

# Editorial

## Exposing our treasure

It is not an underestimation of our local journalist. Everyone knows how sensitive are our journalist. Having said so, we cannot ignore the importance of journalists from outside the states and abroad, if the government felt that exposure of our beautiful landscape and tradition and culture to the world community.

The candid views of Journalists and Observers from outside the state and abroad is a tool to make people aware of rich traditions and beautiful landscape to the world community.

"If one praises about himself or herself, it reaches every nook and corner", so said the saying. But it remains as universal truth that when the so called person talks about himself, herself or about his family, community etc. he or she will pick up only the bright side. This is an undeniable truth for the neo-contemporary human beings.

We the observers and the journalists of the native know that Manipur is changing. This perhaps can be credited to the advancement of technology and those geniuses who had invented smart phone, Internet and social media like twitter, Facebook etc.

Leaving aside, the common people, it is signed which shows that Manipur is marching ahead under the vibrant leadership of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his colleague. His wisdom on the need for utilization of modern technology to get in touch with the people of the state is one praiseworthy experiment. Already he had organized peoples' day - both for people from the far flung hilly area as well as those in the valley region. The endeavor is being followed by other bureaucrat officers of the state.

This one big step taken up by chief minister N. Biren Singh is appreciated by each and every people of the state irrespective of differences in political party or ideologies.

Saying so, people still are skeptical on various other issues like the promises for development of infrastructures which is yet to begin implementation even after 6 months in the government due to certain reasons like frequent torrential rains causing floods for five times in 6 months in the state.

But one thing which is true is that, the N. Biren Singh led government has succeeded in restoring communal harmony of this lost paradise. But still then, years of conflict between the state actors and the non state actors as well as between various conflict often reported in newspapers has still failed to convince the outside community that Manipur is a peaceful land now. Because of fear, foreign tourists seem to be still skeptical of the reality that Manipur is now. The present govt. now need a mechanism to show the world that Manipur is one among the best destination for tourists.

The matter is being put up because we in the Imphal Times want to draw the attention of our Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as well as those in Department of Tourism about the necessities of inviting Journalists from outside the state and abroad, particularly those influential journalists from the South East Asian Countries like - Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Korea, Japan and China weeks before the commencement of the State Tourism Festival which is scheduled to hold in the month of November. The mode inviting the foreign journalists would be best by seminar plus tour programme so that they learnt and take the firsthand account of the glimpse of the beautiful landscape of this land. We also understood that Manipur is historically important for both British and Japanese people as this place is an important battlefield of World War II.

We know that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government has brought many changes in 6 months. Promises have been made but six months is a short span for development of infrastructures. Besides the torrential rains which cause flood and landslide for five times in this short span is one reason for the delay in taking up developmental works. But we had seen how Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had utilized all his skills in restoring the peace and harmony in the region. The thin line that divided different communities of the state has been almost abolished.

By inviting foreign journalists, weeks ahead of the Sangai Tourism Festival, the fear psychosis about the existence of conflict and uncertainty among the community will be eradicated from the mindset of the people from South East Asian countries, as the journalists will surely narrates truth of the present state.

Who knows, unlike before foreign tourists might flooded the Sangai Tourism Festival to find out what the journalists had told them.

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## More State News

### Call for sustainable tourism echoed during World Tourism Day at Phayeng

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Sept. 28:** World Tourism Day on the theme "Sustainable Tourism- a Tool for Development" was observed at Phayeng Village, Imphal West yesterday. Speaking as the Chief Guest, Karam Shyam, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Revenue said that, the government led Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is giving special emphasis to tourism sector. He said the Chief Minister currently in New Delhi is meeting Union Ministers and officials in this regard. Karam Shyam also said sanction to build ropeway connecting Siroi to Ukhrul, Marjing to Phaidinga and Sendra to Karang has been approved. A proposal for direct flight between Delhi and Imphal (3 flights in a week) is also being sent to the Central Government for

consideration. Minister Karam Shyam said Phayeng is an appropriate location to celebrate World Tourism Day as the village is rich in natural beauty. He also said that the welcome accorded to him following the age old traditions and customs with men and women of the area wearing the traditional dress is in line with the theme of the observation. He applauded the locals for preserving the culture and traditions of our forefathers and said that it is heartening to be sitting at the dias(stage) along with the Kullakpa (Village Head) of Phayeng who is wearing the traditional dress. Karam Shyam highlighting the contribution of Tourism in the economy said the sector accounts for 10% of global GDP and has generated 1 in 10 jobs in the global

