



## Government will work for welfare of people

- N. Biren

**Imphal, March 12:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the essence of having a government is to work for the welfare of the people and the present government is committed to deliver good governance and 'quality of life' to the lives of the people. This was stated by him at the inauguration of Primary Health Centre Building, Kairang Muslim and PHSC Building, Laipham Khunou held at Primary Health Sub-Centre, Laipham Khunou, Imphal East.

National Health Insurance Scheme would be launched soon. Differentiating CMHT from the National Health Insurance Scheme, Chief Minister said that CHMT is committed to provide health 'assurance' and not 'insurance' to the poor and needy people of the State. Chief Minister assured that a new Educational scheme for the children of financially weak families of the state will be launched by March 15, 2018. Under the new scheme, the government will bear all the expenses on books, admission fees and uniform etc. for poor students, he added. The government has already waged 'war against drugs' and mass destruction of illegal cultivation of poppy plants has been started. He said that in order to have permanent solution for flash floods during the monsoon season, dredging and cleaning work of river beds have been started. He

appreciated the efforts and voluntary participation of the people on the eviction process of all encroachment at river banks. Chief Minister said that the government has already begun the month long celebration to commemorate the first anniversary of the BJP led government in the State. The first 15 days would be celebrated as "Inauguration Fortnight" and the government would be laying foundation stones for various projects in the last 15 days of the month. On the occasion, Minister for Health and Family Welfare L. Jayantakumar Singh appealed the people to think such Health Centres as their own property and to maintain it properly. He maintained that as per the norms, doctors aren't supposed to be posted at Primary Health Sub-Centres however the government would try to depute a doctor at the Sub-Centre. As the

population of the State is on the rise, Minister said, we need to have more PHCs and Health Care Centres across the State. Minister mentioned that the government seeks the blessings and support from the people to provide better healthcare in the State. Asking the politicians to stop the childish, baseless and illogical arguments to the government, he said that the government welcomes every creative and positive suggestion from various sections of the society for the development of the State. Advisor to CM Rajat Sethi, MLA of Wangjing Tantha AC P. Brojen, MLA of Kshetrigao AC N. Indrajit, Adhakhya of Imphal East Zila Parishad P. Bimola, Secretary (Health) Sumant Singh, Director (Health) Dr. K. Rajo, officials of Health Department and others attended the function.

## Health Minister Jayantakumar dedicates GNM school, Thoubal to the public

**Imphal, March 12:** As a part of the series of Inaugurations of the New Government of the state Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh handed over the newly constructed GNM School, Thoubal today along with a Hostel for the Nursing students to the people of Manipur. Speaking as Chief Guest at the inaugural function of GNM School, Thoubal which was held at the District Hospital Campus Thoubal Jayantakumar expressed his happiness for such a milestone achievement. Minister also assured for the required staff and equipments for successfully running the Nursing School. The academic session of the newly inaugurated school will be started from June/July of this year. Highlighting the importance of quality nurses of the state minister said that there have been demands of state nurses by not only neighbouring states but also from abroad. Establishing such Nursing schools will benefit the aspirant students



who are willing to undergo nursing courses. Nurses of the state have also become an asset of the nation, he added. Minister also assured for the required staff and equipments for successfully running the Nursing School. The academic session of the newly inaugurated school will be started from June/July of this year.

initiatives. The inaugural function was attended by N. Indrajit Singh, MLA Keirao A/C as Guest of Honour and Dr. K. Rajo Singh, Director Health Services, Manipur as functional President. Chief Medical Officer Thoubal, Health Services Staff, Doctors and Staff of District Hospital Thoubal also attended the function.

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**Imphal, March 12:** Maoist Communist Party of Manipur (MPCM) in a statement has called on the people of the state on why the Tibetan Spiritual leader Dalai Lama has been invited in the inaugural session of the 105th Indian Science Congress which is scheduled to hold at Manipur University from March 16 to March 20. In a statement the rebel group said that the Indian authority had ordered restriction to the participation of the Dalai Lama's 60th anniversary in India under the title "Thank you India" which is scheduled to hold from March 31 to April 1 Thyagaraj Sports Complex and Rajghat Ghat, New Delhi.

