

## Legislators and civil servants should work together for good governance: N. Biren Singh

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**Imphal, April 21:** "Periodic dialogue and interaction between the Legislators and Civil servants is a necessity for good governance in the

state", said Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh. This was stated by him at the 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Day function organised by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Government of Manipur at Manipur Secretariat Conference Hall today.

Addressing the function as Chief Guest, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that the politicians come from social grassroots and know the sentiments of the people, on the other hand the civil servants know how to execute the Government policies. So co-operation between the two is very much needed to bring good governance in the State, he added.

Shri N. Biren Singh further said that an interaction programme between the Ministers and Civil Servants would be held every month so as to have greater transparency and for smooth functioning of the Government. The Government would have zero tolerance on any act, which is beyond the framework of the Indian Constitution, he added. He also appealed that the expectations of the people from the new Government should never let down. In his presidential speech, Minister for PWD, Administrative Reforms and Training and IPR Shri Th. Biswajit Singh said that the system of check and balance

should prevail in a democratic form of Government so that the Government could execute an inclusive policy for the welfare of the society and have a corruption-free State.

Parliamentary Secretary (Transport and Planning) Shri Khasim Vashum, DGP Shri L.M. Khaute, Addl. Chief Secretary (Administrative Reforms) Shri Shambhu Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (Labour and Employment) Dr. Suhel Akhtar, Addl. Chief Secretary (Home) Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Principal Secretary (Finance and Planning) Shri Vineet Joshi, Commissioners, Secretaries and other top civil and police officials attended the function.

## Fresh DPC

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** The principal chief conservator of forests has notified that the recruitment board cum special DPC constituted on October 10, 2016 and the subsequent recommendation submitted to AD on November 18 and 23, 2016 has been cancelled. An order issued yesterday informed that the regularization of casual employees will be done through a fresh special DPC to be constituted later for the said purpose.

## 2 hurt in road mishap

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Two persons were injured in an accident involving an A-Star car and a Honda Activa scooter which took place at Kwakta along Tiddim road in Bishnupur district this morning. One of the injured was riding on the scooter while the other was an occupant of the car.

## 4 KRA men behind Tuesday oil tankers attack arrested

Imphal East, K Meghachandra and OC, commando Imphal East B Luthang Vaiphai. Five mobile handsets and nine sim cards were seized from their possession. The arrested KRA cadres were identified as s/s sgt major Demminthang Haokip, 38, son of Ningthoujam Gobardhan Singh of Kangpokpi Ward No 12; s/lance corporal Sagoulai Baite, 30, son of Lhunjang Baite of L. Lhangom village under Saikul sub division; s/s private Hengoulen Haokip alias Haosapa alias Yago, 18,

son of Jangmang Haokip of Satang Kuki village and s/s private Thanglanmoi Chongloi alias Calvin, 30, son of Kaikam Chongloi of Taphou Kuki village.

According to the police statement, the four persons were involved in the firing of gunshots at oil tankers at S Golai in association with suspected KNA (F) cadres, kidnapping of drivers and detention of vehicles belonging to betel leaf traders for extortion and IED explosions at the houses of the traders in

association with KCP (Lalheiba), levy collection at Hengbung Check post, extortion from goods vehicles along NH 2, firing at Satyam Industry with the intention for extortion and firing at passenger vehicles at their demands.

The arrested persons reportedly disclosed that they were working together with KCP (Lalheiba) and KNF (N) in taking up pre-judicial activities including extortion with an understanding to share the proceeds.

## Stringent action should be taken against those involved in gangrape of teenage girls: Nemcha Kipgen

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Minister for Social Welfare and Cooperation Smt. Nemcha Kipgen strongly condemned the recent gang rape of two teenage girls on Cheiraoba evening. "Those culprits involve in such grievous and inhuman act should be taken stringent action so as to avoid incident like this in the coming future," said the Minister. The Minister had also given assurance for extending maximum assistance in getting justice for the girls.

On the advice of the SW & Coop Minister, a team of Manipur State Commission for

Women led by its Chairperson Dr. K. Sobita Devi and members along with Chairperson, Manipur State Social Welfare Board have jointly inspected the case and have also counsel and gave moral support to the victims and the family. Necessary medical examination of the victims had undergone and after the consent of the victims, both the raped victims are handed over to their respective parents.

It can also be noted that after the incident, Chairperson Child Welfare Committee, Imphal East District, Child Protection Officer and Women

Police Station, Imphal East have jointly worked out to find the whereabouts of the culprits. As per the report by the team, the culprits are now under the Porompat police custody against the FIR No. 15(4)2017WPS-IE u/s 376D/120-B/363/34IPC and 6 POC SO Act 2012 and interrogation is under process.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen lauded the timely and efficient work carried out by the Manipur police. She also raised concern and appealed to all the young ladies to be on alert whenever they are likely to face such mishap

## Bridge built in one night during WW2 in Manipur remain unnoticed by government

**Laishram Ranbir**

**Imphal, April 21:** Over the past few decades many priceless heritage sites and monuments have been destroyed, vandalised or desecrated in countries across the world while more than 100 heritage sites could be damaged beyond repair if urgent action isn't taken up to protect them.

In Manipur too, many of the sites which has been declared world heritage and many which are yet to be declared are at the verge of extinction as no state authority has taken up any measures for its protection.

World Heritage sites are designated by the UN as places of outstanding universal value which should be protected for future generations but according to a study from the experts, urbanisation, farming, industry and deforestation are having an increasing impact on them. During the Second World War, various roads and bridges were constructed in



Manipur as a passed route by the Allied forces and among these roads and bridges is the "The Hamilton Bridge" built between Heingang and Achanbengi. Recently, some contractors or government workers tried to tear down this aged old bridge built during the WW2. Almost 80% of the woods laid on the bridge had been removed. Luckily, locals of the area managed to stop the work.

