# Nagaland connected to National Gas Grid

**Guwahati, Aug 18 (IANS):** State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) on Tuesday reached major milestones in strengthening the Northeast's natural gas infrastructure by commissioning gas evacuation facilities at Khoraghat GGS-1 in Assam.

The development was accompanied by the successful injection of natural gas into the Dergaon-Dimapur Pipeline, connecting Nagaland to the North East Gas Grid (NEGG) and the National Gas Grid for the first time.

A spokesman said the gas evacuation facility at Khoraghat GGS-1 in Golaghat district of Assam will enable surplus associated natural gas from the Upper Assam Shelf to be processed and evacuated through the NEGG developed by IGGL.

The commissioning of the Dergaon-Dimapur Pipeline marks a significant step in integrating the Northeast more closely with India's emerging gas-based economy and strengthening the region's natural gas infrastructure.

With the pipeline's commissioning, Nagaland has been connected to the National Gas Grid for the first time, opening opportunities for greater availability of clean, reliable natural gas for industrial, commercial, and other consumers in the state, the spokesman said.

A key significance of the development is the first-time integration of a regional gas source from the Northeast with the National Gas Grid. The pipeline will facilitate the evacuation and monetisation of natural gas produced from ONGC's Jorhat Asset in Assam, thereby improving the utilisation of indigenous gas resources from the region.

The new connectivity will facilitate the utilisation of nearly 1.10 lakh Standard Cubic Metres (SCM) of natural gas per day from ONGC's Jorhat Asset. The project is expected to reduce LNG imports by an equivalent quantity and generate an estimated economic value of around Rs 300 crore annually.

The development is expected to significantly boost the region's gas economy by converting locally available natural gas resources into clean energy and economic value. It will also help reduce dependence on imported LNG and strengthen India's energy security.

ONGC is also developing hook-up facilities at Jantapathar and Kasomarigaon to connect additional producing fields of its Jorhat Asset with the North East Gas Grid. These projects will further increase gas availability, reduce flaring, and strengthen the region's gas-based economy.

Improved natural gas availability will create opportunities for households, industries, transport, and power sectors, while supporting economic and infrastructure development in Assam and the wider Northeast.

The milestone has been achieved with the continued support and guidance of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India. This achievement takes on added significance in the context of the government's vision of "One Nation, One Gas Grid" and Viksit Bharat 2047.

By connecting the Northeast to the National Gas Grid and enabling the use of indigenous gas resources, IGGL is playing a key role in advancing the country's transition to a cleaner, more integrated energy ecosystem. Together, the infrastructure developments strengthen gas connectivity across the region and advance the vision of developing the Northeast as a key growth engine of India and a more integrated gas-based economy.

The successful gas injection into the Dergaon-Dimapur Pipeline marks another major milestone in IGGL's ongoing efforts to establish a gas-connected Northeast and strengthen the region's integration with India's national energy infrastructure.

# Manipur shutdown over NRC demand; normal life disrupted across Imphal Valley

**Imphal, Aug 18 (IANS):** Normal life across Manipur's Imphal Valley was severely disrupted on Tuesday as people extended widespread support to the 48-hour general shutdown called by the Campaign for Just and Fair Delimitation (JFD), demanding that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) be updated in the state before the Census-2027.

Former Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who returned to Imphal after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi, said the Centre would take positive action on updating the NRC in Manipur.

The 48-hour shutdown, which began at midnight on Monday and is scheduled to continue until midnight on Wednesday, brought transport, business and commercial activities to a near standstill. Roads were deserted, and shops remained closed across large parts of the Imphal Valley, which comprises six districts: Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Kakching and Jiribam.

Shutdown supporters and activists blocked vehicular movement at multiple locations, affecting even the passage of VIP convoys, doctors, government employees and security personnel. Braving heavy rain in the evening, protesters, including women, remained on the roads enforcing the shutdown.

A police official said the strike remained largely peaceful, though tension was reported at some places. In one incident, a security forces convoy reportedly used a mock bomb against a group of strike supporters, injuring a woman. In Porompat, Imphal East, at least four women protesters sustained injuries during police action and were rushed to Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) hospital.

