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RBI ban likely to be lifted soon: Chief Minister

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to lift the ban imposed on the financial transactions of the State Government due to overdraft within a few days. He was speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the joint Meeyangmi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

The Chief Minister said that during his recent visit to New Delhi, he had apprised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of the current financial position of the State. N. Biren further informed that he requested the Finance Minister to release open market borrowings to overcome the current situation.

Subsequently, the Union Ministry of Finance issued permission directing the RBI to raise open market borrowings of the State up to Rs. 795 crores. For the time being, the State Government is borrowing Rs. 400 crores from the open market through RBI to neutralise the current overdraft, he said while adding that the State Government is also expecting to receive Rs. 305 crores as State share of Central Taxes in a day or so.

In another positive development, the Chief Minister said, he could secure

approval of different projects worth Rs. 176.43 crores from the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) during the visit.

Out of the total Rs. 176.43 crores, Rs. 59.06 crores is for three projects to be taken up under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), the Chief Minister said and added that Rs. 90 crores for 38 projects under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) particularly for Tamenglong district has also been approved. Rs. 27.37 crores for 16 projects under Flood Relief Works for 2017 damage due to floods in the State have also received approval, he added.

The three projects under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) are upgradation of Moirang Sendra Road upto Sendra

Hillock, Moirang Sendra Road to Omba Hillock and Keina Bazaar to Thanga Keibul Road for promoting tourism amounting 21.65 crores, augmentation of Moreh Water Supply Scheme amounting 22.84 crores and provision of special ward in JNIMS amounting 14.57 crores.

The projects under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) included construction of water supply schemes at Tamei, Nungba, Haochong etc., transit quarters/hostels for doctors, teachers and Government employees at Nungba, Noney, Haochong and sub-divisional headquarters in Noney and Tamenglong District, development and promotion of eco-tourism centre at Zelad lake and Tharon cave etc. The scheme also covers projects related to employment generation for the local public

by taking up various food processing units for fruits, vegetables, tea, bamboo, spices etc. with forward and backward linkages leading to overall increase in income. Out of the total Rs. 90 crores approved under HADP, Rs. 24.22 crores, which is 26.91%, has been earmarked for projects related to welfare of women and children.

Flood relief works approved by DoNER included construction of irrigation canal and intake stair for RLI scheme at Chingarel and Keibi Awang Leikai, Imphal East and construction of pick-up weir across different rivers in Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur and Kangpokpi Districts.

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 5th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog mooted the need for rain water

harvesting to curb water scarcity. The Prime Minister directed the States to impart awareness regarding rain water harvesting projects at district and village levels. As such, he would convene a joint meeting of Zilla Parishad Members, Pradhans and ADC Members soon, the Chief Minister added.

Meeyangmi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day could not be held for the months of March, April and May due to election model code of conduct for Lok Sabha elections. In today's joint Meeyangmi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day, the Chief Minister attended to around 510 complaints and personally met around 1500 people from 9 am to 2 pm. Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Principal Secretary (Health) and Nodal Officer of Meeyangmi Numit Vumlungmang Vualnam, Secretary to CM N. Geoffrey, DIG (Adm) I.K. Muivah and other senior Government officials assisted the Chief Minister in assessing people's complaints.

HoDs and officials of different Government Departments were also present at the CM's Secretariat complex to assist the Chief Minister in resolving people's grievances.

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"Bad politics is the root of all the financial crisis of today's Manipur", said Economists Chinglen Maisnam. Speaking in a public discourse on Financial Crisis in Manipur held today at Manipur Press Club Chinglen Maisnam said that the only solution to those is good politics taken up for the welfare of the people. He said that a movement is the need of the hour for good politics to strive in the land and added that the economy of the land is not decided by economist but by the politics of the land.

Highlighting the reason behind the present financial crisis of the state Chinglen Maisnam said that the reason behind it was because of the Indian government derecognising Planning commission and omitting Special status of the state and the misappropriation, Financial indiscipline and mismanagement of the public funds.

He also stressed that if there is any financial crisis then the authority should look into the area of non planned revenue expenditures where the legislature can manage in whatever way they can. He added that the financial crisis of the state is a prolonged one and the recent banned by RBI simply add more stress to the financial instability.

He also highlighted that the financial budget of Manipur is lower than Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and many other state.

Under the BJP regime, government employees should never dream of implementing 7th Pay Commission, said CPI State Secretary Sotinkumar in a

public discourse on Financial Crisis in Manipur. Speaking in keynote address Sotinkumar further said that the financial crisis which occurred this year where even RBI banned in transactions of money due to overdraft has never occurred in the history of Manipur.

He said that they believed that more than 274 crores were transacted during the times of Election Code of Conduct. It is the need of the hour that a white paper should be brought and discussed in the time light, he added.

Sotinkumar further said that many believed that the recent Lok Sabha Election was misappropriated by money, power or even through EVM or by any other unfair means. He questioned whether it is necessary to withdraw money in times of election code of conduct and whether the money can't be withdrawn after the election. He added that they believed that all the money was dispersed during the election times for their party which is the BJP party. He concluded that the politicians who hold power loots the public money and added that their is a disease where such politicians and legislators were never checked by the people of the land.

Sotinkumar said that all the people of the land congregated towards BJP during election times even though BJP assured the contentious CAB to pass if they came to power. He added that the people were all swayed using money power which finally led to today's financial crisis.