The present government is providing soft loans/financial assistance to the unemployed and needy people of the State, he added. Appreciating the support of the people and officials of the Health Department, Chief Minister said that the newly born Health Care Scheme "Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) has got excellence National Award recently. Around a population of 15 lakhs would be covered under the new Health Scheme, he said. At the National Level, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi a new

Minister of state for Home Kiren Rijiju have consented to attend the celebration. However in view of the souring Indo-china relationships, both the center and state government had ordered not to take part in the celebration, the Maoist statement said. The matter has been published at many Indian newspapers and leaving such an issue by the University authority is unfortunate, said the Maoist statement. The statement further said that the spokesperson of Dalai Lama Sonam Dago had also stated that there have been major changes in the 60th anniversary of Dalai Lama's stayed in India. It also quoted the Indian Foreign Secy. Vijay Gokhale statement to Cabinet Secy PK Sinha which said that -The propose period will be a very sensitive time in the

context of India's relations with China. Participation by senior leaders of government functionaries, either from the state government or central government is not desirable, and should be discouraged. Now the question is why the Dalai Lama has been invited in the inaugural function of the Indian Science Congress at Manipur, Maoist said. The rebel called the visit of the Dalai Lama as a conspiracy. Maoist further said that the if Dalai Lama real struggle is for liberation of Tibet then the outfit will support the leader. But the recent development showed that Dalai Lama has been utilised by the Indian authority as a mere puppet for political purposes. And Maoist seriously note the plan and will have a keen watch to the Manipur University authority.

## Security beefs up ahead of the Prime Minister's visit

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 12:** Security measures has been beefed up in all districts of the state particularly in Imphal East and Imphal West district to ensure full proof security ahead of the prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Rajnath visit in the state. A source said that state Home department had instructed all police stations to remain alert and conduct search operation in Imphal East and Imphal West district. More security measures have been taken up in and around Manipur University where the Prime

Minister is scheduled to inaugurate 105th Indian Science Congress at Manipur University. Today too, a team of Imphal East police commando led by DSP and OC Imphal East Police station conducted cordon and search operation at Friend's colony, Muslim colony and Loubuk leikai, Mantripukhri at around 5 am. Police source said that a total of 350 male and 190 female were verified during the search operation. The police team also entered some of the suspicious houses of the area. 13 suspected persons were

picked up and handed over to Heingang Police Station for further verification. Another team of Nambol police station also conducted search operation near Bir Tikendrajit International Airport at Changangai today morning. The police team led by OC Nambol Police cordon Malom Tulihal Makha Leikai western side of Airport fencing and conducted the search operation. Police source said that 350 males and 150 females were verified during the operation. 2 suspected individuals were picked up for further verification.

## Assam FM presents first e-Budget

**Agency**  
**Ghy, March 12:** Assam Finance Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma presented the state's first e-Budget at the legislative Assembly today. Mr Sarma told reporters that the government would present the first e-Budget in the Assembly and each legislator will be provided with a tablet computer containing details of the Budget. The legislators will be able to access the tablets during discussions and cut motion on the Budget inside the House. The state Budget would be also available on Google app. The Minister said, media persons covering the Budget presentation will get pen drive containing its details. The conventional paper Budget would be available as well.

## Over 50,000 Farmers protest; Gherao Maharashtra State Assembly CM Fadnavis meets protesters

**With input from Agency**  
Over 50,000 farmers demanding complete loan waiver, implementation of the Swaminathan Committee Report and transfer of Adivasi land to farmers who have been ploughing it for years, today march a protest rally and then towards the Maharashtra state assembly. TV report said that the farmers arrived in Mumbai on Sunday after a 180-km-long 6-day foot march from Nasik. The farmers marched overnight in wake of board examinations on Monday morning and to avoid traffic situation in the city. They reached Mumbai's Azad Maidan at around 5 AM.

The protesters started the march called by Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Sabha (ABKS) affiliated with the CPI(M) from Maharashtra's Nashik on March 6. The farmers are planning to lay siege to the Maharashtra legislative assembly building in Mumbai to press their various demands. Traffic police have been deployed across the city to ensure smooth movement of traffic. Amitesh Kumar, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) told a news agency that security has been increased around the Assembly and Azad Maidan. Policemen are also on foot to ensure students attending

their SSC Class 10 board exams are not inconvenienced in any way. Meanwhile, Indian Express reports said that Mumbai-based artists and poets also joined farmers' protest march. "A group of 50 poets and artists joined the ongoing farmers' protest march in Mumbai", reported The Indian Express. Artists from groups such as 'Banned', 'Yalgar' and 'Kalsangini' joined the farmers at the KJ Somaiya ground in Sion. They recited poems of popular Marathi reformers such as Anna Saheb Sathe and Vaman Dada Kardak. Speaking to a journalist, poet



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Dharmarashit from the group 'Yalgar' said, "Farmers are the bread-winners of the entire nation. It is time we supported their cause and show them solidarity. Our group has always supported the actions of those who have fought for what is right." Congress president Rahul Gandhi also shows solidarity

to the Farmers' protest. News agency ANI quoted Rahul Gandhi as saying, "This is not an issue of Maharashtra farmers alone but of farmers all over India." Meanwhile, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis finally waking up after 5 days on Sunday night said his government is ready to talk to

the farmers. "We will talk to them and sort out their issues. The Government is positive on their demands. Most of the agitators are tribals, and their main demand is forest land rights." The Chief Minister meet the farmers' representatives at around 3 pm today.