

## Less than 24 hours non-stop rains flood many places in the state; rivers over flow

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Sept. 18:** Nonstop torrential rains in less than 24 hours once more flooded many parts of the valley region of the state.

Flood from incessant rains now become the worst nightmare of the N. Biren Singh led government in the state. This is the fourth flood witnessed in the state after N. Biren Singh led government come to power in March 15 this year.

Report reaching here said that many parts of the Valley region of the state were submerged under water due to the non-stop rains. In Imphal area almost all places in Keishamthong, Sagolband

and Thangmeiband areas were submerged under water. "Lack of proper drainage cause this flood and we blamed those in the government authority who fails to maintain proper drainage in our area", said a person from Irom Pukhri Achouba Mapal in Keishamthong Assembly constituency.

At Ahanthem leikai of the constituency water was seen flooding the street.

The same is seen at the street of Irom Pukhri Achouba Mapal and Longjam leirak.

At Sagolband Assembly constituency too many lanes particularly the Meino Lairak, Ingudum leirak and Moirang

leirak were inundated under water.

At Thoubal and Kakching district too people once more face serious inconveniences as many rivers overflow.

Various farm and cultivation areas besides thousands of houses were once more inundated by the flood water. Wangjing River too overflows and many place at Khangabok Assembly constituency too submerged.

At Kakching district, River overflows at keirak area and many paddy field and cultivation land were flooded. At Keirak water flows on the road. Wabagai, Sugunu, Kakching Khunou etc. were also submerged as water level rise.

## AMSU Gheroa MOBC office; 4 students injured in police action

**ITNews**

**Imphal, Sept. 18:** Large number of students under the aegis of the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) today Gheroa the office of the MOBC, Government of Manipur over failure to clear the pending scholarship for the OBC students of the state.

At least 4 students and an employee of the directorate office sustained serious injury after police team resorted lathi charge by firing mock bomb to disperse the agitating students.

Report reaching here said that at around 11 am today, large number students from various schools and colleges of the state gathered in front of the MOBC Directorate office carrying placards demanding resignation of the Director MOBC. As the agitators reached the office of the MOBC, staffs of the MOBC locks all entry to the office.

The irate students then vandalised an entry gate and entered the office complex. Then as they rushed towards the Director's office, the staffs tried to close the iron shutter. However the irate students vandalised the iron shutter too. The students demanded to meet the director but the



Police trying to stop AMSU volunteers at MOBC office

Photo by: Yambem Piyu

staffs resisted saying that the Director was not at the office. A team of police who arrived at the spot tried to control the agitators. However as the situation worsen the police started firing mock bomb and lathi charged the students. During the police action 3 students from the CC Higher Secondary School and another from the DM College of Science sustain injury. The injured were immediately rushed to Raj Medicity at North AOC and Shija Hospital at Langol for medical attention.

Later, at around noon a press conference was immediately

convened at the AMSU head quarter. Manjit Sarangthem, President of the AMSU while speaking to reporters condemn the police action and demanded apology from the government. He said the director had prompted the students to stage such protest as he failed to clear the pending scholarships for the OBC students despite his assurance to clear it before September 10. He further said that the AMSU had staged protest earlier many times and had held talk with the director himself many times. During the talk the director had assured the students that the

pending scholarship particularly for the 2016-17 will be cleared before September 10. However as no measures for the clearance of the scholarship has been noticed the students were left with no other choice but to protest. Manjit further said that scholarship for the Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste which was awarded from the Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment were given on time but why the MOBC still cannot clear the scholarship for the OBC students.

The president of the AMSU further demanded resignation of the Director MOBC.

## CM instructs officials to expedite works of opening Behiang PS

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Sept. 19:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has directed the officials concerned to expedite works regarding opening of a police station at Behiang. He made the instruction while speaking at a review meeting held at CM's Secretariat to discuss the targets of the developmental projects or schemes undertaken by different Government Departments to be completed in the current year 2017-18.

