

CM greets people on the first anniversary of the BJP-led government 'State collected revenue of Rs 831 crores within a year'

Imphal, March 14: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the State government has collected total revenue of Rs. 831 crores for the year 2017-18 which is a steep Rs 245 crore increase over Rs 586 crore in the last financial year 2016-17. Moreover the government has set a revenue target of Rs 948 crores to be collected in the next fiscal year.

This was stated by him today while giving warm greetings and wishes to the people of Manipur on the occasion of the first anniversary of the BJP led government in the State. Chief Minister expressed his happiness that the new government has been able to make Manipur a blockade and bandi-free state since the BJP led government came into power on 15th March, 2017. He said such success was able to achieve with the love, support and trust of the people to the new government.

Stating that the Government has made continuous efforts to remove the emotional and developmental gaps between various communities of the state, Chief Minister said that the Government is focusing on all-round, inclusive and harmonious development in the State. Since day one, the government adopted citizen-centric and corruption-free approach, thus the process of regular and structured interaction with the public such as "Meeyangmi Numit" and "Hill Leaders' Day" was initiated and has been successful to reduce the grievances and problems faced by the people of the State. The government is committed to maintain transparency and good governance in the State.

The government has launched various pro-people welfare schemes such as *Chief Minister gi Sotharabasing-gi Tengbang* (CMST), *Chief Ministergi Hakshelgi Tengbang* (CMHT) for the poor, needy and disabled people of the State. The Government has especially launched "Chief Minister's

LaiyengShen" – a health programme for widows where Rs. 15,000/- each will be given to selected beneficiaries. Remedial coaching programme – "Chief Minister's Lairik Yengminnisi" for minority students for English, Maths and Science is also being implemented. He mentioned that Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) got the prestigious award in the category of 'the most efficiently run Public Health Programme by a State Government' in the Health Summit organised by Indian Express Group recently held in Pune.

Chief Minister mentioned that there has been a qualitative improvement in the security environment of the whole State. The Government has given special attention to curbing cross border movement of insurgent groups and illegal migration from across the border. Security along the border areas, especially Moreh and Behiang has been strengthened and Special Forces are also deployed in the border areas, he added. A Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems project connecting 101 police stations has been set up to facilitate real time monitoring of crimes. Community Liaison Groups at various levels have also been established to build a healthy Police-Community relationship, he added.

He continued that the Government has established a Fast Track Court to fight against increasing incidents of crimes against women. Around 12-13 criminals has been convicted by the FTC so far, he added.

In health Sector, Chief Minister said that to cater to the medical emergencies in the hill areas, 10 Advanced Life Support Ambulances have been deployed. 50 bedded District Hospitals in Chandel and Tamenglong were inaugurated. Foundation stones for establishment of three 50-bedded AYUSH hospitals at Moreh,

Churachandpur and Keirao have been laid. A dental college was also established at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Porompat. The Accident and Trauma Centre at JNIMS is targeted for completion by this month. Under free diagnostic programme, 57 diagnostic tests are being done free. Free dialysis for BPL patient is also available at JNIMS. The Central Government has agreed to launch helicopter service in the state. The Government is also taking steps to establish a Cancer Hospital and State Mental Hospital.

In the Education sector, the government is trying its best to ensure transparency in the educational system. The Government has enacted legislation to regulate the establishment and management of private schools and private coaching centres to bring about good governance in the educational system. The Dhanamanjuri University will be made functional from the academic session 2018-19. Courses for vocational training have been initiated in 40 colleges in 11 trades in collaboration with 13 industrial partners.

In the power sector too, the State Government has launched "Saubhagya" scheme to ensure that 1.75 lakhs households having no access to power and grid connectivity will be provided free power connection. 2,457 villages out of 2,582 census villages have been electrified so far. Balance 125 villages will be covered by the end of 2019. The Government has also distributed about 1.5 lakh LED bulb/tubelights under UJALA Scheme. Four new 132/33kV sub-stations at Thoubal, Elangkhangpokpi, Chandel and Hundung and ten new 33/11kV sub-stations at Henglep, Oinamlong, Ukhrul Khunjaog, Gelnel, Chakpikarong, Phungyar, Mao, Kasom Khullen, Nungbu Khullen and Mayangkhang have been commissioned and dedicated to the people. In addition to

these, three 132/33kV sub-stations at Thanlon, Moreh and Tipaimukh are being completed within March.

