

Minister K Shyam appeals the public not to resort to communalism in state interest

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A press conference was held today at the office chamber of Minister, CAF & PD, Revenue, Karam Shyam at Old Secretariat today in connection with Manipur total shut down/strike called by the All Manipur Muslim Organisation Co-ordinating Committee from 6 am today till 6 pm tomorrow and the State Government's stand on it.

The Government seeks co-operation of the public to support their ongoing activities relating to the implementation of the Manipur Conservation of Paddyland & Wetland Act 2014 and steps relating to revenue matter are strictly according to the laws and has no intention for inciting communalism or violence, Minister Karam Shyam assured.

As per Government reports, around 75 houses of about 350-400 villagers were built at the Kobithabi Nongmaijing Ching reserved forests area. Under the DFO, Central Forest Division of Manipur Forest Rule, 1971, a show cause notice was served on 1st March, 2018 to the encroachers to give clarification on the above construction within 14 March 2018, Revenue Minister Shri Karam Shyam stated. On finding out that except Saajal Academy Group, none of the encroachers has served the notice, an eviction order was issued to them on 17



March, 2018 mentioning that the illegal encroachers should vacate the reserved forests area within 24 March 2018, he said.

Briefing that the State has proposal for constructing a quarter compact area (residential) for Ministers, MLA & other officials as direct purchase under the Manipur Conservation of Paddyland & Wetland Act 2014, he said that

the said area comprises fields and paddyland of around 53 acres belonging to Meitei-Kairang, Chingmeirong-Nongpok & Kontha-Ahallup villages occupied by different communities. Minister Shyam clarified that the Government is taking up the policies and programmes in public interest and has no bias against any religious community specially the Muslim community who felt

they are victimised with respect to the Government's construction plan in the Kontha Ahallup that is presently occupied by different communities. Talking to media, he strongly appealed the public that the Government strictly abides by the laws & Acts of the land and has no intention to create communalism or differences amongst different religious groups regarding revenue matter.

Drawing attention to the current bandh called by the All Manipur Muslim Organisation Co-ordinating Committee, he appealed to those concerned to call off the strike in public interest and not resort to anything that will affect the integrity of the State. Secretary Revenue, T Ranjit; DC Imphal East Th Chitra; Deputy Secretary Revenue, Y Rajen & other concerned revenue officials attended the press meet.

2 separate bandh on separate issues today

Bandh against shifting of district hospital affects normalcy at Sangolmang area; Meitei Pangal dominated area remain tense

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April 10 is perhaps a bad day for the N. Biren Singh led coalition government. After the government received appreciations from almost all people of the state for making a bandh free Manipur, the beginning of 2nd year for the government witnessed two bandhs by two separate bodies on two separate issues today. Sagolmang area in Khundrakpam Assembly constituency today show full of security forces as bandh supporters protesting against the shifting of the District Hospital which was already laid foundation stone at



Sagolmang to Kiyamegi prevented all vehicular movement in the area. The bandh is being called by the JAC against the shifting of the hospital construction began since 6 am today morning and will continue till 6 pm today. Police fired tear gas shells and mock bomb to disperse the bandh supporters. 7 persons were reported injured in the police action. On the other hand, 48 hours state wide bandh called by the All Manipur Muslim Co-ordinating Committee (AMMCO) also severely affected normal life at Lilong, Hapta, Kshetrigaio and other Muslim (Pangal) dominated areas. The bandh is called against the alleged discrimination towards the minority muslim community of the area. The body alleged for driving out Muslim inhabitants only at various area in the name of protection of the paddy field. On the other hand the Muslim

body also alleged the state government for its bias attitude towards the Muslim community as the authority drive out Muslim encroachers only from the bank of Imphal River while other structures belonging to the majority community are left free. At Mayang Imphal, Lilong, Keshtrigao and Kwakta area large number of bandh supporters prevented all sort of vehicular movement by burning tyres and outing plank in the middle of the road. T Mantripukhri area too large number of Muslims came out at the National Highway at around morning today police team timely put the situation under control. The twin bandh even though is effective at some area Imphal city remain normal. Shops and business establishment at Kwairambandh Keithel and Paoana Keithel opened as usual, traffic was not disturbed.

