

Normalcy crippled in Manipur during MANPAC's 18 hours general strike

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The 18 hours total shut down called by the Manipur People Against Citizenship Bill (MANPAC) from midnight yesterday has crippled normalcy in the state of Manipur particularly in Imphal city. Order issued by the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) for stern action even at the cost of cancelling the vendor or shop license in Khwairamband Keithel area if the shops and vendors remain closed during the total shut down called has not been followed. Almost all business establishments in Khwairamband Kethel area remain shut, shops and private establishment at both Paona and Thangal Keithel down their shutters, even shops in the periphery of Imphal city were seen shut during the shutdown called. Despite the fact that the government of Manipur issued order instructing District Deputy



Commissioners of all districts and Commissioners of Education (S) to take up stern action against government employees and teachers who fail to attend today, almost all the offices bore deserted looks and less attendance of employees. Some government employees could not attend as their transportation to office depends only on public transport like private passenger vehicle services while others could not do so as petrol pump in the state

remain closed. When Imphal Times reporters Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur and Education U office, some employees were found attended but did not entertain any visitors on the ground that some staffs are absent today. Almost all Nationalize banks operating in the state remain shut during the total shut down. In government schools and colleges some teachers were found attending the schools but it is more like holiday as

no students attended today. MANPAC called the eighteen hours total shut down today in protest against the passing of the Contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) under the aegis of the North East Forum for Indigenous People (NEFIP). The NEFIP is a common platform of around 250 different civil groups from the entire North Eastern states of Manipur. At Kaching, the streets was deserted, almost all shops and business establishments, schools and colleges and Banks were remained shut in response to the total shut down called by the MANPAC. The same is with other districts of the state. Inter district buses service and also the inter state bused service stay off the road paralysing normalcy in all district head quarters as well as the normal life in the interior part of the state.

Police arrested 4 leaders of MANPAC

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State police today arrested four leaders of the Manipur People Against Citizenship Bill (MANPAC) which has been spearheading the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB)

2019 in the state of Manipur. Those arrested are identified as Yumnamcha Dillip, Convenor MANPAC, L. Jadu, Co-convenor, Y. Krishnadash and O. Ratan. Meanwhile, Meira paibis and local club members today continue to stage sit-in-protest at different places in

Imphal east and Imphal West area. At RIMS road, Lancha Ningthouja, Convenor of NEFIP attended the sit-in demonstration and deliver speech about the impact of CAB if pass in the parliament and converted into legislation.

Over rs. 7 lakhs worth opium seized

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A team of Anti Drugs cell and Jiribam Police while checking over the all types of vehicles at Leingangkopki village near all Jiribam Motor Transport and Drivers Union Branch Office along NH-37 seized surprisingly 10 packets of opium wrapped with brown cello-tape from a Nissan car (silver) bearing registration no. DL9CAA-0105 which was coming from Imphal towards Jiribam Bazar at around 4.30 pm yesterday. The 10 packets of opium wrapped with brown cello-tape were found kept concealed inside the left and right side cupboard of the cars dikki. Its approximate market value would be around Rs. 7,75,000/- a statement said. The recovered opium packets were seized and 3 occupants of the Nissan car namely (1) Setinkhup Khonsai 25 year S/o Nangmajaop khonsai of Gangpikon village, Kangpokpi District. Deepak Shivakoti 34 yrs S/o (L) Ganga Prasad of Kanto Premnagar Imphal west and Bhagirath Lutel 46 yrs S/o (L) Chandraprasad Lutel of Kanglatombi Hathikhawa village, Imphal west were also arrested.

Congress pays tribute to late PM Indira Gandhi

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Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee today observed Quami Ekta Diwas remembering the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at Congress Bhavan here in Imphal. Fitting tribute was paid to the portrait of the late Prime Minister at Congress Bhavan. Vice president of the MPCC T.

Mangababu, while speaking to the reporters said that the day is being observed in remembrance to late Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi on here 102 Birth Anniversary. Talking about the present turmoil in the state the Vice president of the state Congress party expressed dissatisfaction to the attitude of the state government. He said that at this crucial stage why the

government is not calling an immediate special session. The Congress party demands disclosure of the FA agreement and said that any solution to the Naga issue that hurt the sentiments of the people of the state will not be tolerated. On CAB, T. Mangababu said that the Congress Party has been opposing the Bill and will stand tooth and nail to the passing of the Bill.

Quami Ekta Week observed; Issues can be resolved through dialogue: Chief Minister

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that any issue can be resolved through dialogue and the government opens its door to everyone to resolve any misunderstanding and issue. This was stated by him at the observance of 'Quami Ekta Week' held at Banquet Hall of 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the State government is constantly inviting the Centre to invite CSOs and stakeholders of the State for consultation on the Indo-Naga peace talks soon. He mentioned that the government desires to meet the representatives of COCOMI to have thorough discussion before Central government's invitation. He further appealed the representatives of COCOMI and MANPAC to come forward for talks with the government.

