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Decision on Umiam bridge bearing change to be taken soon

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU SHILLONG, NOV 8 The state government will soon take a decision to carry out a huge task of removing old bearings from the bridge over Umiam dam and replacing them with new bearings.

"This is kind of work requires proper planning and it involves technical experts to execute the work. Therefore the state government will decide before going ahead as it is a huge task and the much-needed replacement of the bearings. The bearings are old and for the safety of the dam and to ensure less pressure on the dam, these old bearings have to be replaced by all means," sources said.

Sources informed that there are 12 numbers of bearings that have to be changed for two deck slabs on the bridge over the Umiam dam.

"Earlier, Power Minister Abu Taher Mondal had informed that the department is still waiting for the report from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati with regards to the proposed retrofitting for enhancing the quality of the Umiam bridge.

Mondal had informed a

4 PHSPs proposed to be set up at Diengsong, Leshka-Lamu, Leshka-Amsheirang, Umiam

NTPC conducts feasibility study on PHSPs, report in Dec

SHILLONG, NOV 8 A feasibility study on the proposed setting up of pumped hydro storage projects (PHSPs) in four locations in Meghalaya is being conducted and the reports on the feasibility of the projects are likely to be submitted to the state government by December.

The PHSPs are being proposed in four locations which include Diengsong in East Khasi Hills district, Leshka-Lamu in East Jaintia Hills district, Leshka-Amsheirang in West Jaintia Hills district and Umiam.

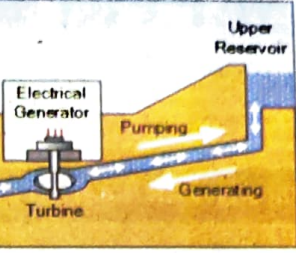
The feasibility study is being conducted by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in these four locations.

"By December, the reports are likely to be submitted to the state government. Once the reports are ready, we shall take

the next steps," sources said on Wednesday. According to sources, the four PHSPs in the state can generate not less than 3,100 MW of power.

"If the PHSPs are feasible, the government will work on how to go about it, especially in getting funds to implement such projects in the state which is a new concept," an official in the power department said.

The NTPC has around 14,000 MW of



PHSPs capacity to be signed with several state governments at different stages

Sources said that the states where PHSPs have been identified by the NTPC include Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh.

Explaining further about the pumped hydro storage projects, the official said that there are hydroelectric power generation systems where two water reservoirs can be used at different heights.

"During periods of low electricity demand, excess electricity from the grid is used to pump water from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir. Similarly, when the electricity demand increases, the stored water is released back to the lower reservoir, passing through turbines to generate electricity," the official explained.

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Prof Shukla's claim on appointment of temporary staff contradicted JAC threatens to drag NEHU VC to HC

SHILLONG, NOV 8: The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of the NEHUTA, NEHUNSA and NEHUSU on Wednesday threatened to seek the Meghalaya High Court's intervention into the alleged violation against the UGC Model CRR (Cadre Recruitment Rules) by the University's Vice Chancellor Prof PS Shukla.

Addressing the media, JAC chairman Prof Lakhon Kma said that the VC is trying to defend the indefensible.

"The illegal appointment of Rohit Prasad (as technical officer/senior consultant) has no backing by any statutory provisions

of NEHU and is a blatant violation of UGC Model CRR," he said.

On November 4, Prof Shukla had claimed that the appointment of Rohit Prasad was made after taking the approval of the University's Executive Council (EC).

Prof Shukla said that the VC is the appointing authority for temporary appointment to all Group A/Group B posts. The appointment of Rohit Prasad is not permanent and it will also be coterminal with the vice chancellor.

Prof Kma, however, said that the state-

ment of the VC was "full of lies" to mislead the stakeholders of the university and the public at large adding that the JAC may also be compelled to approach the Meghalaya High Court for its intervention on this matter. Prof Kma alleged that the VC had quoted clause 6 (b) of the UGC Model CRR to claim that the appointment of Prasad was genuine as it was approved by the executive council of the university.

