

Locals protest against misused of public money by ZP member

ITNews
Imphal, July 30: Locals of Tentha Mayai leikai in Thoubal district today staged protest in front of Kangla Youth Club of the locality demanding arrest and punishment of 9-Tentha Zilla Parishad Member Laishram Inaocha for misused of public fund. The local alleged that the ZP member had misappropriated fund which are meant for the development of the people.

Speaking to media persons, spokesperson of Kangla Youth Club, M. Rajen said that in the name of developing a local pond which has been existed since the last 40 year, ZP member L. Inaocha had withdrawn a sum of Rs. 14,59,070/- by including in the work programme during April 3, 2016 to August 18, 2016. He said, the ZP member withdraw an amount for digging of the existing pond in 2016 and withdraw for renovation of the pond in December 2014.

"How could it be possible?" asked M. Rajen, the spokesperson of the local club.

The protest demanded immediate arrest of L. Inaocha and recover the amount beside punishing him as per law of the land.

PM Modi to conduct aerial survey of flood hit areas in Assam

NEWA
Guwahati, July 30: Caught in a barrage of criticism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a day long visit to Assam to take stock of the flood fury after the state counts nearly 80 people dead.

According to sources in New Delhi, the Prime Minister is arriving in Guwahati at 10 am and is scheduled to undertake an aerial survey of Lakhimpur and other worst-hit districts where properties worth several crores of rupees were ravaged. State Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and senior colleague Himanta Biswa Sarma are also accompanying Modi in the day long programme, officials said.

Modi drew flak across the state for failing to reach the marooned people forcing him to suddenly finalise his visit to Assam where lakhs of people across 15 districts are still reeling under the first wave of flood.

CM visits National Sports University site at Koutruk; expresses serious concerns on the outbreak of disease at CCpur

ITNews
Imphal, July 30: Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh has visited this morning the site of National Sports University at Koutruk in Imphal. He was accompanied by State Works Minister Thongam Biswajit, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Letpao Haokip, Chief Secretary R R Rashmi, Commissioner (Works) Kangjam Radhakumar, Commissioner (Youth and Sports) Hawaibam Dileep and other senior officers of the two departments.

The Chief Minister appealed the local people who were welcoming him and his team on the visit to fully cooperate in the development activities of the National Sports University. He also assured them to construct a market shed at the area and asked the local people to look for proper site for the construction of the market. He further said, the market will become an indispensable infrastructure when the Sports University is started.

Regarding the outbreak report of Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis in Churachandpur District of the State, the Chief Minister said, an emergency meeting was held yesterday at the Chief Minister's Secretariat



yesterday to closely monitor the situation. He further said, a 15-member medical team including AYUSH Doctors has been sent to the District with necessary medicine to contain the outbreak of the diseases. He also said, about 80 persons who are suspected to be infected by the diseases will be picked up from the remote locations and vehicles

had already been sent for the purpose. The Chief Minister also appealed the people not to get panic as only two persons affected by Dengue and one person affected by Swine Flu have died so far and state administrator has taken up adequate measures to contain the situation. He also said, fever detector machines will

Perhaps for the first time in the history of Manipur, Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh today hold his own umbrella while inspecting site for construction of National Sports University at Koutruk. The photo shows a change in the VIP culture of Manipur.

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be kept at Behiang in Churachandpur and at the check posts of Jiribam bordering Assam and Indo-Myanmar border town Moreh of the State as a special measure to check Swine Flu affected people coming into the State.

Later, the Chief Minister inspected the construction works of Ibudhou Marjing tourist complex at Heingang Hills in Imphal East district. The components of the complex are a gigantic polo statue atop Heingang Hill, a cafeteria, garden, approach road, parking and Marjing temple.

PM Modi seems not acknowledge that Manipur is also affected by flood

ITNews
Imphal, July 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi seems to have forgotten that Manipur at present is severely affected by flood. This is being stated as per report of the PTI news agency. In the news report, it is being stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will provide extensive relief to the flood-hit states and crop insurance companies have been asked to be pro-active in settlement of claims of the affected farmers.

Quoting from the speech by Narendra Modi in his monthly radio programme Mann ki Baat, the PTI report said that the situation in flood-affected states including Assam, Gujarat, Rajasthan and West

Bengal is being fully monitored and several agencies like the Army, the IAF, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and paramilitary forces are engaged in rescue and relief operations.

Manipur was not mentioned, or else has the PTI intentionally skipping Manipur?

Since Cyclone Mora visited the state Manipur has been reeling under severe crisis of flood and land slide. State government had even declared the situation as natural disaster. And all reports affected by the flood have been sent.

Even today many are being left homeless due to the impact of the continuous flood.

Police excess decreed; Don't suppressed democratic voice - NEFIS

ITNews
Imphal, July 30: North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today decreed police excess towards a group of students who were staging democratic protest under the aegis of the KSA at Khwaramband Keithel near Johnstone Hr. sec School yesterday.

In a press statement the student body said that lathi charge to students who were in school uniform, firing tear gas shells and pelting stone

inside the school campus is not the way that police should act in a democratic country.

Detention of student leader in democratic protest is not a sign of healthy democracy and government should not suppress the democratic voice of the people using state force, the statement said.

While condemning the excess committed by the Manipur police the NEFIS demanded treatment of injured students in the police action.

