

Fast-unto-death by SSUM and MPPDU leaders enters 2nd day; police picked them

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Imphal, Nov 17: Fast-unto-death protest by two leaders of Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM) and Manipur Proletariate Peoples' Union (MPPDU) enters 2nd day today.

Naorem Tonaranjan, Convenor of SSUM and Nameirakpam Meghachandra, President of MPPDU began the fast unto death protest since 3 pm yesterday at their office premises at Tiddion Road Keishampat Laishom leirak. They are demanding the government for framing of a legislation to safeguard the



indigenous people of the state; constitutional protection for the integrity of the state and also to punish all those responsible in the hijacking of public properties.

Tonaranjan, while speaking to this reporter said that they will continue the fast unto death until the demands are fulfilled. When asked on who actually are those hijacking the public properties, Tonaranjan said that they are demanding to make available the share of rice and other items which are to be distributed under the Public Distribution System. "The rich people can afford, but the rice and other items under PDS are very important for poor students like us", Tonaranjan said and added that our share are being hijacked by some government authority

and these people should be punished at any cost.

Noarem Tonaranjan is a 1st year BA student of Nambol Sanoi College. He is the son of Naorem Ranjit and Naorem Ongbi Ranjita of Nambol Thiyam. Nameirakpam Meghachandra, President of MPPDU while speaking to this reporter said that the government of Manipur had assured the people to frame a legislation which will be accepted by all communities for protection of the indigenous people of the state, however, nothing is done regarding the matter. On the other hand, he also expressed about the need for constitutional protection of the territorial boundary of the state.

Meghachandra said that the

two had sought permission from the district administration to allow them proceed the democratic form of protest but as the permission was not granted they began the fast-unto-death protest at the office complex.

Showing solidarity to the two protestors, large number of Meira Paibis from Leimajam Leikai yesterday joined them. Today another group of meira paibi from Sapam Leirak and Sayang area came to show solidarity to the two activists. Later, both the fast-unto-death protestors went at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community Hall continue their protest. The meira paibis too showed solidarity by joining the protest. Meanwhile, a team of Police picked the two protestors at around 3 pm

ZUF gives warning gunshot to NSCN-IM for leaving Noney area

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Imphal, Nov 17: Officially, the government of Manipur still denies existence of any undesignated camps of the NSCN-IM in the soil of Manipur, but rival group of the NSCN-IM today open fire near crowded Noney market area warning the NSCN-IM to vacate their camp from Noney area.

Report reaching here said that some cadres of Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) fires 3 rounds of gunshots in the air near

Noney market under Noney police station at around 10.25 am today. Source says the ZUF cadres fires the gunshots as a warning to the NSCN-IM if fails to vacate their undesignated camp from Noney area.

State security agencies seems to be clueless about the presence of NSCN-IM camp at Noney even as there are many complaints from the public about the kind of harassment given by the NSCN-IM cadres at Noney and adjoining area.

Interestingly, the source added that the ZUP cadres started attacking the NSCN-IM just to make sure that they dominate the Noney area so that no organisation stands as obstacles while extorting money from the area, which they called as tax. With the strength of ZUP cadres rising in the area people of the area expressed apprehension about factional clash between the two if non retreat. Meanwhile, security force presence in the area is silent over the matter.

Centre releases Rs 106 crore for Imphal Smart City

Imphal, Nov 17: Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development (MAHUD) and Town Planning Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar today said the Centre has released Rs 106 crore for the Imphal Smart City Mission. Addressing the media persons at his office chamber in New Secretariat, he said

that his department targets to complete 90 percent work of the Imphal Smart City Mission within 3 months. Stating that the Chief Minister will be consulted for the work related to the Mission, he appealed for the support of the general public to make the Imphal Smart City Mission successful.

MAHUD Minister further said a year-long cleanliness drive in all the Municipal areas will begin from tomorrow in view of the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival 2017 scheduled for November 21-30. He said the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) staffs led by the Mayor will conduct cleanliness drive from early morning tomorrow in different areas of Imphal. He said similar drive will also be conducted in the areas under

Municipal Council such as Moirang, Bishnupur, Kakching, Yairipok and Thoubal.

Th. Shyamkumar appealed to the shopkeepers of Imphal core zone area including Thangal Bazar, Paona Bazar, Uripok road, Kwakeithel road, Yairipok road, Keisamthong road, Singjamei road and others to keep dustbins near their respective shops. He said legal action will be taken against those shopkeepers who are found littering the surroundings.

MAHUD and Town Planning Minister said legal action will also be taken against street vendors and mobile hawkers in case found violating the instructions. He appealed to the general public to support the State Government in keeping the Imphal city and the surrounding areas clean.

DFO Thoubal campaign to welcome Migratory Birds

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Thoubal, Nov.17: In its effort to protect the migratory birds which started arriving in the state Divisional Forest Officer of Thoubal District RK Amarjit today launched a Loud Speaker Campaign for Welcoming the visitors.

The campaign aims to spread message to all the villages in the periphery of the wetland and lakes within the jurisdiction of Divisional Forest Officer Thoubal district.

Speaking at the launching function of the campaign, RK Amarjit said that on November 10, a cycle rally was organised to spread the message for protection of the migratory birds.

This campaign is also to spread the message about the importance of preserving and safeguarding the migratory birds visiting from far of places", Amarjit said.

Wild Life warden Thoubal W. Ramchandra and Forest Range officials were also present in the launching function.

