

Common people who depend on taxi service experience nightmare in daytime as passenger service diesel auto ceased work and protest

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Commuters mostly common people along the MI Road also called Mayai Lambi - the road stretch between Mayang Imphal to Wahengbam Leikai experienced nightmare in broad day light as the only means for their transportation 'passenger service diesel auto' ceased work and protest against the government announcement for ban of diesel and Tata magic passenger vehicles from entering the Imphal city.

Since 8 am today morning passenger diesel auto service along MI road halt and staged protest at Wahengbam leikai parking area. Some of the drivers who violated the protest were halt at midway and force to join the protest by letting the passenger proceed by themselves. At Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai large number of diesel auto drivers halted passenger auto carrying passenger and forced them to stage protest at the site. One Auto service that was carrying patients was however allowed to drop to the destiny.

Some passengers who had come all the way from Yunnan Huidrom or Samurou were however left to proceed on their own at keishamthong Elangbam leikai. Mostly women and children they were left in stun as there is no other passenger service



vehicle plying on the road. The City bus service which was re-introduced by the Chief Minister of Manipur too has stopped functioning. "We were not told that there will be strike, or else we would not have come. Now how do I go back with my two little boys", a middle aged mother who came on an auto but was force to get down at Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai said. An aged person who came

from Langthabal to drop meal for his son who is undergoing treatment at RIMS also have to work all the way from Elangbam leikai to Wahengbam leikai as there are no other means of transport. Since Diesel Auto Service become popular, even the engineless Rickshaws have stopped service long time back. Some who have vehicles called their near and dear one to pick them up but others

were left on their own.

Since media reported about Chief Minister N. Biren's announcement to ban entry of diesel auto and Tata Magic vehicles at Imphal city on April 25, the service providers have been staging protest on phase wise manner.

It may be mentioned that, in a meeting of the Traffic Regulation and Parking Committee (TRPC) held for the first time after the N. Biren Singh government came to power, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh along with other authority of the government department had minutely discussed about the problems of traffic congestion.

Matters relating to noise pollution were also discussed. The meeting had also resolved to conduct survey for finding solution for traffic congestion by hiring expert. The government is expecting to complete the survey within two months.

As per official source at present there are 18,000 plus diesel auto registered with the State Transport department. Out of this around 14,000 are in Imphal West and Imphal East district. Almost all these auto enter Imphal Khwairangbam Keithel. And the transport becomes one of the most popular among the common people. But the congestion these diesel autos made has been criticised by almost everyone.

DESAM volunteers Storm at Education (S) office; Demands Resignation of Education Minister

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Volunteers of the Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) today stormed to the Directorate of Education (S) office building demanding resignation of the Director of Education (S) over failure to perform his own duty as the Director.

Confrontation between the police personnel, who had already arrived at the Directorate of Education (S) office complex, and the members of DESAM took place while the student body tried to lock down the office gate and tried to knock down some of the doors inside the office complex those were lock from inside.

Later, few representatives of DESAM tried to meet the Director but he was not available at the office itself which turn out to be shocking for the student body.

Speaking to media persons, Secretary General DESAM, Sheetal Oinam said that it is very unfortunate to say that

whenever an order to utilize teachers at various districts of Manipur is issue, DO letters from the concern MLA and Minister pile up at the desk of the Director of Education (S) which compel him to defy his own duty as the Director. Since the Director is unable to comply with his duty it is useless to keep the Directorate of Education (S) offices functioning, he added.

Sheetal also said that though the BJP led Government has been shouting their good deeds through press, print and electronic media, no positive steps or solution to ease the proper available of teachers in all the districts and the order for the utilization of the teachers has been kept aside. On what ground quality education can be brought up when the government fails to fulfill their own duty for future generation, he added. Sheetal further said that there are memorandums submitted to Education Minister and Director of Education (S) to initiate befitting action against teachers who are reluctant to

discharge duties at their place of posting but instead of taking proper actions that are disobeying the government order, the Director is only complying to the DO letters which shows that he is not qualify to be the Director of the Directorate of Education (S) department and he should resign immediately.

As well as the Education Minister who only show off his work through press, print and electronic media instead of borrowing down to his department of those teachers weather they are doing their duty or following the government order is very unfortunate. He should be ashamed of being the Education Minister that cannot fulfill his duty for better education system in the state, he added.

