

CM cautions govt. employees supporting cease work strike; says will impose "dies non"

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Imphal, March 26: After 'Go to Hills' campaign, the State Government is set to launch another campaign known as 'Khunggangda Chatlo' from the first part of May this year, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said.

He made the announcement while addressing media persons on the sidelines of the combined Meeyamgi Nunit and Hill Leaders' Day held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

As crop failures do not affect the farmers alone but economy of the whole State, the State Government would adopt a new approach under the new campaign to help the farmers increase their agricultural production by granting them access to a comprehensive scheme developed through amalgamation of different relevant schemes available at Agriculture, Fishery, Horticulture, Labour, Tribal Affairs and Hills Departments. Different task forces would be constituted to successfully implement the new campaign, he added.

The Chief Minister further said that the Government is also planning to devise a new system where bureaucrats, who are at Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary level, would be relieved from the file works pertaining to transfer and posting, granting of leave and GPF etc.

All these matters would be dealt only by the officers who are up to the Joint Secretary level while Secretaries, Commissioners, Principal Secretaries and Additional Chief Secretaries would be entrusted to concentrate



mainly to policy formulation and execution alone, he added. Responding to a query regarding the ongoing cease work strike of JAC of AMTUC & AMGEO, the Chief Minister made it clear that the Government has no intention to confront with any individual or organisation but to resolve all the issues through talks. As he had already made his earnest appeal to the JAC to resume normal duties from Monday in the interest of the general public, the Government would not be compelled to impose 'dies non' against all those employees who support the stir, the Chief Minister cautioned.

He further informed that in a meeting of Administrative Secretaries and HODs held on March 23 regarding the ongoing stir, the Government had authorised power to

Administrative Secretaries of hiring competent persons to complete the piled up works of the financial year end if the JAC refuses to heed to his appeal.

The Chief Minister further said that the Government would also seriously consider penalising Government employees, shop owners and transporters etc., who do not attend office or close shops or suspend service on bandh/blockade days.

Responding to another query regarding the ongoing dredging works of riverbeds, the Chief Minister lauded the public for voluntarily removing houses, shops and other structures on their own. As issuing land patta of the lands located along riverbeds is not permissible under Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (MLR & AR)

Act, 1960, the Chief Minister said that there is need to approach the proper forum by the Government for the cases of those persons who are claiming to have land patta for the lands located along riverbeds.

Regarding Meeyamgi Nunit and Hill Leaders' Day, the Chief Minister informed that around 19,000 entry passes had been issued so far on these two days in the past 11 months. In today's combined Meeyamgi Nunit and Hill Leaders' Day, the Chief Minister attended to 572 complaints/grievances and met around 2000 people today. It may be mentioned that Meeyamgi Nunit and Hill Leaders' Day were deferred this month due to the Government's Inauguration Fortnight.

Emergency meeting of JAC of AMTUC & AMGEO on cease work

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Imphal, March 26: An emergency executive council meeting of the JAC of AMTUC & AMGEO is being held today at 3pm at its office situated at Babupara to discuss the appeals from the people of the state regarding the resumption of indefinite cease work strike launched on 22 March and other related issues according to a notice issued by Laitonjam Biken Singh, Secretary General, JAC of AMTUC & AMGEO, Manipur.

It may be worth noting that the state government, in a meeting held on 24 March decided on a number of measures to be taken up including, taking up all necessary steps possible to

ensure that official works is not affected especially during the end of the financial year, to invoke various legal provisions like enforcement of Essential Services Maintenance Act and promulgation of Section 144 of CrPc if necessary by the CAF & PD and Home Department, to identify office bearers of striking organizations and making preventive arrests if necessary, to strengthen deployment of police force in and around public offices, to monitor attendance of office staffs and authorization for temporary engagement of appropriate human resources to ensure that critical works are not affected in the end of

the current financial year. It was also decided at the meeting that given the involvement of huge additional financial expenditure and in view of the fact that the 14th FC award had failed to take into account the expenditures on account of salary and pension of the state and technicalities involved in its adoption, committing on a specific date for implementation of the 7th revised pay at this juncture may not be appropriate although there is genuine endeavour of the Government to implement the same in the nearest possible time in the interest of all employees of the state.

MPCC alleges misused of power by Bishnupur District DC

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Imphal, March 26: Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) today alleged misused of power by Pawan Yadav, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Bishnupur district.

In a press conference held today at Congress Bhavan here in Imphal, Kh Devabrata Singh, Spokesperson of MPCC said that Pawan Yadav, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Bishnupur have misused his power beyond his service guidelines under the All India Services Discipline and Appeal Rules 1969.

"We will see if an enquiry can be conducted against him as per the law of the land", Devabrata said.

The MPCC spokesperson alleged that Pawan Yadav who is the DC of Bishnupur, a well

trained IAS officer knowingly sign and issued a notice for a meeting to be held on March 20, 2018 for no-confidence motion against the sitting chairperson Md Maheruddin of Kwakta Municipal council on March 9, 2018 and again issued another notice on March 19, 2018 that the meeting has been postponed until further notice which is against the Manipur Municipalities Act, 1994 which clearly states that notice of such a meeting specifying the time and place thereof shall be dispatched by the Executive Officer to every Councillor ten days before the meeting.

