

## State Assembly Session begins FM tabled Budget Estimate for 2017-18

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar, who is also Finance Minister of the Manipur state government today present budget estimate of Rs. 12510.61 crore for the year 2017-18 with an estimated fiscal deficit of Rs. 851.41 crore. A per the budget tabled today revenue receipts are estimates at Rs 11096.25 Crore and Capital receipts at Rs 1414.36 Crore. Total estimates of

State's own tax and non-tax receipts in the Budget Estimates are Rs 831.86 Crore and Rs 245.51 Crore respectively. Receipt from the State's share in Central Taxes & Duties is estimated at Rs 4168.45 Crore. During this fiscal year, it is proposed to have a total expenditure of Rs 12420.65 Crore out of the total Consolidated Fund of the State. Out of this, Rs 9952.35 Crore is under Revenue account and Rs 2468.30 Crore under Capital account. Out of the total expenditure, an amount of Rs 961.31 Crore is Charged expenditure and the remaining amount of Rs 11459.34 Crore is Voted expenditure.

Some of the key allocations for the fiscal year, 2017-18, under various sectors reflect our Government's vision and I shall be highlighting some of the important allocations. Under PMGSY-Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the Central share allocated is Rs 447.00 Crore and Rs 10.00 Crore as State Matching Share for maintenance of PMGSY roads.

Under Public Works, Rs 10.00 Crore is allocated for Civil Secretariat and Rs 19.00 Crore for development of infrastructure of the newly created seven districts (Rs 5.00 Crore each for Kakching, Kamjong, Noney and Rs 1.00 Crore each for Tengnoupal, Kangpokpi, Pherzawl, Jiribam) For Flood Control, Rs 7.50 Crore has been allocated for anti-erosion and flood control schemes under One Time Special Assistance of Central Plan Scheme and Rs 10.00 Crore to meet the committed liabilities for management and control of flash flood in 2017-18. An amount of Rs 68.00 Crore is allocated as Central Share under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Rs 28.00 Crore for National Rural Drinking Water Programme. Budgetary allocation of Rs 5.00 Crore for the restoration/establishment of Manipur State Transport is provided. An amount of 30.00 Crore for implementation of Start Up Policy and Rs 35.00 Crore allocated as 50% of total cost for construction of

Women Markets at Ukhrul, Chandel, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, Senapati, Kangpokpi, Jiribam at Rs 5.00 Crore per market under One Time Special Assistance of Central Plan Scheme. For Tourism sector, Rs 16.00 Crore is being allocated for development of various tourist infrastructure projects and Rs 2.50 Crore being 50% of total cost for construction of Integrated Tourist Destination at Shirui, Ukhrul under one Time Special Assistance of Central Plan Scheme. Under School Education Rs 10.00 Crore is allocated being 50% of total project cost for development of Model schools in 5 Districts at Rs 4.00 Crore each under the One Time Special Assistance of Central Plan Scheme. Further, an amount of Rs 15.22 Crore to SCERT as Central Share for the support for Educational Development including teachers training is provided. As amount of Rs 4.20 Crore is provided for the repairing renovation and maintenance

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## 'Visually Impaired Teacher Discriminated by Directorate of Education(S)'

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** Recent transfer and posting order issued by the Directorate of Education (S) has caused a serious inconvenience and felt discriminated to visually impaired upper primary teacher.

In a statement by Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Able Persons, Manipur the Directorate of Education(S) overlooked the transfer and policy guideline of Person with disability order by the government.

The Relief Centre for Welfare of Differently Able Persons appeals the government to stay the transfer and posting order No.AO/59/TT(RMSA/SSA)2011(4)-DE(S) dated 14th July 2017 in favour of the visually impaired teacher and allow him to continue his service at Sagolband Popular Upper Primary School, Imphal. RCWDAP further alleged that the said order by the Directorate of Education(S) is an infringement on the Rights

of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. According to Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016, Chapter-II Rights and Entitlements, under section-3 Equality and non-discrimination clause (3) (3) No person with disability shall be discriminated on the ground of disability, unless it is shown that the impugned act or omission is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

The report further stated that, according to No.36035/3/209-Estt.(Res) Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Personnel and Training North Block, New Delhi. Dated the 31st; March, 2014, H. Preference in transfer/posting as far as possible, the persons with disabilities may be exempted from the rotational transfer policy/transfer and be allowed to continue in the same job, where they would have achieved the desired performance. Further, preference in place of posting

at the time of transfer/promotion may be given to the persons with disability subject to the administrative constraints. The practice of considering choice of place of posting in case of persons with disabilities may be continued. To the extent feasible, they may be retained in the same job, where their services could be optimally utilized.

The Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Able Persons, Manipur, suggested that persons with disabilities should preferably be posted nearest to their homes till they wish to be remain posted and no government transfer policy should hinder them in performing their duty effectively. Further the Relief Centre appeals the State Government kindly to set up a separate Department for Disability Affairs in the interest of persons with disabilities so that their grievance could be addressed effectively.

## White Collar Crime: ZP member caught embezzling Rs. 3.8 Lakhs

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, July 20:** In an act of looting innocent public a member of 9- Tenthaz Zilla Parishad has been caught embezzling Rs. 380000 from DRDA with false claims of having constructed an over-looping wooden bridge at Tenthaz. The zilla parishad member is identified as Laishram Inaocha of Samram. Yambem Inaocha, president of the bridge management committee, said that the wooden bridge was constructed solely by funds raised from donations from the local people. The bridge was constructed over Wangjing river and started functioning in the early February 2015. He further alleged that the ZP member Laishram Inaocha had taken the said amount of Rs. 38000 from the govt claiming that he had constructed the bridge under DRDA. He further appeals the related authority to look into the matter, take up necessary actions and award the amount to the people.

## Missing girl found dead in Irl River

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** Dead body of a girl was found today at Irl River near Urup Makha Leikai in Imphal-East under Irlbung Police Station at around 5:30 am. The dead body is about 4 ft. 6 inch in height. A team of Irlbung Police Station has recovered the body and kept at JNIMS morgue for post mortem. Report says that the dead body is of Palmei Kaguishinlu (18 yrs), d/o Late P Lankaolung and P Ashinglu of Sawombung Kabui Khunjao, Imphal East. She has been reported missing since 5 pm of Sunday, July 16, 2017.

## CM tactful in dealing oppositions charges Governor's address passed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** 2nd Session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly which begins today turn out to be another tactful show of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as he left oppositions MLAs speechless on giving clarification on why certain issues are not included in the Governor's speech to the house addressed on March 21, 2017, when two opposition MLAs moved for amendment of the Governor's address.

While discussing the motion of thanks to the Governor's Address moved by Works Minister Th. Bishwajit and seconded by Awangbou Newmai both the legislators appreciated the governor for expressing the need for peace and communal harmony in the state for an inclusive development in the state. Legislator Th. Bishwajit, who is also the works minister of the state government while moving the motion of thanks to the governor's speech said that the speech reflected the

dream of Prime Minister Narendramodi who had said that without the development of the north east region India will not be called developed nation. Legislator Awangbou Newmai, while appreciating the Governor address has highlighted the policy and programme of the government for creating a conducive and peaceful state. Opposition legislators - Khumukcham Joykishan and Govindas Konthoujam moved motion for amendment of the Governor's address on the ground that it lacks certain burning issues like that of the NSCN-IM framework with the government of India, Legislations for protection of indigenous people of the state, failure to implement Lok Ayukta Act in the state. Other issues for empowerment of local bodies have also been missed out in the governor's address so urged the house for amendment of the speech. Clarifying to the opposition

MLAs, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who is also the leader of the house said that his government will not leave out matters of public interest which was taken up by the previous government. He said that issues for introduction of legislations for protection of indigenous people of the state is the need of the hour but such a sensitive issue need to be consulted with all the stake holders of the that state. A hasty move may sabotage the peaceful atmosphere of the state, Biren added. On the NSCN-IM and GOI Framework agreement, Chief Minister said that his government is firm on the commitment for protection of the territorial integrity of the state. However, as Manipur is not a party to the talk it is not appropriate to mention on the governor's speech even though the government is ready to face any consequences that might effect the state. On the matter for the implementation of Lok Ayukta and protection of the paddy

field as well as dealing with the flood, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that his government is committed and has already been working out for that in the short 3 month period. The Governor speech was passed later without further objection.