workforce. He said it is unfortunate that the State is unable to tap the full potential of the natural beauty which is blessed with green forest cover and rare species of flora and fauna. The Minister said to boost tourism, the State should become tourist friendly, provide a secure environment by improving the law and order situation. He called upon the citizens of the State to help the Government in making Manipur a favoured tourist destination. He also said water harvesting structure will soon come up at Lamphel and land encroachers will be evicted after giving suitable notice, following the law of the land. Sapan Ranjan Singh, Chairman of the Tourism Corporation of Manipur Limited (TCML) said that marketing in an important constituent needed to boost tourism. Stating that

emphasis is being given to promote rural tourism, Shri Sapan Ranjan Singh said in the upcoming Sangai Festival homestays will be promoted to enable the tourists to experience the lifestyle of the people. Heikham Dingo Singh, MLA Sekmai A/C said that the State is rich in arts and culture and tourism can reach its full potential if the locals collaborate with the Government. He also said for the State to develop, the villages must be developed first. As part of World Tourism Day, the locals of the Phayeng village performed cultural dances of Khou Chongba and Chakpa Phayeng Anoba jagoi. Mukna demonstration enthralled the spectators along with Waa (bamboo) Chingba. The locals of Phayeng also submitted memorandum to the Chief Guest Karam Shyam Which was addressed to the CM.

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## SECRETARIAT : RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Imphal, the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### PRADHAN MANTRI AWAAS YOJANA – GRAMIN (PMAY-G)

Information to all Village Authorities/Gram Panchayats/General Public

- Government is committed to provide 'Housing for All' by 2022. Erstwhile IAY has been restructured into Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.
- Beneficiaries under PMAY-G are to be selected from SECC data. Beneficiaries to include all houseless and households living in zero, one or two room houses with kutchra wall and kutchra roof as per SECC data, subject to exclusion process prescribed in Guidelines. Ranking and prioritization among these beneficiaries to be done. Separate priority list for SC, ST, Others and Minorities for each Gram Panchayat to be generated.
- These lists are to be circulated to all Gram Panchayats/Village authorities concerned for verification by Gram Sabha/Assembly of Village Authority.
- Block Development Officers (BDOs) have been directed to convene awareness and sensitization meetings with all Pradhans and Village Authorities by giving wide publicity in electronic media and local newspapers. The Beneficiary selection method and procedure to be explained in these meetings. Post verification, BDO to ensure publicity of the lists provided by the Gram Sabha/Village Authority within the Gram Panchayat/Village for atleast seven days.
- Window period of fifteen days to be given for submission of complaints regarding the lists be any aggrieved person to the BDO concerned. BDO to enquire and submit a report to Appellate Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner within fifteen days. Appellate Committee to resolve and dispose of cases within fifteen days.
- Appellate Committee may also receive petitions and applications from applicants who are not in SECC data but claim that they are needy and deserve house as per PMAY-G Guideline. Appellate Committee may receive such recommendation/report from Gram Sabha/Village Authority also. Appellate Committee to have such claims/reports/complaints verified by BDO or designated officer. Appellate Committee to recommend list of such non-SECC claimants as are found genuine after enquiry to rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- The selected beneficiary will receive Rs. 1.30 lakhs from PMAY-G component for construction of house. Additionally, a sum of Rs. 12,000/- is to be provided from MGNREGS for construction of low cost toilet. Further, 95 person days of wage employment may be granted for construction of own house of beneficiary – there in an additional amount of Rs. 19,380/- may be provided from MGNREGS component. Thus, effectively, the total unit cost to be received by the beneficiary would be Rs 1.30 lakhs + Rs. 0.12 lakhs + Rs. 0.19380 lakhs = Rs. 1.61380 lakhs.
- The amount shall be released to the beneficiaries under PMAY-G as per stages of houses construction given below:

Sl.no	Stage of construction	Release of instalment	Amount(in Rs)
1	At the time of houses sanction	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	Rs 48,000/-
2	On completion of plinth level	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	Rs 42,000/-
3	On completion of Lintel level	3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment	Rs 40,000/-
Total			Rs 1,30,000/-

Release of Second and Third instalments shall be preceded by site visit by designated officials and verification of work details which shall be uploaded mandatorily to AwaasSoft along with supporting photographs.

- Houses to be constructed under the technical supervision of trained and certified Masons. Districts will be provided trained mason. Training of masons to be conducted by government of India accredited agencies.
- Geo-tagged photo of beneficiary's current house and proposed location will be mandatory before release of funds. All funds will be directly to beneficiaries bank account in electronic transfer mode.
- Annual Tentative Plan (Year wise) for construction PMAY-G house are listed below:

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 to 2021 to22
Houses	9740	15398	15399	9000(approximately)

- Households that deserve assistance under PMAY-G but have not been included in the initial beneficiaries list drawn SECC-2011 data may apply to the Appellate Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner for inclusion in the beneficiaries list. Such deserving households shall be included in the beneficiaries list for next year after obtaining due approval from competent Authority in the Central Government.

Sd/-

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