CM seeks support for the success of 'Go to The Village' mission at the sideline of Hill Leaders' Day

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the government need the love and support of the people for the successful of the 'Go to the Village' mission which is set to be launched on 1st May 2018. He was speaking to media persons on the sideline of monthly Hill Leaders' Day at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Mentioning that a Committee would be formed at the Panchayat and ADC level of the State, Chief Minister said that representatives of Panchayati Raj Institution and Autonomous District Council would be involved and consulted to identify the number of beneficiaries under various schemes. He mentioned that the much awaited 'mission' would be launched simultaneously in different parts of the State. He said that such mission would help in building a strong relationship and bridge the gap between the people and the government in



the region. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that large number of people came to meet him on the occasion of Hill Leaders' day. Mentioning that the hill areas of the State have been underdeveloped for long period of time, Chief Minister stated that the 'Hill Leaders' Day is an opportunity given to the Hill Leaders and Civil societies operating in Hill areas to highlight/address their grievances to the government. The government

provide a government job to one of the family member for livelihood of the family in the next Cabinet meeting. Speaking to the media persons on the row over the construction of Imphal East District Hospital, Chief Minister said that there were some disputes regarding the allocation of land for building of District Hospital at Sagolmang area. The present government decided to build the hospital in an area where there is no land dispute as the sanctioned funds for the construction of district hospital would have to be returned if not utilized. The government would further discuss over the issue, he added.

Reiterating the allegations made by the Congress Party on 'undeclared emergency', Chief Minister stated that the present government bring back the happiness and smiles on the faces of the people of the State. In the last one year, people don't experience police atrocities on innocent people and students in the State, he added.

SEACO Condoles

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South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) condole the untimely demise of Khelen Thokchom. In a message the organisation said that the senior journalist had attended the foundation day of the organisation held at Lamyanba Sanglen Palace compound as guest of honour and advice the organise to take the cause for protection of our culture.

The statement further said that it shares the pain of the family member of the departed journalist while praying for the departed soul to rest in peace.

Center for Women Development, Indo-Asean Friendship organisation (IAFOM) also condole the demise of the departed journalist. In separate statements bot the organisation said that the untimely demise of the journalist will be vacuum for the state.

NSCN (IM) flays Rijiju for his statement on Naga talks

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The NSCN (IM) on Monday flayed union minister of state for home Kiren Rijiju for making statements on its ongoing negotiation with the Government of India. The NSCN (IM) said Rijiju is "incompetent" to comment on the present talks. Rijiju's "repeated immature statement" through the local and national media, reported widely on April 8, on the ongoing negotiation has created a lot of confusion thereby vitiating the environment of the

negotiation, the NSCN (IM) in a statement issued by its ministry of information and publicity said on Monday evening. It also advised Rijiju to restrain himself from such repetition in near future in the interest of both the parties.

The outfit said it deemed it necessary to make it plain and clear what has been transpiring all along these 21-year-long historic negotiations in view of the "repeated immature statement" of Rijiju. According to NSCN (IM), it is unbecoming of Rijiju to have

made such statements and demeaning of him to denigrate the Indo-Naga talk which is being held at the prime ministerial level.

"At no point of the negotiation have both the parties ignored important political issues," the statement said while calling Rijiju's statement that "NSCN has 'dropped' the stand of the Nagas on their sovereign right" a figment of his own imagination and concocted. "When the talk is progressing at the highest level, Rijiju has no business to talk on political issues of which he is

ignorant," the NSCN (IM) stated.

It asserted the signing of the Framework Agreement on August 3, 2015 through the statesmanship of Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and the NSCN leadership has laid the principles and foundation towards the final solution. "At this crucial stage, giving out irresponsible statements in the media or otherwise by any individual or party that contravenes the spirit of the peace talk is uncalled for," the outfit stated.

MSF volunteers seized health hazard package snacks from 11 shops at Paona Keithel



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Volunteers of Manipur Students' Federation (MSF) today seized health hazard edible package items from around 11 shops at Mashajit Road in Paona Keithel today afternoon. The packaged edible snacks are found health hazard as many are found to be expired and did not have Food Safety

approval. Most of the items seem to smuggle from Myanmar said. The seized items were showed to media persons. MSF Vice President, N. Jugeshwor said that the MSF has been conducting the drive on food safety on the motive to make the future generation a healthy society. He said the Food safety authority had been informed before conducting the drive.