

## Gold diggers at JNIMS finally showing its picture Rs. Crore worth machine remain out of order for over 1 and half months

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 24:** Manipur's pride JNIMS, is shattering the hopes of many people as patients are harassed by consultants by sending them to private clinic for taking X-ray, as the Digital X-Ray Machine installed at the hospital has been out of order for almost one and half months. Source said none of the JNIMS authority had taken up any initiative to repair the machine. The MRI Machine which is also installed at the hospital too has been out of order for around 4 days. The JNIMS

authority has not initiated any procedure for repairing of the machine either. The Digital X-Ray Machine was installed in the year 2015 and was procured by a brother of former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh identified as Okram Heramot. Source further added that the X-Ray Machine cost over crore s of rupees and what is surprising is that he didn't provide any agreement for maintenance of the machine with the company.

The one and the only Medical institution run by the Manipur state government, established

under the great enthusiasm of former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh in the name of providing quality medical facilities to the people of the state has finally showed the true colour behind the motives of establishing such institutions as medical equipment procured for this hospital have not reached upto the mark.

The most unfortunate part is that, the institute seems to be running without a responsible head, as essential equipments for diagnosing patients are never maintained and check giving much inconvenience to

patients who comes to the hospital for treatment.

While Imphal Times have several such evidences to show whether the hospital is dedicated for the people or is it a gold mine for suppliers and contractors, we coined only one instance as a wakeup call to the concern authority, particularly to the new ministry led by Nongthombam Biren.

Imphal Times will reveal story of how some people are digging gold from JNIMS in the name of construction and supplying of medical equipments when there is time.

## Ghost of Khwairamband Keithel July 23 fake encounter killing still haunt former Addl. SP; Apunba Lup demand speedy trial

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 24:** Ghost of fake encounter victims continue to haunt those officials who are directly or indirectly involved in masterminding such drama.

Th. Herojit, the head constable who had made a confessional statement of how he shot death Ch Sanjit in cold blood on July 23, 2009 at Khwairambandh Keithel had given hopes of justice to those killed in fake encounter.

Interestingly, CBI which is investigating the incident at which another pregnant lady Rabina was also killed, had re-examine the case by taking another statement of Th. Herojit on February 22 this

year.

Interestingly, the Then additional SP of Manipur Police, Imphal West, Dr. AK Jhalajit, whose name has been mentioned by the head constable had taken anticipatory bail till March 2. Later too, the Police officer again approach the court and plead for granting anticipatory bail as he was confined in urgent election duty. The Manipur High Court granted him the same till April 3, at which he can't be neither question nor summoned in regard with the case or Th. Herojit's Confessional statement.

Meanwhile, Convener of the Apunba Lup Manipur,

Ayekpam Landon Leima, while speaking to media persons said that, the Apunba Lup which was formed to fight against all form of human rights violation after the killing of Th. Monorama will launch several form of agitation if the government fail to speed up the case.

She also said that the present government led by BJP, in its vision document had stated that all the fake encounter killing case will be investigated and those responsible will not be spare.

Landon said that the BJP should fulfilled its promise to the people or else the people of the state will launch several form of agitation.

## DESAM calls 17 hours general strike March 26

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 24:** Condemning the minister portfolio to Independent Candidate from Jiribam Assembly Constituency, Ashab Uddin as Parliamentary secretary of Education, CAF and FD without any condition. In this regards, the students'

government must withdraw the Minister portfolio of Independent Candidate from Jiribam Assembly Constituency, Ashab Uddin as Parliamentary secretary of Education, CAF and FD without any condition. In this regards, the students'

body has called 17 hours general strike in protest of minister-ship to non-indigenous people in the state. More strong protest and agitation will take place in the state after the end of 10 and 12 examinations which is going-on if the concern and

state government fails to comply with their demands, he added.

Meanwhile, the Oriental college Students' Union and Standard College Students' Union has extended their support to join the protest with the student body.

## Bus drivers protest

**IT News**

**Imphal March 24:** Wrath over forcible eviction of parking space for passenger buses from Nityapat Chuthek in front of state BJP office without prior notification, bus drivers today thronged to the parking area at their buses and left there obstructing even the entrance gate of the state BJP office at around 11 am today. Spokesperson of the Indo-Burma Sugnu Road Bus

Owners' Welfare Union while speaking to media persons said that some personnel who identified themselves as authorities of the state transport department today came at around 7 am and asked all the buses to vacate the parking space without any prior notification. Over 80 passenger buses which run almost at every nook and corner of the state utilized the Nityapat Chuthek

roadside space as parking area since the last many years. After parking the buses at the parking space that is located in front of the state BJP office, the drivers left the place.

Spokesperson of the Union said that no communication has been made from the side of the Transport department, Government of Manipur and until the matter has been clarified the union will continue its protest, he added.

## MSF to continues campaign

**IT News**

**Imphal March 24:** Manipur Students' Federation today said that it will continue its campaign to improve the education system in the state. The student body has been carrying out a campaign for improvement of the education system in the state under the them "EIKHOI LAIRIK NINGTHINA TAMSI" which

literally mean let us study properly.

In a press meet held today at its office at Top Leirak, General Secretary of the Federation Wanglemba Khaba said that as a part of the campaign the student body will kick start a sticker campaign across the state. He also said that the vacant post of Vice president for the student Union has been field.

Lucky Konsam is the new Vice President of the MSF. On the other hand U Tiken has also been appointed as the advisor of the student body. The general secretary also appeal the authority of RIMS to cease the strike in the interest of the general public while asserting that the MSF will also urge the authority to fill the vacant post of Director at RIMS.

