



Korungthang inspects hailstorm hit area at Chamol Village

IT News
Imphal, April 24: Health and Family Welfare Minister DK Korungthang who is also the MLA of Tegnoupal Assembly constituency today inspected the hailstorm hit area at Chamol village in Tegnoupal sub-division. He was accompanied by Ksh. Robert, DC Chandel district, ADCs and other government officials. Chamol village was reported worst affected by the hailstorm during the last couple of days. At least 8 people were reported seriously injured after around 1 kg weigh hails falls upon them. Most of the roofs of the houses penetrated by the hails.

The incessant rains that accompanied the hailstorm flooded the hilly terrain. The rain water runs like river at the area said a witness.

After visiting the area, DK Korungthang met the affected villagers who were taking shelter at safer places and assured all possible help. The Minister along with DC Chandel handed over a Trapolin, emergency lamp, rice and other edible items for immediate relief of the affected village to KSO Chandel Unit.

KYKL Chairman greets people ahead of 22nd Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, April 24: Chairman of the proscribed Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) today greets the people of the region ahead of the outfit's 22nd Foundation Day which falls on April 25. In his message the chairman said that India of present day is a prison of various communities. India is not a nation—state as of now it is a state—nation. The chairman said that India, the state-nation is working to build a nation.

Hailstorm and heavy rains continue; more houses destroyed, many places inundated

IT News
Imphal, April 24: More houses and crops were destroyed in various part of the state particularly in Thoubal district as hailstorm continues till early today morning. Meanwhile incessant rains during the last three days have started inundating many part of state including the urban areas in Imphal.

Report reaching here said that over 30 houses were destroyed around midnight yesterday at Salungpham area of Wangjing in Thoubal district. People of the area are presently taking shelter at a relief camp open at Salungpham Community Hall. At Kakching subdivision of Thoubal district around 10 dwellings including work sheds, shops and other business establishment were destroyed by the hailstorm st



Kakching Khunyai. A private school called Genius Academy at Kakching Khunyai was completely destroyed. In Imphal area many places have been inundated due to the incessant rain accompanied by the hailstorm. As for Keishamthong and Sagolband assembly constituencies, places like Irom Pukhri Mapal, Thiyam

leikai, Mieno Leirak, Moirang Leirak and Nganappi Thong area of Khagempalli were inundated as there are no proper drainage system with the failure to improve Waisel Maril. In Bishnupur district several houses along with cultivation area were inundated by the rain water. At Chandel district many

houses were destroyed during the hailstorm last night. The hailstorm also destroyed jhum cultivation at the area. Many people of the area are left homeless at Tegnoupal area. The rain water flows like river sweeping some of the houses. At Chamol Village in Tegnoupal sub - division almost all houses were reportedly destroyed. Report said that hails weigh around one Kg hit the roof at the area. At least 8 people were injured as the hail hit them at around 12 noon yesterday.

According to AIR News, so far at least 10 people have been injured during the hailstorm. Earlier 3 persons including a 14 years old minor sustained serious injury after lightning hit them. The audience shed at Tangkhulong ground in Ukhrul district head quarter too was burnt by lightning.

Hailstrom to continue for 7 more days

IT News
Imphal, April 24: According to skymetweather.com the region is likely to experience the hailstorm accompanied by rains for the next 7 days.

A report said that the current weather system over the northeast states is a Cyclonic Circulation prevailing over Assam and adjoining area in the lower level. There is a trough extending from this system to North Bay across Bangladesh.

The report said that there will be fair amount of moderate rain with isolated heavy spell over Arunachal Pradesh, east Assam and Meghalaya. The southern parts of Northeast states will receive light rain and thundershowers at few places. In the coming days the weather activity over northeast states will decrease

gradually. However there will be no break from the light rain over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam region at least for the next 7 days. Arunachal Pradesh has received above normal rainfall for the month. In the last 72 hours Arunachal Pradesh has received significant rainfall leading to flood like situation over some parts of the state. Tawang has seen landslide in the hilly parts. Cherrapunji has reviewed significant rainfall continuously in the last 3 to 4 days. And light rain will continue over the area in the days to come. The day temperatures are significantly below normal due to the weather activity over the region. The place that received rainfall in the last 24 hours.

