

## State Labour department working to reach the unreached genuine construction labours; to launch website for transparency

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**Imphal, March 17:** State labour department which has been in the news for various allegations of irregularities now is transforming. The new Chairman of the Manipur Building and other construction Workers' Welfare Board, Sanglakpam Preshyjit, is working to reach out the unreached genuine

construction labour from the state so that every possible support can be provided to them.

A website is being under construction and all information about the activities of the labour department as well as the list of the genuine labour whose name has been registered will be displayed. Any person from the state will be able to find out the name of the labour card holder.

Over 1 lakh labour cards has been issued in the state and there are complaints of genuine labourers not getting the card. Chairman Sanglakpam Preshyjit said those who already possess labour card for getting beneficiaries need to renew their card and the officials of the Labour department will be conducting verification once more.

Another important measures taken up by the Chairman is that the department is planning to organise series of

training programme for unskilled labourers. For this, an approval from the government is being awaited. What is more interesting is the formation of a new labour body called the United Labour Union of Manipur (ULUM) with Dr. Nara (former Minister) as the president and Abonmei of Nungba as the Secretary.

A meeting of the newly form labour body was held and most members of the body are from hill districts of Manipur at Kombirei Hall DC Office Complex. Representatives from Noney, Tamenlong, Ukhrul, Senapati, Chandell, Churachanpur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Thoubal were attended in the meeting. The Chairman of the Manipur Building and other construction Workers' Welfare Board was also invited in the meeting.

Speaking in the meeting, Sanglakpam Preshyjit said that in other states like Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh 50% of the

labour are from non locals. This is because of lack of skill in construction works. He said he feared that someday Manipur might also face the same problem. That is why the Board is looking forward to give training to non-skill construction workers in all the districts of Manipur, Preshyjit added. Some changes in the Board are also likely to see in the coming days. Some of the prominent figure who had been dedicated for the cause of the working community will also be included. 5 members will be selected irrespective of which background they belong to and 5 members will be from among the IAS and another 5 from Chief Engineers.

The Chairman also assured to contact engineers and contractor to utilised native workers in constructions works. He assured to urge the government for organising training programme for the unskilled labourers.

## Govt receives tremendous support in its efforts to curb black money, says PM Modi

**New Delhi, March 17:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the government has received tremendous support in its efforts to curb black money and fight corruption. He was speaking at the Rising India Summit organised by a private TV channel in New Delhi last evening. Mr Modi said, due to the support and inspiration of the people, the government has succeeded in taking and executing bold steps. He said, there is a transformational shift in the country because of the people

and their will to dream.

The Prime Minister said, in his opinion, Rising India means rising the confidence of 125 crore people of the country. He said, Rising India evokes the thought of light through the darkness. Mr Modi also envisaged the role of northeast towards Rising India.

The Prime Minister also said, Swachh Bharat Mission has now become people's movement. He also highlighted the Ujjwala scheme which has changed the lives of crores of people.

Mr Modi reiterated the government's commitment to make health care affordable and accessible to all. He said, in this year's budget, the government announced the Ayushman Bharat Scheme under which wellness centres will be set-up and a medical insurance coverage of 5 lakh rupees will be provided to 10 crore families.

The Prime Minister asserted that the government has planned to invest one lakh crore rupees to improve the education system in the country.

Mr Modi said, India is performing well on all macroeconomic factors. He

said, the power sector is undergoing several transformational changes to fight power shortage, adding that 16,000 crore rupees are being spent on electrification projects. The Prime Minister also said, the government has given nearly 5 lakh crore rupees loans to the poor without guarantee.

Mr Modi said, India is spearheading a solar revolution in the world, adding that in the last 4 years, India has contributed massively to the world economy. He said, the motto of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas is not just restricted to India but covers the world. The Prime Minister also said, India helped 48 countries during the crisis in Yemen.

Mr Modi said, Rising India means the rising of pride of over 1.25 billion Indians. He said, isolation to integration is the only way to Rising India. The Prime Minister said, the government is working at a fast pace on its resolve to 'Act Fast for the North East'. He said, the government is ensuring that the projects pending for long are completed so that people and the states facing the imbalance with regard to development are benefited.

## AR conducts lecture on joining armed forces

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**Imphal, March 17:** 11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of Headquarter IGAR(South) organised a motivational lecture to "Join Armed Forces" at T'Minor village, Moreh on March 15. A total of 67 locals including 57 males, 08 females and 02 children enthusiastically attended the lecture. The lecture was aimed to create awareness about joining armed forces and to provide insight into various opportunities being offered on choosing military as a career. The young enthusiasts were enlightened on various types of entries including the recruitment procedure and were briefed about the service benefits as well. The lecture not only motivated them to join the armed forces but also laid a foundation for promoting patriotism among the youths. At the end, the villagers were served with tea and snacks as refreshment

## MACR organizes children exposure cum tour programme



Fort and Manipur State Museum.

The objective of organizing the exposure cum tour program was to promote communal harmony and emotional integrity among the different ethnic communities of Manipur. Many Children from different communities come forward to express their thought, which would strengthen the integrity of the state and to create a recreation venue to reduce the trauma and fear psychosis due to the different types of conflict which are prevalent in Manipur. Altogether around 250 children from Senapati District took part in the exposure program.

