

MPLADS misappropriation : more report about financial misappropriation comes up

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Team Imphal Times continue to investigate on whether works approved for construction under the Rajya Sabha MP K. Bhabananda's Local Area development Programme are judiciously executed or not. Of the 54 works approved for taking up in the year 2017-18, second installment fund which is about 80% of the total cost has been released. Surprisingly some of the constructions like Community Halls have not even started its construction even as the 2nd installment fund have been released which is a blatant violation of the guidelines for taking up developmental works under the MPLADS. Imphal Times visited at Porompat Kshetri laikai to take stock of the construction work of a community hall whose estimated cost of Rs. 15 lakhs. Of the total cost of Rs. 15 lakhs rupees has been released. As per guidelines the release of second installment amount is done after completion 80% of the construction. Team Imphal Times however could not find any such construction of Community Hall at Porompat Kshetri laikai under Kshetrigao Assembly constituency. When enquired to the locals of the area Imphal Times team has been informed that the construction of the Community Hall under the RS MPLADS has not been started due to dispute among the local in choosing the site for

construction. It is also told that the MP had handed over some amount to a committee entrusted for the construction. In another case a community hall under the RS MPLADS is found constructed inside the private plot of a person at Naharup Mayai laikai in Imphal East. Source said that the Land which the community Hall is constructed belong to the Organisation Secretary of the BJP Manipur Pradesh however the land still is not donated to the public, the source added. The sanction amount for construction of the community hall is Rs. 15 Lakhs and so far as per completion an amount of Rs. 13.50 lakhs has been released. The question now is that how could a construction mean for the public be constructed inside the plot of an individual before it is being donated to the people of the area. Teams Imphal Times also learnt from reliable source that a Water Reservoir Tank at Yairipok Bishnunaha Mayai laikai has been constructed at the cost of Rs. 5 Lakhs under



MI canal stated to have constructed at Top Siphai, Wangoi

2nd installment fund released but construction of community hall yet to start; another construction taking place at private land owned by a BJP leader

the Rajya Sabha MPLADS. Rs. 4.50 lakhs has been released for the construction. But when Team Imphal Times inspected the site there was no such water reservoir tank constructed at the area. Counselor of the Ward No. 2 of Yairipok Municipal Council while talking to team Imphal Times said that he had no knowledge of any such Water Reservoir Tank being constructed at the area under the RS MPLADS. At Wangoi Assembly constituency too, Imphal Times have report about construction of MI canal from Awang Hithangpham to nambul River and Hiran to Nambul River at Top Siphai, Wangoi. The sanction amount for the construction was Rs. 12 lakhs and a sum of 10.80

lakhs has been reportedly released. When team Imphal Times visited the area no such construction was noticed at the said side. Team Imphal Times when contacted to some of the Councilors of the Wangoi Municipal Council, it has come to know that no such work has been taken up during 2017-18 till today. Imphal Times had reported the misappropriation of MPLADS of the Rajya Sabha MP for the years 2017-18 highlighting the facts. No proper implementation of some works were noticed and reported. The Editor of this paper also received intimidation for highlighting the misutilization or in other words misappropriation of public money. Meanwhile, a local cub of Khwai Thokchom laikai - The Manipur People's Club in a press statement said that The RCC road at Keishampat Thokchom Leikai which was reported not constructed by this newspaper in its earlier report as incorrect. It said the RCC road started construction on March 2018 and completed in May of the same year. But RCC road with bitumen covering it is the first of its kind Imphal Times felt.

Health Minister urges public to avail health benefits provided by the Government



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Health and Family Welfare minister L. Jayantakumar Singh today urged the people of the State to avail benefits from the newly introduced schemes of the government specially in the health sector. He was speaking as Chief Guest during the inaugural function of the Health and Wellness Centre, Thambalkhong in Imphal East. He maintained that without public support and cooperation the welfare schemes initiated by the Government will remain meaningless. He said that health sector is one of the most essential services for human beings. The aim is to reach out to the needy ones and provide health care services through

the health facilities set up by the government. The health services staffs including doctors, nurses, paramedical staffs and ASHA workers should maintain continue in maintaining professional ethics. They should keep in mind that health service is a service for humanity. For a healthy society, the staff should work with utmost dedication in rendering their services, he added. The Minister also assured to provide required necessary equipments and machines on priority basis for the newly inaugurated Health and Wellness Centre. The new concept of health and wellness focuses at not only establishing a hygienic atmosphere in the health sector but also welfare of the people. Speaking at the function as guest of honour, State

Mission Director, Dr. S. Manikanta Singh said that the newly inaugurated Health and Wellness Centres will give both primary and secondary health care facilities to the people especially in Thambalkhong and surrounding areas. He also appealed to the locals of Thambalkhong to take care and maintained the new health centre. The inaugural function was also attended by V. Vumlungmang, IAS, Principal Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Govt. of Manipur, Xerses Sidhwa, Director (Health Office), USAID India Mission, as president and special guests of honour respectively. Health Department staff, doctors and staff of PHC Akampat and others also attended the inaugural function.

