

Govt to provide quality healthcare services in the state: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that Manipur is one of the progressive states in the field of health sector and the present government is trying its best to provide quality and better healthcare services to the people of the State. This was stated by him at the inaugural function of 29th edition of NEOGSCON (North-east Obstetrics and Gynaecological Societies Conference) held at JNIMS Auditorium, JNIMS Imphal today. The Conference is organised by Imphal Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society (IOGS).

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that Manipur has one of the lowest Infant mortality rate in the country and Maternal Mortality rate is around 60 per 1 lakh live births as compared to the Indian MMR of about 178 maternal deaths per 1 Lakh live births. Congratulating the Obstetrics and Gynaecologists of the State, Chief Minister said that such figures speak volumes of the amount of dedication and work being done by the Obstetricians and Paediatricians in our State. Chief Minister mentioned that health care system is robust and resilient to ensure that socio-economic development is inclusive and growth progressive. Since the installation of the government, there has been a constant endeavour of the Government in spite of the resource constraints to strengthen the healthcare

infrastructure, institutions and personnel in the State, he added. Chief Minister stated that the government is trying its best to ensure that good medical facilities are available across the State, especially in the remote and interior areas. To ensure inclusive growth and the welfare of the people, the Chief Minister- G. Hakshelgi Tengbang, CMHT was introduced to provide better healthcare services to the people of the State. The government is making its sincere efforts to introduce Air Ambulance service in the State, he added. CMHT is being implemented in RIMS, JNIMS and other empanelled private hospitals in the State. He informed that in JNIMS, a total of around 1915 patients have benefitted under the scheme with 56 patients presently

undergoing treatment in JNIMS. Around 105 patients have benefitted under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Ayushman Bharat in JNIMS. Stating that government and its medical Institutions alone cannot meet all the health care needs of the people in the State, he mentioned that there has to be a collaborative and cooperative effort between the government and private healthcare practitioners and institutions to provide quality healthcare to the people of the State. Mentioning about the transit accommodations of the doctors and medical practitioners in the hill and remote areas of the State, Chief Minister stated that the government has started construction of transit accommodations for

doctors and teachers in the hill areas of the State. Such construction would be completed soon, he added. In order to prevent mob violence in the State, Chief Minister stated that the Manipur Protection from Mob Violence Bill, 2018 was passed in the Manipur Legislative Assembly recently. President of Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) Dr. Jaideep Malhotra, Director of RIMS Prof. A. Shanta Singh, Director of JNIMS Prof. Th. Bhimo Singh, Prof. Ng. Indrakumar Singh, members of FOGSI and IOGS and others attended the function. The Conference is being organised under the theme "High Risk Pregnancies, Early Detection, An Unmet need".

OPEN LETTER to the Chief Minister of Manipur

To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur
Government of Manipur

Dear Hon'ble Sir,

I am writing this open letter to you (Hon'ble Sir) (and having it released to the printed and electronic media) is to bring your attention on the Custodial Death of an Auto-Rickshaw Driver on the Interest of the Meitei-Pangal Community and Manipur people as a Whole.

Even the term "Custodial death" itself is in confusing state, whether the decease was killed intentionally or death by mistake. But it is confirmed that the death of Md. Abdul Gaffar alais Sayeed, was not due to some mistake and the incident was not a mistake when the Manipur Police Commando were involved and the concerned PS had no knowledge of the arrest.

Considering the elapsed time from the arrest of the person by the Thoubal Police Commando & 26 AR upto the deposit of the body at JNIMS by AR, had enough time to handed over the person to concern PS. Its really a contradictory point that he was interrogated or Tortured.

As per Media report, In a reply to an Attention Motion Called in the State House by Hon'ble MLA Joykishan and Hon'ble MLA Abdul Nasir regarding the Custodial Death, you (Hon'ble Sir) had stated,

1. That, 5 (Five) Manipur Police commando will be suspended.
2. That, those Security Forces (Assam Rifles) involved, will be arrested.
3. That, Ex-Gratia of Rupees Five Lakhs will be given to the Family of the decease.
4. That, Job will be provided to a family member of the decease as per a Media report on 22nd December.

