



Professors from the IIT Rourkee taking stock of Kwairamband Ima keithel

Ima Keithel can be repaired - Experts

IT News
Imphal Jan 7: Professors from the IIT Rourkee who were invited by the state government to take stock of the damage caused by the January 4 tremor here in Imphal today said that the damage cause at Kwairamband Ima Keithel can be repaired and rehabilitated. "The Building has developed serious damage and the

situation is dangerous", said Dr. Yogendra Singh, Prof. of Structural Earthquake, Dept. of Earthquake Engineering IIT Rourkee after investigating the site. He said that the administration has done right step by evacuating the building. He said that there is no need to demolish and reconstruct the existing market building but need extensive analysis on how to repair it. "The damage portion can be

removed and repairing can be done by putting some additional material", Prof. Yogendra said. The Prof. however said that if another strong earthquake occurred then the building is not safe. "Nobody can predict an earthquake, it is not possible to predict on when or where or how strong it will occur at any place", the professor said. As there is possibility of aftershock which may be

stronger or less affective, it is not right to take any decision as of the moment. It is suggested to vacate the place for time being. Dr. Yogendra Singh, Dr. Manish Shrikhande and Dr. BK Maheshwari, all from the IIT Rourkee were invited by the state government to assess the damage that occurred at many building in the state and also to give their views on whether the Ima keithel can be repaired or not.

AMWJU celebrates 41st foundation day of Manipur Press Club

IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: 41st Foundation day of the Manipur Press Club was held on Wednesday at the Manipur Press Club. The foundation day organised by the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union was attended by Commerce and Industries Minister K Govindas as the Chief Guest, President of AMWJU W. Shanjai as president and Chief Secretary O Nabakishore as the guest of honour. As a part of the foundation day celebration AMWJU honoured senior journalists who had retired from the profession. A two minutes silence was also observed as mark of honoured to the 8 souls who had died during January 4 tremor and also as a mark of respect to Chief Editor of Paoljel Sanajaoba who had left us all for heavenly abode last week.

Veteran Journalist K. Madhumangol, while speaking on the occasion recalled on how the present building of the Manipur Press Club came into existence. Another veteran Journalist Tombiraj said that journalist of the time had struggled hard to occupied the present premises which is now reserved and stands for the journalists fraternity of the state.

Bandh continues at Moirang

IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: Moirang bandh called by JAC formed against the conversion of Thangting to Thangting and Thangting Sub-division continue to affect normal traffic along the route. However, Education, religious ceremonies and essential services are not affected as it has been exempted from the purview of the bandh. No report of untoward incident so far. In a press communiqué the JAC warned indefinite blockade at Tiddim road if their demands are not met by 3 pm today.

Govt. assures alternative place for Ima vendors

IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: Vendor ladies of Kwairamband Ima Keithel which was damaged during the January 4 tremor today staged protest in front of Luxmi Market demanding alternative arrangement for doing business. Work minister Ratan and Social welfare minister AK

Mirabai came to the site where the protest was staged and consoled the stating that the government is doing to provide an alternative place for the vendor ladies. Ratan said that the government is looking for an appropriate place to set up a temporary market at the earliest possible time.

2 rebels killed in encounter

IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: Two rebels were reported killed in an encounter that took place at Indo-Myanmar Border in Ukhrul district on January 5. A statement of the PIB defence said that the encounter occurred after three suspected rebels fired upon a troop of 44 AR when they were told to halt at Grihang and Kamjong Area in Ukhrul district. The AR troopers were conducting search operation at the area on that time. The statement

said another suspected rebels managed to escape from the site. One AK-56 Rifle alongwith magazine, twelve live rounds of 7.62mm and five fired cases of 7.62mm have been recovered from the spot. The dead bodies of the two UGs have been brought at RIMS morgue today morning. One among the dead has been identified as Sinam Aboynao (16 years) son of S. Romesh of Thangmeiband Pollem Leikai. The other is yet to be identified.

Man killed while clearing quake debris

IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: A 22 year old person was killed and another sustained serious injury after a roof of a crumbled building falls upon them while trying to clean the area at Leimakhong area around 9am today. The house was destroyed in the January 4 tremor. The deceased is been

identified as Mangboi touthang (23) son of Tongkhonglen Touthang of Leimakhong and the injured one is identified Jangningthang touthang (22) son of Hengjang Tongthang of Bilei village of Saikhul. The injured person were admitted to Raj Medicity.

People with disabilities still a neglected lot: DDAM

IT News
Imphal Jan 7: The disabled in the state has continued to be a neglected lot with every public departments and government authorities continuing to provide lip-service without even attempting to alleviate their plight despite assurances and legislations. Md Yunus Khan, Secretary, The Disabled Development Association Manipur (DDAM), in a press release today highlighted the deplorable condition in which the handicapped persons were made to spend their lives. Mentioning various welfare measures announced such as the Marriage Incentive for the

disabled announced in 2013 by the government, PWD Act, 1995-1996 which promised free education till the age of 18 years for the handicapped etc, the release sought the attention of the state government to implement these incentives as promised. The release further drew attention to the fact that openings for jobs and other employment opportunities in various departments have so far failed to provide adequate opportunities to disabled persons, and the interest of these people have not been taken into consideration so far. On a positive note, the release applauded the

decision of L Nabakishwar, Chief Secretary in selecting an experienced and enthusiastic individual who have worked tirelessly for the welfare of the disabled as the Director of Social Welfare Department and expressed hope that the long-awaited incentives and measures to alleviate the plight of the disabled will be implemented at the earliest. DDAM also congratulated L Amarendra Sharma on being awarded the 'National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities' by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for his relentless endeavor to elevate the conditions of the disabled persons.