Bio-data Changed

My previous bio-data recorded in my Aadhaar No. 840230803614 i.e., Ningombam Ongbi Nongthombam Ningol Memthoi Devi, w/o Ningombam Somendro Singh, Pangkhakhong Leirak Meira Paibi Sanglen, Thoubal Achouba, Thoubal, Manipur has changed to Ningombam Memthoi Devi, w/o Ningombam Somendro Singh, Date of Birth - 21/03/1982 as same as address.

Sd/-
Ningombam Memthoi Devi
W/o. N. Somendro Singh
Pakhkhakhong Leirak
Meira Paibi Shanglein,
Thoubal Achouba.

CM attends to about 500 complaints on Peoples' Day

Imphal, Nov. 17: Thousands of people turned up on the joint Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyangmi Nunit to highlight their grievances to the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at CM's Secretariat today.

The Chief Minister attended to as many as 500 complaints and personally met nearly 1500 people from 8:00 am to 3:15 pm. On the occasion, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) screened various documentaries highlighting the achievements of the new government and Chief Minister's visit to various hill districts of the State.

Speaking to the media persons, Chief Minister said that the government is focusing on action oriented policies and programmes for the welfare of the people and State. He affirmed that the new government is right on track towards bringing development in the State. Seeking people's support and co-operation, Chief Minister said, "I am doing my level best to serve the people of the State."

Refuting the allegations made by the Opposition parties, he said that people are witnessing the recent progress and development in the State and that the new government is tirelessly working for its people. He stated that the new government didn't announce any false promises to the people, everything has been put before the public. He said that since its inception, the government is maintaining complete transparency to achieve good governance in the State. He asserted that the new government is trying its best to resolve the misdeeds/issues done by the previous government. As of now, there hasn't been a single protest/



agitation against the present government by the people of the State, he added.

Stating the grievances of differently-abled persons, widows, and old-aged persons, Chief Minister said that the government is conducting assessment camps in various districts for the identification and issue of disability certificate and assessment of nature of disability for providing appropriate aids and appliances for persons with disability living in the State. Mentioning some of the developmental projects being taken up in the State, he said that the Tamenglong-Haflong road is upgrading to National Highway, construction of Water Supply Scheme estimated cost of Rs 40 crores at Tamenglong etc.

Chief Minister further stated that the health insurance scheme for BPL families which would provide financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh for medical treatment would be launched on 1st January, 2018. He mentioned that to ease the financial burden faced by widows, the application form for the Health Care Insurance

Scheme for widows is being issued here today.

Mentioning about hosting the North-East Development Summit during Manipur Sangai Festival 2017, Chief Minister said that preparations are almost complete for the upcoming Sangai festival. Various National and International investors and companies are expected to participate in the North-East Development Summit to be held on 21st-22nd November, 2017, he added. He said that till now, Chief Ministers of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland have confirmed to attend the Festival. A media team from Myanmar would

visit the State and interact with the media persons of the State during the festival. An exhibition football match will be played between Women football team from Mandalay and Manipur Women football team under the theme "Connecting through Sports" in the Sangai Festival, he added.

He said that he will inaugurate the Curtain Raiser of the Manipur Sangai Festival 2017 at Keibul Lamjao on 19 November 2017. And the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind will formally inaugurate the Manipur Sangai Festival 2017 and North-East Development Summit on 21st November, 2017.

CNPO not satisfy with the presence of state force in Chandel district

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Imphal, Nov 17: While condemning the November 13 blast at Mahamani Village in the strongest term and while assuring to extend fullest cooperation to the police department, Chandel Naga Peoples Organization (CNPO) expressed strong resentment to the presence of unwanted state forces in Chandel District HQ or elsewhere.

A meeting of the Presidential Meeting convened by Chandel Naga Peoples Organization (CNPO) yesterday alleged the presence of the large number of state force in Chandel district considered as policies and programmes of state

Govt. to create problems in order to solve another one.

2 AR personnel were killed injuring some in a bomb blast on Novemvbr 13 at Mahamani village in Chandel district. "The blast is barbaric act" said a statement of the CNPO. However, the CNPO statement said that the presence of large number of state force in the district creates mental torture and harassment to the people of Chandel.

The meeting of the CNPO also appealed any group(s) to restrain from such inhuman acts in future that pollute clean atmosphere of Chandel District.

"As a valley base UG has claim responsibility of the said blast, we urge the state Govt. and state forces to divert their attention towards them and not to Chandel District. We will not accept/ tolerate any mechanisms of state Govt. or forces which will be detrimental to the people of Chandel", the statement added. It further appealed the govt. to withdraw all the surplus state force from the district in the interest of the common people.

12TH NE business summit

Imphal, Nov 17: Textiles, Commerce and Industries, Works, Power, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Administrative Reforms and Information and Public Relations, Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh has invited investors from across the country to visit and invest in the State saying that Manipur will be the gateway

of India to South East Asia. He said Manipur will have good opportunities for investment in the various industries because railway connectivity will come to Imphal City by 2019 and with the Trans Asian highways expected to connect the ASEAN countries. The Minister was speaking at the 12th North East

Business Summit "Transforming North East: The Engine for India's Growth" at the The Lalit, New Delhi today. He said the initiative of the Look East Policy to Act East Policy will connect the entire North East States of India to South East Asian Countries to boost the economy and relationships in the region.