Quoting the second statement, a civilian can be arrested at anytime, from anywhere on suspicion, then why security personals cannot be arrested if committed crime. Yes, they can be arrested, at this point of time, a question has been arising on the mind of the Public, that how long will it take to arrest a Criminal from among the Armed Forces. One day, one week, one year or ten years or above like those cases of Thangjam Manorama Devi or Chungkham Sanjit. Taking the advantage of the official procedure and protocol will not bring the solution.

Keeping the 3rd & 4th statement in mind, Money & Job can probably help the family of the society, but it cannot stop the tears. Many families are scared of the system whether they will face the same consequences or the life of their family members will compromise with money & Job.

In the MoU, signed on 20-12-2018, between Govt. of Manipur & JAC against the alleged Custodial Death of Md. Abdul Gaffar alais Sayeed, there is an understanding that Magisterial Enquiry will be initiated into the incident.

Let yours be an exceptional case and indeed an outstanding one in the political history of Manipur and in your Political Journey as Chief Minister of a state. May I encourage you (Hon'ble Sir), as your well wisher and law-abiding citizen of India, to set an example to the people of Manipur by bringing an IMMEDIATE JUSTICE of the case and show your people that our Hon'ble CM is doing the right thing and also to teach a lesson to the Security personals who takes law in hand, that there is law that can punished them when they misuse their power and weapons in a wrongful manner.

Yours faithfully,
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One day workshop on application of computer held

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The Manipur University Research Club organised one day workshop on Application of Computer in Research on 22nd December 2018 at the Department of Computer Science, Manipur University. The opening function was inaugurated by Prof W Vishwanath Singh (VC i/c), Prof Ch Yashwanta Singh (Dean, Student Welfare, Manipur University), Shri O Imocha Singh (Head, Department of Computer Science & Convenor), Dayaman Mayanglambam (MUSU president) as Chief Guest, President & Guest of Honours. The workshop was participated by more than 60 Research Scholars. Prof Ch Yashwanta Singh express that organizing such kind of one day workshop is very important as we are borned at the stage of Information Technology. Understanding the use of Computer in Research is very important in humanities and social



sciences but not only for sciences. Professor mention that we should go together with the development of gadgets along with our mind or mentally. He also highlight that the department should organised such kind of workshop in the future. In organizing such kind function students will learn and understand how to organised and have to learn from the mistake, should be very honest and sincere. And no need to be shy as we are learning. He hope the said

workshop will be helpful to research or in future. Dayaman Mayanglambam (MUSU president) express that organizing such workshop or seminar helps the researcher in their research work of the university with computer technology. Prof W Vishwanath Singh express that research is very important to update the knowledge. Without updating the knowledge, how can we compete with the rest of the world. Professor also express the desire to participate

teachers in advising the research Club and the Club should invite the Professors in this university to deliver their paper that have been presented aboard in conference to revive the spirit of research. In the technical session, Dr. H. Mamata Devi (Associate Prof., Department of Computer science) speak on Introduction to Computer Application in Research. Tejmani Sinam (Associate Prof., Department of Computer Science) speech was on A

Highlight of some Computer Application Tools. Dr. M Sobhakanta Singh (Physics Dept. MU) talk on Endnote publication and managing bibliographies, citations and references in MS Word. Dr. S. Shantkumar Singh (Statistics Dept. MU) talk on Data Analysis using SPSS Application. Lamabam Pradeep (Network Administrator, Computer Centre, MU) explain the report writing using LATEX software. M Lokendro Singh (Assistant Librarian, MU) talks was on Plagiarism. The valedictory function were graced by Prof N Rajmohun Singh (Dean, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, MU), Shri O Imocha Singh (Head, Department of Computer Science & Convenor) and Shri L. Kennedy Singh (General Secretary, MUSU) as Chief Guest, President, Guest of Honour respectively. Certificates were distributed to the participants during the valedictory function.

