

Bandh and general strike threatened over transfer of SDPO

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Moreh, Jan 31: Various civil society organisations based at Tengnoupal district today threaten to call general strike or bandh in Imphal Moreh road if the transfer order of Sub Divisional Police Officer, Moreh Lawrence Khen Munlou is not revoke by 2 pm tomorrow.

In a press conference held at the office of Hill Tribal Council Moreh, representatives of the Hill Tribal Council Moreh, Kuki Students' Organisation, Moreh and Kuki Women Union and Human Rights Moreh said that if the transfer order of Lawrence Khen Munlou, SDPO Moreh issued by DGP has not been revoked then the three organisation will called indefinite blockade along the Imphal Moreh road.

NSCN-IM clarifies IT News

Imphal, Jan 31: A statement by NSCN-IM today condemns the charges leveled against Mr. Kuhang Songthing, terming it as fabricated. The NSCNIM statement said that Kuhang Songthing is a civilian from Longpha village, Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh, by the Indian Army who branded him as an active self-styled private and Raju Peyu of the NSCN (IM) and subsequently arrested him 25/01/2018 on such a false allegation. There is no such individual enrolled or appointed as a Private or Raju Peyu in the army or civil set-up of the government.

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It is indeed a great lost for his family in particular and the journalist union in general. On this fateful day of January 29, 2018 morning, a news reporter / Correspondent from Tamei, and member of Manipur Hill Journalists' Union (MHJU), Mr. Abing Mathew s/o Souding of Tamei, Tamei Sub-Division, Tamenglong left this world for eternity.

The Manipur Hill Journalists' Union (MHJU) express our deepest condolence to the bereave family members and pray for them. He left behind his wife along with two sons and a daughter.

He is currently the reporter/ Correspondent of Tamenglong based daily newspaper, The-Cham.

Fast Track Court to deal with drug cases within March

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Imphal, Jan 31: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that a Fast Track Court to deal with drug related cases will be set up in the State within the month of March this year.

He made the announcement while speaking at the opening ceremony of a Legal Services Camp organised by Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MASLA) in collaboration with the Government of Manipur at Manipur Trade and Expo Centre, Lamboikhongnangkhang in Imphal West District today.

Observing that the menace of drug abuse and trafficking has emerged as a great threat to the State, the Chief Minister informed that he had discussed the matter of establishing a Fast Track Court with different luminaries including Law and Legislative Affairs Minister, Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur and Advocate General of the State to tackle the problem.

The Chief Minister urged all the three pillars of the Government - Judiciary, Executive and Legislature - to work in coordination and jointly tackle any problem. He also said that any misunderstanding among these three vital pillars of democracy can be resolved through proper communication.

Admitting that more than 50 per cent of the masses still have no knowledge about various Government welfare schemes, the Chief Minister said that it is appreciable to take the responsibility of



sensitising people in this regard by Judicial bodies under the supervision of those who are in the top levels of the Judiciary.

Stating that full co-operation would be given by the Government to the initiative of the Judiciary, the Chief Minister said that lack of awareness among the masses is one of the most important factors of leaving a room for undeserved people to claim the benefits under different Government schemes.

The Chief Minister also mentioned about organising such camps in the interior parts of the State and hill districts. Law and Legislative Affairs Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh, Acting Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Judge of High Court of Manipur, Justice Kh. Nobin Singh were also present at the function as dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, L. Jayantakumar said that every citizen should understand the law of the land and their

entitlements and rights. As such, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) conceived the idea of organising such legal camps across the country in order to sensitise the masses.

In addition to 18 stalls of different Government Departments, HIV and Hepatitis testing counters were also opened at the camp for the convenience of the visitors.

Among the Government Departments, Manipur State AIDS Control Society (MACS), Directorate of Health Services, Chief Minister-gi Hakshel-gi Tengbang (CMHT), IT Department, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (CAF & PD), Education-S (Right to Education), Transport Department, Traffic Control Wing, ChildLine, Imphal, Labour Department, Manipur Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Fire and Emergency Services opened their stalls at the camp.

One Media stall and four stalls of Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MASLA) were also opened. All the 18 stalls were inaugurated by the dignitaries led by the Chief Minister after the opening function.

The objective of the camp organised under the guidelines of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was to impart awareness about the legal needs of the people and address their legal problems and spread awareness about welfare legislations and schemes.

BJP readies for poll in Nagaland Elections are a constitutional process and the central government is bound by the Constitution : Kiren Rijiju

Kohima, Jan 31: Even though civil society bodies of Nagaland and 11 political parties had called boycott of the Nagaland state legislative assembly election demanding solution to the vex Indo-Naga issues, BJP had announced that it will go for the election. "Elections are a constitutional process and the central government is bound by the Constitution", said Union minister Kiren Rijiju, who is the election in-charge of BJP in Nagaland.

The decision came a day after a BJP representative signed the joint declaration assuring that the party will not give tickets or file nomination for the coming assembly polls before a solution to the vexed peace process is found.

BJP suspended Kheto Sema, the leader who had signed the joint declaration along with all other political parties of the state.

In a tweet, Mr Rijiju said: "Holding of timely election is a constitutional process. Govt is bound by the constitution."

Govt of India attaches utmost importance to the long pending Naga issue. We believe that peaceful election in Nagaland will facilitate the ongoing peace talks & strengthen our commitment." The Naga rebels as well as the tribal civil society groups have been pressing upon the centre to find a solution to the vexed peace process before the elections. Monday's joint declaration by all parties posed a hurdle for the assembly elections in the state which will be held on February 27.

