

Why RSBY beneficiaries preferred only the empanelled private hospitals?

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Manipur State RSBY Society, which is under the Labour and Employment department of the government of Manipur have empanelled only private hospitals for implementation of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) despite the fact that there are two major government run medical institutions in the State.

The RSBY scheme which was launched in early 2008 by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India was to provide health insurance coverage for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. The RSBY beneficiaries were entitled to hospitalization coverage up to Rs. 30,000/- for most of the diseases that require

hospitalization. As per report collected from the Manipur State RSBY Society, all claims between 2013 to 2018 for treatment of RSBY patients came from the Private Hospitals namely Raj Polyclinic (Now Raj Medicity), Langol View Clinic, Sky Hospital and Research center, City Hospital and Research Center, Irengbam Thamcha Devi Nursing & Health Care Research Institute and Public Hospital.

As per report submitted for treatment cost submitted by the Raj Polyclinic (Now Raj Medicity) for the year year 2017-17, cases underwent treatments are **General Surgery Apendicular, Cholecystectomy, CBD exploration, Caesarean delivery, Urology related disease etc.**

The charges for the treatment of the cases ranges from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 23,000/-.

cases cost just around 7000 and more. When the cases were treated at private hospital have been undergone at the government hospitals like Regional Medical Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) or the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of medical Sciences, the treatment cost was free except some nominal charges for conducting medical test like taking X-ray or ECG or testing of blood samples. (Now the state government has made some of the medical test at free of cost at these two hospitals).

As stated in the guideline the beneficiaries of the RSBY were poor people living below the poverty line and the amount provided under the scheme was just Rs. 30,000/- per head of a family. Having known the fact that RIMS and JNIMS were the most suitable hospitals for

providing health care facilities of people under the categories, one wander the motive for empanelling of only the private hospitals for the RSBY card holders patients by the Manipur State RSBY Society, which is under the Labour and Employment department of the Government of Manipur. While talking with some patients, Imphal Times now have many proves of irregularities and swindling of public money under the scheme. Imphal Times is exposing the modus operandi of how those private hospitals, Manipur State RSBY Society and the New India Insurance Company fooled the common people who were RSBY beneficiaries.

State cabinet approves 'Stand Up Manipur' scheme

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The State Cabinet today approved the 'Stand Up Manipur' scheme under the existing Start Up Manipur Scheme. The scheme will provide subsidy and soft loans to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, OBC, Women and Minorities of the State for setting up business.

The Stand Up Manipur will propagate business ecosystem and empower the entrepreneurs belonging Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, OBC, Women and Minorities of the State. The State Cabinet also unanimously approved the

Manipur Regulation of Sale Deed Registration Rules 2019 to regulate and curtail inappropriate transfer of property.

The meeting also approved the Manipur Vision 2030 Document. The State government has developed its own Vision 2030 taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals and targets for implementation by the State.

The Cabinet decided to amend the Manipur Combined Competitive Examination for Direct Recruitment of Section Officer (Grade I & II) (Engineering department), rules, 2014. The meeting also resolved for the Prorogation of Eight Session of the

Eleventh Manipur Legislative Assembly. The Cabinet also gave its approval for commencement of the Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Civil Services Coaching.

During the meeting, the Cabinet also approved appointment of various posts of non-teaching staff of Manipur Technical University. The meeting also resolved for setting up of police out post at the entry gate of National Sports University (NSU).

The meeting also gave its nod for the upgradation of PHSC Tenta to PHC under Critical Gap Fund (CGF) Scheme of National Urban Mission (NRUM).

ASUK, NLFT call total shutdown in Manipur and Tripura on Oct. 15

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Armed Rebel groups - National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT) and the Alliance for Socialist Unity, Kangleipak (ASUK), has called total shutdown in Tripura and Manipur from 5 am to 5 pm of October 15, as a mark of protest against the merger of both the state to Indian Union. The rebel's statement signed by H. Uastwing Borok, President, NLFT and N. Oken, Chairman, ASUK term the day as dark period of Manipur.

Religious activities and emergency services are exempted from the purview of the total shut down, the statement said.

The statement said that India has been occupying Kangleipak (Manipur) and Twipra (Tripura) since the 15th October, 1949 after the two infamous 'Merger Agreements' of 1949. The said merger agreements were signed under duress by two incompetent authorities of the two kingdoms,

in case of Manipur, the king, who had already been reduced to the stature of a mere figurehead of the kingdom after the installation of a popularly elected legislature and government, and in case of Tripura, the queen regent, whose legitimacy had become questionable after the unilateral dissolution of the council of regency, it added.

