

## Shija Hospitals MOU for RBSK Nagaland

IT News  
Imphal, May 17,

Shija Hospitals & Research Institute and National Health Mission, Nagaland signed an MOU for surgical treatment of Cleft lip and Cleft Palate, Congenital Heart Diseases (CHD), Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH), Congenital Cataract, Congenital Deafness, Retinopathy of Prematurity, Otitis Media, Dental Carries and Vision Impairment under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) programme. Under the said agreement, beneficiaries of RBSK for children from birth to 18 years with the above mentioned birth defects can avail of sponsored treatment facilities at Shija Hospitals,



Manipur. The beneficiaries have to be referred by RBSK Nagaland.

The MOU was signed between Dr. Kh. Palin, CMD Shija Hospitals and Dr. Kevichusa, Mission Director (NMH), Nagaland at Mission Director (NMH) Office, Nagaland in the presence of

purpose of medical treatment of Nagaland State Government Employees and their dependants. Also, Shija Hospitals is also recognized by RBSK Manipur for treatment of Children from birth to 18 years with birth defects listed under RBSK Scheme.

## Cow vaccinated

IT News  
Thoubal, May 17,

Lamding Educated Welfare Association (LEWA) in association District Veterinary Thoubal and Sangaiyumpum Vety. Dispensary today vaccinated around 100 cows in Sangaiyumpum area in Thoubal district for prevention of Foot and Mouth disease.

## Citizenship Bill tramples on sacrifice of martyrs'

AN Service  
MIRZA, May 17,

Chhayaon MLA Rekibuddin Ahmed has vehemently opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016 saying that the Bill will trigger an existential crisis for the indigenous populace of Assam. Addressing a public meeting held at Kolohipar (Chhayaon) under the chairmanship of Ajmol Hoq,

Ahmed said that the Bill brought out by BJP-led Union government has violated the Assam Accord signed between then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and AASU and poses a threat to the identity of the indigenous citizens of the State. The Bill has trampled on the sacrifice of the 800 martyrs of Assam during the Assam Agitation. "All foreigners entering Assam after the midnight of March 24,

1971, should be identified as foreigners and should be deported as per Assam Accord," he said, adding that awarding citizenship to the Bengali Hindus and other foreigners, who have come to India after the midnight of March 24, 1971, will adversely affect the culture, language and traditions of Assam. "Assam is treated as the dumping ground for foreigners which would not be allowed," he said.

## Cities are drivers of economic growth & people living cities need to be provided with adequate housing: Vice President

PIB  
New Delhi, May 17,

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that cities are the drivers of economic growth and all sections of people living in the cities need to be provided with adequate housing and other essential amenities. He was addressing the gathering after laying foundation stone for the World Trade Center at Naujoli Nagar and redevelopment of Netaji Nagar General Pool Residential Accommodation Colony, here today. The Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (I/C), Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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The Vice President said that there is a need to build green buildings and promote energy efficient and smart mobility solutions for optimum utilization of scarce resources and spaces. There is also a need to promote the concept of green and energy efficient buildings in a big way and create greater awareness among the citizens, he added. The Vice President said that the projects initiated today are aimed at providing better quality of life to citizens and spur economic growth. Cities are the drivers of economic growth and all sections of

people living in the cities need to be provided with adequate housing and other essential amenities, he added.

Saying that India is witnessing urban renaissance following the launch of Smart Cities Mission, the Vice President said that apart from improving quality of life, Smart Cities also seek to provide clean and sustainable environment.

Following is the text of Vice President's address:

"I am very happy to be here today to lay the foundation stone for the World Trade Center at Naujoli Nagar and redevelopment of Netaji Nagar General Pool Residential Accommodation Colony. It is a matter of pride and satisfaction for me to be a part of the foundation stone laying ceremony of the projects which were conceptualised and took shape when I was the Housing and Urban Affairs Minister. These projects are a part of the project for redevelopment of seven GPRA colonies (Sarojini Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Naujoli Nagar, Mohammedpur, Kasturba Nagar, Srinivaspuri and Thayagaj Nagar) being undertaken by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through NBCC and CPWD.

