

PMJAY, CMHT skeptical as RSBY scheme benefitted more to the empanelled private hospitals than the beneficiaries

Some patients still are unaware of the treatment and the amount charged under RSBY

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Primes Minister Narendra Modi ambitious Health Insurance scheme, launched in September 23, 2018, which was renamed as PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) on September 25 of the same year and the similar scheme launched by the Chief Minister of Manipur – Chief Minister G. Hakshel Tengbang (CMHT) to facilitate free treatment facilities to poor, deprived families of both rural and urban, who are not in the condition to afford treatment facilities

fails to delight sections of people who had known how the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) had swindled many beneficiaries by the so called empanelled private hospitals here in the state of Manipur. Source with the *Imphal Times* said that a total of Rs. 7,10,96,627/- (Seven crores ten Lakhs ninety six thousand six hundred and twenty seven) had been spend to patients for undergoing treatments at different empanelled Private Hospitals in Manipur under the RSBY between the year 2013 to 2018. RSBY was launched in early

2008 by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India to provide health insurance coverage for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. The objective of RSBY is to provide protection to BPL households from financial liabilities arising out of health shocks that involve hospitalization. The beneficiaries under RSBY are entitled to hospitalization coverage up to Rs. 30,000/- for most of the diseases that require hospitalization. The coverage extends to five members of the family which includes the head of household, spouse and up to

three dependents. Team *Imphal Times*, first pick up the nature of facilities provided under the RSBY scheme for the year 2017-18. In this year the Manipur State RSBY Society, which is under the Labour department of the government of Manipur sanctioned and released an amount of Rs. 30,14,314/- (Thirty lakhs fourteen thousand three hundred and fourteen) for treatment of patients under the RSBY. Interestingly in this year 2017-18, 126 (One hundred and twenty six) patients had undergone treatment at Raj Polyclinic. Of the 126 patients, 15 underwent

double treatment. There are no treatment of patients at any of the empanelled RSBY private hospital as per official source received from the Manipur State RSBY Society. "I thank the government for treating me without spending much money, but I don't know how much the government gave for my treatment to Raj Polyclinic for my treatment under the RSBY", a patient from Thoubal district who had hospitalized at Raj Polyclinic North AOC Imphal during October, 2017 when contacted by *Imphal Times* said. "I suspect, my aunty's family was cheated as they showed

nothing about the disease, procedure of treatment as well as the cost of the treatment, taking advantage of their illiteracy and ignorance. But I am happy that she don't have to spent much money which she can't afford", Dhanakumar from Imphal East district told *Imphal Times* staffs. Finally, having suspicious of how the public money which were meant for the poor and the deprived people have been swindled by the Manipur State RSBY Society or the Hospital authority, *Imphal Times* dig more and found that a bigger role is also being played by the New

India Assurance Company, the insurance company that has been approved of implementing the RSBY schemes. *Imphal Times* staff also contacted the Assistant General Manager of the Raj Polyclinic, North AOC Imphal to inquire about any lapses to the utilisation of the RSBY scheme. He however said that there is no misappropriation of the RSBY scheme and that there are still pending amount yet to be cleared by the Manipur State RSBY Society.
— (More to follow up ...)

Yoga can be an effective tool to counter the menace of substance abuse: Dr. Najma Heptulla

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Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla today said that Yoga education amongst the youth can be an effective tool to counter the menace of substance abuse and drug addiction prevalent widely in the State of Manipur. She was speaking at the inaugural function of the 24th State Level Yoga Physique Championship, 2019 organised by the Yoga Physique Institute & Studies Manipur (YPIISM) at Manipur Dramatic Union hall Yaikul Police lane, Imphal organised under the theme Yoga for health, wellbeing and sustainable development.

Dr. Heptulla said that the Championship will certainly help the young sportspersons to grow and maintain their physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being. In addition, this championship is to put together in one event, the overwhelming complexity of the entire Yoga arts and traditions of various ethnic communities of the State, she added. Expressing her happiness on NCERT's publication of Yoga text books for Classes-I to VIII

and introduction of it in the CBSE Schools as a compulsory subject, the Chief Guest told that value-based education through Yoga in schools and colleges will help in inculcating discipline, concentration, relaxation and self-achievement, from an early stage of life and thereby empower them to cope up with the stress and strains accompanied with the challenges of modern life. It will also help them in growing up with the values of cleanliness, non-violence, truthfulness,



non-greediness, austerity, self-study, self-control and non-possessiveness, she added. As part of today's inaugural programme, the YPIISM students and intellectual disability Group BB Paul Mental Development Home,

Mongshangei presented Yoga Demonstration and Certificates of Honour were also distributed to donors and jurors. More than 250 candidates are participating in this Championship that will continue till tomorrow.

One rapist sentenced 15 years imprisonment, another convicted

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Session Judge Imphal East Maibam Manojkumar today sentence 70 years old Rape convict Kongjenbam Nipamacha to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 15 years along with a fine of 10 thousand rupees for committing crime of rape to a minor victim on August 22, 2015 evening.

Kongjenbam Nipamacha of

Heinokhngnembi was convicted by the same court on October 7 under section 6 of POCOA Act for committing penetrative sexual upon the minor victim

Court also recommended to provide Rs 5 lakh compensation to the victim under Manipur Victim Compensation Scheme by concern department On the other hand another rape accused Hemam Rajesh (28) S/O Kameshor of Moirang

Kongjenbam Leikai has been convicted by Session Judge Imphal West RK Memcha today under section 366 and 368 IPC and section 4 of POCOA Act.