"After 70 years of Indian colonization of our states, it is crystal clear that Indian rule has been proved to be a noose around our neck which is tightening ceaselessly. We have become demographically outnumbered or nearly outnumbered, politically marginalized and disintegrated, economically dependent and pauperized, socially disorganized and splintered, morally degenerated, bastardized and treacherous, and psychologically diffident and vacillating. National doom is staring at us viciously. Merger with India is the root-cause of all these national maladies", the statement

signed by the two leaders said. It said the decision to join was done out of pure miscalculation. There were many indications of their unrealistic comprehension that the then dominion of India would become a loose confederation of states and provinces like British India, where every component entity enjoyed internal sovereignty, it added.

"We face a gigantic challenge of Indian colonialism, of which the ultimate objective is to create a harmonious Aryan Hindu nation out of the present mosaic of diverse nationalities and communities through cultural and ethnic assimilation of the minority communities by the majority Hindi speaking and Hindi knowing heartland Indians. This is nothing short of a bloodless genocide of the peripheral minority communities. Our response to this Indian colonial challenge is armed struggle for total national independence", the statement said.

CM greets on Mera Houchongba

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh greeted the people of the state and wished them joyous occasion of Mera Houchongba.

In his message to the people the CM said that Mera Houchongba is the only age-old common customary and traditional festival of all ethnic communities of Manipur. The CM further stated that the essence of this festival is to promote brotherhood, peace, solidarity and unity among the various indigenous communities living in the state since time immemorial. He further wished to strengthen the ties between hill and valley people with the coming of the festival.

Mary Kom Settles for Bronze After Losing Intense Semi-final at Women's World Boxing Championships

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Six-time champion MC Mary Kom (51kg) on Saturday settled for a bronze medal in the World Women's Boxing Championships after losing to Turkey's Busenaz Cakiroglu in an intense semi-final bout here.

Mary Kom, seeded third, lost 1-4 to second seed Cakiroglu, who is the reigning European Championships and European Games gold-medallist.

Both the boxers seemed hesitant to make the first move in the opening round but Mary Kom had the edge in counter-attacks as

Cakiroglu struggled to make her height advantage count. The second round followed a similar pattern as far as the tactics went but Cakiroglu seemed the sharper of the two. In the final three minutes, both the boxers upped the ante but Cakiroglu became the dominant aggressor eventually.

Despite this loss, it was a stupendous campaign for the 36-year-old Mary Kom and added to her long list of accomplishments. This bronze is her first world medal in the 51kg category.

Besides six world titles, Mary Kom's incredible career is also studded with an Olympic bronze medal (2012), five

Asian titles, gold medals at the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games, besides numerous other international top finishes. Later in the evening session, Manju Rani (48kg) will be up against Thailand's Chuthamat Raksat, who upstaged fifth seed Yuliyanova Asenova in the quarterfinals.

Jamuna Boro (54kg) will take on top seed and former Asian Games bronze-medallist Huang Hsiao-Wen of Chinese Taipei.

Last edition's bronze-medallist Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) will face China's Yang Liu, who took down top seed Chen Nien-Chip

Top-three ways to ensure mental well-being by Corporate India saves USD 1 trillion

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We have seen that many corporates and organizations in India have instituted programs and policies to make the workplace more employee-friendly. These have made lives for many professionals convenient, especially women, with much longer maternity/paternity leave, work from home options, flexible timings of works etc.

However, with the increasing work pressure, stress level, and staggering mental health concerns there is a need in corporate India today to address and empower its employees with work-life balance management and one way of doing this is by providing counseling to employees in a structured way. It is becoming

increasingly clear to corporate India that the workplace mirrors the community and that community problems will indeed be workplace problems. The impact of drug and alcohol use in the workplace is being also increasingly recognized and there is a need to address it fast before it becomes a serious problem.

Counseling can be integrated into an organization's Talent strategy and be aligned to its overall business strategy without affecting the system at all and three ways of achieving it would be through:

1. Having a leadership-driven support systems
2. Embedding counseling as an essential key skillset for all managers and particularly for new managers
3. Integrating employee support networks and

groups

To make it work more seamlessly in the organization, it is important to integrate counseling as a tool in various initiatives and build leadership support around it to help reduce burnouts, absenteeism, and costs related to turnover. Eventually, counseling needs to be seen and incorporated as modern-day business essential to help employees manage their stress and problems brought about by personal and organizational changes.

The corporate sector is a symptom of a larger problem. The World Health Organization estimates one in five Indian employees suffer from workplace depression. The overall numbers are also staggering, with an estimated 56 million suffering from depression and 38 million from anxiety disorders.