

# Editorial

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## Is the Health Directorate not happy with CMHT?



In his maiden speech, on occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day celebrated at 1<sup>st</sup> MR Ground, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had categorically stated that there seems to be some element who does not want to see the good image of his government which is completing one year in March 15 this year. N. Biren Singh was referring to the recent twin blast that occurred near M-Sector, in the heart of Imphal city, which injured a lady sweeper. He was serious and even assured that a high level committee will be constituted to find out who are behind the inhuman dreaded act.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh was somewhat right. Not every people in the state seem to be happy with the kind of good work taken up by his government in less than 10 months. An idle man is notice by nobody, but a man of action is the attraction of all people. There will be criticism - both in constructive ways and destructive ways for those people who acted. But no one will ever remember an idle man or say a man who did nothing for the society. Newspapers and electronic media keeps on mentioning the name of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his ministerial team almost every day because he along with his team is doing many things for the people in this short period.

The latest being the launching of the dream project "Chief Minister Gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT)". This pioneer scheme is perhaps what every poor in the region have been expecting. How it works and will implement is another thing needs to be monitor but the scheme is for the poor people. This scheme will provide poor and needy person upto to an amount of Rs. 2 lakhs for treatment expenditure. Almost all people in the state irrespective of differences in political ideology need to appreciate such kind of good initiative.

However, the launching day of this programme turned ugly scene as female ASHA workers burst out their anger. It was shocking to learn that the ASHA workers burnt clothes distributed to them in front of the Indoor Stadium Khuman Lampak to express their anger minutes after Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and other ministerial colleagues left the spot.

As reported in this paper, it is a fact that the kind of protest which turn ugly scene to the launching of the dreamt scheme of the N. Biren Singh led government was due to incompetency of the State Health Directorate in organising the launching programme of CMHT.

N. Biren had already stated that there seems to be someone or groups who are not happy with the kind of good works being taken up by his government. There is reason to believe in what the Chief Minister had stated as people in the reason felt in the similar way. Taking note on he had stated it is logical to assume that some people seem to be not happy on the launching of the state government CMHT.

Now the question, we in the Imphal Times wanted to know is that - Is the Directorate of Health Services, Manipur not happy with the Chief Minister's new scheme to help the poor and needy?

This is being raise because - a managed like demonstration, that too from a group of ASHA workers which is under the directorate protest to turn the whole event ugly. Why the Health Director, who is responsible for controlling the ASHA didn't try to prevent such protest on a very auspicious occasion of the state government?

This paper had reported yesterday that, the actual cause of the protest by ASHA was due to incompetency of the Health Directorate in organising such programme. Those ASHAs were already angry as they were not provided even snacks after the function. They were reportedly brought promising lunch by the authority of the State Health Directorate. The demand put up by the ASHA workers is a different story which was compelled to throw as the cause of the protest. But the real cause of the protest was different.

If the Chief Minister is serious, an inquiry on what led the protest to malign the image of the government should be immediately constituted. Bias attitude of someone heading an important government department is a serious threat to the government itself.

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## Natl. & Intl News

### NC, Cong members walkout to protest power crisis in J-K

**PTI Jammu, Jan 22:** Several National Conference and Congress members today staged a walkout from the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly over the government's "unsatisfactory reply" on the issue of power crisis in the state and border shelling which has claimed 12 lives since Thursday. NC MLA Ali Mohammad Sagar was the first to leave the House and was followed by party legislators Altaf Kaloo and Javid Rana and Congress members Vikar Rasool, Usman Majeed and G M Saroori.

Opposition members staged the walkout as the deputy Chief Minister Nirmal Singh, who holds the power portfolio, was replying to questions and supplementary raised by various members related to the power crisis in the state. Sagar took a dig at the government for its alleged failure to deal with the power crisis in the state especially in Kashmir valley. Parliamentary Affairs Minister A R Veeri intervened and asked Sagar to take his seat. However, Sagar continued to raise issues.

The border firing (by Pakistan) is continuing, claiming 12 lives. Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti yesterday said the state will not be allowed to become a battlefield but union Home Minister Rajnath Singh made a statement (that India has shown it can attack its enemies not only on its soil, but also in a foreign territory, if need be).

We stand with the statement of chief minister as we are suffering (because of border skirmishes between the two countries), he said and criticised the state government for its failure to send a message of peace from the House. Sagar also accused Speaker Kavinder Gupta of not giving time to the opposition on the directions of unidentified forces.

