

## Scheduled Tribe Demand to resume; Committee says will ban Railway construction works if govt. fails to response by Sept. 15

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After a silence of over 6/7 months, the Scheduled tribe Demand Committee of Manipur finally sets deadline to the government of Manipur to convert into action those agreed between the committee member and the government representatives which includes to Ministers. The committee has been demanding inclusion of the Meitei/Meetei community to Schedule tribe list before the coming of the N. Biren Singh led government. And after the coming of the N. Biren

Singh government in March 2017, the committee had been assured to up the matter to the central government besides urging to fulfil the demand. The new government even formed a committee headed by Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar and associated by Power Minister Th. Bishwajit. The ST demand committee had held series of meeting with the government in connection to their demand. In a press meet held today morning at Manipur Press Club in-charge general secretary of the Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee, K.

Bhogendrajit said that as the committee has been waiting for the government response and did not give much pressure thinking that it has not even completed one year. Now the government has reached its maturity but beside knowing that the committee has been waiting a positive response from the government side regarding the inclusion of Meitei/Meitei community to the Scheduled Caste List nothing worthy is seen taken up. When reminded there is no response even for appointment, Bhogendro

said. Warning the state government the STDCM sets deadline on September 15 to give a positive response to the demand. Failing which there Railway construction works will be banned, Bhogendrajit said. The STDC general secretary in charge further added that any untoward incident occurred out this must be bear responsibility by the government of Manipur. Bhogendro also stated that street corner, camera meeting at schools and colleges as well as at local clubs will be organized shortly.

## KSO Tengenoupal to ban loaded trucks on Imphal - Moreh Route



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Kuki Students' Organisation, Tengenoupal district today said that if the state government fails to repair the culverts and other road stretch along

the Imphal Moreh road than the student body will ban loaded trucks from travelling on the road. A crumbling of a culvert at NH 102 near Tengenoupal district had slide half of the road. A team of reporters today

visited the crumbling culvert and found the road danger for vehicular movement. Big potholes, on the road which are accident prone are still not yet repaired. President of the Kuki Student Organization

Tengenoupal District Thangboi Lhungdim while speaking to media persons said that if the concern government department fails to repair the road stretch at the earliest possible time all movement of loaded trucks will be prohibited.

## Search operation conducted at Khergao; 22 persons picked up for verification

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At least 22 persons including 7 non locals were picked up by Imphal East Police team from Khergao area early today morning while conducting search operation. The 22 persons along with the 7 non-locals were picked up after they failed to produce valid document for identity proof, a police source said.

As per the source the search operation was conducted after a video of some persons injecting drugs went viral in social networking site facebook and Whatsapp. The Imphal East police team led Addl. SPOs. M. Kumarjit Singh conducted the search operation under the supervision of District Superintendent of police K. Meghachandra. A team of Narcotic Cell police along with lady police were also accompanied the team while the search operation was conducted. Some of the alleged houses of drug peddlers whom the police got specific information were also searched. Police said huge amount of drugs were recovered from their possession.

## 10 students' body from across the country including Manipur condemn arrest of 8 person including Revolutionary Poet Vara Vara Rao

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Ten students' bodies from across the country has severely condemn the arrest of 8 noted personalities including revolutionary poet Vara Vara Rao from Hyderabad and appealed the government to released them all without any conditions. Among those arrested includes Human Right activists Sudha Bharadwaj, writer Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, reporter Gautam Navlakha and three more. All the 8 of them are alleged to have been linked with Maoist rebel group as reported in mainland media and were charged of plotting assassination of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A media released jointly signed by Atif Anik, President, Revolutionary Student-Youth Movement, Bangladesh, Lal Salaam and Red Regards from Germany, Jugendwiderstand, Arunank State General Secretary, Democratic Students Union (Telangana), Kara Lenina Taggaon, National Spokesperson, League of Filipino Students Democratic Students Union, India, Parvez Lelin, Bangladesh Student Federation, Saeed Bilash, Chatra Ganamanch, Bangladesh, Chiranjivi Dhakal, President, All Nepal National Independence Students' Union (Revolutionary), Biplop Group, Bhushan Longjam, General Secretary, Socialist Students' Union of Manipur and Ram Nepali, General Secretary, All Nepal National Independent Student Union

