-Takel along the Imphal-Jiri road), NH 102 (Imphal-Moreh stretch), NH 137 (2) (Imphal-Kakching-Mayang Imphal stretch) and NH 102 (A) (Sangshak-Tengnoup stretch). Total fund allocation for the maintenance of the 6 National Highways is just Rs 1.35 crores.

Chief Engineer of PWD Tiken further said that life span of the road has been shortened with the increase of traffic volume.

"The total number of vehicles in 2009 was 1.9 lakhs and the number now reached 3.89 lakhs", said Tiken. He also added that the thickness of the road is also comparatively low.

The Chief Engineer however said that the condition of the National Highways will be improved in the coming days as the state PWD is all set to implement a new vision project.

Y. Joykumar, Superintending Engineer of the State PWD, while speaking on the occasion said that even though detail project report for the upgradation of the

Highways are being finalised, the PWD still faced problem over the obstacle being faced by them on land acquisition works for widening of the National Highways. He said with the increase of the vehicles the road need to be wider and for widening the road land acquisition is a much. At present, the number of vehicles at one go in the National Highways is 300 to 500 which is almost tripled the number of 2009. The volume of the vehicle pressurised the road structures making its lifespan shorter and for that Widening of the road is a much.

On the condition of the state Highways and other roads, Y. Joykumar said that lack of coordinations between various departments like the PHED, IFCD and the PWD is also a major problem faced in the proper maintenance of the roads in the state. The Superintending engineer was referring to the digging out of road by PHED or other department without prior communications with the PWD. He also stretch on the need for proper understanding between the district administration and the PWD when it comes on the maintenance of roads.

CM greets people on Id-ul-fitr

IT News

Imphal, June 25: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today greets the people of the state particularly the Muslim community on the occasion of the Id-ul-fitr. In his message the CM said that Id-ul-fitr marks the end of Ramjan, the holy month of fasting. The festival highlights the spirit of sacrifice and the joy of sharing and reflects the true spirit of our composite culture.

IGAR (South) greets on 'id-ul-fitr'

IT News

Imphal, June 25: Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) and all Ranks of Assam Rifles extend warm greetings and sincere goodwill to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of 'ID-UL-FITR'. The Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) also conveys his earnest message of peace, harmony and unity on this joyous occasion. We wish that the goodwill and harmony will bring us all together irrespective of caste, colour, creed and faith.

Imphal Times will not have its publication on Monday the June 26, 2017 on occasion of Id-ul-fitre.

MAHUD celebrates 100 days in office



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IMPHAL, JUNE 25: As a part of the celebration of the State Government's 100 days completion in the office today, Municipal Administration, Housing & Urban Development (MAHUD) celebrated "MAHUD in 100 Days" at Khwairamband Ima Keithel. A booklet was also released at the function organised by the Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA) and Imphal Municipal Corporation. Speaking as the Chief Guest of the function, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Karam Shyam, appreciated MAHUD Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar for his different working style. Describing Shyamkumar as one of the most courageous elective member, Karam Shyam said, MAHUD Minister needs encouragement for the works taken up by him. Karam Shyam also stressed on the need to bring all round development in the State. He said, the citizens must inculcate civic sense & duties

in life and respect human resource to bring overall development. If all the people in the world take their responsibilities collectively then there could be progress in the human civilization, the Minister added. MAHUD Minister Shri Th. Shyamkumar, speaking as the President of the function stressed on the need to keep Imphal city neat and clean, including Ima Keithel. He described Ima Keithel as the face of the State as it is one of the unique markets run by women in the world.

