



## 9<sup>th</sup> session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly begins 16 MLAs of the ruling party absent without informing the house

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The first day of the 9 session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly, which begins today shattered hopes of the people of Manipur, as 16 MLAs of the ruling BJP led government including the Chief Whip MLA P. Sharat did not attend the sitting without giving prior information to the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The session though not emergency or special, have been a demand of the people in the aftermath of the passing of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 as well as the extension of the Inner Line Permit under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation 1873. Another 3 members including two from the ruling a one from the opposition too were absent, however, Speaker of the house announced that MLA Ginsuan Hau of the ruling and MLA Karungthang

of the opposition had applied leave application. Leader of the house, who is also the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh said that Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhalian has been at Delhi on Government related important issue. The proceeding of the house was however not disturbed as member present is 40 plus. Reason for the absence of the 16 members including the deputy speaker has not been known. These members had not officially announced any demand neither they put any demand officially through newspaper about the reason for their absence. However, source said that the 16 members stay away from the session demanding reshuffle of Ministry. The source also added that the MLAs are camping at Hotel Classic when issues about the implementation of Inner Line Permit and Price hike of essential commodities has been brought up as calling attention motion in the house.

**Former legislature Okram Joy while talking to Imphal Times said that such large number of absence during an important session will be surely questioned by the people. "People will surely questioned on the solidarity of the MLAs to the temple of Democracy, they will asked about the responsibility and dignities of the state Assembly. It may be mentioned that civil society bodies of the state including COCOM and other political parties including the opposition party Congress has been demanding a special or emergency assembly session to take resolutions for protection of the boundary, identity and administration of the state in the wake of the final settlement of the Naga Settlement. People also expects a collective decision of the state assembly in connection with the development arises after amended citizenship act.**

## Opposition MLAs grill govt over implementation of ILP "Gazette notification for implementation of ILP will be issued be January 1, 2020 - CM

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Congress MLAs Khumukcham Joykishan and RK Imo today grilled the government over the implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR), 1873 questioning the leader of the house regarding the guidelines for implementation of the regulation for the state of Manipur during calling attention motion in the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly which begins today. Leader of the house, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the state government is working out for framing guidelines for implementation of the ILP and an official gazette will be notified soon by January 1, 2020. "Is there any official gazette notification for the state of Manipur for implementation of the ILP under the BEFR 1873 which has been extended to the state of Manipur by the

president of India on December 11? As per state government, Union Minister Ram Madhav is the first outsider to enter Manipur with ILP permit on December 13, then what were the modus operandi of those entering the state from December 11 to December 13? If December 13 is the day for implementation of the ILP regulation then what is the total number of outsiders entered Manipur with the permit? What about those non-local who had already entered the state, will they be exempted from the purview of the ILP?", MLA Khumukcham Joykishan draw the attention of the Chief Minister for clarification. MLA RK Imo, another congress MLA, who jointly moved the calling attention motion said that as there is no base year mentioned in the BEFR, how far the regulation will be effective in protecting the interest of the state. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh while replying to the calling attention motion said that the state government is working out for a guidelines of the regulation for implementation of the BEFR in the state.

However, the president of India has already extended the ILP under the BEFR by an Official Gazette Notification on December 11. And following the Gazette notification Manipur has been exempted from the Citizenship Amendment Act. Biren said Inner Line permit is a long standing demand of the people of Manipur and it has been granted by the Union government in connivance with the passing of the CAB in Parliament. "We have every reason to be happy, we have every reason to appreciate the present government at the centre for granting the long awaited demand", the Chief Minister said. Regarding the issuing of permit to Union Minister Ram Madhav for entering to Manipur, N. Biren

said that as Ram Madhav being a Union Minister and as the government of India had already extended ILPS, he felt it important to respect the gazette notification and for that the state Home Department issued a permit. "As of now the government is working for implementation of ILPS entry point at Moreh, Moa, Behang etc. besides the government will open offices at some locations including state owned Manipur houses at different cities in India", N. Biren Singh said. In connection with the base year, N. Biren said that NRC will be exercise soon and as the NRC is also the desire of the Central government across the country, the state will have no problem in checking out the illegal immigrants.

## Obituary reference

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House paid 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to former member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, Salam Ibohah, who passed away for heavenly abode on November 19. The House also resolved to

share the pain and sorrow of the family of late Salam Ibohah. Leader of the House, Opposition Leader and other member joined the obituary reference at the house. The members term the demise of Demise of Salam Ibohah as a great lost.

## United struggle against Citizenship Amendment Act- AMMSO

A statement by The All Manipur Muslim Student's Organisation (AMMSO) stated that the parliament of India has passed the 'anti-indigenous' Citizenship Amendment Bill 2019 on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The aftermath of the passing of the Bill has led to a total chaos and disorder in the entire NorthEast where state forces have systematically oppressed the indigenous people who resist against the passing of the bill. The passing of the CAB is a part of the Hindutva nation building process of India. The people of the North East has continuously resisted and revolted against assimilation and annihilation of the indigenous population and we are now seeing such resistance and will continue doing the same in future. "The Introduction of Inner Line Permit System in any state of the North East Region cannot solve the genocidal impact of demographic war that is systematically perpetuated by the Indian State". The statement added. The All Manipur Muslim Student's Organisation as a collective body of the Pangal (Manipuri Muslim) student fraternity of Manipur strongly condemns the passing of CAB in the parliament against the democratic wishes of the people of North East Region.

