

## Depression a looming threat: seminar

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 8:** A seminar on the topic 'Depression, A Global Crisis, Let's Talk' was organised jointly by Shine Pharmaceutical Limited and Jivan Hospital Kachching at the main auditorium of the hospital last night. Psychiatrist Dr Hiranmay Saha, who is the chairman of Shine Pharmaceutical Limited, was the main resource person at the programme. Among the notable participants were Prof RK Lenin of RIMS, advisor of Jivan Hospital Dr N Nabakishore, its managing director Dr Ashok Kumar, its medical superintendent Dr N Jivanlata, commander of 26 Assam Rifles AS Chauhan, and first charter accountant of the state Ksh Kunjabi. Many doctors, prominent personalities of the area and senior citizens also attended the seminar. Dr Ashok reminded that depression is the third most common illness in the world at present and is widely believed to take over the number one spot by the year 2030. The illness has full potential to inflict massive damages to our society and taking note of the extreme need for understanding it as advance as possible in order to deal with it effectively the seminar was organised, he said.

## Centre launches GST Rates Finder app to verify accurate tax rate under GST regime

**New Delhi, July 8:** Centre has launched an app - GST Rates Finder to verify the accurate tax rate on commodity and services under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley yesterday launched the app in New Delhi which will empower not only the taxpayers, but every citizen of the nation, to ascertain the correct GST rate on goods and services. Through this app, user can determine GST rate by entering the name of the commodity or service. The Ministry said, the search result will list all the Goods and Services containing the name which was typed in the search box. A taxpayer can search for applicable CGST, SGST, UTGST rate and Compensation Cess on a supply. The application has been launched on Android platform, and will soon be available on iOS platform.

## CM takes stock of the flood affected victims

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 8:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today visited relief camps of flood affected areas at Kyamgei and other parts of Imphal East and West. The relief camp were set up by concern MLAs of the respective areas soon after many were left homeless due to the flash flood. Chief Minister N Biren Singh distributed relief materials during the visit and also new houses for the homeless at the earliest possible time. Later The Chief Minister also inspected the condition of the flood affected victims at Lilong Awang Leikai in Lilong Assembly constituency. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Works Minister Th Bishwajit and other government officials. The Chief Minister along with the Works Minister Bishwajit also interacted with the victims of the flood and assures all sort of assistance for immediate relief. N. Biren Singh also personally took stock of the braced river bank at Lilong and its nearby area. He assures all possible assistance from government side at the most possible time.



## Manipur flood fit to be declared as natural disaster: MLA

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, July 8:** Dr Radheshyam Yumnam conducted a whirlwind tour of Hiyanglam AC to have a first-hand account of the damages caused by the ongoing flood and distributed food items to people who are affected by it. The MLA of Hiyanglam AC in the first stage visited Koidum and gave away 14 bags of rice, salt, pulses, edible oil, tea leaves, potato, and biscuits to the flood victims. In his words there are 145 households out of which 120 have already been submerged in flood water. In addition, around 350 ha of fish farms and crops, most of which are ready for harvest have gone under the water. However, the worst news is the flood water is still ascending steadily. Besides Koidum the villagers of Sekmaijing Konuma, Laphupat Tera, Hiyanglam, Hiranmei, and Komnaonachi are reeling under the effect of the flood. The MLA said he and the state administration have extended maximum assistance to the flood victims and will continue to do so. He said the present flood deserves to be recognized as a natural disaster and in this regard he will approach the Centre to seek their assent.

## District Level Consultation on JJ Act 2015 and POCSO Act 2012

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, July 8:** The Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR), Thoubal in association with the Childline Thoubal on Saturday organized a District Level Consultation on JJ Act 2015 and POCSO Act 2012 at Conference hall of District Court, Thoubal. A D C / A D M Thoubal, Dr. Mayengbam Veto Singh, MCS, Thoubal Municipal Council Ward no.15 Councillor, Ningthoujam Shanti, SDPO Yairipok, Syed Abdul Samad MPS and District & Session Judge, Salam Ingocha graced the program as chief guest, president and guest of honours respectively. District Convener of MACR & Director of Childline Thoubal, Nonibala Narengbam delivered the Keynote address. Member of Manipur Commission for Protection of



Child Right, K.Pradeepkumar Singh and Asst. Director Human Right Law Network attended as the resource person. Topics like "Role of Police & Media" and "Role of Legal Fraternity in JJ Act & POCSO" were deliberated by the

resource person. The programme was participated by Members of Childline Thoubal, Police Personnel, club members, women and students of Thoubal District. Kh. Tompok, Childline Thoubal delivered the vote of thanks.

