

Nemcha Kipgen felicitates Union Minister Parshottam Rupala

Imphal, Jan. 25: Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen today felicitated Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Panchayati Raj, Parshottam Rupala, on his visit to the state, at the campus of the Institute of Cooperative Management (ICM), Cooperative Complex, Lamphelpat.

Addressing the gatherings as the Chief Guest, Union Minister of State, Parshottam Rupala expressed that there is a huge scope for developing cooperative sector in Manipur. Citing the Gujarat pattern of dairy farming where Dairy production are successful through cooperatives, he believed that Manipur too can improve cooperatives through various sectors like diary, fisheries, livestock, horticulture, handloom and handicrafts, to name some. He assured that all the possible factors to strengthen the cooperative sector will be discussed with the state government and seek all required assistance from the central government to make the state progress in all fields through cooperatives.

While delivering a Presidential speech, Cooperation Minister Nemcha hails the Union Minister for his auspicious visit to the state despite his busy schedule. The major break-through in cooperative sector in Manipur since BJP led government came into power has been possible with the strong support of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also with the active support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare which is taking care of the Cooperation Department.

Nemcha continued and expressed gratitude to the Ministry for giving sanction to implement six ICDD projects under NCDC and that the remaining 10 Districts will also be covered under the ICDD project. The Cooperative movement in Manipur is now at a strategic point and as such various



schemes for capacity building, technology upgradation and infrastructure development will also be taken up. She believed that

with the successful implementation of ICDD in all the 16 Districts of Manipur, the status of cooperative movement in Manipur will be

strengthened enough to help the cooperative members in their socio economic development.

Minister Nemcha further draws the attention of the visiting Minister of State for the development of cooperative sector in the state so as to empower people at the grass root level for self-employment as well as community development through cooperatives. President, Manipur State Cooperative Union, L. Tompishak Singh, Secretary, Cooperation, M. Joy Singh, Registrar, Cooperative Societies, H. Rupachandra Singh graced the occasion as Guests of Honour, Director, ICM, Dr. N. Ranjana Devi, officials, staffs and students of the Institute also attended the function.

Rebels ban on Republic Day creates beefed up extreme security measures

Imphal, Jan. 25: When people across the country is preparing for a grand celebration of the 68th Republic Day of the country, people here in this part of the country are severely affected with mental harassment on discovery of objects assuming it as explosives at many places. People fear as they had experienced blasts particularly ahead of Republic Day celebration planted by militants to disturb the celebration.

At around 9 am today morning an object which looks like explosives found near City Convention at Palace Compound Imphal East had created panic to the people of

Many “alarms” at various places over suspected object mistaken as bombs

the surroundings. Later, police team along with bomb disposal squad found it as plastic bags with normal items.

At around noon today, a convoy of Assam Rifles trooper reportedly recovered a bomb like object at Nilakukhi area.

Almost all rebel groups operating in the North Eastern states had boycotted the Indian Republic Day celebration. Various rebel groups had already hand out press statement calling total shutdown of all wakes of lives on the day calling total shutdown.

The boycott called had created mental disturbance to the general public on whether to celebrate the Republic Day out of fear or perhaps on thinking that the boycott called is justified.

Police team of all district particularly those of the Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur had beefed up security measures by conducting search operation any many suspected area to flush out presence of anti social elements.

Apart from that the state home department had deployed state force at almost all places of Imphal East and West district since today afternoon

to ensure full proof security while celebrating the Republic Day here in Imphal.

Hectic preparation are being taken up for a jubilant Republic Day celebration not only at Imphal but also at various district head quarters of the state.

However, whether general public will be able to participate the country's auspicious day remain as a big question with the kind of security arrangement.

“We know the security force are being deployed in large number to ensure safety for all of us but not everything happened as we expected, these security force sometime created us inconveniences by the way they check us”, Elangbam Dinish, a chicken shop runner in Imphal told this reporter.

“I do want to take my daughter to let her witness the important day of the country, but I fear if anything unwanted happened as many rebel organisations had ban the Republic Day and called total shutdown on the day”, N Subhash a grade IV government employees said. Some vendor ladies at Khwairambandh keithel who sold vegetable at road side on hide and seek basis were not happy when told that there will be total shut down on January 26. Not because they want to celebrate the Indian Republic Day but because it is a one lost to their earning.

“I don't care about the Republic day but I am worried about my two daughters whom I used to feed them from my daily earnings from selling vegetables at Khwairambandh Keithel”, Chabungbam Memcha a street vendor told this reporters.

Some of the vendor lady who came to Imphal for far off place were angry to passenger service auto vehicles as they told that there will be no service tomorrow.

On the other hand it is not sure on whether every citizens who came to witness the celebration will be allowed or not.

Guv', CM, and other Ministers greets people ahead of Republic Day celebration

IT News

Imphal, Jan 25: Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and other Ministers and MLAs greets the people on occasion of the Republic Day Celebration

Dr. Najma Heptulla

I convey my best wishes to all the citizens in the country and the people of Manipur in particular on the occasion of Republic Day, 2018.

India became a Republic on 26th January, 1950 and on this day, we gave ourselves the Constitution of India. It was the crowning glory of an extraordinary generation of leaders whose heroic struggle for freedom saw the end of colonialism to establish the world's largest democracy. They were successful in building unity in India's amazing diversity. The enduring democratic institutions they established have given us continuity on the path of progress. Thanks to our forefathers, India today is a rising power, a country fast emerging as a global leader whose economic success is the envy of the world. On this auspicious occasion, let us re-dedicate ourselves to uphold and promote the secular, socialist and democratic values enshrined in our Constitution and work collectively for a peacefully and prosperous state.