## Around 250 goods loaded trucks including fuel and LPG tanker trucks arriving Imphal today – CM

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Scarcity of fuel and LPG as well as essential commodities will be solved as around 250 loaded trucks including 25 petrol tankers, 42 Diesel tankers, 53 LPG loaded trucks and 128 loaded trucks of other essential commodities have cross Jiribam area and entered Manipur today morning. This was stated by the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh while replying to a calling attention motion by Congress MLA Govindas and MLA Surjakumar Okram. Taking suggestions by both

the MLA about the need for establishment committee like Price Fixation Committee to check the inflation. He said that the state government will be seriously taking the issue at which some traders are reportedly controlling price of essential commodities at time of bandh, blockade or situation that are happening today. Some stringent mechanism to check inflation and price by traders will be initiated, the CM said. Replying to MLA Govindas, the Chief Minister said that PDS rice (Super fine) should not be available at market. Govindas earlier said that the

price of superfine rice reaches Rs. 27 at market. The Chief Minister said that he will check on how the rice are available at market. As per the report 82% of the people eligible for NAFSA card had been getting rice at subsidize rate. However, there are some possibilities that some genuine beneficiary of NAFSA card are still not getting what they should have got. The Chief Minister said while replying to a shocking revelation by MLA Okram Surjakanta about a widow who tried to commit suicide with her three children due to poverty at Sekmai.

## 3 Months Special Free Coaching for HSLC appearing students commence

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Naga Student's Union Chandel (NSUC) in collaboration with Chandel Naga People's Organisation (CNPO) commenced a 3 Months Special Free Coaching for students who are appearing for the upcoming HSLC examination 2020 at Chandel Indoor Stadium, today under the sponsorship of District Police Chandel. During the commencement function of the special free coaching, Superintendent Of Police Chandel District, N. Madhunimai (MPS),

Additional SP Chandel Augustine Janminthang Khongsai (MPS), Deputy SP Chandel M. Bimolchandra (MPS), SDPO Chandel O. Sukumar Singh (MPS), OC Chandel PS Inspector P. Surajkumar Singh, RL Chandel Inspector Shongshur Jimmy Paul, Chandel Naga People's Organisation President Pauhring Langhu, Vice-President Wilson Charaga, Naga Women Union Chandel General Secretary Yepuram Maku, Naga Student's Union Chandel Vice-President Joseph attended as presidium members. Superintendent of Police

Chandel District N. Madhunimai stated that the special free coaching was organised in order to provide good and well-rounded education to the students as they are the future pillars of the nation. He added that students should not think of only scoring good marks in the examination. He further said that students should have a goal in their life and should work hard in order to achieve their goal. Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry subjects on HSLC pattern will be taught in the special free coaching to around 60 students.

## Keithel Ema - We do not trust the leaders of CAB protests, They made a U-turn and ran away

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Citizenship Amendment Bill is, now, Citizenship Amendment Act. Earlier this year, people of Manipur and the whole of northeast fought tooth and nail against the passing of the bill. With the sudden implementation of ILP in Manipur, the government claims Manipur is safe from CAB and MANPAC, which was spearheading the anti-CAB protests, suspends the agitation. The movement in Manipur eventually slowed down while Assam and Tripura, especially, were still burning. However, the people of Manipur, especially the Keithel Emas, have a different take on the claims of the government, suspension of the protests, and slowing down of the movement.

In a brief interaction with Keithel Emas, one said, "For the people, we will always participate with full support in any agitation be it organized by AMSU or MANPAC or COCOM. We will face all, but we do not want the dirt. We do not trust all the leaders. Only the people are suffering. It's only women participating in these agitations and women are also the ones suffering while the leaders made a U-turn and ran away." The Ema expressed frustration over the leaders by further saying, "They had come to offer prayer to Keithel Lai before going for the meeting with Amit Shah, but they did not convey anything after returning. Why? We are suspicious of them if something is cooking. On top of that, they have not come to clarify it all, so we have lost all our trust on

them." Regarding the slowing down of the movement, another ema said, "At that time, people just took a sigh of relief because ILP was implemented and CAB was exempted, but it was not a decision taken after proper discussion in detail. Even we were not clear about it. Having said that, I do not think that the movement will stop, there is a possibility that it might start again." Another ema said, "We do not want CAB at all. We are a bit happy for ILP implementation. The movement has not slowed down, there is a lot of anger inside." As another perspective towards this sudden turn of events, one ema said, "The slow down happened after CM Biren announced ILP implementation and those who lacked knowledge of the entire

situation backtracked, hoping that our demands will be met. He has been talking about it in various media outlets and some bought into it. But we want to continue the movement, we should not retreat. Another reason is also the absence of leaders, in spite of the anger and frustration inside of us all. We wonder why these sudden halts in a movement. Since there has been various breaks, it has demotivated us, making us think that it is not going to be fruitful. In one moment, they announce for bandh and in the next moment they call it off. The very fact that the leaders have gone into silence mode is making us wonder if they had compromised." Speaking on the issue, another ema expressed, "We sat for the protests. We spent nights. The sudden slow

down weakens our position and we do not want to slow down also. The youth should come to the front, educate and instruct us so that we can cooperate because we also have a family to manage. Those who were leading are also silent now." When asked of this culture for an organisation to lead and no public uprising if not, one ema said, "It is a bit difficult for women to lead because many are uneducated. They know everything and they can lead, too, but they have to manage their families also. If explained everything in detail and shared all information with transparency, women can. Another ema said, "We just know how to write our names. We are uneducated about the details of the situation.

MANPAC members used to visit us often, but after ILP implementation, they have not visited us once. It is because of their silence that the movement has slowed down. No one has explained to us the merits and demerits of ILP implementation and CAB, even if it has been exempted. They need to educate us, then we should all move forward together." Another ema opined, "Having an organization is necessary. Just a few 5/10 of us cannot do what the leader of an organization can. If they say, students and emas will all come out. But this time, it was the MANPAC shutting down the movement after claiming to intensify it. If they had pressurized to move ahead at that time, the movement would have continued."