

Team **Imphal Times** wish all wishers a happy and prosperous Yaoshang

## IGAR(S) greets on Yaoshang

**Imphal, March 1:** Major General Virendra Singh, VSM, IGAR (South) and all ranks of Assam Rifles extend warm greetings and sincere goodwill to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of "Yaoshang". IGAR (South) prays that the festival heralds an era of peace, progress and prosperity in the region. The Assam Rifles fraternity also wish that this festival of colour, fun and frolic enhances the spirit of unity, cohesiveness and brotherhood amongst all the communities in the state of Manipur.

## Club Building Inaugurated

**Thoubal, March 1:** Sarangthem (o) Darshini Leima, Former Pradhan of Salungpham Kangyambem GP today inaugurated new constructed building of Salungpham Ekop Ningthou Development Youth Club (SENDYC) of Salungpham Maning under Thoubal district at a public function held at Salungpham Maning Leikai ground. S. Darshini Leima was the chief guest of the function with S. Kebol Singh, Retd. Headmaster of Salungpham High School as the functional president. The function was also attended by Soibam (o) Prameshwari Leima Member Ward no.3 Salungpham Kangyambem GP, Sapam (o) Loidang Leima Member Ward no.1 Kangyambem GP and others. S. Darshini also cutting the inaugural ribbon of the newly constructed Club building which consists of two rooms.

## YAS Minister Letpao opens 8th Annual Sports Meet of AMWJU

**IT News**  
**Impha, March 1:** Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Letpao Hoakip today open the 8th Annual Sports Meet of the All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) by lighting the torch of the sports meet as well as by hoisting the flag of the AMWJU at Manipur Press Club today morning. Letpao Hoakip also join the torch rally which was taken from the sacred Kangla. Journalist from all sections joined the rally. The Minister talking to reporters at Manipur Press Club appreciated the effort of



the AMWJU for organising such an event for people working in media houses. Actual sports event will begin from 8 am tomorrow morning at the main stadium of the Khuman Lampak Sports Complex here in Imphal.

## Army General calls on Governor

**IT News**  
**Impha, March 1:** Lieutenant General Gopal, General Officer Commanding 3 corps who is in the state on 2 day visit called on the Governor of Manipur Najma Heptulla. The Army General was accompanied by the Head of Assam Rifles Manipur, General Virendra

Singh. Lieutenant General Gopal, is responsible for ensuring security of the Indian borders as well for countering insurgency in south-eastern states of North East India. He took charge of the Spear Corps in January 2018. A statement by PRO Assam

Rifles said that during the meeting governor emphasised the improvement in the law and order situation in the state. Needs for improving of connectivity as well as the sporting talents of the youths of the state were also discussed during the meeting.

## Minister Nemcha seeks People's Participation for Development through cooperation

**DIPR**  
**Delhi, March 1:** Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Smt. Nemcha Kipgen draws the attention of all and seeks active people's participation and cooperation to develop and transform Manipur through Cooperation. This was expressed by her while attending the inaugural function of the National Cooperative Development Corporation's (NCDC) training centre, which is named after late Shri Lakshmanrao Inamdar; held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at TOPIC (Training of Personnel in Cooperative) Institute, Gurugram, Haryana. With an aim to further strengthen training of cooperative members, the centre has now been upgraded as a National Level Institute and renamed Laxmanrao Inamdar Academy for Cooperative Studies and Human Resource Management. The institute will earmark the beginning of higher dimensions of capacity



building of cooperative personnel. Briefing the media, Minister Nemcha reaffirms that once cooperative movement are successfully revived and implemented in the state, then the socio-economic condition of the masses will be more developed and it will hugely contribute in the economy of the state. So, it is a must to promote the cooperative sector in the state, she asserted. In a note of optimism, Nemcha expressed that as the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi's vision is to revive cooperative movement all over the country. Manipur too will be successful to keep cooperative spirit alive and strengthened cooperative

sector. For this, she strongly appeals for cooperation and participation from all. RSS Chief, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat graced the event as the Chief Guest. The inaugural function was attended by Union Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Parshottam Rupala, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, amongst others. It may be mentioned that late Shri Lakshmanrao Inamdar was a pioneering leader of cooperative movement of the country, a noted social reformer and a founder of cooperative philosophy.

## Over 500 villagers turn up in free health camp at Chandel

**Chandel, March 1:** In an unprecedented scale, NCD cell Chandel District Hospital in collaboration with Kappam Baptist Church organized a one day free health camp and screening programme. The health camp was mainly emphasized on screening of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as heart attacks and stroke, Diabetes, Chronic Respiratory Diseases (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases and Asthma) and Cancer (oral, breast, cervix, prostate etc.). Babina Diagnostics, Sky hospital, doctors and staff nurses of PHC Kamlathabi and Pael and local volunteers also play a major role in making the camp a successful one. The function was chaired by village chief R. Jindashing Moyon as the chief guest and



Dr. Gilbertv Sumpi Distinct Nodal Officer NCD/ National program for prevention and control of Cancer Diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) as Resource persons Dr. Meghanath Angom (Gynaecologist) and Dr. Manoranjan Laiphrakpam (surgeon) Distinct Nodal Officer Palliative care unit District hospital Chandel gave awareness of present changing trend of NCD, risk factors and its measures for prevention. Ng. Kamchung Moyon APM,

NCD cell Chandel and Rev. Philip Roel carried out the herculean task of coordinating and managing the programme. The screening program was organised with support of Dr Y Premanchandra Singh, State Nodal officer NPCDCS. A large number of man, woman and children of the village turn up and take the advantage of free health camp. According to our sources, such a large population based screening health camp has never been done in Chandel district. A total of 506 villagers were screened for NCD including

pap smear screening of 97 suspected females of cervical cancer, thyroid test for 206 persons with fnaac for 9 patients, blood sugar check up for 390 persons, blood pressure check up for 405 persons, ECG test for 84 persons suspected of heart disease and verified 26 persons for free echocardiography, breast cancer screening for 180 females with fnaac for 9 suspected breast cancer, prostate specific antigen test for 12 males with digital rectal examination, eye check up for 278 persons along with free distribution of medicines. Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) are currently the leading cause of preventable deaths and disability in India. They are the leading cause of death, accounting for over 60% of premature mortality.

