

Govt's inability to announce HQ location of newly created Kakching district fuel anger to the demand Committee

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State Government failure to listen the plea for construction of the newly created Kakching district Head Quarter at a convenient location for all the people of the four assembly constituencies which comes under the jurisdiction of Kakching district is fuelling anger to the people of the Sugunu and Hiyanglam assembly constituencies.

Members of the Kakching district Head Quarter Demand Committee Waikhong Thongjao (KDHQDCWT) during a press conference held today at Manipur Press Club said that state government's measures to construct infrastructures at Kakching for the district head quarter despite the commitment by the CM for consideration of the demand by KDHQDCWT is nothing but an open invitation for an intensified agitation. The KDHQDCWT has been demanding the construction of the district HQ at a convenient location for all the people of the 4 Assembly segments under Kakching district. The committee urged for establishment of the head Quarter at Waikhong Thongjao. The demand for keeping the HQ at Waikhong Thongjao area is being supported by 1/3rd of the Wabagai Assembly constituency too.

Speaking to reporters, Sureshkumar, convenor of the

Kakching district Head Quarter Demand Committee Waikhong Thongjao said that people of the Hiyanglam, Sugunu and some parts of Wabagai Assembly constituencies had staged protest on February 25 demanding the district head quarter be located at an equidistance place for all the people of the district and that falls at Waikhong Thongjao. The newly district was announced on December 8, 2016

by the then congress government. Sureshkumar said many were injured in police action to distort the protest and some are still undergoing treatment at Hospital.

"During meeting with the Chief Minister, the committee member had been assured to look after the problem and as per the appeal of the CM to suspend the agitation in view of the examination for students,

the committee suspended the stir for sometimes", he added. During Assembly session too, revenue minister had also assured to look into the matter. However, as no measures for construction of HQ at Waikhong Thongjao as demanded by committee has been taken up and instead of that constructions for the head quarter are seen taken up at Kakching the Committee is left with no other choice but to intensify the agitation.

Total shut down announced at DMC Arts

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Student Union of the DM College of Arts today announced total shut down at the DM College of Arts. Following the announcement the students' union leader Arambam Bikash, General Secretary of the DMC Arts said that all shorts of construction works going on for the college and all academic activities has been stopped from immediate effect. The general secretary said that, the students' Union has been demanding for proper fencing of the college campus since the last few months and a memorandum regarding the



matter has been submitted to the Director of Education (U) and the matter has also been put to the notice of the Chief Minister on Meeyangmi Numit Day. During the meeting with the CM on Meeyangmi Numit the students' body set

deadline for construction of fencing on or before 12 noon of today. As no action has been initiated regarding the demand of the student, a protest has been staged today by burning the desk and benches of the college.

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu wins first gold for India at Commonwealth Games 2018

Agency
Gold Coast, April 5,

Star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won the first gold for India at the 21st edition of the Commonwealth Games with a power-packed performance in the women's 48 kilogram category in Gold Coast, Australia, on Thursday.

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She registered 86 kg in the snatch and 110 kg in clean and jerk for a total of 196 kg.

Marie Hanitra of Mauritius finished a distant second with a total of 170 kg while Dinusha Gomes of Sri Lanka took bronze with 155 kg.

Chanu started off on a rousing note by breaking the existing Games record with a lift of 80 kg.

She went on to break the record another two times with successful attempts of 84 kg and 86 kg, the latter being her new personal best.

That gave her a massive lead of 10 kilograms over second placed Marie at the end of the snatch session.

The showing helped her better the silver she had won in the 2014 Glasgow CWG.



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The Indian ended with a score of 196kg (86kg+110kg), earning a massive applause from the fans at the Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre.

The 23-year-old's previous best was a total lift of 194kg (snatch 85kg and 109kg in clean and jerk) achieved in the World Championships a few months ago.

Her nearest but still a very distant rival, Amanda Braddock of Canada failed to complete a single lift in the clean and jerk after managing a best of 76kg in snatch. Earlier, P Gururaja claimed a silver medal in the men's 56kg event to open India's medal account in the quadrennial extravaganza.

MPCC hit back to Bishwajit; demands NIA probe on forged CDA

IT News
Imphal, April 5,

Hitting hard to the state government spokesperson, Th Bishwajit, Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) today demanded NIA probe over the issue of withdrawal of huge amount of money using forged Check Drawal Authority (CDA)

Speaking to media persons at Congress Bhavan, Harishwar Goswami, Spokespersons, MPCC said that MLA Bishwajit responds MPCC have already submitted with full evidence for the withdrawal of fund.

"Bishwajit's clarification at which he stated that no fund have been withdrawn using forged CDA is unacceptable", Goswami said.

He added that as per response by the government spokesperson Bishwajit, MPCC now finds three versions which actually showed that financial misappropriation has been committed.

"The contention by MPCC against the withdrawal of fund using forged CDA which showed that a controversial liability inside the department just for their own benefit", he added. Tilotama Loitongbam, President Mahila Mandal MPCC clarified that MPCC

have not put up any allegation against BJP but what they have arise is a question to bring out the truth in white paper against the misuse of fund and withdrawal using forged CDA.

