

## Jiri-Tupul-Imphal railway project to be completed by 2022

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The Jiri-Tupul-Imphal railway line project which started construction from 2007 to be completed by 2022. This was stated by Meitram Gunamani who was the only member of Manipur for Divisional Railway User Consultative today in a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club. Stating the resolution of the 23rd DRUCC meeting which was on 11 July at Lamding, Assam Gunamani said that Ram Bahadur Rai who was the Divisional Railway Manager of Lamding assured the completion of the Railway line. He further assured to built a ticket counter at Jiri where many people of Jiri faces lots of trouble because of the lack of ticket counter around the area. Gunamani also assured that the compensation to all those who haven't received will also be given at the earliest. He added that Union Minister of Railway Piyush Goyal will also come to inspect the NE Frontier project of Jiri-Tupul-Imphal Railway line. DRUCC is a committee under North East Frontier.

## Sit-in-protest staged against the mysterious death of N. Babysana; JAC says the minor girl was murdered

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Condemning the suspicious death of N. Babysana at her hostel, JAC formed against the mysterious death of N. Babysana today staged sit-in-protest at Thangmeiband Meisnam Leikai. Speaking to media persons Bina who is a secretary of Thangmeiband Meisnam Leikai Meira Paibee contended that N. Babysana who was a student of Class 7 and a hosteller of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School was mysteriously killed yesterday though the School authorities claimed that she committed suicide.



She strongly condemned the Principal for neglecting such a crucial issue even though she has a main role to play. Claiming that the masses knew Babysana was killed but not died due to suicide as per the evidence regarding several bruises on her body Bina demanded the authorities to find out the culprit at the earliest and give befitting punishment. Adding more points to her claim that Babysana was killed she said that they were not allowed to see the body and even the press were halted to report which made

more controversial in her dead and added that she was not in the state to commit suicide. Decrying for the silence of Education Minister as well as the Chief Minister for the death of a young student she said that death of the student is one such important issue and urge to find the truth. Bina said that the statement of the warden as well as the student is a must and the government should planned to make possible. "Until the truth about the death of Babysana was brought to light, the people of Thangmeiband and the Meira Paibis will proceed various intense agitation", she added.

## ATRPFM threatens 24 hours bandh at 3 NHs from midnight of July 23

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The All Tribal Rights' Protection Forum Manipur (ATRPFM) had submitted ultimatum to the Chief Minister of Manipur threatening 24 hours bandh in the three National High ways from the midnight of July 23 if the state government fails to fulfill their demand by July 22. The ultimatum was also submitted to the Minister for TA and Hills, Chief Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary TA & Hill. The ATRPFM has been demanding revocation the order dated 08.07.2019 issued by Chief Secretary (DP), Govt. of Manipur with regard to transfer and posting of a non-tribal as director in TA&Hills Department and to transfer MD. Rahimuddin Khan, LDC, TA&Hills, Department Engineering Section. The ultimatum stated that the Department of Personal and Administrative Reforms, (DP) Govt. of Manipur has a deafened ear to the hue cry of

the tribal people despite of repeated approached and appealed. And, due to the negligence and non-positive response from the Govt to the demand of the ATRPFM, and as all peaceful means to secure the justice in the above-referred matter have been exhausted, we have no other options except to take up our own course of action of which for any outward outcome the Government shall be solely responsible. It said that the TA&Hills Department, Govt. of Manipur is responsible for many subordinate Departments like MTDC, TRI, six ADCs of Manipur, and the Director itself is also an ex-officio member of the Manipur State Commission which clearly reflected that a post of Director, TA&Hills should be hold by a person who have well verse knowledge of custom, culture, and identities of tribal people residing in the State of Manipur. A Director of such a Department is also to handle tribal people with different conflicting backgrounds and mentalities

and as such non-tribal officer may not be comfortable for all those things. We have apprehension that when a Director does not understand the conflicting interests of different tribal communities, conflicts between tribes may occurred within the tribal communities in the days to come. It also stated that frequent transfer and posting of Director, TA&Hills has hampered the smooth functioning of the Department as every new Director does not know any files or works and he will solely depend on his staffs. Any officer on deputation is supposed to serve the Department for minimum of two years and can be extended upto 3 years. But these things are not observed at all in the Department, the statement added. The ATRPFM said that they had even met the Chief Secretary of Manipur and have discussed in the matter, but even the Chief Secretary who is the Head of Executive has failed to keep his commitment.

## Dolaithabi Barrage fails: farmers decry as paddy field remain dry



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Khundrakpam Kendra Youths Organisation (KHUKYO) has alleged that the Dolaithabi Barrage which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with other project has failed and officials now absconded when villagers tried to meet them.

Talking to Imphal Times, I.

