

Manipur Maoist postponed 48 hours general strike

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4,

Rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM), in a statement today said that it has postponed its earlier scheduled general strike called from Dec 5 till the midnight of Dec 7. It said that the general strike will be called from December 16 midnight till December 18 midnight.

A statement of the outfit said that even though all was set to call the general strike the political goal that the Maoist is likely to be thwarted as the Manipur government is still yet to call the Assembly session. It said the general strike is being called on the needs for political, social and organisational matters. And as the government delayed in calling the state assembly session the party felt its necessities to postpone the general strike.

The rebel group continue to lambast the authoritarian nature of the present government over the misused of power. Fault promises about the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission, going in hands with political party which is sponsored by the NSCN-IM whose main agenda is to distort the unity of the state, threat intimidation to media houses by filing defamation cases for reporting against them, misusing of NSA etc. were some of the matters highlighted by the rebel group.

USRA clarified kotlen incident

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4,

The United Socialist Revolutionary Army clarified December 1 incident wherein an individual was shot dead at near Kotlen village Churachandpur.

The clarification issued in the name of N Slash Vaiphei (Info & Pub Secy USRA) stated that 3 persons who came in a Car intruded at the residence of the C-in-C of USRA around 11pm and 12midnight. They manage to enter the residential campus of USRA Chief by jumping off the fencing wall and tried to enter rooms. However they escape when USRA cadre tried to ask why and whom they are searching for. Later they came back again and tried to sneak inside the campus of USRA chief's house. The USRA cadre apprehended them. While 2-of them surrender, the third individual, who later learnt as Hougoumang, tried to run away. While chasing Hougoumang USRA cadre warns him that he will be shot if not surrender and open fire warning shot.

Forest Minister Promises guest house at Kamjong HQ

Kamjong, Dec 4,

Forest and Environment Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar announced that a guest house will be constructed in the next financial year at the Kamjong district headquarters, located around 140 kms from Imphal. He said three guest house have been constructed this year at Ukhrul, Jiribam and Moreh. He made the announcement at the two days 2nd Kamjong Festival 2018 (a plastic free event), promoting tourism held at Kamjong Public Ground. The festival to be concluded today (December 4) is organised by the Kamjong Development Committee.

Speaking at the gathering as the chief guest of the inaugural function, Minister Th.

Shyamkumar said that the objective of organising the event is to conserve and protect the natural beauty and safeguard the traditional cultural heritage of the people of the area.

He said the promotion of tourism also requires the conservation and protection of the forest and wildlife. He opined that there is no use of promotion of tourism if we do not safeguard the forest and wildlife.

Forest Minister said that he was happy to see the thick forest cover while coming to Kamjong district headquarters. Stating that he was happy to attend the festival, he said it is possible due to close relationship between the valley and the hills.

Informing that rewards will be given to the villages that

properly safeguard the forest, he said that this year Khamasom village in Ukhrul district was rewarded by the Forest Department for safeguarding the virgin forest. Stating that although the Government has repeatedly appealed to the people not to cut trees, he said as an alternative the villagers can plant other crops/plants in between the trees. He further asked the villagers to inform about required crops/plants to the officers of the district.

Leishiyoi Keishing, MLA Phunary Constituency, Zuringla Kengoo, Deputy Commissioner Kamjong, Thangjam Arun Kumar, proprietor Arun Enterprises, Mataimi Chithung, headman Bungpa Khullen along with villagers attended the function.

Agency

Agaratta, Dec 4,

Ruling BJP ally, IPFT, will restart its agitation from Wednesday to press for its decade-old demand for a separate state for the tribals in Tripura, a party leader said here on Tuesday. The Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) as part of its agitations would observe a 12-hour shutdown in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAAD) areas on Wednesday.

It will also hold a sit-in demonstration in Delhi on December 11 and submit a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Rajnath Singh detailing the party's demands, the tribal leader said.

"The IPFT and its seven frontal organisations have

called for the strike on Wednesday in the TTAADC areas in support of the party's long pending demands," IPFT's spokesman and Assistant General Secretary Mangal Debbarma told the media.

The other demands include introduction of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Tripura, withdrawal of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, introduction of inner-line permit in the TTAADC areas and inclusion of tribals' Kokborok language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

The IPFT has been agitating since 2009 for a separate state to be carved out by upgrading the TTAADC, which has a jurisdiction over two-thirds of the state's 10,491 sqkm area, home to over 12,16,000 people.

In the nine-member council of ministry, there are two IPFT

ministers — Revenue Minister Narendra Chandra Debbarma (IPFT President) and Tribal Welfare and Forest Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia (General Secretary).

Meanwhile, another tribal based party — Indigenous Nationalist Party of Tripura (INPT) — has also called a road and rail blockade in Tripura on December 10 on almost the same lines.

The state's oldest tribal-based political party, INPT, as well as the ruling BJP, opposition Congress and Communist Party of India-Marxist-led Left Front have, however, been opposed to IPFT's separate statehood demand.

144 CrPC imposed

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4,

As precautionary measures to prevent any unwanted incident as well as interference to students appearing the 1st/2nd and 5th Semester examination which is scheduled to commence from December 5 and conclude on January 21, 2019, district administrations has impose prohibition of gather more than five persons in the surroundings of all examination center under Sec. 2 of the 144 Cr. PC from 8 am to 5 pm until the examination are over.

