



30 hours bandh demanding ST status for Meetei/Meitei severely affects normalcy in Valley districts of Manipur

IT News
Imphal, March 10:

The 30 hours bandh called by the Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee Manipur (STDCM) has severely affected normal life in all the valley district of Manipur.

Passenger service vehicles, inter state and inter district bus service stay of the roads. All shops and business establishment including Khwairamband Khetel, Paona Kethel and thangal keihel in greater Imphal area remain shuts. Similar shut down were also reported from all valley district head quarters in Manipur.

In Imphal, Many bandh



supporters came out in the street and stopped all short of vehicular movement however emergency vehicles and religious related vehicles were allowed to move. At

Keishamthong are road were blocked by bandh supporters but police team disperse the supporter opening the road for vehicles.

All Theater houses in Imphal

and other districts remain shuts.

Scheduled recruitment test for some of the department also postponed due to the ongoing bandh.

'Media houses under severe crisis': Assam newspapers to skip govt ads for 3 days

Courtesy, The Indian Express
Ghy, March 10,

March Prominent newspapers of Assam will not be publishing any state-sponsored advertisements, news related to the state government and photographs on their March 10, 11 and 12 editions to protest against the government's lackadaisical attitude towards solving the financial woes faced by the newspapers.

This announcement was made through a press statement by the Northeast Newspaper Society, an umbrella body of which most established newspapers are part. The decision was taken in a meeting on Friday chaired by Editor-in-Chief of the Dainik

Agradoot, Kanak Sen Deka; the meeting was attended by representatives of the state's popular print media houses like The Assam Tribune, Sadin-Pratinid group, Dainik Janabhumi, GL Publications, Asomiya Khabar, G Plus and Hills Times group.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Deka listed out three main issues faced by newspaper publications. "We demand a timely revision of advertisement rates, payment with 60 days of publication of ads and a centralised payment system," he said. The Society's press statement said, "While the rates of advertisements have not been revised since 2014, the cost of newsprint, other printing

materials and transportation has gone up manifold. As a result of this, the newspaper industry has been reeling under a severe crisis."

The body said that on February 22 last year, their representatives had met Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, who had assured to resolve the three crucial problems faced by the newspaper houses. But no action has been taken since date, the body said.

It added, "Even the Gauhati High Court has issued an order in this regard, but it has not been honoured as yet." The body warned of further "sterner" action if the government fails to take any step after this protest.

Water Supply Scheme failed in Thoubal district

IT News
Thoubal, March 10:

State government announcement about 24x7 potable water to all household of Wangbal Gram Panchayat of Khangabok Assembling constituency in Thoubal District on January 30, 2019 turn another lie to fool the people, as the scheme fails to provide potable water.

A local resident of Kangabok area Ningombam Suramangol along with a team of media persons visited the condition of the Water supply scheme found no source of water for the scheme.

Water source is one pond located nearby but as it dried up the water supply scheme now fails.

MSAD nominates new advisors

IT News
Imphal March 10,

After an organization structural review meeting which was held at Maharan Bagh, New Delhi today, chaired by the President of the Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) Md Anash Khan, the Executive Committee of MSAD nominates the advisors of the organisation. The nominated advisors of MSAD are Sanayaima Meetei who is a PhD Research Scholar of Jamia Milia Islamia and Ex-General Secretary of MSAD 2010-11, Gunabanta Thangjam a Research Scholar from JNU and ex-member of Human Rights Committee, MSAD (2010-2011) and Chetan Khuman an MA Law, Politics and Society from Ambedkar University, Delhi who is a Former Finance Secretary of MSAD (2012-13).

CM distributes sanction letters of start-up Manipur

DIPR
Imphal, March 10,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh handed over sanction letters to selected beneficiaries of Idea Stage of StartUp Manipur Phase-II at a StartUp Conclave organised by the State Planning Department at Chief Minister's Secretariat complex at 10 am today. He also handed over cheques to six beneficiaries of Phase-I, who have completed mandatory training.

In all, 3966 applications were received in the Phase-II of StartUp Manipur out of this 42 entrepreneurs were selected under Revenue Stage, 575 under Idea Stage and 177 under Entrepreneurship Support Scheme. In the Phase-I last year, 334 entrepreneurs were benefitted.

Speaking at the conclave, the Chief Minister said that Manipur has many young people, who are immensely talented and skillful in different

fields. As such, the State Government feels that the need to provide the much needed support to them so that they may grow as successful entrepreneurs, he said.

Earlier, it was hard for people to get bank loans and monetary assistance from the Government to start a business. However, the new Government has rectified this old system and started providing support in a hassle-free manner because it has full confidence in the potential and talent of the youths of the State, he said.

Stating that the Government is for the people, the Chief Minister asserted that the Government would always back good and productive works. He informed that the Government has started earmarking Rs. 30 crore in the budget for StartUp Manipur every year. Maintaining that Manipur is now marching ahead since the last few years, the Chief Minister said that he

is pressing the Centre to help introduce Imphal-Mandalay-Bangkok flight service.

