

## Disabled persons wrath over government partiality; protest in front of Social Welfare attitude



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Wrath over the partiality attitude of the government towards the differently abled persons of the state, large number of persons with disability under the aegis of the State Platform of Disabled Peoples' Organisation today thronged to the office of the state Social Welfare department and staged a sit-in-protest in front of the office gate. "We have been demanding a separate Directorate for the persons with disability so that all rights guaranteed in the RPD Act be ensured to all the differently abled persons", Yunus Khan President of the platform of differently abled bodies said to reporters at the protest side. Since morning many differently abled persons were seen approaching towards the State Social Welfare Department at North AOC side. Some came in their tricycles, some with white cane and some with walking stick. Placards with slogans "We want a separate Directorate", "Disability Rights are Civil Rights", "We want our demand" etc. were displayed during the protest.

The State Platform of Disabled Peoples' Organisation had on July 25, 2018 submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Manipur demanding the state government to frame a disability policy and to Channelize the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016; to sanction the old aged pension of the persons with disabilities for the year 2015, 2016, 2017 and till date; to provide skill development programme for the disabled; to create accessibility in all the public and private places as per the Section 40 and 46 of the RPD Act 2016; to amend and include disable game and sports in the state budget Policy and to reconstitute the Manipur State Paralympics Committee with representatives from the disabled organization and to create separate directorate for the persons with disabilities. The platform of the disabled bodies had also threatened intense agitation if the demand were not fulfilled by August 25, which is now 5 days passed. President of the disabled platform while talking to media said that they are left with anguished and

frustration as none of their demand are seriously considered as they are borne disabled. "They keep us playing from time to time without fulfilling our demand as we are differently abled people", Yunus said. Yunus further said that the so called CMHT or Right to free Education or care service are all guaranteed on the Representative of the Persons with disability Act 2016. This rights ensured in the act has been mislead to the people changing different name, he added. Yunus appealed the government not to make fool of the disabled people and instead it will be better to fulfill the rights of the differently abled persons. "This is our first protest, if the government fails to provide us assurance in written to make sure that our demand will be fulfilled then the disabled person too like the normal person will launched intense agitation including bandh, blockade etc.", Yunus said and added that first agitation will be bandh called at Tamenglong, 2nd will be bandh at Churachandpur site and the third will be along the Senapati site.

## 4 Substance users handed over to Re-hab center



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A team of Narcotic cell / Imphal east today picked up four substance users from Kshetrigai Sabal Leikai and handed over to Hingminasi Drug-De Addiction Rehabilitation

centre, langol zone-iv. The four substance users identified as Salam Chinglemba @Naoba (23) yrs S/O late S. Mangi of Sangaiprou Central Quarter, Khaidem Naoboi Singh(20) yrs s/o kh.Joy Singh of khundrakpam Awang Leikai,

Poireingamba Ashem (20) yrs S/O A.Lokeshor Singh of Khundrakpam Makha Leikai and Sagolsheem Johnson Singh (20) yrs S/O Late S. Kulabi singh of Yumnam Khunou were picked up by team led by Kh.Devkumar Singh, OC Narcotic cell.

## Social Welfare Office of Moreh Block exists for name shake; makes mockery of the CM's ambitious "Go to Village" programme

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The last few years, since Narendra Modi become the Prime Minister of India and following the change of government in the state of Manipur too in 2017, border town Moreh has been the talk of the country in the backdrop of the aspirant Act East Policy. State government eyes has been in the dream town as Moreh is a potential town once the Act East Policy implement in full swing. When eyes are for trade and commerce and connection with foreign countries, the government machineries in the town which are being paid for the welfare of the people of the Moreh town are left free hand allowing them to do anything of their choice. Before taking up other office, Imphal Times Correspondent Lucky first give a firsthand report of how the differently abled persons of Moreh are being deprived by the Social Welfare office of Moreh Block. Our Correspondent also collected records of how the officials concern of the Moreh Block Social

Welfare Department is making a mockery of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh ambitious "Hakshelgi tengbang" programme. Go to Village Program was launched in month of May 2018. On May 8, 2018, the programme was organised at Sibong Khudengthabi village, Moreh for the first time. On the day 8 differently abled persons of the Village submitted the documents for applying the schemes under the government programme. Other backwads people including Widows, Aged public had submitted their documents to the officials of Social Welfare Department on that day. But 4 months has crossed now, no benefits and no reply from Social Welfare Department at Moreh Block has been intimated. Office of Social Welfare Department, Moreh Block is being attached at the Office of Additional Deputy Commissioner Moreh. Our Correspondent found the office hardly opens for even three days in a Month. Surprisingly the much publicise scheme "Chief Minister gi Sotharaba