No one knows the reasons why the bridge have to be tear down while a proper modern bridge is already on use next to it. Visiting the bridge, one can hear the tale from the locals of the bridge built in one night of April 5/6 of 1944 by 56 British Engineers from 58 Company Royal Engineers under the command of Lieutenant D G Jones. They were in Lion Box and were sent to a camp near where the bridge was built. The Hamilton Bridge built between Heingang and Achanbengi also connects the Airfield at Korengi with the IV Corps HQ at Keep or Mongiam/Heingang area. The story of how the Bridge was built in one night is a lullaby to many children of the area.

In our state Manipur, now-a-days it is becoming hard to find a heritage site or site where WW2 have occurred

apart for few like known places like Nambol Maibam Lokpa CHing, Imphal War Cemetery, Knglangtongbi War Cemetery, INA at Moirang and Kangla.

But we should not forget that there are many other places in the state which have been left isolated or destroyed due to the construction of houses illegally and legally. The Hamilton Bridge which is built in one night is the very example for Manipur state to be proud of having such bridge show the world how technology was so advance during the WW2 compare to today's generation and who know hundreds of such kind might be out there.

It's been more than 73 years the Hamilton Bridge was built and still stands strong and intact which is brilliant work of British Engineering.

Rather than dismantle the bridge, the concern and state government should take up steps to keep it as a World War Heritage property for the generations to come.

It is worth considering national and world heritage conservation policies and legislation. All heritages are valuable and should be protected for posterity. Heritage resources are as much a reflection of our humanity as it is our very human existence.

## RTI activist summoned by state vigilance; but said he did not file any case to the vigilance department

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 21:** Out of the blue, on April 18, 2017, Ayeekpam Keshorjit Singh, son of late A Kunjo of Haobam Marak from Leikai received a summons (attached copy) issued by the SP of vigilance through Singjamei Police Station informing that he had filed a complaint to the SP, Vigilance. He was further informed to make himself present at the vigilance office at Imphal without fail for undergoing examination in connection with the said case registered under No.4/SP-V/2017.

The whole matter came as a surprise to Keshorjit as he had never filed any such case this year at the vigilance department. Immediately, he rushed to the vigilance office in deep suspense. There, he met a senior inspector who also turned out to be the investigating officer of the case. The same day he came to know that somebody had filed a complaint with respect to the construction work for improvement of Kwakeithel Ningthemcha Karong road by stealing his identity. However, when he checked the signature of his impersonator it came to light that the latter was signed as Kishorjit instead of Keshorjit. He told the IO that he had never filed the said complaint and demanded information on the identity of the complainant. The IO replied that in such cases the complaints are sent through

post and the senior inspector denied his repeated request for handing over a copy of the complaint.

There is a case pending in connection with the development of the same road as a result of an RTI application Keshorjit had filed. In its response the state Public Works Department had forward a reply maintaining that it has no knowledge of construction of the said road even though it falls under its jurisdiction. Keshorjit had filed the application on June 29, 2016 seeking the detailed information of the construction of the said road from the PWD.

But on December 1, 2016, the state public information officer, PWD replied that the sanction order for the work does not exist and hence the information requested does not arise. Keshorjit submitted another RTI application to the Manipur Rural Road Development Agency seeking information on the construction of the same road claiming that proper quality control was not maintained during the execution of the work.

Keshorjit has clarified that he is not connected with the complaint at Vigilance and in this connection he has even given a statement to the

Vigilance department. However, he maintained that he is ready to lodge a complaint when enough evidences are procured. He further appealed his impersonators to contact him or a complaint will be lodged against them to police station concerned. He said if anybody wants to fight corruption, the individual should do so openly instead of impersonating others persons which could endanger the life and physical well-being of the activists working sincerely for a good cause, specially at a time when the new state government has made an announcement on its commitment to end corruption.

## Manipur Maoist leader have different view on unification of rebel groups (2nd Part)

**IT News**

**Imphal, April 21:** The rise of Maoist insurgency in the region is a serious threat to the running of a proper democratic form of government in the region. This is being stated because the armed outfit had stated that their ultimate goal is communism. The idea of the founder leader of Maoist Communist Party Party is not very much difference from other rebel group operating in the region. The common ideology had many times brought together different outfit in the region and often form joint body. Every time the

rebels outfit jointly operate under a common platform the more is the headache to those who are trying to suppress any such movement particularly to the security forces.

On our yesterday's issue we published a part of an interview with Chiranglen Sapamcha, the founder member of the Maoist Communist Party Manipur. When Imphal times asked him why he is not going along with other rebel groups operating in the state and why is not joining to any united platform of the rebel group, Chiranglen said that the ideology behind the

unification of certain rebel group will not last long.

Answering to Imphal Times, Chiranglen Sapamcha said that there are two kind of alliances - one Tactical alliance and another Strategic Alliance. He said the best alliance he ever come across is the alliance initiated by the Communist Party of Philippines in 1994. He said he believed in such alliance as it follows the norm of the International relation guidelines. The MPCM believes in the resolution adopted by the CPP, on April 24, 1988 and under such a guideline the rebel groups in

the region will come together one day, said the Maoist leader.

Chiranglen also elaborated on the Communist Party of Philippines (CPP) model. He said the outfit had to study on both positive and negative aspect as they are contingent of the World Proletarian Revolution. He said the party sees many positive aspects to the United front of the CPP. He also added that the Maoist Communist Party is not against any unification move but believe that one day the rebels will join hand for a common cause under CPP model. (.. to be continued)