

Ayushman Bharat completes one year CM urges people to avail benefits of Ayushman Bharat, CMHT

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The first anniversary of Ayushman Bharat, world's largest Government funded healthcare programme was celebrated with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as the chief guest at the auditorium of JNIMS, Porompat in Imphal East District today. Ayushman Bharat was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this day last year with an aim to bring quality and affordable healthcare closer to the people of India.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chief Minister urged the people of the State to avail the benefits provided under Ayushman Bharat, CMHT and other welfare schemes. He asked heads of different Government Hospitals and the Health Services Director to provide necessary assistance under Ayushman Bharat and CMHT without any delay to needy people whose stories are reported by different media houses. He also asked them to assign an official to monitor such reports every day.

Maintaining that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a legendary figure, the Chief Minister said that he has conceptualised numerous welfare schemes with a vision to end the woes of poor and needy people of the country, and one among them is Ayushman Bharat. Owing to his phenomenal reforms, pragmatic management skills, sustainable plans and farsighted vision, the Prime Minister has now become one of the most popular leaders of the world, N. Biren said. People must be grateful to him for distributing such a noble healthcare programme which would benefit crores of people, he added.

Stating that facilities and services provided by JNIMS and RIMS had witnessed considerable improvement in the recent past, the Chief Minister informed that the State Government has been pressing the Centre to keep at least one AIIMS-standard medical institute in the State. He also thanked the private hospitals for supplementing the health care needs of the State. Observing that medical profession involves dedicated human service, the Chief Minister urged the doctors to behave with patients with utmost care and affection. The Chief Minister also mentioned about the need for upgrading facilities of neurosurgery care and treatment in Government hospitals as it usually requires huge amount of money.

On the other hand, the Chief Minister also asked the DCs of different districts to issue a strict directive to Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to visit every household while registering electors' names. Any detection of irregularity on their part may lead to enlisting illegal

migrants in the voters' list, he cautioned.

Speaking as the functional president, Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar said that Kakching District Hospital, Moreh, Sub-Divisional Hospital, Suga C/C, Sakul C/C and Singamei UPHSC would be added to the list of empanelled hospitals under Ayushman Bharat and CMHT soon. He also urged other private hospitals of the State to come forward and get empanelled under the two healthcare schemes. He also requested the private hospitals to make some sacrifice for the sake of the society and needy people no matter the equipments used by them are highly sophisticated and costly.

Ayushman Bharat has two components, the first component being the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The second component is known as Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Health and Wellness Centres (PM-HWCs). The Government is planning to upgrade 1.5 lakh Sub-Centres to Health and Wellness Centres all over the country by 2022. The design of Health and Wellness Centres will include extensive use of information technology, improved infrastructure, multi-skilling of healthcare

providers, ensured availability of drugs and supplies and strengthening of referral mechanisms and community linkages. In Manipur, 56 Primary Health Sub Centres, 6 Primary Health Centres and one Urban Primary Health Centre have been transformed into Health and Wellness Centres. Moreover, 220 Sub-Centres, 85 PHCs and 7 UPHCs have been identified to be transformed into Health and Wellness Centres. The dignitaries distributed cash incentives and certificates to best performing hospitals, Health and Wellness Centres, Common Service Centres and Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitras at the function, jointly organised by State Health Agency, Manipur, National Health Mission, Manipur and Directorate of Health Services.

Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 23, 2018. It provides cashless hospitalization benefit of up to Rs 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care. Those families which are included in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011 are eligible under AB-PMJAY. In Manipur, there are 14.08 lakh eligible beneficiaries from 2.77

lakh eligible families under AB-PMJAY out of which about 1.8 lakh beneficiaries have been verified and their PMJAY cards have been generated. About 6,245 instances of beneficiaries amounting to Rs. 10.9 crore have been provided treatment under AB-PMJAY so far. About 75,308 families have been enrolled under CMHT so far. There have been 15,114 instances of beneficiaries being provided treatment under CMHT amounting to Rs. 21.39 crore as of now. 16 hospitals in Manipur are empanelled under the two schemes, out of which 10 are Government hospitals and six are private hospitals. The empanelled Government Hospitals are RIMS, JNIMS, Wangoi C/C and District Hospitals of Churachandpur, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Tamenglong, Senapati, Chandul and Ukhrul. The six empanelled private hospitals are Sky Hospital and Research Centre, Raj Medicity, Jivan Hospital, Kakching, Iboyama Hospital and Research Centre, Singjamei, Advanced Speciality Hospital and Research Institute, Palace Compound and Shija Hospital and Research Institute, Langol. Beneficiaries can avail treatment in any of these Hospitals according to their empanelled specialities.

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Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen today inaugurated the One Stop Centre (OSC), Imphal West at Working Women Hostel (EEMA), HaobamMarak, ChinghamLeikai. It is the 6th One Stop Centre inaugurated in Manipur.

Addressing the gatherings as Chief Guest, Minister Nemcha Kipgen stated the newly inaugurated OSC, Imphal West was opened under the directive of Ministry of Child and Welfare Development for the welfare of those women in distress or affected by any forms of violence in private and public places. The centre will facilitate an integrated range of

Prabhas Milan

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Imphal, Sept 23.

Mahila Sangeet Association, Kakching Wairi-2 (Khunai) female artists group performed "Prabhas Milan" today at Radha Gowda Mandap near Indrani House, Kakching Khungyai Leikai.