Pathankot Air Base operation a tactical success

IT Exclusive
Imphal Jan 7: Just days after the brazen attack on the Pathankot air force base at Indo-Pak border by terrorists were thwarted, details of how the operation was actually carried out have emerged, and with it the fact that despite several lacunae and controversies in hindsight, the security personnel, including the DSC jawans, NSG Commandoes and the Army braved the highly trained suicide squad from across the border. According to a source close to Imphal Times, it is learnt that the operation was executed with extreme efficiency by the

security personnel with minimum loss of life as out of the total six security personnel killed, five unnamed DSC jawans died in the initial surprise attack by the terrorists which used the element of surprise to their advantage. Only Lt. Col. Niranjan, a Ganud Commando of the NSG died in the actual operation while handling a dead terrorist whose body was booby-trapped with explosives. The operation also saved the valuable national assets at the Air Force Base. The security and intelligence agencies were forewarned of the terrorists having infiltrated the

Pathankot area and were on alert even before the actual target can be ascertained. When the attack commenced, the security personnel were able to engage the terrorists and thwart their attempt to destroy valuable assets at the base, while making sure that there is no more loss of life or injury to the security forces which meant that the surviving terrorists were cordoned off successfully for the night and prevented from making further damage to the assets or to civilian lives after which the operation was completed successfully the next day.

Pre Poll violence : 1 sustains bullet injury

IT News
Imphal, Jan.7: Certain reports are coming up from different places of Manipur, in connection with upcoming All Manipur Municipal Council and Nagar Panchayat election to be held on 11 January. A man injured in a gunshot incident at the residence of Mrs Sharila, an INC candidate for councillor ward no. 5 under Lilong Municipal Council at Lilong

Haoreibi Lou Makha on the night of January 5. The injured person identified as Akil Ahmed (21) son of late Md Siraj from the same locality while unidentified persons fired a double barrel gun when a group of people were playing carom on that night at the candidate's house. Later the injured was taken to Lilong Hospital and the person's health condition was said to be stable after medical treatment. He got minor injury at his left hand and right side leg during the fire.

Suresh Sharma is the new DGBR

IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma has taken over as the 24th Director General Border Roads (DGBR) on January 6, 2016. Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma was commissioned into Corps of Engineers from Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and has attended all prestigious courses of the Indian Army including Staff Course at Defence Service Staff College, Wellington, Higher Defence Management Course at College of Defence Management, Secunderabad and the National Defence College, New Delhi.

FEGOCTA, SEACO condole

IT News
Imphal, Jan.7: Federation of government College Teachers' Association, Manipur (FEGOCTA) and SEAOCO condole the loss of lives and injuries suffered due to the earthquake which jolted on the early morning of January 4. In a statement FEGOCTA expressed its serious concern about the damages of the public places and buildings of educational institutions in Manipur. FEGOCTA further appealed to the government college teachers to donate to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction. Though such occurrence of natural calamity is beyond human power to control, the association urged government and people to take up certain steps such as awareness campaign, training and strict enforcement of safety and construction rules which will reduce loss and damages in future. Inclusion in the curriculum and syllabus in the schools and colleges about the earthquake becomes a necessity, suggest FEGOCTA. SEACO too in a press statement expressed concern about the loss of lives as well as damage of properties in the recent tremor.

BJP Mahila Morcha extends aid to quake victims



IT News
Imphal, Jan 7: A Team of BJP Mahila Morcha led by its national vice-president A Sarda Devi on Wednesday extended financial assistance to the earthquake affected victims who are undergoing medical treatment at RIMS Hospital. Accompanied by former BJP Mahila Morcha presidents RK Santirani, Gunabati and other NGO workers, A Sarda Devi personally met the victims and handed over the financial assistance amounting Rs 1000 each to quake affected victims. While condoling loss of lives due to the 6.7 magnitude earthquake, BJP Mahila Morcha Vice president A Sarda said that the incident was very unfortunate. As Manipur falls under seismic zone-V, providing awareness to the general public about the earthquake is need of the hour. While

constructing new buildings, people need to follow the building bye laws, she said. Taking a jibe at congress government, she said that cracks developed in the newly constructed historic Ima Market of Manipur as quality was not properly maintained while constructing the market. Natural disaster has revealed the corrupt practices of the government, she added. It may be recalled that 60 quake affected victims were hospitalized at RIMS on Monday. Of it, 40 patients have already been discharged from the hospital after their health condition was not critical. The devastating earthquake measured 6.8 magnitude rocking Manipur in the wee hours of Monday. So far eight people have been confirmed dead, while more than 100 others have been admitted injured.