

One year of N. Biren Singh Govt: Prime Minister Modi inaugurates 4 projects, lays foundation stone for 7 new projects

IT News

Imphal, March 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the government of India has sanctioned ten India Reserve Battalions for Northeastern states which include two battalions for Manipur.

"These two battalions will directly provide job opportunities to about 2,000 youths in the state", the Prime Minister said these while celebrating one year of BJP led government in the state at Luwangpokpa Cricket Ground, Luwangshangbam in Imphal East. The Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government complete one year yesterday.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of National Sports University, inaugurated Rani Gaidinliu Park, Mary Kom Regional Boxing Foundation and other development projects including the newly constructed Women's Market at Churachandpur.

"Woman power in this state has always been a source of inspiration for the country. Today on this occasion, I salute the great revolutionary and daughter of the nation Rani Gaidinliu. I am also privileged to inaugurate today a park dedicated in her name," said said Prime Minister Modi.

"I am happy that the State government is working to reduce



the problems faced by girls in Hill and Tribal areas for their education. The state government has undertaken construction of a new hostel for girls in the tribal area. I am fortunate to inaugurate 1 such hostel today", the prime Minister added.

He further said, Imphal-Jiribam Road has been improved significantly and other development projects are completing in a fast pace in the last twelve months.

He also said, the remaining three months will be a time to make new

achievements in the field of development.

The Prime Minister further said, rail connectivity projects in the North-East are implementing in the fastest possible pace with adequate fund flow. He said for the development of the state schemes of about 750 crore

rupees have been launched on Friday.

The Prime Minister said these schemes are linked to the dreams and jobs of youth, women empowerment and connectivity.

He said he believed these plans will bring development of the state to new heights.

The Prime Minister said he has always maintained that India's growth story shall never be complete until the eastern part of the country progresses at par with the rest of India.

He said the North-East can be the New Engine of India's growth.

Mr Modi also appreciated the sporting spirit of the state and laid foundation stone for the construction of the National Sports University.

Among others 1000 Anganwadi Centers were also inaugurated. These centres will work as a medium for improving the health of thousands of Mothers and their babies and will also benefit from the recently launched National Nutrition Mission.

CorCom's 17 hours General strike paralyses normal life in Imphal

IT News

Imphal, March 16: 17 hours general strike called by rebel's body CorCom today paralyses Imphal as private vehicles, passenger vehicles, shops, business establishment schools and colleges remained close. The rebel group called the general strike since 1 am today morning boycotting the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr. Modi was in Imphal today and inaugurated the 105th Indian Science Congress at Manipur

General strikes fails to impact PM visits and meeting

University and also attended the one year completion of N. Biren Singh Government at Luwangshangbam Cricket Ground in Imphal East.

We have guardians today

T News

Imphal, March 16: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today said that the North East states particularly the state of Manipur was left as an orphan in the last many years however after Narendra Modi become the Prime Minister of the country the state now felt that there is a guardian who is taking care of the state.

Speaking at Luwangshangbam Cricket ground, celebrating the one year of

- N. Biren

his government N. Biren said that his government is converting the words of Prime Minister into action. PM Modi during his visit before election had stated that development and harmony will be in the state if BJP comes to power.

Biren said peace has been restored and what the last govt. can't do in 15 years the BJP govt. will do in 15 months.

Prime Minister Modi calls on Scientists to find solutions for problems of the country

IT News

Imphal, March 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today called on scientists to find solutions for problems of the country using science and technology. Inaugurating the 105th Indian Science Congress at Manipur University Narendra Modi called on scientists to find solutions for major socio-economic challenges, pollution, eco-system, malnutrition etc.

"We need science and technology to help us make India clean, green and prosperous. Let me re-iterate some of my expectations from scientists. A large section of our tribal population is affected by Sickle Anaemia. Can our Scientists come up with a simple, cost-effective solution to this problem in the near future. A large proportion of our children are affected by malnutrition", Narendra Modi said. The prime Minister further said that India requires crores of new houses.

"Can our scientists adopt 3D printing technology to help us meet this demand? Our rivers are polluted. It requires your innovative ideas and new technologies to clean them. We need a multi-pronged approach including efficient solar and wind power, energy storage and electric mobility solutions, clean cooking, conversion of coal to clean fuels like methanol, cleaner power from coal, smart grids, micro-grids and bio-fuels.

On Power sector, the Prime Minister said that the government is targeting 100 Giga Watts of installed solar power by 2022.

"Efficiency of solar modules currently available in the market is around 17% to 18%. Can our scientists take a challenge to come up with a more efficient solar module, which can be produced in India at the same cost?"

"We need to develop new procedures, medicines, and vaccines to get rid of silent killers

like Malaria and Japanese Encephalitis", Narendra Modi said. At the beginning of his speech, the Prime Minister paid tributes to three distinguished Indian scientists—Padma Vibhushan Prof Yashpal, Padma Vibhushan Prof UR Rao and Padma Shri DrBaldev Raj as well as renowned Physicist Stephen Hawking who had left for heavenly abode recently.

"The common man knows Hawking's name, not because of his work on black holes, but because of his unusually high commitment and spirit against all odds", Modi said.

The Indian Science Congress is being held in North East region for the 2nd time.

