

## Donation to chief minister's relief fund

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**Imphal, July 15:** AYUSH Director and Trevo India, Manipur branch jointly donated Rs 1 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to extend help to the flood affected people of the State today. JNIMS Outsource also donated Rs 14,000 as contribution to CMRF for the people who had been affected by the recent spates of flood. Expressing his thankfulness to all these donors for their generous donations towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, the Chief Minister also appealed to the people to come forward and donate generously to the Relief Fund.

## Swine Flu case detected in Imphal West: Health Minister

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 15:** One Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 popularly known as Swine Flu case has been detected in Imphal West. Health Minister Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh in a Press Conference held at the Conference Hall of Old Secretariate today informed this. Speaking to the Media minister said that a person who has been admitted to Sija Hospital Langol on 4th of this month got confirmed suffering from Swine Flu after a series of necessary tests. Minister asserted that this disease has become less alarming than before as there have been different measures taken up by the Health Department to control and prevent ailing from the disease. The first case of Swine Flu was detected in the state in 2015 he added. He also maintained that the



Government has taken up necessary steps to fight any new cases. In this regard, Isolation Wards are being reserved in JNIMS and RIMS especially for those suspects who are suffering from this disease. State Surveillance team has been put to operation with the opening of a State Information Cell, minister added. Minister appealed the public to be cautious and follow the health tips like washing hands often, avoiding crowded places, drinking plenty of water, plenty sleep, etc. to keep distance from such communicable diseases. Health Services Director K. Lokendro Singh and Health Department Officials attended the Press Conference.

## CM conducts aerial survey of flood affected areas

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, July 15:** Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh made an aerial survey of flood affected areas of the State today. He was accompanied by Works Minister Shri Th. Biswajit, Chief Secretary Shri R.R. Rashmi and Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Dr. J. Suresh Babu. The team took off from Kangla helipad at around 9:30 am and surveyed the flood affected areas for over one hour. The Central Government team, who has come to the State to take stock of the present situation arising out of the recent spates of heavy rainfall and subsequent flood, also undertook an aerial survey along with the top officials of the State Government. While speaking on the sidelines of 'Meeyangi Nunit', Chief Minister Shri N.



Biren Singh said that heavy rainfall and flood have severely affected the State and many areas are still submerged under flood water. He said that a Central team is presently in the State to gather a first-hand account of the losses created by the calamity. Shri N. Biren further said that the State Government had not only announced the present situation as a 'State calamity' but also requested the Central Government to declare it as a 'calamity of severe nature'. Expressing hope that the Central Government would also provide all possible help to tackle the situation and rehabilitate the affected people, Shri N. Biren said that the Government would build houses for those whose houses had been damaged by the recent flood.

## All political parties support India's approach to stand off with China

**New Delhi, July 15:** All political parties have expressed strong support for India's approach in the current stand off with China and also underlined the need for national unity. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Gopal Baglay said this after senior members of the Narendra Modi Cabinet briefed the political parties on the developments related to China and Kashmir at a meeting in New Delhi yesterday ahead of the Monsoon Session beginning on Monday.

The meeting held at the residence of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh was attended by the Congress, the Left parties, Trinamool Congress, JD(U) and Samajwadi Party among others. They were briefed by Mr Singh, Defence minister Arun Jaitley, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar among other senior officials. Mr Baglay said, the importance of India and China to remain engaged diplomatically was underlined in the meeting. Talking to reporters, Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said, there was unanimity among parties on national security. Meanwhile, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan has called an all party meeting tomorrow, ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament. During the meeting, Ms Mahajan will seek cooperation of the leaders of different parties in the Lok Sabha to ensure smooth transaction of business in the House. The session will continue till the 11th of next month.

## Bloodied Body of Indian (Manipur) student found in Bangladesh

**Dhaka, July 15:** Body of an Indian student was recovered from Khulsi area under Akbar Shah Thana of Chittagong district of Bangladesh early Saturday. Police said, he was stabbed to death allegedly. The deceased is identified as Ateef Sheikh, 26. He is an MBBS student at University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC). Meanwhile, police rescued another Indian student, Wilson, who was hanging from a ceiling fan at the same house. Akbar Shah police station officer-in-charge (OC) Mohammad Alamgir said, four Indian students—Asif,

Wilson, Neeraj and his wife Josna—used to live in a three-room flat of Yusuf Bhaban, adjacent foy's lake. Asif and Wilson used to live in two rooms while another student Neeraj Guru lived with his wife Josna in the other room. Quoting Neeraj Guru, OC Alamgir said, the three drank liquor and went to their respective rooms. Later around 12:30am, Neeraj found the room of Wilson dark and called him and there was no response. Neeraj then entered Wilson's room with an alternative set of keys where he found Wilson hanging from the ceiling fan and Asif bloody on floor.

With the help of neighbours, Neeraj took them to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where physicians declared Asif Seth dead, OC added. Asif's body was bearing the marks of sharp weapons, he added. Police are quizzing Neeraj Guru and his wife Josna in this connection. Akbar Shah Police Station's Sub-Inspector Jasimuddin said the four people who lived in that flat are originally from India's Manipur. Jasimuddin said they are investigating the death of Asif. Police suspect that following an altercation between the two, Wilson might have stabbed Ateef and then tried to hang himself, he added.