(Revolutionary) said that on the August 28 in over 6 states Indian police made a series of raids and arrests of so far 8 Community leaders and Intellectuals. They have been arrested without any proven charges, just on the basis of suspicion of being behind the violence which took place at a protest rally for Dalits last year. Among them are Human Right activists Sudha Bharadwaj, highly regarded revolutionary poet Vara Vara Rao, writer Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, reporter Gautam Navlakha and three more. The students' bodies term the arrest as illegal and unjust, and blamed the Indian police to unmasked the so-called democracy of India. "We highly regard this current situation of India as unannounced Emergency (martial law). The government and the police conniving to raise anyone at will for showing the slightest sign of resistance to the fascist schemes of the government is concrete proof of the situation of emergency. Worth mentioning further, all those who have been arrested are those mostly loudly raising their voices against the fascism imposed by Modi", the statement said. All of them were firm in their commitment to fighting for the Democratic Rights of the people, each from their own position. As allies of the Indian people and the Indian democratic revolution, it is the duty of all freedom seekers across the world to protest the mass-arrest and raise our collective voices against Modi's fascism, the statement added.

## Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla accorded warm welcome on her maiden visit to Tengenoupal district

DIPR  
Imphal, Aug 31,

Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla was accorded warm welcome on her maiden visit to Tengenoupal district today at Tengenoupal Community Hall. The function was organised by District Administration, Tengenoupal. Addressing the gathering, Governor said she had chosen to visit the district after a great consideration and was happy to be in Tengenoupal today. She said the pending issues regarding administration and development submitted by various Civil Society Organisations' will be addressed after studying the memorandum. Stating that she had received almost 8 memorandums, she assured to study the memorandums to solve he issues. She said that among the 34

different tribes/sub-tribes in Manipur she is now able to differentiate the three major tribes. Unity in diversity should be maintained which is a strength not only for the state but for the country as well. She stressed on the need to solve issues in sectors like education and health services. After taking charge as the Governor of Manipur just two years back, she spoke to the Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighting major issues in health services, communication and roads. She suggested the 'Flying doctor' which is the unique way to reach out to people in remote areas by air service which is being implemented in Australia. The service will begin soon after the logistics, maintenance and operating procedures are finalised for which the North Eastern Council had already release Rs 25 crores, she added. Regarding the issue of road

and communication, she had discussion with the Minister of Communication. She also suggested to the Home Ministry for Highway Patrol service along the national highway for assistance to vehicle breakdowns and accidents. Stating that National Highway is a major Eastern Express Highway, she urged the Home Ministry for toilet facilities and also some kind of resting place for the commuters. As part of the programme, Mate Cultural troupe and Cultural troupe of Tengenoupal Youth Club presented cultural dance. Various Civil Society Organisation including Kuki Chief Association and Kuki Students Organisation, Tengenoupal, Tengenoupal Village Authority, Meitei Council Moreh and Chief of Khudengthabi submitted memorandum highlighting their grievances to the visiting Governor.

## 12 dead, 3,000 displaced, 360 locations cut off in Nagaland flood

Agency  
Kohima, Aug 31,

NDRF teams have landed today in Nagaland for rescue and relief operations in the state, which has seen the worst floods in its history. Twelve people have died and 3,000 have been displaced in incessant rain, which has caused landslides and floods in around 400 villages of Nagaland in the past one month. The flooding has primarily been caused because of rain in upper reaches of Nagaland leading to water level rising at the Doyang



Hydro electric project in Wokha District. The release of additional water from the dam twice has resulted in flooding in the downstream areas including Golaghat

district of Assam. Kiphire, a district on the border with Myanmar is the worst affected. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio visited this district on August 28, a day after he

had appealed for help and shared bank details of the CM Relief Fund on Twitter. The government, however, claims that the situation is under control

and floodwaters have receded but state needed major repairs and rebuilding work. Major roads, including NH-29, connecting Dimapur and Kohima, have been cut off. About 360 locations of roads have been totally cut-off sending the state into an emergency situation. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to the Chief Minister Rio on August 30 regarding the damage caused by floods and landslides. In an interim report to the Centre, the state government demanded Rs 219 crore as immediate help. According to

Nagaland government officials, the requirement for assistance is likely to go up to Rs 400 crore even as the damage is pegged at around Rs 800 crore as of now. The floods in the hilly state is significant as Nagaland, along with other Northeastern states has seen a deficit rainfall this year. According to figures from the Regional Metrological Centre, Guwahati, up to August 29, Nagaland has seen a 26 per cent deficit this season. However, the intensity of rain, going up to 100 mm in one hour at times has caused the damage in the hill state.

The function was also attended by Tengenoupal Deputy Commissioner Shri A. Tombikanta, Superintendent of Police Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh among others.

## Invitation for empanelment of Cultural Troupes and Artists

PIB  
Imphal, Aug 31,

The Bureau of Outreach and Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt of India has called for applications for empanelment of Cultural Troupes and Artists. The department has also revised rates for the troupes and performers per programme. The last date for receiving the application is September 3, 2018.