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## Hole in the bag

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I wonder I carry a hole in my bag all the way around,  
It's something unnoticed; I need all along seriously;  
Bag o' bag! You're sometimes heavy full,  
With bills and documents, unnecessarily;  
You hold strong upon my shoulder hanging tight;  
You hang up and you lay down, with no intention;  
All I do and all I control, Dirty and dusty;  
You a tool with all my tools holding in around;  
Pen, pencil, ball pen, sharpener, eraser, stapler;  
Lipstick, lip liner, eye liner, green, black and red;  
Money Purse, mobile, coins one, two, five, and ten;  
Rupees Ten, twenty, fifty, hundred and all;  
In at the corner, far inside drop down;  
I lost one a penny, two a pen and three a pencil.

I wonder I carry a hole in my bag all the way around,  
It's something unnoticed; I need all along seriously;  
Day after day, week by week, month to year;  
I hold onto it so dearly; I thought of not changing;  
Switching after switching; upon and beneath;  
Part by part, portion by portion filling and engaging;  
Hardly have I reached a hole in my bag for a few days;  
Rain and wind; Heat and sweating I conduct toss;  
I witness I drop hard on the ground dirty,  
It rushes into the busy congesting street and buses;  
Ah! I lost one a coin and two a rupees,  
I worried and I got angry, tensioning;  
In and out I search repeatedly hands over;  
Lies a hole digging inside the pocket of the bag's pocket;

I wonder I carry a hole in my bag all the way around,  
It's something unnoticed; I need all along seriously;  
Lovely as I walk down the routine work hastily;  
Full I carry witnessing umbrella, hanky and shawl;  
Water bottle, blade, biscuit and vegetables;  
Sweater and shirt; Ah! I dump in and inside my bag;  
I know not, its locking chain all split out wide open;  
In and out I search repeatedly; I lost money within those;  
Can't able to reach hands out far inside, coins underneath;  
I lift heavy on my side, right to left shouldering;  
Pinning and handling; holding front and side ways;  
I walk back home quickly, tired and heavy.

## Without a Womb

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Happy she was, she was alive most extremely;  
She blooms widely, with all those scented fragrances;  
She painted 'Red' as though she owns a 'rivulet';  
Her flattering favors so befitting; she grosses no profit;  
How wonder she was? She jumped around into the air;  
She waves through excitement; joy and smiles;  
Oh! I remembered how she cares her body;  
Inch by inch; rubbing and sanitizing;  
She smells as she went, she blooms like a rose;  
Her petals scattering, she can't hide it all;  
Covering and hiding; so scented so fleshy;  
I witnessed She loves her curves too plump;  
She's too expensive; she's too precious glad;  
She holds within a 'cosmos'; a womb within her glow.

She cries and she weeps, the pains within hurts;  
She bleeds heavily, deep and dark 'red' floating;  
I can't witness standing by 'her pains' as she groans;  
She murmured and she sigh; 'it's hurting inside'  
She flattens as she moves; on the right and to the left;  
Her building bridge collapsed, walls' shattered;  
She witnesses a pattern; she's injected half death;  
Ah! Pale pink she's lying on her scented bed,  
Deck with tubes and piping; she feels so empty,  
Out taken her womb; out goes her strength;  
Out drained her clotting; she's survive all with wimp;  
She's all empty, she's all weak;  
Oh! Woman, how great you're without 'you'?  
Nah! Nah! She turns to the right and to the left.

She tries and she manages, getting up holding;  
Like first baby's step, she steps one an again;  
Flush after flush; sweep after sweeps  
Her body on 'hot' so flaming; jingling *chik chik*;  
Countless hair falls and too many sleepless nights;  
She suffers endless, side effects all inviting;  
Fallen down She's so barren; her hairs growing white;  
Her bones so weak, so bleak and her joints crushing;  
Ah! She recalls she isn't the same anymore;  
Her body isn't her; she's so tired and so dull;  
No blood shaded; her 'period' no longer survives;  
I witness her scanty she's all dries up, falling apart;  
No motherhood stands long; without her 'womb';  
Without a womb, she isn't a woman, too hurting  
She's all in pains without her 'womb'.

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## Minister Radheshyam Visits Border Villages Of Ukhrul District

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Education minister thokchom radheshyam accompanied by officials of education department inspected schools and other infrastructural conditions of the border villages of the state in a three day visit to ukhrul district and kamjong district.

He said that the visit is part of the 'go to village' initiative launched by chief minister n. Biren Singh. The visit is aimed towards reaching out to the people, reaching the unreached and to explore the nature's bounty of the state. The ministerial team began their journey to ukhrul from 13th february and inspected seven villages mapum, zingsui, sahangphung, chamu, khayang, phungtha and roni. Expressing deep satisfaction over the visit, the minister stated that it is a great opening for the government as the trip is the first ever made by a minister to these border villages.

The villagers heartily welcomed the minister and informed about the hardships faced by them due to lack of proper infrastructure, poor road connectivity, inadequate health and drinking water facility in the villages. The minister inspected mapum high

school, zingsui high school, chamu high school and khayang primary school. Villagers from mapum, sahangphung, chamu, khayang, phungtha and roni speaking to dipr reporter stated that they are pleased and happy by the visit of the education minister as the villages have never been set foot by a minister before.