"The quotation made by the VC is half baked as the UGC Model CRR clearly stated that appointment should be done only by the Selection Committee after

advertisement for the same has been published in the newspaper (which was not followed in this case)," he added.

Further, the JAC chairman said that they have also decided to write to the President of India and Meghalaya Governor for their necessary intervention into the gross violation of the UGC Model CRR by the VC.

"The JAC will sit and chalk out our next course of action tomorrow on how to go ahead with our agitation and decide to approach the court for addressing our grievances," he added.

Cricket W Cup

Stokes power England to emphatic win over Netherlands

PUNE, NOV 8 Ben Stokes' attacking century was well complemented by the bowlers as England carttered to a 160-run win over the Netherlands here on Wednesday to stay in the hunt for a place in the 2025 Champions Trophy in Pakistan.

Though England and Netherlands are out of reckoning for the semi-finals, the contest between the two lowest placed sides gain significance when it comes to qualifying for the Champions Trophy as only the top seven teams from the ongoing showpiece will qualify for the event. England's batting finally clicked as they posted 339 for 9 and then the bowlers did the rest, dismissing Netherlands for 179 in 37.2 overs. The win took England to the seventh spot in the points table on account of better run rate. The defending champions will take on Pakistan in their last match in Kolkata on Saturday.

Ooting to bat, Stokes, 108 off 83, initially provided the stability in the middle be-

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Khlem ki Dorbar Shnong ka Jaidbynriew kan laitlan - Secretary SNSBH



U Kongsen uba dang pynkup burom ia u Rangbah Shnong ka Mawklot ha ka jingdap 25 snem kum u Rangbah Shnong (Dur Mawphor)

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : U Chief Executive Member (CEM) ka KHADC, Bah Pynriew Sing Syiem ha ka sngi Balang u la pynkynmaw ba der ka District Council kaba iakhun Isorbah ban pyniob biang ki bor jing ki Rangbah Shnong haduh ba ki shah slot noh ka iaktar jing ki ba ki khenshat snem ba iadep.

Iakane u CEM iaktar ba ka jingialang pynkup burom ia u Bah Mawklot Shnong u Rangbah Shnong ka Mawklot ha ka jingdakhe dap 25 snem ka jingshakti kaba khlem shongthait ia kane ka shnong kaba don ha ki tham Uppet Shillong.

"Pet ha u to u snem ba shah slot ka iaktar ki nongialam shnong, der ka KHADC ha u 2016 ba iakhun ha Supreme Court ban pyniob biang ia ka bor jing ki. Iada ym don ka District Council, katta ym don shuh ka synshar shnong synshar hima bad ka Jaidbynriew ruh

16 tarik yn khot iakren ka Sorkar ia ki Harijan halor ka jingpynkynriah na Them Iew Mawlong

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : Ka Sorkar Jylla ha ra ban khot iaktar Hapar Panchayat committee (HPC) ban iaktar pynbet khaiduh noh ha ka 16 tarik u Nawieng 2023 halor ka jingpynkynriah na Them Iew Mawlong.

Ia kane la pynpit da ka Sorkar Jylla hapoh ka ingka bisnar High Court jong ka jylla kaba shong bisnar ia kane ka mukoduma mynta ka sngi Balang.

Ha ka hukum, ka Division Bench ba kynthup ia u Justice B Diengdoh bad Justice B Bhattacharjee ka la

Ka Sorkar ka dei pynkhlain ia ka Narcotic Act Pynrem jur u MLA ka North Shillong ia kiba die drok ha surok hajan Sweeper's Line

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : U MLA jong ka North Shillong Constituency u Bah Adelbert Nongrem ha ka sngi Balang u la pynpaw ka jingpynshah had pynrem jur ia la iktar kaba donki ba die pynbet pynleib ia u drok hajan ka Sweeper's Lane mar pynshah ka Bhutia Market ha ka Lah Sngi u Blei la kane la ioh ban ring video da ka nongleit nongwan had pynpynshing ha ka rymnar Social Media.