Speaking on water scarcity, he mentioned about the urgent need for a comprehensive plan of switching from jhum cultivation to other forms of environment friendly cultivation and large scale plantation of trees both in hill and valley areas. Stating that water scarcity is becoming a serious threat, he also urged the people not to pollute rivers by dumping garbage and waste materials to rivers.

Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh, Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar, CAF and PD Minister Karam Shyam, Tribal Affairs and Hills Minister N. Kayisii, Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, MP Ksh Bhabananda and several MLAs also attended the function.

Lok Sabha election 2019 schedule to be announced today at 5 pm

Agency
New Delhi, March 10,

The Election Commission of India (ECI) will announce the Lok Sabha elections 2019 schedule dates today, which is likely to be spread over seven to eight phases in April-May. The EC will hold a press conference today at 5 pm in Vigyan Bhawan.

The Election Commission is also likely to announce the assembly election dates in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, according to various media reports.

The Model Code of Conduct will come into force once the polling dates are announced by the Election Commission. The Lok Sabha election 2019 is expected to begin on April 10 and end on May 15.

The term of the present Lok Sabha ends on June 3. Notification for the first phase could be issued by the end of March for voting some time in early April, sources suggested. The required electronic voting machines and paper trail



machines are in place to be deployed in nearly 10 lakh polling stations across 543 Lok Sabha constituencies.

There is a high probability of the elections being spread across seven to eight phases this time.

On Saturday, the Election Commission had convened a meeting to assess preparedness for the Lok Sabha elections 2019. According to the reports, the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir were also discussed

in the meeting. The J-K assembly's six-year term was to end on March 16, 2021, but it got dissolved after a ruling coalition between the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) fell apart.

In 2014, the EC had announced the election schedule on March 5 and the nine-phase electoral exercise was spread across April and May. While the first phase polling was on April 7, the last phase was on May 12.

Lamjingba Dairy inaugurated

DIPR
Imphal, March 10,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated Lamjingba Dairy Pvt. Ltd. at Lilong Chajing in Imphal West District today. CAF and PD Minister Karam Shyam and Lamjingba Group Chairman Sanasam Jacky Singh attended the function as guest of honour and president at the function respectively.

Speaking at the occasion, N. Biren Singh said that transparency, financial discipline, accountability, sincerity and accountability are some of the key points which are to be maintained strictly to succeed in any venture. And Lamjingba Group is doing well as the private company has many

sincere, hard working and talented people, he said.

Stating that Manipur's economy remains stagnant as Manipur depends on other States for almost all the essential commodities, the Chief Minister said that the State Government is focussing on providing support to entrepreneurs to create jobs and increase production. Many educated and skilled people are being provided support through StartUp Manipur and bank loans, he added.

In his speech, Karam Shyam said that Lamjingba Group has a strong team of smart, young, energetic and hard working people expressing hope that the company would take important role in enhancing State's economy.

CM launches citizen facilitation centre

IT News
Imphal, March 10,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched Citizen Facilitation Centre in a simple ceremony organised by MAHUD Department at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat at 11 am today.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, the Chief Minister said that the Centre has been opened with an aim to deliver different services to people through single window system. It would reduce time consumption, delicacy and ensure hassle-free. Stating that there would be VISA service as well at the Centre, he said that people would not need to go to Delhi to apply for VISA now. He also informed that VISA service is likely to be introduced for 30 countries including UK and

Japan as well within six months.

The Centre located near 2nd Manipur Rifles Gate would have 24 different services and VISA service. People may apply for VISA to Italy, Estonia and Thailand for the time being. However, service for other countries will also be introduced within six months.

Other services which are available at the Centre are applications for Domicile Certificate, Income Certificate, OBC Certificate, SC/ST Certificate, Permanent Resident Certificate, Registration in Employment Exchange, Renewal of Registration in Employment Exchange, Transfer of Registration to New Employment Exchange, issue of duplicate certificate of registration for vehicles,

transfer of ownership for vehicles, transfer of ownership on death of owner for vehicles, No Objection Certificate for vehicles, change of residence address in vehicles registration, correction in applicant's particulars in vehicles registration, endorsement of hire purchase, lease or hypothecation agreement of vehicles, termination of hire purchase, lease or hypothecation agreement of vehicles, online application submission for learner license, online application submission for driving license, addition of driving license, issue of duplicate driving license, change of address/particulars, renewal of driving license and issue of NOC for driving license etc. Services which are to be included within six months

are registrations for Ayushman Bharat, second Opinion Medical Referrals, Manipur Home Care, admissions for All Schools within Manipur (Government and Private), Admissions/Enrolments for Colleges, admissions for MPSC, authentication and verification services, ticketing services for bus services, building approval plan submissions, electoral enrolment services, tourist movement information services (inward movement), tourism promotions in a global perspective, other E-District services, Manipur Bhavan room bookings for patients and students, services for Non-Resident people of Manipur, Health-Care for old parents, other dependents and digital locker services for critical records storage etc.