

## Assembly session may shorten by including Saturday as sitting day

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 22,

The ongoing 7 session of the 11 Manipur Legislative Assembly which began on February 20 and scheduled to have sitting till March 20 is likely to be shortened by having sitting on Saturday too. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who is also the leader of the house while drawing the attention of the house said that as the Lok Sabha Session is likely to be held in the first week of March, the government may face difficulties in taking up government affairs if the code of conduct has been enforced. Opposition leader also accepted the proposal of the leader of the house to shorten the session by having sitting on Saturday. Speaker Y. Khemchand after listening both the leader of the treasury and opposition bench said that a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) will be held this evening the matter to shorten the Assembly session will be considered.

## ‘HM notification to give power to AR kept in abeyance’

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 22,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, today said that the notification of the Union Home Minister which gives power to the personnel of Assam Rifles to arrest a person and search a place without warrant in the north-eastern states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and

Nagaland has been kept in abeyance.

Taking time in the ongoing state Assembly session the Chief Minister said that he was not able to answer reporters' questions regarding the matter as he did not have detail information about it. The Chief Minister further said that the matter has been informed to him by the Home Ministry some few hours

back that the notification has been kept in abeyance and there is no need for the people to be worried.

As reported in media today, 'an officer of the rank corresponding to that of the lowest rank of the members of Assam Rifles' has been given these powers under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), this was reported as per notification of the Union Home Minister.

## Startup policy able to bring talented youths back in the state: CM

DIPR  
Imphal, Feb 22,

Leader of the House and Chief Minister of the State, N. Biren Singh informed the House today that there is an awareness among the people of the State regarding the Manipur Startup Policy. He made the statement during the Question Hour on the Day 3 of the ongoing 7th Session of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Session. Stating that various entrepreneurs with innovative ideas have applied for the policy, he said that the policy has resulted in the return back of the educated unemployed youths who were once working outside the State. Replying to starred question moved by Surjakumar Okram, M.L.A., Khangabok Assembly Constituency, Leader of the House said that the key component of the Startup Policy is talented

entrepreneurs with innovative ideas who are able to produce quality product and generate employment. He informed the House that 334 numbers of beneficiaries were selected (round 1) for the year 2017-2018 out of 728 applicants and a fund of Rs 30 crore has been released (2017-2018). He said 3,966 people have applied for the policy this year.

Chief Minister informed the House that the selected beneficiaries need to undergo 3 months training and after completion of the training fund will be given to them. He also assured that in case of excess demand the Government will increase the fund in consultation with the Planning Department.

L. Jayanta Kumar, Art and Culture Minister informed the House that Manipur State Film and Television Institute will start functioning from August this year. Informing that procurement of equipments

and e-tender have begun, he said the department is trying to improve the infrastructure of the Institute. Regarding the Manipur Cultural University, he said it is functioning in full swing with 404 students enrolled at present.

Stating that Art and Culture is the pride of the State, he informed the House that there is need to enhance the fund for the Art and Culture Department. He further said that there is need for amendment of Culture Policy in consultation with the expert committee. He was responding to query of MLA Shri Surjakumar Okram.

Y. Joykumar Singh, Deputy Chief Minister (in-charge of Finance) today laid the following reports on the table of the House namely Appropriation Accounts 2017-18, Finance Accounts (Volume-1) 2017-18 and Finance Accounts (Volume-11), 2017-18.

## Vigilance dept will investigate the supply of sub-standard pipes: CM



DIPR  
Imphal, Feb 22,

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the government will not tolerate the supply of the substandard pipes to PHE department and will conduct a proper investigation regarding that matter. This was stated by him at the sidelines of the flag off ceremony of Motor Car Rally held at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal today.

Addressing to the media persons, Chief Minister stated that the case will be handed over to the Vigilance Department and the Company involved would be blacklisted. Responding further to the media persons regarding the arbitrary powers given to Assam Rifles in the Northeast India, Chief Minister stated that such step is a precautionary measure in the Northeast states in the aftermath of the recent

terrorist attack in Kashmir.

There are intelligence inputs that there might be a terrorist attack in the Northeast region, he added. Such step is a security measure for the welfare of the nation and it has nothing to do with the common people of the state.

Replying to media persons regarding the current agitation by the RMSA teachers, Chief Minister said that it is unfortunate that the RMSA teachers are not getting their salary for months. Stating that the government will sympathetically consider the situation after the ongoing Budget session, he appealed the teachers to withdraw the ongoing agitation.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister mentioned that road safety has become a cause of concern in our times and such rally would take up advocacy on road safety concerns to the public. He

mentioned that the rally will also help in reaffirming our belief in the principles of truth, non-violence and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

It may be mentioned that the Motor Car Rally was flagged-off by Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari on 4th February, 2019 from Rajghat in Delhi. The Motor Car Rally is organized by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India in collaboration with the Kalinga Motors Sports Club, Odisha to commemorate the 150th year of Gandhiji's Birth Anniversary. The rally will conclude at Yangon in Myanmar on Feb 24, 2019.