The meeting was conducted in continuation of the earlier meetings held on September 13 and 16 last. The Chief Minister also directed to constitute a committee and conduct a field visit across the State to find out the exact number of condemned vehicles of Manipur Police Department. The Chief Minister said that all the repairable vehicles could be auctioned while unrepairable vehicles should be disposed as scraps.

Developmental activities and welfare schemes being taken up by Home, Finance, MAHUD, MOBC and Labour and Employment Departments were mainly deliberated in the meeting.

However, considering the inconvenience being faced by the people due to scarcity of cooking gas, the Chief Minister inquired the CAF and PD officials present at the meeting about the cause of the shortage of LPG supply.

After he was briefed on the present situation by the officials concerned, the Chief Minister directed the officials to do whatever possible to address the problem immediately.

He also instructed them to convene a meeting at Chief Minister's Secretariat if necessary.

## Stop planting eucalyptus plant: Dr. Najma Heptullah

**Imphal, Sept 19:** Eucalyptus plant is brought from Australia during British period and it helps in decreasing the rich biodiversity of the State. Stop planting eucalyptus plant. We do not need it, said Dr. Najma Heptullah, Governor Manipur. The Governor was speaking as Chief Guest in the launching programme of CSIR-Aroma Mission and Anthropogenic impact & their management options in the different ecosystems of the Indian Himalayan region (Imphal/Manipur river basin) today at CSIR-NEIST, BLM, Imphal. Dr. Najma Heptullah appealed to the Scientists of Manipur for starting a movement against the planting of eucalyptus plant in the region. The plant has negative effect to the region's environment like inducing soil degradation, decline of ground water level and also harm to other plants.

Saying that the Governor is working very hard for removal of Ithai Barrage, Dr. Najma Heptullah told that in this regard, she had met the Ministry of Environment at

the centre. Because of the barrage, the largest lake in the north-east, Loktak lake is shrinking. Water can not flow to down stream and many rare species both flora and fauna are vanishing.

Giving assurance for any help from Raj Bhawan in pertain to plant research work, the Governor asked for not to fight with nature in the name of modernization.

On the occasion, Director CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat Dr. D. Ramaiah; Chief Scientist, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat Dr. P. Sengupta and Former Member, Steering Committee NER Vision, 2020 DoNER, Government of India Prof. N. Mohendro Singh were on the dais as President, Guest of Honour and Special Invitee respectively.

As part of the programme, memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the CSIR-NEIST, BLM, Imphal and farmers of the State was signed and distributed quality planting variety of lemon grass and citronella plant which were developed by the CSIR-NEIST.

## Complete Aadhar enrolment by Dec. 2017- CM

**DIPR**

**Imphal, Sept. 19:** Chief Minister N Biren chaired a review meeting on the progress of biometric capturing/ Aadhar enrolment in hill districts of the State. The meeting was held in the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. During the meeting, the Chief Minister instructed the respective MLAs of hill districts and DCs concerned to co-ordinate with MANITRON and In-Media to complete the entire process of biometric capturing of the individuals by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. Mentioning that the concerned DCs are responsible for the completion of Aadhar enrolment in the State, Chief Minister informed

the DCs to communicate with him when they face any issues or problems so that immediate intervention can be made to solve the issue. He stated that he would also personally monitor the whole process. He said that there will be procurement of additional Aadhar kits to complete the whole process of biometric enrolment within this year. Stating that the rate of biometric enumeration in almost all the hill districts is very low when compared with valley districts, the Chief Minister observed that Aadhar cards/numbers are necessary to get the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of various welfare schemes of different departments. Chief Minister further directed the concerned

DCs to organise awareness campaigns for the enrolment of Aadhar and should set up teams and co-ordinate with MANITRON and In-Media for timely completion of Aadhar enrolment in the State. Department of Information Technology should open more CSCs to the hill districts of the State, he added. He directed the DCs of hill districts to use satellite imagery maps to verify the bogus census data of the hill districts. He directed the Home Department to sanction the required amounts in the next 3-4 days for the completion of Aadhar enrolment in the State. The meeting decided to provide training for the teachers and staffs of the Deputy Commissioners to

know the technical know how to operate the Aadhar machines so that they could pass the test conducted by UIDAI.

