

## MLA K Meghachandra urges for revision of the Budget Estimate tabled yesterday

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**Imphal, July 21:** Congress MLA K. Meghachandra has drawn the attention of the house on the 2nd sitting of the 2nd session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly session for review of the budget as proposed estimate on priority area are not sufficient besides lagging proper vision.

During the general discussion hour of the Budget Estimate, K. Meghachandra said that the budget estimate tabled yesterday by the Finance Minister lacks vision and does not have any direction.

“Nothing about the employment generation for jobless youth has been reflected to the budget tabled yesterday even though Works Minister Th. Bishwajit had promised jobs to over 7.5

lakhs jobless youths of the state.

K. Meghachandra further said that when the state is reeling under tremendous disastrous phenomenon and when the state cabinet had even declare the state as natural calamities,

however in the budget present yesterday by the Finance Minister only 7.5 crore has been allocated for flood, the MLA said.

He further added that important area like Agriculture and employment to jobless

youth has not been mention in the budget.

The priority area electricity is completely left out in the budget ad moreover budget allocation for road connectivity is not sufficient, K. Meghachandra added.

## I was not invited to the inauguration function of power sub station - K Ranjit

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**Imphal, July 21:** Congress MLA K. Ranjit from Sugunu Assembly Constituency, now comes under Kakching district today said that he was not invited in the inauguration function of the 132/33 KV Power Sub- Station constructed at Yelang Khangpokpi in Hiyanglam

Assembly constituency which is adjacent to Sugunu Assembly constituency.

During general discussion hour of the Budget Estimate, MLA K Ranjit said that the power sub station was an important station for the area including the assembly constituency he represents and he himself had taken major

role in the installation of the sub station.

On the other hand K. Ranjit further said that even schools constructed at Korsantabi and Serou under SSA had also been tried to inaugurate without giving any information to hi. Both the schools are under Sugunu Assembly Constituency.

## No authorised NSCN-IM camp exist in Manipur; police are on hunt for militants

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 21:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who is also in-charge of Home department today said that neither there is any authorised noted camps of the NSCN-IM in the state of Manipur nor the cease fire between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM extends to the state of Manipur.

Replying to question asked by the Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan during question hour on the 2nd day of the 2nd session of the 11th Manipur Legislative

Assembly, Chief Minister N. Biren said that there are report of some mobile camps set up illegally at some part of the state and the government is taking serious note of it.

Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan further asked if any persons belonging to the NSCN-IM who are responsible for the killing of two civilians at Ukhrul district on June middle week this year. The Congress MLA also asked if any FIR had been lodged against the murder of the two.

Replying to the opposition

MLA, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that after the government got information about the presence of some mobile camps of the militants and also about their illegal activities including the killing of the 2 civilian at Ukhrul district, the police had taken up a suo motu case and the police are searching days and night to arrest those responsible for the killing. However, due to the geographical terrain and vastness of the forest area it will take some times to find those responsible for the crime.

## Among the 4 Congress MLAs who ask question during hour 2 are son and nephew of opposition Leader O. Ibobi

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 21:** 2nd day sitting of the 2nd session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Session witness rise of the former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh's descendants as 2 among the 4 Congress MLAs who raised questions during question hour are his son and nephew. The 3 times Chief Minister is now the opposition leader of the house.

Congress MLA Okram Surajkumar and his cousin brother Okram Henry Singh were among the 4 MLAs who raised questions during question hour today. In 11th State Assembly Election a total of 28 Congress MLAs won the sit and BJP managed to win in only 21 seat. But as other party including the NPF supported, the BJP form the government. Unofficially 7 congress MLAs had joined the BJP even as the state assembly still did not recognised them as unattached member as the congress party did not filed any petition against those MLAs under the 10th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Okram Ibobi Singh's own son Surajkanta Okram showing his concern to the state of Manipur Culture University and the Manipur State Film and television Institute asked if the said institutions had started functioning or not. Answering to the young and dynamic MLA the Arts and Culture Minister replied that the Manipur University of Culture has already started functional with a budget provision of Rs. 1.50 crore for the year 2017-18. However the MSFTI is yet to begin and is planning to start from October this year.

## Rs.739.44 lakh released for NFSA for 2016-17

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**Imphal, July 21:** The amount of fund released by the Government of India for the National Food Security Mission for the years 2016-2017 for the state of Manipur is Rs. 739.44 lakh. This was stated by the Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhalian while replying to a question by Congress MLA Bdul Nashir during question hour today. The Minister further said that

of the total Rs.739.44 lakhs - Rs.96.03 lakhs is allocated for Imphal West, Rs. 115.54 lakh for Imphal East, Rs. 96.33 lakhs each for Thoubal and Bishnupur districts and Rs. 67.04 lakhs each for Chandel, Churachandpur, Senapati, Tamenglong and Ukhrul districts.

Beneficiaries were selected through the Extension Functionaries of the respective districts, the Minister added.

## ZP Tentha clarifies over alleged misappropriation of fund

**IT News**

**Thoubal, July 21:** Member of 9-Tentha Zila Parishad Member L. Inaocha today clarifies that there is no misappropriation of fund for the construction of wooden bridge at Tentha Khongbal Mayai leikai over Wangjing River. In a press meet held today at Tentha leima Konjin, ZP member Inaocha said that he had urged the DRDA Thoubal for inclusion in the work programme for construction of the Over Looping Bridge over Wangjing River at Tentha Khongbal Mayai Leikai. However before getting approval for construction of the Bridge locals of the area had constructed the wooden

Bridge due to necessities. Inaocha said he himself had contributed some amount for the construction of the Bridge.