Government must understand and work wisely if Manipur State faced financial crisis due to deficit or overdraft of funds as this would make the people into deep trouble, she added.

Tilotama questioned why Works Department is denying about the withdrawal of fund while the Finance Department and PWD had clearly said that there have been withdrawal of funds for four works though they were manage to hold on other fund that were about to be withdrawn.

"Government should bring out in white paper that exactly how much funds have been withdrawn and how many have been misuse", said Tilotama. MPCC demands that if the case on the missing guns which were flash in front of public by Chief Minister can be handed over to NIA, similarly the fresh case of the misuse of funds and withdrawal of funds using forged CDA should also be handed over to NIA and transparency should be shown to the public, Tilotama asserts.

Let's make Manipur a 'Model' state : CM

DIPR
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"Let us make Manipur a 'Model State' for development in the country", said Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. He appealed to work together towards maintaining transparency to help poor and needy people and bring positive change in the State. This was stated by him at the during a meeting regarding the discussion of the 'Go to the Village' mission held at Darbar Hall, Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Speaking at the meeting, Chief Minister said, under the 'Go to the Village' mission, we would visit every village in each and every constituency of the State. He maintained that infrastructure mapping of villages would be done soon. He directed all the Deputy Commissioners to identify the number of villages at their respective districts. He further

directed the DCs to create wide awareness campaigns about the mission in every district of the State. He assured that there would be no financial crunch under the 'Go to the Village' mission to bring inclusive development in the State.

Chief Minister advised the Administrative Secretaries, HODs etc to co-ordinate, co-operate and share knowledge among them to make the mission successful and to bring inclusive development in the State. He informed that 'teamwork' is a must to overcome any problems. Sectors such as Agriculture, Power, Education, Health etc. would be given foremost priority under the mission. To make the mission successful, a Committee would be formed with Chief Minister as Chairman, Deputy Chief Minister as Vice-Chairman, PWD Minister as Convenor, MLAs as Members, he

added. During the meeting, Chief Minister announced that there would be an interaction session cum meeting regarding the 'Go to the Village' mission at City Convention Centre, Imphal East on April 8, 2018. He further informed that all the Cabinet Ministers, Administrative Secretaries, DCs, HODs and other top officials should attend the interaction programme to chalk out plans for the successful of the mission. He informed to all the HODs to undertake preparations within this month. The mission would be launched in the first week of May, 2018, he added. Chief Minister assured that the government would provide alternative livelihood to those farmers who were engaged in poppy plantation in the past. He further stated that the government would identify and encourage promising

entrepreneurs especially those living in villages.

Chief Minister mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is indeed happy and appreciated the efforts and achievements of the new government made during last one year. Various Ministries of the Union Government have also appreciated the efforts of the present government too, he added. Such success of the government was possible with the support, co-operation and blessings of the people of the State, he added.

Later, many officers gave their suggestions and opinions regarding the implementation of the mission during the meeting. Cabinet Ministers, Chief Secretary, Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners, Head of Departments and various officials attended the meeting.

Seminar on "Role of Cooperative for the Economic and Skill Development of SC & ST"

IT News
Thoubal, April 5'

A one-day District Level Seminar on the theme "Role of Cooperative for the Economic and Skill Development of SC & ST" was organised by Manipur State Cooperative Union Kshettri Sanglen, Thoubal today.

The seminar held under the sponsorship of National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) New Delhi was attended by Registrar of Cooperative Societies H. Rupachandra Singh, IAS, President of Manipur State Cooperative Union Lamphelpat Imphal L. Tompishak Singh, Vice-

President of MSCU Valley Smt. Jeena Potshangbam, Vice-president of MSCU hills Jangkhongam Haokip, Members of MSCU board of management Shougrakpam Hemanta Singh and L. Basanta Sharma as members of the dais.

Technical session of the seminar was held with Former

Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies Manipur Kh. Tomba Singh, Deputy Director of Directorate of Tribal Affairs and Hills Imphal M. Pheijao Singh, Project Officer of NCUI Women Education Field Project Imphal Smt. B. Joyshree Devi as the resource persons.

Mentally unsound lady raped

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Imphal, April 5,

Tension runs high among the villagers of Nongdam Khul in Imphal East under Lamlai Police station after a 29 years old married lady was allegedly raped by a person. Identity of the rapist has been suspected but, Imphal Times withhold the identity as it is yet to be confirmed. According to report the rape victim is mentally unsound and she held from Nongpok Keithel Manbi. The report added that the condition at which the lady was found at Nongdam Khul near a paddy field made suspicion to the villagers who found her and when enquired by some lady it was revealed that some youths rape her. But her mental status could not make sure who were those involved in the heinous crime.

Today morning a meeting was conducted and the villagers of Nongdam had resolved to find those culprits involved to the raping of the lady and to punish them/him as per the law of the land.