

## State will witness visible changes in the tourism sector soon? Let's Unite to make a bandh free Manipur: Chief Minister



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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh appealed the people of the State to join their hands together to make Bandh and blockade free Manipur. This was stated by him at the World Tourism Day held at Marjing Polo Complex, Heingang, Imphal East today. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said

that let's not forget that the bandhs and blockades severely affect the day to day lives of thousands of families in the State. Asking people to refrain from bandhs and blockades, Chief Minister said that the Government is open to have a dialogue with the students and other stakeholders anytime. Chief Minister said that the State government was compelled to take action against those students and teachers who were mentioned in the FIR report. The raid was conducted with proper decency with District Magistrate and SPs including women police to arrest the culprits who were involved in assaulting the Pro VC and Registrar of Manipur University. Due to the responsibility of being a CM and Home Minister, it was mandatory to maintain the law and order situation, he added. Highlighting that there has been a drastic economic development in the last 18 months, Chief Minister said that according to the report of NABARD, there is economic boom in the State with a steep

increase from 8 percent to 200 percent in economic activities in the State, he added. He stated that the present government is committed to improve the lives of the people of the State. Mentioning that Manipur has lot of potential in tourism sector, Chief Minister reiterated that the world recognises Manipur as the birthplace of Modern Polo. A good hospitality is a must to boost our tourism sector in the State, he added. He stated that our State has a lot of potential to showcase our unique cultural heritage, natural and scenic beauty to the outside world. He stated that we would witness various visible changes in the tourism sector in the State. Chief Minister said that a statue of a pony would be erected at the top of the Marjing Hill. This statue would be the second tallest statue in the North-East India after the statue to Buddha of Sikkim. He mentioned that a sum of Rs 15 crores has already been sanctioned for the construction of 'Imphal View' tower at Langol Hills. Ropeway service would be made available from Marjing Hill to Langol Hill

to attract more tourists in the region.

Chief Minister announced that the Prince of Thailand would be visiting the State during the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival 2018 which would be held in November this year. He said that a Heritage Park having traditional houses of all the 33 recognised tribes and other communities of the state would be developed at Keibul Lamjao. Manipur Cherry Blossom Festival will be a part of the Manipur Sangai Festival from this season, he added. Light and Sound show at Kangla would be shown to public twice a week soon, he added. Kangkhui Cave of the Ukhrul district would be developed as a major tourist destination at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.5 crore. Similarly, Tharon Cave would also be developed as tourist destination, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar said that Manipur has a distinct environment, unique flora and fauna as compared to other parts of the world. He appealed the people of the State to support and co-operate in making Manipur as a popular tourism destination in the entire world. A peaceful and congenial environment is a must to promote tourism sector in the State, he added.

The programme was organised under the theme "Tourism and Digital Transformation". Various cultural programmes, traditional dances were showcased during the function. Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Adhikshya of various districts, Chief Secretary, officials of various Departments attended the function.

## Imphal witness a totally non-violent bandh supported by almost all people of state amidst govt. attempt to foil



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State police is trying left no stone unturned to foil the 48 hours bandh called by joint students' body against the September 21 midnight crackdown by state security force at Manipur University and arrest of 6 faculty members and some students of the varsity. More people, some not related with the students body calling the bandh are on the hunt since yesterday evening and even news anchor of AIR Imphal have been picked up while enjoying evening times with friends from Manipur University at North AOC.

The government had ordered strict action against who failed to attend offices if government employees during bandh, and even issued order to cancel license to transporters who do not come to the road. Loud speakers were used by police appealing the shopkeepers at Market area including Keishampat to open the shops and to run their business without fear. Even the transport department has put on service - four of its buses. Some are seen with government employees travelling some buses seen with only the driver and his assistance. Government supporters keeps uploading shops being open during the bandh at some of the places but reporters witness almost all shops and major business establishment closed. Petrol Pump at

Moirangkhom was opened under tight security arrangement.

The band today show no rowdies on the road burning tyres or placing electric poles on the road. But the roads in Imphal were more like empty plates with few left over rice finish up by a hungry person. Unlike bandh called during yesteryears, who were fed up by its frequencies, today's bandh is being supported by many intellectuals yet they criticizes any violence to enforce the bandh. As of now except for a group of women activist protesting the arrest of Phanjaobam Sakhi Devi at Khwairamband Keithel, no untoward incidents have been reported.

Report added that residence of PRJA Convener Erendro Leichombam was raided by the police at 5AM this morning without a search warrant. The team led by Imphal West SP reportedly came in police vehicle teams fully armed and loaded.

