



Releasing function of the book called "Chinglu Sintha Anishuba" written by Soibam Guindro Meitei

## State BJP term Ibobi's budget as annual joke

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** General Secretary of BJP, Manipur Pradesh, Moirangthem Ashinikumar today term the annual budget produced by Chief Minister Okram Ibobi as an illegal annual joke. In a press meet held today at his party office at Nityapat Chuthek Ashinikumar said that the annual budget doesn't have any innovative move to take advantage from the make in India or for south east trans high way or look east policy by the state government. He further added that the annual budget is a totally flop as it doesn't see any growth. He further criticized the budget saying that it does not have any vision for improvement of Education sector, Agriculture or forest sector. Besides, there is not vision to provide employment to the unemployed youths of the state.

## Pulse Polio Immunization

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**Imphal, Feb 21:** As part of the second round of pulse polio immunization, a free medical camp cum blood donation program was also observed today which was jointly organized by City Police Station, Imphal West and Shija Hospital under the sponsorship of MGT Motors, Thangal Bazar, MG Avenue.

A medical team from the department of Ortho, Medicine, Pandemic, Blood Bank Medical Officer and Sinologist comprising of six doctors and nurse of the Shija Hospital provided free medical assistance to the people requiring medical help and around 400 people were given medical treatment during the camp. Around 50 individuals including police officers of the City Police Station volunteer to donate blood at the blood bank counter open at the MGT Motors building, Thangal Bazar, MG Avenue.

## Book Released

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** "Chinglu Sintha Anishuba" written by Soibam Guindro Meitei was released today at the Auditorium Hall of Lamyamba Sanglen, Imphal. Thongam Bishwajit Singh, MLA of Thongju A/C, Dr Nalini Mangsatabam, Text Book Officer of SCERT, Government of Manipur and Dr Saratchandra Longjamba were chaired as the special guests of today's book release function. With candle lighting ceremony by the guests, the book was released. Later, discussions about the released book "Chinglu Sintha Anishuba" were also reviewed with the invitees present at the function.

# Is nepotism hidden agenda of recruitment process in State Health Society Manipur?

**BY: Wahengbam Rorkkychand**

**Imphal, Feb 21:** The recent notification for appointment of 58 different posts in the State Health Society, NHM and the mentioned eligibility criteria for respective positions is quite misleading as some of the minimum qualifications are mentioned erroneously. The Notification issued by Dr O Ibomecha Singh, Mission Director of State Health Society, National Health Mission, Manipur February 6, 2016 invited applications for seven (7) posts of Psychologists (SL No. 35) from interested MA Social Work/MA Psychology candidates. However, considering the required field of specialization for the post of Psychologists, inviting applications from MA Social Work degree holders is considered to be irrelevant. MA in Psychology and MA in Social Work is different field of specialization. It would be a foolish act to appoint a person with degree in Social Work as Psychologist as he/she might not able to deal with psychological issues. On top of it, State Health Society also invited applications from MA Sociology/ Psychology degree holders for one (1) post of Clinical Psychologist, NMHP (SL No. 36), when clinical Psychology is a completely different subject. Not only are these two subjects- MA Social Work and MA Sociology- different specialties and discipline, the Rehabilitation Council of India strictly laid the rules and regulations of Psychologists and Clinical Psychologist as professional who have exclusively completed Masters in

Psychology and Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology respectively. Even if the Psychology and Sociology are inter disciplinary subjects. The distinguishing feature of psychology is that it involves the study of the human mind in regards to the individual or small group rather than society as a whole. On the other hand, sociology looks beyond individual beings to examine society as a whole through specific social associations. While, Master in Social Work deals basically trained with the skills and knowledge needed to work with individuals and groups in a social work environment. According to the Mental Healthcare Bill- 2013 Clinical Psychologist means a person having a recognized qualification in Clinical Psychology from an institute approved and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India, constituted under Section 3 of the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 or having a Post graduate degree in Psychology or Applied Psychology and a Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology or media and social psychology or Masters of Philosophy in mental health and social psychology obtained after completion of a full time course of two years which includes supervised clinical training or doctorate in clinical psychology which include supervised clinical training from any university recognized by the University Grant Commission. In compliance with the rules, Odisha State Health & Family Welfare Society called application for the post of Clinical