2 BJP members join Congress; Biren said Congress is gaining more confidence of the people

IT News
Imphal, April 24: Newly appointed spokesperson of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) Nongthombam Biren today said that the party is gaining more confidence from the people of the state after the administrative set up of the Congress party has been reconstituted as according to the desire of the people. Speaking in a felicitation function of two newly enrolled member to Congress Party,

Biren said people now have faith to the congress party and more people are expected to join the party. The newly enrolled members are P Sarat Khuman of Sagolband A/C. Sitting elected President of BJP Imphal and his wife P (O) Debala. Former Vice-President, Mahila Morcha BJP Manipur Pradesh. On reporters query regarding the involvement of Chief Minister's kin in the drug scam which has been charge sheeted by the CBI, Biren said

that it would be prejudice to give any comment on the issue as the case is still pending in the court. "Let the court takes its own course and anybody found guilty will be punished as according to the law of the land", said Biren, the newly appointed spokesperson of MPCC. MPCC president T.N. Haokip while welcoming the two new members expressed his confident of Congress Party coming back to power.

On the other hand N Biren also congratulated boxer Mari Kom on her nomination as member of Raja Sabha by the Central Government. However, Biren said that the state will be more thankful to the Centre had they give the same opportunity to people who were equally qualified for nominating as member of the Raja Sabha. He said there are many people expert in the field of arts and culture and they should be given the same opportunity.

NSG dog, Lt Col Niranjana recommended for gallantry

PTI
New Delhi, April 24: In probably a first, the elite commando force NSG has recommended its dog 'Rocket' along with slain officer Lt Col Niranjana and two others for military gallantry medals for their role in eliminating terrorists who attacked the Pathankot air base early this year. Officials said while the specially trained canine has been recommended for a 'Sena medal', Lt Col Niranjana EK who was killed while sanitising a terrorist's booby-trapped body has been recommended for a 'Shaurya Chakra' along with two other commandos.

The two-and-a-half-year-old Belgian Malinois dog and his handler have been recommended for bravery decoration by the National Security Guard headquarters for displaying "raw courage and dedication to duty" in the face of extreme threat and danger. 'Rocket' had walked into a burning airmen billet on the direction of his master and brought back a pouch that indicated presence of militants inside. A senior official said, Rocket's paws got singed but that did not deter him from following the directions of his master also called the handler.

"While there have been few instances when Army dogs have been honoured with military medals, this is the first for NSG which was established in 1984 as the federal contingency force," they said. A final decision will however be taken by a Union Home Ministry-appointed committee which clears names of recipients of these medals. The list is expected to be finalised before the next Independence Day. 'Rocket' is one of the most trusted four-legged trooper of the NSG's K-9 (canine) squad. The squad is deployed along with commandos during counter-

terror and counter-hijack operations. Officials said apart from 'Rocket', a similar recommendation has been made for the second-highest peacetime gallantry medal for Niranjana, Commanding Officer of the NSG's bomb disposal squad, who was killed while sanitising a terrorist's body.

FEGOCTA extended aid to CM's Relief Fund

IT News
Imphal, April 24: The Representatives of Federation of Government College Teachers' Associations, Manipur (FEGOCTA) met the Chief Minister, Okram Ibobi Singh at 3 pm yesterday and handed over a bank draft of Rs. 4.235 Lakhs as fund for immediate relief to the present crisis. Education Minister, Dr. Kh. Ratan Kumar Singh was also present on the occasion. The amount was donated by 235 Government College Teachers from 18 Government Colleges. "It is small gesture on the part of the government college teachers to help in the construction/repairing of damages due to natural calamities of earthquake etc in the state" said a statement of FEGOCTA. The statement added that the

Chief Minister and FEGOCTA team had useful exchange of ideas on some of the social issues facing Manipur. FEGOCTA extended its heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Minister for giving insight to some of the issues facing the state. A statement issued by the General Secy. FEGOCTA said that receipts for the donation will be issued by CM's Secretariat to 235 college teachers whose list was also submitted. FEGOCTA appreciates the government college teachers who have contributed to Chief Minister's Relief Fund. "It is a part of FEGOCTA's social responsibility initiative. It will continue to contribute to social cause and issues affecting the people of Manipur", the statement added.

