

# Manipur Tallest railway bridge to be completed by 2020

Courtesy Imphal, Sept 25,

The country's ambitious railway line between Jiribam and Imphal in Manipur, a part of the broad-gauge network of the country, is of national importance and expected to be completed by 2020, said Sai Baba Ankala, the project chief engineer. It would strengthen trade relations with the ASEAN countries and also help in military operations and tourism development, he said. While delivering a lecture on 'Challenges in Design and Construction of the World's Tallest Bridge', organised by the Institution of Engineers (India), GITAM Student Chapter, at the Civil Engineering department of the GITAM on Monday, he said that the project was taken up in 2008 and declared as the National Project and the cost of the complete project is expected to be around Rs 13,809 crore.

Three IITs (Kanpur, Roorkee and Guwahati) are also associated with the Indian Railways project by way of technical support and proof-checking of designs to make



the bridge cost-efficient and sustainable.

The chief engineer said that the 111-km-long Jiribam-Imphal railway line passed through steep rolling hills of the Patkai region and had to traverse through a number of deep gorges and over several rivers flowing at low ground levels. As a result, it has been necessary to construct 52 tunnels and 149 bridges crossing 10 stations to maintain a suitable gradient for efficient operation railway services, he added.

He highlighted that as part of the railway project they are constructing a special bridge (bridge no.164) with pillars

rising to 141 metres which is the tallest in the world from the point of view of pillar height. Speaking on the salient features of the project, he said that the construction of a special bridge (bridge no. 164), with pillars rising up to 141 metres, the tallest in the world from the point of view of pillar height, was a challenge.

The bridge was also located in seismic zone-v and in view of this all precautions, particularly a site-specific design spectrum, had been developed to ensure long-term stability of the bridge. To ensure safety, the works are under surveillance through CCTVs, drone cameras and remote monitoring.

# Assam Train services affected as good train derails in Dima Hasao

Courtesy Guwahati Sept 25,

Till Tuesday, all trains from Silchar to Guwahati have been cancelled by the railway authority today due to the derailment of the goods train today in Phiding railway station in Dima Hasao. As per the report, a loaded Goods train was derailed at around 9.30

A.M today on its way to Silchar in between Daotuhaja and Phiding railway station. In the incident, 20 nos. of rail carriages were derailed, however, no casualties were reported. Presently, Kanchenjunga express is holding at Phaiding railway station and Guwahati-Silchar BG fast passenger express is holding at New Haflong railway station. On the other hand, Station manager, Sunil Sharma

informed that a QRT is dispatched at the derailed site to take stock of the situation and execute necessary actions to resume normalcy. It is still uncertain how long will it take for the railway authorities to pull the derailed train and send it towards its destination whereas the cause of the derailment is also still uncertain.

# Tribal girls on warpath over safety, other issues at hostel

Agency Pune Sept 25,

Residents of a tribal girls' hostel in Pune on Monday started a fast-unto-death to get various grievances addressed. By late evening, the protest had to be called off, after the intervention of the project officer of Ghodegaon. But not before two of the students took ill and required medical attention. The hostel warden was also temporarily removed. More than 60 students of two hostels in Hadapsar had started their fast on Monday morning. Students who spoke to The Indian Express listed various issues ranging from security to lack of proper study material in their hostel. Security concerns were foremost as, for the last three months, a broken window pane in one of the bedrooms is yet to be repaired. The hostel, which is situated cheek by jowl with a temporary labour colony, also does not have proper screenings to safeguard the privacy of the students. In the absence of a permanent security guard, the students said safety was a major concern. Other than security, the girls also spoke about the lack of proper garbage disposal and



the absence of a library. Operating out of a rented premise just adjacent to a major shopping mall, the hostel houses around 100 students who are drawn from remote tribal regions of the state. The girls are pursuing higher education in various colleges of the state. Run by the tribal development department, this is one of 11 such hostels operational in Pune. Neelam Devare, one of the protesting students, said that they had communicated to the office of the project officer (Ghodegaon) about their concerns early in September. "We were told that immediate action would be taken to address our issues but nothing happened," she said.

During the sit-in two girls, Nisha Pawara, and Dipali Gabale, took ill and required medical attention. The protesting students said they had covered the broken window pane with plastic sheets. "However, that is not a permanent solution," a student said. Ayush Prasad, project officer (Ghodegaon), admitted to the slow pace of redressal of the students' issues. "As the hostel is operating out of rented premises we are not allowed to spend money for its repair. Four letters have been issued to the property owner for the repairs," he said. The window pane, he said, would be replaced on a war-footing while other repairs will be undertaken in a systematic manner.

# AR Nabs Three Ultras Of Nscn(K)

IT News Imphal, Sept 25,

On 23 Sep, Kadamtala Battalion of Assam Rifles apprehended three cadres of NSCN (K) with sophisticated weapons and ammunition from New Kaiphundai area of Tamenglong district in Manipur. These cadres were involved in the incident on 21 Sep in which they had kidnapped a truck driver when he refused to pay the extortion amount demanded by them. The cadres had also resorted to firing of 10-15 rounds to intimidate the truck drivers during the incident. The incident took place on NH-37 near Makru Bridge. Assam Rifles in conjunction with Manipur Police launched immediate operations to apprehend the perpetrators and achieved the major breakthrough. Major



recoveries include two US Made M series Assault Rifles, around 425 rounds of live ammunition and three hand grenades. Due to the economic importance of this highway, a number of incidents of extortions, kidnappings and illegal tax collection are reported along it. Various insurgent groups like NSCN(K), LTT- erstwhile UTLA (P) and NSCN(IM) are reported to be involved in

