

ATRPFM call off proposed bandh on NHs

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The proposed bandh called by the All Tribal Rights Protection Forum Manipur (ATRPFM) from the Midnight of July 23 till July 24 midnight on all the National High ways in the state has been called off.

A statement by James Haokip Gen. Secy., ATRPFM said that the bandh is being called off after the state government fulfill the demand of the Forum by appointing a tribal officer as the director of TA & Hills, Manipur.

The ATRPFM has demanded removal of non-tribal officer as Director, TA & Hills, Manipur. "Now the State Government has transferred and posted a tribal officer as Director, TA&Hills, Manipur. Hence, the proposed bandh to be imposed by ATRPFM with the cooperation and support of other tribal CSOs has been dropped", the statement by James Haokip said.

ATRPFM expressed gratitude to the State Government for understanding the sentiment of tribal people.

CM distributes loan over 2 crores under 3rd Credit Linkage Program

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh announced that a VFS (Visa Facilitation Services) Centre will be launched on 5th August, 2019 at the Citizen Facilitation Centre near 2 MR Gate, Imphal. Such VISA services centre would be first of its kind in the entire NorthEast region. He made such announcement during the loan distribution function to Self Help Groups, fish farmers and individuals by Manipur State Cooperative Bank and SBI held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that there is a positive change in the State. Bandhs, blockades, strikes have no place in the State. He said that we need to work collectively to bring inclusive development and prosperity in the State. Transparency for development is the need of the hour, he added.

Jiribam-Imphal Railway project likely to delay for another 4/5 years

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The auspicious Jiribam – Imphal National Railway project is likely to delay for another 4/5 years after the contractor engaged for the work were not paid for the last six month.

Vensar Construction Company Limited and Coastal Project Limited are currently executing the NF Railway Tunnel Project of Imphal-Jiribam. A press communiqué stated that non-availability of



fund in the NF Railways fails to clear the 6 months payment of both the contractors. "The concerned contractors

to the works already executed, the concerned reiterated non availability of fund and expresses their helplessness with advice even to stop the works and that contractors will be intimidated to contractor on availability of fund," the press communiqué said.

It is even alleged that the concern authority didn't consider to take up the matter with the Railway Ministry for intervention as well as placement of required fund. The state government too remain silence to the matter.

CM distributes CMHT cards to journalists; Hands over appointment order to Th. Chinglensana

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh distributed Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) cards to working journalists of the State. The CMHT card distribution function was held at Manipur Press Club today. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that it is the bounden duty of every government to fulfil the aspirations of the people and make its people happy. He mentioned that to ease the hardships faced by the poor people for getting medical treatment in hospitals, the government had launched the Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) on 21st January, 2018. Almost 3.5 lakh people belonging to about 67,000 families have been enrolled under CMHT, he added.

Chief Minister stated that around 12,000 beneficiaries have already been treated for free under the scheme. The Government has received and paid Hospital bills of about 14 crores so far. Similarly CMHT, the Government of India has launched PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat Yojana) under which an individual who is included in SECC 2011 list will get the benefits upto 5 lakhs for medical treatment. Chief Minister said that apart from getting benefits in empanelled



and public hospitals in Manipur, CMHT card holders will also get benefits at renowned hospitals like Narayana Hospitals, Global Hospitals located at different parts of the country soon. Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the government and the hospitals soon, he added.

He mentioned that 18 Special Wards will be constructed at JNIMS, Imphal soon. Mentioning that there is economic growth in the State, he said that the New Development Bank has sanctioned a sum of about Rs 3400 crores for providing drinking water to the people of the State.

Lauding the efforts and role of the media houses, Chief Minister opined that media plays a constructive role in creating awareness on the existing welfare schemes to

the people. He appealed the media houses to extend their help and support to the government to achieve inclusive development in the State.

Regarding the proposal to increase the number of media cards issued by DIPR to journalists, Chief Minister said that there is a need to need the number of media cards to working journalists as the number of journalists is increasing every year and directed the DIPR to look into the matter. He announced that the government will increase the maintenance amount of the Manipur Press Club Building from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs from this year.

During the function, Chief Minister handed over the appointment order to Shri Th. Chinglensana, husband of Late Smt. Th. Rabina. Shri Th. Chinglensana has been

appointed as Assistant Sub-Inspector in Police Department and posted at CID (SB). It may be mentioned that the State Cabinet in its meeting held on 22/12/2018 approved the appointment of Shri Th. Chinglensana Singh, husband of Late Smt. Th. Rabina of Lamden Khunou to a suitable post. Later, Chief Minister along with the executive members of AMWJU inspected the condition of the Manipur Press Club Building.

