

President Kovind to begin four-day visit to West Bengal, Mizoram, Nagaland

New Delhi, Nov 28: President Ram Nath Kovind will today begin a four day visit of West Bengal, Mizoram and Nagaland. He will attend a Civic Reception hosted in his honour at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata today. He will address a 'Vigyan Chintan - Scientific Ecosystem event at Raj Bhavan in the day. The President will visit the birthplace of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore at Jorasanko and Netaji Bhawan in Kolkata tomorrow. He will also address the closing ceremony of the centenary celebrations of the Bose Institute in Kolkata and visit the Ramakrishna Mission and Math at Belur. In Mizoram, Mr Kovind will inaugurate housing complexes for economically weaker sections under the Basic Services to Urban Poor Scheme at the Raj Bhavan tomorrow. On Thursday, he will address a special session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Mr Kovind will meet and interact with various prominent citizens and NGOs in Kohima, Nagaland on Thursday. On Friday, he will inaugurate the Hornbill Festival and the Formation Day celebrations of Nagaland in Kisama.

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Saubhagya Scheme Launched In Manipur

Power sector improved a lot in the state: CM

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Imphal, Nov. 28: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the 'Saubhagya Scheme' would transform the lives, especially poorest of the poor by providing power supply to every household of the country. This was stated by him at the launching function of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya Scheme) in Manipur held at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister mentioned that the power supply has improved to a large extent especially after corporatisation of the erstwhile Electricity Department into Transmission Company and Distribution Company. He said that Saubhagya scheme would provide power supply to the remaining un-electrified household to achieve universal household electrification in the country. Stating that majority of the eligible household are in the hill districts of the State, Chief Minister said that around 1.07 lakhs household is yet to be

electrified under this scheme, he added. Chief Minister said that the government would get power connection to the remaining household at free of cost. Such scheme would transform the lives of the people of the country, he added.

Chief Minister said that the State Government has electrified 972 Census villages under various plans of Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and 1,442 census villages under State plan. Under the National Solar Mission, Manipur has been allocated an installation target of 105 MW solar power by the year 2022, he added.

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a legendary leader, Chief Minister said that the initiatives and schemes undertaken under his leadership to uplift the deprived and downtrodden people of the country is purely done on 'human service' to bring smiles on every face of this country. We feel proud when we see people happy, he added. He said that the government is committed to work for the welfare of the people.

Minister for Power, Commerce

and Industries, IPR Shri Th. Biswajit Singh said that the Government has successfully electrified 90 percent household in urban areas and 60 percent in rural areas of the State. The un-electrified 1.76 lakhs household would get power connection under the Saubhagya scheme, he added. The State Government has already started free electricity connections to some districts of the State. And under the supervision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all the villages of the country would be electrified by 2019, he added. On the other hand, the State Government has got the target to provide electricity to every household of the State by December, 2018.

He stated that we should be grateful to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving benefits and welfare to the needy and poor people of the country. He announced that the Ministry of Power, Government of India has already agreed to provide financial support to fulfil the dreams of the needy people to get power supply in their homes. He assured that the government would achieve the task to provide electricity

to every household in the State on time. He appealed the officials of MSPDCL, MANIREDA to work hard to fulfil the aspirations of the Prime Minister to provide power supply to households of the country.

During the function, the dignitaries made interactions with the beneficiaries of the four districts i.e. Senapati, Churachandpur, Noney and Chandel districts through live video conferencing. On the occasion, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) and Ukhrul District Community Resource Management Society (UDCRMS), a district unit of North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCRMS) for the construction of Multipurpose Hall cum indoor Stadium in Sodal Village, Ukhrul district. Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy R.K. Singh, Executive Director of REC, Shakil P Ahmed, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, A.K Verma and officials of MSPDCL attended the function.

Manipur is fastest reforming state in the country: R.K Singh

Imphal, Nov 28: Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy R.K. Singh said that Manipur is the 'Fastest Reforming State' in Power sector in the country and the Manipur Government is performing well in terms of power sector in the State. This was stated by him at the launching function of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya Scheme) in Manipur held at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal today.

Speaking on the occasion, R. K. Singh said that without the development in power sector, there won't be any development and industrialization in the State. Minister further said that it is the vision of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide electricity to every household of the country. Now the Government would come to people's doorstep to provide power connection to every

household. This is such a scheme where the poorest of the poor can afford electricity in their homes. He promised that people would get 24x7 power supply by March, 2019. And for this the Government has already given obligation to private companies to provide 24x7 power supply to every household, he added.

Union Minister further said that the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi believe in bringing change, changing lives of people, moving forward towards development. He assured that the Ministry of Power, Government of India would provide the required financial assistance for strengthening and improvement of infrastructure in the power sector in Manipur. The Government of India had already extended monetary assistance for procuring of transformers, meters etc. to strengthen the power sector in the State, he added.



