

## Meeyamgi Numit, Hill Leaders' Day Held; Errors in SECC database deny many of government benefits: CM

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Dec 15,**

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the State Government has requested the Centre to allow fresh enrolment of genuine families in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) database and discard all the wrongful entries/beneficiaries.

He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

N. Biren Singh conveyed that the State Government had started taking up necessary steps for Assembly Constituency-wise re-survey of genuine households to enrol them in the SECC. The Chief Minister said that many needy people and deserving households were found left out while

many well-to-do families were included in the SECC database compiled in 2011. Due to this irregularity, many genuine families are not able to avail benefits and opportunities under various Government schemes, he said. Stating that he is extremely concerned about this gaffe, Shri N. Biren Singh said that he would not spare the officials involved in the wrongdoing because about 37 per cent of the total population of the State are still under Below Poverty Line (BPL) despite huge funds had been invested to uplift the needy people.

Responding to a query regarding a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed against

holding of Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day, Shri N. Biren Singh said that it is embarrassing for the State to witness such an instance. Elected leaders ought to meet and interact with common people to attend to their complaints/grievances, he said while adding that filing PIL against it is nothing but a dirty politics.

Regarding the strike of Senior Residents of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), the Chief Minister appealed to the doctors to call off the stir as the medical service/profession is part of essential service. The State Government is always ready to fulfil any

demand which is permissible under the rules and regulations but the Government is helpless in the matters which the rules do not permit.

With respect to requirement of Fire Stations in different parts of the State, the Chief Minister informed the media persons that the State Government had submitted a Rs. 260-crore proposal to the Centre for the establishment of more Fire Stations in different districts and recruitment of manpower.

In today's joint Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day, the Chief Minister attended to over 400 complaints and met around 1200 people from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

## Centre sets up tribunal to adjudicate ban imposed on eight insurgent groups of Manipur

**Agency**  
**New Delhi, Dec 15,**

Union government of India has constituted a tribunal to adjudicate matters related to extension of ban imposed on eight insurgent groups in Manipur for five more years over continued involvement in unlawful and violent activities.

In a notification, the Home Ministry said the tribunal was set up under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and will be headed by Delhi High Court judge Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal. The tribunal will adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Meitei extremist organisations of Manipur as "Unlawful Associations", the notification said.

The organisations which were banned last month include Peoples' Liberation Army generally known as PLA and its political wing,



Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), United National Liberation Front (UNLF) and its armed wing Manipur Peoples' Army (MPA), Peoples' Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) and its armed wing 'Red Army'. The others are Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and its armed wing, also called Red Army; Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL); the Coordination Committee (CorCom) and Alliance for Socialist Unity Kangleipak

(ASUK).

The home ministry said the eight Meitei extremist organisations of Manipur were involved in 756 violent incidents in the past five years from January 1, 2013 to July 31, 2018 during which they killed 86 people, including 35 security personnel.

The groups have been indulging in acts of intimidation, extortion and looting of civilian population for collection of funds, making contacts with sources abroad for influencing public opinion and securing assistance by way of arms and training for the purpose of achieving their secessionist objective, the ministry said.

They are also indulging in such activities for maintaining camps in neighbouring countries for the purpose of sanctuaries, training and clandestine procurement of arms and ammunition, it had said.

## Chief Minister fetes Mandakini, Awards Rs. 10 Lakh



**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Dec 15,**

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh handed over a cash reward of Rs. 10 lakh to renowned singer Mandakini Takhellambam in recognition to her outstanding performance at Zee TV's *Sa Re Ga Ma* singing reality show at a simple but solemn felicitation ceremony held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

The occasion turned out to be a momentous one for Mandakini as it was organised before a huge crowd gathered at the complex for the combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day of this month. The Chief Minister also presented a bouquet and a traditional scarf (*Lengyan*) to her amidst a huge round of applause.

N. Biren Singh congratulated Mandakini for her fine performance that could secure a place in Top-11 of the popular TV reality show and win millions of heart all over the country and the world. He observed that hard work, struggle and hard-earned achievements should always be acknowledged and encouraged.

The Chief Minister expressed glad and gratitude to his Council of Ministers and the MLAs for instantly showing willingness and interest when he brought up the matter of rewarding Mandakini. Lauding Mandakini for making Manipur more popular, Shri N. Biren Singh also extended his best wishes for her future life and career.

Speaking out her mind, Mandakini expressed her profound thankfulness and

respect to the Chief Minister for his unstinting support and encouragement. She said that it was a matter of huge pride and extreme joy that she was the only contestant, who received support from the Chief Minister of their States. Mandakini, who even got emotional and tried to hold back tears of happiness during her brief speech, said that she felt so humble when she conveyed to the judges and contestants about Chief Minister's support for her. She is greatly indebted to the Chief Minister for his encouragement, Mandakini said.

Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh, CAF & PD Minister Karam Shyam, Principal to CM Rakesh Ranjan and OSD to CM Sumant Singh were also present at the occasion.