Mentioning some of the achievements of PHE department, he said that to avoid the acute shortage of drinking water in the hill districts of the State, the Government is taking up five "Rain Water Harvesting Schemes" at Rs. 2 crore each in the hill districts under one time special assistance Central Plan Scheme 2017-18. For improving the water supply system in Imphal and other areas, the Water Supply Scheme at Minuthong (1.14 MLD), Khuman Lampak (4.54 MLD), Chinga (1.14 MLD), Langthabal Phuramakhong, Langthabal Phuramakhong (NLCPR), Konthoujam (NLCPR), Ngairangbam, Leimaching, Waiton, Luwangsangbam, Kakching Water Supply Scheme (UIDSSMT) and construction of Water Treatment Plant (45mld) at Chingkeiching with raw water from Thoubal Dam is also going on.

Air connectivity has improved noticeably with the

introduction of direct flights between Imphal and Delhi. The Air Asia would begin daily direct flights between Imphal and Delhi from April 7, 2018. Imphal-Jiri road had been improved considerably and maintenance and improvement work of Imphal-Jiri Road will be completed soon. The Manipur State Transport was revived after a gap of 15 years. Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Deulahlad was commissioned.

Mentioning about the Prime Minister's visit in the State on 16th March, 2018, Chief Minister said that the Foundation Stone of the new National Sports University complex would be laid by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and among others. The Government would formally launch a Start-Up Policy to enable the youths in the State to take up new ventures with new and creative ideas. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.30 crore is available during the year 2017-18 and 2018-19, upto Rs. 3 crore is available to individual Start-Ups.

SSUM celebrates 2nd Foundation Day by giving Looms to widows of fake encounter victims; donates blood at JNIMS



IT News

Imphal, March 14: Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) today celebrated its 2nd Foundation Day by presenting Looms to 2 widows of Fake encounter victims. Volunteers of the students' body also donated bloods at JNIMS blood bank. Tears rolls down from the eyes of Khumbongmayum Ongbi Ibencha @ Ingellei, when the volunteers of SSUM handed over the loom at her parental home at Waiton Mamang

Leikai in Imphal East district. Her husband Khumbongmayum Ibungo of Thammakpki Mayai Leikai was killed in alleged fake encounter with security force in 2007. She was left with four children with tremendous hardship as no assistance or help was provided by the government as her husband was recorded as a member of rebel group by security force. With no means left to support her children she is staying in her parental home to get support from her brother and parents.

"I don't know how to thank the SSUM, this is perhaps the first time I get support from someone or groups", Ingellei told with tears rolling from her eyes.

The student body then went at Mongsangei and presented another loom to another widow of a fake encounter victim. Loitongbam Ongbi Ranjita's husband Loitongbam Sanjit was killed in alleged fake encounter in May 2009. She was left with a son.

Both the widow now joined Extrajudicial Execution Victims Families Association (EEVAM), Manipur. The body of widows of fake encounter victims are presenting fighting for justice at Supreme Court. Tonaranjan, Publicity Secy. of SSUM said that their organisation will give 3 more looms to more widows who are struggling for survival.

Governor Najma Hepulla flagged off Vigyan Jyoti Rally

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Imphal, March 14 : The Governor Dr. Najma Hepulla flagged off Vigyan Jyoti rally from Raj Bhavan today. The rally which was flagged off from Raj Bhavan was proceeded to Manipur University. Dr. Najma Hepulla said that we as students of science should not separate science from our daily lives, the only thing is we should understand where the sciences are involved, the food we eat, the bounty of nature are all connected to science, students must have scientific temper. This Science Congress is very good specially for the students, it has Children and Women's congress. There is no age bar

in learning of knowledge.

