



Babysana case:

48 hours general strike paralyses normal life despite govt. appealed

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The 48 hours general strike called by the JAC formed in connection with the mysterious death of Babysana has crippled normal life in the state putting all life to a standstill across the state particularly in valley areas despite police appealed to withdraw it.

The streets were a deserted look with few private vehicles plying on the road at all districts in valley region. Police personnel were posted in strategic locations keeping strict vigil not to allow any untoward incident.

State security forces patrol in and around the streets of Thangmeiband area to avoid any unwanted incidents and also to prevent agitators from coming out in the streets to support the 48 hours general strike.

Educational institutions, banks and all private

institutions were shut down during the general strike.

Khairamband Keithel, the major business hubs of Imphal area witness a complete shut down. Shops and other business establishment in both Paona and Thangal market were all shut during the protest even as the district administration has warned serious consequences to bandh supporters.

Even the government run offices witness meager presence of staffs as public transport including auto service, buses and van stay off the road during the general strike.

People blocked roads by sitting in the middle of the road at Khurai. Bandh supporters burnt effigies of Chief Minister N. Biren and founder of Standard Robarth Ph.Landhoni.

At Nongada in Imphal Ukhrul road large number of bandh supporter blocked road by

staging protest in the middle of the road.

Earlier in the morning protestors blocked roads and burnt tyres along the streets of Thangmeiband which were then disrupted by the police.

In Thoubal and Kakching districts bandh supporters came out at the road and stopped all sort of vehicular movement. Shops and all kind of business establishment have been closed during the general strike.

In support of the general strike all commercial transporters, schools and colleges, and the major market place remain shut. Government offices witness few staffs attending and the bank transaction was put to halt.

A sit-in-protest demanding justice for Babysana was also staged at the Kakching keithel. The protest was jointly organised by the AMSU Kakching District and

Kakching keithel Apunba Ema Lup.

Meanwhile, in a press statement of JAC signed by convenor in charge L.Gyaneshwori said that instead of focusing on the investigation by the police to find out the culprit the police focus on the JAC members. She added that the 5 persons which were arrested by the police in connection with the case of Babysana were still not confirmed if they were actually a part of the death of Babysana.

Regarding the statement of CM in the assembly where he assured to push the case to CBI she expressed skeptical. Pointing out why the general strike was imposed she said CM became a mute spectator despite the JACs ultimatum.

Gyaneshwari concluded that Co convenor L.Pratap was still kept in jail even though his health has deteriorated because of hunger strike protest.

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Union Minister of State (IC) for Youth Affairs & Sports (YAS) Kiren Rijiju arrived at Imphal today by helicopter on a two day visit to attend the Aspirational District Programme under NITI Aayog.

The Minister of State was accorded a warm welcome at Imphal Tulihal Airport by the Chief Minister of the state. The Minister of state accompanied by Chief Minister N Biren visited Chandel District, one of the 117 districts in the country selected under the Aspirational District Programme, and inspected various development projects in the district under the programme. They returned to Imphal after the inspection.

Kiren rijiju will visit National Sports Academy at Koutruk tomorrow morning to review the ongoing works



being carried out there after which he will pay a visit to Sports Authority of India (SAI) North East Regional Centre, Takypalt to inaugurate an artificial football turf inside the campus.

The visiting Minister of State will also visit the

temporary National Sports University campus inside Khuman Lampak Sports Complex to review the condition at the site. He will also review various other development works relating to sports being carried out in the state before leaving Manipur in the afternoon.

Babysana's father refutes

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Refuting to police claimed, Babysana's father Ningthoujam Tomchou today said that he had given statement to the police twice. SP Imphal East Meghachandra yesterday stated that Tomchou, who is the father of the deceased Babysana had never given statement to the police.

Speaking to media person today afternoon Tomchou said that the first statement was given to KakwaOC Sanjoy. He said that he along with his family were taken in different rooms and their statement were recorded in details. He said that another statement was given when he along with a JAC member went to Kakwa police to take post mortem report. He added he had given another statement to Additional SP Ghanasyam in his room.

Tomchou further said that he believed that he had given all his statement twice to the police.

He expressed dissatisfaction to the statement of the SP Meghachandra at which he said that police have not taken any statement of him.

Tomchou also stated that if they wanted to take another statement, he urged the authority to sent him summon and he is ready to give another statement in the presence of CSOs and social media. He still stand his word saying that he will now give his statement to CBI only.

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CPI members condemned the ongoing investigation process regarding Babysana's suspicious death in a press meet. Sotinkumar, Secretary CPI, Manipur, said that the ongoing 2-day general strike is called by the JAC to bring out the truth behind the mysterious death and handover the case to CBI, not as a matter of what they desire or without considering the well being of the people. He said that CM had promised to take up necessary steps and hand over the case to CBI following necessary procedures as soon as possible. Even then, the government has ignored it. Instead of trying to find out the culprit behind this suspicious death, there is an attempt to push the charge towards the family of Babysana. An attempt to compromise the movement can be seen following the arrest of JAC members, destruction of sit in protests and hunger strikes. CPI condemns such undemocratic behaviour.