Nemkhotin Khongsai, the 85 years old grandmother of differently abled Seiminlun Khongsai crushing stone to feed his grandson



Singgi Tengbang" is hardly known to the public of Moreh Block due to lack of Awareness by the Officials of Social Welfare Department. Today morning our correspondent Lucky Singh had visited the Khudengthabi Village and attended the Go to Village program at Moreh. At the venue our Correspondent met some of the disabled Villagers and asked them about the schemes which had been applied by them on 8th May 2018. A disabled women named as Nengkhotin Baite, who is about 60 years old and is suffering from blindness for over 4 years stated that the She had directly talk to the officials of

Social Welfare Department on that Day but still she didn't get any reply from the officials till today. Earlier, our correspondent visited Shijang Veng of Moreh Ward No. 1 were the Go to Village Program was conducted on July 3, 2018. On that day Seiminlun Khongsai Aged 16 years was the only disabled from Shijang Veng who had submitted their documents for disability to the Social Welfare Department. But he still gets nothing from the Social Welfare department from any of the CM's schemes. The Parents of Seiminlun Khongsai were both dead when he was only 5 years

old. Borne differently he was looked after by her 85 years old grandmother Nemkhotin Khongsai. She break stone to earn bread for him. Both of them are living in a rent for more than 8 years. Our correspondent had reported the name shake existence of Social Welfare Department Moreh on 26th of this month. The Officials of Social Welfare Department Moreh Block claimed the report as false. One thing that the government employees should remember is that they are getting their salary to render their service by the money collected from the people in the form of tax.

## GST was most comprehensive tax reform the nation has seen: President Kovind

**Agency New Delhi, Aug 30,**

Observing that taxes were the building block of governance since ages, President Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday urged probationers of the Indian Revenue Service to ensure that the mega Goods and Services Tax

(GST) reform was implemented across the nation and tax assesses were properly educated about the new tax system. Addressing the 68th batch of IRS (Customs and Central Excise) probationers who called on him at the Rashtrapati Bhawan here, Mr Kovind said the GST was 'the

most comprehensive tax reform the nation has seen". "A nation's tax structure should be just, efficient, honest and equitable and as administrators it is the primary duty of IRS officers to ensure that the country has tax resources to fund different aspects of development, be it

building infrastructure in rural and urban areas, schools and hospitals, defence and security and so on," he said. Recalling that in ancient times, rulers and kingdoms were judged by the kind of tax systems they had, Mr Kovind said it was a matter of satisfaction that the GST regime had been

implemented with success in ushering in a progressive tax structure that will benefit the economy and honest tax payers. He said IRS officers must discharge their duty in a way that encourages honest tax compliance with minimum discomfort to tax payers.

## One more stolen vehicle recovered

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In continuation of drive against the culprit involved in stolen vehicles, AVTT duly assisted by Andro PS have detained one Maruti Suzuki 800 silky silver in colour having registration no. MN07D2948 from the possession of one Md. Abdullah Shah s/o Md. Siraj Ahamed of Yaripok Tulihawng Leikai, Imphal East. The vehicle is also wanted by Imphal police station vide GD no.11/IPS dated 09/07/2018. So, the driver as well as seized vehicle was handed over to OC IPS for further necessary action.

## Senapati District Bar Association appeals govt. for security of Justice A. Noutuneshwari Devi

**IT News Imphal, Aug 30,**

The Senapati District Bar Association lauded the recent District & Session Court's verdict rewarding death penalty to the accused person who had raped and murdered a minor girl on 25Th Dec 2015. The Bar Association appreciated the Women Action Development (WAD) and the All Manipur Lady Advocate Association (AMLAA) for their concern for the

safety of our Special Judge A Nuatuneshwari by way of appealing safety and security from the State Government. The Association, while acknowledging their concern for the Judge's safety, deeply regretted and objected to the statement demanding the transfer of the District & Session Court, Senapati to Imphal. The court atmosphere in Senapati District is peaceful and smoothly functioning without any untoward incident

occurred related to Court cases till date. The Senapati District Bar Association appeals that if any organisation or individual wishes to suggest views for the better functioning of the judiciary, be constructive keeping in mind the interest of the general public. With trust and respect for the judiciary, the civil organisations of the District is taking the matter very seriously and fully support the court's Verdict.

## Lalu surrenders in Ranchi CBI court

**Ranchi, Aug 30,** Former Bihar Chief Minister and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad on Thursday surrendered before a special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court here to serve his sentence in a fodder scam case. Lalu Prasad surrendered before Justice S.S. Prasad, who ordered he be sent to the Birsu Munda Central Jail. From jail he could later be shifted to the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) for treatment, the judge said. The Jharkhand High Court on September 24 had directed him to surrender by August 30. He was out on provisional bail since May 11.