Despite the deplorable condition of schools in the villages, the minister was pleased to witness the well maintained and appropriately functioning of the khayang primary school, khayang village, regarded as the last village of manipur at ukhrul district bordering myanmar. The

school has around 110 - 120 students and is successfully providing primary education with support and supervision from the villagers and its headman. The primary school has hostel facility where students not only from the neighboring villages but also from the neighboring country myanmar come for studying. Minister radheshyam informed the villagers that to meet the requirement of teachers at ukhrul and kamjong districts, teachers who were transferred and utilized from the districts has now been reverted back to the district again. He explained that the transfer and posting of the teachers were processed before the

beginning of the academic sessions. He said that the teachers being newly posted at the district totals to one hundred and seven teachers and the list of names are uploaded in the official website of the department, he added. He also sought for the support and cooperation of the people in the schools amalgamation. Th. Radheshyam also highlighted about the state government schemes and centrally sponsored schemes to the people. The ministerial team also visited the phungtha tilly waterfall, phungtha village. He assured that the government will put its efforts for the development of the villages.

## Imphal West Election Nodal Officers' Meeting Held

IT News  
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District Election Officer (DEO), Imphal West District Shri Naorem Praveen Singh today chaired a meeting of the Nodal Officers of the district to oversee the preparedness on various fronts for



the forthcoming 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election 2019 in order to make the election process a success.

Various matters pertaining to manpower, training of polling personnel, transport management plan, communication plan, media, establishment of helpline and complaint redressal, expenditure monitoring, security, etc., were discussed during the meeting. The DEO also informed the officers about ECI's newly launched android-based app call 'cVIGIL', which stands for "citizens' vigil" - an unique app for voters to report poll code violations. The DEO further stated that 'cVIGIL' which is a new initiative of ECI to ensure

prompt reporting of Model Code violations with proper evidence and in a time-bound manner will be operationalized for the first time in the state in the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

The District Election Officer asked the officers to remain vigilant and acquaint themselves with the knowledge, rules and guidelines of the Election Commission of India, so that the process of the election could be held smoothly and fairly. The meeting was attended by ADM, Imphal West, Election Officer, Imphal West, Addl. SP (L&O), Imphal West and nodal officers designated for various activities.

### Contd From Yesterday Issued

## Village Authority in the Hill Areas of Manipur of Manipur: A Case Study of Hmar Villages in Pherjawl District

LalThaphut (compulsory labour to be rendered by the villagers to the chief in time of constructing his house as well as for carrying out other community tasks), Chisung (salt tax), Ran man sung (a certain amount of the price of an animal sold to be paid to the chief), etc. The Hmar chief thus enjoyed various privileges. In this regard Prof. Lal Dena notes: "the rights of the chief to these services was infact the foundation of his political power and his accumulated wealth enabled him to command the respect and loyalty of his own clan or tribe and other clans or tribes conquered".

The new administrative changes introduced since 1947 onwards have brought about significant changes in the traditional administrative system of the Hmars and the authority structure inside it. Under the Manipur Hill People's (Administration) Regulation of 1947, all the members of the Village Authority were nominated according to the prevailing custom. However, under the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 1956, this custom was axed to a large extent. Under the Act of 1956, the chief got exemption from the election to the Village Council as he was made the ex-officio Chairman of the Village Authority. But for other members, they are to be elected by the villagers on the basis of adult suffrage. The election of other members of the

Village Authority resulted in increased significance of the other members of the Village Authority. The village chief now cannot be expected to have as much power and control over the Village Authority members as they used to have earlier over the Village Council. Another significant change brought about by the new developments is that though there is no specific provision in the Act for the discontinuation of payment of the traditional chief's share like busing, sadar, khuoizu, etc., people in most of the of the Hmar villages in this District have stopped such payment to the chief. Now-a-days all the members of the Village Authority are like unpaid servants of the Government functioning in the traditional way. They could no longer enjoy the privileges which they enjoyed earlier. Because of their weak position they are unable to perform their work effectively. This has created many problems while trying to secure proper administration, proper maintenance and utilization of the village resources.

### CONCLUSION:

The Village Authorities in the Hmar villages of Pherjawl District continue to performs numerous role in the village like distribution of land for jhum cultivation, maintenance of law and order, administration of justice, implementation of various Development Programs of the

Government, etc despite changes brought about by new developments. It is the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act of 1956 which has brought certain changes in the old system. Many other Acts/Amendments have been passed from time to time by the government but due to opposition from the tribal leaders it could not be implemented. Thus, it is the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act which has brought changes in the old system. This Act provided that the chief would remain as the Ex-officio Chairman of the Village Authority but other members are not to be selected by the Chief but to be elected by the villagers. This has reduced the power of the chief to control the other members of the Village Authority. Besides, the Chief no longer enjoy many of the privileges which he used to enjoy earlier. The members of the Village Authority are now unpaid servants in the village. The need of the hour is to revitalize the existing institution of Village Authority. For example, giving Constitutional Status and remuneration to the Village Authority like that of the Panchayati Raj Institution and Municipality would be an option. To conclude, Village Authority would be given more powers and funds which would enable them to formulate policies and programs for the welfare of the people in the village.

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