Psychologist with MA or MSc in Psychology/Clinical Psychology with three months training in Clinical Psychology, as per the notification by Mission Director, NHM, Odisha issued on January 17, 2016. Likewise, National Rural Health Mission, Kerala also invited application for recruitment of Clinical Psychologist from M.Sc Psychology/MA Psychology/M.Phil Clinical Psychology/PG Diploma in Clinical Psychology conducted by DME Kerala with three years' experience candidates. Interestingly, the recruitment notification in question by Mission Director, State Health Society, Manipur also mentioned MA Mass Communication degree holders as one of the eligible criteria for 23 posts of RMNCH/FP Counselors (SL No. 42). The relevant and applicable of Mass Communication subject with Counseling is questionable. The reason for identifying Master in Mass Communication degree holder for Counselor's job profile is gives ample grounds for disbelief in the selection process as the two subjects are different disciplines. Misleading specification of eligibility criteria in the notification poses some serious questions to the aspiring candidates. Timely intervention of the concern authority and rectify the misleading advertisement is need at urgent basis. Else, it would send out a wrong message to the aspiring candidates. In the long run it would limit the professional scope of Psychologists and Clinical Psychologists who are main professionals in mental health and welfare.

## UNAL boycotts Uripok MLA Nandakumar

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** The Uripok Nupi Apunba Lup boycotted MLA of Uripok Assembly Constituency, Laishram Nandakumar for his making derogatory speech against the locals, who visited his residence with effect from Sunday. Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, Loteeka, Convener of UNAL said that a group of people consisting representatives of UNAL and Tondonsana Sana

Government High School submitted a memorandum by opposing the government decision to established Rama Krishna Mission School at the Tondonsana Government Higher School. The UNAL condemn the MLA for using derogatory statement while visiting his residence for submitting the memorandum. She further added that Tondonsana Government High School is the only residential school in Imphal West district and has around

300 students who have been come from poor family. The locals of Uripok have no problem with Rama Krishna Mission School, however dissolving of the school and allowing a missionary to establish its campus at the present premise is condemnable. She further warned to the state government to withdraw the decision of the establish Rama Krishna Mission at Tondonsana Government High school campus before February 25.

## JDCC continues Highway blockade; warns transporters

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** The Jiribam Demand District Committee in a press release has warned travel agencies providing service despite its call for indefinite strike along the highway. It warns such activities to be stopped immediately or else bear the consequences. The JDCC has been demanding for a full fledged Revenue district for a long time but the Government hasn't paid any

attention to its demand, the statement further added. It further alleged the Government of step-motherly attitude towards the people of Jiribam, which has been underdeveloped in many fields and ask the present government to look into the many difficulties faced by the people of Jiribam. It appealed to the people and the Transporters to support its demand for a full-fledged Revenue District.

## Maoist bandh affects normalcy



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** The 24-hour state wide bandh called by Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has largely affected normalcy in the state especially at the capital city. In response to the bandh a business establishments, shops, markets, educational institutes were closed in Imphal. Interstate, inter-district passenger vehicles, including local taxis and autorishaws, were off the roads but some private vehicles were seen playing in the outskirts of Imphal. On the other hand all entertainment programme and theatre house in the state to remain closed. According to a statement of the outfit movement of emergency services, electricity, rituals, water supply and media were relax during the general strike.

