



Finance Deptt Collapses; Not a single work programme taken up at any of the deptt.

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Government of Manipur is likely to face serious financial crisis in the coming days as the State Finance Department has collapsed due to bankruptcy of the state exchequer. Source said that besides failure of the state government in taking up a single work programme in all the departments, except those in the regular government services, the government may not be able to pay salary for those engaged government employees who are under the category Work Charge, Muster Roll and Contract staffs. The source further added that after the payment of pre Christmas Salary for regular government employees state may delay in payment of Salary next month.

Talking to Imphal Times, Prof. Chinglen Meisnam, a well known economist said that December is a month for preparation of revise budget and it is possible that they may make some arrangement to short out the financial crisis. However, the announcement for payment of 7 revise pay scale will be another burden for the government as the financial condition is in no way to improve as of the moment. And if the government implement the 7th Revise Pay of the 70,000 plus regular government employees than it is likely that the state may land into serious financial crisis. Government may target recover of the financial deficits using certain increase in the revenue on essential commodities in the revise budget and this will only amount to inflation in

Work Charge, Muster roll, Contract government employees may not get pres Christmas salary

the essential commodities. In the present financial condition of the state major department like Public Works Department, Water Resource Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Agriculture department have not prepared any new work programme which has to be

done before the revise budget. It's also learnt that only 30 % of the total estimate cost was put in the budget provision work programme for last year, that is 2018-19. The remaining 70 % has not been provided at any head for work programme even as the year 2019 in ending in 15 days.

Manipur's Citizens continue to show solidarity to Anti-CAB protest in Assam and Tripura; oppose CAA



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Citizens of Manipur who are working in different field including entrepreneurs, film makers, photographers, journalist, businessmen, teachers, students etc., today continue to show solidarity to the anti-CAB (CAA) uprising in Assam and Tripura. The solidarity stand began since yesterday with around 20 people but the number of people grows triple today. Many joined the solidarity stand with placards opposing Contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act. All participants came and joined by themselves to support the cause of the people of Assam and Tripura besides opposing CAA. No organizations or civil bodies are involved to the solidarity

stand but all came by their own and joined solidarity stand.

At around 11 am when the people started gathering and stand near Western Kangla Gate showing solidarity to the people of Assam and Tripura who are engaging in fierce protest against the Contentious CAA. As the people gathering near Western Kangla Gate started displaying small placards with slogans supporting the cause of anti-CAA protesters in Assam and Tripura and also opposition to CAA, a police team who were deployed at the area force them not to display the placards. The citizens gathering instead of confrontation put the placards inside the protest and remain in the site praying for NE states and those victims who had lost their live during the

protest against CAB/CAA in Assam and Tripura. Later at around 12 noon, the people gathered maintained a 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls during anti-CAA agitation in Assam and Tripura. The citizens then moved toward Khwairambandh Ima Keithel and staged a demonstration for the same cause using placards. Some passerby without hesitated also joined the demonstration on their will, after staging for around 20 minutes the people then moved towards Cheirap Court and staged a silent and peaceful demonstration. The protest is likely to continue in the coming days until a final solution to the problem of the North East states on the issue of CAA has been brought.

Death toll rises to three in Assam anti-CAA protests

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Three people have died so far while 27 suffered injuries in the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 in the state. The information was provided by the government-run Guwahati Medical College hospital where injured were given treatment. Protests broke out in many parts of Assam and NorthEast following the passage of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019 in Parliament and it later became an Act there upon after Presidential assent on December 12. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, seeks to grant Indian citizenship to refugees from Hindu, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist and Parsi communities fleeing religious persecution from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh and who entered India on or before December 31, 2014.

NE students join hands and staged protest at Jantar Mantar



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Students from across the North Eastern states of India staged a protest demonstration at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Act from 11am till 1pm today. President of Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) Anash Khan while speaking during the protest said that the Citizenship Amendment Act will invade the demography of North East states, change the culture and identity of the various people of the North East states including the food habit, dress

and culture. "The Citizenship Amendment Act kills the aspiration of the various ethnic communities of North East people who have been dreaming for an egalitarian society from the forceful annexation by the Indian states". Anash Khan said. He further said that the CAA is a genocidal act and the Indian state is preparing to build a Hindutva state. "The killing of protestors and the excess of the security forces towards the protestors against CAA at Jamia Milia University, New Delhi, Tripura and Assam reminds me the words of Sardar Vallabhai Patel at which he said if there are no

brigadier in Shillong when the then Maharaja of Manipur Bodhachandra refused to signed the controversial merger agreement", the MSAD president said. He further lambasted the divide and rule policy among the people of the states in North East region by exempting the CAA at some of the state with interim relief mechanism like ILP or Sixth Schedule which may not last long. 100s of students from the North Eastern states including Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh joint the protest demonstration at Jantar Mantar New Delhi today.

2nd State Level Barak Festival concludes Barak Festival reminds us the importance of river in human existence: Deputy Chief Minister

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The 2nd State Level Barak Festival-2019 concluded yesterday at Barak Hall, Mini Stadium in Senapati District Headquarters. The festival which was celebrated on the theme- "Confluence of Cultures" highlighted the fact that different cultures comes together in building a civilization like the confluence of various streams and rivulets forming the beautiful and mighty Barak. Besides cultural shows, beauty contest, dance and song competition were held during the three days annual festival which was started on 12 December, 2019. Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh while gracing the closing ceremony of the festival said, Barak Festival reminds us the importance of river system in human existence. He said, observing such festival give us not only the joy and happiness but also remind us how we enjoy the invaluable natural resources like water. Deputy Chief Minister further said that acknowledging the importance of conserving Barak river, State Government



has been trying to encourage this festival to make aware of the importance of river in our living. Appealing the people to conserve Barak River, Shri Joykumar Singh said, catchment areas of the river should be protected by avoiding deforestation to enable the river system a perennial one. This festival also gives us a chance to showcase the rich cultural heritage and aged old traditions to the world, he added. TA & Hills Minister Shri N. Kayisii said, although the annual festival started few years back, it is becoming more important as it gives us a strong message to make aware of the importance of Barak River. He said, organizing this

festival will also give us a chance to showcase the rich cultural values and aged old Naga traditions. Expressing concern over the influence of western culture to the society, the Minister said, this festival reminds us the importance of preserving the rich cultural and traditional values. It is the responsibility of all of us to preserve our culture and tradition and to follow the footnotes of our forefathers, the Minister added. Chairman of Autonomous District Council, Senapati, Deputy Commissioner and officials of district administration and various CSO leaders also attended the Closing Ceremony of the Festival.

Football tournament organized by CRPF concludes

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The final match of 2nd KASA KOSO foot ball tournament which was organized by 109 Bn CRPF under the aegis of IGP, M&N Sector CRPF at Mao, was held today at 12.30 p.m. between Rabunamei vs Chowinai in the presence of chief guest L. Lhoujem, Commandant-143 Bn CRPF, Sh. Vinod Kumar,

Commandant-109 Bn, Shri- K. K. Pau, A/C of 109 Bn, and many other dignitaries & audience comprising of the villagers of nearby villages witnessed the title clash. Rabunamei registered a comprehensive win over Chowinai by goals 3-2. The valedictory function was addressed by the Chief guest and Commandant-109 Bn, they congratulated both the winner and runner up teams



as well as all the participants of the tournament for their sportsmanship and discipline during the course of competition and distributed

the prizes/ trophies to winner and runner up teams. With this final match, the tournament concluded with an explosive competition.