

## RIMS sees hope of Kidney Transplant Programme; Super Specialty DM Course in Nephrology starting from this Academic Session



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With the approval of opening DM (Super Specialty) Course in Nephrology by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) now sees hope for starting Kidney Transplantation Programme in the near future.

"Two seats have been approved for undergoing DM Super Specialty Course in Nephrology in RIMS from this year and after 3 years RIMS may start Kidney transplantation programme", a Jubilant, Director of the Institute, Dr. A. Shanta, announced to media persons

at the RIMS campus today.

Explaining on how the RIMS could start Kidney Transplantation Programme, Director, RIMS, Dr. A. Shanta said that after completing the Super Specialty Course in Nephrology from RIMS, it is mandatory of them to work at RIMS for one year. RIMS will have two Super Specialty MD in Nephrology after 3 year and in the subsequent years too same number of doctors will be available. With close coordination between Urology department and the nephrology department RIMS can start Kidney Transplantation Programme after 3 year, a proud Dr. Shanta announced. He lauded the Union Ministry of Health and

Family Welfare for approving the opening of the Super Specialty Course in Nephrology at RIMS and fulfilling the dream of starting Kidney transplantation programme.

The programme will benefit all sections of people as there is a scheme called Pradhan Mantra National Dialysis Scheme (PMNDS) which will help common people living below poverty line.

Dr. Shanta further said that RIMS, Imphal shall be in the Map of India where brightest young Doctors can pursue DM in Nephrology that will benefit to all patients suffering from Kidney Diseases in Manipur and other North East States and neighbouring country.

## State observes Kargil Vijay Diwas

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Remembering the brave heroes of Kargil War, the State observed the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' at the Banquet Hall of the 1<sup>st</sup> Manipur Rifles today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Minister for Agriculture, V. Hangkhanlian said that during the 74 day long Kargil War, 527 Indian soldiers sacrificed their life for the country. On this occasion, we feel proud for the selfless sacrifices and courage of our soldiers who fought valiantly for the country, he added.

V. Hangkhanlian recollected that after the Pakistani Army and terrorists breached the Line of Control (LOC), the Indian Armed Forces retaliated back with 'Operation Vijay' in 1999.

Paying homage to the valour of the soldiers, he said that such supreme sacrifices cannot not be forgotten.

While delivering his Presidential address, Minister for Forest and Environment Th. Shyamkumar said that we should not forget the courage and valour of our soldiers who fought tirelessly to uphold the sovereignty and integrity of the country. He mentioned that on such occasion, we remember our martyrs, by revisiting the sacrifices and instilling pride and respect among us.

Minister appealed to the people of the State to fight collectively against terrorism and other external forces

which threatens our country. Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam, MLA of Sekmai ACH, Dingo, Chief Secretary, DGP, top civil and police officials attended the function.

The day was also observed by District administration Chandel at DC office conference Hall.

In the observance function Deputy Commissioner, Chandel reiterated the events which led to the Kargil conflict. While remembering and praising the supreme sacrifice of our arm forces and specially the three war heroes from Chandel District, he said that anyone can give up wealth or other material things but giving up one's life for the country is the supreme sacrifice one can make. He further said that even though we can't go to the border for the country everyone can contribute by doing their duties diligently. He further said that if the small kids are dying because of lack of immunization, if student's are not learning because teachers are not properly trained than our freedom has no meaning. He further added that it is our collective characters that decides the fate of our country..

Additional SP Chandel while speaking at the function expressed his gratitude towards our country's arm forces and for their supreme sacrifices..

It can be mentioned that during the 1999 Kargil War three of the army personnel's from Chandel namely, G. Gamethang, Riflemen, from

Unapal Village, Chara Nicholas Moyon, sepoy from Mitong Village and Ng. Beningvir Moyon, sepoy from Khukhar village, who were part of the Naga regiment give up their lives for the country.

Thoubal battalion Assam Rifles organise a 'Know Your Army Mela' at The Sofia English School, Thoubal on occasion of 20th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, today. The event was attended by a strength of 800 students of The Sofia English School, Fenciar Academy, Brilliant Academy, Evergreen Flower School, New Era Hr Secondary, Wisdom Foundation and from other schools of Thoubal.

The event started with a Josh & Motivational talk & Movie followed by Equipment & Weapon display with pipe band mesmerizing the atmosphere with their patriotic tunes. All the students enjoyed and showed their inquisitiveness to more about the Op Vijay and army.

Many of them shared their valuable thoughts on the Message for Soldier Corner. The Kargil corner displayed the major operations with the details of Braves recipient of Param Veer Chakras & Maha Veer Chakras and also included the martyrs of Manipur.

The outreach initiative was aimed at spreading more awareness about the Kargil Vijay Diwas and the sacrifices of the soldiers. The Principle and Staff of the schools thanked the battalion for such an educative, motivational & thoughtful gesture and wished Assam Rifles good luck for future endeavors.

