

Government spends Rs 41.82 lakh for visiting state guests, VIPs

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Imphal, July 26: Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh today informed the House that the state government has so far spent a total amount of Rs 41.82 lakh this year in receiving state guests and other VIPs visiting Manipur.

Replying to a question raised by Sugnu MLA K Ranjit Singh from the opposition bench in the assembly, the Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh stated that the government determines the amount of expenditure for official visits by VIPs to the state.

MLA Ranjit asked if there was a limit on the spending for receiving visiting guests by the state government. The Congress MLA further asked whether it was prerequisite to organise cultural programmes and dinner for such official visits.

Responding to the question, CM Biren Singh replied that every official visit does not necessarily include any ceremonial aspect and that the government decides the spending depending on the importance of the VIPs. Biren Singh said, "The government has so far spent Rs 41.82 lakh in receiving state guests or imminent persons during the period between March 15 and July 15 this year."

Nikon users distribute relief materials



IT News

Imphal, July 26: Nikon Camera users in the state formed a group called Kangleipak Nikon group under the sponsorship of Cinestills photo Studio Paona bazaar. The group numbering around 250 members visited to flood affected areas of the state and distributed relief materials to the affected people on July 23.

The flood affected area that the group visited includes Naoremthong Samung areas, Wangjing Tenta, Thoubal, Thoubal Leisangthem Leikai Thoubal, Nambol Hr Sec School relief camp, 3 relief camps at Moirang areas. The team was led by Sanatomba Meitram and Proprietor Cinestills photo Mr.Kancha Shrama

Mark tampering, irregularities in tabulation of MPSC exposed

IT News

Imphal, July 26: Some Candidates who had appeared in the Manipur Civil Service Combined competitive examination-2016 conducted by the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) has exposed massive irregularities and mark tampering in the conduct of the examination. In some of the answer scripts procured from the MPSC, there were no signature of the examiners and in some answer sheets there were signs of manipulating the marks.

Plead for quashing of the said examination has not been listened by any of the concern government authority. The incident came to light when aspirants who appeared in the

Main examination asked for copies of their answer sheets through RTI Act 2005. It is reported that some 200 candidates had asked for copies of their answer sheets through RTI Act. Of the 200 applied, about 20 got their answer sheets.

Manipur Civil Services Combine Competitive Examination is the biggest competitive examination in the state which decides the ultimate future of the state thereby selecting the best potential administrators/bureaucrats. The said competitive examination was and is still continue to be a much criticized examination conducted by the Manipur Public Service Commission.

There have always been one or two cases of allegations every time the result of the said examination is out. It may be mentioned that the MCSCCE was halted for years due to numerous problems/discrepancies and above all allegations of corruptions in the final selection processes.

As per a ruling of the Supreme Court, Manipur High Court in its directive to the MPSC on Feb 28, 2017 in its order had asked to provide the answer sheets along with those of the 82 successful candidates. However as of now the answer sheets of the 82 successful candidates have not been provided.

'Boundary commission to be constituted after house session'

DIPR

Imphal, July 26: A Boundary Commission, to be headed by a retired Judge, will be constituted after the ongoing second session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly to demarcate the boundaries of the newly created revenue districts in the State, observed Revenue Minister Shri Karam Shyam in the House today.

Continuing his reply, he said the government will demarcate the revenue districts according to the report of the commission. The Minister was replying to a Starred Question on whether the government has completed the demarcation process for the new revenue districts created last year. The question was asked by Opposition MLA Shri RK Imo Singh.

Raising a Starred Question during the Question Hour, MLA Md. Abdul Nasir asked the amount of fund released by the Government of India for the State of Manipur under organic farming for the year 2016-2017 and the places where these organic farming are being taken up. In his reply, Agriculture Minister Shri V. Hangkhalian said, "The amount released by the Government of India was

Rs.3.8 crore through the Department Horticulture and Soil Conservation which is the Nodal Department for implementation of organic farming in the Department of Agriculture for the year 2016-17 and that Black Aromatic Rice (Chak-Hao) are cultivated under organic farming in four Valley Districts of Manipur for the year 2016-17."

The Government spent Rs. 41,82,779 during the period of March 15 to July 15 this year as expenditure to host VVIP/VIP in the State, said Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh while replying to a Starred Question raised by Opposition MLA Shri K Ranjit.

Continuing his reply, he said during the period, the State hosted 41 VVIPs and VIPs. In a reply to another Starred Question, the Chief Minister said 41 Inspectors have been transferred and posted as Officer-in-charge of various Police Stations and CDO units.

In the morning session, Speaker Yumnam Khemchand Singh announced that the seven names, tabled for nomination to three financial committees, have been nominated. The committees are Public Accounts Committee, Public Estimate Committee and Public Undertaking Committee

Kid tested positive for scrub typhus

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Imphal, July 26: A 4-year-old boy has been tested positive for scrub typhus on Wednesday two days after a youth died due to the disease. The boy started suffering from fever of high temperature on July 21 and he was admitted to a private hospital at Sagolband Moirang Leirak Machin here for treatment.

The serological test confirmed as scrub typhus

positive case. The patient is a resident of Pukhao, but presently staying at his aunt's residence at Thangmeiband Tarung Khul.