In Kakching district, members of the Apunba Nupi Lup and local youth staged demonstrations at Ema Market and Lamkhai Keithel in Hiyanglam-Wabagai, preventing vehicular movement, including VIP vehicles. Civil society organisations, student bodies, Meira Paibis and Jiribam residents blocked National Highway-37 (NH-37), disrupting traffic along the key highway connecting Jiribam with Imphal.

Singh, accompanied by MLAs, met Shah in New Delhi on Monday before returning to Imphal. "We have apprised the Home Minister of the situation regarding the NRC, the strike and the agitation. I believe the Home Minister will take some positive action regarding this vital issue," Singh told the media.

He said several issues concerning Manipur, including demographic imbalance, were raised during the meeting.

Singh added that Shah's response to the demand for conducting the NRC before the Census was positive.

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## 6.5 lakh electors require further verification

mismatches to unusual age gaps between parents, children and siblings recorded in the system.

At a separate weekly interaction with representatives of national and state political parties, the CEO reviewed the progress of Booth Level Agents appointed to assist voters. So far, 1,810 BLAs are active in the field, with the NPP, BJP and VPP accounting for the largest share.

The CEO urged parties to expand the network further and help electors understand notices and check their details during the claims and objections window.

The meeting also took stock of grievance redressal arrangements. Voters can reach out through the 1950 helpline, alternate mobile numbers or book a call with their BLO through the ECINET app.

To maintain transparency, lists of claims and objections filed in Forms 6, 7 and 8 are being uploaded regularly on the CEO Meghalaya website. Since the draft roll was published, 4,091 applications have come in seeking inclusion, deletion, correction or shifting.

Electoral Roll Observers are visiting districts to monitor how notices are being served, how hearings are being conducted and how claims are being disposed of. District officials have been asked to keep proper records and ensure the process moves without delay.

Issuing an advisory, the CEO's office said voters whose names appear in the draft roll and are successfully mapped with 2005 records need not take any action.

Those who receive a hearing notice must not ignore it and should attend with the required documents.

The office clarified that no name will be deleted without due notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Voters whose names are missing can still apply for inclusion using Form 6 along with a declaration during the claims and objections period, which runs till September 4. The final electoral roll will be published on October 7.

The CEO appealed to political parties, traditional institutions, Dorbar Shnongs, Nokmas and civil society groups to help spread awareness and ensure that the revision remains inclusive and transparent, with the goal that no eligible citizen is left out and no ineligible name finds a place in the roll.

## Me'gong Festival to get permanent venue

Khasi person. You will stay there as Khasis would stay in villages and you will experience the entire aspect of how a Khasi village and culture is, by staying there," Sangma said.

He added that similar setups would be created for other communities.

"Similarly, we will have the Garo village, we have different Jaintia, Pnar, War, you name it, as many as possible. We will have different villages within that space so that we are able to allow the experience to our guests and tourists who will be coming from different locations," he said.

Linking the project to the state's cultural policy, Sangma said such initiatives are vital to preserve identity amid rapid change.

"The reason why we are doing this is because we have always believed that for us as a society, for us as a community and a state, it is absolutely important for us to ground ourselves, to connect with our roots, to be able to create our identity, because at the end of the day that is what matters," he said.

"It is even more important when it comes to the younger generation that is there today, who is completely involved in so many aspects of the global, in terms of social media. It is so easy to lose track of who you are. Therefore, I feel it is more important that these kinds of things must be pushed more and more, and that is why I really want our youngsters to be involved," the Chief Minister added.

## NECTAR showcases technology initiatives for North East

print, electronic and digital platforms.

The IMPCC was highlighted as an effective platform for strengthening coordination among Government organisations and facilitating more prompt, accurate and people-centric communication across the Northeast.

During the meeting, it was also decided that all participating departments and organisations would observe Hindi Diwas and Hindi Fortnight during September 2026 in a befitting manner, with appropriate programmes and activities to encourage wider participation and promote the use of Hindi in official communication.

The exposure visit and interaction at NECTAR complemented the objectives of the IMPCC by providing Government and media representatives with direct insights into technology-led interventions in the region and facilitating their wider and more informed dissemination through various media platforms.

