

PM inaugurates Integrated Check Post at Moreh, other infrastructure projects at Imphal



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Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, visited Imphal today. At a large public meeting, he inaugurated the Integrated Check Post at Moreh. He also inaugurated the Dolaithabi Barrage Project, the FCI Food Storage Godown at Sawombung, and projects related to water supply and tourism. He dedicated to the nation the 400 kV Double Circuit Silchar-Imphal Line. He also laid the foundation stone for sports projects. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister paid homage to the brave freedom fighters, especially the women freedom fighters of Manipur. He recalled that undivided India's first interim government had been established at Moirang in Manipur. He also recalled the support that the Azad Hind Fauj had received from people in the North East. He said

Manipur has an important role to play in New India's growth story. The Prime Minister said that projects worth over Rs. 1500 crore have either been inaugurated, or the foundation stone has been laid for them, at today's event. He said these projects are going to improve "ease of living" for the people of the State. He said he has himself visited the North-East, about thirty times in the last four and a half years. He said the North East is being transformed, and projects stuck for decades are being completed. He said the Integrated Check Post at Moreh will facilitate custom clearance, foreign currency exchange, immigration clearance etc. He said that the projects being inaugurated today reflect the Union Government's commitment to development. He said the Dolaithabi Barrage project had been conceived in 1987, but was speeded up only

after 2014, and is now complete. He also mentioned the tourism projects being inaugurated today. Elaborating on the more energetic and purposeful approach to project completion in the Union Government, the Prime Minister explained how the PRAGATI system set up in the Prime Minister's Office enables monitoring of stalled projects through video conferencing. He said that these PRAGATI meetings have so far resolved issues related to stalled projects worth nearly 12 lakh crore rupees. He said that work on the FCI godown in Sawombung had begun in December 2016, and it has been completed already. He gave similar illustrations for various water supply projects. The Prime Minister said that the Union Government and the State Government of Manipur are both working with the vision of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. He praised the "Go to hills, go to

villages" programme of the State Government. The Prime Minister explained how better road rail and air connectivity is being provided to the North East, with the overall vision of "Transformation through Transportation." The Prime Minister mentioned the progress made by Manipur in other sectors such as Swachh Bharat, sanitation, and development of the aspiration district of Chandel. The Prime Minister said Manipur has also been a front-runner in the field of women empowerment. Mentioning the sporting icon Mary Kom, who hails from Manipur, the Prime Minister said that the North-East has a key role to play in making India a sports superpower. He said transparency in training and selection of athletes is reflecting in better performances by India in international sporting competitions. Earlier, Chief Minister N Biren Singh spoke on the occasion.

Powerless Thoubal, Hangoipat Chinkhong villagers live on candle, kerosene

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Even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his maiden visit here in Imphal today said that Leishang Village of Kangpokpi District is the last village in the country to be electrified News Agency ANI report said that a village in Thoubal district live on candle and kerosene. As per the report, a village in Wangjing Tenth Assembly Constituency is yet to get electricity supply and reach administration even after 70 years of India's Independence. People residing in the Hangoipat village live in a dilapidated condition. This has also taken a toll on the education of the children. They are forced to read in candlelight. The report is in contrast to the Prime Minister's statement where he said that a village in Kangpokpi district is the last Village to be electrified in the country. The report further said that even if the BJP government had claimed

electrification of every village in the country with the last village being in the state, a small village in Thoubal district's Wangjing-Tenth assembly constituency is still living on the light of candle and kerosene lamps sans electricity. Located at a distance of about three kilometres from Langathel Laikom Keithel, which is about 5 km South East from Khongjom Keithel, Hangoipat Leikai is a small village at the foothill, under Wangjing Tenth Assembly Constituency of Thoubal District. The village has 30 households with a population around 150 electorates excluding children. Since the settlement began some 45 years ago, the village has not seen electricity there. Deprived of one of the most important basic amenities of modern life, the villagers are using candles and kerosene lamps to light up their homes after dusk. Students in the village have no other option but to study without electric

light. Moreover, the road in the village is in its worst condition, which makes it almost impossible to pass through during rainy season. The road from Laikom Bazar to Hangoipat Village remains in deplorable condition in the rainy days, and the villagers mode of transport is still with by-cycles. Due to the deplorable roads, the villagers have to walk or ride a bicycle to reach the nearest Health Centre and Schools. Private transport vehicles shy away from ferrying the villagers because of the long distance and deplorable condition of the roads. In time of medical emergency, the villagers have to face a lot of hardship to ferry the patient at the nearest health centres and hospitals. It has been reported that many of the patients also got succumbed on the way before reaching hospital. The villagers have been waiting the vision of Honourable Prime Minister of electrifying every houses and villages to be materialised at the

village. Aray of hope was seen 15 years back ago by the villagers, when the state electricity department brought several electric posts in order to provide electricity connection in the village, but it became a distant dream, since then the several electric posts are lying unused at the sides of the village road for the past 15 years. Though the sates had effort to address the grievances of the villagers in the remote and rural areas of the state through the Go to Village programme, the Hangoipat village is still yet to be reached by the state administration. The highest Education level of the villager is a graduate and who is the only one graduate in the village. All the villagers are belongs to the BPL category and works as peasants at the Agriculture lands of several land lords. During the lean season, majority of the villagers works as a labour at the nearby brick fields for their livelihood.

