

Sit-in-protest at Yairipok Bazaar against non-maintenance of quality in constructing market shed.



## BJP demands immediate probe over the non-maintenance of quality control to the construction of Khwairamband keithel

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 5:** BJP Manipur Pradesh President, Thongam Chaoba today demanded immediate probe over the non-maintenance of quality control to the construction of Khwairamband Ima Keithel. Speaking to reporters, while inspecting the damage portion of Ima Keithel at around 2.00 pm today, the BJP Manipur Pradesh, President Th. Chaoba said that it was unfortunate that the portion of Ima Keithel was damaged when there is still controversy over the allocation of stalls at the first floor. He said the damage of certain beams and walls at the two Ima Keithel has proved how the constructors of the buildings had maintained the quality. "Garbage plastic, hollow pipe and inappropriate iron rod were seen used for the construction of the historic Khwairamband keithel only after it was damaged after yesterday's tremor", Chaoba said.

He questions on why and how the constructions works of the two historic Khwairamband Keithel has been allotted to Simplex Company, besides urging to

details the name of those involved in the construction of the two Ima Keithel. Chaoba further demanded to constitute an inquiry committee to probe over the issue or handed over to the investigation to independent central agency like CBI. Chaoba further demanded to demolish the present Khwairamband Keithel building and construct new one by maintaining proper quality. He also urged the state government to provide immediate allocation for the vendor ladies at some places before any unwanted crisis occur. The state BJP President said that the matter will also be put up to the notice of the central leadership. On the other hand Keithel Phambi Apunba Lup and Manipur Keithel Nupi also demanded CBI or NIA probe



over the crumbling of the major pillars of the Ima Keithel as the incident had proved that quality has not been maintain to the construction of the two Ima keithel. President of the Keithel Phambi Apunba Lup Mema while speaking to reporters also demanded to constitute inquiry commission against the authority of the Simplex Company which had

## Women vendors of Yairipok bazaar stage protest over lack of quality in market complex construction

**IT News**  
**Thonbal, Jan.5:** Women vendors of Yairipok bazaar today staged sit in protest claiming low quality while constructing the New Yairipok Market Complex leading to damage of the market from the yesterday's earthquake. Federation of Clubs Yairipok submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister demanding alternative arrangement of the vendor ladies and to reconstruct the damaged

market. According to a woman protester, some workers who might be sent by the concern authority came with iron pole to set up support at the damage portion of the market, however, they resisted to enter. The woman said they are afraid to enter the market again to reopen their business. The women demanded to reconstruct a new on instead of repairing it. The new market complex

was inaugurated by ex-workers minister K Ranjit in October 2009. Meanwhile, Federation of clubs Yairipok, as an apex body of Yairipok area submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister O Ibobi through local MLA, Keisham Meghachandra demanding reconstruction of tremor damaged Tampha market and New market complex of Yairipok. The body also demanded for alternative arrangement of the market.

## Bomb found at Kakwa area; Maoist claims responsibility

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 5:** A lethod Shell was found today at the gate of Elite Senior secondary school at around 5 am today morning. The school gate is also the residential entry of JNIMS Director Laishram Deben and his wife L. Sumitra Devi is the Chairperson of the

School. At around 8 am today a team of Singamei police had retrieved the Lethod shell safely. Protesting the placing of the bomb school students, teachers and local meira paibis of the area today staged a sit-in-protest in front of the school at around noon today. Placards which

wrote condemnation to the placing of the bomb were displayed during the protest. Meanwhile Maoist Communist Party Manipur had claimed responsibility to the placing of the Lethod Shell. But clarified that the bomb was not placed as a threat to the school. It said

## Works Minister clarifies on Khwairamband keithel crumbling

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan 5:** Works Minister Kh. Ratan today clarified that state PWD had no hands to the construction of the two Khwairamband keithel which was severely damaged in yesterday's tremor. Speaking to media persons at his office chamber today afternoon, Works Minister Ratan said that the entire construction work of the two Khwairamband Keithel has been done by National Building Construction Company Limited (NBSS)

after it has been handed over to them by the central Government authority. Ratan said that the matter about the non maintenance of quality control to the construction of the Khwairamband keithel has been put to the notice of the Cabinet Secretary of the central government. On the other hand Ratan said that the state government had invited 3 experts from IIT Roorkee including a geo-technical expert to inspect the condition of the

Khwairamband Keithel which was damaged in yesterday's tremor. He said the Geo-technical expert will review the soil of the state. The three experts is likely to arrive in the state on January 7 and will return back on January 11. The experts are Dr. Gendra Singh, Prof. of structural earthquake engineering IIT Roorkee, Dr. Manish Shrikhande Prof. of structural earthquake engineering IIT Roorkee and BK Maheshwari, Prof. Geo technical IIT Roorkee.