Sisters and brothers, India is witnessing rapid urbanisation. About 31.7 per cent of the country's population lived in urban areas in 2011. It is projected that over 50 per cent of the country's people will be living in cities and towns by 2050. It is projected that the urban population will cross 80 crores by 2050. This means cities and suburbs will undergo significant transformation and there will be lot of pressure on housing.

Besides providing housing to all citizens, we will need more roads, bridges, highways, round-the-clock electricity, adequate water supply, waste disposal systems, office and retail spaces, rapid transportation, airports, sea

ports and other infrastructure to cater to the needs of the burgeoning population. The challenges are huge and need to be overcome if we have to sustain rapid economic growth of close to 7 or 7.5 per cent per year on a continuous basis. At the same time, we must ensure that the development is sustainable by protecting our environment and resources. So, we need to build green buildings and promote energy efficient and smart mobility solutions for optimum utilization of scarce resources and spaces. The planning of the Government is geared towards achieving these objectives and any future urban planning will have to be based on these considerations. There is also a need to promote the concept of green and energy efficient buildings in a big way and create greater awareness among the citizens. Talking specifically of Delhi in the context of today's function, it is well known that there is an acute shortage of Government housing and office space in the National Capital Region (NCR). This has created a long list of Government officials waiting for their turn for allotment of a house.

The Master Plan for Delhi (MPD)-2021, encourages redevelopment of old residential areas with a view to utilizing the existing land resources in the most efficient manner to meet the growing demand for built up space. I am happy to inform that during my tenure in the Ministry, we resolved to work towards addressing the issues of government housing along with social infrastructure and mixed land use for optimum utilisation of land and other resources with a visionary approach. Today's function symbolizes this single-minded devotion and long term planning. The Government approval for the redevelopment of seven

GPRA Colonies in Delhi was accorded on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at an estimated cost of Rs. 32,835 Crore which includes operation and maintenance cost for 30 years. NBCC is the implementing agency for Redevelopment of Sarojini Nagar, Naujoli Nagar and Netaji Nagar, while CPWD is the implementing agency for Redevelopment of Kasturba Nagar, Thyagraj Nagar, Srinivaspuri and Mohammadpur. Redevelopment envisages integration of the infrastructure of the surrounding areas. The Project will be financed through sale of Commercial Built-up Area (BUA). The Project will incorporate smart city features including in-house Solid/Liquid Waste Management facility, Rain Water Harvesting, Solar Energy and Green Building norms.

The World Trade Center in Naujoli Nagar to be developed by NBCC India Limited will be major landmark in the evolving skyline of the city of Delhi. NBCC has obtained the accreditation of "World Trade Center" for this project. The World Trade Center's Association will stimulate trade and investment opportunities for commercial property developers, economic development agencies, and international businesses that are looking to connect globally and prosper locally. Naujoli Nagar would be developed as a state-of-the-art commercial hub in a plot area of 25 acres with all modern facilities and beautifully designed facade with a pleasing landscape. The project will be built at a cost of Rs. 2,694 crore and will have 12 towers of G+9 structure, apart from another commercial block and school building. It will be constructed as an integrated business hub. It will be constructed on the concept of zero waste. Solid waste/waste

water will be treated in-house and reused. The recycled water will be used for horticultural purposes also. The redevelopment of GPRA colony Netaji Nagar will be another big and significant project of Delhi. This project has been taken up for the redevelopment of one of the old government colonies into residential and general pool office accommodation along with accompanying social infrastructure. When completed, it will have 4,855 dwelling units with 70% open area comprising 90 towers. The project will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 5,466 crore including O&M. It will have zero discharge into the sewerage system and a sewage treatment plant will also be constructed. Treated water will be used for horticulture and other purposes.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the projects initiated today are aimed at providing better quality of life to citizens and spur economic growth. Cities are the drivers of economic growth and all sections of people living in the cities need to be provided with adequate housing and other essential amenities.

In fact, India is witnessing urban renaissance following the launch of Smart Cities Mission, which seeks to transform cities into Centers of economic activities. Apart from improving quality of life, Smart Cities also seek to provide clean and sustainable environment.

