

Lambui to Hongbei road JAC to impose indefinite bandh in Ukhrul, Kamjong from Jan 15

KAMJONG, Jan 10 The JAC for implementation of PMGSY road blacktopping works (IX-Phase) Lambui to Hongbei has warned Government and authorities concerned that it will impose indefinite bandh in whole of Ukhrul and Kamjong area from midnight of January 15. The JAC in a statement issued by its convener, Sword Mahung said that the resolution to call indefinite bandh was taken after an emergency meeting of the JAC on January 9. "The work order of the blacktopping from Lambui to Hongbei under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was issued in the year 2014 and work completion was due in September 2016. However, due to gross negligence, even the process of shingling is yet to be completed in many portions," alleged the JAC. The emergency meeting has decided to ban entry of contractors concerned at the work sites, said the JAC and appealed the authorities concerned to assess the compare the works done and the bills released. The due work should be completed by the Government in or before the month of April. If Government fails to give necessary and positive response by January 15, the JAC will call indefinite bandh in whole of Ukhrul and Kamjong area from midnight of January 15, cautioned the JAC.

NH-37: Affected landowners to boycott works of NHIDCL

NONEY, Jan 10 Director (p) NHIDCL BO Imphal and District Collector (LA) Noney district. Highlighting the series of agitations and demand for payment of fair compensation to the affected landowners, the association cautioned the authorities concerned that it will boycott the works of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) on NH-37 wef January 14. It will ban entry of the construction company(s) into the 'tribal hill land' until fair compensations are paid to the affected land and property owners along the Imphal-Jiribam road, said a statement of the president LPOA PG Pouthaogai today. It appealed authorities concerned to release fair compensation at the earliest.

Vaiphei bodies appeal for safe release of abducted driver

Our Correspondent Churachandpur comprising of Vaiphei Peoples' Council (VPC) Lingsiphai Block, Zillai Churachandpur Block (Vaiphei Students' Association) and Young Vaiphei Association (YVA) Haopi Block, while appreciating the steps taken so far by the District Administration and the police in particular, appealed all its sister organizations to join hands for safe and early release of Kai Reuben and eradication of such anti-social deeds from the society. Kai Reuben, 21 was reportedly abducted for ransom by a group who claimed they are not under SoO agreement with State Government on December 21, 2018. Kai Reuben operated road grader machine at the worksite, said fellow workers.

TNL condemns arrest of NSCN (IM) Deputy Kilonser

Mungchan Zimik negotiated and honourable settlement', claimed the organisation in a statement issued by its president Hopingson A Shimray. TNL in its statement claimed that the arrest made by the Assam Rifles has undermined and disrupted the hard-earned peace initiatives and conducive political atmosphere between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM. The organisation denied the claim of the AR in the FIR that the arrest was made at Gwaltabi under Imphal East Police Station and alleged that W Sayai was arrested from Sharkaphung junction which falls under Litan Police Station, Ukhrul district. The organisation while condemning the arrest appealed the authorities concerned to transfer the AR officer who effect the arrest. It also demanded handing over of the 'missing' special ID of W Sayai to the police station concerned and appealed authorities concerned not to repeat such action in future.

Solar lighting systems distributed

IMPHAL, Jan 10: International Peace And Social Advancement (IPSA) Head Office Keishampat, Jiribam branch and Manireda jointly distributed solar home lighting systems to 33 households in two villages in Jiribam district. 14 households in Sabunghat and 19 households in Boroikhal were provided solar lighting systems, 5 bulbs, 1 fan each, said a statement of IPSA, Head Office, Keishampat today. IPSA president Joychandra Konthoujam, Hill Ghat Ward No 1 Member Ng Gopeshor Singh and IPSA Jiribam branch president K Ibomcha attended the event. Speaking at the function, Joychandra Konthoujam said that the solar lighting systems were distributed to the villages as New Year gifts. Electricity has not reached these villages yet, said IPSA. These remote villages have no proper roads and bridges, said IPSA and appealed State Government to look into the needs of the villages at the earliest.

