

## Is Manipur Panthoibi Emporium at New Delhi giving a bad name to Rich traditional heritage of the State?

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 10:** Manipur Panthoibi Emporium at New Delhi-the capital city of the country, which was set up with great enthusiasm to showcase the rich traditional heritage of the state is now ruining the pride of the state with no proper competent authority to run it.

Couple of years back Imphal Times had reported that a government officers had misappropriated a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs sanctioned for repairing of the emporium, and following that the government Manipur has ordered concern government authority to recover the amount misappropriated by him. However, till now there are no official announcement made whether the said amount has been recovered from him or not.

On April 19, 2013, Imphal Times reported that the state government issued notification for recovery of rupees 25 lakhs from the deputy director (Food Processing Industries) S. Joykumar, withdrawn by him for renovation of Panthoibi Emporium New Delhi within April 23 of the same year. Again, on April 24 Imphal Times carried a follow up story about the clarification made by the deputy director where he said that the amount for renovation of the Panthoibi Emporium was withdrawn by two persons identified as Th. Iton and E. Gopendro Singh using three



different cheques from Panjab National Bank Irlibung Branch. The Imphal Times had also reported that a sum of rupees 5,00,000 was withdrawn from the bank on November 19, 2011 with cheque number 770402. It was signed by one Th. Iton Singh. The second cheque number 770408 encased an amount of rupees 10,00,00/- on December 1, 2011. The 3rd cheque bearing number 770409 withdrew an amount of rupees 10,00,00/- on the same day. Both the cheques

were signed by one E. Gopendro Singh.

However, new government has come up and there are no report of any penalty to any of th involved persons which ruined the Manipur's heritage.

Recent visit at the Panthoibi Emporium by Imphal Times news reporters found much of the building space rented to non-Manipuri businessmen who deal with other product but not local indigenous products. At present too no authority

have kept interest in the promotion of traditional handloom and handicraft material and 4 rooms which were allotted for promotion of Manipuri product remain unused. Report said 80% of the Panthoibi Emporium complex has been occupied by non-Manipuri for business transaction in the name of some Manipuri who had been allotted stalls at the complex. Report said that the Emporium has been handed over to Manipur Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation (MHHDC) however the post of Managing Director, Superintendent, and General Manager are still lying vacant. With no competent authority, lower staffs are running the Emporium violating the government norms. And surprisingly, no staffs are seen encouraging our traditional cloths inside the Emporium.

## Congress team also share the pains of Sirarakhong landslide victims

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 10:** A team of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) led by its president TN Haokip today visited and share the pains of the landslide victims whose houses has been sinking during the recent landslide occurred due to incessant rain. The Congress President interacted the villagers and assures all possible help from

their side too. Talking to reporters, President of the MPCC TN Haokip said that the congress party will extend all possible help in restoring the normal life of the villagers. He said natural disaster are unpredictable but taking up precautionary measures is a much for all the people of the state. Giving example, TN Haokip said that if the village that are residing

by them is vulnerable of further disaster than the village need to be shifted as it was done at Kabui Khulen during congress government. TN Haokip assured that his party will urge the government to compensate the villagers in shifting their village for shifting to a safer place. He said his party will urge government to rebuild the houses of the villagers.

**Education Minister Th. Radheshyam inspected schools at Bishnupur district**

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**Imphal, April 10:** Education Minister Th. Radheshyam today inspected government schools at Bishnupur district. During the visit the Minister interacted with various stakeholders.

## Police with local volunteers clean Senapati town

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 10:** A team of Senapati Police under the supervision of Senapati Assistant Superintendent of Police Dr. Mohit Kumar Garg, IPS, along with his sub-ordinate staffs and local volunteers today clean Senapati Town. The mission is to keep the Senapati keithel as well as its surrounding neat and clean and is being initiated under the



Swachh Bharat Mission. Locals of the Senapati town appreciated the good service

of the police team and assures all support in such kind of service.

## EC cancels by-poll to RK Nagar AC in Chennai

**Source AIR**  
**Chennai, April 10:** In Tamil Nadu, the Election Commission (EC) has cancelled the by-poll to the Dr Radhakrishnan Nagar Assembly constituency in Chennai.

EC in its order issued late last night said, in the face of large scale violations of model code of conduct and charges of disbursement of huge amount of money to voters, the commission cancelled the by-poll which was to be held on Wednesday.

EC further said, by-poll would be held in due course when the vitiating effect created by the distribution of money and

gift items gets removed with the passage of time and the atmosphere in the constituency becomes conducive to the holding of free and fair election.

The Income Tax (IT) authorities have issued summons to the Tamil Nadu Health Minister C. Vijayabhaskar to appear before them today in connection with the raid on his premises on Friday. During the search, incriminating documents relating to pumping in of 89-crore rupees into of by-election and 5.5-crore rupees worth currencies were unearthed. The sleuths of the IT

Department have also summoned the actor turned politician Sarathkumar and the state-administered Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University Vice-Chancellor Dr Geethalakshmi to attend the inquiry today, whose residences were also searched.

The by-poll was necessitated by the demise of the late AIADMK leader J. Jayalithaa, who represented the seat twice. AIR correspondent reports that the Election Commission in its 29-page order has expressed anguish over the sordid state of affairs in RK Nagar as reported by its

various observers and surveillance teams.

