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Irregularities in transmission of raw water from Maphou Dam to Chingkhel Ching likely to cause artificial flood and disaster at many villages

IT News
Imphal, April 18: Various irregularities found in the construction work for the transmission of raw water from Maphou Dam to Chingkhel Ching in Imphal East district is creating serious threat to the villages, schools and paddy fields in the area, as the concern government department had failed to properly check the technical procedures on the laying of the

pipes for carrying water. The project is being executed by the EE-1 Thoubal Project Division No. VI (IFCD). The project for transmission of the raw water from Maphou Dam to Chingkhel Ching is being taken up to supply adequate drinking water to residents of great Imphal area as well as its surrounding after getting approval from the Central Water Commission (CWC) in December, 2015. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 300 crore. The work includes drilling of two tunnels with approximate length of 2 km and the length of the pipeline is 16 Km. The raw water transmitted through this pipe line will be treated at Chingkhel Ching water treatment plant for distribution to the general public. If once completed 99% of the drinking water crisis in

valley area, particularly at greater Imphal area will be solved. The length of a pipe being fitted underneath the earth is 5.5 meter and is 1 meter in diameter. That means the volume of water to be transmitted is huge and any mistake or leak at any part of the pipeline will cause disaster at that area. The pipes are connected using rubber clip and are placed at a minimum depth of 7 ft. As per the guidelines the floor where the pipe should be laid need to be made concrete, so that the pipes remained undisturbed when the water volume of 1 meter diameter runs through it. When Imphal Times interview some of the villagers as well as some of the technical experts from the department, it is learnt that no concrete flooring was done at

the time of placing the pipe. Some said that the depth where the pipes are laid did not reach even 5 ft. which should be at the least 7 ft. On the other hand, while conducting investigation over the matter, it is also found that there were anomalies to the e-tendering of the works. As per information available, three firms including Coastal Project Ltd. and Suchi Company Ltd. had applied for the tunnel drilling work. Report said that all the tender applied were rejected due to technical error, however, for reason best known to the government authority, the then commissioner of the IFCD approved the two firms mention here to execute the work. The pipe laying works was done by two local special contractors. Source further said that, as

soon as the project cost was sanctioned 2 Scorpio vehicles and 3 Gypsies were procured from the account of the raw water transmission project. On the other hand, Costal Projects Limited is a Hyderabad-based company and as according to a sources the company was blacklisted by MP government in 2012. No, wonder how the then state government allowed a black listed company to execute such an important project in the state of Manipur. What is worried is that, besides the villages there are also schools including Mega Manipur School where the pipeline is passing. And until a proper enquiry is conducted, commissioning of the transmission of raw water may ruin the good image of the person running the government.

GoI extends SoO with NSCN/R and NSCN/NK for another year

Imphal, April 18: A Ceasefire is in operation between the Government of India and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN/R) and also between the Government of India and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN/NK). It was decided by the Government of India to extend the Suspension of Operation with NSCN/R and NSCN/NK, for a further period of one year with effect from 28th April, 2017. This was signed by Satyendra Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of Government of India and Shri Toshi Longkumer & Shri Imlongkushi Chang on behalf of NSCN/R and Jack Jimomi, Supervisor, GPRN/NSCN on behalf of NSCN/NK. (Source PIB)

Manipur targets to produce 1 lakh M/W of power from solar energy - CS

IT News
Imphal, April 18: As a part of Government of India's target to generate 1 lakh M/W of power from solar energy, Government of Manipur has prepared to generate 105 M/W of electricity from solar energy, said Chief Secretary of Manipur. Speaking to the media persons, O Nabakishore, Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur said that as the National Hydroelectricity Power Co-operation has shown some interest to set up 50 M/W solar power plant, visited the site at Yaithibi Loukol in Thoubal District which was earlier landmark to set up the National Sport University hoping that the area can be utilize for the solar power plant as the National Sport University has been sited to

Koutruk but unfortunately the site has the disadvantages of its low laying and hilly shade. Though the site has been rejected, the solar energy power plant will be set up at a suitable site within the time period of 6 months, he added. Nabakishore also said that State government in collaboration with National Hydroelectricity Power Co-operation has decided to set up this 50 M/W solar power plant in Manipur. They have even taken the necessary measures to set up a roof top solar energies as well as a unique solar park in the State, he added. In-order to set up the solar power plant in the state, support and co-operation from the public is necessary in-order to find the proper site which has huge advantage.

President of BJP Imphal-East District passed away

IT News
Imphal, April 18: President of Bhattiyan Janata Party (BJP) Imphal-East District Md Abdullah passes away yesterday at Rahman Hospital, Guwahati due to an illness. Md Abdullah was 68 years when he passes away and survive by four sons and three daughters. His lifeless body was brought from his residence at Keirao Mangjil Sabal Leikai to BJP Imphal-East District office at Lairelpat, Thongju.