Monetary help

IT News
Thoubal, Dec. 4,

Kangleipak News Tengbang Lup has donated a sum of rupees 10,000/ for treatment of Thangjam Albert, whose both Kidney has been failed. Thangjam Albert is the son of Thangjam Bobo and Thangjam Santibala from Mantripukhri Lamlongei.

ACOAM -Lup submits memorandum for preservation of Indigenous paddy Crop CHAKHAO

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4,

ACOAM-Lup Kangleipak has submitted a memorandum to the agriculture Minister today urging the government for preservation of Indigenous paddy Crop CHAKHAO A M U B I / C H A K H A O POIREITON.

The memorandum expressed serious concern over the needs for the production of pure CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON SEED under NATURAL SOIL. It stated that the production of pure CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON SEED under NATURAL SOIL has become utmost importance due to the INFLUX of different varieties of BLACK RICE in the NATIONAL as well as

INTERNATIONAL market.

The ACOAM-Lup also urged the Department of Agriculture to take up concrete measure using all possible resources to produce Genetically pure CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON Seeds using Natural Soil.

Drawing the attention of the agri Minister the ACOAM-Lup Kangleipak purpose that the production of Genetically Pure CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON be taken up at the esteemed RICE RESEARCH CENTER WANGBAL of the State Agriculture Department.

The memorandum further added that the Variety of Manipuri Black Rice CHAKHAO AMUBI AND CHAKHAO POIREITON which is being cultivated only in the Geographical area of Manipur must be registered at

the GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION Registry for Better categorization in National and International Market.

The memorandum also stated that CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON must not be exported until and unless Genetically pure SEEDS has been produced and made available to our farmers and Registration of Geographical Index for protection of Property Rights.

The memorandum further said the state of Manipur has been hub to varieties of high value nutritional crops which has been grown since time immemorial while also makes the profession of Agriculture one of the most important occupation. Manipur is one of the most fertile sub-tropical rainfed

farming zones of Asia. In fact, history of rice cultivation in Manipur state is as old as 6,000 years. Rice is the staple food for the people of both hill and plain areas of the state. Shifting cultivation in the hills and translocation of nurseries in the low land valley areas are the traditional methods of conservation and production of rice in Manipur since times immemorial. Out of the numerous variety of rice cultivated in Manipur CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON has gained popularity throughout the world due to its Nutritional value and Anthocyanin content which is a valued Cancer fighting agent.

It further added that the Government of India

through the Ministry of Agriculture has provided huge investment under Mission Organic and Value Chain Development for production and preservation of CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON.

It said under the MOVCD more than 2000 Hectare of Agricultural land is under cultivation using organic methodology to maintain the natural Aroma, Flavour & Nutritional value of CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON. And the perplexity of using pure certified seed while growing CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON under MOVCD has become a major hurdle in marketing of CHAKHAO AMUBI and CHAKHAO POIREITON because of the mixed production on maturity of crop.

Filling the left out :

Hareshwar Goshwami's revise edition "History of the People of Manipur" released

IT News
Imphal, Dec 4,

When community across the globe are searching for their roots and people started focusing to the issues of identity crisis, a former bureaucrat, who resigned from service to begin political journey, Hareshwar Goshwami have contributed today's generation the revise edition of his book "History of the People of Manipur", which perhaps will be a treasure to the students of history to their research work.

The revise edition content 273 pages and is published by Yaol Publishing Limited and co-published by Suraj Kumar Okram contain historical data about the formation of the erstwhile kingdom Kangleipak which later become Manipur. Myth, legends and secondary sources from the writings of many historian appeared to be the methodology applied by the author in tracing the root



of the people of the state. Topographical characteristic of the region and the argument about Meitei or any other ethnic communities are not simply born from a cave but are settled who came from various part, said Malem Ningthouja, a scholar based in Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, author of the book, Hareshwar said the book is an attempt to collate and analyse fragments of oral and literary accounts in an attempt to bring into a single volume. This is a sum-up view about the origins, distribution, split and blending, and the emergence of the communities which are believed to have constituted



the natives or indigenes of Manipur.

He said it has not been an easy attempt as he had realized missing links and contradictory views on several topics due to lack of more detailed and authentic primary and secondary sources.

There were limitations in finding first-hand information

on many areas. However, the book is expected to open up certain pertinent themes or issues or topics that in future others may carry out more comprehensive research. Because the book is not a research work, but a simple narrative, Hareshwar asserted. The releasing function of the 2nd edition of the "History of

the People of Manipur" was held yesterday evening at "Books and Coffee" located at Singjeime Thokchom Leikai, in presence of various eminent personalities and academicians.

Former Chief Secretary, Former MCS, Deputy Director of the Manipur Legislative Assembly were among those who

attended the book releasing function.

Professor Ngangkham Nimai Singh HOD department of Physics, MU.; Dr. Dhanabir Laishram social scientist; general secretary of United Committee Manipur, Khuraijam Athouba; editor Imphal Times, Rinku Khumukcham and journalist, Richard Ranjan also attended the book release function as dignitaries on the dais.

The author, Hareshwar Goshwami, was born on May 15, 1959. He graduated from University of Delhi in 1979 with honours in History and completed Master degree from JNU Canchpur in 1981.

Before joining the Manipur Civil Service, Hareshwar Goshwami was very active in social activism since his college days till he completed his Master degree. He was the general Secretary of MSAD, General Secretary of All Manipur Polo Association and Advisor of the MAPI Council.