"Nga pynpaw ia ka jingpynshah had ka jingpynrem halor ka jingia ha ka 6 tarik, Nawieng 2023 halor ka jingiadie iaktar ba kane iaktar had u drok hajan shah shah la kum ba die kawa die iaktar khlem don jingiem se burom shuh ha ka juka kane don mar pynshah ia ka Bhutia Market hajan Sweeper's

Shah kem ka kynthei kaba paw ha ka video die drok hajan Sweeper Lane



Shillong, Nawieng 08 : Ka kynthun Pulit Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) East Khasi Hills kaba la ioh jingtip kaba bniah mar mar ka la pynlong ia ka jingkhynra ha kawei ka 'slum' ha Sweeper Lane had iohkem ia kawei ka kynthei kaba la 26 snem ka ra.

Ha ka jingkhynra ia ka ing sah jong kane ka kynthei, ki Pulit ka la ioh ban kurup 92 tylli ki tyndong ba la thep ia u drok heroin uba khia 99.21 gram, 51 tylli ki tyndong ba thylli, 13 tylli ki syndak sabon ban thep ia u drok, kawei ka mobile phone, bad kawei ka Aadhar Card

Kem ki Pulit lai ngut ki Gang kiba rah ia u nongniah trok ban dawa pisa

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : Ki Special Cell jong ka trat Pulit ka East Khasi Hills Distret ha ka Lah Sngi u Blei kiba la pynlong ka jingpynap shrip ki la iohkem ia ki lai ngut ki snar nonglute na ka kynthun 'Gang' kiba donkti ban rahbor ia u nongniah trok.

U Superintendent of Police (City) East Khasi Hills District Bah Vivek Syiem ha



Ki lai ngut ki snar nonglute kiba la shah kem ha ki Pulit ka EKH. (Dur : Synthiang)

Rai ban thoh sha President ka ri bad sha u Lat

Byrngem ka JAC ban uxor ia u VC ka NEHU sha High Court halor ka jingthungkam beain



Ki nongialam ka JAC kiba dang kren sha ki lad pathai khutor ha ka sngi Balang. (Dur : Mawphor)

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : Ka Action Committee (JAC) jong ka NEHUTA, NEHUNSA bad NEHUSU ha ka sngi Balang ka la byrngem ban mudoi ha Inghishar Meghalaya High Court da kaba kynnoh ba u Vice Chancellor jong ka skulbah North Eastern Hills University (NEHU) u Prof. PS

Pan kaiphod ka MSCW na ki Pulit ba shah dung tari ka kurim ha u lok

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : Ka Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) ha ka sngi Balang ka la pynpit ba ka la pan ia ka kaiphod tohkit na ki Pulit ka Laban Police Station halor ka jingdung pynmynsaw jong u Suresh Singh ia la ka jong ka kurim ka Poonam Singh ha ka 31

Ym don jingiapher jingmut hapoh ka NPP halor ka jingjied kyrtong MP na Shillong.

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : U nongai ktien ka NPP ba dei ruh u Myntri ha ka sorkar jylla, Marcuse N Marak har ka sngi Balang u la ong ba kam don satta ka jingiapher jingmut ne ka jingiapit hapdeng ki nongialam ka party ha ba tader bad ka jingued ia ki kyrtong MP na

Yn sdang treikam noh ka Hospital sumar tynrai ba 7klur ha Ri Bhoi

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : Ka KHADC shen kan sa plie noh ia ka hospital sumar tynrai lane ka Khasi Traditional Medicine Institute kaba la tei bad pynbit pynbiang ha ka jinglut kaba 7 klur tyngka ha u Lum Sohpetbneng, Ri Bhoi District.