Devabrata also alleged that no reason and who has sought for the no-confidence motion were stated in the notice issued by the DC which

clearly shows that DC Pawan Yadav is working in favor of some other political group. MPCC demands DC Pawan Yadav to re-fix the date of the postponed meeting notice issued on March 19, 2018 for the no-confidence motion against the sitting Chairman Md Maheruddin of Kwakta Municipal council at the earliest and an inquiry will be carried out against him with the help of the Law Court for his misuse of his power and unlawful like activity against the service guidelines under the All India Services Discipline and Appeal Rules 1969, Devabrata asserts.

Mention may be that there are total of 9 members of Kwakta Municipal Council in which 5 are from Congress and 4 BJP.

State level Seminar on promotion and welfare for women with disabilities

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Imphal, March 26: Manipur State Commission for Women (MSCW), under the sponsorship of National Commission for Women organized a Two days State Level Seminar on Promotion and Welfare for Women with Disabilities today. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Nemcha Kipgen Minister Social Welfare & Cooperation said that Manipur State Commission for Women has been working tirelessly for the empowerment of women in the state and that the Commission has solved 666 cases out of a total of 701 received since its inception, adding that MSCW has been conducting spot enquiry for those aggrieved women.

Referring to the various issues and challenges faced especially by those differently-abled women in the state which restrict their ability to play significant roles in the society, she expressed hope that such seminar will serve as a platform for these women to open doors for their self sustainability and independence. The Minister also mentioned various innovative schemes introduced by the union government for empowering the differently abled persons of the state including scheme of scholarship for person with disabilities, scheme for providing employment with disabilities, assistance to disabled persons for purchase/fitting of aids and

appliances, schemes of Deen Dayal disabled rehabilitation to promote voluntary action for person with disabilities, schemes of national award for the employment of person with disability, among others. She also urged the people of the state to take the pledge to walk hand in hand with the differently abled persons and bring them to the mainstream for inclusive growth. Dr K Sobita Devi- Chairperson MSCW, Soibam Neelima Devi-Member MSCW, Dr Farida Shah- Member MSCW, Ranjita Golmei- Member MSCW and Jacintha Lazarus - Director, Social Welfare Manipur were present at the function as dignitaries along with a number of officials and invitees.

Sorokhaibam Biren felicitated

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Imphal, March 26: Manipur Modern Power Loom Entrepreneurs' Association organized a Felicitation Function of Sorokhaibam Biren Singh, Awardee- Pride of Indian Expo, 105th Indian Science Congress 2018 at Manipur Press Club today. L Ibetombi Devi- Deputy Manager, National Small Industries Corpn Ltd, Salam Mangi Singh- Chairman, Manipur Modern Power Loom Entrepreneurs' Association, Dr Khoiroim Tomba Singh-Managing Director, Maipakpi

Maternity and Child Hospital, Salam Rupachandra- Additional Advocate General, S Suresh Singh- Assistant Solicitor General of India, K Nogen Singh- Retd. Commander in Charge-CRPF, Ranbir Singh- Commander in Charge CRPF Mongshangei, Y Raghumani Singh- Retd. General Manager, DIC Thoubal and Advisor MIDC and P Loken Singh- Chairman, Manipur Industries Development Council were present as Chief Guest, President and Guests of Honour respectively.

'NEIDS will promote new industrial units in NE'

New Delhi, March 26: Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region Dr Jitendra Singh has said that the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS) will play a crucial role in promoting new industrial units in the region by providing several special incentives. The scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet last week.

PAC condoles the demise of Dr. Ch. Rupachandra

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Imphal, March 26: People Action Committee (PAC) Against the Brutal Killing of Pravish Chanam today condole the demise of former President of Manipur Students' Federation (MSF) Dr. Chingsubam Rupachandra. A statement said that late Dr. Rupachandra had taken vital role as a leader of the MSF while fighting for the rights of students' community by joining hands with other students' organisations.

His lost will create a vacuum to the movement for the issues of the state, the statement said and added that the PAC will organise a mass movement against racial discrimination on September 23 as a suggested by the departed leader.

Measles Rubella (MR) Vaccination Campaign Launched at Thoubal

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Thoubal, March 26: In connection with the one month Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign, District Family Welfare Office and District Health Society Thoubal Organise the Measles-Rubella campaign for Thoubal district was followed by Thoubal Deputy Commissioner, Rosita Haobam at KM.Blooming Higher Secondary School, Khangabok in Thoubal District today.

DC, Thoubal, Rosita Haobam, CMO/ Mission Director DHS Thoubal Dr.N.Jayantakumar, District Family Welfare Officer Dr.N.Akendra and Chairman of KM.Blooming Higher Secondary School Kh.Menjor Mamang attended the ceremony as dignitaries. The launching event was followed by an awareness rally around Khangabok and locals participated. The rally was wrapped up at the KM. Blooming School. Slogans on importance of vaccination to



prevent the diseases were shouted. DC Thoubal Rosita Haobam

appealed all the parents to support the movement in eliminating Measles and

Rubella. Children from the age of 9 months to 15 years would be given free Measles and Rubella vaccination. The vaccination will be carried out at every school in the district and children who had vaccinated for measles earlier should be revaccinated within a one month time. According to DPM, the vaccination target to Cover for Thoubal District 11,5649 children in the age brackets of nine months to 15 years by March.