Deputy Chairman of State Planning Board, S. Rajen and President of AMWJU Bijoy Kakchingtabam were the Guest of Honour and President of the function. Principal Secretary (Health) V. Vumlungmang, IG (Adm) I.K. Muivah, Director IPR H. Balkrisna, officials of Health Department, media persons and others attended the function.

Students learnt and appeared exam without any teachers; Irate student staged sit-in-protest

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Higher Secondary Students of Lamlai Higher Secondary learn and appear their exams without any teachers as the government fails to send their higher secondary teachers.

Irate students of the school along with volunteers of All Manipur Students Union today staged sit-in-protest at Pungdombam Lamkhai decrying against the total lack of the teachers.

Speaking to media persons Irungham Alfred, a student of the school said that the lack of teachers of the Higher Secondary classes makes them useless to go to school. Even though the school was upgraded to Higher Secondary in 2016 and the admission began from 2018 the students didn't have any teachers for them to teach since the inception of the Higher Secondary classes, he added.

Highlighting the lack of various other facilities he said stressed that the students of Arts and Science students were all clubbed together in a single class. Moreover there are no laboratory equipments, no library facilities, the desk and benches and also the toilet is in pitiful state, he added.

Alfred further said that the education minister as well as the directors has neglected the school for so long.

He urged the government to send the teachers at the earliest and also warned that if the government fails to sent it by the last week of the July than they have no other option but to intensify

protest.

President of Imphal East AMSU unit, Sanjoy Mangsatabam questioned the government about their School Fagathanshi mission where Lamlai Higher secondary school doesn't have any teachers for higher secondary Classes since the inception. He also said that several assurances were given by Education directors many a times but the authorities didn't send any teachers till now which shows a complete negligence of the authorities.

He also warned that the authorities should send the teachers at the earliest and if they fail to send it by last week of July than they will intensify the agitations along with the students and the people. He also said that the government should hold responsible if any untoward incident took place.

Nongmeikapam Narendra who newly joined the school as the principal from today questioned how the students of Class 12 will face their Council exam. He stressed that the teachers cannot teach and complete the lessons at one go as teaching is a gradual process.

He further said that it was an irreparable loss for the students where they didn't have the facility to have their classes.

"Students coming to school to study but were let go without classes because of the lack of teacher any is injustice to the students", he added.

Narendra further urged the government to send the teachers as soon as possible for the welfare of the students.

Private Banks should not take more than 2 percent as interest: KCP MC

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KCP MC in a statement stated that the outfit will ban any private firm who are taking interest rate of more than two percent per month against the sum they loan. The outfit stated that private banks now cannot take extravagant interest rates and it also said that the processing fee which these banks take while giving loan is completely unjustified. Instead of help each other, these banks are sucking the blood of the poor, the statement added.

The outfit also stated that unemployed educated youths started private banks, microfinance groups and self-helps groups to provide self employment. However, a phase has come where these private firms are sucking the blood of the people and have turned into loan sharks. There are many cases where these banks have snatched the houses of people in the name of recovering money. The outfit will not stay mum on the actions of these private firms, the statement added.

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Maoist bans Standard Robarth for 7 days

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Armed rebel group Manipur Maoist in a statement said that the party will fight for justice in Babysana's case. In this case, some of the parents whose children are studying the school are arguing that the matter concerns just the hostel and only the hostel should be closed and not the entire school. Manipur Maoist stated that these people are only concerned about their children. The outfit stated that the school authority should have called the police immediately after it discovered the dead body of the girl. Instead, a private school committee and a

guardian association was informed first and the school authority also sent off all the students who are living with the deceased from the school. After that, the police was informed, the statement added. The school authority did not inform the family of the deceased immediately. These chains of events clearly show that the school authority is not honestly dealing with the matter. The government could book the school authority under section 204 of IPC for not informing the parents and police immediately but it is highly doubtful that it would do so. Given these misdeeds of school authority, Maoist Communist Party of Manipur

has decided to ban Standard Robarth for a week so that the justice gets done soon. The parents of those children who were living with the deceased in the school should inform the party about their children are saying about this case. If this step is not properly taken up, then the party will be forced to ban the school for longer duration, it might take decision to ban the school forever, the statement added. Manipur Maoist also stated that though the party will fight for justice in this case, the people should understand that the situation in Manipur is such that "rebels, police, CSOs, ministers and MLA all will be

silenced with money." In such a time, it is highly doubtful that we will get a clear cut in these kinds of cases. For instance, many CSO leaders who came out to fight for the integrity of Manipur and those who shouted that India has forcefully occupied Manipur have now joined BJP. They joined BJP not because they agree with the ideology of BJP but because BJP is in power and they want to get some benefits from it, the statement added. Manipur Maoist, in their statement, said that these opportunists have been selling the movements happening in Manipur staying between the state and insurgent groups.