

Jiribam residents vandalise 'below par' hospital

IT News
Imphal, May 26: Annoyed at the inability of the state government to introduce modern health care facilities several months after its establishment, a mob today vandalized the building of District Hospital Jiribam. The people of Jiribam had fought a long battle to impress upon the state government on the need to establish a hospital there as an improvement in medical



treatment to the existing primary health centre. All problems appeared to have been solved when the then chief minister Okram Ibobi dedicated to the public the new hospital on October 31, 2016.

The expectation of the people was undone quickly as the authorities failed them in furnishing the necessary facilities of a hospital even after sufficient time had lapsed.

They were feeling betrayed and raised their voices against the government, an angry agitator stated maintaining that taking equipment from the primary health centre and placing them at the hospital is like treating them as meek and ignorant people which is wrong.

The people had never complained that the condition of the building of the PHC was bad and raised the demand for a hospital expecting the full facilities of one, he added.

Pointing out the administrative failures, the local people complained even though there is ambulance there are no drivers, the nurse staffs and sanitation staffs are absent and laboratory testing facility is still not available. According to them, the hospital does not have a single specialist doctor and the doctors posted there do not

stay there for considerable length of time as they are constantly transferred. It is amazing that the health minister has announced a transfer policy but the doctors are being transferred with such frequency, one of them stated. One of the staff was reportedly transferred thrice in a single month.

They questioned what development package has been taken up for Jiribam district and why the government is hesitant on cracking the whip on errant employees who appeared to consider postings at Jiribam as exiles.

The public has castigated the local MLA for his inability to sort out the problems of inefficient functioning of the hospital and requested his resignation if he finds it impossible to carry out his responsibilities.

State government is all set to establish Cancer Hospital

IT News
Imphal, May 26: State government is all set to establish a cancer hospital as well as a separate mental hospital shortly. This was stated by Health Minister L Jyantakumar during the inaugural session of the one day advocacy workshop cum discussion between media fraternity and staffs and officials of the state Health mission under the theme 'learning together for a sustainable goal'.

The health Minister, who attended as the Chief Guest in the inaugural session further

said that the state government had submitted proposal for setting up of the two hospital to the central authority and have already get green signal for establishing. Jyantakumar further stated that right to life is one of the most important rights which we must protect and safe guard. He appealed the media fraternities to bridge up a cordial relationship with the government and also to suggest the government whenever necessary. The programme was attended by PK Singh Commissioner Health as president and Dr. K. Lokendro Singh graced the occasion as guest of honour. Head of state health and medical department, Medical experts, editors, reporters were present on the occasion.

State Health dept. still need 1092 doctors

IT News
Imphal, May 26: 1092 post of doctors are still lying in the state health department at present, a source with the Imphal Times said.

It further said that there are only 590 doctors working in the state health department and due to lack of the manpower various problems arises at district PHCs and Hospitals.

Local man selected for national award



IT News
Imphal, May 26: Moirangthem Premier Singh has been selected as the recipient in the special category of the national award founded by the National Platform for Disabled Rights and Duties. His selection was a tribute to his distinguished contributions and sacrifices for the welfare of differently-abled people over a long period of time. Premier has collected several awards in the past in the same field. He is currently the programme manager of Relief Centre for Welfare of Differently-Abled Persons Manipur.

PM Modi opens India's longest bridge in Assam

Agony
Guwahati, May 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated the Dholasadia Bridge, the country's longest river bridge, over the Lohit in the eastern most tip of Assam connecting Arunachal Pradesh. After inaugurating the Rs 2,056 crore strategic bridge at Sadia in Assam's Tinsukia district, Modi walked a short distance over it. A vehicle carrying the prime minister, Union minister Nitin Gadkari, Assam Governor Banwarilal Purohit, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and other senior government officials then passed over it. The 28.50 km long bridge is

3.55 km longer than the Bandra-Worli Sea Link in Mumbai. It has a three lane carriage way and connects Sadia town in Assam's Tinsukia district with Dhola village in Arunachal Pradesh across the river.

The bridge will reduce travel time between strategically located Assam and Arunachal Pradesh by four hours as the earlier means of transport was only by river.

Bearing in mind the necessity for quick movement of troops and artillery to the bordering state of Arunachal, the bridge has been designed to accommodate the movement of tanks, according to official sources.

Minister Shyam discusses issues in Saikot SDO with local panel

IT News
Imphal, May 26: A delegation of Saikot Sub Division Demand Committee submitted a memorandum to revenue minister on the difficulties being faced by the sub division office there in addressing the needs of the people due to lack of manpower and infrastructure. The delegates who visited the minister at his office on May 24 last included chairman of the committee Timothy Z Zote, vice-chairman Samuel Dargawn, secretary R Lalkaisang and member Lalsandam. In a correspondence made available to the press by the committee, it was mentioned that Shyam promised the delegation that he will look into their grievances at the earliest. He even reportedly called up the Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur to solicit his suggestions. On the same day, the delegation also met the

commissioner of revenue and showed its appreciation for his openness towards the genuine issues placed before the government.

The committee further thanked the general public, village authorities, chiefs and fellow committee members stating that they offered unwavering support towards Saikot Sub Division development movement.

"We also appreciate the moral support from our partners and signatories to our movement - Hmar Inpu, Zomi Council (HQ), Mizo People Convention (Manipur), Vaiphei People Convention, Kuki Inpi (Churachandpur) and Hmar National Union (Block 5). Their support has been instrumental in strengthening our cause," the letter stated. The delegates presented Shyam and the revenue commissioner with a Hmar thangsuoopun each.

