

State plans Insurance policies for newspaper distributors

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Chief Minister N. Biren today stated that an insurance scheme would be rolled out for the hawkers soon so that they get some financial assistance when they met road accidents etc. The government is also discussing for the introduction of a pension scheme for the members of the Association, he added. Speaking as chief guest, in the 34th annual function of All Manipur Newspaper Sales' And Distributors' Association (AMNSDA) held today at Khurai Standard Club Ground, Khurai Nandeibam Leikai the Chief Minister said that understanding the hurdles and problems being faced by the truck drivers plying along the National Highways, Chief Minister said that CMHT benefits would be provided to the drivers soon.. N. Biren Singh further stated



that his government will try to secure the lives of people by focusing primarily on Health, Education and foods. Stating that the present government's mission is to root out poverty from the State, Chief Minister said that various 'human oriented' schemes have been implemented for the poor and needy people of the State. He believed that there would be a positive and drastic change in the State in the next 10-15

years. Acknowledging the love and support of the people, Chief Minister opined that the responsibility of a government is to serve its people and to work for their welfare. Priority would be given to education sector in the 'Go to Village' mission programmes so that we could provide good and quality education to our children, he added. Under the mission government school will be

inspected every month from this year, N Biren added. Biren further said that his government will propose a 650km long gas pipeline and an International University for higher learning during the visit of Prime Minister. The function was also attended by President of the All Manipur Newspaper sales' and Distributors' Assn Ajit Wangkhemcha, Minister of CAF and P.D. Karam Shyam, Deputy Chairman of Manipur

State Planning board Sorokhaibam Rajen and MLA of Khurai Assembly Constituency Leishangthem Sushildro as President and Guests of Honour respectively. Speaking on the occasion General Secretary of AMNSDA N. Surjit said that the hawkers play an important role in the society, the media houses can't survive without hawkers. He added that the Association has a total number of around 650 members. N. Surjit Singh also highlighted the problem faced by the distributors as they met a lot of inconveniences as their works starts at dawn. He appealed for a proper attention of the newspaper distributors to the general public, the media fraternities and the government. MLA of Khurai Assembly constituency L. Sushildro claimed that the present government did all the works

in just two years where the previous government can't do it in their 15 years term. Sushildro also assured to distribute 500 reflecting jackets to the newspaper distributors. Highlighting the role of hawkers Minister Karam Shyam said that the hawkers are the soul of media. People need to learn a lot from the hawkers in term of punctualities in their duty, he added. The Chief Minister also announced that all the accredited/recognised Newspaper hawkers and their family would be covered under the Chief Ministergi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT). He appealed the members of the Association to submit the relevant documents so that they can avail the benefits under CMHT. Earlier the gathering pay 2-minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed hawkers

Hectic preparation underway for PM Modi's visit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Manipur on January 4 to inaugurate over 10 developmental projects. Security personnel today conducted mass combing operations to stop any untoward incident during the visit. According to Chief Minister N Biren said preparations are on in full swing for the Prime Minister's visit. Security personnel to oversee the security arrangements have arrived at Imphal. Manipur Police personnel today rounded up large numbers of people in different areas to verify their identities. Police frisked passengers and vehicles at various places.

JNIMS Teachers' body calls total shut down from January 3

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Teacher's Association of the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) has decided to call complete shut down of the institution from 9. Am of January 3 if the government fails to fulfil their demand. The decision was taken in an emergency executive body meeting of the teacher's body held today ay TA Office JNIMS.

Various issues plaguing the JNIMS have also been deliberated. During the total shut down, OPDs, new Administration and routine operation will cease. However emergency / casualty services would be open till a further decision is taken by the Association. The teacher's body however stated that the agitation will be suspended temporarily on January 4 in view of the visit of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. OPD, Casualty, Wards and Operation Theatres would be fully functional on the day of the prime Minister visit, a communiqué by the teachers' body stated. The teachers' body however said that the complete shut down will resume from January 5.

Modi's visit is to strengthen colonial rule – says CorCom

Calls total shut down during his stay in Manipur

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Termining the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Manipur as a strategy to strengthen the colonial rule in the region conglomerate of rebel group of the region CorCom says that the visit is to show the world that this part of the country is inseparable with India. A statement Leibakngakpa Luwang, Media Co-Ordinator of CorCom said that the proposed visit of Prime Minister on January 4, 2019 will bring no good to the people of the region. The conglomerate of the rebel group calls total shutdown from 1.p.m of January 4 till Narendra Modi left the state.

The armed rebel group waging war against the government of India said that since Manipur was annexed in the Indian Union on October 15, 1949, after the then Maharaja of Manipur was force to sign the agreement on September 21 of that year India has not taken up any appreciative work for the welfare of the erstwhile kingdom. The statement recount on how the India government had placed the erstwhile kingdom to the status of Part C state and then Union Territory. CorCom further said that after British left, India government continue the divide and rule policy in the region diving the Hill and the plain region and have been using all means to

suppress the revolutionary movement of the region. India on the other hand has been using all force to convert the land into a Hindu land by suppressing the indigenous people since it was annexed to their union, the statement said. The Corcom also blamed the India government for taking up any measures for the welfare of the people other than considering the WESEA region as a frontier. The past government has been cheating the people and the coming of the Narendra Modi government bring no change to their strategy to this part of the country. CoreCom appealed people to support the boycott called of the Narendra Modi.