It is believed the kid suffered the infection when he was playing at Cheiraoching in Thangmeiband about 10 days back.

A 22-year-old youth named Huidrom Bishwamitra hailing from Sekmajin died of scrub typhus on July 24.

3 Police Inspectors assigned on duty without pay for 6 months; another 2's not cleared

IT News

Imphal, July 26: 5 Police inspectors who have been assigned for duty at Senapati district and the newly created Kangpokpi district has been denied monthly salary for the last six months as their post is reported excess strength as per the Manipur Government Employee List (MGEL).

be allocated.

Among the five Police Inspectors three had been transferred from Churachandpur district on January 6 this year in connection with the 11th Manipur Assembly Election posting arrangement. As per the transfer order the three police inspector joined as officer-in-charge of Leimakhong Police Station, Kangchup Police Station and Chalwa Police station, on the said month after submitting their joining report to the concerns. Another 2 inspectors were transferred in May this year. Salary for the five of them have been withheld on the ground that five of them are excess inspector in the Senapati district as such the district

MGEL could not be allocated to the concern.

All the five police officers (Inspectors) are presently utilized for 24 hour service without getting salary. Three of them have not got their pay for 6 months.

MGEL is created as a system to identify genuine government employee from the bogus employee, and not to hold salaries for legitimate employees who were transferred for safeguarding the law and order situation of the district. The question arises now is that if the government employees could not get their salary as per the sanction post prepared under the MGEL why the government is not increasing the post before making any transfer.

Incessant rain throws life out of gear in Bangladesh

By: Siam Sarower Jamil

Dhaka, July 26: Continuous rain since Tuesday night continued for the fourth consecutive day today and battered Bangladesh, including Dhaka city, throwing life out of gear. The central Met office has forecast of more rains for the next 24 hours and has warned of landslides occurring in the hilly regions throughout Bangladesh.

Bright side is, the squally weather over northern Bay of Bengal, that had prompted the hoisting of cautionary signal no. 3, has passed and the signal will be lowered.

In its latest report, the Met office recorded 12mm rain in Dhaka from 6:00am to 9:00am this morning. Until 6:00am in the last 24 hours, 30mm rain was recorded.

The downpour inundated several key areas of Dhaka city; hindering traffic. Road construction work has also led to small accidents around the city.

The lack of public transportation has also led to significant problems, with



many arriving late to work due to the rain.

Anik, a private sector worker employed in Mohakhali said he left his Panthapath home in the morning but arrive at the office around 2:15pm.

The rain meant there were fewer forms of transport on the road and it had taken him a long time to find a ride, he said. In addition water logging had caused heavy traffic on his route, he said.

Youth found hang to death at Jiribam Hotel

IT News

Jiribam, 26 July: A youth was found hung to death inside a room at Hotel Star, Babupara, Jiribam today. The deceased is identified as Konaasa Chandrakriti Singh (24) S/o (L) K. Chandrakanta Singh of Rannagar Tuko Silchar, Assam. The deceased was supposed

to leave Jiribam for Imphal today morning. The travel agent which he booked the ticket for travelling inform the police as he gave no response to their call. He was found hanging inside the room when Police broke the door. Police had filed a case and started investigation over the matter.

State observes the 18th Kargil Vijay Diwas

DIPR

Imphal, July 26: The State today observed the 18th Kargil Vijay Diwas at 1st Manipur Rifles Banquet Hall to pay tribute to those soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Kargil War in 1999. The observation was organised by Government of Manipur. Speaking as Chief Guest, Minister for PWD and IPR, Th. Biswajit praised the courage and bravery of the soldiers for their selfless service for the country. Th. Biswajit said that the people should feel proud of the valour shown by the Indian soldiers in the Kargil war. He stressed that we all should give due respect to those

soldiers who made ultimate sacrifice and laid down their precious lives for the welfare and integrity of the nation. On the occasion, Minister mentioned that the people of the country should never forget how our soldiers bravely fought the Kargil war. The soldiers did not fight for money or salary but for the love and unity of the nation, he added. He further stated that seven soldiers from Manipur also sacrificed their lives for motherland during the 74 days long Kargil War. Minister further said that as a responsible citizen of the country, we all have the responsibility to bring positive change and inclusive



development in the society and to build a peaceful and develop nation.

In his Presidential speech, Minister for CAF&PD and Revenue, Karam Shyam said that the sole objective of this observation is to recall the supreme sacrifice and to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who dedicated themselves to the gigantic task of nation building and to protect the unity and integrity of our nation for the future generation.

Appreciating the role of the police in upholding the law of the land, Minister appealed to the police department that people would be encouraged for their support and co-

operation in the process of investigation of any crime so that due justice could be delivered to the victims and also to prevent further crimes in the society.

During the function, patriotic songs were presented by the teachers and students of Shri Shri Balmukunda Dev Government Music College, Imphal. Minister for Forest and Environment, Th. Shyamkumar, Chairman of Hill Area Committee, T.T. Haokip, Parliamentary Secretaries K. Robindro and H. Dingo, Chief Secretary R.R. Rashmi, DGP L.M. Khaute and other top civil and police officials attended the function.