

Tripartite Talk: UNC questions Govt. over delay in materialising demand

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Imphal, Nov 10: Third round of tripartite talk between the Government of Manipur, Central Government and the United Naga Council (UNC) was held today at Senapati district head quarter. The talk begins at 9.30 am and concluded at 3.00 pm. During the talk representatives of UNC led by its president Gaidon Kamei questioned the government authority for the delay in materialising the demands of the UNC. A heated argument took place between the representatives of Manipur Government and the UNC, a report said. It added that the government authority assured the UNC to settle the matter within a specific time frame by consulting with all stake holders. Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhalian, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, TD Minister N. Kaisii, Additional CS Dr. Suresh Babu and works Commissioner K Radhakumar attended the talk. Satyendra Garg was also present as center's representative. As per resolution, the state govt. will initiate consultation with stakeholders and prepare proposal on the demand of the UNC by 2nd week of February, 2018. Next round of meeting is scheduled on Feb. 23, 2018.

Full GST council meeting

Guwahati, Nov 10: The full GST council headed by Union Finance minister Arun Jaitley, meet today in Guwahati. The council review the impact of the new tax regime in the first quarter of its implementation. Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, the meeting is important as it will review the progress of the new tax regime three months after it was rolled out. Exemption to small traders, issues related to MRP and the impact of the new tax regime on the small scale industry are among the issues likely to be taken up at the meeting. Besides the rate fitment committee, there is a Group of Ministers headed by Mr Sarma which is working on making the GST composition scheme more attractive. Another committee is working on the GST network.

6 non locals selected for MJS –Grade III interview seek security protection

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Imphal, Nov 10: The six non-locals who were selected to appear in the viva voce for the 9 post of the Manipur Judicial Service Grade III have applied security coverage following the series of protest over their selection, said a highly reliable source. Various students' bodies including DESAM, KSA etc. have been protesting against the selection of the 6 non-locals. A total of 27 candidates are reported to have been selected for the interview for the 9 post of MJS Grade –III.

The source added that as the non local applicants, selected for the interview felt insecure with the kind of protest and thus they applied for security while appearing the interview. A source from the Manipur High Court said that concerns for the people sentiment over the issue for protection of indigenous people has prompted them to include a clause for the candidate in the eligibility criteria stating that candidates are desirable of having knowledge of either Manipuri or other local languages even as the guideline for selection

procedure cannot be change by the Manipur High Court Authority. On the other hand, talking to this reporter, some of the intellectuals who have been looking on the development said that, the demands by students' body for inclusion of a clause in par with the Assam may not be relevant when it comes to the state of Manipur. He said that introduction of a clause like compulsory Manipuri subject either in class X or XII might face objection from section of people from within the state who did not opt Manipuri in

either of the classes. This is being stated because many students in the state do not opt Manipuri in their class 10 exam, instead they chose alternative English or other local language. Meanwhile, another source close to Imphal Times also said that there is a possibility that if any person complaints the matter to the Supreme Court then there is possibility that the interview might be shifted to either at Guwahati or Delhi. As the Judiciary has to comply with the rules of law of the land there is nothing that the Manipur High Court could do if such an order to shift the interview is issued by the SC. Manipur High Court source, also added that if some people think that some clause for safeguarding the indigenous people is left out they should have come to the Court to challenge it at the time of publication of the advertisement and not at the time when everything is completed.

Shyamkumar assures help in upgrading Nirmalabas High School to Higher Secondary level

Imphal, Nov. 10: Minister of MAHUD, Town Planning, Forests and Environment and Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Thounaojam Shyamkumar today assured that he will extend all possible help to upgrade the school to higher secondary level. Th. Shyamkumar was addressing the students at the Children's Day celebration cum annual prize distribution function at the Nirmalabas High School, MG Avenue, Imphal. Stating that the students have a big responsibility in maintaining the good name of the school, Minister Shyamkumar advised the students not only to focus on studies but also follow good moral values and contribute in saving the environment. He also lauded the school for producing toppers in the State and appreciated the self-less sacrifices of the people involved in the missionary

school. He said punctuality, obeying the teachers and parents and participating in school activities are some of the key mantras to become successful in life. Appreciating the skit presented by students on endangered Sangai, Minister Shyamkumar said, we all have equal responsibility to save the wildlife and environment. Sister Victoria, Principal of Nirmalabas High School, lauded the Minister Th. Shyamkumar for his selfless effort of cleanliness work in the Imphal city especially in the market area. She said, his effort and strong determination is making a difference. Cultural performances enthralled the teachers, non teaching staff and students at the function. Minister Th. Shyamkumar also presented annual prizes under different categories to the students.

LMS Law College students stage protest against selection of 6 non locals for MJS interview



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Imphal, Nov 10: Students of LMS Law College today staged a protest demonstration in front of their college demanding rectification of the rules and regulation for the selection of the Manipur Judicial Service Grade –III. Of the 27 candidates selected

for interview for 9 MJS Grade – III post, 6 are reported to be non locals. The LMS Law College Students while denouncing the inclusion of the 6 non locals selected for interview blamed the state government for failure to frame a rules to the recruitment process.