I once again take this opportunity to congratulate the Minister, Secretary and all officers of the Ministry and the team of NBCC led by its Managing Director for launching one of the most ambitious and state of the art urban projects in Delhi and offer my best wishes to all of you for its early completion and dedication to the people of Delhi.

## Counting of votes underway for Panchayat polls in West Bengal

AIR  
Kolkatta, May 17,

Counting of votes is underway for zilla parshads, panchayat samitis, and gram panchayat elections.

The process began at 8 AM amidst tight security. Ruling Trinamool Congress has bagged 850 Gram Panchayat seats while BJP has won in 99 seats. The left leaning CPI-M has won 26 seats.

After the first three hours of

counting, the TMC was leading in 2,601 gram panchayat seats, followed by BJP in 196 seats and CPI-M leading in 149 seats. TMC has taken major lead of 663 seats in South 24 Parganas and has won the highest 105 seats from the district. In North 24 Parganas, the party is leading with 283 seats and has won 66 seats. In East Midnapore, it is leading in 101 seats. Counting began with 31,802

seats of the Gram Panchayat which will be followed by 6,123 seats of Panchayat summit and will finally end with 621 Zilla parishad constituencies. A three-tier security arrangement has been made to prevent any untoward incident during the process. The panchayat elections were held on Monday. Repolling was done yesterday on 572 polling booths after the complaints of false voting and booth rigging.

## Probes underway in Varanasi flyover accident case

AIR  
Luchnow, May 17,

All three probes initiated by the State Government and Varanasi District Magistrate to inquire into the under-construction flyover collapse near Varanasi Cantt Railway station are underway in Uttar Pradesh.

Additional District Magistrate Varanasi Manoj Kumar Rai conducting magisterial probe has invited evidences and statements from all concerned today. He has been asked to submit his report within three days. Mr Rai is being assisted by the senior Public Works Department PWD engineers.

The accident had claimed 18 lives and left 12 others injured. Although the local administration has confirmed only 15 deaths. Injured are admitted to different hospitals in Varanasi.

Our correspondent reports that a high power probe committee set up by the Chief Minister is likely to submit its report by this evening.

The Committee is headed by the Agricultural Production Commissioner RP Singh. Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has also set up a three-member high power technical committee under PWD Chief Engineer, YK Gupta to ascertain technical reasons behind the accident. It has been asked to file its report within 15 days.

District police Chief Varanasi has filed a report at Sigma police station against Bridge Corporation for unintentional murder in view of the accident. Four officers of the Corporation including Chief Project Manager SC Tiwari have already been suspended for their alleged lapses.

Meanwhile, most of the deceased have been identified and their next kin have been provided financial assistance of five Lakhs rupees announced by the Chief Minister.

## Combined annual training camp of NCC



PIB (DW)  
Imphal, May 17,

A camp fire to mark the culmination of Combined Annual Training Camp from 08 May 2018 to 17 May 2018 was organized by 14 Manipur Battalion NCC at D College Campus. A total of 353 cadets participated in the camp representing 8 district of Manipur. Lieutenant General K. Himalaya Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd), Chairman MPSC was the chief guest. Brig Vivek Sharma, VSM GP CDR NCC

and other dignitaries graced the occasion. The NCC cadets showcased the rich cultural heritage of Manipur through their colorful and traditional presentations which was highly appreciated by all during the camp the cadets were trained in Physical Training, Drill, Map Reading, etc and exposed to social service activities. Addressing the cadets Lieutenant General K. H. Singh, emphasized need to have clear aim and to work hard to achieve the same to attain success.

## AR inaugurates multipurpose building with two toilets



PRO IGAR (South)  
Imphal, May 17,

In continuation of its welfare activities, 11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organized an inauguration ceremony of construction of multipurpose building of size 40 feet x 25 feet with two toilet blocks at Chikkin village at Moreh, Tengnoupal District, Manipur under Military Civic Action (Op Sadbhavana) Project for the financial year 2016-17 on 16 May 2018. A total of 95 persons from the area will be benefited by this project. This welfare scheme was inaugurated by Colonel R S Rawat, Commandant, 11 Assam Rifles. This endeavour received huge appreciation from village Chief of Chikkin Village and the local populace. These type of activities strengthen the bonds between security forces and local populace of the area and enhances the image of Assam Rifles.