The Prime Minister also redefined 'R&D' as 'Research' for the 'Development' of the nation and also appealed to commit ourselves to facilitate 'Ease of Living' for 125 crore Indians, through the power as well as potential of science and technology.

The Prime Minister also reminded April 1944, when Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose' INA gave a clarion call for freedom in Manipur.

He said the State Climate Change Centres have been set up in seven North-Eastern States and said that the government is revamping the National Bamboo Mission with an outlay of Rs. 1200 crore. Manipur among others will be benefited from the decision.

The Prime Minister said that the Indian Science Congress has a rich legacy. It has been led by some of India's tallest scientists, such as Acharya J.C. Bose, C.V. Raman, MeghnadSaha and S.N. Bose. New India, should seek inspiration from the high standards of excellence, set by these great scientists.

The theme for the Indian Science Congress this year, "Reaching the Unreachedthrough Science and Technology" is termed as appropriate saying that it is very close to his heart.

Editorial

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So near yet so far

Arguably the most powerful man in the country in terms of the executive power he wield is at our doorsteps today, and the public is hustled back indoors both by the uniformed security personnel manning every street, nook and corner of the state on one end and the conglomerate of proscribed armed groups on the other. A visit to the state by the prime minister is not something that happens on a regular basis, especially a long-marginalised region as the north east of India. Incidentally, these are the regions which are grappling with social, communal, ethnic, fiscal and law and order issues the most.

However, in what can only be described as an encouraging turnaround and positive development, the central government has started taking keen interest in the development activities of the state and has shown more than cursory interest in the social situation of the state. It would only be to the interest and benefit of the public of the state to support such an initiative.

But understanding and cooperation comes from a process of discussion and dialogue. When an individual or a group or even a government decides to implement a unilateral decision regardless of the cost of such decisions, conflicts arise, and in any conflict situation be it ideological or otherwise, the worst affected lot is almost always the public as has been experienced and witnessed before. And in as volatile a society as ours, the bitter truth is yet to sink in despite the loss and tragedy such countless conflicts have brought upon the society.

It is therefore unfortunate that an opportunity to make efforts to right various wrongs in the society has been given a miss. The inability of the state government to prepare or organize interactive session with the visiting prime minister has not gone unnoticed by many. The media is effectively reduced to a mechanism to relay the opinions and dreams of the prime minister without presenting any opportunity to question the visiting dignitary on issues of public interest which would have helped shed light on many aspects of the present government, both in the state and at the centre. On the other hand, the conspicuous absence of any visible effort on the part of any of the teeming organizations or groups who were flooding the media with issues they were raising for the public all these while raised many eyebrows. The sudden communication phobia being developed by both the social groups and the state government reeks of a convenient collusion to hush up matters and put up a show for mutual benefit.

The opportunity has come and gone. But intuition and past experiences tells us that we will be hearing of delegates from the state flying to the national capital to make representations for various social issues in the state. Democracy is still truly alive. PM Modi added that when he urged all the DGs of Police during their 2014 Annual Conference to broad base police recruitment so 438 candidates including 136 female candidates from North East States have joined Delhi Police consequently.

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CEC assures Congress MLA to act as per the constitution of India on PS case



IT News

Imphal, March 16: Chief Election Commissioner of India today assured to take up matter of the Parliamentary secretaries as per provision of the constitution of India. This was stated to Imphal Times by a Congress MLA who met with the CEC today morning at Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi. Eleven Congress MLAs including former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, G. Gaikhangam, Govindas Konthoujam, Khumukcham Joykishan, O Surjakumar, Th. Lokeshwar, K. Ranjit, K. Meghachandra, O Henry, K.

Loken today met the CEC Om Prakash Rawat at New Delhi.

The Congress MLA said that the CEC had assured necessary procedures as per the constitution of India.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court held that the legislature cannot overrule judgments by amending a law retrospectively, saying this will amount to violation of the principle of separation of powers among the three organs of the state, which is impermissible.

Sending out a clear message to law-making bodies — Parliament and assemblies — that judicial

pronouncements must be respected, a bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta said they were entitled to amend the law to remove defects pointed out in a judicial order but the new law could not be implemented retrospectively as it would amount to nullifying the judgment.

This comes in the aftermath of the passing of the Parliamentary Secretary Repeal Bill. The Bill is yet to be consented by the Governor of Manipur.

Mobile Handset Lost

I have lost my Mobile Handset along with Aircel no.8575504842 on the way to Kumbi Bazar to Kumbi Khuga Wangma on 10th March 2018.

Finders are requested to handover to the undersigned.

Sd/ Wahengbam Ranjit Singh Kumbi Khuga Wangma

Memorandum submitted to PM over re-engagement of retired person as MD at MSPCL

IT News

Imphal, March 16: RTI activist K. Seityajit today submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of Manipur drawing his attention to the irregularities being underway at Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL). The RTI activist in his memorandum draw the attention of the prime Minister in deputing Managers of both MSPCL and Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) as both the post are lying vacant. The memorandum also urged for timely completion of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar (Saubhagya) in Manipur.

While urging the PM for deputing Managing Directors of both the company from suitable persons working in power sectors of CPSE, the memorandum also mentioned wrongful re-engagement of a person who had already retired on superannuation from service at MSPCL.