Saying that she has been involved in Science Congress since her student's days and also is a member of Women's Scientists Association, while expressing her happiness that the 105th Indian Science Congress is happening in Manipur University. She stress on the importance of maintaining the biodiversity and the nature of the state as it is while using them for the betterment of the people, she encourage to plant more trees and continues to take care of our nature and not exploit it and to keep ourselves and our surrounding clean and that is the message our Prime Minister wants to convey, added the Governor.

Further stating that since its inception Prime Ministers have always been inaugurating Science Congresses. She is very happy that the Prime Minister has kept the tradition and has accepted to inaugurate the Science Congress inspite of the fact that it was not schedule to be held at Manipur University but in Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Today's rally was organized in connection with the 105th Indian Science Congress under the theme "Reaching the unreach through Science and Technology" to be held at Manipur University from 16th to 17th March, 2018 at Manipur University, Imphal.

Stephen Hawking, author of 'A Brief History of Time,' dies at 76

By: Karma Allen

Stephen Hawking, an award-winning physicist and influential author, died early Wednesday morning, a family spokesman told ABC News. He was 76. Hawking, whose books included "A Brief History of Time" and "The Universe in a Nutshell," was diagnosed in 1962 with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly called ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. The family did not disclose the cause of death, but said he "died peacefully" at his home in Cambridge, England. "We are deeply saddened that our beloved father passed away today. He was a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years," the family said in a statement. "His courage and persistence with his brilliance and humor inspired people across the world. He once said, 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.' We will miss him forever." Hawking leaves behind his daughter, Lucy, and two sons, Robert and Tim. They thanked his fans who have "been by Professor Hawking's side — and supported him — throughout his life." Hawking was considered one of the leading voices in science because of his extensive research and work related to understanding the universe. "I never expected to reach 75, so I feel very fortunate to

be able to reflect on my legacy," Hawking said in a BBC interview last year.

He made several major discoveries throughout his career, and once said his greatest achievement was his discovery that black holes are not entirely black. "I think my greatest achievement will be my discovery that black holes are not entirely black," he said, adding how that discovery would be critical to "understanding how paradoxes between quantum mechanics and general relativity can be resolved."

In a 2010 interview with ABC's "World New Tonight," Hawking was asked about the best fatherly advice he'd given. "Here are the most important pieces of advice that I've passed on to my children," he said. "One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is rare and don't throw it away."

Here's a timeline of Stephen Hawking's life, compiled by the Associated Press:

Jan. 8, 1942 — Born in Oxford, England, the eldest of four children born to Frank Hawking, a biologist, and Isobel Hawking, a medical research secretary.
1952 — Attends St. Albans School.
1959 — Receives scholarship to attend University



College, Oxford, from which he graduates with a degree in Natural Science.

1962 — Begins graduate research in cosmology at Cambridge University.

1963 — Diagnosed with the degenerative nerve disorder ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, at the age of 21. He is given two years to live.

Jul. 14, 1965 — Marries his first wife, Jane Wilde, a modern languages student he met at Cambridge.

1967 — The couple's first son, Robert, is born.

1970 — Jane gives birth to a daughter, Lucy.

1974 — Elected as a fellow of the Royal Society at age 32, one of the youngest people to receive the honor.

1979 — Becomes Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, a prestigious position once held by Isaac Newton. Hawking holds the post until 2009. Jane gives birth to a third child, Timothy.

1985 — Admitted to a hospital in Geneva with pneumonia. He survives after an operation, but loses what remained of his speech. The next year he begins communicating through the electronic voice synthesizer that gave him his trademark robotic "voice."

1988 — Publishes "A Brief History of Time," a book on cosmology aimed at the general public that becomes an instant best-seller.

1989 — Made a Companion of Honor by Queen Elizabeth II.

1995 — Marries his nurse, Elaine Mason.

2007 — Divorces Elaine Mason.

2014 — Hawking's life is celebrated in the Oscar-winning biopic "The Theory of Everything," based on the memoir "Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen," by Jane Hawking.

(Courtesy ABC News)