

Over 4000 residents still reeling under flood in Mayang Imphal, Wangoi

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Imphal, June 20 : Residents of about 300 homes are still reeling under floods in Imphal West's Mayang Imphal and Wangoi areas for the past one week caused by heavy rainfall in the upper catchment areas. "Over 4000 people could be identified as having displaced in the flood-ravaged areas of Mayang Imphal's Mayang Imphal Ani Longbi, Mayang Imphal Kokchai and Wangoi's Upokpi, Paobitek, Top Siphai and Wangoi Makha Leikai," Ch Muhindro, a flood victim at Chabung Company village, told NENA on Tuesday. He said residents are dealing with the flooding and that the government should provide more relief to the victims. Nine educational institutes including Prabhathi College,

Mayang Imphal Higher Secondary School and Maheikol Private English School have remained closed in the flood affected areas for the last one week. Incessant rain started to wreak havoc Mayang Imphal on June 14 last when the Imphal river bank caved in at Chabung Company village where the state government has opened a relief camp now. Again on June 18, the Imphal river bank collapsed at Labuk Leikai, Wangbren Lai Haraopham in Mayang Imphal flooding more areas in the two neighbouring areas of Mayang Imphal and Wangoi. Residents are seeking more relief materials from the government. It has been estimated that over 1,500 acre of paddy fields which include



vast tracts of fish farms have remained inundated under flood water in the two areas. On June 13 and 14, the monsoon rain wreaked havoc in some states of Northeast. Eight persons were killed and other six were reported missing after flash floods in Mizoram. A least 250 houses were washed away by flash floods in the border village of Tlabung in Lungeli district of

southern Mizoram bordering Bangladesh on June 13. Imphal river section at Imphal East's Keirang Pangal Umang Konjin breached nearly 50 ft wide after the flooding from the river broke through the embankment inundating several homes on June 14. At least 30 houses were damaged in the flash flood submerging hundreds of houses at Keirang.

CM vows to protect agricultural lands and wetlands

DIPR
Imphal, June 20: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has vowed to protect agricultural lands and wetlands in order to ensure sustainable development to the people and maintaining ecological balance. He was speaking at the one-day interaction programme of local and district level monitoring committees constituted under the Manipur State Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2014, organised by Department of Revenue at Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) Auditorium, Palace Compound today.

Expressing serious concern over shrinking of paddy lands and wetlands at an alarming rate, the Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to review the performance of local, district and State level committees constituted under the Act and induct competent officials and social-minded locals into the committee. He said that the new State Government would do whatever possible to effectively implement the Act. Observing that Manipur being a land-locked State, it is necessary to make Manipur, a self-reliant State in food production, the Chief Minister opined that it can't be achieved without protecting agricultural lands and wetlands.

Biren further said that he is in constant touch with the Agriculture Minister to find ways and means to introduce widespread practice of double-cropping in the State. He further said that deliberations are also being made to construct small dams in the riverbeds of Imphal, Kongba and Thoubal rivers to harvest water for irrigation and water supply purposes. Stating that the present state of Lamphelpat is so disappointing, he directed the Imphal West DC to take up immediate steps to curb onslaught on paddy lands and wetlands there. The Chief Minister also asked the DC to evict unauthorised structures and effect immediate step to stop unnecessary acquisition and encroachment on agricultural land at Lamphelpat. Stating that protection of Loktak Lake is another task which the present Government takes seriously, Biren asked Bishnupur DC to constitute a committee comprising MLAs, DC, LDA officials and elected leaders of Panchayats in this connection at the earliest. Speaking at the occasion,

Revenue Minister Karam Shyam said that the interaction programme was organised under the supervision of the Chief Minister considering the significance of the Manipur State Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2014. The Minister observed that people should be imparted awareness about the Act in order to get co-operation from them towards its effective implementation. He said that Manipur requires 25 lakh tonnes of rice annually and the State could produce only 1/5th of the total requirement. The Minister further informed that as per the official records, the State has 2,34,000 hectares of agricultural land, but this total area is shrinking fast due to rampant constructions and urbanization. Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian said that the State Government is putting in serious effort to double State's agricultural produces by 2020. Commissioner (Revenue) Th. Chittaranjan made a PowerPoint presentation on the Act. DCs of different districts, Directors of different departments, SDOs and other officials also took part in the interaction programme.

Villagers clash over land dispute

IT News
Imphal, June 20: An unsettled land discord between villagers of adjoining villages of Khudei Khuman and Machi Khun under Tegnopol police station took a violent turn today as both sides attacked each other with firearms and set fire to houses. According to unconfirmed reports, some women received injuries in the fierce clash that had been brewing up from yesterday evening. A large contingent of state police and Assam Rifles was rushed to spot to take control of the situation and ease tension.

3rd Intl. Day of Yoga Celebration

DIPR
Imphal, June 20: With an attempt to set the Guinness World Record on the occasion of 3rd International Day of Yoga, Yoga Training and Research Centre Manipur, Sagolband Tera Keithel, will conduct the largest Diabetes Awareness Lesson at SAI-NERC Indoor Hall, Takyelpat, on Wednesday, 21st June, 2017, at 8.00 am. The ceremony will be graced by Shri L. Radhakishore Singh, Chairman, KVIB/MPCB, Govt. of Manipur, Dr. M. Homeshwor Singh, Director, Directorate of Environment, Govt. of Manipur, Smt. K. Sunita Devi, Zilla Parishad Member, Mayang Langjing, Shri A. Gojendro, Pradhan, Phayeng Gram Panchayat, Imphal West and Dr. Y. Bajao Singh, President, YRTC, Manipur as the Chief Guest, Guests of Honour and President respectively