Manipur government sounds health alert over mosquito-borne diseases

NEWA
Imphal, July 30: Manipur Health and Family Welfare Minister L Jayantakumar Singh on Sunday sounded a high health alert over mosquito-borne diseases in Manipur, particularly in border areas, after reports of over 16 dead in neighbouring Myanmar bordering Tengenoupal and Churachandpur districts.

"The government has sounded alerts and started taking preventive measures to check outbreak of diseases transmitted by mosquitoes," Minister Jayantakumar said during a function at Nimala Hotel here. He said surveillance teams have been sent to Tengenoupal's border town Moreh and Churachandpur's Behiang, a border village on the boundary of India and Khenman inside Myanmar.

In addition to this, he said, 20 medical teams have been sent to border town Moreh and Churachandpur. Churachandpur has been hit hardest by dengue and JE epidemic with Henglep subdivision reporting more villagers suffering from

illnesses whose symptoms similar to that of dengue and JE.

With rain continues to lash the hill areas, ferrying of patients by taking rough roads from the remote villages of Henglep subdivision to the district headquarters for treatment has become an increasingly difficult task.

As many as 80 ailing villagers from Henglep were brought to the district headquarters yesterday to admit to Churachandpur District Hospital after they were stranded for days due to bad road condition coupled with continued rainfall.

Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh yesterday during an emergency meeting here reviewed the outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis and dengue in the state where 78 cases of JE and 56 cases of dengue have been detected so far. He said the situation in the state was alarming and stressed on the need of immediate intervention. The Manipur Chief Minister also announced to release Rs 10 crore to tackle the situation.

29 Indian cities and towns highly vulnerable to quakes

Courtesy: PTI
New Delhi, Jul 30: Twenty-nine Indian cities and towns, including Delhi and capitals of nine states, fall under "severe" to "very severe" seismic zones, according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS). A majority of these places are in the Himalayas, one of the most seismically active regions in the world.

Delhi, Patna (Bihar), Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir), Kohima (Nagaland), Puducherry, Guwahati (Assam), Gangtok (Sikkim), Shimla (Himachal Pradesh), Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Imphal

(Manipur) and Chandigarh fall under seismic zones IV and V. These cities have a combined population of over three crore. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has classified different regions in the country into zones II to V, taking into consideration earthquake records, tectonic activities and damage caused, the director of the NCS, Vineet Gahlaut, said. The NCS, which records earthquakes and carries out studies pertaining to microzonation of cities, comes under the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Seismic microzonation is the

process of subdividing a region into smaller areas having different potential for hazardous earthquake effects. Zone II is considered the least seismically active, while Zone V is the most active. Zone IV and V fall under "severe" to "very severe" categories respectively.

Zone V includes the entire northeastern region, parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, parts of north Bihar and the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago. Parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Sikkim, northern Uttar

Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat and a small part of Maharashtra fall under Zone IV.

Bhuj, which was struck by a massive earthquake in 2001 in which 20,000 people were killed, Chandigarh, Ambala, Amritsar, Ludhiana and Roorkee fall under zones IV and V.

Kusala Rajendran, a professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, and an expert on paleoseismology, earthquake recurrence and active tectonics, said most of the cities in the list have a high population density and fall in the Indo-Gangetic plains.

UNLF claims killing of rapist

'I wish UNLF live long to save our daughters'

ITNews
Imphal, July 30: "He is not human, he deserved the kind of punishment", said Ranitombi (name changed) talking to this reporter at Wahengleikai Bus Parking in reaction to a news item published at which proscribed group UNLF claimed responsibility for killing of 43 years old Irom Bobo. The armed group in its press note made available to media houses said that Irom Bobo, son of Kameshore of Tharoijam Maning Leikai, was awarded capital punishment for raping his niece (a 12 year old minor girl, and daughter of his wife's sister). The alleged rapist Irom Bobo

was found murdered by armed assailants on the evening of Friday (July 28) at around 7.30 pm at Pukhrabam Leirak, Sogalband Tera in Imphal West.

After a short break, when militancy reached its peaked, armed rebel group barely spare any men or women indulged in inhuman crime. Those are the gone days when inhuman crime like rape of minors is rarely heard due to fear of capital punishment by armed rebels.

Due to reason, not known to the public the rebel groups operating in the region particularly the UNLF, RPF and the PREPAK had stopped interfering such matter. Since

then crime against women, rapes of minor girls, murdered of married women are rising. Much have been discussed and during informal talk with some of the Professors, the rise of such crime is due to the law of the land at which they have room to escape or the punishment barely affect their life. An assistant professor who does not want to disclose his name said that capital punishment is the best form of punishment for rapists. He said so because Indian law takes times to punish culprits and when it comes about raping of minor girl sentiments of the people are often hurt. "I have no relation, neither did know any person of the UNLF,

I also don't know what actually they are fighting for, but I wish them live long to save our daughters from being victims of rape", a vendor lady Shantibala (name changed) told this reporter.

As per the statement of UNLF, Bobo raped the daughter of his wife's sister at his home on the night of July 1, 2013. The statement was signed by Sakhen, Director, Department of Publicity of the outfit. He committed the crime in the absence of his wife who had gone to visit her daughter. He took advantage when rest of the children had gone to sleep and raped the girl who was also sleeping in the house, the statement added.