Inaocha further added that the sanction order for construction of the Bridge was released after the completion of the Bridge construction. For the good of the people he diverted the sanction amount for the construction of Shed for men at Tentha Leima Konjin.

Yesterday locals has alleged that the ZP member Inaocha had withdrawn a sum of Rs. 3,80,000/- in the name of constructing the Bridged already constructed by the locals without government's help.

## JNGVO asked for Govt. Help to Avoid Famine

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 21:** Joint Non-Government Voluntary Organisation today in a press release has asked for help from the government in avoiding a famine likely to be caused by the recent flood in the state.

It may be mentioned that the recent flood has displaced numbers of people and damaged properties and acres of cultivated land. And there is scarcity of fertilizers in many part of the state like Kakching. JNGVO appeals the government to take up steps and policies to help farmers who are affected by the flood and also the farmers who are not affected by flood by providing them means to get their much needed fertilisers. JNGVO further that if steps are not taken now, the state is sure to face shortage of food grains in the next year.

## MLA Loken decries transfer of employees for not supporting in election

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 21:** Congress MLA N. Loken Singh today pour out his anger over the new BJP led state government over transfer of government employees for not supporting them during the last state assembly election. Speaking during the general discussion hour on Budget Estimate today, MLA N. Loken said that some candidate who had

defeated in the election are now lobbying the council of ministers for transfer and posting of government employees for not supporting them in the last state assembly election. He said some good works are notice to the action of some Ministers but the government cannot be praised for one good Minister as the government is suppose to be

run by a collective leadership of the council of Ministers.

“It seems like there is lack of co-ordination among the council of ministers as anybody is doing anything of his desire. Loken was referring to the failure of the new BJP led government, supported by some other political parties, in giving a and also to draft a vision documents.

## SEACO urges Govt. to preserve religious places of Meitei

**IT News**

**Imphal, July 21:** Safeguarding Art and culture, traditions and religion are driving forces in advancement of a society and preserving identity of a community. South East Asia Cultural Organisation in a press release is demanding actions from the N. Biren led government and inclusion of the said matter in the ongoing assembly session.

It is also said that SEACO had already submitted a memorandum containing list of names of religious places (including sylvan deities/

Umanglai) of the Meitei communities to the Chief Minister, Minister of Art and Culture and related authorities, demanding preservation and safeguard under the Historical Monument Act of the govt. on April 28 this year. The press release alleged that the govt. so far has not taken any steps for preservation of the historical, religious and cultural sites.

The press release further appeals the Chief Minister, its Ministers and opposition MLAs to include the matter in

the ongoing assembly session and bring out favourable resolution to protect and preserve the threatened culture of the Meitei community by preserving various sites mentioned in the memorandum. Meanwhile SEACO is appealing to all concerned to stop changing original names of the old deities and trespassing by constructing new place of worships in the premises of existing Meitei sylvan deity's places (Umanglai).

## “No More 24x7 Services” at CHC Yairipok

**Vikram Yengkhom**

**Thoubal, July 21:** Health Services Sector in the state is crippled with irregularities, scams, poor infrastructure and equipments, substandard services and lack of adequate numbers of doctors. Apart from a few private hospitals and large hospitals in an around Imphal, other health centres like the Community Health Centres are just for namesake. One fine example is the Community health Centre in Yairipok, in Thoubal District which has decided to close its 24x7 emergency services today due to lack of adequate doctors.

The decision to close the 24x7 emergency services comes after an emergency meeting of the Hospital Management

Society CHC Yairipok. It may be mentioned that at present there is only two doctor working day and night at the hospital. Reports say that the said emergency services will remained closed until more doctors are sent. According to Public Health Standard norms there should be at least 11 doctors at a CHC for effective and efficient service. And a doctor should only work for 40-48 hours a week to avoid workload and administering wrong treatments to the patients.

The report alleged that despite many official requests and demand for more doctors to the related authorities, there has not been a single development in the matter. With only two doctors on duty

the patients are not receiving adequate attentions of the doctors. And the workloads the two doctor carries are immense and are severely affecting their health. The report further that the CHC Yairipok is one of the busiest health centres in the state with 150 emergency cases daily excluding OPD.

Meanwhile in the vicinity of the city Imphal, PHC Kakwa and PHC Akampat have five to six doctors. Emergency services save lives and are a much needed service. People need adequate doctors and related authorities should take up necessary steps to send more doctors to avoid inconvenience and ensure maximum utilization of the said CHC, the report appeals.

It may be mentioned that gov run CHCs are much criticised health centres by the people everywhere in the state. There have been many reports of ill treatment towards patients by doctors and nurses, poor attention, lack of proper equipments and services and moreover lack of adequate doctors. Institutions like CHCs need serious eyes and frequent inspections to ensure maximum utilisation and improvement in its services. CHCs are first resorts for the town and village people who are far from city hospitals. Improving these institutions will surely boost Health sectors in the state and government must ensure such.

## Mizo students call-off indefinite bandh

**IT News**

**Aizawl, July 21:** Indefinite bandh called by the The Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP) has been called off following an agreement with the state government that no Chakma students would be admitted in medical colleges under Mizoram quota. The apex students body in Mizoram, yesterday called indefinite total bandh across Mizoram from on July 21, over counseling of candidates under National Entrance Eligibility Test (NEET). MZP General Headquarters condemned the government

for conducting Counseling for four Chakma tribes for MBBS & BDS Courses. According to the agreement, 11 students of the Mizo community would be sent to three medical colleges to study MBBS and BDS, and the counselling for the selected candidates, which included four Chakma students, was cancelled, a press release issued by the MZP said. The police had yesterday dispersed agitating students by using baton and teargas in Aizawl, leaving several students injured.