It recalls the report of the Income Tax Department about its search operations on Friday at the premises of state health minister Vijayabhaskar and others, that led to the seizure of documents on the disbursement of 89 crore rupees to the voters. Many opposition parties wanted debarment of the candidates found guilty but wanted the by-election to be held as scheduled. However, the Election Commission has gone by the rule book to uphold the sanctity of the election process.

## JCILPS say MLA Asab Uddin is not indigenous people, even though he had been a permanent settler

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 10:** Convenor of the Joint Committee of Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) Arjun Telheiba today said that MLA from Jiribam Assembly Constituency Asab Uddin has been a permanent settler of the state however as is not an

indigenous people. Talking to media persons at its office complex at Sega Road, Arjun Telheiba said that ILPS has been putting a restriction to the contest of election by any one indigenous people until a proper Bill for protection of the indigenous

people has been put into force. As Asab Uddin himself is not an indigenous people, the JCILPS will not accept him as an MLA of the state legislative Assembly and further said that all activities of the government as well as his will be well monitored.

## Ashab Uddin clarifies against the allegation of his nexus with drug Mafia

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 10:** The Local MLA of Jiribam Assembly constituency Ashab Uddin clarified his stance against the allegation of his connection with drug Mafia which was published in a Silchar based Bangali Newspaper on April 04, 2017 and later the same article of the news was translated in English and published in the Imphal based

daily evening English newspaper "Imphal Times" on April 07, 2017. On the telephonic conversation with Imphal Times Ashab Uddin said that the Zilla Parishad member and Panchayat of Sadin bazaar area under Sonai Assembly constituency of Assam in Cachar District has invited him and arranged a reception programme at the locality on

his success over the Jiribam Assembly constituency in the recent election. Referring the allegation of his nexus with drug Mafia, Ashab Uddin said it was a political conspiracy trying to malign his identity. Further, he added such allegation of his connection with drug Mafia is beyond his acquaintance and all these allegation are baseless.

## PM Modi to launch Mahatma Gandhi exhibition, marking 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha

**New Delhi, April 10:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Champaran Satyagraha was a historic mass movement led by Mahatma Gandhi and its impact was phenomenal. In a series of tweet, Mr Modi said, that he will inaugurate an exhibition titled 'Swachhagraha - Babu Ko Karyanjali' to mark

100 years of the historic Champaran Satyagraha today in New Delhi. The Prime Minister said, the exhibition will showcase Champaran Satyagraha and it will connect essential principles of Satyagraha with Swachhagraha. He said, the exhibition will also showcase the ground covered by the

Swachh Bharat Mission in creating a mass movement towards a clean India. Mr Modi also called upon the citizens to become Swachhagrahis and create a Swachh Bharat. April of this year marks the centenary of the Champaran Satyagraha - Mahatma Gandhi's first Satyagraha in India.

## Memorandum submitted for taking up welfare programme for differently abled people

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 10:** Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, Manipur today submitted memorandum to the Governor and Chief Minister of Manipur for taking up various welfare measures for the differently abled people of the state. The demand put up in the memorandum are-

1. To frame State Disabilities Policy.
2. The office of State Commissioner of Disabilities should be strengthened, assisted by Commissioner and an Advisory Committee comprising of not more than 11 members drawn from experts in various disabilities as mention in Right of PWDs Act, 2016.
3. All scheme sponsored by Government of India and State

- Grant-in-Aids should be monitored by State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Manipur.
4. The State Commissioner should act as regulatory body and Grievance Redressal agencies and also monitor implementation of the Right of PWDs Act, 2016.
5. Disabilities certificate should be issued after assessment within one week.
6. Implementation of 4% reservation under Chapter VI, Section 34(i) Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 assisted by Commissioner and for the Recruitment of Government Department including the number of posts reserved for persons with disabilities- current as well as backlog - as required by law. Ensure all backlog of vacancies to be filled.

7. The State Government should launch public awareness campaign about the special recruitment drive and the 4% reservation. Barrier free environment should be ensured in all Government and public buildings.
8. All the students with disabilities, particularly blind, should be provided Computers with necessary screen reader software, digital books and other necessary aids and appliances required for their study in all schools and colleges.
9. All the passenger vehicles should be modified for barriers free accessible.
10. Installation of auditory signals at red lights in the public roads for the benefit of Persons with Visually Impairment.

## 2 major organisations serves ultimatum for widening of NH2 in Nagaland

**Kohima, April 10:** The Lotha Hoho and the Rengma Hoho have served an ultimatum to the National Highway Authority, Nagaland, NHAN for widening of the National Highway No 2 in Tseminyu and Wokha Sectors. The two organisations issued a joint statement yesterday warning that the issue "will no more be negotiable" as repeated appeals yield no response from the State Government. They said even two years after

the assurances made by the minister in-charge, chief engineer (NH) including the commissioner & secretary were yet to be fulfilled. They pointed out that government of India had approved the DPR and sanctioned 340.2687 crore Rupees on October 31, 2016. The ministry had also specifically pointed out that the work had to start by December 2016, and to spend 20 per cent of the sanctioned amount within 2016-17, so that

the sanctioned amount did not lapse, the hohos added. Expressing utter dismay, the hohos said they would be compelled to launch the total indefinite bandh with in the two sectors and warned that NHAN would be held responsible for any eventuality. They further said the bandh would continue till the work order is produced before the two hohos and until the time the NHAN begins the widening work.