Meghalaya govt to give Rs. 1 lakh to families of trapped miners

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The Meghalaya government on Saturday announced an interim relief of Rs. 1 lakh each to the families of the 15 miners trapped in an illegal rat-hole coal mine and sought high power submersible pumps from the Coal India Ltd to rescue them. The miners have been trapped in coal mine in East Jaintia Hills district since December 13. The relief was announced as per directions of the National Green Tribunal Committee (NGT), a state government official said. The NGT committee, during a meeting with state government officials on Thursday, asked them to pay compensation to the

next of family of all the miners who have either been injured or killed in the incident. "We have announced an interim relief of Rs. 1 lakh for the families of the trapped miners," Deputy Commissioner of East Jaintia Hills district F M Doph said. He said the government gave the approval on Friday and notices were sent to family members of the miners through their respective police stations. Superintendent of Police (SP) of East Jaintia Hills district Sylvester Nongtynger said that seven of the trapped labourers hail from West Garo Hills district, five from Assam and three from the remote Langthari village, where the accident took

place. On December 13, around 20 labourers entered the 370-foot mine at about 8 am. After reaching the bottom of the pit, they entered the horizontal manholes, often termed as "rat-holes", as each just about fits one person to get in. According to villagers, one of the diggers could have accidentally punctured the walls of the cave and the river water gushed in immediately, trapping the miners inside. Only five persons managed to climb out of the mine. Of them, two are locals and police are after the remaining three who had fled to West Garo Hills district. About 100 rescue personnel from the National Disaster

Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the state police are involved in the rescue operation at the site. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Friday said that it will take 200 pumps to flush all the water out. Currently, only two pumps are engaged in flushing the water out of the shaft. NDRF assistant commandant S K Singh, who have been camping at the site since December 14, said that the water level is going down as desired. "Our divers are not able to go in since there is no significant drop in the water level. It was established that the water from Lytein river had flooded the mine as the pH level is the same," he told.

CEA study finds 200 new sites for thermal power plants of 428.9 GW

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A total 200 potential sites have been identified for setting up as many large thermal power plants of total 428.9 GW capacity, more than the existing installed capacity of 346.61 GW, according to a study by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). The authority conducted the study for identifying large pithead and coastal sites based on satellite mapping using remote sensing technology. An official said a total of 200 potential sites with likely gross installed capacity of 4,28,905 MW have been

identified even as the country pushes ahead with green power sources. The official explained that thermal power stations need to be set up in future because these serve as the base load and are required for grid stabilisation in view of the government's ambitious target of having 175 GW of renewable energy by 2022. The demand is going to increase in future as the government under the Rs 16,320 crore scheme has set a target of electrifying all households in the country by March 2019. The government has also promised 24x7

electricity to all from April 1, 2019. The official said in view of these targets India needs to increase the installed generation capacity which would include fossil fuels based as well as renewable energy because clean sources like wind and solar do not generate electricity round the clock. Besides, the official pointed out that thermal power is cheaper than other sources like hydro and nuclear which also involve a lot of risk and rehabilitation of people in catchment areas. At present, 37 hydropower projects above 25 MW, aggregating to 12,17.5

MW, are at various stages of construction in the country. Of these, 16 projects aggregating to 5,950 MW are stalled due to various reasons. The official said that coal-based thermal power plant is still a viable proposition and would continue in the energy mix of the country in spite of the addition of other clean and renewable energy sources like solar, wind and gas. State-run power giant NTPC which is mainly engaged in coal-based thermal power generation had an average tariff of Rs 3.42 per unit during April-September this fiscal which is much less than hydropower tariffs.