



## IT IMPACT: road construction started along Moirang -Wangoo stretch of Tiddim road

**IT News**  
**Imphal, June 4:** Public Works Department, Government of Manipur has started road development work along the Moirang-Kumbi- Wangoo stretch of Tiddim road.

The ongoing road development work was witnessed during a follow-up tour at the area by representatives of Imphal Times yesterday.

Speaking to this paper, a 29-years-old resident of Kumbi Keithel said that the road blacktopping work had started few days back. Since the area is far from the capital city, the state government seems to have less attention or interest on the conditions of roads and



which have not been repaired for the last 8-9 years. But the progress of work is slow and is being carried out in a leisurely manner creating much inconvenience to the localities at large. Even if the present road development work started after a long time, people of the Kumbi Assembly Constituency are thankful to PWD for starting black topping work along the Moirang-Kumbi-Wangoo stretch of Tiddim road, said the youth. Another resident opined that the pace of work needs to be picked up as there is the danger of accidents happening due to the present ongoing work where slush and pebbles are being strewn

over long stretches of the road. It may be recalled that as part of the ongoing OUTREACH initiative of Imphal Times, a team of this daily paper toured Kumbi area on May 31 and interacted with villagers.

Highlighting the pathetic condition of roads under Kumbi Assembly constituency, Imphal Times carried a news item under the headline, 'Sitting and Ex-MLA of Kumbi Should be Responsible for Eventualities Owing to Pathetic Road Condition' on June 1 edition. As a possible impact of the news item, the authority had started the road construction work after Imphal Times portrayed the cries of the localities of the areas owing to bad road conditions and drew the attention of the government to look into the situation at the earliest.



## Loktak development authority rejuvenates Loktak Lake

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 4:** For overall improvement and management and to check the deteriorating conditions and to bring about improvement along with development in the fields of fisheries, agricultures, tourism and afforestation of the Loktak, the main tourist attraction of the state, the Govt. of Manipur constituted Loktak Development Authority (LDA) in 1986. Under the project "Conservation and Management of Loktak Lake" major activities viz. Management of phumdis in the Loktak lake, improvement of drainage system, desiltation at the critical area, construction of cross regulator, catchment area conservation, construction of sanitary toilets, biodiversity, enhancement of fish resources with the establishment of hatchery, operationalisation of hatcheries etc.

The Loktak Development Authority rejuvenated Loktak Lake through project intervention with the financial support from NEC, MOEF and Planning Commission as the overall ecosystem health of the Lake is improving on various parameters. Restoration of the open water regime in the Central Sector of the lake by removing athaphums, phumths with the control of further proliferation is the most significant achievement.

With the support of Forest Department, degraded forest areas in the lake catchment are being restored through intensive plantation works and livelihood improvement

programmes. In convergence with the Total Sanitation Programme, PHED have constructed sanitary toilets in the island and lakeshore villages for improving the quality of living and ecosystem health of the lake. Fisheries have been developed by operationalising community based hatcheries in the lake shore villages to enhance the fish productivity. Management of the lake basin has been made more effective through various policy instruments and legislating supported by awareness and education programmes. Govt. of Manipur aims to integrate the Associated Wetlands of Loktak Lake to bring about comprehensive management of this priceless natural capital. In order to address livelihood issues of the Wetland dependent communities livelihood programmes and cultural heritage based tourism will be promoted.

The Loktak Lake serves as a source of water for hydropower generation, irrigation and drinking water supply. The lake is also a source of livelihood for the rural fishermen who live in the surrounding areas and on phumdis, also known as "phumshongs". Human activity has led to severe pressure on the lake ecosystem. 55 rural and urban hamlets around the lake have a population of about 100,000 people.

The LDA has been working earnestly for maintaining of ecosystem balance and to

bring economic development for the people in the area. Some of the works taken up by LDA are: Desiltation at the critical areas (12.19 Lcum), Removal of phumdis (257.91 Lcum), Removal of athaphum/alternate fishing gear ( Providing economic package to athaphum owners) 8594 nos., flushing out phumdis 127.25 Lsqm, Removal of phumdis from drainage system, 4.20 Lcum, Removal of phumths under livelihood programme (Providing Economic Packages to the owner) 519 nos., Total sanitation coverage 6288 nos, Establishment of hatchery 16 units, Improvement of drainage system 7.53 Lcum, Channelisation of river/streams 1 Lcum, Phumdi Compost 6350 Mt, Cross Regulator 6 nos., Water Master Classic III 1 nos., Hydraulic excavators 21 nos., Tata tippers 1 nos., Administrative Building Phase II 1 nos., Lake restocking 25 lacs., Afforestation in the catchment area 20054 Ha., Aided regeneration 24538 Ha., Agro Forestry 5000 Ha., Small Scale Engineering Works, Contour Trenching 525.45 Ha, Vegetative check dam 8388 Rm., Gabion Check Dam 850 Ha., Baboo Spur 4736 Rm., Boulder saungases 4166.40 Rm., Water harvesting structure 4166.40 Rm., Alternate source of energy 2500 units., Community participation 13754 Ha., Institution formation of community 13754 Ha., Diversion channel 10 km, Cultural operation 680 Ha., Plantation of banana, pineapple etc 385 H.

## PM meets Athletes Contingent for Rio Olympics

**PIB(DEFENCE)**

**Imphal, July 4:** The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today met over 60 athletes who shall be part of India's contingent at the Rio Olympic Games.