Citizenship Bill Fear grips Tripura residents after Madhabbari clashes, Govt orders probe



The Indian Express

AGARTALA, Jan 10: Forty-eight hours after three persons were shot during clashes between police and protesters agitating against the Citizenship Amendment Bill at Madhabbari in Khumlung, locals said that they are now living in fear as SMS and mobile internet services remain suspended for the next 48 hours and section 144 continues to be in effect. Tight security deployment, comprising of Tripura Police, Tripura State Rifles (TSR), Central Reserve Police Force and Assam Rifles, have been put in place to maintain peace in the area. Speaking to indianexpress.com, Assistant Commandant of 3rd Battalion TSR, TK Biswas, said that no further incident of communal flare-up occurred since Tuesday when fifteen persons including ten policemen and five protesters were injured as cops lathi-charged, burst tear gas shells and finally opened "blank fire" to disperse an unruly mob. Section 144 which was imposed in Madhabbari in the wake of the clashes has also been extended for another two days. Twipra Students' Federation (TSF), which is a partner student body of North East Students' Organization (NESO) in Tripura, had set up blockade at Madhabbari in West Tripura district as part of the North East strike against the bill, which has now been passed in Parliament. However, few hours after the strike started, a section of picketers set some shops ablaze. In order to control the mob, police burst tear gas shells and made "blank fires" to disperse the mob. Three agitators sustained bullet wounds and several others were injured in the police lathicharge. West Tripura Additional Superintendent of Police, Amitabh Paul said the situation is now under control. He also said that a country-made rifle was recovered near Madhabbari bridge, close to the spot where Citizenship Bill protesters clashed with police. Citizenship bill: Fear grips residents after Madhabbari clashes, gov orders probe In a press conference later this evening, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and Revenue Minister NC Debbarma announced a magisterial enquiry into the clashes. The state government has extended the suspension of SMS and mobile internet services for the next 48 hours. Section 144 which was imposed in Madhabbari in the wake of the clashes has also been extended for another two days. Residents blame administration Madan Debbarma, a government teacher who has been living at Madhabbari area since last 40 years, told indianexpress.com that he is very unhappy with the role of administration and police. "Administration is supposed to maintain peace and take care of everybody. TSR and police started firing indiscriminately. I saw some people were holding protest here. But there was no reason for police to start firing at them. This is very unbecoming of the administration. We literally fled for our homes with our children to Dinathakur Para, 15 kms away", Debbarma said. He said he feels anxious due to heavy presence of TSR, CRPF and police personnel in the area.

28 lakh litres pumped out of Meghalaya's rat-hole mine, still no change in water level



Press Trust of India

SHILLONG, Jan 10: Multi-agencies personnel used high-powered pumps to drain out 28 lakh litres of water from the main shaft, where 15 miners got trapped, but Navy divers on Thursday found no change in the water level in the rat-hole mine to resume search operation, officials said. Rescuers using pumps from Coal India Ltd, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd and the Odisha Fire Service have managed to pump out 2.1 crore litres of water from the mines, including the main shaft and the abandoned ones in the nearby which might be interconnected to it, till Thursday, they said. But, still there has been no significant drop in the water level in these mines, leaving rescuers clueless where and how to look for the diggers, they said. Kirloskar Brothers Ltd pumps, which was operational from 7 pm on Wednesday evening and continued to run for 11 hours, have pumped out 28 lakh litres from the main shaft, the official said. Operation spokesperson R Susngi said the Navy has conducted searches in at least six mines, including in the main shaft, for the trapped diggers, but there has been no success. According to the Navy, the water level in the entire area was totally ruptured and search will continue in the adjacent mines, Susngi said. At least 15 miners are trapped in a 370 foot-deep illegal coal mine at Khloo Ryngksan area of Nongkhlieh elaka under East Jaintia Hills district since December 13 last year. At the vertical shaft of the mine, the water level is about 160 feet deep rendering the rescue divers from the Indian Navy and the National Disaster Response Force unable to perform safe diving as it is beyond their 100 feet diving capacity, Susngi said. At least 200 rescuers from the Navy, NDRF, the Odisha Fire Service, State Disaster Response Fund, states Fire service and others from CIL and KBL are involved in the multi-agency rescue operations. The accident at the mine, about 140 km away from the state capital, has thrown lights on the presence of illegal coal mining using unsafe and unscientific rat-hole methods despite the National Green Tribunal ban since 2014. Another mine accident was reported last week in which two miners were dead when the mine collapsed. The mine disaster had earlier drawn attention of the SC which had come hard on the state government for not being able to trace the miners.