Tony, Secy. Information and Publicity, KHUKYO, said that after Manipur face scarcity of water due to lack of proper rain fall the KHUKYO has been requesting the authority of the Dolaithabi Barrage to open the dam so that farmers could start cultivation from the dam water. However, the plea of the KHUKYO and the villagers were not listened by the Dam authority. Moreover the negligence of the Waters

Resources department, CADA and Miner Irrigation department has made the thousands hectors of paddy field dry in the area. Tony said that the region for the absconding of the Dam authority may be because of the failure of the Dam. He said lack of proper quality may be the reason for the failure of the dam and the KHUKYO will go to the maw court to punish all those responsible.

## 'Transport contractors are using the name of revolutionary groups in stealing PDS rice'

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Maoist Communist Party, Manipur in a statement said that due to hijack of the PDS rice by transport contractor in the name of revolutionary group local people are not getting their exact share and that to at a higher price. The Maoist said that the Transport Contractor get the lion share to the PDS rice business by hijacking from the peoples' share. The statement said that when calculated in the basis of the price of PDS rice available in the market, the amount received by one Assembly segment for a month is not less than Rs. 40 lakhs to 50 lakhs. When counted for the whole of 60 assembly segment the amount received in one month is Rs. 27 crore to 30 crore. The most unfortunate part is that these contractor have been spreading rumours about giving two months quota to

armed rebel groups and one month quota to concern Minister by the Transport Contractor. What the people are confusing is whether the rebel groups had deducted the 2 months quota or not. If what has been spreading is true and if the Transport Contractors deducted the rice quota and handed over to the Revolutionary groups which comes around 54 crores to 60 crores then people would not have been that much angry. As for the Maoist Communist Party, they have no desire to deduct the rice quota of the poor people and does not care about the deduction. But when investigated it has been found that the transport contractor are hijacking the poor peoples' share in the name of the revolutionary group, the statement said and added that these contractor may have given some amount from the money them deducted in their name of

revolutionary group but the lion share are being enjoyed by these contractors. Moreover people do not believed that these contractors may have handed over the money to the revolutionary groups. The Maoist statement further said that the present crises of famine is created by the transport contractors and the blame goes to the revolutionary group fighting for the freedom of the erstwhile kingdom. The Maoist appealed all revolutionary groups to jointly investigate over this matter. It said that the Maoist don't believed that even fifty percent of the amount deducted by this contractor in the name of the revolutionary groups may reached to revolutionary groups. All groups need to ponder on how these transport contractors built their house like palace and why are the common people unhappy about it. The statement said that the transporters contractor s while

saying that they have given two months quota to revolutionary groups they had even maligned the image of the Maoist Communist Party, so the Maoist will keep look to the activities of the transport contractors. The statement also appealed the people not to act as shield of the contractors. It added that Maoist had its own resource to run the party and will never touch the peoples' share. The statement further said that if the amount of the two months quota has been actually received by the revolutionary party for marching toward the freedom struggle the Maoist would have appreciated and support. However, as the contractors had tried to cover the Maoist in getting the peoples' share when saying that the revolutionary group had deducted the money, Maoist will not remain quiet and will judge in public.

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Armed group Kangleipak Communist Party - Military Council (KCP-MC) in a statement said that they are not satisfied with the clarification made by Lamjingba Group (Lamjingba Finance), however, the outfit appreciated them for the clarification. The outfit said that the clarification was made before the press statement of the party was published in the newspaper or electronic media. This may be because of the interference of some people to the professional ethics of journalist working in both the electronic and print media of Lamjingba group. The statement said that no matter people criticize the journalist of Kangleipak, there is still a room for respect to the Journalists fraternity. The KCP-MC said that the outfit

would like the journalists to be more careful to maintain their ethics so that peoples trust continue. On the other hand the KCP-MC said that the clarification by the Lamjingba Group did not contain any details. It said the clarification is more a makeup story to show that they are not wrong. For the government that clarification may be considered worth however as for the KCP-MC such makeup decorative but fabricated story will not be believed by the party, the statement said. It added that the KCP-MC had not communicated with any of the functionaries or staffs of the Lamjingba group, investigation is being on in the public domain. The KCP-MC warned the Lamjingba group to put the details of the modus operandi of the running of the Lamjingba finance in public domain.

Regarding the Credit Society Micro Finance, Sangakpham, the KCP MC that they will not forgive them at any cost. Till today no clarification has been made by the Director of the society and the reason is known by everyone. The KCP-MC also blame the society for hiring a gang and made them released a press statement. The kind of act is to suppress the revolutionary movement. This gang which has been utilized by the security force to eliminate the revolutionary group is being used by the Director of the Credit Society Micro Finance to collect loan using the mask of KCP-MC. The KCP-MC said that the Credit Society Micro Finance is now an enemy of the party. It appealed the employees of the Society to stay away from the bank within one week time and also appealed the loanee of the bank not to pay their debt or interest.