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**Imphal, March 17:** Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR), which is working for the inalienable rights of children of Manipur, organised a children exposure cum tour program on today. The program was flagged off by Senapati Headquarter by M. Pradip, Superintendent of Police, Senapati Police Station and Robin Raomai, Convener, MACR, Senapati Chapter.

The team was received and welcomed at the Secretariat office of Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR), Moirang Hanuba followed by a grant feast. Ashim Ghosh, General Manager, CRY, Kolkata and Montu Ahanthem, Convener, Manipur Alliance for Child Rights gave their best wishes to the children. The team visited at Manipur Zoological garden, Eroishemba, Kangla

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## CISF launches mobile app for lost items at airports

**New Delhi, March 17:** Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has launched a mobile application through which travellers can register complaints to recover items they lost or forgot at various airports. The app called 'Lost and Found' can be downloaded from the website of the Information and Technology Ministry. CISF spokesperson Assistant Inspector General Hemendra

Singh said, the main advantage of this mobile app is that the passengers can directly register complaints and get status of their complaint immediately from the airports under CISF security cover. The 'Lost and Found' scheme was first launched by the force on its website in 2015 to trace and restore items and valuables left behind by the commuters at airports.

## Vision foundation Manipur submits memorandum to Prime Minister urging deputation of MDs in MSPDCL and MSPCL

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**Imphal, March 17:** Vision Foundation Manipur in a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday had urged to fill the 2 vacant post of Managing Directors (MDs) from the suitable persons working in any Power Sector of CPSE, having worked in Miniratna Companies / Navratna Companies / Maharatna Companies / CEA on deputation basis. "It is right time to bring back on the right tract, the 2(two) Power Companies of Manipur i.e. a) Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL) and b) Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL), by filling the 2(two) Vacant post of Managing Directors (MDs) from the suitable persons working in any Power Sector of CPSE, having worked in Miniratna Companies / Navratna Companies / Maharatna Companies / CEA on deputation basis", the memorandum stated.

It further added that the working Experience for MD of Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL) will not be superior to any Manager working in the field of Power Transmission Lines, upto 33 KV lines (and of higher level) and its Associate Sub Stations, upto 33/11 KV (and of higher level) and that of MD of - b) Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) will be as that of any Manager

working in the field of Power Distribution i.e. 11KV and below only, from the suitable persons on deputation for both the power Companies, working in any Power Sector of CPSE, having worked in Maniratna Companies / Navratna Companies / Maharatna Companies / CEA.

But the present BJP led Government would like to continue a person of Disrepute as MD, on contract basis/ service extension after his retirement from MSPCL, who was also having close association with the earlier Government led by Congress, even worked as the Head of the Department (HOD) before unbundling of Electricity Department, Manipur (EDM) in the year 2014 and work as MD in MSPCL, one of the present 2(two) Power Companies of Manipur, but after much persuasions for unbundling from your Government in different occasions in the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

The Foundation also stated that the delay of the RGGVY/DDUGJY Schemes in Manipur and not awarding of Contract works/Supply orders to L-1 were a matter of concerned and were the handiwork of such person of these Power Companies of Manipur also against the Guideline of CVC's Office Order No 68/10/05, Dated 25/10/2005, and as such the matter deems fit to investigate by the Vigilance (State & Central) for further necessary action.

It was also stated that the per capita consumption of Energy of Manipur was 148 units (2009-10), which was lowest in any part of the Country and less than that of National level of 616 units of 2010 level. Again National average per capita consumption of Energy for the year (2014-15) was 1010 units, whereas per capita consumption of Manipur, Nagaland Mizoram, AP, Meghalaya and Tripura are 298 units, 378 units, 450 units, 508 units, 760 units and 305 units in 2015-16 respectively. For 2016-17 the consumption for the states are 279 units, 385 units, 465 units 557 units 564 units and 489 units respectively.

As per records Congress Government could manage Manipur at the Lowest, in Power Consumption in (2015-16) and (2016-17) in the Country will decreasing trend from 298 units to 279.

Under the same joint Electricity Regulatory Commission of Manipur and Mizoram, JERC(M&M), the Consumer of Manipur State has been paying more Electricity Charges than that of the Mizoram State in the preceding years.

For a brief reference Manipur State (BJP-led Government) Proposed for (2018-19), power tariff, much higher than that of Mizoram State (Congress-led Government) under the same Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission of Manipur and Mizoram, JERC(M&M)

The 2(two) Power Companies of Manipur i.e. (a) Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL) & (b) Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) increased/kept more number of employees than that of the required employees through New Recruitments (2017) recently, just before the departure of the Congress led Government, inspite of having high ratio of Employees Vs Consumers in their Power Companies resulting to the increase in high Employee Cost - a burden to the Consumers and against UDAY Scheme.

In the light of above Circumstances and timely Implementation of your Schemes, a requirement of the Nation, it is right time of Depute Suitable Technical hands from any Central Power Sector of CPSE, having worked in any Miniratna Companies/Navratna Companies/Maharatna Companies/CEA, for the completion of the Schemes for enable a Hassle free State, in both the Power Companies of Manipur i.e. (a) Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL) & (b) Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL).

Under such circumstances, the BJP led Government of Manipur has been becoming something unpopular, benefiting opposition Congress Party and may use as propaganda at any opportune time.