Union Minister of State Power & Renewable Energy R.K Singh lighting the lamp for Launching of "Saubhagya Scheme" at Hotel Classic Grande

Parents worried over the quality of food supplements to Anganwadi centres

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Imphal, Nov.28: Despite having numerous food factories here in the state of Manipur, department of Social Welfare Govt. of Manipur has been supplying the food supplements for children at Anganwadi Centres from company located at New Delhi. What is more alarming is the tag written in the package food supplement which wrote "For ICDS Manipur only" instead of writing "Not for sales, for ICDS only", as done by some other Anganwadi food supplement supplied at other states.

The food supplements for Anganwadi centers here in the state are supplied by a Delhi based company called

Continental Milkose (India) Ltd. Nutril Gold" Micronutrient Fortified Energy Dense Food are some of the items supplied at which all have tags of "For ICDS Manipur only".

Food safety department of the state had never checked the quality of the food even as the company have FSSAI license. Some parents now question the specific reason for using the tag "For ICDS Manipur only" as they suspect foul play in the quality of the food supplements for their children. Takhellambam Ranitombi, a mother of two daughters said that, she wanted the authority of the Safety department to check the quality of the food supplement being provided to her children.

"Such tag are not seen in other food supplements supplied by Guwahati based Company Rausheena Udyog Limited, why this Delhi base company is writing the tag "For ICDS Manipur only", She asked. On the other hand children of the state need food supplements which are produced in the soil of the state as food habit need to be adapted with the kind of consumption being taken by the people of the soil. Why should the Social welfare department buy the food supplements from a Delhi base company when our states have many food production units?", Menka Thangjam another mother told this reporter.

Newly formed tribal committee throws slashing criticism to AMSU over appointment of Jt. Director at TRI

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Imphal, Nov 28: A newly formed committee called Joint Co-Ordination committee of Tribal Organizations (JCCTO), Manipur comprising of All Tribal Chief Forum, Manipur (ATCFM), All Tribal Rights Protection Forum, Manipur (ATRPFM), Federation of All Tribal Youth Club, Manipur (FATYCM), All Manipur Tribal Union (AMTU), All Tribal Youth Council (TYCM), All Tribal Disable Union, Manipur (ATDUM), Zeliangrong Baudi (AM & N), Zelianglong Student Union, Manipur (ZSUM) strongly reacted to the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) over its interference to Tribal

Affairs and Hill Dept. In a press statement released in the name A.A.Sing, convenor and James Haokip, General Secretary of the organisation, the newly formed committee throws slashing criticism to AMSU for spreading false propaganda over the appointment of deputy director in TRI. The statement said that the said post has been already kept in abeyance by a letter of the government dated 4th Dec, 2014.

"In continuation with the earlier said decision, now the matter has been settled by a Government's Orders of 1st August 2017 wherein the Government had stated clearly that it would not accept the

recommendation made by MPSC because the Government had asked MPSC to keep the recruitment process in abeyance as the Govt. had some issues to resolve by the letter of 4th Dec, 2014", the statement said.

While terming the demand for appointment of the post as confusing, the committee said that no tribal candidate has been filled to the said post. The committee warn AMSU of infringing in the tribal affairs saying that the Committee is ready to face any outcome.

Joint Co-Ordination committee of Tribal Organizations (JCCTO) also reacted to the press statement

of AMSU in the matter of Joint Director, TRI, terming it as illogical and irrelevant press statement.

The statement further said that the Tribal Affairs and Hills department advertised for the post of Joint Director in two local dailies after getting approval from the cabinet on 6th September, 2016. As per the advertisement in local dailies DPC was held and one tribal candidate was appointed. It was an unreserved post and done through open advertisement and any person could have applied for it.

The statement added that the JCCTO strongly condemned the allegations of AMSU for stating that the appointed Jt.

Director is incompetent. "AMSU is not the authority in this matter as AMSU is not the appointing authority", the statement said.

"The appointed Jt. Director was appointed as he fulfilled all the eligibility criteria laid down in the R/R which was advertised in the Imphal Free Press on 16/11/2016 and Imphal times on 15/11/2016 respectively. The said advertised minimum qualification of R/Rs which was approved by the Cabinet on 6th Sept., 2016 says that the candidate must possessed:

(1). 2nd Class Master's Degree, (2). Ph. d degree in Sociology/History/Political Science/Anthropology (3) 5

years administrative or research or teaching in Govt. or semi Govt. organizations and (4) Desirable: Knowledge of Manipuri/Hindi and One Tribal Dialect. Therefore, AMSU's unreasonable press statement in this matter is biased and misleading.

"The appointed Jt. Director (TRI) not only fulfilled the 4 (four) laid down eligibility qualifications as per the R/R as stated above but he possessed 1st class M.A from Jamia Millia Islamia (Central University), New Delhi with more than 10 years of experience in administration, research and teaching in Central University," it added.