## Search operation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** As a part of security measure to ensure smooth conduct of the State Assembly sessions which begins from today, Imphal West CDO teams led by Deputy SP (Ops)/ Imphal-West Tangkchochao Haokip conducted house to house search operation at the surrounding areas of State Legislative Assembly Hall from 5 am to 7 am today. 100 houses were searched and the residents were verified during the search operation. Two persons without valid identification proofs were picked up and handed over to Lamphel Police Station for further verification and necessary legal procedures.

## House observes 2 minutes silence paying homage to flood victims 19 died in the recent natural calamity- CM

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** 2nd session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly which begins today observes 2 minutes silence paying respect to the victims of floods in the state. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh who is also the leader of the house why clarifying on why the government finally decided to spend less time in assembly session said that the state is in serious crisis due to the recent flood in the aftermath of the Cyclone Mora. Since Cyclone Mora reached the reason heavy rains continues in the last couple of weeks flooding almost every part of the state and creating landslide at hill areas. Leader of the house N. Biren Singh said that 19 people have

been died in the nature's fury. A total of 268 villages were effected and as many as 20,000 houses have been inundated by the flood water, Biren said. He added that state government hadso far spent around Rs. 4.70 crore to face the natural disaster. And added that the district administration hadopen up 97 relief camp and various places affected by the flood and have been conducting medical camp to prevent any outbreak of communicable diseases. Still many villages are water logged and the government is working out all it can to help those effected. The Chief Minister further added that the state government had requested the center for financial assistance of Rs 213 crore for the natural calamities relief.

## Manipur Maoist warns threat to students

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 20:** Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has stated that 25 students have been recruited this year and another 50 students are waiting to be recruited. According to the press release issued by Kyonghan Mangang, Co-ordinator, District Committee of the Maoist Communist Party, Manipur the newly recruited members were formerly active workers of different Students body in the state. The said recruited students have been given militia training and are deployed in and around Imphal as urban militia of the

party, the press release further. Meanwhile the newly recruited cadres of the party are facing threats from some student bodies and their closely tied parties. Maoist Communist Party condemns such actions from another party and appeals to have a common understanding and bring peaceful political solution, the press release says. It further added that if such threat continues and if the police are alerted about the identity of the new recruits, the party will not take it lightly to the aggressive manner.

## Case filed, Roommate detained in Manipuri student's murder in Bangladesh

**By: Siam Sarower Jamil, Dhaka, July 20:** A classmate of killed Manipuri student Ateef Sheikh has been arrested for his suspected involvement with last week's murder in Chittagong, port city of Bangladesh. Mohammad Kamal, OC of Akbar Shah Police Station said to the Imphal Times, 'Niraj Guru, who is also from India and lived in the same flat with Ateef, was

taken into custody on Wednesday afternoon.' A Chittagong court later in the day sent him to jail after Niraj was produced before it. Earlier, a case was filed on Tuesday night for the murder. Victim Md Ateef Sheikh's father Md Abdul Khalek filed the case with Akbar shah police station accusing eight people - Ateef's three roommates and five others who went to the apartment for a party - of killing Ateef. Ateef's father filed the case

against Winson Maisnam Singh, Nirash Grum and Jyotsna Devi Tamrong and five other students of University of Science and Technology Chittagong. OC Alamgir said that they were investigating the murder. No plea for his remand was filed on Wednesday, Chittagong Metropolitan Police's Additional Deputy Commissioner Nirmalendu Bikash Chakrabarty told. He said the remand plea

would be submitted after proper procedures needed to interrogate Niraj as he is a foreigner. In the wee hours of Jul 15, according to Niraj, Ateef was found in a bloodied state on the floor of his room that he shared with another Indian student of USTC named Wilson Singh. Wilson was found hanging from the ceiling fan. The police later confirmed that Ateef was murdered with a sharp weapon.