Minister for CAF & PD Karam Shyam, Addl. Chief Secretary Dr. Suhel Aktar, Commissioner (Transport) M. Lakshminikumar Singh, Director of Transport Arthur Worchuiyo and others attended the function.

## Manipuri players to participate in the Special Olympics World Summer Games; urged govt for their support



IT News  
Imphal Feb 22,

Two players from Manipur will be representing Team India in the upcoming Special Olympic Summer Games to be held at Abu Dhabi from March 14-March 21, 2019.

Nandeibam Herojit (16 years) son of Nandeibam Ibomcha from Kongba Makha Nandeibam Leikai will be participating in the field of athletics. And also Langoljam Chitra (17 years) daughter of late Langoljam Dilesh Singh from Kontha Khabam Heibong Makhong, Heingang will be participating in the field of Futsal.

In a press meet held at Manipur Press club, Imphal President of Special Olympic Bharat Manipur Chapter Professor Mayengbam Akshaykumar said the masses

have a misconception regarding the Intellectually Disabled and are disregarded. He added that even though the persons lack somewhat intellectually, they still have numerous hidden talents and added that there is a need to find such talents. He clarified that the intellectually disabled persons are slow learners not a mental disabled.

Akshaykumar further said people from the state have been participating and also won medals in the Special Olympic Games. But sadly the state has been neglecting the participants and also failed to honour them. He also appealed the state government to take initiative for the welfare of the intellectually disabled people who faces lot problems in their lives after the death of the ones who cared for them.

Sports Director of Special Olympic Bharat Thangjam Sharatkumar said that the Intellectually Disabled Olympians have no recognition in the state. No financial support has been given to them until now. He added that one player who was selected to participate in the Special Olympic held at Shanghai in 2007 failed to participate because of financial problems. He further said that the Punjab government have already started to give initiatives and reservations in government jobs for the players. Connecting with the initiatives taken up by government of different states, Thangjam Sharatkumar urged the government led by CM N. Biren to help financially and also to recognise the neglected participants.

## Modi conferred with Seoul Peace Prize

### ‘Leadership is not a title or position, it is action and example’

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 22,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize. He will receive the award during his 2 day visit to South Korea. He becomes 14th person and the first Indian to receive the award. Past recipients of the award include Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The selection committee of the award recognised "his dedication to improving international cooperation, raising global economic growth, accelerating the human development of the people of India by fostering economic growth in the world's fastest-growing large economy and furthering the development of democracy through anti-

corruption and social integration efforts".

The committee also credited the Prime Minister for his contributions towards regional and global peace through a proactive foreign policy with countries around the world through the 'Modi Doctrine' and the Act East Policy. This award is a testament to Narendra Modi's growing stature as a leader, someone who is quite capable of ensuring peace and stability in the southeast Asian region.

Regarding the achievement of the Prime Minister Asnikumar Moirangthem, Vice President of BJP Manipur Pradesh said, "As an individual who has closely followed Modi ji since his days as Gujarat CM where he took the state to new horizons I believe this recognition is the first of many to come".

## Rejoinder to Imphal Times news by Ibomcha Ningthoujam

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 22,

In a rejoinder sent to Imphal Times regarding the news item under the heading - "Has MCPCR Chairperson appoints her husband as a Consultant"? published in this paper on Feb 20, 2019 issue, Ibomcha Ningthoujam, the consultant mentioned in the news item said that chairperson, MCPCR had not appointed her husband as a Consultant.

In the rejoinder he said he was one among the 5 consultant appointed as per the provision given in CPC Act, 2005, by the Managing Committee.

He said that MCPCR had not incurred any kind of expenditure for travel and others to him nor did he claim

any kind of emolument/honorarium for the service to the Commission.

"Earlier, I did try my best to address all the questions asked under RTI Act, 2009. However, my sincere initiatives had been refused to be acknowledged by the so called RTI Activist. Now as the issue comes under public domain, I am being compelled to write this rejoinder to "Has MCPCR Chairperson appoints her husband as a Consultant"? Just for stopping spreading of misinformation of the Commission. If the activist does not have any mala fide intention, he/she is better come to the Commission office and get all his/her questions addressed to his/her satisfaction", Ibomcha wrote in the rejoinder.

### Name Change

I, the undersigned BRAHMACHARIMAYUM VIJAYANANDA SHARMA of Yaikul Hiruhaba Leikai, Imphal West, Pin 795001, Manipur do hereby declared that, I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name BRAHMACHARI VIJAYANANDA SHARMA, as I have assumed my new name BRAHMACHARIMAYUM VIJAYANANDA SHARMA.

Sd/-

BRAHMACHARIMAYUM VIJAYANANDA SHARMA