

The battle line is drawn

CM relieves major portfolios from Minister Bishwajit ; sets enquiry on financial irregularities; Finance, Power & PWD now vested to the Chief Minister

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The battle line between the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and IPR Minister Th. Bishwajit has been drawn crystal clear today. At what could be termed as a shrewd political move, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh attempt a check mate to Th. Bishwajit and his team, by removing major portfolios from him. Power department and Public Works department, which was vested to Th. Bishwajit has been removed today. An official press statement from the Chief Minister's Secretariat stated that in the wake of the financial situation prevailing in the State, an urgent Cabinet meeting that was convened yesterday authorized the Chief Minister, to take all necessary disciplinary actions to imbibe a culture of financial prudence and properly in key Government departments. The meeting was held following huge overdraft and

ban on the sanction of funds by the RBI, a source said. Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar was present in yesterday's emergency cabinet meeting however, source said that Th. Bishwajit did not attend the crucial meeting. The official statement from the Chief Minister's Secretariat stated that as an interim measure, the Chief Minister, Manipur has vested the charge of the Department of Finance (including Taxation & Excise), Public Works and Power department with himself. The statement also added that a thorough investigation of the sanction procedures and financial management would be conducted for all key departments. "The Government is committed to bringing a new phase wherein financial discipline will be the hallmark of governance. The Government also assures its employees that timely disbursement of salaries and benefits will not be impacted",

the statement added. In another interesting development is that, an office memorandum issued by the OSD to Chief Minister, Nidhi Kesarwani, it has been stated that huge amounts were withdrawn by the Public Works and Power Department during the period of March to May 2019 while Model Code of Conduct was in force. The statement is a serious blow to Th. Bishwajit as he hold both the key departments till the Chief Minister relieved him from holding the post today. The office memorandum also said that a three member committee comprising of V. Vumlung, Principal Secretary as the Chairman, Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, Commissioner cum Secretary and W. Ajit Singh, Deputy Secretary as members to immediately examine the details of funds withdrawn. This committee has also been entrusted to examine large fund withdrawal from other departments. It may be mentioned that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh was

Bishwajit may resign from the Ministry – Source

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Cabinet Minister Th. Bishwajit, who has been revolting for change of the Chief Minister is likely to tender his resignation from the N. Biren Singh led Ministry, a source close to Imphal Times said. When Imphal Times tried to contact the Minister, he was not available but pick up a called by one of his close aids. He denied to comment

anything as the Minister is not available. However, a close source said that after the Chief Minister N. Biren has taken up hard step in the game of throne, Bishwajit is all set to tender resignation and may opt for a political defensive soon. All together 14 BJP MLAs including some minister are with Bishwajit and had submitted memorandum for replacement of N. Biren Singh. Source said that all the 14 BJP leaders are presently camping at Guwahati.

supposed to leave Imphal for New Delhi for important meeting of the BJP, however he cancelled the travelled for region only known to the public after he posted at social networking site Facebook about the reason for the cancellation of the journey. He wrote that he was supposed to leave Imphal for New Delhi at 2.20 pm by Indian Airlines but has been cancelled as he felt uncomfortable. However, the emergency cabinet meeting was held yesterday evening. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh leaves for New Delhi today afternoon.

Combined Security force recovers huge cache of arms and ammunition

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A combine team of security forces comprising of NIA led by Nishant Singh DSP NIA, 6AR led by AK Das, Commandant and Imphal East Commando unit led by Inspector Md. Rajib 21/CDO IE recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition during a search operation conducted at various areas of Khumbi Hillock and Ngarau Chingjen under Lamlai Police Station in the wee hours today. Source said that the recovered arms and ammunitions includes one AK 56 with three AK 56 magazine, two pistols, two chinese grenades, 180 AK rounds, ten 9 mm rounds and four .38 rounds. They were found buried under the ground. Uniforms along with



shoes were also found concealed in the cache. The combined team believes that the arms and ammunitions recovered today belongs to outlawed organisation KCP (PWG) As per the information received from the source it is also suspected that the recovered arms and ammunition were used in the firing accident on oil tankers in Kangpokpi in April 2017 and also in extortion of money under the command of s/s chairman of KCP (PWG) Moirangthem Rana Meetei @Paikhomba @Rana pratap @Rana Suchikar.

Union Health Minister agrees in principle to attend RIMS graduation day



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Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal met Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India yesterday at his official residence New Delhi and discussed about various development programs of the Institute. The Union Minister agreed in principle the invitation of the Institute Director to grace the RIMS Graduation Day as Chief Guest and also to hold Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting of RIMS in Imphal.

