

Time for the masses to rally around the new leadership of Tripura

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"Followership is a discipline of supporting leaders and helping them to lead well. It is not submission, but the wise and good care of leaders, done out of a sense of gratitude for their willingness to take on the responsibilities of leadership, and a sense of hope and faith in their abilities and potential." — Reverend Paul Beedle.

The above adage is apt for the prevailing scenario in the state of Tripura. There is an experience and feeling of change in the air, be it the style and approach of leadership or the willingness to make that perceptible positive amendment within the masses. It is therefore imperative for the generation to support the leadership in every possible way, rather than expecting a sudden miracle, especially when the much waited metamorphosis has taken place after two decades. The strength and commitment shown by the common masses including, yours truly in supporting the leadership to implement the visionary plans would go a long way in catapulting Tripura as one of the best states in the North Eastern Region. Reason for this is not difficult to find. On one hand there is a young, dynamic, vibrant and walk the talk leader at the helm, who is ever ready to reach out to the masses, who is omnipotent to any crisis being faced by the common men, who is always ready to punish the wrong doers and on the top of it all, is always willing to connect with the masses both through the real as well as the virtual platforms, thereby providing opportunity to the masses to voice out their concerns. The inherent advantage a state like Tripura offers forms the perfect icing, as it consists of the educated masses who are young, conscious, have an appetite to progress and are also realistically aware about the needs of their state, and more importantly know the limitation the state faces owing to geography and allied factors.

Rallying around the new leadership in such a situation, by supporting the initiatives would therefore go a long way in effective implementation of the vision of the leadership in a time bound manner. Furthermore, the confidence of the success of a few projects would rub into the leadership as well as the masses to such an extent that resistance to change would soon change over to

acceptance to change, culminating in holistic development by overcoming the biggest mental blockade that often acts as barrier to development.

Few simple yet effective ways that can expedite the contribution of the masses towards the leadership of Tripura could be as follows. These are the easiest and simplest assistance we can offer to the leadership in contributing towards the change we had all been waiting for a long time.

Cleanliness drive- Cleaning our state is practically impossible if it's left only to the leadership. It is more of a habit and cultural issue, rather than something which is to be done only through law enforcement. Yes laws does help as a deterrent, but, if the common men are aware and ignore the don'ts that contributes towards an unhygienic surrounding, more than half the job is done. Just imagine and compare the cleanliness we intend and practice at our own habitat, why can't that be extended into our neighborhood, our society, our workplace, our market yard and so forth? Are the leaders responsible for such inexplicable behavior of ours that contribute towards this plight? The leadership can employ many cleaners, expand the municipality cleaning vehicles, but the moment we think, it's their duty and not mine and spit out on an office wall or throw garbage in the open, all these initiatives comes to a naught.

Preventing corruption- Corruption is a malice impacting the society at every level. If one scrutinizes from a minute perspective it would be safe to say that we common men are responsible for corrupting the processes just for our own "small" benefits. Just because the lawful way is time consuming or a tad rigorous, we tend to have the work done through unethical ways by adopting shortcuts. Seldom do we realize that in the process, our myopic approach is crippling us in the long run as this cancerous practice is going to spread the tentacle far and wide that would make us dependent on corrupt practices every time. On the contrary taking the long yet ethical route might be a little cumbersome at the outset, however the ramifications on the long run would definitely be positive for all and sundry.

Working culture and mindset- Working in an organization with a mindset just for money is probably the biggest bane for humanity. No organization can sustain and survive with that mindset of their employ-

ees. If prospective employees preferring the public sector over the private sector solely on this criteria, it is time to do a rethink. Every employee irrespective of the sector they represent ought to understand that from a customer's perspective. As a customer, are we willing to take anything which is having substandard quality, then why do we expect to behave with a reversed mindset when we are the employee? Do we not understand that now we are the employee whose negative mindset would impact the customer in me, later when I buy the product or the service? The leadership might make surprise visits and also tweak the regulations as a fear factor to bring in a change in the mindset, however, the visible change is impossible without the common men agreeing to the ethical working culture and productive mindset. This would also help the leadership to rope in investment in large numbers further contributing towards employment and job creation. The working culture and mindset would go a long way in making the state prosperous and wealthy and support from the masses is absolutely vital for this transformation to happen.

Being selfish with an ulterior motive- It is paramount for the masses to think about the fellow state mate's development as well, since the progress of a state cannot happen without thinking about one's peers. One can definitely be selfish when it comes to carrying out his/her own roles and responsibilities as citizen, however, cooperation, collaboration, teamwork and collectivism does the trick when it comes to scaling new heights as a state or a country. Being selfish just to achieve one's own myopic agenda would do no good for the state as a whole. It is time to empathize with the leadership in understanding the collective challenges faced by the state for the welfare of all rather than focusing on individual ones which have selfishness embossed on it. To do away with that mindset and bring in a collective welfare based mindset would provide the right balm to the new leadership in implementing and executing new developmental plans.

