

## Over 6000 hearing aids worth around Rs. 4.4 crore distributed in one day

Thawar Chand Gehlot assures ID Cards for persons with disabilities

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**Imphal, Nov 4:** In an attempt to create records government authority today distributed over 6000 hearing aid equipments worth over 4.4 crores at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium.

Union Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, Social Welfare Minister DK Korungthang, Education Minister Kh. Ratan and Chief Secretary of Manipur O Nabikishore attended the grand function organized for distribution of the hearing aids jointly organized by the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Empowerment Department of Empowerment of Persons With Disabilities (DIVYANGJAN) and Samajik Adhikarita Shivir under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) under Ministry of Social Justice.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Social Welfare Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot assured identity cards for all the disabled persons in the country so as to ensure all sort of facilities provided by



the government. He said as according to 2011 census records around 2 crore 68 lakhs people are living if some sort of disabilities.

Chief Minister Okram Ibobi while lauding the effort of the departmental authority in their attempt to create records said that those beneficiary who are getting the hearing aid are

selected from over 49 screening camp organized across the state by spending an amount of nearly Rs. 2.5 cores

He further added that our state taken up special attention to the in the field of medical and health and spend 4 percent of state resource which are far advance when comparing

with other developed state of the country including MP, Gujarat, Maharashtra in which they are merely spent 2 percent of their state resource. He further added that by hard work of the state government Manipur has managed to establish one medical college and Manipur stands top in infant mortality rate.

## KCP Poirai meitei lup points out anomalies in nurses' recruitment at JNIMS

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**Imphal, Nov 5:** Armed group KCP Poirai Meitei Lup, today pointed out anomalies in the recruitment of nurses at JNIMS. The armed group also alleged the Director in-charge of JNIMS Dr. L. Deven to have been carried out the appointment without following the directives forwarded to him by the government of Manipur in their cabinet meeting held on February 16, 2016.

In a press statement, the outfit stated that as according to the approval of the state cabinet meet, the JNIMS Director Dr. L. Deven has been directed to appoint 234 posts of nurses at JNIMS and the selection of the nurses should be based on certain qualification approved by the cabinet meeting. Instead of following the government directives Dr. Deven notified for selection of 219 nurses only. The KCP Poirai Meitei lup questioned the reason behind the decrease of

number of posts saying urging the Director in-charge to clarify on whose quotas are the remaining seats reserved for.

On the other hand the state government also directed the JNIMS Director in-charge to select the nurses, base on their academic performances. As per the directives 15% should be selected base on their academic performance in class 10, another 15% base on their academic performances in class 12, while 35% are directed to select base on their performance on GNM courses. The directives also stated the JNIMS authority to select 10% from those who are having at least 5% experience in at least a 100 bedded hospital above their academic records.

The armed group alleged that, in contrast to the directives the Director in-charge of RIMS had notified to select only 12% base on their performances in class 10, another 12% base on their

performances in class 12, 28% as according to their performances in class GNM course, 8% from among those with higher nurses qualification and 20% from those with 5 years experiences. It further questions the rationale behind the notification of 1095 nurses list and that too without showing the academic records. As per the selection process 80% marks should be based on their academic records and the other 20% marks should be from their performance in viva voce.

The KCP Poirai Meitei further alleged that Dr. Deven, the in-charge director is taking bribe from the aspiring candidates. The amount he collected is from Rs. 10 to 15 Lakhs, the statement added. It further added that the notification of 1095 nurses' lists is nothing but an announcement to bring money to the candidates and the more that can pay will get the post. It warned the director to select only those qualified nurses.

## Nodes to change NSU site irked Locals of Wangjing; pour out anger to Sora people

IT News

**Imphal, Nov 5:** Union Minister Vijay Goel who had showed reluctant to establish National Sports University (NSU) and Yaithibi Loukol and his desire to change the site at Koutruk had angered the locals of Thoubal district particularly to those residents of Wangjing Tenth Assembly Constituency.

Angered over the decision, people of Wangjing Tenth Assembly Constituency today came out at Khongjom Keithel and force back all people from Sora by pulling down from vehicles. The irate locals blamed the people of Sora who had disrupted yesterday's inspection visit of the Union Minister of State (Independent -in-charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports, Vijay Goel. A local of the Khongjom said that those trying to disrupt the minister's visit were not the land owners and they have no right to sabotage the peoples' dream of constructing the National Sports University at the site.



Almost all land owners of the selected site has agreed to the government proposal of establishing the sports university at 44-Yaithibi Loukol and the matters relating to the disputed portion has also been settled and how could the Union Minister opined to change the site for the construction of the National Sports University after all formalities for acquisition of the land has been completed, another local said. "We will not allow any person from Sora Village to cross

Khongjom Keithel, we know every one of them and we will drive them home", said a local stopping the Sora locals from around 7 am today morning. He further added that there will be no disturbance to any other vehicle as the uproar is only to those people from Sora village. He further said the banned to the movement of people from Sora Village will continue till the state and the union government announces to establish the National Sports University at Yaithibi Loukol- the site the state government had already acquired.