Churachandpur police seized Rs 31 lakh worth drugs, destroyed poppy plantations worth over Rs 9 Cr in 2018

Our Correspondent CCpur, Jan 4: The Churachandpur district police have in 2018 registered 155 new cases, chargesheeted 39 and seized Rs 31 lakh worth of contraband drugs while it also destroyed poppy plantations valued at over Rs 9 crore, said police. The district police also apprehended 31 UGs along with 32 guns, according an assessment issued by the police. During the same period, the district police also recovered 2 hand grenades, 15 pieces of plastic explosives, 8 detonators and several meters of safety fuse. A total of 160 cases were also disposed and furnished final report in 121 cases. The district police also fined 2345 vehicles for violation of MV Act and collected nearly Rs 3 lakh. A total of 14 lost/stolen vehicles were also recovered, said police.

Citizenship Bill: Martyrs' kin to return citation to Assam Govt

NE Now News GUWAHATI, Jan 10: Sadou Asom Jatiya Swahid Pari Samannayrakhi Parishad has decided to return the citation awarded by Assam government to the families of martyrs of Assam Movement by January 31 this year protesting Citizenship Bill. The organisation which represents the families of the 855 martyrs of the historic Assam Movement against illegal foreigners took the decision at a meeting held here on Thursday in protest against the decision of the BJP-led government at the Centre to pass the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016. "We have expressed our gratitude to bold steps taken by the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and other organizations which have opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016. However, we have decided to return the citation given to us by the Assam government on December 10, 2016," said Parishad's President Chandrakanta Talukdar on Thursday. The Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal led Assam government on December 10 2016 organised a public meeting at Guwahati and honoured the members of the families of 855 martyrs of Assam Movement who had sacrificed their lives during the six-year-long agitation. The government had given a Maan Patra (citation) and Rs 5 lakh to each of the families of the 855 martyrs—recognising the contribution of the martyrs for the first time. "We also condemn the Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had assured to deport the illegal Bangladeshi immigrants but now welcoming them by passing the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016," Talukdar said and also appealed the BJP-led Assam government to stop playing politics with the martyrs families.

Vacation Bible School

Our Correspondent JIRIBAM, Jan 10 : A 6 day Vacation Bible School (VBS) organised by Zeliangrong Baptist Church (ZBC), Tamenglong, under the banner "Digging for God's truth-Luke 20:21", was opened at Rigunlong village (Rani Colony), Lakhichara, yesterday. The programme is being participated by members of Riverside Baptist Church, Ramgaizang, Cachar; Jordan Baptist Fellowship, Silchar, Cachar and Rigunlong Baptist Church, Rani Colony, Cachar. Over 70 students and 18 teaching staffs has been enrolled in 4 classes namely, Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate, said VBS's director, Philipmon Daime.

Meeting held

Our Correspondent THOUBAL, Jan 10: Wangkhem ACMLA, K Meghachandra has sought public support to make Hayellabuk a model village during a meeting held at Hayellabuk Makha Leikai today. The meeting jointly organised by members of Khangabok Part I Gram Panchayat, Ward no B, Md Karimuddin and Ward no A, Md Habibur was also attended by Khangabok Zilla Parishad, Member, Kh Rajmohon Singh and Advocate, Manipur High Court, Mohammad Ajmal Hussain as the presidium members. Speaking as the chief guest of the event, K Meghachandra urged all the denizens of the constituency to support and take the benefits of many welfare schemes taken up by the Government.

AAMIYA rally on Jan 14

Our Correspondent SILCHAR, Jan 10: All Assam Manipuri Youths Association (AAMIYA) is organising a mass rally against the Citizenship Bill and will submit memorandum to Silchar DC condemning the Bill and demanding 'political autonomy' for the Meitei community in Assam, said its general secretary Jiran Angom. Speaking to media persons during a press meet at Settlement Office in Silchar, Jiran said that the association strongly condemned the Bill which 'threatened' the indigenous people of the North-East States. AAMIYA will go all out against the Bill, Jiran said. Saying that the Bill is against the interest of the people of the North-East, AAMIYA chief advisor Ksh Kundal Singh said that the rally on Jan 14 will demonstrate the people's mandate and their stand against the Citizenship Bill. He urged people to support the Jan 14 rally. Roshan Irom, president AAMIYA and Avilash Tongbram, publicity secretary also attended the press meet.

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