A service based mindset- A service based mindset of the people of Tripura is the need of the hour. The buck stops at me be it while rendering services at a hospital, or at an academic institution or even in the Public Works Department ought to

be developed rather than pushing the work to someone else. This would provide the right momentum to the leadership to expedite pending and new projects that would have a cascading impact on the growth and development of the common men. The service based mindset would also fuel employment as services based industries forming a chunk of the GDP would line up to invest in the new found confidence of the people and the leadership.

Law abiding citizens- The collective progress of a state depends on the percentage of its law abiding citizens. The laws are meant for disciplined life and well-being of the people. More are the law abiding citizens in the state, the focus of the leadership shifts more towards developmental aspects on other fronts rather than mending on the law and order related issues being encountered on a regular basis. Concepts like community based policing are gaining center stage globally, and all these if accepted in true spirit in the state of Tripura by the law abiding citizens, it would really be a yeoman service to the leadership to work on other more important and pressing challenges. As citizens if we can police ourselves by avoiding the wrong doings, a lot of time and other resources can be diverted into areas which would change the quality of life of all Tripuraites.

The onus of development of a state or a country lies not only in the shoulder of the leader. Equal responsibility are shared by the citizens too, since, the speed at which the people respond positively towards the policies by bringing in that necessary mindset is what paves the way for bigger things to happen in a time bound manner. It is indeed a time for all of us to introspect and also empathize with the new leadership of the expectations people have from them, in such a short period of time, especially when a majority of the leadership, represents first generation leaders. In this scenario the role of the common men in rallying around the leadership by supporting their initiatives increases manifold and therefore as someone rightly said, we all ought to "Be the change that we would like to see around us". This should be added in the daily lexicon of all actions Tripuraites takes day in and day out. The real onus is on to make that dream come true of a prosperous Tripura! Are you ready for the magic?



Transport minister Pranajit Singha Roy and SW&SE minister Santana Chakma briefs media persons after the cabinet meeting at Civil Secretariat, Agartala on Thursday.

Tamil Nadu shutdown strike paralyses normal life

Chennai, April 5 (IANS)

Normal life was paralysed in Tamil Nadu on Thursday due to a DMK-called shutdown over the Centre's failure to set up a Cauvery Management Board (CMB). DMK leader M.K.Stalin led a massive procession comprising members from his party and his allies, on the arterial Anna Salai to Marina Beach here affecting traffic flow.

He was accompanied by Tamil Nadu Congress leader S. Thirunavukkarasar. Speaking to reporters before being taken away by the police, Stalin said the strike was successful and thanked all those who cooperated. Hundreds of protesters belonging to DMK, Congress, CPI, CPI-M, MDMK, VCK and farmers were also taken into police custody across the state. In Chennai, very few government buses were plying on the roads while autorickshaws stayed off. But radio taxis were available. Suburban and long distance train services were also being operated as usual, a Southern Railway official told IANS. However, six suburban trains were held up at the Avadi point here, the official said. There were brief protests on the rail tracks in Salem and Tirunelveli. In Tirunelveli, a large number of DMK cadres protested in front of a passenger train. Around 150 protesters were detained. As a result of the Tirunelveli protest, the Chennai-bound Guruvayur Express and Trivandrum-bound Ananthapur Express were delayed, according to the Southern Railway official.

down in support of the strike. stayed open and milk supply However petrol bunks was not affected.

CLAIMANT NOTICE

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned by Sri Ratan Sutradhar, FR I/C, FPU, Ambassa vide his No. F.26/FPU-2017-18/Ambassa/2018 dated 11/01/2018 has seized a vehicle bearing Registration No. TR-07-1870 over the Longtharai area on 10/01/2018 at about 12.00 Am for illegally carried teak swan timber 50 nos. file (4.374 cum) over the Longtharai area. Upon enquires by I/C FPU, Ambassa of the said vehicle it was found that the driver leaving the vehicle on the road side without the vehicle door locks and carrying illegally teak swan timber 50 nos. files (4.374 cum) without any hammer impression of Forest Department and without GP/TP. Then the said vehicle had been detained without driver and brought in the safe custody as the said Vehicle was involved in illegal carrying of Forest produce.

AND WHEREAS, the vehicle bearing Registration No. TR-07-1870 carried illegally teak swan timber 50 nos. files (4.374 cum) without hammer impression of Forest Department and without GP/TP and the teak swan timber alongwith vehicle were seized by Sri Ratan Sutradhar, Fr I/C, FPU, Ambassa under section u/s 41, 42, of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and said sub-section 2 of section 52(A) read with Indian Forest (Tripura Second Amendment) Act, 1986 and brought to the custody at Ambassa FPU, Camp Complex.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred upon me vide Notification No. F.13(103)/For/Estt-2014/50233-297 dated, 12/02/2015 of Govt. of Tripura as an Authorized Officer for the purpose of above mentioned Indian Forest Act 1927, it is contemplated to confiscate the seized vehicle bearing Registration No. TR-07-1870 for the commission of offence under section 41, 42 and 52(A) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and under Tripura Rules notified vide Notification No. F.7/44FP/90/Vol-II/22,795, dt. 07.05.1990 of Government of Tripura.

