

## New DIPR office to be inaugurated

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 25:** The information and public relations minister Th Biswajit said that the state government is planning to inaugurate the new office building of the Directorate of information and public relations (DIPR) in the state capital soon. Presently DIPR is mainly functioning from the Moirangkhom office while the new section office starts functioning from the new building at Keishampat in Imphal. Replying to a question by opposition MLA Surjakumar Okram, IPR minister Biswajit informed the assembly that the total budget of the department is Rs 18,65,33,000 while the total expenditure incurred so far while publishing various advertisements of different departments made in the media by the present government is Rs 69,73,673.

## Lalabung Water Supply Scheme cancelled

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**Imphal, July 25:** The Lalabung Water Supply Scheme which has started construction in the year 2010 under the Special plan assistants has been cancelled in 2014 due to the delay of work by the contractor allotted work order for construction of the water supply scheme. This was stated by PHED Minister L. Dikho while replying to a supplementary question by MLA Kh. Joykishan during question hour today. The Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency MLA had earlier asked whether there is any plan for construction of Water Supply Scheme at Lalabung and if so to provide work order and agreement with the contractor. Replying to the question the PHED Minister said that there is no plan for construction of water supply scheme at Lalabung.

## Lack of adequate MOs is the main challenges in the maintenance of Health department – L. Jayantakumar

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 25:** Health Minister L. Jayantakumar today said that the barely 4 months old state government is facing lots of difficulties in the maintenance of the state Health department due to lack of adequate numbers of doctors. Replying to questions raised by MLA K. Meghachandra Singh, during question hour of the state assembly session today, Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar said that the state health department has a total of 697 doctors (Medical Officers) when the minimum required doctor is 1385. "Of these 697 doctors some are on leave for continuation of higher studies at which the government could not object and a total of 14 doctors who are specialized in their respective field have been absorbed at state run JNIMS as demanded per guidelines of the Medical Council of India. So, total number of doctors utilized at various PHCs and CHCs at present is only 474 which is hard to manage in the maintenance," Jyantakumar said. The Health Minister further said that the state government is working out for recruitment

of 300 doctors and the MPSC has been directed to do the needful in the earliest possible time. "Once the doctors are recruited the state Health Department will be able to fill the vacancy at many PHCs and CHCs in the state, Jyantakumar said. Giving direct answer to MLA K. Meghachandra's questions, the Health Minister said that acute shortage of Medical Officers in the State Health Department is the reason for not providing 24x7 service at Khoiroom and Charangpat PHCs however, the service is now available at Yairipok CHC. On the transfer of doctors from the said PHCs and CHC the Health Minister said that it was due to the rationalization with the limited strength of Medical Officers. The Minister also said that on July 15, 2017 additional Medical Officers have been posted at the PHC Khoiroom, PHC Charangpat and CHC Yairipok in the recent rationalization. Meanwhile, a demand for grants of Rs.605,80,68,000/- has been granted for the Medical, Health and Family Welfare services later after the discussion for demand

Congress MLA Kh. Joykishan, MLA K. Ranjit, MLA Th. Lokeshwar, MLA N. Loken and MLA K. Meghachandra moved policy cut motion on the various grounds. Failure to take measures for control of epidemic diseases during the recent flood, failure to regularize nurses in the health department, lack of equipments in Major Hospitals etc. During the discussion for passing of the demand, MLA K. Ranjit of Sugunu Assembly Constituency and MLA Th. Lokeshwar of Khundrakpam Assembly Constituency drew the attention of the Health Ministers for inauguration of the CHCs and PHCs constructed at their respective assembly constituencies. MLA K. Ranjit said that the CHC at Sugunu has already been completed construction except some minor infrastructures and is only awaiting for inauguration.

## Mosquito Fogging sprayed

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**Imphal, July 25:** With the rising cases of vector-borne and water-borne diseases, the Oriental Leveller Association (OLA) Club, Wangkhei-Kongba today sprayed mosquito fogging in and around the flood affected areas of the club. Members of the OLA Club began spraying the insecticides house to house to prevent any kind of vector-borne and water-borne diseases in the surrounding areas which was hit by the recent flood and will continue at their level best. The members of the club urged the concern department to extend their help including medical camps where the recent flash floods have highly affected to prevent from any kind of vector-borne and water-borne diseases in the state.

## People thronged 1<sup>st</sup> Mao Market Day Observation

**NENA**  
**Imphal, July 25:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Mao Market Day Observation 2017 was held at Nagamapal of Imphal West today. The function organised by the Mao Market Coordinating Association (MMCA) was attended PDA Chairman T. Robindro Singh, PHED Minister L. Dikho and presidents of MMCA and IPSA attended the event. On the occasion, PDA Chairman T. Robindro said, "The BJP government has decided to build a Mao market in Imphal." A large number of people thronged the venue buying items sold at different stalls.

The stalls numbering about 40 sold various Mao seasonal vegetables, fruits and flowers. MMCA was recently formed on the advice of Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh on June 20 with the sole objective of building a dedicated Mao market in the state capital. The association was formed after collaborating with Mao Union Imphal, Mao Women Business Union, International Peace and Social Advancement, Kangleipak Students' Association, Chanura Lamchinglen Kangleipak and Kanglei Ima Lup and Kanglei.