Haba pynitkna ia kane, u CEM ka KHADC, Bah Pynriew Sing Syiem u la kubur ba katei ka jaka sumar tynrai ka la biang nadong shadong bad kaba sah ka long sa tang ban plie noh ia ka.

"Kane ka jaka sumar tynrai kan ai ka jingshakti ym tang na ka bynta kiba wan shim dawai hynrei kan don ruh ka jaka sah na ka bynta ki nongpang kaba hap ban shah sumar kumba long ha kiwei pat ki hospital," ula ong.

Dei ban leh tyngeh ka Sorkar ia ka Dhar Company lada dei shisha ba trei torti ia ka surok: HeK

Shillong, Nawieng 08 : U Nongialam ka seng B/P u Bah AL HeK ula ong, ba lada lap ia ki sabut na ka don ka jingbansap bad pyntri torti ia ka surok da ka Dhar Company, ka Sorkar Pdenng bad ka Sorkar Jylla kan hap ban leh da kaba tyngeh pyrshah la kane ka company halor ka jingkynton shna torti ia ka surok NH-206

Dang shen ka Joint Action Committee jong ka War Jaintia kala byngem ban leit uxor sha ling bisnar High Court pyrshah ia ka Dhar Company kaba shna ia ka National Highway (NH-206) na ka jinglut jingsep kaba kot haduh T 43 klur tam, hynrei kane ka surok tang hadien 2 bna ka la la jot rathai noh.

Ka surok NH-206 ka dei kaba sdang na Jowai marjan ka surok NH-106 bad ka laid lyngba sha Dawki bad kut pat ha Mylliem. Ka dei ruh shubnta

Ka jingkyntoh u MLA halor ka surok Dawki-Amlarem-Jowai ka long kaba bakla:

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2:15 PM	EK DIVAS	SOUABH DHARMASHALE	15: 33	World Premier
2:40 PM	FRISTO	JITU DAS	30:00	World Premier
3:25 PM	SMALL TIME	PRITHA RAMESH	29:00	NE Premier

Byrngem ka JAC ban uxor ia u VC ka NEHU sha

Chairman jong ka JAC u Prof Lakhon Kma u la kynmoh ba ka jingsaitkhuid jong u Prof. Shukla dang shen ha ka jingiakren bad ki lad pathai khubor haba iadei bad ka jingthungkam sopsop ia u Rohit Prasad kum u Technical Consultant ka dei ka jingthok jingshukor bad ka jingialam bakla ia ki samla pule bad ia ki nonghikai jong ka skulbah NEHU bad ia ki paidbah nongshong shnong jong ka Jylla Meghalaya

U Prof. Kma u la iathuh ba ka JAC kan sa thoh sha ka President jong ka Ri India ka Droupadi Murmu bad sha u Lat ka Jylla u Phagu Chauhan ban uxor pyrshah halor ka jingpynkheñ ia ki kyndon treikam jong skulbah NEHU kaba hap hapoh ka jingpeit jingkhmih jong ka Sorkar Pdeng.

“Ka JAC kan sa shong ia ka jingialang ha ka 9 tarik mynta u bnai ba shim ia ka rai kumno ban iaid shakhmat ia ki jingiakhih bad ban iaphylliew jingmut, la ka donkam neem ban uxor sha Meghalaya High Court pyrshah ai u Vice Chancellor ka NEHU,” ula ong.

Haba takraiñ tyngeh bad pynrem jur ia ka jingpynksan jong u Prof. Shukla halor ka jingthungkam ia u Rohit Prasad, u Chairman ka JAC u la ong, “dang shen u Vice Chancellor ha ka jingiakren bad ki lad pathai khubor u la pynksan ba ka jingthungkam ia u Rohit Prasad ka long katkum ki kyndon ka UGC Model CRR hadien ba la mynjour da ka Executive Council jong ka skulbah NEHU hynrei baroh ka long kaba be-aiñ namarba ka long

pyrshah ia ki kyndon treikam jong ka skulbah NEHU ia kaba ym shym la khot wat tang ia ka Advertisement thungkam.”