My best wishes once again to all the citizens of the country and particularly Manipur on the occasion of Republic Day, 2018.

N. Biren Singh

I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to the people of Manipur on the occasion of 69th Republic Day, 2018.

Republic Day is an important landmark in India history. Sixty eight years ago, on this auspicious day in 1950, India entered a new era for making its own destiny. It was on this day the Constitution of India came into force and India declared herself to be a Sovereign Democratic Republic. Today is an occasion to rejoice as well as reflect. Let us all pay our homage to our great founding fathers for their foresight and wisdom in formulating an exemplary Constitution that has stood the test of time and steered the nation in its arduous journey through the decades. It is the bounden duty of all the citizens of our great country to uphold and preserve it.

On this auspicious occasion, let us all rededicate ourselves to work in unison to make Manipur a land of peace and prosperity that all of us can be proud of.

Th. Biswajit Singh

I extend my warm wishes and greeting to the people of the State on the happy and joyous occasion of the 69th Republic Day celebration on 26th January, 2018.

On this Republic Day, let us get educated, evolved and engaged ourselves in hard work to take our country to greater heights. Let this Republic Day also remind us of the efforts of our forefathers and heroic deeds of our leaders who sowed the seeds of prosperity in the country.

Let this day also help us in ushering an era of peace, tranquility and prosperity in the state.

Wish you all a very Happy Republic Day 2018.

Imphal Times will not have its publication on January 26, 2018 on occasion of the Republic Day Celebration.

Manager

Stem cell therapy, a new hope to fight against Muscular Dystrophy & other Neurological Disorders

Imphal, Jan. 25: Nerul Navi Mumbai based, NeuroGen Brain and Spine Institute, which is India's leading stem cell therapy cum rehabilitation centre, is offering new hope through stem cell therapy and rehabilitation for patients suffering from this incurable debilitating disease called as Muscular Dystrophy. For patients from Imphal, NeuroGen Brain and Spine Institute is organizing a free workshop cum OPD consultation camp on February 10th in Imphal. This camp is being organized to facilitate the patients as NeuroGen understands patients with muscular dystrophy, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, spinal cord injury etc travelling is extremely difficult all the way to Mumbai for just

consultation purpose. All those patients suffering from such incurable neurological disorders can contact for appointments to Mona 09920200400/Pushkala 09821529653.

Muscular Dystrophy occurs worldwide, affecting all races. Its incidence varies, as some forms are more common than others. It's the most common form of disease amongst children. Becker muscular dystrophy (BMD) is one of nine types of muscular dystrophy, a group of genetic, degenerative disease primarily affecting voluntary muscular dystrophy, a group of genetic, degenerative diseases primarily affecting voluntary muscles. Becker muscular dystrophy occurs in about 3 to 6 out of every 100,000 births.

The disease is found mostly in boys.

Dr Alok Sharma Professor & Head of Neurosurgery, LTMG Hospital & LTM Medical College, Sion Mumbai and Director NeuroGen Brain & Spine Institute said “There is very little awareness about muscular dystrophies amongst our people. In smaller towns and villages, most people have no idea about the disease. Several people even confuse this disease with polio for a long time after the child starts showing the first symptoms. Many even end up trying herbal remedies, thinking they will cure the children”.

Muscular dystrophy is a progressive condition, which is severely debilitating and affects the individuals' life

span and quality of life. In fact, Duchene muscular dystrophy is termed as an incurable disease that cuts young lives short. The incurable disease causes a progressive degeneration process of the muscles, resulting in decreased mobility, breathing problems, heart failure and ultimately a premature death. Dr Nandini Gokulchandran, Deputy Director and Head Medical Services, NeuroGen Brain and Spine Institute said “Duchene Muscular Dystrophy is the most severe form, where the life span of these children is around 20-22 years. It is emotionally, physically and financially draining for the parents of these children. As there is no treatment modality to halt or control the progression of the

disease the family has to see their child wither away. Therefore, we need to broaden our outlook and explore newer treatment strategies, which can at least control the progression of this disease. Stem cell therapy has emerged as a treatment option in the recent years, which has shown its positive impact on the progressive nature of this disease.”

The early signs which can be picked up clinically include weakness of proximal girdle muscles, difficulty in rising from the floor difficulty in performing overhead activities and in case of DMD pseudo hypertrophy of calf muscles and a positive Gower's sign. Electromyography and CPK levels are the diagnostic tests. MRI-Musculoskeletal is a novel

investigation which used in confirming the diagnosis. Genetic testing confirms the type of muscular dystrophy. Here is a case report of Tabom Tato, a 24 year old male, who studies in Imphal. He is a known case of muscle dystrophy diagnosed at the age of 20 years on the basis of clinical features, CPK, muscle biopsy and EMG. His early symptoms included difficulty in getting up from the floor and chair, walking stair climbing. He is ambulatory and independent in all bed mobilities and transfers.

His symptoms started in the year 2013. He was walking with his college friends in his university (college of agriculture, central agricultural university, Iroishemba, Impha) where he first felt weakness in

his legs and difficulty in waling. Because his college lectures were on he did not go to any doctor for his weakness. He studied about his symptoms online and had understood the fact that it is a neurological disorder. As soon as his classes were over after 3-4 months of first symptom he consulted a neurologist in Imphal. After doing a clinical examination and tests screening the neurologist diagnosed Tabom with Muscular Dystrophy. There is no such history in his family. “The medicines prescribed by the neurologist in Imphal had lots of side effects and I didn't feel any improvements hence after 9-10 months I discontinued the medicines” says Tabom.

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