## Congress legislature Rajkumar Imo Singh questions bias nature of media

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan. 5:** Congress legislature, Rajkumar Imo Singh has slammed the mainstream media specially at TV News channels to give bit more coverage in detail to what has happened in Manipur and other Northeastern states of this country, where many lives have been lost and so many properties have been destroyed due the worst earthquake. This is a time of grief for all and should stand united together and help each other side by side. There should be any political dram by blaming at such time of grief, as this a natural calamity and no one could stop this force of nature now or in future, the MLA appealed to all, he said. "Manipur will emerge stronger than ever before this

earthquake." The earthquake that jolted at 6.8 Richter scale affected some dwelling houses at Wahengbam Leikai, Moirang Leirak Machin and other parts of Sagolband Assembly Constituency in Imphal West district. During the visit, the MLA assured the affected families of Wahengbam Leikai to extend all possible help personally from his side as well as from the government through concerned authorities. Meeting the locals of Moirang Leirak, Imo also assured to rebuild the temple situated at Moirang Leirak Machin, which was badly damaged by the earthquake, and affected portions of Community Hall of Moirang Leirak Chawungbam Mapa.

## Designated tribunal to hear NSCN(K) case

**PTI**  
**Kohima, Jan. 5:** The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal set up by the Centre will hear the case of NSCN(K) having been declared an unlawful association later this month at Delhi High Court, the state government has said. The registrar of the tribunal has asked NSCN(K) to appear before it through a duly-authorised person on January 14 at 3 PM in Delhi High Court for further proceedings, the release informed here last night.

The Centre had set up the tribunal — comprising Justice Najmi Waziri, a judge of Delhi High Court, for adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring NSCN(K) an unlawful association under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The Centre on September 16 last had declared the outfit as an unlawful organisation for a period of five years under Unlawful Activities (Prevention), Act, 1967.

### Book Releases

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Jan.5:** An anthology of poetry called "Masu Nangumbani" authored by L. Puinyabati Devi was released today at Manipur Press Club. Minister AK Mirabai, while attaining the function expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and injuries and property damaged in the yesterday's deathly tremor. While referring to the work of writer Puinyabati, who is visually impaired, Mirabai encouraged her to continue writing. A Manimala, Member, Takyel Zila Parishad and K Somolata Devi, Pradhan, Takyel Gram Panchayat also attended the function.

**By : Raj Singh**  
**Toronto, Canada**  
Is Imphal Earthquake a bolt from the blue?  
I would say that we all knew or were jinxed that a big earthquake would one day hit Manipur! A scientist at the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Jorhat once told me – Not a single day passes without an earthquake in Manipur. Readers: for your information - it is true! Earthquakes relentlessly strike Manipur everyday. We feel only the strong ones. Now, we have been struck by a strong one, 6.7 scale, January 04, 4.35 am local time

## Earthquakes will strike again!

and the hypocentre (depth) variously reported in the range from 17 km to 55 km. (IMD 17, GEOFON 37, EMSC 50, USGS 55). Imphal City is just 29 km from the epicentre as the crow flies. Fortunately, very few people were killed, a little more than a hundred injured and a few buildings collapsed. Could the Imphal earthquake have been more disastrous? You never know. But, we need to ask. I personally witnessed an exactly identical earthquake 20 years ago on January 17, 1995 in Japan – the famous Kobe Earthquake; 6.8 scale,

hypocentre at 17 km, epicentre 20 km away from the worst hit Kobe City. I was thrown out of bed but not killed because I was a little farther away in another city. Both these earthquakes of identical features struck their cities at the wee hours of the night (Kobe 5.46 am; Imphal 4.35 am) when most people were still asleep. But, the Kobe earthquake killed 6500 people, pulled down hundreds of tall buildings and flyovers, flattened thousands of traditional tile-roofed houses and it sent bullet trains off their tracks. The damaged monetarily cost Japan 100

billion dollars. How was Kobe earthquake much more disastrous? How couldn't Japan, a much more earthquake-aware and technologically advanced country stop it or at least reduce the damage? The answer is that a myriad factors determine the severity of the impact of an earthquake. Some of those factors are beyond human control (the geologic factors) while some (like building codes, drills etc.) still can be managed to reduce impact. Since earthquakes are frequent in Japan it is quite possible that smaller scale earthquakes of some

casualties became a way of life for Japanese and they even became careless about controlling some of the controllable factors during the relatively calmer decades after the Fukui City Earthquake of 1948 that killed about 4000 people. The heavy ceramic roof tiles on weak wooden frames of traditional Japanese homes were blamed as killers during Kobe earthquake of 1995. How come the Japanese did not know about this problem before Kobe? The Japanese learned a new lesson and reviewed their Earthquake Disaster Management Protocols after Kobe. (Contd. on page 2)

**Office of the Headmaster**  
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**NOTICE**  
**4 January 2016**

No. 1/16/N/2016-NIGHS: It is hereby declared that the election for the post of Guardian Representative, Teacher Representative, Local Education along with the President/Secretary as per the Letter No. 6/3/95-ED(ZEO.II) dated the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 was held on 24-12-2015 in the Office Chamber of the North Imphal Girls High School wherein Shri. N. Iboton Singh, Local Educationist and Shri. Kh. Bikramjit Singh, Local Educationist were elected as the President and the Secretary respectively. It is further notified that any objection towards this election may be made on or before 7 January 2016.

Sd/-  
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Election of the new SMC  
North Imphal Girls High School