"Never in the history of Manipur such crisis has ever happened and to check them thoroughly is the need of the hour", Sotinkumar concluded.

The Manipuri boy who cracked IIT in his First attempt

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Mutum Sonarjit Singh s/o Mutum Jugidro Singh & Mutum (Ongbi) Bedabati Devi of Khoijuma Ward No.2, Bishnupur District, cracked JEE Advance and qualified to study in Indian premier Technical Institutions IIT in his first attempt at 5446 all India rank.

Sonarjit Singh had his schooling from class nursery to class V at one of the local School, then from Class VI to XII at JNV, Bishnupur. He passed his Class X exam from JNV Bishnupur with CGPA 9.8 and XII Science Exam from the same school with 87.6%. Not like other students he did not had the chance to go for extra tuition as his family is in acute poverty. His father was a diploma in Electrical Engineering but did not get any chance to be a



government employee because of poor. His mother is a simple house wife though a graduate in Arts. His father was plying an Auto but due to BP stroke few years ago he stopped that also, though recovered from his illness still cannot do hard work. His mother generally works at the fields as laborer just to maintain the family. Whenever Sonarjit got holiday / vacation, he will help her mother in doing the works at the fields. Sonarjit has one elder sister, one younger brother and one younger sister. Though he cracked JEE Advance and got a chance to study in IITs but he is in a state of dilemma and disappointment whether he can continue to study in IITs or not because of the huge amount to be incurred in IITs.

War on Drugs : SP Ibomcha assures major change in 3 Months

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Thoubal District Superintendent of Police Dr. Ibomcha while expressing strong concern to the rise of drug abuse in the district said that almost every family in the district have either one or two drug abusers.

The SP was talking to reporters in connection with the "Meeyangmi Numit" (Peoples' Day) at his office room.

"It's alarming and the district police in hands with the people of the district will bring a major shift to counter drug abusers in the coming 3 months", Dr. Ibomcha assures the reporters.

For that Dr. Ibomcha sought cooperation from the general public in fighting the menace of drug.

"Please feel free to get in touch with the police personnel, we will build good relation between the police and the public in two months", the district SP said.

In today's Meeyangmi Numit, elected representatives of local bodies, members of club and other organizations in the district brought up issues about the rise in violence against women and children and problem of drug abuse among youths of the state. Dr. Ibomcha assures to do the needful in tackling the various social lacunae.

Tree Plantation at Chingoi Baruni

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As a part of the 'Green Manipur, Clean Manipur' campaign, Forest and Environment Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar today led a mass tree plantation programme at the Chingoi Baruni, Imphal East. The programme was jointly organised by the Forest Department and Directorate of Environment in collaboration with the Green Volunteers and locals of Andro.

Addressing the mediapersons, Minister Shyamkumar said that the mass tree plantation programme is an initiative to combat the climate change which is a burning issue at present. Informing that the plantation programme will continue at the pilgrimage site, he said the target is to plant 1 lakh saplings in the surroundings areas of the Chingoi Baruni. He said various departments like Tourism, Art and Culture will be consulted for possible work which can be implemented in the area to make the place a tourist hotspot maintaining the ecosystem.

For the first time in Manipur, Lutembacher Syndrome treated at SKY Hospital

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Lutembacher Syndrome is a very rare disease entity in which a large hole in the heart called Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) present from birth and Rheumatic Mitral Stenosis (blocked mitral valve of the heart) which develops after birth are present in the same heart. The condition was first described in 1916 by Lutembacher.

For the first time in Manipur, such complex heart condition was successfully operated at SKY Hospital on 19th May, 2019. Mr. T. Yuithing, 52 years old resident of Kashung Village, Ukhrul District having the rare heart problem had been

suffering from breathlessness, cough, chest pain, palpitation etc for many years. At last the accurate diagnosis was made for him at his first visit to SKY Hospital on 6/3/2019. His cath study revealed that his Pulmonary Arterial (PA) pressure was severely high at 78 mmHg with high PVRI of 5 (> 6 not operable) putting him at high risk category of open heart surgery for two operations - mitral valve replacement (MVR) and closure of the large ASD. However, without surgery he was not going to survive. SKY Heart Team performed the double operation on him. The operation started at 7:00 pm and finished at 11:50 pm. Not unexpectedly he had to be on life support including ventilator, pacemaker for the first 48 hours post-operatively. Subsequent post-operative recovery was smooth though slow. Another major achievement of this operation is the reversion of his Atrial Fibrillation (irregular palpitation). He started eating, drinking, mobilizing gradually and was discharged home. Dr. L. Shyamkishore expresses his happiness and satisfaction on the success of such high risk operation for Mr. T. Yuithing and appeals to the people of state to be aware of the sophisticated equipments, infrastructure and highly experienced specialists available at SKY Hospital to treat various high risk and complex heart diseases.

Awareness prog on Hand Hygiene held



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Community Medicine Department, RIMS led by Prof. Brogen Singh Akoijam, held demonstration cum interaction on Hand Hygiene: Empowering Children to Control Infection at Little Millennium, Thoubal and

Children's Home for Boys, Charangpat on June 20, 2019. The team interacted with 100 small children and demonstrated proper hand washing. The sessions were conducted as a part of outreach program of RIMS Community Medicine Department.