NOW THEREFORE, it is brought to the notice of the authorized woner of the said vehicle No. TR-04-1870 to prefer their claim over the same vehicle to Authorized Officer (District Forest Officer, Dhalai, Ambassa) within 25(twenty five) days from the date of issue of this notice either by his/her legally authorized person along with all relevant documents in original regarding ownership of the vehicle.

If the owner of the vehicle or their authorized representatives fails to prefer any claim for the said vehicle before the undersigned within the stipulated period, the decision regarding the confiscation of the said vehicle shall be taken ex-parte.

Issued under my Seal and signature of this day on 16/02/2018.

Sd/- (Mahender Singh, IFS)

[Authorized Officer]

District Forest Officer

Dhalai, District Ambassa

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MLA Dilip Das handed over a cheque of Rs 10,000 as a token of assistance to the Old Age home 'Apna Ghar' at Barjala, Agartala on Thursday.

Logistics index being prepared for states: Prabhu

New Delhi, April 5 (IANS) As part of a plan to develop standards in various facets of the logistics sector, Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu said on Thursday an index for states to compete in performance on this count is being developed. With the sector composed of multiple components like railways, ports, airports and roads, a division was created in the Commerce Ministry last year and mandated to develop an action plan for the integrated development of the sector.

"A Logistics Index is being developed for every state so that they can compete in this area," Prabhu said at the Global Logistics Summit here organised by industry chamber Ficci. "With many ministries deal with logistics, the need was felt for a nodal, coordinating agency for synergy among its various segments," he said, adding that also a the current Civil Aviation Minister, he has been discussing for increasing air connectivity for the speedier air transport of perishable items.

"The challenge for us is how to integrate these various modes into one actionable pathway...so the multi-modal

transport issue is now being addressed by this new logistics division under the Commerce Ministry," he said. The division is also setting up an IT backbone and develop an information portal which will be also an online marketplace for bringing together the various stakeholders, including state government agencies.

SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Quotation in sealed cover is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Tripura, from the local firm/agencies/Suppliers for Printing of different Forms for use in Agartala Govt. Medical College & G.B.P Hospital, Agartala. The last date of receiving Quotation is up to 04 p.m. 17th April 2018.

The quotation consisting of details terms and condition can be collected free of cost from the Store & Purchase Section, AGMC & GBP Hospital, Agartala on all working days from 11.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M. up to 17/04/2018.

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Medical Superintendent, GBP, Hospital & Head of Office, AGMC, Agartala

CBI books EPFO official in bribery case

Visakhapatnam, April 5 (IANS) The CBI has registered a case against an Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) official for demanding a Rs 40,000 bribe from the owner of a private hospital here to settle the issue of late payment of an EPF subscription, an official said on Thursday. The move comes following a complaint received from Chaitra Hospital on Wednesday against the EPFO enforcement officer L. Ananda Rao.

In its complaint to the Central Bureau of Investigation, Idupuganti Navaraj, brother of Chaitra Hospital's owner Haribhauan, said Rao and his team conducted inspection of the hospital on March 21 and 26 and took away some balance sheets, attendance registers and other documents.

"Rao asked for certain other records like balance sheets for 2017 and 2018. We asked 10-day time to submit the records. After two days, Rao demanded Rs 40,000 to settle the issue of late payment of EPF subscription of the hospital for December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018," said the complaint.

The CBI booked the official under charges of Prevention of Corruption Act and conducted raids at the offices and residential places of the accused person on Thursday.

Press Notice Inviting Tender No. 18/EE/WRD/VI/KLS/2017-2018

Last Date & Time for document downloading & bidding up to 15:00 Hrs on 05/09/2017 for the following work :

Sl. No	Name of work & DNIT No.	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Last date of Application upto 4.00 pm	Last date of issuance of tender form upto 4.00 pm.	Last date of dropping of tender upto 3.00 pm.	TIME OF COMPLETION
1	Urgent flood damage protection of Safrikandi to Katanala embankment near BOP (Gate No. 64 to 62 and 59) at Latiapura village under Gournagar block during the year 2017-18/SH: Bank revetment work for a length of 200.00 mtr. DNIT/20/SE/WRC-II/KGT/2017-18	₹ 37,24,172.00	₹ 34,242.00	16-04-2018 upto 4.00 pm	17-04-2018 upto 4.00 pm.	20-04-2018 upto 3.00 pm.	03(three) months

Tender form (Cost of tender form Rs. 1000.00 only) can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, W.R. Division No. VI, Kailashahar Unakoti, Tripura, W. R. Division Kamalpur, W. R. Division, Battala and W. R. circle No. II, Kumarghat, Tripura and also can be dropped to the above stated address at the same time and venue.

For details of NIT & DNIT, terms and conditions are available in the office of the undersigned. The NIT can be seen at website : www.indigenouse.herald.com/tripuraindia.com/tripuratoday.com/www.tripura4u.com/tripurachronicle.in.com

For & on behalf of the Governor of Tripura)

Sd/- Executive Engineer

Water Resource Division No. VI

Kailashahar, Unakoti, Tripura.

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