

Are the Children with disability not the pillar of the future nation?

Guardians of disabled children unhappy on govt. attitude towards their wards



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Questioning whether the children with disabilities aren't the pillar of the future nation. Students with disabilities along with their guardians staged sit-in-protest at the gate of Blind School, Takyel demanding various facilities which have been neglected by the government. The protest was organised by Parents and guardians council of Persons with Disability. Speaking to media persons President of Parents and guardians Council of Persons with Disability Thangjam Saratkumar said that the even though a memorandum has already given to the Chief Minister demanding various facilities for the welfare of the

students with disability, but sadly no initiatives have been taken up by the government till now.

He said that as the students with disabilities don't have a government higher secondary school their dreams have been shattered as they can't furnish further education. So he appealed the state government to upgrade the Government Ideal School and Government Deaf and Mute school to a higher secondary level and also to run a state government school for Intellectual and Development Disabilities. Saratkumar further said that as the schools lack proper staffs and due to the lacking of warden and caretaker various crimes have been occurred like missing of students

frequently. He also appealed to recruit the new teachers and staffs for proper functioning of the schools for the person with disability. Condemning that the government doesn't implement properly the Right to Disability Act which was passed already in 2016, he urged the government to implement the act properly in the state also. He finally appealed to set up a Separate Directorate for Person With Disability to quicken in addressing the issues related to the disability including preparation and implementation of schemes, programmes etc. Saratkumar concluded that various forms of protest will be initiated if the government doesn't consider their needful demands.

Tractor And Power Tiller Distributed To Selected Midh Beneficiaries

Joint effort will raise farmers' income & state economy: Shyamkumar

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Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar today said that the farmers across the State are timely given benefits under various schemes of the department. He opined that the collective effort of the stakeholders (the Government and the farmers) will help in raising the income of the farmers and boost the economy of the State. He was speaking at the tractors and power tillers distribution function to the selected beneficiaries (farmers) at the office complex of Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department, Sanjenthong. Altogether 22 selected farmers from the districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, Kangpokpi, Churachandpur and Senapati were given 9 tractors and 13 power tillers at the subsidised rate in the first phase of farm mechanisation of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme (2018-19) under the aegis of the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department. A subsidy of Rs 1 lakh each on tractors and Rs 75,000 each on power tillers have been given to the selected beneficiaries for buying the machineries by the department. An assistance of Rs 57.50 lakh has been



provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India for procuring 50 numbers of power tillers and 20 numbers of tractors which will be distributed to the selected beneficiaries in phase wise. Minister Th. Shyamkumar expressed hope that the help from the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department will surely boost the confidence of the farmers. Stating that the Government is helping the selected farmers, he advised the selected farmers to lend a helping hand to the needy farmers so that all the farmers can work hard to increase the crop production. JC Ramthanga, Principal Secretary

said that the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department aims to increase the productivity of the agriculturist and horticulturist in the State and to make the State fully organic. Stating that the distribution of tractors and power tillers is one of the components of the annual plan for 2018-19, he said the distribution program will be a milestone as the selected farmers will be able to work and produce more.

K. Kipgen, Director, Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department lauded the MIDH officers and staffs for their effort to provide benefits to the selected beneficiaries. Stating

that it is best time for cultivation (kharif season), he said that distribution of the machineries to the selected farmers will surely help them in yielding more crops. N. Premananda Singh, Mission Director, MIDH said that the distribution for the second phase will be done in March and the process of selecting the beneficiaries is underway. He also lauded the district officers for helping in selecting the genuine beneficiaries. Stating that other benefits are also being provided to the farmers under the MIDH scheme, he invited the farmers to visit the nearest office of the department to avail benefits.

Minister Karam Shyam distributes appointment orders to the Die-In- Harness applicants of Revenue Department

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CAF & PD, Revenue Minister, Karam Shyam distributed appointment orders to more than 20 deserving candidates of the Revenue Department of Manipur who have applied in the die-in-harness scheme. He gave away the appointment orders to the candidates in a press conference held today at his Old Secretariat office after clearing 37 out of a total of 101 applicants after proper scrutiny, screening and strict verification.