The BJP announcement comes as its alliance partner,

the Naga Peoples' Front lost 10 of its lawmakers.

The lawmakers, who support the demand of solution before election, resigned from the state assembly on Tuesday. Sources say they are likely to join a new party - the NDDP, formed by Neiphiu Rio, former Nagaland chief minister.

Last week, Naga Hoho, the apex body of all Naga tribes, had openly called for a boycott of the assembly elections. The working committee of six Naga National Political Groups also wanted to put the elections on hold till a final solution could be arrived at.

Total shut down in Nagaland from tomorrow

Imphal, Jan 31: Major civil bodies of Nagaland are all set to begin the total statewide bandh from tomorrow.

As per report is Nagaland based newspaper, Core Committee of Nagaland Tribal Hoho and Civil Organisations will begin total state-wide bandh from February 1.

Army and paramilitary, police, district administration, media persons, and emergency medical services will be exempted from the total shut down but school and colleges will remain closed.

MSPDCL and MSPCL managers oppose one-time relaxation policy for promotion and lateral entry.

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Imphal, Jan 31: Managers, Deputy Managers and Assistant Managers who are direct recruits through MSPCL since 2014 went strike against the govt. policy for one time relaxation for promotion and lateral entry.

A statement released by the managers said that Since the unbundling of Power Department as Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) and Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL), there has been huge improvement towards Power Supply to the State.

"We are totally against this One-Time Relaxation Policy of the Government and the allegedly proposed Lateral Entry to any post in MSPDCL and MSPCL.

While we do not want to indulge in any form of agitation to get what is due to us as is the custom in Manipur, we are forced to Cease Work Strike from tomorrow afternoon @ 12:30 PM till there is an evidence of assurance that our rightful demands will be considered by the concerned authority", the statement added.

Popular Front leaders visit Kasganj victims

Imphal, Jan 31: Popular Front of India leaders visited the victims of the communal violence broke in Uttar Pradesh Kasganj.

A team including Popular Front North Zonal president AS Ismail, UP State incharge Moulana Mufti Mohamed Shazad, All India Imams Council UP West State President Moulana Mohamed Shadab, Azeem Qasimi, and Dr. Nijamuddin visited the injured at hospital.

A statement of the organization said that the attack was preplanned to create communal riot. It added that Muslims were celebrating Republic day on the 26th of January when a group of ABVP goons entered that area raising provocative slogans against Muslims.

"They compelled Muslim to

hoist saffron flag instead of India national flag. This led to a commotion between Muslims and the group, following which large number of people joined the group with deadly weapons including firearms and swords, and unleashed attack on the Muslims", the statement added.

2 persons were severely injured in this incident and the violence continued till next day. They also looted Muslim shops and set them on fire. The Police not only failed to control the mob but also arrested many Muslim men. The injured Muslims one Naushad and Akram were admitted in Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. Section 144 has been invoked and outsiders are restricted from entering Kishaganj.

Sarangthem Rajen's "A Marriage" staged

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Imphal, Jan 31: Anton Chekov's play "A Marriage proposal" translated in Manipuri by O Mangi Singh and adapted, designed and directed by Sarangthem Rajen Singh as "A Marriage" gave a new taste to theatre friends of the state on January 28.

Three artists - L. Norendra Singh, Ng. Amubi Singh and Y. Reena Devi occupied the whole performing space while translating the script. The three actors played three characters - Tonjaoba, Amujaao and Thaba. Thaba played by Y. Reena is the daughter of Amujaoba casted by Ng. Amubi and Tonjaoba the protagonist casted by L.

Norendra Singh pull over the audience with his tactful acting and deliverance of dialogue.

The story began with the protagonist coming to propose Thaba but failed to take the subject matter as he was away with discussion of his passion for hunting quality of his dog against Thaba's dog. The issue finally make the two quarrel forgetting that he came to propose Thaba.

The play is an attempt to highlight the farcical representation of greed which conditions and control human relationships and also highlights the suppressed Childishness of most adults.

Education must create job opportunities: Th. Radheshyam

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Imphal, Jan 31: Education Minister Th. Radheshyam said that objective of education is not just literacy but is also to create opportunities for others. One must pursue education not just to get Government jobs but to create jobs and opportunities for others as well.

He was speaking as Chief Guest at the Annual Day Celebration 2017 - 2018 of Assam Rifles Public School, Mantripukhri IGAR (South). He appealed to the educated people to become entrepreneurs which will provide job opportunities for others. The Minister said, one must identify and prioritise the problems and bring a viable solutions.

He said that, education is the key to find answers to all the problems and must have a holistic approach to nurture the young minds - the future of nation so that they are capable to solve the problems in the society. Minister Th. Radheshyam said education imparted today should be relevant.

Describing the family as the first and foremost place where a child receives informal



education the Minister said that a child learns the most essential lessons of life in the family. He said life is the best school and experiences as the best teacher. The students should be provided with an all inclusive approach towards education to prepare them to learn to live a meaningful life and also to let others live a meaningful life, he added.

He lauded the Assam Rifles for their contributions in the field of development of the North East States and for extending all possible help in times of natural disaster and in maintaining peace in the

region. Th. Radheshyam said it also gives immense pleasure to learn that the Assam Rifles has also been providing education with an all round approach, in the nook and corner of the state, facilitating with lodging for the special need students.

Major General Virendra Singh, Brigadier RK Singh, Principal, officials, teachers and students of the school attended the ceremony. Prizes were also distributed with presentation of vibrant and colourful cultural programmes by the students as part of the Annual Day celebration.