

Chief Secretary of Manipur inaugurating the Technical and Cultural festival at NIT Manipur Campus, Langol.



Activist apprises NHRC on pathetic condition of Loktak lake

IT News Imphal, March 31: Environmentalist and Social activist, Asnikumar Moirangthem has drawn the attention of National Human Rights Commission of India to protect the rights of indigenous people, who have been victimized by Loktak Multi-propose project. Asnikumar Moirangthem is also the general secretary of BJP Manipur Pradesh. In a memorandum to the Chairperson of the Commission, the activist apprised that the natural lake

environment of the area and its indigenous people have been adversely affected and degraded by the implementation of the Loktak Lake Multi-propose Project run by the National Hydro Power Corporation, India. Loktak is the natural heritage of the state which significantly has socio-cultural and economic activities, however, now after the implementation of the Multi-propose Project the physiological, biological and ecological conditions of the Lake has been deteriorated

beyond recovery, observed Asnikumar. While stating that no environmental impact assessment was conducted before the implementation of the project, he said that the authority of the NHRC has violated the rights of indigenous population in and around the lake with false assurance. Not only violating the norms and procedures lay down by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the NHRC and its Multi-propose Project has

caused total deprivation to the "right to life" and right to environment and protection of cultural heritage of Loktak and her people. Taking advantage of the ignorance of the fishing community of Loktak Lake, the incumbent state government has promulgated an anti-people and anti-fishermen Act-the Loktak Protection Act-2006- on half-cook manner, said the activist while urging the Commission to review the Loktak Lake Protection Act-2006 to save the lake.

State department snubs IIT-Delhi offer for solutions to restoration of Ima Keithel

IT Exclusive Imphal, March 31: Thousands of women vendors of the two Ima Keithels are still struggling to be provided with proper places for marketing their wares after the 6.8 Richter scale earthquake on January 4 this year damaged the two structures making it necessary for the vendors to vacate their stalls. Meanwhile, after an expert team from IIT Roorkee led by Prof Dr Yogendra inspected the damaged Ima Keithel building on January 8, it has come to light that an expression of interest for providing technical input in rehabilitation of Ima Keithel from Dr. Dipri Ranjan Sahoo, Assistant Professor-

Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi to the Chief Engineer (Building) of the PWD made on January 11 has so far failed to elicit any reply. It is evident that the state government is more concerned with providing makeshift and temporary marketing sheds for the displaced vendors than pressing for the completion of retrofitting of the damaged structures to end the woes of the women vendors permanently. What also remains a mystery is the reluctance of the state to respond to an offer from another prestigious institute to study the deficiencies in the structures, explore various strengthening strategies

that will make the structures reusable and seismically-resistant and propose simple yet cost-effective rehabilitation technique without altering the aesthetics and architectural importance. If nothing, such a study will provide an alternative and will definitely broaden the knowledge of the concern at the state level and will prove a huge fillip in future eventualities. The baffling silence from the state authority on the issue needs to be made understood to the public, especially the much harassed and displaced women vendors as the matter is one of livelihood of thousands of people from the state.

JAC urges to take action against fraud agent

IT News Imphal, March 31: An Assistant Professor of DM College of Science identified as Pukhrabam Innak Khunbi had allegedly collected huge sum of money from around 300 persons in the pretext of providing loan. The loanee formed a JAC to precede legal action against the said person. In a press meet held today afternoon, convener of the JAC, Sivakumar said that Pukhrabam Innak Khunbi of senapati colony of Thangmeiband who is also an assistant professor at DM college of science collected the huge amount on the pretext of providing business loan, housing loan from a Delhi based Disha FenCrop. Private limited. The Assistant Professor stated that she is a direct selling agent of the Disha FenCrop. The JAC urged concern authority to help the loanee in getting the amount collected by him.

MSF warns SSA authority, contractors to come forward

IT News Imphal, March 31: Newly constructed school building under SSA Bishnupur district, which was upgraded from EGS, were found leakages and constructed not maintaining minimum standard of building quality. None maintenance of quality control new schools building was found by Organisation Secretary of MSF headquarter during their Academic Campaign of "Eikhoi Lairik Ningthina Tamshii". Organisation Secretary of MSF headquarter has expressed his displeasure over the current condition of the schools and wondered how the students can earn knowledge while seating under the roof of such buildings that does not

maintain the minimum standard of building quality. Torbung Bangla Primary School, Wangu Napaching Primary School, Wathalambi Santipur Primary School, Chairol Ahallup Primary School and Noudakhong Khongnangkong Primary School are the schools which have failed to maintain minimum quality control while constructing the buildings. MSF leader has also appealed Manipur government, Education Minister and ZEO of Zone IV to look into the conditions of the school buildings and newly construct the buildings at the earliest. While stating that Manipur government and its concern ZEOs must take responsibility for any eventualities, he warned the responsible

contractors to come forward within two days. Meanwhile, teachers and students of Saton Government School and Kumbi School has informed MSF about lack of teachers and non supply of school uniforms, text books to the students under SSA by the concern authority.

MSF Warns

IT News Imphal, March 31: Manipuri Students Federation (MSF) has condemned the attack of a student by a group of miscreants who had assaulted a class ten student near the school gate yesterday morning. The student identified as H James, studying in class X at Little Master Hr. Sec. School Samurou was assaulted by a gang near the school.