## Eastern Army Commander visit Imphal; witnesses Traditional Polo game

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** Lieutenant General Praveen Bakshi, AVSM, VSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command arrived on a two days visit to Manipur on 20 Feb 2016. The Army Commander was briefed on the prevailing security situation in the state wherein he reviewed the operational preparedness of the Army and Assam Rifles deployed in Manipur. The Army Commander during his visit to Senapati, Ukhrul, Bishnupur, Moreh, Kakching and Churachandpur interacting with troops and emphasized on the need to maintain cordial relationship with the populace of Manipur. He lauded the efforts of all the Security



Forces put in towards maintenance of peace and harmony in the state and conveyed his appreciation for various developmental projects being undertaken in coordination with the civil administration. He urged them to continue the good work in a professional manner and within the realms of true ethos of the Armed Forces. The Army Commander also

witnessed a traditional game of Manipur Polo, 'Sagol Kangjei' at Mapal Kangeibung (Manipur Polo Ground) followed by Manipuri traditional performances by artists on 20 February, 2016. The Army Commander appreciated the unique sporting talent and traditions of Manipur and felicitated the players by distributing special mementos on the occasion.

## International Mother Language Day observed

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**Imphal, Feb 21:** Tribal and Endangered Languages Promotion Board and UNESCO Club, Manipur jointly organized UNESCO 17<sup>th</sup> International Mother Language Day at Manipur Press Club. On the occasion Prof R Subba Krishna Memorial Journalist Award 2016-17 was also distributed. In his key note address, Dr Th Chandramani Singh, Organising committee and former Chief Resource Person, Centre for Tribal and Endangered Languages (Language Bureau), Ministry of HRD, Government of Manipur said that out of the 196 language spoken worldwide, Manipuri are also included. Some local dialects of

the state have been announced as extinct while some of them are at the verge of extinction. The main objective of celebrating 17<sup>th</sup> International Mother Language Day celebration is to preserve and save the local languages. Dr Th Chandramani Singh also said that Manipuri language has been listed in the endangered language status. Among the tribal language, Aimol (2200 people), Purum (266 people), Moiyon (2270 people), Monsang (2670 people) are endangered and need collective effort to preserve them. He also appealed the state government to appoint language resource person and establish Language Research Centre in order to promote local dialects and protect them.

## Haryana quota protests:

10 killed, 150 injured; protest reaches UP, security stepped up

**Agency**  
**Chandigarh, Feb 21:** Ten persons have been killed and about 150 injured during the ongoing Jat stir, Haryana DGP Yashpal Singh said on Sunday even as he underlined that his priority was to restore water supply to Delhi and clear road and rail blockades. Meanwhile, leaders of various khap panchayats in Uttar Pradesh blocked several roads

here to demand reservations even as security was stepped up along the UP-Haryana border in the state. "According to the information we have so far, in entire state 10 people have been killed and about 150 injured," he said. The 10 killed belonged to Hajarbar, Rohtak and Kaithal districts. The DGP said his top priority was to restore disrupted water supply to

Delhi from Haryana which has got affected due to the Jat stir. Disruption in water supply to Delhi from Haryana's Munak canal due to the Jat agitation has severely affected water supply to the national capital. "Our first priority is to restore Delhi's water supply, from Akbarpur Barota point (in Sonapat), Police, para forces and technical team of Haryana's Irrigation department has

reached there and we are trying to restore it immediately so that Delhi residents are not inconvenienced," the DGP, who addressed a press conference along with Home Secretary P K Das, said. Singh said that so far close to 50 people have been rounded up for indulging in violence and arson and action is being taken against them as per law.

## Femina Miss Aspirant from Tamenglong missed audition as flight rescheduled

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 21:** Miss Femina aspirant from Tamenglong of Manipur had to miss the audition scheduled today as her flight rescheduled without giving any prior information to her. Vania Chawang was to leave Imphal for New yesterday to attend the audition for the Miss Femina contest today at New Delhi.

According to her source, her flight was scheduled to depart at 3:50 pm but the authority of Air India informed her that her flight was rescheduled at 3:15 pm, and that she is too late to report for departure. The airline does not have the courtesy to inform her about her rescheduled flight. However, the unfortunate event led her to cancel her Delhi audition, she said.