The judgment order of the trail against the convict H Rajesh was announced in open court today and the sentence hearing of the convict has been fixed on October 17 The incident reportedly took place on April 6, 2016 evening

Huge quantity of drug seized at Lilong

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In yet another drive, a team of Thoubal district Police seized huge quantity of drugs hidden in a hole built beneath the ground using Sintex from Lilong area yesterday evening.

Briefing media persons SP, Thoubal District, Dr. S. Ibomcha said that yesterday at around 7 pm based on a specific input about the presence of drug peddlars, two police team raided the residence of one Md. Abdur Rashid@Linthoi (32) S/o (L) Md. Tomba and Md. Momin Khan (27) S/o (L) Md. Tomba of Lilong Tairenmakhong.

The two teams of Lilong Police Station led by Inspector Oinam Ajit Singh assisted by SI Md. Isha Khan and ASI Laishram Tikendro of Lilong P.S. accompanied by volunteers of All Lilong Anti-Drug Association (ALADA) and ANJUMAN rushed to the said house at Lilong Tairenmakhong.

"On reaching the house at around 8:30 pm our police team and the volunteers of ALADA and ANJUMAN cordoned the two houses very strictly and the said two

houses share one common courtyard", SP Ibomcha said. He further said that the police team called out the family members of the house of Md. Momin Khan of Lilong Tairenmakhong. The door of the house was locked from inside and despite of asking several times to open the door the family members did not open the door of the house for about 10 minutes in a very suspicious manner. Later one individual who later identified himself as Md. Momin Khan (27) opened the door. Then the police team started searching the syntax (containing water) inside the kitchen of the house found one yellowish transparent polythene containing some blue colour capsules suspected to be SP capsules and some some suspected N-10 tablets floating inside the syntax. Then the police team picked up the said tablets and on counting the blue colours capsules found 42 nos. of suspected SP capsules and 36 nos. of suspected N-10 tablets (cut off from the strips). The said drugs were seized on the spot and arrested Md. Momin Khan on the spot.

After that the police team move on to the house of Md. Abdur Rashid@Linthoi (32) S/o (L) Md. Tomba of Lilong Tairenmakhong, which was previously kept cordoned by the police team and seized huge quantity of drugs (SP tablets 765 nos.) hidden in an iron box. At the kitchen a gunny bag containing a transparent polythene plastic containing 5,498 (five thousand four hundred and ninety eight) white colour small tablets suspected to be Pseudoephedrine Cough syrups marked as Bolirex-New were found. At the front room of the house one Syntax embedded beneath the ground of the bed of the room where huge quantity of Cough syrup bottles marked as Bolirex-were found. A person identified as Md. Abdur Rashid@Linthoi (32) S/o (L) Md. Tomba was arrested in connection with the seizure of the drugs. On follow up action the police arrested two of his associates namely Md. Nawaz @ Boycha (19) S/o Md. Sirajur of Lilong Turel Ahanbi Boroimakhong and Md. Azz @ Abungo (20) S/o Md. Abdul Hasim of Lilong Turel Ahanbi Boroimakhong. A case has been registered at Lilong Police Station against the accused persons.

Nemcha Kipgen graces the 1st India Intl. Cooperatives Trade Fair, 2019

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Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen today graces inaugural ceremony of the first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF), 2019 was held today at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Briefing the Media, Minister Nemcha Kipgen highlighted on how the cooperative sector in Manipur have significantly revived under the leadership of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi whose vision is

inclusive development for all through effective cooperative. The government have come up with various new schemes to energise the cooperative sector in the state. At present, there are 10,916 cooperative societies having 8,06,105 members in all the 16 districts of Manipur, she reaffirmed. Nemcha also stated that though Manipur belongs to least developed states in cooperative movement, some of the cooperatives categories like handloom & handicraft, transport, dairy, agriculture, horticulture, thrift and credit, fisheries, piggyery, poultry, amongst others are working at the best level. Minister also stated that efforts to implement all



important schemes of the government for the benefit of the people of our state are also being taken up so that there are visible impacts in our society. During the inaugural ceremony of IICTF, Yuva Sahakar, Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme 2019 was

also launched. This scheme is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on programmes like Start-up India and Stand-up India that aims at young entrepreneurs with new and innovative ideas. Minister Nemcha Kipgen is optimistic that once this scheme reaches the youth of Manipur, it will

definitely solve the problem of unemployment of youths. The Renu Handloom Cooperative Society, Mantripukhri of Imphal East District was the only cooperative society from Manipur representing the state amongst those 120 Indian cooperatives and 20 organizations from Centre /

States / UTs and as many as 35 countries from six continents. The function was also attended by Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Parshottam Rupala, Ministers of Cooperation from all participating States, Senior Officials of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, and Senior Officials of Department of Cooperation of all participating States and International delegates. Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of Manipur, Ksh Robert Singh and officers of Cooperation Department, Manipur represented the state.

It may be mentioned that IICTF is aimed at taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government's vision and goal of promoting cooperative-to-cooperative trade within India and abroad and promoting exports of key agriculture commodities and products leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity. It also offers a great opportunity for the industry and business organizations from India and abroad to build alliances, business networking, product sourcing and above all, interacting with the primary producers of a wide range of products and service providers.