Appoint IAS as SDO: Chandel body to govt

IT News
Imphal, May 26: Insisting that many lapses have been discovered due to irregularity in office attendance by SDO/BDO and subordinate staffs, the Flood Victims Demand Committee, Chandel headquarter TD block has demanded the urgent posting of a regular SDO/BDO preferably an IAS officer.

In a letter addressed to chief minister N Biren, the committee reminded that appointment of IAS officers as SDO/BDO in the headquarters of hill districts were common in the past. It further pointed out that no SDO/BDO has taken charge for Chandel TD block since January 2017 which, along with the poor attendance of other staffs, has resulted in lapses in the functioning of the office and is causing inconveniences to the flood victims as well as the general public.

Missing youth found dead

Northeast News Agency
Imphal, May 26: A youth who went missing since May 17 was found dead this morning in a hillcock located in between Tangeng and Moijing of Waihou under Lilong Police Station in Thoubal district.

The body of Hirom Priyokumar, 28, son of H Manichandra hailing from Heingang Panthoibi Leikai of Imphal West, was found around 10 am, according to information.

A team of Lilong police retrieved the body from the spot. The police have begun investigation into the death.

The deceased had remained traceless until he was found dead on Friday amid frantic search.

Whereabouts of Priyokumar was unknown to his family and police since he went missing on May 17 after he reportedly had gone to SBI Branch at Gandhi Avenue to deposit cash for a Real Travel Agency located at Uripok Khoisnam Leikai here.

AMCTA meeting

IT News
Imphal, May 26: The executive committee of the All Manipur College Teachers' Association convened a meeting today at Kha Manipur College with the main agenda of groundwork preparation for organizing similar meetings in government colleges in

the state. The meeting which was conducted with principal of the college Y Mangoljao and president of AMCTA Lokendro as the presidium members conferred minutely on the problems existing in the colleges and the movement and duties of the college teachers.

One day training of ASHAs held

IT News
Thoubal, May 26: One day training of ASHAs on Community Based Distribution of Misoprostol for prevention of Post Partum Haemorrhage was held today at Conference Hall of District Health Society Thoubal. 30 ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators were attended in the training programme. In the inaugural function Dr. Kh. Usha Devi, Consultant, Reproductive Child Health,

NHM, Manipur, Shri Ch. Basanta Singh, DPM, DHS, Thoubal and Shri W. Imo Singh, State Community Mobilizer, NHM, Manipur were attended as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively. Dr. N. Homendro Singh, Medical Officer i/c, PHC, Nongpok Sekmai and Dr. H. Manimohon Singh, M.O. PHC Lilong were the Resource Persons of the day.

Shri Ch. Basanta Singh highlighted about the importance organising the training programme. Dr. Kh. Usha Devi, explained about the basic information about the Misoprostol and do's and don'ts about distribution Misoprostol for prevention of post partum Haemorrhage. Resource Persons explained through powerpoint presentation, Chart and role play

CM Biren is working out to talk with armed group

Courtesy: Tribune News Service

Imphal, May 26: To end the decades-long insurgency in Manipur, the BJP-led government in Manipur is ready for talks with militants willing to lay down their arms. Chief Minister N Biren Singh, in an interview with The Tribune, said his government was working on surrender and rehabilitation package for armed militants in the state bordering Myanmar.

"We are going to invite the insurgents for talks. We have deliberated on the issue in the Cabinet. I have already spoken to Home Minister Rajnath Singh for a package to ensure security, including financial security, to militants who surrender," he said.

Despite emerging the second-largest party in the state Assembly poll, the BJP was able to form a government. The CM, exuding confidence, claimed his government would last full term. "Stability is not a problem. People are with me. The Naga People's Front is also a part of my government," Biren Singh, who took over as the state's first BJP CM on March 15, claimed militancy-related

violence had come down.

"My biggest challenge is insurgency. I want equal development of hills and plains," he emphasised.

"After their surrender, where will they (insurgents) live? How will they be integrated with the mainstream? We have to work out these things. Anybody surrendering will be taking a big risk. He will be under threat from his group members. The surrendered militants have to be given financial support for rehabilitation," he maintained. A state with a population of barely three million, Manipur has over 30 militant groups, some demanding independence. As of now, surrendered militants are kept in camps, isolated from their families and society.

Biren Singh said he expected a financial package from the Centre. "We have to construct a housing colony for the surrendered militants so that they can live with their families in a safe environment. Schools, banking facilities, everything has to be provided to them and their families. They should feel secure. We have to create that kind of atmosphere," the CM said.

Pointing out that the Centre spent a huge sum on counter-insurgency operations in the northeast, he said: "If we implement a surrender and rehabilitation policy, it will yield better results, both in terms of peace and development." On the blockades imposed by the United Naga Council, an apex body of Naga insurgent groups, Biren Singh said the 139-day blockade of NH-2 and NH-37, to protest the creation of Sadar Hills and Jiribam districts by the earlier Congress government, was lifted four days after the BJP had formed government. "Besides, the Railway line from Gribam to Imphal will be completed by 2020. It will be very useful during such blockades." On the demand by certain Naga groups for including Naga-inhabited areas of Manipur to form "Greater Nagaland," he said: "The territorial integrity of Manipur will remain intact. Even the PM has said so." He claimed his government was not aware of any talks between Naga insurgent group NSCN (IM) and the Centre in this regard. The Chief Minister, who has been a footballer, said his government wanted to encourage sports and tourism.