Maoist boycott PM visit; says no general strike

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Maoist Communist Party, Manipur in a statement said that it will boycott the visit of the prime Minister Narendra Modi with will not call general strike on the day. A statement of the outfit said that those who will be receiving the prime Minister will be those member of the BJP who were collected by paying tips. They will come on hired vehicles by the BJP. Thus the number of crowd gathered during his visit will not judge how the people of

the state received the Prime Minister. Maoist Manipur said that the Prime Minister's promises for depositing of Rs. 15 lakh to the account of each citizen, recovering of black money, promises about conversion of Smart city, Sports University still has not been fulfilled. The coming of colonial master has nothing to be impress by the people of the state. The Maoist further stated the kind of bias attitude to the region and stated that the region has always been treated as a colonial region. The visit

still have no significance as along as the rights of the people has not been protected. Justice has been delivered to Pravish Chanam and many people of the region have received unequal treatment. The Maoist said that whatever announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his last visit have never been converted into action. They just treated the people as a fool and knowing the game played by the Indian leader, Maoist called on people not to falls as prey of the Indian leaders.

SSUM condemn arrest of their colleague under Draconian Laws

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Students Union of Manipur (SSUM) expressed strong condemnation to the arrest of their comrades from CMS (Chaitanya Mahila Sangam) and Bhavani from ABMS (Amarula Badhumitrla Sangam) under the Draconian Law, UAPA. A statement signed by Bushan Longjam said that on December 22, 2018, Annapurna and Anusha CMS (Chaitanya Mahila Sangam) and Bhavani from ABMS (Amarula Badhumitrla Sangam) were kidnapped from their house in Hyderabad during the night hours. For almost 30 hours, their details were not disclosed to the family members and were produced on 23-12-2018 before the judge. After that, they were sent to Visakhapatnam Central Jail under the draconian law UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act). The police have cooked the story that they have been caught in a forest area of Visakhapatnam agency and were armed. Not only them, the State forces also

included four other comrades from Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) viz. Devandra, Rajeswari, Swapna and Lakshmi Prasanna in the same FIR along with few other comrades from different organizations. Their activities were all charged as URBAN NAXALS. Recently, Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) has actively helped the TITLI Cyclone affected victims. For which the police have booked cases and jailed them and later booked all the comrades in a Bind Over Case. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana government are rampantly misusing UAPA act by booking cases on the democratic peoples movement activists. Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) has also very actively campaigned with a slogan to question the electoral representatives coming for votes in Telangana. Since 3 years, Andhra Pradesh government is doing propaganda by branding Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) as a Maoist front organization. The state has pasted posters in the name of

VIDYARTHI CHAITANYA SANGAM (an organization meant for improving the consciousness among students). This is a state sponsored organization, which has used the photos of our Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) comrades active in the local areas and the terminology used in the poster is that, the CMS comrades come to the colleges and they recruit the innocent students into Maoist party. Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) is a 23 year old organization working for the upliftment and liberation of women. It also has been fighting against all forms of violence against women. But it has been facing many forms of repression. To suppress the speaking voices of Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS), the state has charged them as URBAN NAXALS. So, Socialist Students Union of Manipur (SSUM) condemns this fascist act of the Andhra Pradesh government and we demand the immediate release of them unconditionally.

YFPHR urges Prime Minister to deliver justice to Pravish Chanam

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Youth Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has urged the Prime Minister of India to make an announcement that the case of Pravish Chanam be handed over from Department of Personnel and Training to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) during his visit here in Imphal. Pravish Chanam was found dead in mysterious circumstances on September 9, 2017 at Greater Noida. A memorandum in the connection has been submitted to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ahead of his scheduled visit here in Imphal on January 4. Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) says that they are writing the

government and also by the BJP led Government of Manipur which is highly appreciated", a statement said. The YFPHR statement signed by its president, Kh Phajaton further said with regard to the mysterious death of Pravish Chanam, not a single Positive Response could be observed. Regarding the investigation over the death of Pravish Chanam at Great Noida since 1 years and 3 months have been passed. The "Movement for Justice for Pravish Chanam and Stop Racial Discrimination towards the North East People" still prevails with the support from various CSOs and Students' bodies since the death of Pravish Chanam and will continue until Justice is delivered to the victim's family members.

Prime for the Third Time after a gap of 1 year and 3 months. They had already met several communication with the Prime Minister office since the death of Mr. Pravish Chanam at Greater Noida on the 9th of September, 2017 for urgent intervention for CBI investigation. However, no positive action is seen till date. Similar communication letter was also sent to the Minister of Home Affairs, Rajnath Singh. A delegation of various women leaders from Manipur had also met him to deliver justice to Pravish Chanam. YFPHR said that no positive outcome could be seen observed. "The people of Manipur will be welcoming you with full of joy on the 4th of January, 2018 during your visit in Manipur. There are various steps which have been taken up by your