Members of BJP Core Committee and members of BJP party paid homage to the late president. Members of BJP Core Committee expresses that during his president ship term, many candidate of BJP have won various elections and some have even become the Chief Minister of Manipur. Sudden death of Md Abdullah has left a big hole in the party and it won't be possible to replace his president position by someone else in the near future.

Miscreants fire at oil tankers

IT News
Imphal, April 18: Unknown miscreants today fire gunshot towards oil tanker truck coming towards Imphal from Dimapur at around 5 am today morning. One bullet hit at a tank of the truck ferrying petrol bearing registration No. MN 01 44 0402, another bullet also hit at another diesel tanker truck bearing registration No. MN 053 0473, however the petrol only leaked and no explosion took place. The incident happened at Kangpokpi area. The tanker trucks along with others were escorted by security personnel. Both the trucks were immediately taken inside the Kangpokpi Police Station.

Cycle lifter held

IT News
Imphal, April 18: A person who tried to steal a bicycle from the residence of one Kojiam Shyamsunder of Langthabal Lep Mayai Leikai under Singjamei Police Station has been caught by the locals of the area early today morning. The cycle lifter is identified as Pheirojiam Joy Singh (age 35) son of Ph. Lukhoi of Sugunu Makha Leikai. He has been handed over to Singjamei Police.

Cooperative is a platform for uplifting socio-economic condition: Nemcha Kipgen

DIPR
Imphal, April 18: Development and socio-economic condition in Manipur can be uplifted and improved through the medium of co-operative organisations said Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare & Coop Smt Nemcha Kipgen while addressing as Chief Guest in inaugural function of the One Day State Level Seminar on "Sustainable Development of Manipur State through Cooperatives" sponsored by NCUI, New Delhi at GM Hall today. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Nemcha Kipgen said cooperative is one such platform where people from different backgrounds can uplift their socio-economic condition through sustainable and inclusive growth of the society. She further stated that many weaving entrepreneurs with advanced technologies have dominated the market. So, the weavers using traditional means of weaving looms cannot compete with advanced technologies and



as such lack behind in terms of their source of income. Keeping in mind about the shortage and weakness of such weavers, Hon'ble CM Shri N. Biren Singh has placed a policy declaring the Cooperative as a government department. She appeals the

masses in Manipur to use our own home-grown products. Hon'ble Minister also invited the cooperative organisations to be a part of the Shirui Lily Festival which is schedule on 5th May, 2017. The inaugural function was attended by Registrar, Coop.

Societies Shri L. Nabakishwar Singh, IAS, President, MSCU & Chairman, ICM, Imphal Shri L. Tompishak Singh and Director, ICM, Imphal Dr. N. Ranjana Devi as President and Guest of Honour respectively. It was followed by technical session and discussion hour

YWHO observed 6th foundation day

IT News
Imphal, April 18: Young Women Help Organisation (YWHO) today observed its 6th foundation day at Pukchaopat Community Hall, Kongpal Chanam Leikai, Imphal East.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Leishangthem Susindro Meitei, Parliamentary Secretary of Home said that such organisation which has been working for a better society by flashing the wrong doing

by today's generation which are hard to imagine should give support by the people of the state. State Government will give their full support to such organisation who works towards a change and better society, he added.

SHRI kicks start Cleft Week Observation



Shija Cleft Project were the special guests of the function. The idea of cleft week has been initiated by Smile Train India to mark the completion of 16 years of the path altering,

transformational work that has been accomplished in the field of cleft by performing nearly 5 lakh free cleft surgeries till date. Shija Hospitals is a partner

hospital of The Smile Train Inc., an NGO based in New York, USA which was launched in 1998 with the goal to eradicate the global problem of cleft lips and

palates. Nearly 5000 free corrective cleft surgeries have been performed so far in Manipur under Smile Train Shija Cleft Project which was launched on 10th June 2016. Smile Train Shija Cleft Project also ensures that its benefit reaches to the masses of North Eastern part of India and even the neighboring country of Myanmar. Mission Barak, Mission Nagaland and Mission Myanmar are some of the initiatives that have been undertaken till date. Apart from free corrective surgeries, other additional services include free diagnostic facilities, hospital accommodation, speech therapy and travelling

allowance up to a permissible limit. Cleft lip and palate surgeries can be performed from the age of 6 months and 14 months respectively. The 'Cleft Week' aims to include all partner hospitals in a state and gives them a chance to create renewed awareness and interest in cleft anomalies in their region. The week-long event will aim at creating increased awareness about clefts and gives a platform to partners to leverage their relationships with government bodies and other NGOs and work together to eradicate cleft lip and palate in their locality.

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