## Fitting tribute paid to Robinhood on 2nd Death Anniversary

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 8:** Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) observes the second death anniversary of Sapam Robinhood at Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School today. Family members and hundreds of students paid floral tribute to the portrait of Sapam Robinhood. Speaking on the occasion, Arjun Telheiba, Convener of JCILPS said that the sacrifice of Robinhood for the safeguard of indigenous people of Manipur for both hill and valley should not be taken lightly. The number of non-indigenous people is now more than the number of indigenous people of Manipur of both hill and valley combine. There is a fear for non-Manipuri of taking control of the state in the near future and



if not checked in time, people of both hill and valley will not have a single place to stay in their own land, he added. Arjun Telheiba appeals the indigenous people of the state to stand united as one and take full responsibility. Students of Apunba Manipur Huiyen Langlon Lup gave martyr salute to the portrait of Sapam Robinhood. Blood donation camp was also organised by Apunba Manipur Mega Lup in collaboration with JNIMS blood bank. Sapam Robinhood, s/o Sapam Romesh and Rk Babita of Khurai Lairik Yengbam Makha Leikai lost his life on July 8, 2015 when police personnel open fire to control the ILP movement. He was a student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School studied in Class 11. Mention may be that the second death anniversary of Sapam Robinhood was suppose to be held at Lamjing Meira Ching also known as Awa Ching was cancelled sue to the current flash flood

## Card holders deprived of due shares

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, July 8:** The All Khangabok Labour's Welfare Union has alleged that agents of PDS items in Khangabok AC have cut down the volume of items given to beneficiaries under PHH and AAY schemes. In a press release the union raised strong objections to the reduction in the quota of PDS

items given to the beneficiaries. It claimed that from the month of April 2017 onwards AAY card holders were given only 20 kg of rice each compared to 35 kg given previously while PHH card holders received just 4 kg each instead of the usual 5 kg. When members of the union enquired with the agents on the reasons behind the discrepancies, the latter tried to absolve themselves citing excess expenditure incurred due to bandhs and blockades and looting of PDS items by armed unknown persons. The union went on to appeal to the officials of the department and the general public to cooperate with it in restoring the rightful share of the poor beneficiaries.

## Successful candidates felicitated

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, July 8:** The successful candidates of Progressive English School at this year's class X examination conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Manipur was felicitated at a function held at the premises of the school at Lamding in Thoubal district today. MLA of Khangabok AC

Okram Surjakumar, former member of Laimujam Manao, principal of YK College, Wangjing Soibam Birahari, principal of Heirok Higher Secondary School Thokcham Binoy and SDC of Lilong Longlam Ashakumar Singh were among the dignitaries who attended the felicitation. Along with words of encouragement and prayers for success in their future endeavors, the 82 successful students were presented with simple presents as their incentives. Altogether 85 students from the school sat in the board examples and out of them 38 passed in the first division, 41 in the second division and three in the third division.

## One day seminar on entrepreneurship held

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 8:** Dynamic Manipur organised a one day seminar on entrepreneurship entitled Dyanamic Entrepreneurship 2.0 at Royal

Hall of Hotel Classic today. Dr Keshorjit Sorokhaibam, faculty of MIMS, MU; L Niranjan Singh, CEO, JCRE Skill Solutions; Roshnikumar Yamben, MD, Globizis Wed

Solutions Pvt Ltd; and Thangjam Joykumar, MD, Thangjam Agro Industries Pvt Ltd; were the speakers at the four sessions at the programme.

## Relief materials distributed at Flood victims of Mayang Imphal

**IT News**  
**Imphal, July 8:** All Manipur Skill Development Union (AMSUDU) and Loktak Industries distributed 30 pieces water storage tanks which is of 500 litres to the flood affected people of Mayang Imphal Assembly Constituency today. The water storage tanks were distributed through Parliamentary Secretary Kongkham Robindro Singh who also happens to be the local MLA of Mayang Imphal AC. Speaking to the media persons, K Robindro expressed gratitude to

AMSUDU for their humanitarian assistance to the people of Mayang Imphal constituency when the people who have been affected badly by the recent flood are facing scarcity of proper drinking water. At present most of the flood affected people of the state decry over the unavailability of proper drinking water in their respected areas and the relief camps where they are taking shelter for time being. To meet the needs of drinking water, support from the public is much, he added. AMSUDU has shown that there are many like minded



people who are taking huge initiative for those people who need help and support during the time of suffering like the recent flood, K Robindro asserts.

Sanglakpam Preshyojit Sharma of Loktak Water Tank said that they are able to extend help to the flood victims is because of the support from the people of the state by

buying their products. The income they have received is now come in use in extending help in different ways like the distribution of 30 pieces of water storage tanks. Support from the other business community of the state at such hour is also needed. Sanglakpam Preshyojit Sharma added. "It will not be wrong to express that all the business community in bazar area is survived from the support of the people of the state and they must extend their hands to help the people of the state when they

are facing natural disaster like flood where many families are left to take shelter at relief camp and struggling to get proper relief materials", said one of the member of AMSUDU. On the other hand, MLA K Robindro distributed 600 bags of urea fertilizers to the people of Mayang Imphal Constituency who have been badly affected in the recent flood where thousands of paddy fields, farms have been submerged under water including many houses. The urea fertilizers have been distributed at low price compare to the government rate.