IPAK to launch "Save Paddy Land" campaign from tomorrow

IT News Imphal, March 31: The ever dwindling availability of agricultural land in Manipur valley is a rising cause for alarm to food security in the State. Selling of arable land to outside people and construction of buildings and houses in the areas being major causes of the problem, the Indigenous People's Association of Kangleipak (IPAK) is set to hold 4 days Residential Camp cum Awareness program under the theme "Save Paddy Land" at four valley districts of

Manipur viz Imphal East & West, Bishnupur and Thoubal in an effort to address the issue. Sapanmcha Jadumani, Chairman IPAK told media persons at a press conference at its office that out of total area of 22,327 SqKm, only 10% comprises of valley area with a little portion of its 3% being arable land. But due to continuous conversion of the arable land into establishment of business set up, construction of buildings and houses on one hand while selling out of such

lands to non indigenous and outsiders being another major threat. At this hour, he said people of our state need to understand the ground situation, in connection with that Street Plays, group discussions and other awareness activities will be held at all Municipality and Nagar Panchayat areas in the four districts during the four days. He further appealed the people of Manipur to come out and co-ordinate the program to make it a success.

Govt. Model School Students stage protest in front of school

IT News Imphal, March 31: Students of Keishamthong High School (Govt. Model School) today cancelled their classes and stage protest demonstration in front of their school against the dilapidated conditions of the school. "Two hours rain flooded the school entrance which is also a stretch of MI Road and we have to take out our shoes to cross it", said a student while talking to reporters. The students came out of the school cancelling their classes after 4th period at around 1.30 pm today to express their displeasure over the attitude of the concern government departments. "Sometimes the splash of water from passing vehicles

wet our uniform", another student said. The bitter truth is that the drainage system constructed at the side of the road has been in the condition since its construction and no government authorities including the Public Works Department and MAHUD had ever taken up any initiative to look into the matter though everyone knows the portion is just in front of the Govt. Model School besides being a state high way. On the other hand the students said that despite the fact that Keishamthong Model School is one among the aspirant govt. project to boost the education system in the state, the school is now left without a Head Master since January this year.



The previous head master of the school N Kananbala retired on January 31 and since then govt. had not sent any person to replace him. When asked about it to the school teachers, they said the matter has been put to the notice of the school education department in

written. "We the teachers of the school had submitted a memorandum to send somebody to field the post of Head Master to the Director of education on January 19 as the previous head master was to retire on January 31", said a teacher.

However, till today no person has been sent, he added. On the other hand, the toilet of the school was reportedly damaged during the January 4 earthquake but it is not repaired till today despite the fact that it has been reported time and again.

Medical Camp

IT News Imphal, March 31: 17 Assam Rifles of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a free medical camp at Makan village in Ukhrul district of Manipur state under "Operation Sadbhavana" programme for the FY 2015-16 on 28 March 2016. The medical team of the unit provided medical aid to 110 villagers including men, women and children and distributed free medicines to the locals. The main objective of organising the medical camp was to reach out to the poor and needy people residing in remote areas of Ukhrul district bordering Myanmar. The locals lauded the efforts of Assam Rifles and expressed their gratitude for this noble gesture.

Teachers' quarter inaugurated at Thamlai

IT News Chandel, March 31: Under District Council Administration, Executive Member of ADC, Chandel, Pu Ch. Meshil (Ranjit) inaugurated Barrack type teachers' quarters of Thamlai Primary School at Thamlai village under Machi Block in Chandel District today. Speaking to media persons Meshil said that the barrack type teachers' quarters have been constructed under SPA, 2014-15, estimated cost about 40 Lakhs. M. Morungng Maring, Member ADC, Chandel, P. Morung, AI of ADC, Chandel, T. Meshun, Thamlai Village Chief, Teachers and Students attended the inauguration function.

Kabui women complaints high handedness of MLA's security escort

IT News Imphal, March 31: Konthoujam Mamang Tribal Women society (KMTWS) vehemently condemned the attitude of security escort provided to MLA K. Sarat of Konthoujam Assembly Constituency. The escort allegedly scolded to a group of women using unparliamentary words to a group of Kabui lady on

March 26 at around 9.30 pm near Free Progressive School in Konthoujam area. Speaking to media persons, secretary of the KMTWS Chingdinliu Kamei said the matter has been complaint to the wife of K Sarat on the next day. She further condemned the attitude of the MLA's wife for not taking the matter seriously. The groups of Kabui ladies

were returning to their home wearing traditional attires after attending a customary programme at Konthoujam Maning Village. The KMTWS drew the attention of the government into the matter and urges immediate action against the escort personnel before any untoward incident occurred.

Cook house for school constructed under Op Sadbhavana Prog. Inaugurated

IT News Imphal, March 31: A cook house for Paubitek Govt. Primary School, constructed by 12 BIHAR of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) Op Sadbhavana programme was inaugurated yesterday in a simple function. The project was inaugurated by Officer Commanding officials of 12 BIHAR

wherein the newly constructed cookhouse was handed over to the Principal of Paubitek Govt Primary School. The project aims at providing adequate and hygienic space for cooking and distribution of mid-day meals to students of the school. On the occasion, Principal of the school and important personalities of village

expressed their gratitude to the Army/Assam Rifles for their assistance to the school. While interacting with the villagers, Officer Commanding of Mayang Imphal post urged them to derive maximum benefits from the assistance and facilities being provided by Army/Assam Rifles which remain committed to the safety and development of the people of Manipur.