When the opposition raises any issue, our voice is muzzled. The power minister accepted that the work was stopped on Alasteng, Budgam and Telbal grid members, they said adding her father produced a copy of his arms license and said the 20 rounds of ammunition (.32 calibre) belongs to him.

### Woman held with 20 bullets in Delhi Metro

**PTI New Delhi, Jan 22:** A woman carrying 20 live bullets has been apprehended from a Delhi Metro station here, officials said today.

They said the woman hailing from Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh, was found carrying the rounds yesterday evening by CISF personnel at the Adarsh Nagar station when her bag was being scanned.

The lady was travelling with her father and other family

stations. When the contractor has left, how the power supply will be made available to the people, Sagar told reporters outside the House.

He said the people of Kashmir are suffering immensely due to non-availability of power in sub-zero temperature and there is no end in sight as at least three more years are required for completion of these projects if the government was able to rope in contractors in time.

"I asked the government not to make the availability of power an issue between Kashmir and Jammu. Both regions need power supply but the demand is more in the valley due to winter, he said adding the deputy chief minister made no specific reply on how to tackle the power crisis in the valley.

Earlier as the speaker took the chair, several opposition members rose to their feet and raised the issue of alleged baton-charge on people protesting the brutal murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua district on January 17, arrest of a youth in Meerut and alleged highhandedness of security forces during the course of a search operation in a village in Himeshalbigh constituency. NC MLA Ishfaq Jabbar raised the concerns of the people of Ganderbal district and said they are apprehensive about stopping of work on central university there and fear shifting of the varsity.

However, Education Minister Syed Altaf Bukhari assured the House that there is no proposal to shift the central university from the district.

Relief and Rehabilitation minister Javid Mustafa Mir also intervened when NC MLA raised the issue of arrest of a Gujjar leader Talib Hussain for leading protest against the killing of the minor girl in Kathua yesterday.

"He was seeking justice for the girl and was arrested. It is shame for this government, Kaloo said.

Mir assured the House that the government would look into the incident.

## Regional News

### NERAMAC to organise seminar on food processing in Imphal

**IT News Imphal, Jan 21:** North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC) Limited in association with North Eastern Council (NEC) is organising 'Awareness Program on Food Processing' and 'Food Processing Investors' Meet' on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at The Classic Hotel, Imphal. NERAMAC has been working for the agriculture sector of North East for a long time and has made some success in taking it to other parts of the country. The whole idea behind organising these events is to create more entrepreneurs in this sector and further strengthen it. The event will host industry experts

from the Food Processing sector and will take place across North East to help update food processors, farmers, agripreneurs and entrepreneurs with the latest trends in the business.

The region has a lot of potential in food processing sector and with proper guidance and knowledge we can witness vast growth. We are sure these events will help the participants gain further insight into the industry which will help in the growth of their business.

The program a great opportunity for the people of Manipur engaged in food processing sector. Further details on the event, contact: 70053 46379/98640 94967.

### Assam Rifles Archery Team bags 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Medals in Manipur Senior State Archery Championship



**IT News Imphal, Jan 22:** Living up to the expectations of all, the Assam Rifles Archery Team (ARAT) performed splendidly and brought laurels to Assam Rifles during the Manipur Senior State Archery Championship - 2017 which was held at Khuman Lampak Stadium, Imphal from January 19 to 21 bagging a total six Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals including two Gold medals in team events.

The Assam Rifles Archery Team fielded archers in individual and teams events of Recurve, Compound and Indian Round and the tournament and for the first time a women's team in individual and team event of the Indian Round of the tournament was also fielded comprising of the women soldiers of Assam Rifles. The performance of the players under the coach Naib Subedar Satish Dubey in both individual and team events of all the three categories was commendable.

In the men's category in the Rifleman General Duty

ThSanatomba Singh won Gold medal in the Olympic Round of Recurve Category also the ARAT won Gold medal in team event of the same category. In the Compound Category Rifleman General Duty G Robert Sharma won Gold medal in the individual Olympic Round and was also adjudged overall Best Archer in the Compound Category winning an additional Gold medal. The ARAT also won the Gold medal of the team event of Compound category. In the Indian Round Rifleman General Duty Ishak Sinate won Silver medal and Rifleman General Duty Ch Hari Chandra won Bronze medal in both individual Olympic round and in 30 mtr distance of Indian category. In the women's category Mahila Rifleman General Duty Sapna participating in the State Competition for the first time won Gold medal individual Olympic round in the Indian category and won silver medal in 50 mtr distance Indian category.

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