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posts in the Grade III category and process server and peon posts in the Grade IV category were given appointment orders. Amongst such applicants, some have waited for almost 10 years for the much expected appointment. Speaking at the press meet, Minister Karam Shyam stated that the Government understands the sufferings of such applicants who usually belong to deprived families and constantly face the hurdles of bribe and bargain in different forms in connection with pending file processes. We will try to clear the

pending files of the remaining die-in-harness applicants of the Revenue Department after clearing 37 out of a total of 101, he further added. The Minister also assured that the Government is trying its best to minimize the difficulties of such candidates and ensure transparency in clearing away their pending files quickly. During the press briefing, he also highlighted that the successful candidates who got appointment order today should start working honestly and efficiently without corruption in public

interest. Commissioner CAF & PD, Revenue Shri T Ranjit said that its good news for the Revenue department that new staff are appointed on die-in-harness basis as there is acute shortage of officials in the department at present. He also informed the gathering that as per guidelines of the Department of Personnel (DP), preference is given to those applicants belonging to the differently-abled category. Joint Secretary Revenue, Y Rajen and Undersecretary Ph Bhavananda Sharma were also present during the conference.

Problems faced by Diesel Auto service providers in Churachandpur discussed

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Problems and harassment faced by Diesel Auto service providers in Churachandpur town were highlighted during a General Assembly cum Election meet of the Churachandpur District Diesel Auto Owners Association held today at K Aichin Park near Mata Village in Churachandpur. The General Assembly began

from 11:30 am. The Association has at least 700 Diesel auto vehicles and is covering more than 23 lines in Churachandpur town. The association though provided an important services to the public as conveyance of various destination faced problems of unnecessary halt and frisking by the police while commuting the public and monetary demands from various UG

groups, speakers on the occasion said. The matter was discussed in today's general assembly but no decision on the matter was taken. In the election Seiboi Haokip was elected as president while Khamsuan Ngaithe has been elected the general secretary. Doumang Haokip N Khamsiam were elected as finance Secretary and treasurer.

Of the total voters in Imphal West, only 1 person is transgender

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Only one transgender is enrolled in the Voter list of Imphal West district. This was stated by Naorem Praveen, DC of Imphal West during press conference conducted in connection with the launching of two days special campaign for the verification and enrolment of eligible voters from today. Naorem Praveen said the two days campaign will enable to enrol new eligible voters in

electoral rolls, to correct their particulars and also to verified voters already enrolled in the electoral roll. He appealed to all the eligible voters to enrol during the ongoing campaign. He said that number of voters in Imphal West is around 3,60,600. There is a difference of about 7 percent when compared to census report about the eligible voters residing in Imphal West area, Praveen added. He further said that main priorities have been given by

the CEO to remove the impurities present in the electoral rolls. He added that around 261 repeated Electoral photo identity card (EPIC) have been detected and rectified for Imphal West. And also 76 demographically similar entries has also been detected and rectified. As the day of election is going to be announced in the next month all the necessary steps have already taken up, he added. He further claimed that every Assembly constituencies will have a model polling station.

Combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held

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The joint Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day was held at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. As usual, huge number of people both from different hill and valley districts came to meet Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to bring their plights and grievances to his notice.

The Chief Minister personally attended to around 412 complaints and met nearly 1200 people from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Principal Secretary (Health) and Nodal Officer of Meeyamgi Numit Vumlungmang Vualnam, Commissioner (Planning) and OSD to CM Sumant Singh, Secretary to CM N. Geoffrey, DIG (Adm) I.K. Muivah and other senior Government officials

assisted the Chief Minister in assessing people's complaints. Officials of different Government Departments like Health, Minority, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes, Social Welfare, Education (S), Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd. and Police were also present at the CM's Secretariat complex to resolve people's grievances

instantly. Many differently-abled persons, widows and people belonging to poor families were instantly enrolled under Government's noble schemes like Chief Minister-gi Hakshel-gi Tengbang (CMHT) and Chief Minister-gi Sotharabashing-gi Tengbang (CMST) etc. Many educated and skilled youths were also identified to provide soft loans from different banks.