# Meghalaya begins tracing links with South East Asia

**Staff Reporter**

**Shillong, Aug 18:** Meghalaya has embarked on a new cultural journey with the launch of "Ki Dienjat - Revisiting the Roots", a project aimed at tracing Khasi-Jaintia linkages with Southeast Asia through research, science and the arts.

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma unveiled the initiative today at Taraghar State Guest House, describing it as a mission with long-term impact on the state's identity and future generations.

"Congratulate the Arts and Culture department for the launch of Ki Dienjat for all the hard work that is being put in this very short period to actually give a structure to this entire objective," Sangma said.

The CM said the idea originated from his late father, former Lok Sabha Speaker PA Sangma, who often spoke about the need for scientific research into the roots of the Garo and Khasi-Jaintia communities.

"The genesis of this entire thought actually started with my leader (L) PA Sangma. He used to keep talking about the fact that there needs to be more research done on the roots of the Garos," he recalled.

"For me, those were father-son conversations, but also leader-follower conversations. A lot of things I do in governance today, the seeds were sown many years back," Sangma added.

Calling it one of the government's most important missions, he said, "When God has given me this chance to lead the state, I felt that this is one of the most important missions that we should have because this will have one of the biggest and long-lasting impacts for years and generations and decades to come."

Sangma said a similar launch for the Garo community will be held in Tura on September 1, coinciding with PA Sangma's birth anniversary.

The project will cover language, music, architecture, folklore and DNA studies, and will be backed by an outlay of about Rs 20 crore over 18 months, with Rs 10 crore each for the Khasi-Jaintia and Garo Hills regions.

He cautioned that the work would need to navigate sensitive legal and sovereign issues.

"We really don't know where we are heading, to be very frank. We will uncover a lot of things as we move along. We have to be carefully treading the path," he said.

# 46 militants, including four women, surrender in Manipur

**Imphal, Aug 18 (IANS):** In a major step towards peace, reconciliation and development in Manipur, 46 militants, including four women cadres of the proscribed Kangleipak Communist Party-Taibanganba faction, on Tuesday laid down 20 arms and surrendered before the state government.

The "Homecoming Ceremony", organised by the Home Department at the 1st Manipur Rifles Parade Ground in Imphal, took place after Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, on August 12, publicly announced a 15-day deadline for the surrender of illegal weapons as part of efforts to strengthen the peace process in the state.

Addressing the "Homecoming Ceremony", Khemchand Singh said that the ethnic violence that erupted in the state on May 3, 2023, may have instigated some individuals to pick up arms and join insurgent groups.

He lauded the rebel group for coming forward to surrender, stating that holding guns had not brought peace to the state. He added that the government would extend all possible support to those who had surrendered and help them return to the mainstream.

Khemchand Singh said the surrender of the 46 KCP militants was taking place under the Revised Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation Policy, 2018, under which each surrendered cadre would be provided a monthly stipend of up to Rs 6,000 for 36 months, besides a fixed deposit grant of Rs 4 lakh.

He added that the government would also extend support for providing skill-based training to the surrendered cadres to help them acquire sustainable livelihoods and earn their living after returning to normal life.

Khemchand Singh stated that the government supports the demand for implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state, but does not appreciate the practice of calling bandhs. He said other forms of democratic protest, instead of bandhs, should be considered, as such shutdowns adversely affect the lives of school and college students as well as daily wage earners in the state.

He added that peace would prevail only when the people of the state gave up holding arms and chose dialogue and democratic means to resolve their grievances.

In his welcome address, Director General of Police Mukesh Singh said that by giving up armed activities, the cadres had chosen to return to their families, communities and responsibilities as citizens. He said the Manipur Police would continue to perform its constitutional duties with firmness. At the same time, for those who genuinely give up violence and want to rejoin society, the police would support the legal process of surrender, verification and rehabilitation.

The DGP also asked the surrendered cadres to remain fully committed to their decision to abandon armed activities. He said the success of the "Homecoming" would not be judged by the ceremony itself, but by how the surrendered cadres conducted themselves and contributed to society in the future.

During the ceremony, an acceptance of surrender agreement was also signed between the government and the KCP-Taibanganba faction. The acceptance was signed by KCP-T Chairman Haobijam Dilip alias Taibanganba, on behalf of the group, while Joint Secretary, Home, Dr M. Veto Singh, signed on behalf of the state government.


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