U Prof Lakhon ula kam ba katkum ki kyndon jong ka UGC Model CRR ka kdew shai ba ki Vice Chancellor jong kano kano ka skulbah kim lah ban thungkam hynrei ia ka jingthungkam dei ban khmih hi da ka Selection Committee bad hadien kane ka Executive Council kan sa lah ban ai jingmynjur, iano ban thung ha ka kam.

“Ki kyndon jong ka UGC Model CRR ki kdew shai ba lada ka skulbah ka donkam nongtrei ka dei ban pyntip sha ka University Grants Commission (UGC) na ka bynta ban mang pisa, hadien ba la ioh jingmynjur na ka UGC ka skulbah ka dei ban

pyntip paidbah lyngba ki Advertisement ha ki kotkhubor bad hadien kane yn sa shong da ka Selection Committee ban leh ia kaba donkam kum ka interview.” la iathuh u Prof Lakhon bad bynrap. “hynrei u Vice Chancellor um shym la bud ia kine ki kyndon ba la kdew hynrei u la shu pyntip beit beit ba la thung ia u Rohit Prasad hadien ba ula shim hi ia ka ban shu leh ia ka online interview hadien ba la mynjour da ka Executive Council.”

Na ka liang jong ka NEHUSU lyngba u Secretary ka la pynrem jur ia ka jingbym lah jong u Vice Chancellor ban peit ia ka jingeh jong ki samla pule wat hadien ba ka Union ka ladep pynsgew ia kiba bun ki jingdawa na ka por sha ka por.

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Govt, Harijan body likely to meet on Nov 15-16 on relocation plan

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Nov 8: A meeting between the State government and the Harijan Panchayat Committee (HPC) is likely to be held on November 15 or 16 to resolve all issues related to the site at Bihar Road here where the residents of Sweepers Colony at Them Lew Mawlong will be relocated.

This was informed by Advocate General Amit Kumar during hearing of a writ appeal on the matter in the division bench of the Meghalaya High Court.

Kumar told the court that a proposal has come from

the State government to call upon the HPC for a meeting so as to solve the dispute or any pending issues between the parties once and for all.

Kumar also informed the court that the proposed meeting is slated to be held either on November 15 or 16.

He however said that if the HPC is not convenient to attend the meeting on the proposed dates, it may propose some other dates to allow the parties to meet and to amicably settle such issues.

"This court at this stage would not proceed further

but would allow the parties to meet as proposed," the division bench of Justice Wanlura Dzungdoh, and Justice B Bhattacharjee said.

The High Court also said that the outcome of the meeting should be informed and placed before the court in the form of a report. The next hearing on the matter will be held in the first week of December.

It may be mentioned that the contentious issue has dragged on in the Meghalaya High Court since 2018. The court had earlier observed that the matter of proposed relocation of the 342

families from Harijan colony at Them Lew Mawlong has dragged on for "far too long".

The State government has proposed to relocate the residents of Them Lew Mawlong to the Shillong Municipal Board land at Bihar Road here.

The Urban Affairs Department had come up with a blueprint to accommodate all the 342 families in dwelling units that will be created in place of the existing SMB quarters.

The blueprint proposed the construction of 30-40 flats in 12 blocks on a 2.5-

acre plot of land.

In October 2021, the State government took possession of the land measuring 12,44,11 square metres at Sweepers Colony after paying Rs 2 crore to the Hima Mylliem as a one-time payment.

This comes after signing of a tripartite lease deed between the government of Meghalaya, the Syiem of Hima Mylliem and Shillong Municipal Board on March 31, 2021.

The State government said that beautification of the area will be done once the residents of the colony are shifted to a new site.