## 36th World TB (Tuberculosis) Day held at Thoubal

**IT News**

**Thoubal, March 24:** Like in other parts of the world, the 36th World Tuberculosis Day 2017 was observed at Basic School Kaleikhong Road, Lilong in Thoubal District today. The observance was jointly organised by District Health Mission- Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) Thoubal in collaboration with AXSHYA Project Thoubal.

The observance held under the theme "Unite to End TB-Leave No One Behind" was attended by CMO/ District Mission Director, DHS Thoubal Dr.

N. Jayantakumar Singh as chief guest, MO in Charge of CHC Haoreibi Dr. Rakib Shah as president and Principal in charge Basic School Lilong Th. Swarshima as guests of honour.

In his keynote address, Dr. Ksh. Memcha Devi, District Nodal Officer, RNTCP Thoubal has said that the programme is organised to eradicate and eliminate TB from the world.

The theme of programme for this year is "Unite to End TB-Leave No One Behind". The main aim of the programme is to bring awareness to the

public on the origin of the disease and its prevention, he said.

He further said that people can avoid such disease only through proper knowledge, balanced diet, regular exercise and avoiding consumption of intoxicants.

In connection with the event, Project Co-ordinator of AXSHYA Thoubal Mr. Oken Singh has a report on "Performance of AXSHYA Project.

As part of the function, a quiz competition on TB for students of schools in and around Chandel Lilong was held.

## JAC against the killing of S. Ranjit ruled out rape charge to the victim

**IT News**

**Imphal March 24:** JAC Against the Killing of Sapam Ranjit, whose death body was found early morning day before yesterday at Heingang Ching under Heingang Police Station, today ruled out the rape charge leveled against the decease and demanded immediate action against all those involved in the

killing of S Ranjit.

Spokesperson of the JAC, O Tondang, while speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today said that all the charges leveled against the decease are false and set up. He said some more people who are involved in the killing of SRanjit are still let free. He demanded immediate arrest of

those responsible to the killing of S Ranjit and urged authority to award befitting punishment as per the law of the land.

O Tondang further demanded immediate compensation to the next kin of the deceased family. He further appealed authority to take up stringent measures to prevent any such incident in future.

## Anti corruption cell to be set up at Chief Minister's secretariat

**DIPR**

**Imphal, March 24:** The State Cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren today decided to set up a special cell at Chief Minister's Secretariat to receive information on corrupt elements in public service, for ensuring transparency and accountability in governance. It was a landmark decision aimed at transparency and accountability in all spheres of administration and for ensuring corruption free governance.

In order to help the Government to ensure transparency and accountability, a dedicated mobile number 9402150000 was earmarked to receive public grievance or information related to any incident of corruption. The general public shall be encouraged to capture the video/audio of any incident of corruption in public service and send the same through Whatsapp on the above notified number. The State Government will take prompt action in all such cases. Identity of the person giving information shall be protected. Simultaneously, general public shall refrain from forwarding frivolous complaints as it will invite strict action under appropriate law. To achieve the goal of transparent and accountable governance with focus on citizen centric and effective

discharge of duty by public servants, instructions have been issued to all the public servants to ensure complete transparency and accountability in all matters except in cases where there is a requirement for maintaining secrecy, to ensure that there is not even a single instance of favouritism and nepotism in the discharge of duty, and to ensure that there are no cases of acceptance or offer of bribe, in any form, by or to the officials.

The Cabinet discussed discontinuation of the stage of interview in direct recruitment for junior level posts (Grade-III & IV) in all departments under the Government of Manipur in line with the policy adopted by the Central Government. It will help in curbing corruption, more objective selection in transparent manner and substantially easing the problems of poor people.

The Cabinet decided to discontinue the stage of interview in direct recruitment for junior level posts in all departments under Manipur Government with immediate effect and to amend the existing recruitment rules for Grade III & IV Posts accordingly. In case of any recruitment that was not completed, the concerned department should place the matter before the Cabinet for taking an appropriate decision.

The Cabinet also discussed the finalisation of work programme and monitoring of development activities for effective and efficient utilization of fund during 2017-18 and decided the mechanism to enable all the stakeholders and the departments accountable for proper utilization of fund.

For release of funds during the year, all departments shall be asked to finalise work programme initially for the first four months well in time and move Finance Department for release of fund. The Finance department will frame proper guidelines for release of fund in instalment basis as is done in the case of Govt. of India. A mechanism is being worked out in consultation with IT Department to facilitate the departments to upload the required information in the website of Planning Department. The photographs to be uploaded on the website will inter-alia show the beginning, progress and the completion of the work.

In order to implement the scheme of Housing for All under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana effectively in Manipur, the Cabinet decided to promulgate an ordinance for exemption of fee in the transfer of documents of land to women. The cabinet also approved to assign the implementation of the said scheme in

Greater Imphal area to the Department of MAHUD. In order to streamline all the state funded schemes to the targeted beneficiaries and to ensure delivery with utmost transparency, the State Cabinet decided that all the state projects and Schemes be brought the ambit of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) with the use of public fund management system (PFMS) within a period of three months.

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is a major reform initiative launched by Government of India to ensure better and timely delivery of benefits from government to the public. From the next financial year, Government of India has decided to implement DBT across all schemes throughout the country. DBT framework being universalised as a high priority area by the Government of India and being monitored at the highest level in the Government to deliver entitlements directly to eligible individuals will cover all Centrally Sponsored Schemes where cash benefits are transferred to individual beneficiaries through Centre/State/Sub-State/Implementing Agencies/Societies or Non-Governmental Organisations and various other enablers of government schemes in the form of honorarium or incentives