Non-communicable Diseases are rightly called "Silent" diseases as they may not cause any symptoms for many years. Screening for common NCDs like Diabetes and Hypertension periodically helps to detect them early and manage them with lifestyle modifications and treatment. Nearly half of population with diabetes and hypertension is estimated to be undetected in India and with screening programmes, they are likely to be identified and appropriately treated. Early diagnosis and treatment would avert complication like heart attacks, stroke, kidney diseases, blindness etc. which are not only life threatening but also expensive to manage. An additional benefit of population based screening is to assess risk profile of every individual

including tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity etc. There is an urgent need to undergo such population based screening and mass awareness programme in every nook and corner of our state to find out the incidence and prevalence of NCD at the grass root level and treat at the earliest. Such mass screening programme requires huge manpower, financial assistance and participation of both public and private firms. The organizing Committee also draw the attention of the government of Manipur and related Departments through media to organize such population based screening and mass awareness of NCD to be held more frequently specially in the hilly areas of Manipur.

## Nonsense is Sense: Governor's Attention Invited

By: **Heigrujam Nabashyam Ex-MLA Candidate**

The past few days and weeks have again thrown up some entertaining shows that have confirmed that Manipur is unique in the understanding of human behaviour, in the sense that what is accepted as decent behaviour in the civilized world may necessarily be not true and vice versa in our society, especially among the 2000 or more years old Meetei community, who are proud of their rich heritage of culture that had ultimately established a university of culture in this Chingleipak.

To make the point clear, let us take two examples, one the conduct of the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly on the closing day of the last Budget Session. Two, the conduct of All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) and its associates with regard to the demand for inclusion of the Meitei in the list of Scheduled Tribe (ST) of the Indian Constitution.

For quite sometime, I was thinking if I should make some comments on these very entertaining events, wondering why I didn't find any reactions from any of the media savvy experts of Manipur on these epoch-making episodes.

As regards the first one, I must apologize that I came to know of it three days after the happening as it was not carried by the esteemed local newspapers - I subscribe

only two papers and both the papers didn't carry anything in this regard. In fact, I came to know of it from the net and I was shocked to see the manner in which the Speaker was behaving in the August House. And what is more shocking is the fact that till today none from among the legislators, especially from the opposition did utter any displeasure, leave aside condemnation of the ill behaviour of the Hon'ble Speaker while rebuking an Hon'ble Member for his misconduct, during the session. It was such an unpleasant scene that even in a boxing ring the judge would not have behaved in that manner without risking disqualification from being a judge. Now, what does it suggest? Clear, it is an accepted norm!

As regards the second episode where ATSUM and its associates have expressed through the media against the move led by Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee Manipur (STDCM) to include the Meitei in the list of ST in the Constitution is not new.

For sometime, I was not sure whether I should make some comment in this regard too, because the fact is, I had a series of debates with ATSUM some months ago regarding the same and one can Google for the records of those debates with ATSUM. And here I would like to mention, "Know The Meitei", the last of the series, though all the series are available in the net, because that it would give one a rough idea

of what ATSUM and its associates are all about.

The fact is our Kuki-Chin and Naga brothers are not in their meaningful minds. Their utterances in the last few days and weeks are anything but sensible; though I am confident, they would contest my statement with all their wisdom. But I can say with full responsibility that they are fighting the past, may be knowingly, because that is their only logic.

Anyway, the fact is they do not want to look beyond their immediate self-interests. To justify their nonsensical stand, they say Meitei have exploited them and taken all the benefits of the state. They cited living examples like the concentration of all the government offices and all government establishments including universities, medical and technical institutions, etc. in the valley and the latest addition to the list is the National Sports University.

It is true, the government offices and establishment are located in the valley; may be because of the factor of convenience for transportation etc., or may be because the past leaders of the state including Naga & Kuki-Chins - considered themselves as valley people as they live in the valley; or maybe they thought Ukhrul, Churachandpur, Tamenglong, etc are not ready for such establishments etc. The fact is, they will find anything to accuse the Meiteies for any

wrongs. They purposely overlook the fact that the valley is the home of all the communities - Kuki, Meitei, Naga, Pangan etc. But for their convenience they would call it Meitei land, as if they are blind to the reality. Today every districts are multiethnic, except for the hills districts where Meitei and Pangan do not have the right to settle except in one or two pockets.

The point is, they know very well that the Meitei Community are a divided house, some are against, and some are for, the inclusion of Meitei in the ST list. They also know that being a divided house they can play one group against the other. Now, this is what nonsense is very much a sense in this Chingleipak.

And as regards their stated position to oppose the Meitei's inclusion in the list, there is not much to say because their main arguments are found invalid as they were exposed during the series of debates that I had mentioned earlier.

Sadly their intention is to intimidate the state government and to confuse the centre as well, pretending that they are the victim of Meitei's exploitation. But the fact is Meitei are not even rightful citizens, they cannot settle in any part of the state except in five districts out of the sixteen districts.

This is nonsense but it is sense in Manipur.