

Social Welfare Minister AK Mirabai inaugurating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observance



PCI team to visit Imphal

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Imphal, June 26: A three member team of the Press Council of India is visiting Imphal to take stock of the condition of the journalist fraternity working in the state of Manipur.

All Manipur Working Journalists' Union President, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai while speaking to reporters said that the 3 member team comprising of Amarnath, member PCI, Rajendra Kumar, member PCI and Nayak member PCI will be visiting the state on July 4. The PCI team will be meeting the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary and other high officials of the state government during their stay in Imphal.

Shyamjai said that the PCI team is expected to take stock of the various threat to media houses as well as journalists of the state. Shyamjai further appealed to all members of AMWJU to take part at the receiving ceremony of the PCI team on July 4.

Meanwhile, Shyamjai said that AMWJU will stop distributing rice to its members due to the implementation of Food Security Act since April 2016.

"Since the last many years media community in the state has been facing lot of disturbances from different sections, there were incidence

of journalists facing bomb threats, gun fire at media houses and threatening of journalists in the state", Shyamjai said.

The AMWJU also recounted the incidents at which seven working journalists have been killed by either the UGs or the state force during various incidents occurred between June 30, 1993 to December 23, 2012.

The visit is in response to the complaints made from the state journalists against the various kind of threats received by the state journalists.

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Imphal, June 26: Officials of state Public Works Department (PWD), Govt. of Manipur today showed the mended portion of the tilted double-storied shopping complex at Thoubal Wangmatoba to Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh who personally went for inspecting the complex today morning. It is not clear whether the Chief Minister is being ridiculed or acting intentionally, but he was not taken to take stock of the crack portion appeared in the middle of the double-storied building. The PWD officials led by one SE identified as N. Subash showed him the mended portion of the building only. The official was heard telling the Chief Minister that there

is no danger foreseen in the building in the coming days. Explaining on why the crack appeared some two days ago at the front portion, the PWD official took excuse of the heavy vehicle (loaded truck) which frequently pass the way for renovation works currently undergoing at Ima Panthoibi Temple complex which is located at some few metres away at the southern side of the building. Later, the PWD official stated that the tilted portion can be supported by constructing pillar from the other end and making it as frame.

Chief Minister Okram Ibobi was accompanied by the DC Thoubal, SP Thoubal and Chairperson of the Thoubal Municipal Council.

Interestingly, the building of



the Thoubal Municipal Council (TMC) which is located close to the market complex was also equally notice in endangered condition in the last two days. But, no heavy vehicles pass along the route. "How could the passing of the

heavy vehicles a reason for the development when the same is happening at the other building where heavy vehicles don't pass?" a local said to media persons.

This reporter also witnessed no presence of any representatives from the Simplex Company which had officially constructed the market complex.

The crack portion appeared on the ground was reportedly mended only yesterday evening as this reporter have photo evidence of the market shed taken late afternoon.