The Prime Minister met each athlete individually, besides interacting informally with the athletes. He encouraged the athletes to perform to the best of their ability in the world's biggest sporting arena. Several former Olympians including MC Mary Kom, Anju Bobby George and P. Gopichand were among those present at the gathering.

Over 100 Indian athletes from 13 different disciplines have qualified for the Rio Olympics.

The Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Jitendra Singh was also present on the occasion.

## Union Cabinet expansion to take place tomorrow

**PII**

**New Delhi, July 4:** The much-talked about expansion of the Union Cabinet is set to take place tomorrow morning, a top government official said today.

Principal spokesperson of the government Frank Norhona tweeted that "cabinet expansion" will take place tomorrow at 11 AM.

There were talks of cabinet expansion for the past several months amid speculation that Prime Minister Narendra Modi could induce new faces from Uttar Pradesh which is going to polls next year. There is also a vacancy in the Council of Ministers after Sports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal became the Chief Minister of Assam.

## Meghachandra Kongbam Director(IPR) receives 3-member PCI Team led by Ravindra Kumar at Imphal Airport

**DIPR**

**Imphal, July 4:** A Sub-Committee under the convensorship of Shri Ravindra Kumar and consisting of Shri C. K. Nayak and Shri Kosuri Amarnath members constituted by the Press Council of India arrived here today. Shri Meghachandra Kongbam, Director of Information and Public Relations received them at the Imphal Airport.

The purpose of the Sub-Committee is to evolve guidelines for the media and security forces on reporting in conflict situations in North East India. The team will interact with the State Government as well as stakeholders during their stay in Imphal. The team will leave Imphal on July 6.

The Press Council of India, a quasi-judicial, statutory authority set up by an Act of Parliament, for the purpose of preserving the freedom of the press and of maintaining and improving the standards of



newspapers and news agencies in India, has been mandated to keep check on such developments which have the tendency to affect the freedom of press.

## National Sports University plan continues

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 4:** Chief Secretary O Nabakishore Singh will be meeting Rajiv Yadav, Secretary, Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports on July 11 at the national capital to discuss various issues relating to National Sports University, Manipur. It may be mentioned that the owners of Yaithibi

Loukol where the Sports University is to be constructed has denied ever selling their lands to the state government and have resolved to prevent any construction activities around the area at any cost after the Chief Minister have gone on record stating that the acquisition of land required for the University is almost over.

## Rescue operation underway in rain hit Uttarakhand; Assam floods affect thousands of people

**Dehradun, July 4:** In Uttarakhand relief and rescue operation is going on in the disaster affected villages of Pithoragarh.

With the clearing of landslides on Gangotri and Yamunotri national highways in Uttarkashi, vehicular traffic to both the shrines has been resumed.

Yatra on the Kedarnath route was already going on uninterrupted. Continued efforts are being made to open the Badrinath national highway which was blocked at some places in Chamoli district since last three days.

Meanwhile, the State Chief Minister Harish Rawat has asked the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that the yatis to the Chardhams are not stranded on the route.

In the event of road blocks, they should be stayed at safer places and provided with food, water and lodging facilities. In Assam, thousands of people are reeling under the fury of flood in Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Jorhat and Nagaon districts. State Disaster Management

Authority said that district administrations are constantly monitoring the situation.

Flood water also affected huge area of agriculture land. Normal life has been affected at river island Majuli due to flood. The Brahmaputra and its a few tributaries are flowing above the danger level. On the other hand, low lying areas of the Kaziranga national park has been inundated and inhabitants of the park were moved to higher places.

## JAC against 'Wanted' tag reiterates demands

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 4:** The JAC formed against the 'Wanted' tag on former JCILPS convener Kh Ratan strongly condemned the silence of state government on the removal of wanted tag at a press meet held at singjamei thong today. Speaking to media persons, media Co-ordinator thongam Dara said that it is very unfortunate that the state government is still silent on the demand of the people about the removal of wanted tag on K.Ratan and implementation of ILPS in Manipur.

He further added that the JAC has made three demands including the state government to remove the wanted tag on Kh Ratan as soon as possible, the state government to pass a new bill to protect the

indigenous people and before passing the bill, to consult the people of the state. He further added that if the

government failed to fulfil the demands various intense agitations and protests will continue soon.

## DIPR's serial press conference kicks off

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**Imphal, July 4:** Organised by Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Government of Manipur, a series of press conferences of Head of Department has been started from today at the premise of DIPR, Moirangkhom. At the inaugural session, Chief Secretary of Manipur, O Nabakishore said while delivering an introductory speech said that the 'Series of

Press Conference of HODs' initiative is a welcoming move towards a transparent governance. At the first press conference, N Sanatombi Singh, Deputy Secretary, Directorate of Agriculture; Louis Ngashaino, Director of Agriculture Department; Ph Rajendro, Additional Director of Agriculture Department and H Ibomcha Singh, Nodal Officer of RKUY interacted with media person.

## High alert on Indo-Bangla border in Assam after Dhaka terror attack

**Assam, July 4:** In Assam, a high alert has been sounded on the Indo-Bangla border of the state in the wake of the terror attack in Dhaka. Assam shared 262 km of India and Bangladesh border. Assam police headquarter has directed all SPs to keep a strict vigil to thwart any possible activities of ISIS in the state particularly the SPs of Cachar, Karimganj and Dhubri have also been cautioned to be on maximum

alert sources said. According to official sources, all the SPs have been instructed to gear up their intelligence machinery and keep a close watch on the situation. Although authorities have not perceived any footprint of ISIS in Assam in the recent past, considering the gravity of the situation in the neighbouring country the alert has been issued, sources explained.