Shyamkumar appreciated the work taken up by the IMC and other agencies. He also stressed on the need for introducing stricter traffic rules and regulations in the State to stop noise pollution. He further appealed to the public to cooperate with the IMC to keep the city neat and clean. N. Indrajit Singh, Parliamentary Secretary (MAHUD); Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Additional Chief Secretary; D. Gitkumar, MAHUD Director; L. Lokeshwar, IMC Mayor; M. Ashinikumar, Vice Chairman

MIDA; officials of MAHUD; IMC corporators & officials; women vendors of the Khwairamband Keithel attended the function. MAHUD implemented two programmes under the 57 schemes implemented by the State Cabinet in the 100 days in office. MAHUD implemented exemption of stamp duty & registration fees/tax for the women beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing for All (Urban) and making the core area of Imphal city free from garbage.

With an aim to convert Imphal into a Smart City, the department also strengthened its commitment in achieving poverty alleviation, especially in towns & cities through various scheme components like Self Employment Programme (SEP), formation & bank linkage of Self Help Groups (SHGs), employment through Skills Training and Placement (EST&P) under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM)

Music project for school students lauched

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Imphal, June 25, 2017 (DIPR): Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today launched the project, 'Support of Musical Instruments and Teaching of Music to School Children', which is a part of State Government's 100-days programme, at the auditorium of Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS), Palace Compound, Imphal today.

The function also marked the inauguration of a 25-day music workshop which was organised to support school children by way of imparting knowledge of music to school children and make them aware about the role and importance of music in life through this project funded by North Eastern Council (NEC). Noted artistes Nameirakpam

Tiken, Leimapokpam Tiken, Guru Reuben Mashangva, Huidrom Dhana, Haobijam Senyai, L. Budhi, Bachaspatimayum Rajeshwar, Deepen Kamei, Dankhojam Lumkin, RK Surjit and Laishram Prithviraj will be the resource persons of the workshop.

Speaking at the occasion as the chief guest, Shri N. Biren observed that every profession must be given equal respect as every society comprises of people of different professions.

The Chief Minister stated that people of other States and countries acclaim Manipur's glorious civilization after witnessing its rich cultural heritage.

Reiterating State Government's firm commitment of fulfilling

people's wishes, the Chief Minister said that Manipur belongs to every community of the State.

Art and Culture Minister L. Jayantakumar and Education Minister Shri Th. Radheshyam graced the occasion as president and guest of honour respectively.

Among others CAF & PD Minister Shri Karam Shyam, MAHUD Minister Shri Th. Shyamkumar and Commissioner (Art and Culture) M. Lakshmi Kumar also attended the function, organised by Department of Art and Culture, Government of Manipur.

The dignitaries feted the resource persons and also distributed musical instruments to 15 schools of 16 different districts at the function.

Manipur University campus 'militarisation' decried

NENA

Imphal, June 24 (NENA): The Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) today decried "campus militarisation" and pledged to renew its long pending demand for demilitarisation of the institute's campus on Saturday.

"Security personnel manning the varsity's main gate check all students in entering the campus while military troops enter and exit the campus at their own will," MUSU president Buchi Mayanglambam told media. He said that the over 30-year-old demand of de-militarisation of the campus by students has remained futile till date. There is one Assam Rifles military post inside the MU campus.

"We do not want the presence of military elements inside the MU campus. MUSU and other social organisations have been demanding removal of troops from the campus for the last 30 years" he added.

Buchi pledged to renew and intensify the decades-old demand for removal of military troops from the campus. He said there should be a demilitarisation of the campus at the earliest. Students said they have the feeling of entering a military zone when they see armoured vehicles and army personnel roaming around with weapons in their hands inside the MU campus. Buchi appealed to the civil

society bodies, student unions and people residing in and around the varsity to extend all possible support in their demand for forbidding military in the campus. Non-cooperation stir against VC threatened.

The MUSU president Buchi also expressed unhappiness over the alleged academic negligence of the new Vice Chancellor of the institute. He also said that although the university is centralised, it has not yet been featured in the top 100 universities of the country. Buchi blamed the VC for not having been able to feature MU in the top 100 list in which the neighbouring states of Mizoram and Assam universities have already been included.