19 Dead As another Landslide Strikes Arunachal, Kiren Rijiju Visits Area

Arunachal Pradesh, April 24: Two people died in a fresh landslide today in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh, taking the death toll in two days to 19, officials said. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju and other leaders visited the area bordering China and took stock of the situation. The landslide that hit a camp of construction labourers in Phamla village on Friday morning killed 15 people instantly. Two injured people died later on Friday night, while two more died in a fresh landslide in the nearby village of Thongleng today. The fresh landslides also swept away over 30 houses.

"With the two people killed in the early hours of Saturday in a fresh landslide, the toll has risen to 19. The landslide on Saturday occurred in

Thongleng village, about 20 km from Tawang. Over 30 houses have been swept away," said a district administration official. He said many people have shifted to safer places fearing more landslides, and hence there was less human casualty during Saturday's incident. The landslide, however, damaged property worth several lakhs of rupees, he said. Mr Rijiju on Saturday visited Tawang with former state tourism minister Pema Khender and took stock of the situation. The union minister, however, had to return by road instead of his chopper as it could not take off due to bad weather.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Kalikho Pul said he was personally monitoring the situation and that instructions have been issued to all the

deputy commissioners and police superintendents to remain vigilant for any eventuality and keep the disaster management personnel ready for relief and rescue operations. He said the Indian Army has been helping the civil administration in most of the flood and landslide-affected areas of the state. Tawang district, which has been badly hit by floods due to incessant rains, has remained under darkness for some time as electric poles have been swept away in many places. The highways in some places have also been affected, and there has been no communication with districts like Anjaw, Changlang, Lower Subansiri and East Siang handed over to their relatives after autopsy.

FIR registered against 'BJP supporter' for trying to strangle Kanhaiya Kumar on flight

ANI
New Delhi, April 24: JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar on Sunday claimed that a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supporter tried to strangle him inside a Jet Airways aircraft in Mumbai, following which he was asked to deplane after he complained about the assault. "Yet again, this time inside the aircraft, a man tries to strangle me. After the incident @jetairways staff completely refuses to take any action against the man who assaulted me," Kanhaiya said in a series of tweets. Hitting out at the airliner for asking him to deplane, Kanhaiya said that the Jet Airways saw no difference between an assaulter and the victim. Someone who assaulted and the person who is assaulted and the person if complains, is asked to deplane. Jet Airways issued a statement but did not respond to Kanhaiya's charges against them. "Some guests on board this morning's flight Jet Airways flight 9W 618 Mumbai to Pune have been off

loaded at Mumbai airport in the interest of operational safety." Revealing that it was a BJP supporter who attacked him, Kanhaiya further said, "Manas Deka, works in TCS, a strong BJP supporter assaulted me inside the aircraft. Is assault the only tool you have, to fight dissent?" Meanwhile, an FIR has been registered against Manas Deka. This is not the first time that Kanhaiya has been assaulted as several attempts have been made in the past on the fiery student leader, who shot to fame after his arrest and release on sedition charges for organising an event at Delhi's Jawahar Lal Nehru University to mark the anniversary of the hanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru, where anti-India slogans were allegedly raised. Earlier, slippers, shoes were hurled at Kanhaiya in Nagpur where he was addressing a public meeting on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar. On the same day, some men reportedly belonging to Bajrang Dal attacked Kanhaiya's car when he arrived in the city.