Total 'shut down' impacts normal life on day of Modi's visit

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The general strike imposed by the Coordinating Committee (CoCom) an umbrella body of six proscribed organisations based in the state as well as other militant outfits operating in Manipur against the visit of Prime

Minister affected normal life in the state. Roads were a deserted look except for very few motorists and major business establishments, shops, malls and markets including Thangal bazaar, Paona bazaar, the three Ima keithels in Imphal remain closed. All public transportation including

inter-state bus services and districts transport services were suspended due to the General strike. Petrol pumps were also found closed around the state capital and even further out. Educational institutions like govt and private Schools, colleges and the University also remained

closed. Although the state govt issued an order for all its employees to be present at the Hapta kangiebung to attend the function, the turnout at the said venue till the time of filing this report remains very less in proportion to the total strength of the govt employees.

PMAY-G beneficiaries calls on govt. to look into the basic infrastructures of Tengnoupal District

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Even though the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) of the newly formed Tengnoupal district show gratitude to the present government, they demanded the government to further look into the basic infrastructure of Tengnoupal. Speaking during a press meet held at the residence of the headman of Tengnoupal District Headquarter, Joint Secy of Tengnoupal village HP Chungkhulon Mate said that in previous years the people of Tengnoupal find it very difficult to get government schemes but with the present government, almost 50% of the population gets

benefit from the PMAY-G scheme making a relief for the poor villagers. He further said that as Tengnoupal is a newly formed district, the district lacks many of its basic required

infrastructures and calls attention of the government to look into such matters. Mate also congratulate the BJP led government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, chief

Minister, Works Minister and the vice president of BJP for making PMAY-G beneficiaries to 142 households at one time and also appeal to make beneficiary of the remaining villagers.

State Institute of Journalism, DIPR invites candidates for certificate course

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The Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur has invited interested candidates for Short term courses of 15 days on "News Reporting" at Kha Manipur College, Kakching and Damdei

Christian College, Kanglatombi, Kangpokpi. The courses commence from 7th January, 2019 for Kakching and 21st January for Kangpokpi. Interested candidates can apply at the DIPR, HQ, Moirangkhom or from offices of Principal Kha Manipur College, and Damdei Christian College.

Required minimum qualification is Class 12 pass. Last date for submission of filled application form is 5th January 2019 for Kakching and 19th January, 2019 for Kangpokpi. For further information contact State Institute of Journalism, DIPR, Moirangkhom during office hours.

Police foils rally demanding Justice for Pravish Chanam

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Police prevented protestors who are pressing for bringing the case of the Murder of Pravish Chanam to its logical conclusion from taking out a Rally at Yambem Leikai Uripok which was planned and started from Uripok Achom Leikai. A sit in Protest was also held earlier at Uripok Achom Leikai demanding CBI enquiry immediately on the death of Pravish Chanam and Racial discrimination on Nrh East people in Mainland India campaign by CSOs, Human Rights groups and student organizations. According to L Pishu, Convener of People Action Committee Against The Brutal Killing of Pravish Chanam of Uripok Achom Leikai at Greater Noida (UP), instead of the Prime Minister of India visiting the state for canvassing for the upcoming polls for the BJP, he should use his official position to try and



bring the murderers to book and bring justice for the public. The convener further pointed out that the suspicious circumstances under which the victim was murdered and his body cremated without prior information or consent from his family members only strengthen the suspicion of the handiwork of organ traffickers in the whole sordid episode and urged the relevant authorities and state as well as central government to extend cooperation in bringing the case to closure. It may be mentioned that after the murder case was submitted to the CBI for interogation, the state government announced

that the case was accepted by the premier investigating agency but interestingly, an official letter from CBI rejected the submission citing the capacity of the UP government to solve the case with its well-equipped and professionally trained unit. The state government has thereafter requested the PAC to refrain from carrying out any form of protest for twenty days during which it is confident of a response from the CBI. There was no response even after the stipulated 20 days and yet the state government is avoiding the support it pledged earlier towards pressing for solving the

case to the authorities. The MHRC have also recommended CBI to take up the case while the brother of the deceased had filed a case at the Allahabad High Court on the matter. In view of the recent developments and increasing participation of numerous CSO, clubs and organizations in support of finding justice, a public meeting will be held on 12 January 2019 at Mapari Ningsingol (MANIL) Uripok Machin near Cheirap Court at 11 am. The organisers are requesting the cooperation and support from all and sundry for bringing justice for Pravish which have been denied for so long.