## MNF president Zoramthanga takes oath as Mizoram chief minister

**Agency**  
**Aizawl, Dec. 15**

Mizo National Front (MNF) president Zoramthanga has been sworn-in as the chief minister of Mizoram at Aizawl's Raj Bhavan on Saturday.

Zoramthanga, who has been chief minister of Mizoram twice, is a former underground leader and a close aide of the legendary MNF leader Laldenga.

Governor Kumanam Rajasekharan had formally invited Zoramthanga on Wednesday to form the next

government after receiving the signed notification of the result from Election Commission officials, Raj Bhavan sources said.

The Governor also dissolved the seventh state legislative Assembly to pave the way for the constitution of the eighth Assembly, the sources said. The MNF swept the Congress out of power, winning 26 seats in the 40-member Assembly. The grand old party, which dominated the 2013 elections, was reduced to single digits, winning only five seats. The newly-formed

unregistered Zoram Peoples Movement securing eight seats.

The BJP opened its account for the first time in the state by bagging a seat in the 28 November polls. In the seven elections held since Mizoram was formed, the BJP has never won a seat.

In the 2013 election, the Congress won 34 of the 40 seats in the Assembly. The MNF, which had fielded candidates from 31 constituencies, had bagged five seats, and the Mizoram People's Conference (MPC) got one.

## JCLIPS condole the demise of Ima Memcha

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 15,**

Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System today condole the demise of Akojam Ongbi Memcha Leima popularly known as Ima Memcha.

In a statement, The JCLIPS said that Ima Memcha had taken active role many peoples' movement against atrocities committed to the common people under the shadow of the Armed Forces Special Power Act by the state actors. She also took active role in the movement for implementation of the Inner Line Permit System.

## NE Journalist from looted in Bihar

**Agency**  
**Guwahati Dec 15,**

A woman journalist from Guwahati was robbed off her belongings from Sandice Compound at Bhagalpur district of Bihar. The journalist identified as Chandrika Das is currently working on an assignment by the centre government 'Swasth Bharat Yatra' as the emcee.

According to reports by *G-Plus*, her stolen belongings included her purse with cash worth approximately Rs 1000, ATM cards, identity cards, three mobile phones and laptop.

**By Our Correspondent**  
**Guwahati, Dec 15,**

As the Union government has continued implementing various welfare schemes for the benefit of common Indians, the downtrodden section in the society should access to those schemes and here the media can play a vital role, said Ansumwi Khunguri Boro, executive member of Bodoland Territorial Council while addressing a media interactive session at Baksa locality of western Assam.

"We, the government and the media alike, should ensure that people are aware of the various Government programmes and schemes so that they can avail benefits of those schemes. There are a huge range of schemes being

implemented by the government nowadays whose main objective is to make the citizens' lives better," added Mr Boro.

Organized by the Press Information Bureau's Guwahati office in collaboration with the Baksa district administration on 14 December 2018 at Musalpur town, the media interactive workshop titled 'Vartalap' was also addressed by the district magistrate Sanjeeb Kumar Gogoi.

"Baksa is now considered as an aspirational district and hence we have to put extra efforts in all developmental spheres so that the residents can get benefits from various government schemes. The journalists should play a proactive role in making the public aware of these welfare



schemes," said Gogoi.

He also informed that the district has recently received appreciations for its excellent coverage of government schemes among the public. Mentioning about the Ujjala scheme, Gogoi stated that 90% of Baksa households were covered, where gas connection initiative covered 100% homes in the district. "In the field of animal husbandry and agriculture too, Baksa has achieved

significant success. I appreciate the initiative of media

persons here that because of them we could succeed disseminating related information about these policies affectively," added the deputy commissioner. KS Dhawal, director general for NE Zone in the Union information & broadcasting ministry, while addressing the participating journalists of around 50 from different parts

of the district, pointed out that Vartalap was an attempt to sensitize the media about disseminating proper information to the common people. He expected a positive and constructive media across the nation.

Journalist Nava Thakuria also emphasized on a responsible and credible media for the nation, where the scribes have to play the driver's role in the changing faces of journalism across the globe. He stated that the internet connectivity has made reporting easier, but also posed a serious threat to the professional journalists. "The role of a journalist has simply grown as we are increasing our family members with the increasing number of internet users in India. Now the media is held accountable for every word we write or speak.

So it becomes extremely important to present facts without any bias," said Thakuria adding that the tendency of some journalists to denounce India as a nation is condemnable, even though they can criticize the regime in New Delhi.

Jolly Das Brahma, additional principal secretary of Baksa, Dr Abhijit Basu, joint director in DPMU, Kailash Deka, district agriculture officer, BM Roy, PHE executive engineer, Lalit Basumatary & Bhupen Das from district elementary education department also addressed the gathering and spoke on various government schemes in different areas. Gopajit Das from the PIB Guwahati, Anshumi Mahilary & Hemchandra Pathak from the government public relation department also attended the program.