Minister for Agriculture V. Hangkhanlian, Minister for Social Welfare Smt. Nemecha Kigen, Minister for IFCSD Shri Letpao Haokip, Chairman of HAC Shri T.T. Haokip, MLA of Thanlon AC Shri Vungzang Valte, MLA of Tipaimukh AC Dr. Chaltonien Amo, MLA of Tengnoupal AC, D. Koringthang, Chief Secretary R.R. Rashmi, Addl. Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, top bureaucrats of the State Government, DCs of hill districts, Asst. Director General (UIDAI) and officials concerned attended the meeting.

## 'Bloody Phanek' all set for world premiere in South Korea

**ITNews**

**Imphal, Sep 18:** Sonia Nepram's 'Bloody Phanek' is ready to hit the big screen this month during the 9th D M Z International Documentary Film Festival 2017, which will be held at Gyeonggi-do in South Korea from 20 to 28 September. 'Bloody Phanek' is a film on phanek, the exclusive attire similar to a sarong, which is worn by Manipuri women in northeastern India bordering Myanmar. It blends the personal and the political. The film explores the inherent concept of impurity in a phanek while examining how it is used as a medium of protest and challenges

masculinity. Organised under the theme of 'Peace, Life, Communication', the festival features 114 films from 42 countries. The 52-minute 'Bloody Phanek' has been selected in the Global Vision Section (World Premiere category) of the festival. It will be screened on September 26th (7pm local time, Megabox Paju Bookcity 1) and 28th (5pm local time, Megabox Baekseok 2) at the festival. More information is available on one of the pages of the festival: <https://goo.gl/JUZ4Ur>.

Produced and directed by Sonia Nepram under the banner of Yelhoumee Pictures, 'Bloody Phanek' was

initially pitched successfully at the DocEdge Kolkata, Asian Forum for Documentary in 2015 where the Mumbai-based Filament Pictures offered the Chandy Mathew Grant for outreach support. Then in the same year, it was further invited to pitch at the DMZ Docs Fund South Korea where 'Bloody Phanek' received the support grants.

'Bloody Phanek', her first feature length documentary film, is Sonia Nepram's second work. Her debut film 'Gun and a God' that was released online in 2013 had won the Jury's Choice Award at the Mumbai Women's International Film Festival (MWIFF).

## Aung San Suu Kyi condemns all human rights violations in Myanmar's Rakhine State

**Agency**

**Yangon, Sept 28:** Myanmar's de facto leader, Aung San Suu Kyi today condemned all human rights violations and said anyone responsible for abuses in troubled Rakhine State would face the law. In her first address to the nation on the violence in northern Rakhine state Suu Kyi said, Myanmar did not fear international scrutiny and is committed to a sustainable solution to the conflict. Suu Kyi, who is designated as the State Counsellor of the country, appealed to the global community to help her nation unite across religious and

ethnic lines. She also offered a pathway back to the country for the Rohingya Muslims forced to flee by army operations.

The Myanmar leader said in the capital Nay Pyi Taw, that she wanted to speak to both Muslims that had fled and those that had stayed to find out what was at the root of the crisis. However, she did not address the allegations against the military, saying only that there had been no armed clashes or clearance operations since 5 September. The current spate of violence began through Rakhine state since August, when there was

an armed attack on police posts, blamed on Rohingya militants. That led to a massive security crackdown by the military, which UN has decried as ethnic cleansing. More than 400,000 Rohingya Muslims cross into Bangladesh, with tales of their villages were being burned and saying were facing persecution at the hands of the military.

While Ms Suu Kyi is the de facto head of the civilian government of Myanmar, also known as Burma, it is the military which holds real power in Rakhine state as it is in charge of internal security.