## Ram Nath Kovind takes oath as the 14<sup>th</sup> President

**New Delhi, July 25:** President-elect Ram Nath Kovind today became the 14th President today at a ceremony in the Central Hall of Parliament. President Kovind was administered oath by Chief Justice of India JS Khehar. Mr Kovind's swearing-in ceremony was attended by Vice President Hamid Ansari, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, union ministers, Governors, Chief Ministers, Ambassadors and other diplomats, MPs and senior civil and military officers. President-elect Ram Nath Kovind began the day with a visit to Rajghat to pay

his respect to Mahatma Gandhi before heading to Rashtrapati Bhavan where he was received by President Pranab Mukherjee. Last week, Ram Nath Kovind, who was the former Governor of Bihar won the 2017 presidential election against opposition candidate Meira Kumar, the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha. Mr Kovind got 65.65 per cent of the total votes which totalled 702,044 Electoral College votes. Ram Nath Kovind is the 14th President of India. Ram Nath Kovind was a lawyer who practiced in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court for 16 years.

The Dalit leader first stepped into politics in 1994 when he was elected as a Rajya Sabha member from Uttar Pradesh. He served for two consecutive terms for 12 years till March, 2006. He represented India in the United Nations in New York and addressed United Nations General Assembly in October, 2002. During his parliamentary tenure, Mr. Kovind emphasised on development of basic infrastructure for education in rural areas and helped in the construction of school buildings in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand under MPLAD (Member of Parliament Local Area Development) Scheme. He has served as a member of several parliamentary committees, including the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes / Tribes, Parliamentary Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment, among others.

## 8 lakh job seekers in Manipur

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 25-**Manipur education minister Th Radheshyam on Tuesday informed the assembly that the government is planning to remove the Class VIII category from the job seekers categories. Replying to questions by opposition MLA Surjakumar Okram of the congress party in the question and answer session of the ongoing assembly, minister Radheshyam said that the total number of job seekers registered through the state employment exchanges in the state is 8,16,888 including

5,71,583 males and 2,45,305 females as on January 31, this year. He also said that the people who are registered in the employment exchange do not include the self-employed and working in private sector enterprises. "A person on getting a job can also register in employment exchanges as an employed person on production of 'No objection certificate' to the effect that the employer has no objection on applying for a better job in any department etc and registered employed persons are entered in a separate register," the minister added.

## SWM donates bloods

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 25-**Social Warrior Manipur (SWM) today donates two units of blood to a needy patient identified as Khampilei of Tuishimi Village, Chandel district presently undergoing treatment at RIMS.


## Another suspect on the murder case of Manipuri boy remanded for 3 days

**Siam Sarower Jamil**  
**Dhaka, July 25:** A Bangladesh court on Monday afternoon put another Indian citizen on three-day remand in connection with a case filed with Chittagong, the port city's Akbar Shah police station over the murder of a Manipuri medical student of University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC). The remanded, Maisnam Winson Singh, 25, a final-year medical student of USTC, is also the prime suspect of the case. After the grisly July 14 murder of Ateef Sheikh, 25, a USTC final year student and the son of Abdul Khalique of Manipur state in India, Singh tried to

commit suicide. He hung himself from the ceiling but failed as two of his flatmates rescued him and rushed him to the hospital. Since then he has been undergoing treatment at a private medical centre in the city. "Winson was produced before the court of Additional Metropolitan Magistrate Shahadat Hossain Bhuiyan at 12pm with a 10-day remand prayer by Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) after he was arrested from the hospital yesterday," Assistant Commissioner (AC) (Prosecution) Kazi Shahabuddin of Chittagong Metropolitan Police told the Imphal Times. After the hearing, the court


granted him three-day remand, the AC said. On Sunday, a Chittagong court had placed another Indian student, Gangmal Niraj, also a friend of Sheikh, on two-day remand in the case. Sheikh's father had filed the murder case accusing eight people, including five USTC Indian students and two Bangladeshis, on July 18. Till now police have arrested two in this connection. Now the murder case is being investigated by the PBI. PBI Inspector Santosh Kumar Chakma, also the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, told Imphal Times: "During the primary interrogation, Winson claimed that he cannot remember

anything during the murder. In fact, he also claimed to police that he does not distinctly remember how he hanged himself from the ceiling after the murder." "Taking him in remand, we will question him at great length as Sheikh and Singh had drinks together after an in-house party at their flat," he said. The eight accused men are Tongbram Joyotsana Debi, Niraj, Singh, Athokpam Ronald, Prabhakar Laishram, Malemngamba Mayenbham, Promesh Chakma and Sojol Chakma Moon. Police suspect that Sheikh was stabbed to death allegedly by Singh after the party and later Singh tried to kill himself.



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**JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS**



- Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is caused by the bite of infected female Culex Mosquito.
- JE is spread when mosquitoes pick up JE viruses from infected pigs, wild birds etc. and bite human beings. But there is no man to man transmission.
- Symptoms of JE include fever, headache, neck stiffness, impaired consciousness, etc.
- There is no specific treatment of JE. In case of suspected JE case, patient must be referred to hospital.
- Facility for confirmatory test is available free of cost at Microbiology Department, JNIMS.

**PREVENTIVE MEASURES:**

- Vaccination is the best option to prevent from JE. Vaccinate all your children of 9-12 months and 16-24 months.
- Protection from mosquito bites, wearing of loose and long dresses and sleeping under bednets.
- Use mosquito repellents, if necessary.

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