The students however said that chances for dropping out of the 6 non-locals is high as the notification said that preference will be given to local indigenous people. In that case, it is better to give chances to the local people instead of selecting the 6 non-locals, the students added.

Supreme Court declines plea to declare Hindus as minority in eight states

TNN
New Delhi, Nov. 10: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a petition seeking its direction to Centre to grant minority status to Hindus in eight states. A bench headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi said that issue needed to be decided by National Commission for Minorities and asked the petition to approach the commission. The public interest litigation (PIL) sought minority status to Hindus in eight states- Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

The PIL, filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, has said that Hindus are minority in these states but their legitimate benefits are being siphoned off arbitrarily to the majority, because of non-identification and non-notification of minorities at the State level. "The Union Government offered 20,000 scholarships in

Lakshadweep (2.5%), Mizoram (2.75%), Nagaland (8.75%), Meghalaya (11.53%), J&K (28.44%), Arunachal Pradesh (29%), Manipur (31.39%) and Punjab (38.40%). It further says that Muslims are majority in Lakshadweep (96.20%) and Jammu & Kashmir (68.30%), and there is significant Muslim population in Assam (34.20%), West Bengal (27.5%), Kerala (26.60%), Uttar Pradesh (19.30%) and Bihar (18%).

N. Biren opines for a Land Route Trade Center at Mandalay

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Imphal, Nov 10: Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today drew the attention of the Myanmar Government to provide land for construction Trade Center and Guest House at Mandalay. Speaking on the inaugural function of the two day International Conference on India and Myanmar relation on the theme Way Forward at

Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon, Manipur Chief Minister said that in order to improve the trade and commerce between the two countries opening of a trade center is the need of the hour under India's Act East Policy. Biren, who attended as the chief guest said the Manipur is the gateway to South East Asia. He added that even as the place is rich with minerals,

it can't be extracted as of now. The Chief Minister further said that the first interaction between media fraternity from Myanmar and India will be held at Manipur during Sangai festival on November 27 and 28. N. Biren Singh also highlighted the status of the players of the state saying that it won't be wrong to call the Indian Football team as Manipur team.

'Loktak lake is reduced to the status of sick Ramsar lake'

Rabi Takhellambam
Thoubal, Nov.10: Loktak lake is now reduce to the name of sick Ramsar lake as the number of migratory birds has been reduced to just around 7 thousand a year. This was stated by the Thoubal district Forest Officer RK Amarjit during the flagged off ceremony of cycle rally organised under the them save migratory birds and lakes of the region in Thoubal district. He said that, the one and only fresh water lake of the state Loktak lake has been listed as Ramsar site as it is a site for migratory birds. However as



the number of migratory bird took shelter in the lake has been reduced to 7000 the lake is now becoming sick lake as the number of migratory bird should be at least 20, 000 for

declaring as Ramsar. RK Amarjit further said that migratory birds from around the world will be arriving from November till February. It will be impossible for the

department to launch drive for each and every migratory birds from the hand of the poachers, so it is only through awareness that these bird could be save. He appealed people to take their role in protecting the migratory birds. The cycle rally was flagged off Thoubal district Superintendent of Police K. Meghachandra. The rally aims to spread awareness about protection of Migratory Birds and preservations of the lakes and water body of the state. The cycle rally organised by the Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal in collaboration with Ningsing Lup Tekcham was

flagged off from Tekcham ground. The rally snakes through the streets of villages in the periphery of Ekok Pat, Kharung Pat and Loushi Pat and then return to the place where it begins. Speaking on the occasion SP K Meghachandra stressed on the importance of migratory bird. He said organising event to welcome the wild life is a welcoming initiative. "We cannot neglect the importance of wild life as their presence is maintaining the eco system", the SP said. He further added that such an initiative needs support from all sections of people of the state.

leaking the official secrets in the Ministry of Home Affairs and airing the same among the public in a manner defaming the organisation. In the complaint, Mohammad Perwez Ahmed, the Delhi State President said that Popular Front of India is a neo-social movement striving for the empowerment of Muslims, minorities, backward sections, Dalits, downtrodden and marginalized sections of the society for several years across the nation. And the organisation has been working democratically within the purview of the law and the constitution of India, with its headquarters open at Kalindi kunj, New Delhi. A Popular Front of India, Manipur statement said that Times Now telecasted defamatory news against Popular Front of India two months ago. By accessing the official secrets of the government, it was telecasted through the debate programmes on 31.8.2017 (10.00 pm) and on 27.9.2017 by 8.00 pm.

Popular Front filed criminal complaint against TimesNow TV channel

Imphal, Nov 10: Popular Front of India filed a criminal complaint in the New Delhi Parliament Street police station against the Times Now Television channel, its editors, their reporter, their accomplice and the responsible officials of MHA for accessing or