these incidents. The kidnapping of two employees of Coastal Construction Company on 05 Sep 18 by LTT was a recent example of these illegal activities by the insurgents. Security Forces had launched a major drive against these illegal activities which are impeding the development work in the region. As part of this drive, Kadamtala Battalion had earlier delivered a death blow

to the insurgents active in the area by neutralizing the SS C-in-C of the then UTLA (P) group and apprehending four of its cadres with sophisticated arms and ammunition in a series of operations which started from 10 June 2018 onwards. In the recent past, four active cadres of ZUF, including its secretary of HR and Welfare, were apprehended along with arms and ammunition from village Rangajiang, which lies along NH-37, in Cachar district of Assam. The operation on Sunday night has come as a major relief to the locals of the area especially the truck drivers and traders operating on NH-37 and has been widely appreciated by them. Assam Rifles has assured the locals that it will continue its drive against these insurgents, especially along NH-37, to ensure that development in the region continues unabated.

# Himachal Pradesh rains: 35 IIT students rescued in Lahaul-Spiti

Agency New Delhi Sept 25,

Fifty trekkers, including 35 students from IIT-Roorkee, who went missing from Lahaul-Spiti on Monday night, were rescued Tuesday and are safe in Sissu area, news agency ANI reported. The team had gone trekking to Hampta Pass in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu and were supposed to return to Manali. An alert was raised after they were unreachable on Monday

night. Meanwhile, eight travellers who had gone missing from Lahaul-Spiti on Monday night were rescued this morning and are safe at Koksar camp in Lahaul-Spiti, Keylong SDMAmar Singh Negi told ANI. The group comprised a woman from Brunei, Sanjida Tubu, a man from the Netherlands, Abby Lim, and six Indians — Priyanka Vora, Payal Desai, Dipika, Divya Aggarwal, Abhinav Chandel and Ashok. At least 22 people were killed in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and



# Earthquake of magnitude 4.7 hits Meghalaya, Assam and adjoining areas

Agency Assam sept, 25

Earthquake of mild intensity rocked Meghalaya, Assam and adjoining areas today morning. Earthquake of Magnitude: 4.7 occurred at 09:17:33 IST, Lat: 26.4 N & Long: 91.1 E, Depth: 10 Km, Region: Dist.

Barpeta, Assam. The tremors were felt twice in Meghalaya. More details on this is awaited. It may be mentioned that the Northeast Indian states lie upon high seismic zone and frequent tremors have become almost a regular occurrence.

# Meghalaya: Mukul attacks Conrad over Smart City project

Courtesy Shillong, Sept 25,

Opposition Leader Dr Mukul Sangma cornered Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on the issue of confidentiality and secrecy while replying to the Smart City project during the Question Hour on the second day of the ongoing autumn session of the Assembly here today. Chief Minister in his reply had told that the House that the Union Minister of State independent Housing and Urban Development, Hardeep Singh Puri has given a lot of positive response to the request of the State Government to enhance the funding pattern of the "Smart City" project. "But it will not be right on my part to express all the issues that was discussed. There are confidential matters I would not like to share right now," Chief Minister added. To this reply, Dr Mukul said that he would like to know to which secrecy the Chief Minister is speaking about.

"I would like to know under which provisions of the rules of the conduct of business of this House that the secrecy cannot be revealed in this House. The secrecy which cannot be revealed in this House is already and clearly been indicated in the Rules and Procedures of Conduct of Business," Opposition Leader said. He further said that it is an unprecedented tendency of this Government to withhold the information and sharing of information before this House. The Chief Minister said that the leader of opposition is going into some other aspect. "As a responsible member of this House, it is my duty not to mislead. I would be able to provide the details of the deliberations until it fructifies," Chief Minister said. Assembly Speaker, Dr Donkumar Roy who finally intervened stated that the Chief Minister during the course of his reply had stated that the deliberations with the Union Minister is incomplete.

Jammu and Kashmir as the northern states in the country were hit by incessant rainfall since Sunday. A red alert was issued in both Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on Monday. Schools in most districts were closed on Monday as a precautionary measure. A number of houses in low-lying areas, especially in Kangra, Chamba and Mandi districts, were evacuated to prevent casualties. PTT had quoted officials as saying, A Truck swept away in Beas river which was in spate at Kullu on Monday (Photo: Pradeep Kumar) In Chamba, the Ravi river has been flowing at a dangerous level. Gates of Chamera dam in Himachal were opened to release excess water. On Sunday, as many

as 19 people stranded at Dobi in Kullu district after flash floods and heavy rains were rescued by deploying an Indian Air Force chopper. In Punjab too, the water flow at Sutlej Pull border between Khanna and Nawanshahr was strong, with the Bhakra-Beas Management Board in Hoshiarpur warning about floods in the downstream areas. All three gates were opened to release water from Sukhna lake. Alert was issued in a dozen villages in Mukerian, Hoshiarpur district in Punjab after the reservoir level of maximum reservoir level of Ranjit Sagar Dam neared its maximum. In view of the looming flood threat, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had announced closure of schools and colleges on Tuesday.

# A.R. Apprehended Active Cadre Of KYKL

IT News Imphal, Sept 25,

Based on specific intelligence received regarding presence of an active cadre of KYKL in Chhakpikarong area, troops of Kachching Battalion Assam Rifles launched an operation in village Novokom, Chhakpikarong, Chandel District on 23

September 2018 and successfully apprehended Mr Khumukcham Ingocha Singh@ Ragu@ Yomgmu resident of Umathel Makha Leikai village, Kakching District at 2345 hours on 23 September 2018. The Kakching Battalion handed over the apprehended individual to Chhakpikarong Police Station on 24 September 2018.

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