AMWJU condemns

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The All Manipur Working Journalists' Union Manipur today condemn intimidation to Imphal Times Editor by two persons who identified themselves as close associate of Rajya Sabha MP K. Bhabananda for reporting misuse of MPLADS. The AMWJU in a statement said that such intimidation a direct infringement to the freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under the constitution of India. AMWJU consider it as shutting of mouth of the journalist. AMWJU appealed people to restrain from interfering the activities of the journalist.

Digital India anniversary

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District Administration, Thoubal in association with NIC, Thoubal & DIT, Govt of Manipur organised 'Digital India Anniversary Celebration 2019' at Counting Hall, DC Office Complex, Thoubal today.

Sit-in-protest staged against police atrocities

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Nagaram Women Society along with the locals of Nagaram today staged sit in protest against physical assault of a local by police personnel. Speaking to media persons General Secretary of Nagaram Women Society (Meira Paibi) Rintharyao Zazo said that they strongly condemned such physical assault and the use of offensive language to the common public. She added that the said incident occurred on the evening of 27 June where personnel security of the proprietor of Little Clinic who was a head constable identified as T.A. Meitei of Chingmeirong outpost threatened using offensive language against Peter Kapai, Kennedy Kapai, Mahaimi Zimik and physically assaulted on Kennedy Kapai with his service gun. Angered by the way how the police harassed and threatened to the victims she said that the police person even said that he can kill them at the moment. Showing gratitude for opening the clinic which help the people Rintharyao said that even though the clinic is very useful the personnel security of the proprietor of Little clinic has caused a fear psychosis among the people of the locality.

Further she demanded for immediate termination of the police personnel involved in order to avoid the repetition of such intimidation to random people and also demanded a public apology. Recalling the incident Peter Kapai who was the victim said that on the evening of 27 June he went to his neighbour rice hotel and asked to give some rice and also to add more for his dog. During that time two police personnel was also there and they said that it was disrespect to them. The police further said he disrespect them and further the police assaulted him with his gun.

Peter further said that after he tried to call higher authority for intervention, the police then came back and search for him. Later his brother came out intervene and told that it was his brother and questions why the police did such assault as if he was a criminal. The police then physically assaulted Kennedy Kapai with the revolver and then were taken by the police including the two friends of Peter, Mahaimi Zimik and Albert K along with his brother Kennedy. He strongly condemned such actions and demanded to terminate the police who assaulted them.

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CPI Manipur state council. Speaking to media persons National Executive of CPI Dr Nara said that even though there were several issues of price hike of rice, non availability of the rice, was to be given under the scheme of National food security act and draught like situation. There was no one to hear the grievances of the public as most the cabinet ministers and Chief minister were not there.

'Dialectical Materialism gi philosophy part-II'

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A book named, 'Dialectical Materialism gi philosophy part-II' written by renowned political activist- Jugol Sai was released on Sunday, 30th June 2019 at Manipuri Public Library, GM Hall. R.K. Sanajaoba, Yumnam Ratan, Nameirakpam Megha and Khomdram Gyaneshor participated the event as book reviewers. Sarat Salam, Secretariat Member CPI(M) presided the event. Chanabam Biren and Kangiam Chaoba, were the chief guest and guest of honour of the book release function.

Green Hiyanglam Kendra Campaign Launched

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Under the supervision of Social Worker, Maibam Surchandra Meitei, Sekmajin Khunou, Youth Development Klub (YDC) in collaboration with Arong Development Association and Arong Kangeibung Committee, launches "Green Hiyanglam Kendra Campaign" at Arong Kangeibung, Kakching District, today as part of Van Mahotsava. At launching of the campaign, people of the area planted around 200 tree saplings at



Arong Kangeibung surrounding. Social Worker, Maibam Surchandra Meitei said that, in collaboration with Clubs, Meira Paibi and students, "Green Hiyanglam Kendra Campaign" is launched to prevent the area from global warming and make it a green place.

Central government should dismiss the government for a fresh mandate - Nara

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He stressed that the price of rice was hike up to Rs 50 per kg which was never in the history of Manipur and such price rise was to be supplemented by the NFSA rice which can be bought at Rs 3 per kg and unfortunately the rice which was to be given under food security act was never made available for the public even though they were all lifted from the godown. Focusing on the non availability and price hike of

rice Nara said that a movement will be there by the angered people and added that it was one of the worst practice where the government neglected the voice of the people where they never tried to find solution for the grievances of the people but done only the politics of opportunism. He said that the present government was an illegal government and questioned why the speaker was a mute

spectator neglecting the anti defection law. Meanwhile a memorandum was submitted to the governor and met him along with seven members of CPI Manipur State Council yesterday regarding the miserable failure of National food security act in the state and discuss the issue. As there was no one to hear out the grievances CPI members asked the governor to pull up the chief Secretary.