Regarding the Citizenship Amendment Bill, Chief Minister asserted that the Union Home Minister has already assured that the interest of the people of the

Northeast India will not be affected by the Bill. Elaborating on the negative impact of bandhs and general strikes, Chief Minister said that bandhs adversely affect the normal day to day lives of people at grassroots. We must resist the dictates and whims of some particular section of the society for unacceptable reasons, he added.

The Chief Minister also stated that we must think for the collective good rather than thinking for individual and community interests. We must join hands together so as to have inclusive development in the State, he added. Stating that the present issues are sensitive, he appealed to all the panelists who are invited for discussion in electronic television channels to have healthy discussion under the purview of the given topic and should not speak anything that can hurt the sentiments of any community living in the State. On the occasion, the Chief Minister stressed the significance and relevance of observing the 'Quami Ekta Week' by remembering the courage and indomitable spirit of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to uphold the integrity of the country. The importance

of such function is to instil the feeling of Nationalism among the people of the country, he added.

Mentioning that Manipur is progressing in various sectors including economy in the last two and half years, he announced that Manipur bagged 'Best State on inclusive development' Award given by India Today group. Manipur got such award for initiating various schemes and programmes for the welfare of the people of the State, he added.

Later, the Chief Minister administered the National Integration Pledge to the gathering.

The function was presided by Minister for Agriculture V. Hangkhanlian. Minister for CAF&PD Karam Shyam, Minister for Tribal Hills and Affairs N. Kayasii, Minister for PHED Losii Dikho, Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam, Chairman Manipur Pollution Control Board L. Radhakishore, MLAs Th. Satyabrata, O. Lukhoi, Shri Ngamthang Haokip, DGP, Additional Chief Secretaries, Commissioners, Secretaries, HODs, top civil and police officials also attended the function.

Microlite Aircraft inducted To NCC

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The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Group, Imphal inducted the Microlite Aircraft (Virus SW-80) to facilitate flight training for its cadets. The induction ceremony was held today at Bir Tikendrajit International Airport with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as Chief Guest of the function. During the function, Chief Minister said that Microlite Aircraft (Virus SW-80) is a powered driven Single propeller aircraft which would provide the students of Manipur NCC cadets maximum flying exposure. He thanked the NCC for taking



such initiative for the NCC cadets of the State. Stressing on the various initiatives and programs of NCC, Chief Minister stated that NCC inculcate the values of discipline, punctuality, correct work ethos and self confidence among the young children of the State. Such values would

help in transforming our children into leaders of the Nation tomorrow, he added. Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam, Brigadier R.S. Sethi, Secretary to CM Geoffrey Ningthoujam, Officers and Cadets of NCC, Imphal and others attended the induction ceremony.

Governor kicks-off the 6th Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival-Cum-Sports meet

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The inaugural function of the 6th Central Agricultural University (CAU) Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival cum Games & Sports Meet 2019 was held today at College of Agriculture, Iroisemba, Imphal. Speaking at the inaugural function as Chief Guest Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla said that it is a matter of great satisfaction to know that this Annual College Week programme is mooted in every constituent Colleges of the University with Culture, Social Events and Games & Sports Meets as Inter-house occasions for the youths coming from different regions and States of the Nation

belonging to diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Expressing the uniqueness of CAU, the Governor said that the jurisdiction of this University extends to seven North Eastern Hill States, viz, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland and Tripura with 13 constituent Colleges and six Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The Central Agricultural University has done a commendable job in uniting the youth of different constituent Colleges from different States of the North Eastern Region on a single platform. Such Festival-cum-Sports Meet can spread the right message and infuse the right spirit of love, peace, compassion, hard work and



commitment among the youth, she added. Stating her happiness towards performance of State's sportspersons, Dr. Najma Heptulla stated that, the North East is slowly inching up in the field of sports and is leading in the

region and is popularly known in the country as the "Power House" of sports and it is also famous for its rich cultural heritage. We should build up on our strengths so that we can become world champions in different categories.

Expressing Her confidence, the Governor said that, with the fresh initiative taken up by the Government of India in the recent past in the field of games and sports, the future is good for all the sports person of the country.

Despite their busy academic schedule, participation by the students in this Festival-cum-Sports Meet also deserves appreciation and praiseworthy.

The Governor congratulated all the participating players/teams as well as those who are participating in the festival for their contribution towards the success of the Festival-cum-Sports Meet and complimented the officials who are conducting the various competitions and said that without them, there

can be no such Festivals and Games.

As part of the programme, Chief Guest Dr. Najma Heptulla unfurled the University Flag and take salute to the parade performed by 13 cultural team of constituent colleges from different region of the seven North Eastern States. Amongst others Dr. S. Basanta Singh, Director of Instruction, CAU Imphal, Prof. Indira Sarangthem, Dean, College of Agriculture, CAU, Imphal, Prof. Y. Jakendra Singh, Dean, College of Food Technology, CAU, Imphal and Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal graced the function as Guests of Honour and President respectively.