Garbage seen on a polluted bank of the Yamuna river near the historic Taj Mahal in Agra, Wednesday. Photo PTI

NPP welcomes 'healthy competition' for Lok Sabha ticket

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Nov 8: Amid reports that the National People's Party (NPP) is facing pressure to award the party ticket to contest the Shillong Lok Sabha seat at next year's general election to ex-MLA Dasakhiatbha Lamare, NPP spokesman Marak today said that there is healthy competition to be the party candidate.

It was reported recently that the Dhar Group, a private company, wanted Lamare, who has family connections to the firm, to be given the ticket. Lamare, formerly MLA for Mawhati, was a cabinet minister up until 2023 but, after switching to Nongkrem,

lost his place in the Assembly as he lost the election.

Marak said that he is

only aware of a few who have shown interest to contest the Lok Sabha election, such as Himalaya

Shangpliang, who recently joined the NPP and who also lost at this year's Assembly election.

The party will soon take a call on its choice of candidate.

Asked if there are differences within the party, Marak said that NPP is a political party and a combination of different leaders, so obviously there will be differences in opinion but the decision will be unanimous.

"It's a healthy competition and shows that everyone is keen to contest and represent our state but at the end of the day only one will be given the party ticket," he added.

Hek confirms bid to be BJP candidate

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Nov 8: Senior BJP leader and cabinet minister AL Hek today confirmed that he is one of the three probable candidates of the BJP for the Shillong Lok Sabha seat.

"I don't know the other names. Including my name there are three candidates and I don't know about the other two. We will see who will be the best choice from the three to contest the Shillong Lok Sabha seat," Hek said.

Hek had previously stated that he would like to contest the Lok Sabha polls, but he had given the party's central leadership the final say on the matter.

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No justification for consultant's appointment: NEHU JAC

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Nov 8: Lakhon Kma, the chairman of the Joint Action Committee comprising NEHUTA, NEHUNSA, and NEHUSU, reiterated that a consultant hired by the Vice-Chancellor, Rohit Prasad, has been illegally appointed and it therefore does "not matter what quality or qualification he has."

"You have not appointed somebody by following due process and that is more than enough reason for you to remove the person and there can be no justification from the Vice-Chancellor Prof Prabha Shankar Shukla's side that he needs a reason to

terminate him," Kma told reporters at a press conference today.

According to him, the JAC is questioning Prasad's appointment itself and they need no other reasons from Shukla to remove Prasad.

Kma said that during the press conference of the NEHU VC recently, Shukla had said that Prasad is not from his caste.

"Why is this word caste coming from his lips? We are forced to believe that this person probably practices and propagates casteism and this is what he is trying to import in NEHU," the JAC chairman said.

Asked if the JAC will knock on the doors of the judiciary if the Vice-Chancellor does not relent on the matter, Kma said that they will discuss the next step and all options will be explored.

"We will not rule out going to the court if need be because since the JAC has already resolved that the salary paid to Prasad has to be recovered from the salary of the Vice-Chancellor and not from NEHU's funds," he added.

Furthermore, Kma pointed out the absence of a constituted selection committee, with the interview allegedly conducted solely online by the Vice-Chancellor himself, raising concerns about the fairness and

transparency of the selection process.

Kma emphasized that the appointment process clearly violated the rules established during the 185th meeting of the Executive Council, a rule that the Vice-Chancellor himself allegedly disregarded.

Notably, Prasad's salary reportedly included a dearness allowance of 38 percent, which, according to Kma, is not in line with the standard practice for contractual employees. Kma claimed that the payment of such an allowance without UGC authorization was a clear violation of the established

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rules.

Furthermore, doubts were raised about the authenticity of Prasad's educational qualifications, which include a Diploma in IT (2010), BE IT (2013), MBA in Human Resources (2016), MBA IT (2016), and M.Phil in Commerce (2017). Kma stressed that the lack of transparency in the submission of relevant documents, as well as the absence of a formal advertisement, further fuelled suspicions about the appointment process.