Manipur Maoist lifts ban on RIMS and its engineering cell

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Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party has lifted the ban that was imposed on RIMS and its engineering cell. In a statement issued on the matter, Manipur Maoist Communist Party (MMCP) said that RIMS authority paying due respect to the will of the party and the people halted all activities pertaining to the engineering cell. Given this, the party, in the statement, said that it has lifted the ban for time being. It

understands that the ban imposed on the engineering work has impeded the functioning of RIMS. The outfit further reminded that it has neither obstructed nor banned the treatment of the patients in the hospital. MCMP said that the party understands that the ban on engineering works has created obstruction in the functioning of the hospital and the development works were stopped but the ban was a necessary evil. In order to cleanse the hospital, the party took the decision to halt the

engineering work as some are using the development work done in the hospital to amass their personal wealth. The party in its statement urged RIMS authority to do their duties towards the people honestly. The party will keep a close watch on the activities in RIMS, the statement further added. MMCP, in the statement, urged the doctors who are taking non-practicing allowances not to treat patients outside their hospitals taking money. RIMS authority should also keep an eye on this matter too.

Daniel Chabungbam of Poknapham among the 7 best NE Journalist chosen by Guwahati based organization

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Daniel Chabungbam, Sub-editor of Poknapham daily newspaper, is among the 7 best journalists from the North East India who was conferred award by a socio cultural organization 'Anuperno' for the year 2019. Among the seven, four journalists are from Assam, one from Nagaland, one from Arunachal Pradesh, one is from Meghalaya. Besides the journalists, a doctor, a sports person, a fashion designer, a beautician, a noted educationist, and an entrepreneur were also honoured for their dedicated service to the society on the occasion. The award was conferred on June 12, 2019 at a function held



at the Conference Hall of Guwahati Planetarium. The award was conferred to Daniel for his ground report of more than 300 villages of Manipur. The reports covers history, demography, economy, people and their

living conditions. The report is published in Poknapham every Saturday since 2013. He has received Manipur State Journalist Award 2017 (rural reporting) & RK Maipaksana Journalist Fellowship 2015.

Mass Social Service conducted

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A mass social services organised by District Sports Association, Chandel in collaboration with DC Chandel, SP Chandel, CO 18 Assam Rifles, Chandel and CO 8 MR Leikun was held today the 12th June, 2019 between BN.HQ 8 MR Leikun to DC Junction, Chandel. This social service was done in an aim to keep the District HQ clean and beautiful. The President, DSA, Chandel TS. Chamma Anal in his message convey his thankfulness to all the participants on today's social services.

He specially thanks DC Chandel Krishna Kumar IAS for coming and join the social services personally and the SP Chandel Madhunimai Singh MPS for coming with his whole Police personnel comprising with the Addl.SP Md.Syed MPS, the SDPO Harendra Singh MPS and the DSP, Chandel Bimochandra Singh MPS. He also thankful to CO 8 MR S.Somorjit Singh for sending a big numbers of Officers and Jawans of 8 MR Leikun, though he unfortunately could not come in person as he was engaged on Official duty. The surrounding Villages Chief of Paraolon and New Khongion DB.Prem and Moniren Moyon has also done a good job by joining the social services with their own

villagers. It is worth to mention that the three Vice Presidents of DSA, CDL HL.Lovingson Anal, DB.Kowar Lamkang and Shri Thao Albert Chothe has done a very wonderful job by letting us freely use their JCB(Earth excavator) and Tata DI tailor which resulted in successful conduct of mass social services. The CO 18 AR Chandel Col. Prasad Ghorepade is also praiseworthy for extending full co-operations. Some other dignitaries which includes,

WS.Kanral Speaker, UNC, John Khartu, Social Worker, David Boyes entrepreneur also attended today's social services. On behalf of all concerned, the President TS.Chamma Anal conveyed his gratitude to all Executive Committee ,DSA CDL, all Police personnel, all MR personnel, surrounding Villages and Clubs for co-operating today's work. He also requested all to continue the same co-ordination so as to bring our District HQ always clean and beautiful.

Ph.D. Degree Awarded by Manipur University



Mr. Sh. Nevedasko Sharma S/o. Sh. Dorendro Sharma and Sh. (O) Leima Devi of Khongnam Mangjil, West-I, Imphal East, Manipur has been conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Adult Continuing Education & Extension by Manipur University for his thesis entitled 'Adult Education and Mass Media: Role of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra, Imphal' under the guidance of Dr. Ksh Biral Singh (Supervisor), Associate Professor, D.M. College of Science and Prof. MC Arunkumar (Co-Supervisor), HOD, Anthropology, Manipur University, vide order No. MU/9-05/19/Exam/1445, dated June 13, 2019.

Dr. Sh. Nevedasko Sharma has published many research articles in reputed journals and participated a number of National and International seminars, conferences. He clears UGC-JRF NET in Adult Education in June 2012.