MLAs and Ministers interfering in the transfer and posting of teachers by Education Department is very unfortunate.

DESAM also demanded resignation of Education Minister.

6 non locals entering the state without proper valid document rounded up by volunteers of JCILPS

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Volunteers of JCILPS today rounded up 6 non-locals who entered the state without any valid documents. The non-locals also enter the state using two mode transport. A winger vehicle brought them till Sekmai and later they proceed in a inter district bus to Imphal. On suspicious to their movement the volunteers of the JCILPS while checking

them found they the six of them did not possess any identity proof documents. The Winger Passenger vehicle which brought them till Sekmai bears registration No. MN-05 C-4397.

Talking to media persons at the office of the JCILPS office at Seg Road, Manjit Sarenghem, Convenor of the JCILPS Students' Wing said that there has been already warning to the passenger service vehicles regarding the transportation of non-locals in the state. He

said that the owner of the Winger Vehicle should come to the office of the JCILPS to talk regarding the matter and announced ban for one month service.

Manjit further said that a joint meeting to sorted out the modalities of how the non-locals can be given rooms will be held with the house owner renting rooms to non-locals. He also appealed the hoise owner not to rent rooms to non-locals which do not possess proper valid documents.

Truck falls in River as Bailey Bridge collapsed

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A loaded truck submerged in Manipur River after the Bailey Bridge constructed across Manipur River at Wangoo Village crumbled while crossing it last evening at around 10 pm. The bridge connect not only Sugum Assembly Constituency and Kumbi Assembly Constituency but also connected between Kakching district and Bishnupur district.

Local MLA K. Ranjit and Engineers of the concern department inspected the condition of the Bridge today morning.

The illfated Tata Truck that falls in the river bears Registration no.MN01-8853. The driver of the truck has been identified as Chongtham Shyamsundar @Mumu (26) , son of Ch Mubi of Kairembikhok Awang Leikai in Thoubal district. He survived miraculously.

As per his statement he was carrying sand from Moreh to unload it at Moirang when the accident happened.

Students formed human chain demanding conversion of 4 aided college to government colleges



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Students of Waikhom Mani Girls' College Thoubal today stage protest by forming human chain in front of the college along NH 2 against the government inaction to recognise their college and 3 other colleges after giving them assurance.

On March 28, a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister N. Biren converted 6 aided colleges as Government College.

Student Union of the College

and the DESAM unit of the college organised the human chain protest. Placards with slogans demanding conversion of the college as government college, make meaning the government mission - Betti bachao Betti parao were used during the protest.

Debate and extension secretary of the college L. Tembi Devi while talking to reporters said that Waikhom Mani Girls' College, which is run for girls only is around 38/39 years old. It has Arts and Science stream. The College is

recognised as B- grade on NAAC assessment by the UGC. Following the recognition various vocational courses for the girls have been open and have proper infrastructures. She said the students' body strongly condemn the non-conversion of the girls' college as government colleges.

The students demanded immediate conversion of the 4 Colleges Waikhom Mani Girls' College, Moreh college, SK Women college & South east Manipuri college at the earliest possible time.

Government Employees continued to stage sit-in-protest demanding 7th Pay Commission

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Demanding the implementation of the 7th pay commission in the state, employees of Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) today staged a sit-in protest today in front of their office building at MSRTC Complex, Moirangkhom.

Speaking to media persons, an employee of DIPR said that the demand for the implementation of 7th Pay Commission in the state has been going on since the previous Congress government, whereas, the newly form BJP led Government is no different

despite numbers of general council meeting with the JAC and the government and assuring more than four times that the commission will be implemented, till date no positive effect.

The employee also said that as the government fails to implement the commission, JAC began cease work strike since March 2018 and from April 6, 2018, employees of 105 government department has staged sit-in-protest so far and today is the 47th days to stage the protest demanding the implementation of the commission.

Even the neighbouring states of Manipur has already implemented the 7th pay commission whereas Manipur

is the only remaining states in the North East region that the commission is not yet implemented, the employee added.

Appealing the state government to implement the state government employees' rights, 7th pay commission in the state, the employee further said that the employees fully support the agitation taken up by the JAC of AMTUC and AMGEO and will continue the protest until their demands to implement the 7th pay commission is accomplish.

The protestors held up various placards including "Implement 7th Pay Commission, Don't play delaying tactics to employees, etc."