## Horrific stories of Standard Robarth and the concern for RTE

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The suspicious and sudden death of 14-year old Babysana in the boarding of Standard Robarth has stirred a lot of concerns and worry of what is happening in the boarding, for other students in the boarding, and for the Right to Education.

Ever since an ex-student of Standard Robarth shared her atrocious experiences in the boarding, various other stories of mental and physical harassment in the boarding has surfaced on social media. Not only has it intensified the suspicion over the death of Babysana, but it has also raised a huge concern over the well-being of the students studying and residing in the boarding school.

One ex-student said, "In one incident and the

most traumatic experience I ever have had, which I am still trying my best to nullify the memories, one evening during dinner hour, one student (a friend of mine) brings out his dinner plate outside the dining hall because all the seats were taken, the warden jumps over him and slaps him more than ten times on his face, shouting that he was once a national boxing champion. This narration is just one of the thousand experiences during my hostel days." Another ex-student commented, "Being an ex-student, all these are unfortunately true and these are only a few examples." According to another such ex-student, "Once I was beaten by Landhoni because my classmate who was sharing the same bench with me went to restroom and missed the class. I guess I wasn't responsible for that, but I felt so bad for hurting me for no reason." Such

stories of traumatic experiences pose a serious threat to the mental and physical health of the students. It is also quite alarming considering who holds the future of our society. How many such stories must have been swept under the rug, forcing many students to live with the trauma, affecting their lives, near and dear ones, and the society as a whole? Is such an institution a safe space for students to exercise their Right to Education? On the other hand, Manipur Human Rights Commission's statement to reopen Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School does not sound like a sincere, well-thought concern for the Right to Education of the students. The Right to Education also says, "It prohibits physical punishment and mental harassment." Therefore, according to the revelation of these students, the school is

violating the said Right to Education. Since the experiences have put the school under a suspicious radar of the violation of Right to Education, it is the need of the hour for the concerned departments and authorities, namely Social Welfare Department, Department of Education, Manipur Human Rights Commission, Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, to conduct an investigation of the school, its authorities, and its functioning. The concern for Right to Education should not end at opening a school with students flocking in; the concern needs to be put into action by checking if the school follows all the guidelines and has the necessary facilities a school needs to have. Any violation of the Right to Education should not be tolerated.

## Babysana's body conducted post mortem again

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Lifeless body of Babysana, which the doctors at RIMS had reportedly declared 'suicide' after post mortem, was once more brought at JNIMS and re-conducted post mortem by doctors of JNIMS. The body was conducted post mortem for the second time after the JAC formed

against the mysterious death of Babysana at Standard Robarth School Chanchipur, had an agreement with the Chief Minister of Manipur. It may be mentioned that two staffs of the Standard Robarth School had been arrested by police. As demanded by the JAC the state government had agreed to hand over the case to CBI. However, as of now whether the CBI had accepted to investigate the case is yet to be known.

## Protest against the death of Babysana continues



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Various Meira Paibis, Students and many more still continues to protest against the mysterious death of N. Babysana Chanu who was found hanged at her hostel dormitory.

Both the teaching and non teaching staffs of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School also staged protest in front of the school.

Speaking to media persons

RK Opendro who is a teacher condoled the death of his student N. Babysana Chanu. He further stressed to deliver justice to the departed soul at the earliest and also urged to hasten the process of investigation. He believed that delivering justice to Babysana will also help in resuming the classes of the students.

Opendro further appealed the CM who holds the Home Department to fasten the investigation and deliver justice.

## NEFIS demands arrest of culprits involved in the death of Babysana

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) expressed strong condemnation to the attitude of the police administration in the case of death of a minor girl in Chanchipur, Imphal. A statement said that the police has so far been unable to trace the culprits and has therefore served to cause anger among the people regarding its insensitive and apathetic attitude.

It should be known that a fourteen-year-old, a student of Class-VII at Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School in Imphal's Chanchipur was allegedly found hanging in her hostel room on July 18 morning.

The statement of the NEFIS said that the present incident is a result of the way in which private schools have been provided leeway to operate. These private schools in the absence of government regulations have been following unprincipled practices it said and added that the government has also abdicated its role in educating the masses through making government schools better and curbing privatization of education. NEFIS demanded arrest of the culprits immediately and punish them to ensure justice to the victim. It also demanded ban of privatization of education in the state and to frame a policy to provide quality compulsory government education from KG to PG.

## Bandh on NH against HC order begins

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Various workers and labourers started bandh on National Highway from today protesting against the banning of Sand and stone mining by High Court. The protesters blocked

National Highway 102 at Sekmai today.

However, Advance Women Society, Protection Committee and Sekmai Development Committee stressed that they do not support the shut down of NH called by the workers and labourers of sand and stone miners.

It may be mentioned that several peoples who earned their daily wage from sand and stone mining have been protesting the HC order. other group of workers had also called indefinite bandh along Imphal Ukhrul road from July 30 demanding to lift the ban on mining of sands and stones.

## Peter Laishram is the new JSCC convener

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President of AMSU Peter Laishram has been elected as the new JSCC convener. He took charge from the former JSCC convener Manjit Samgthem.