## SSUM thanks Manipur Govt. for handing over of Loktam scam to CBI

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 15:** Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) today thanks the Chief Minister N Biren. Singh led coalition government for handing over of the Loktak Lake Multi million scam to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

A statement of the students' body said that the issue has been put to the limelight since 2016 and has been demanding the government for handing over of the investigation to the CBI. SSUM said the earlier government has been suppressing the movement

for deliberating justice to the people by sidig with those who loot the public money. The new move of the new government under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is indeed a blessing for the common people of the state, the statement added.

## Mayanmar: Karen State CM Injured in Car Accident

**Mon State, July 15:**— Karen State Chief Minister Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint broke her left leg and dislocated her wrist in a car accident in state capital Hpa-An on Friday morning, said Saw Poe Kwar, a personal staff officer of the deputy parliamentary speaker of Karen State. "Her injuries were not serious. She is receiving treatment at Karen State Hospital and does not need to go to Yangon for treatment," Saw Poe Kwar told The Irrawaddy. The chief minister was on her way to attend the birthday celebration of renowned Buddhist monk Taunggalay Sayadaw and the opening of Parami Bridge when the accident happened near the Hpa-An golf course. "The tie rod stopped working. The car didn't flip over. It just skidded sideways," he said. The car did not hit other vehicles or people, but skidded and hit a teak plant, injuring the chief minister, he added.

## Meghalaya: Rape accused MLA removed

**Shillong, July 14:** Following stiff opposition from the civil society as well as various women organizations, it has come to light that rape accused legislator Julius Dorphang who was in jail has been removed by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly as member of two Assembly Committees. This has come as a sigh of relief to various people from the civil society as well as women organizations who had earlier expressed their concern over a rape accused person holding the position of an MLA. Addressing media persons on Friday, Assembly speaker AT Mondal said that he had rectified the earlier letter and as per the modified letter, the legislator has also been removed from the SC/ST Committee of which Julius was earlier the chairman. The decision came after criticisms over the appointment of Dorphang as member of the Committee on Privileges as well as member of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

## Irregularities alleged to the distribution of flood relief by pradhan

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**Imphal, July 15:** Tangjeng Khunjaio Women Welfare Association has alleged irregularities to the disbursement of flood relief assistance by the pradhan of the area. The relief assistance was for the year 2015 for relief of over 183 house which were

affected by the flood occurred during July /August of the year. Of the the 183 affected houses only 15 were provided relief assistance, alleged the women body. Delay for distribution of the flood relief is a matter which no one dare to question but the organisation in a press

meet held today alleged that only 15 affected houses were provided monetary assistance for the flood of 2015. Government sanction Rs. 3500 for each family but the pradhan distributed only 1500 rupees to the 15 family, the woen body alleged

## Nagaland: Floor test issue finally lands in court

**Courtesy EMN**  
**Dimapur, July 15:** The current crises faced by the government led by Chief Minister Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu took a new turn on Friday when the matter regarding whether the Governor can direct the chief minister to prove his majority in the floor of the House was taken to court by the chief minister. A petition was filed by the chief minister in the Kohima Bench of the Gauhati Court on Friday that the court may suspend the letters from the Governor on July 11, and July 13 asking the chief minister to prove his majority in the floor of the Assembly. The chief minister has repeated his current stand on the crises even to the court stating that it is just an internal matter of the party and the letter written by TR Zeliang claiming support by the NPF and Independents MLAs need to be discussed only at an official meeting of the NPF

Legislature party and not on the floor of the assembly. The petition has also contested that the DAN coalition is intact and none of the party has written any letter withdrawing support to the government and that the Governor's conclusion that the ministry has been reduced to a minority is incorrect. The Judge LS Jamir, after the preliminary hearing today have passed an interim order staying the letter of the Governor till July 17, when the matter will be heard again. Meanwhile, the Council of Ministers led by the Chief Minister called on the Governor in the afternoon where the latter told the Chief Minister to bring about a reconciliation amongst the legislators, stated a press release from the Chief Minister's office. "Kuzholuzo Nienu, newly elected Chairman of the Democratic Alliance of Nagaland Coordination Committee, emphatically told

the Governor that the DAN coalition is intact and that the present crisis is only within the NPF party," it stated. The press release also stated that in the petition before the Kohima Bench of the Guwahati High Court, it argued that the decision of the Governor asking the Chief Minister to conduct a floor test on or before July 15 was "ex facie unconstitutional, illegal, arbitrary and violative of the basic features of the Constitution." "Pointing out that the process of bye elections (in which the petitioner is seeking to be elected) is already under process and that it was imperative and incumbent upon the Hon'ble Governor to call upon the Petitioner to prove its majority on the floor of the House only pursuant to the by-elections wherein the Petitioner is a candidate. The Hon'ble Governor by the impugned decision has virtually sought to strangle the will of the Council of Ministers and have

used the office of the Governor to suit his political needs. There is no recommendation from the Council of Ministers to the Hon'ble Governor and the Hon'ble Governor on his own volition chose to impose the impugned decision upon the Petitioner without any legal foundation and against constitutional norms. The Hon'ble Governor, without affording an opportunity to the Petitioner for a free and fair election for his candidature, has hastily proceeded to reject the request made by the Petitioner herein to pre-empt the already scheduled elections," it stated. The press release from the CMO also stated that the decision of the Hon'ble Governor is, "completely tainted with arbitrariness, malafide, partisanship and has been taken in an extremely hasty manner on 13.07.2017 to pre-empt any staking of claim" by the chief minister and that "it is violative of Article 14 of the Constitution."