Glorious future ahead for Chandel, says Letpao

IT News
Imphal, June 20: MLA of Chandel Assembly constituency and minister of IFC department Letpao Haokip was accorded a warm welcome by people of the constituency at a reception held in his honour at Chandel town today. The event was hosted by a special committee co-opted for the reception at Chandel Indoor Stadium and was attended by village chiefs, members of ADC Chandel, representatives of civil society organizations, district level officials and general public of the constituency. Speaking at the occasion, Letpao said Chandel ranks among the least developed in the state but promised that the people can now look forward to a glorious future ahead as their own representative has been appointed as a minister. He made a general appeal asking the people to extend their cooperation in the execution of developmental works in the district instead of propping hurdles. He said the pace of development will pick up gear only when people



inspect the ongoing work for construction of the 50-bedded District Hospital. Reports stated that the hospital building is nearing completion and the minister assured the people who accompanied him on the visit that the inauguration of the hospital will be carried out within 100 days from the date of swearing in of the BJP led government in the state.

of the district develop a cordial relationship with deputy commissioner and district level officers. He pledged that as a representative of Chandel AC he will be committed forever to the overall good of the constituency and will never work in the interest of a single community. If anybody breaches the rules that he will not escape unpunished, the minister told his home crowd. He stated that the repair work at Chandel Water Supply office whose infrastructure were swept away by flood water recently will be completed possibly within a period of three months. Before the reception, the minister took a site tour to

Muster roll workers seek CM compassion

IT News
Imphal, June 20: The muster roll employees of Wabagai Buffalo Farm has urged the state government to understand the hardships they have been going through for several years and give approval to regularization of their service. Presenting their case, the muster roll employees said after being recruited due to shortages of manpower in running the farm they were given some paltry amount as salaries for the first few months. They claimed that their salaries were stopped from 2004 putting them in a miserable position which they have been enduring till now. During the 15 years rule of Okram Ibobi as chief minister many representation requesting the regularization of their service were forwarded and several rounds of talks were held with the officials of the departments concerned but all had ended in vain, they stated. The muster roll workers pleaded with the present chief minister, N Biren to look at their suffering with compassion and give consent to the demand for regularisation of their services.

Special screening Moirangthem Maniram's Xondhikhyon

IT News
Imphal, June 20: Film Society of Manipur will organize a special screening of renowned Assamese film maker Moirangthem Maniram's critically acclaimed Assamese feature film- *Xondhikhyon* (Transition) at 5 pm on June 21, 2017 Wednesday at State Information Centre, Palace Gate, Imphal. The film was shown at the Contemporary Indian Film Festival held at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi in May 2015. The film was the inaugural film of 'New Horizons from North East', the North East Section of International Film Festival of India 2015 held at Goa. The 95- minute film made in

2014 depicts the agony of a woman and her family when her husband Abinash Barua has been kidnapped by an insurgent group. Noted film maker Ningthouja Lancha is the Editor and Music Director of the film. Manipur scripted and directed the film. Moirangthem Maniram's debut Assamese feature film -Mon Jai (I Feel Like) bagged the National Film award for the best regional film in Assamese language in 2008 and also selected in the Indian Panorama of International Film Festival of India in the same year. After the screening, there will be Q & A session with the film director.

Manipur Maoist commemorates 50th Naxalbari uprising

IT News
Imphal, June 20: A statement of the Maoist Communist Party Manipur said that the outfit had successfully commemorated the 50th Naxalbari uprising at all the newly established Revolutionary villages (Yawol Khul) of Manipur. The statement signed by one Kyonghan Mangang, Coordinator, Standing Committee, Maoist Communist Party-Manipur further added that during the commemoration function details of the uprising and the movement for the liberation of the revolutionary masses were discussed in depth with the local participants at the functions. It said the function

is being organized as an International contingent of World proletarian Revolution as per resolution adopted by Maoist organizations in solidarity with the peoples War in India. The MCPM said that since the beginning of this year 2017, the MCPM has been making a huge stride and putting a relentless effort in establishing the five "Yawol Khuls". It said that outfit believes and have faith in the public that the outfit will establish more "Yawol Khuls" in the coming days to spread the message of liberation. "With a determined effort by our party Red cadres & working in tandem with the political cadres, we have a



strong belief that by the month of July of this year, the people of Manipur will definitely see some visible landmark in the history of the liberation struggle of Manipur", the statement added. It said, the exclamation of

Comrade Lenin "The Revolutionary Storms in the East" is true to the core in our land, Manipur. Stating that Manipur is endowed with a fertile revolutionary mind and all that is needed is only a right

grooming in the right direction of the liberation movement. The MCPM also said that they are aware of the wariness of the middle & the ruling classes, who with their "Bourgeois Education" opposes the class & liberation struggle. "With an appropriate "walk the talk" liberation agenda of the MCPM, we believe that these opposing classes will soon see the light at the end of their dark tunnel of pseudo liberalism under occupation", the statement said. The Manipur Maoist also stated that they understand that the opposition to the liberation movement by some of the people within the community is due to the

infringing activities against the law of liberation by some of our own state actors who masquerade as "Yawol-Lois". The MCPM expresses hope to revamp the liberation movement, bringing a change in the history of the liberation struggle of Manipur, with a firm faith that other "Yawol-Lois" will encourage (nurture) us and hoping that the people of Manipur will rise in unison one day & bringing a change not only Manipur but to the whole of the liberation struggle of south Asian subcontinent. The MCPM further wished the Indian Maoist a success in their struggle to free the oppressed class from the clutches of the Indian hegemony.