Kh. Shamungou, General Secretary of Indian Association of Lawyers, Manipur Chapter, said that they had organised an executive meeting and came up with certain observations. The statement of IGP Clay Khongsa and SP Imphal Meghachandra is pre-judicial and biased based on pre-conceived idea, which is illegal. These 2 police officers said that one of the causes of the death was due to depression as a result of her broken family. According to them, the father has 3 wives

and Babysana was brought up by her step mother. As per their statement, Babysana also expressed that it was hard to live and asked for her deceased biological mother to take her. In another account, they said that a rope similar to the one Babysana used was found in her uncle Ningthoujam Kumar's residence in Haraorok. As per them, all these could be possible causes of the death. However, for such a sensitive case investigation, no one, who is not an IO or not from the special investigation team, can interfere or comment on the case as per the law. For the police department and administration, the SP is above the IO, but he has nothing to do with the investigation and cannot make any comments, including the IGP. Until Additional SP, A. Ghanasyam Sharma, who is investigating the case, submits his report to the prosecution through SP, they cannot make any comment to divert the process. Only after his submission, the Director of State prosecution has to submit the report to the court.

One thing that made sense was that they asked the public to not pressurise them during investigation. While they put the blame on the public, they act on a pre-conceived biased idea. Such unlawful act should not be performed. Now, even the family members are not at home. In case if the police wanted to take the father's statement, they could do it under section 161 at the time when the complain was made, but they cannot ask for it twice. If they asked to take statements repeatedly, it is unfair on their part. In the

name of taking statement, they constantly following Babysana's father looks like an attempt to put him in the list of accused. Indian Association of Lawyers condemns such repressive, unfair, and unlawful investigation.

In the press meet, CPI also expressed worry on the impact that the stripping of 19 lakhs people of Indian citizenship can have on Manipur. He said that these foreigners may now enter the neighbouring states of Assam. So, the government should take necessary steps to avoid it.

In addition to this, CPI also said that the drought in the state has caused lots of trouble. In a cabinet session, it was decided to announce the drought affected areas, but CPI is not happy with the list of drought affected areas. For instance, Lamlai constituency of Imphal East is an extremely drought-affected area, but it is not on the list. Communist Party also condemned the decision made on August 31 to privatise Indian Airlines. Janadhan yojana for the benefit of farmers, but 4 nationalised banks turning into privatised banks, CPI condemns it and will support any movement.

They also condemned the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, turning it into an Union Territory. CPI also condemned the decisions taken by Indian government that show the possibilities of interfering with the territorial integrity of Manipur in order to fulfil the wishes of Nagaland. CPI also stated that they will fight against the passing of CAB as mentioned in BJP manifesto.

RD&PR Min Biswajit lays Foundation for Bridge over Iril River

DIPR
Imphal, September, 02

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh today laid the foundation stone for construction of Bridge over Iril River at Naharup Pangong under package number MN 04118 of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the presence of Kshetrigao A/C MLA N. Indrajit.

Speaking to media persons on the sideline, Minister Biswajit stated that the bridge will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 6.33 crore by a private company namely, Meitram Construction. He also

informed that the bridge will be constructed using new technology and with a target to complete it by 2020.

Seeking cooperation of the people in undertaking development works by government departments, the Minister said that it is for all to see that road connectivity has been improved considerably since the formation of the new government. He further highlighted the importance of connectivity in bridging the gap and in bringing development, peace and unity among the people residing in the society.

The Minister also maintained that under PMGSY phase II,

altogether 458 works have been sanctioned out of which 53 works will be bridges to be constructed both in valleys and hills. He informed that the state is the second state in the entire north east to qualify for PMGSY II, due to our performance and the department is targeting to get qualified for PMGSY III at the earliest.

Expressing happiness for the construction of the bridge, local MLA Shri Indrajit said that the construction of an RCC bridge instead of the Suspension Bridge will be beneficial for the people of the area. The RCC bridge will improve connectivity in the area, he added.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen calls on Union Mos Parshottam Rupala

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Delhi, September 02,

Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister. Nemcha Kipgen today called on Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Parshottam Rupala at his office at Krishna Bhawan, New Delhi. During the meeting, Minister Nemcha Kipgen apprised on the various projects of the Cooperation Department Mainly Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) which is funded under National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). She apprised that the Department of Cooperation, Government of Manipur, have so far submitted Detail Project Report (DPR) for 6 (six) districts of Manipur i.e. Imphal East, Imphal West, Kangpokpi, Ukhrul, Tamenglong and Jiribam to the

NCDC for an amount of Rs. 163.2225 crores.

Minister Shri Rupala assured that the project is under process and the funds will be released at the earliest as development through cooperative movement is the need of the hour to take the country towards progressive and inclusive growth. He also lauded the state Cooperation Department and the Minister for highlighting the concern of the state and her departments to the knowledge of the Union Ministry, which has helped in bridging the gap between the Central government and the people of Manipur.

On the other hand, Smt Nemcha Kipgen expressed her optimism that the state will accelerate faster towards development if cooperative movement is successfully implemented throughout the state. She expressed deep gratitude to the concern Ministry at the centre

for always putting forward the concerns and grievances of the people of Manipur in their dealings.

It may be mentioned that ICDP Scheme was introduced in the year 1985-86 and aims at development of primary agricultural credit societies as multi-purpose self-reliant entities, development of allied sector cooperatives and development of viable functional linkages among cooperatives. Under the scheme, an integrated area-based approach is adopted for development of cooperatives in a selected district. The Scheme promotes various economic activities through cooperatives in the sphere of agriculture, agro-based industries, cottage and household industries and agro-allied sector like fishery, dairy, handloom, horticulture, rural industries in a selected district.