The team however could not find him as he was not at his house. Report added that the police is determined to detain him under "preventative

detention" to foil our "Yerom-Laam" or "Egg Protest" against the turmoil in Manipur today brought on by BJP led Govt.

Leichombam in a facebook post had invited people to stage Egg war in front of PRJA office against the arrest of University faculties and students.

Meanwhile, Prof Oinam Jiten, of Manipur University, Sapam Dilip (New Anchor of AIR), Prof. Ibahol (MIMS, Manipur University), Prof. Romesh of Manipur University were arrested yesterday around 11 pm by a team of police while they were having evening times at North AOC.

On the other hand, the BJP office at Nityapat Chuthek was found close today when our reporter went to check. Some member BJP told the reporter that the office has been temporarily shifted as it was under construction. Banks, entertainment houses, schools colleges were shut during the bandh despite government measures to foil it.

Meanwhile, state police force shopkeepers at Thangal bazar to open their shops.

## UIDAI welcomes judgement of Supreme Court on Aadhaar

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Unique Identification Authority of India, UIDAI has welcomed the judgement of the Supreme Court on Aadhaar. The Authority said, it has been established by the judgement that Aadhaar is not for the state surveillance as profiling is not possible using the minimal data that Aadhaar has. It said, there are sufficient safeguards to disallow any abuse. The authority said, apex court had upheld the constitutional validity of Aadhaar yesterday and accepted that there is a legitimate state aim in Aadhaar.

UIDAI said in a statement, Aadhaar Act has withstood the judicial scrutiny and the purpose of the Act is legitimate. It said, Aadhaar as an idea is fully upheld that it

does not create a surveillance state and does not violate privacy. The authority termed the verdict on Aadhaar as a tool of empowerment of the marginalised sections of the society. The apex court also upheld that the Aadhaar Act passed as a Money Bill is valid. CEO, UIDAI, Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey said, Aadhaar has come out winning as the champion of the empowerment of people and also as the key to the welfare schemes delivery of the Government that has eradicated the fakes, duplicates and middlemen. He said, the verdict is a victory for UIDAI and the Government of India and has also set the pace of India's digital destiny. UIDAI said that the verdict has recognised that Aadhaar respects human dignity and does not violate privacy.

## MACR nominates 3 persons for Child Rights Awards

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Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) has nominated Ningthoukhongjam Sanajaoba Meetei, Reporter I.S.TV. News, Kabib K (IPS), Sr. SP, Churachandpur and M. Pradip Singh (IPS), S.P. Senapati for the MACR's Child rights Award. A statement by Montu Ahanthem, Convener MACR said that the award will be presented by the Governor of Manipur in the 9th Children Cultural Meet 2018, a mega cultural function being Organised by Manipur Alliance for Child Rights scheduled on September 29, 2018 at Tribal research Institute, Chingmeirong, Imphal. Manipur Alliance for child Rights (MACR) which has been working in the field of child rights for the last 15 years in the state of Manipur. The award is for honouring the relentless and dynamic engagement towards containing and giving justice to the murder and Child Sexual Assault cases, Child Trafficking menace particularly in hill areas and highlighting the inaccessible untold stories of children depriving their fundamental Rights to Education and Well being particularly in rural Manipur.

## Protest staged against planting of Bomb at Moreh



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Indo-Myanmar Labour Union under Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh strongly condemned the planting of IED bomb near their Office on early morning of 25th of this month. A Rally was staged by members of Indo-Myanmar Labour Union under Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh on the streets of Moreh Town at Indo-Myanmar Border protesting the Planting of IED near their Office. During the Rally the members

of Indo-Myanmar Labour Union placards with slogans - "We are not terrorist", "Bomb and War have no room in us", "We want security and tension Free and also Find and Book the Culprit. During the Rally lots of members said slogans as We want Peace", "do not Kill labourers", etc. The General Secretary of Indo-Myanmar Labour Union Chiranjeevi Rao said that the Office of Indo-Myanmar Labour Union is much near to Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 1 where 11 Assam Rifle are guarding the border.

The Labourers of the Union have no proper income, they got their daily breads from their daily wages. It was very much unfortunate and uncalled-for in which an IED was planted near their Office at Gannom Veng Moreh. The planting the bomb creates fear psychosis amongst the labourers and the Union. He also said that the Office of Indo-Myanmar Labour Union is surrounded by Two Camp of 11 Assam Rifle which is approximately 200 - 300 metre range area of the Office.

## Home dept. clarifies

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State government Home department has clarified that there was no question of broadband internet service ban in the state. In a press statement the state Home dept. authority said that the order dated 21-09-2018 issued by the state home department was to the extent of restricting the mobile/data service only, and was done for the purpose of maintaining the prevailing law and order situation of the State in the public interest.