## EGM meets IPR Commissioner

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**Imphal, Nov 5:** A team of Editors' Guild Manipur (EGM) today meets K Radhakumar, Commissioner, Information and Public Relation and discussed the problem being faced by the media houses of the state. The meeting which begins from 2.30 pm elaborated on how the media houses are struggling hard to maintain quality newspaper and quality production with little insufficient resource.

The EGM team was led by its President, A Mobi and General Secretary Yumamm Rupachandra. Editor of Sangai Express Khongendra Khongdrum, Editor of Huiyen



Lanpao Hemanta Ningomba, Editor of Pandam Sivadutta, Joint Editor of Narolgi Thoudang Gautam, were among those attended the meeting. The EGM team

apprises the Commissioner to consider increase to the government advertisement rate so that working journalist as well as non-working journalist could be paid well.

## Minor girl found hung to death

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**Imphal, Nov 5:** A minor girl was found hung to death inside a private boarding run by one Md. Kabir@oja Kabir at Lilong Nungei Khongban today morning. The minor girl is identified as Sakina (13 yrs).

## Vigilance week

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**Thoubal, Nov 5:** Postal Service Thoubal Division today organized a week long vigilance awareness week at Devi Mandhop, Thoubal Wangmatataba as a part of the Weeklong National Observance Week. As a part of the function many resource persons talked about the promoting integrity and eradicating corruption from our country and new postal schemes taken by the Govt. Of India.

## 'NE, J&K asked to compete in unequal environment'

PTI

**Canacona (Goa), Nov 5:** Assam Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today alleged that the states of north east as well as Jammu and Kashmir are competing in an unequal environment but are often questioned for failing to produce the desired results.

"Aspirations of people of India are the same but the kind of competitive federalism we are in today, people of Assam, north east and Jammu and Kashmir have been asked to compete in an unequal environment. We are asked to produce results," Sarma said participating in the ongoing India Ideas Conclave organised by NGO India

Foundation in south Goa. He said sometimes in meetings called by the Centre these states are told that their infant mortality is more and are asked to take examples from Maharashtra, Kerala etc.

"How I am going to explain them that 30 per cent of my geographical area is not accessible even for a normal police constable, forget about doctors because of total geographical disconnection. "How I will explain that in some villages in Arunachal Pradesh people still rely on air-dropping of normal food and they can't have access to normal food unless it is air-dropped weekly or fortnightly," Sarma asked. He said when the people of

Assam go to states like Karnataka and Gujarat, they ask when the government is going to introduce metro rail in their state.

"Our people don't understand that the finance minister of Karnataka has access to Rs 40,000 crore of state revenue of its own and your finance minister has access to Rs 4,000 crore."

"What is a crime of an Assamese person? What is the crime of a Naga? What is the crime of Arunachal Pradesh? Why can't they ride on a Metro when people of Karnataka and Delhi can? These questions, we need to answer," he said. Sarma said unless the country is able to revoke the internal

disparity which is very prevalent, it will be difficult for the north-eastern states to attain the yardsticks of economic growth.

"The time has come where every citizen of India can access equitable share of development," he said. The minister said the under development was actually imposing a heavy cost on the maintenance of law and order and there were many other hidden costs. More these states are developed, the more India will grow, he said.

The three-day conclave was inaugurated yesterday with BJP National President Amit Shah delivering the key note address.

## Security of nation is most important: I&B Minister

**New Delhi, Nov 5:** Information and Broadcasting Minister M Venkaiah Naidu has said that freedom of press is important but security of the nation is most important. Talking to media persons in Chennai this morning, Mr Naidu said those criticising the day-long ban imposed on NDTV India over its Pathankot coverage are ill informed, politically motivated and are trying to create controversy.

The Minister said the decision against NDTV India is not based on any newly invented rule and principle. He said, the ground on which action has been proposed against the channel is only a logical conclusion of concerns clearly articulated by the UPA government in various advisories issued after 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in 2008. Mr Naidu said, the government is deeply committed to uphold the sovereignty, integrity and security of the country,

particularly, in the context of cross border terrorism. He said, the government issued a Gazette Notification in March this year requiring TV channels to limit live coverage of anti-terrorist operations to the briefings of designated officers, in the larger security interests involved.

He said, NDTV India, in this case has been found to have violated this provision and was found to be unrepentant about what they have done. This channel was also found to have resorted to similar violations earlier, he said. Mr Naidu said, this decision was only a culmination of the larger security concerns being expressed since 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. He said, the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) that recommended action against the channel did so after duly acknowledging the instant reach and power of television unlike other media. Mr Naidu

said, the committee only recommended suspension of telecast just for one day as a token, so that the channel cannot get away completely for being even unrepentant in the matter.

AIR correspondent reports that Union Minister M.Venkaiah Naidu asserted, the Modi Government is always in favour of freedom of expression, and there is no question of infringing on freedom of the press, though self-regulation is required by the media houses. He sought to remind that journalists as citizens have social responsibilities. He added, the Government has got nothing against any media and no penal action has been imposed against the NDTV channel. He reminded, any dissent on policies or actions of the Government can be allowed, but dissent against the nation cannot be permitted, as nation gets precedence over personal rights.