The programme is organised under the supervision of Ministry of Culture, Government of India by Mahila Sangeet Association, Kakching Wairi-2 (Khunai).

The event was attended by Wabaga Constituency, A. Md Fajur Rahima, Sangeet Academy Kakching, Principal, Ksh.Godadhar as dignitaries.



services including medical, legal, rescue & response services, police services and psychological and social counseling support to women in distress.

Nemcha further informed that the Ministry already approved for the launch of One Stop Centre in all the 16 (sixteen) Districts and the remaining Districts will be inaugurated with October this year.

Minister Nemcha appealed all stake holders to extend maximum cooperation for the OSC to successfully deliver its tasks for the affected women and urged all to refer the centre for such women. It may be mentioned that

Nemcha Kipgen already assured that "One Stop Centre (OSC) will be a reality in all the Districts during her spot visit in 2017 at Sakhi One Stop Centre, the 1st ever centre in the state, at Thoubal Mini Secretariat complex. The inauguration event organised by Imphal West District Administration, was attended by ImphalWest, Deputy Commissioner, Shri N. Praveen Singh, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, ImphalWest, Smt. R.K. Taruni, and Social Welfare Director Ng Utam Singh as President and Guests of honour respectively. It was also attended by concerned officers and officials

Letter to the Editor Anomalies in Recruitment of Assistant Registrar in Manipur University of Culture

Sir,

This has reference to your news publication "Irregularities in the Horticulture Dept A Class Contractual post engaged in Horticulture Dept by violating RR". I would like to thank you and congratulate your esteemed agency for bringing out this news and fully agree with your views as in "When the state is facing acute shortage of Government employment with many eligible candidates looking restlessly for a job, such an attempt will be a great demotivation and encroachment of their rights to fair competition for gaining employment".

This is not the first instance where corrupt practices have deprived many eligible candidates for different post. I would like to bring it to your kind notice one such recruitment drive where many eligible candidates have been deprived of the opportunity to apply for the post. The particular recruitment refers to the engagement of Assistant Registrar in Manipur University of Culture on contract basis.

The said advertisement was published in the first week of January, 2017 dated 2.1.2017. However, it is not clear how many news agencies were given this advertisement notification for publication. The last date of submission of the application forms was 20th January, 2017. Just few days after the publication of the advertisement, on 5.1.2017 the Model Code of Conduct came into force (for 2017 Manipur Assembly Election). It is presumed that only some 17/18 candidates submitted their application before the Model Code of Conduct was enforced.

As in normal practice, after the Model Code of Conduct is lifted, the advertisement should be re-advertised so as to enable other candidates to apply. However, this was never done. It is not over clear whether the present incumbents engaged in the contractual position of Assistant Registrar had also submitted their applications before the Model Code of Conduct came into force or after.

Hence, the news agency is requested to kindly investigate whether there is any anomalies/fault in the engagement of Assistant Registrar on contract basis at Manipur University of Culture.

Further, I would like to bring it to your kind notice that engaging persons on contract basis and then regularizing later has been banned by the Supreme Court of India as it deprives the eligible candidates for the post by initially discouraging them from applying as the advertisement says contract position. There is a ruling by the Apex Court in the matter.

Regards,
Gantam

Naga Chiefs warns to Impose Bandh over alleged misappropriation of NFSA Rice

IT News
Tengnoupal, Sept. 23

The Naga Chiefs/Chairmen Association, 42-Tengnoupal Assembly Constituency warned to impose bandh along a section of Imphal - Moreh Highway if the concerned authority fails to provide the misappropriated National Food Security Act (NFSA) rice within October 15.

In a Press Statement signed by its General Secretary SK Anghel and President L. Moshli Maring, the Naga

Chiefs/Chairmen Association 42 - Tengnoupal A/C stated that several complaints were received from the beneficiaries of NFSA particularly from Machi and Tengnoupal Block, the Association enquired thoroughly and found that huge quantities of rice were misappropriated since 2016. In 2016, rice for 4 months only were distributed to the beneficiaries and the remaining were misappropriated by the agents. Likewise, rice for 5 months each in 2017 & 2018

and only for 6 months were distributed during 2019. Misappropriation of rice was done by two FPS agents of Machi - M. Mosingam and Tengnoupal Block - T. Angkhal in collaboration with DSO Chandul-Halm, Store Keeper - Mohendro Singh and contractors concerned, the Association alleged. The association further stated that the lack of rice for the beneficiaries of the said two blocks were released every month from FCI/FCS godown located at Sangniprou, Imphal.

But such huge quantities of rice were missing in between Imphal - Kakching Lamkhai and Tushimi Village where it was unloaded for distribution to each Sub-Centres. While urging the concerned authority to provide the misappropriated quotas of rice within 15th October 2019, the Naga Chiefs/Chairmen Association also warned to be agitated by imposing bandh along NH 102 (Imphal-Moreh road) with the support of all card holders/beneficiaries of NFSA.

Awareness Programme on Quality Seeds for Organic Agriculture held at Chandel

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Chandel, Sept. 23

District Agricultural Officer Chandel and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Chandel in Associate with Ahmli Association of Agriculture College, Imphal Jointly Organised a One Day Awareness Programme on Quality Seeds for Organic Agriculture held today under the Sponsorship of Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA).

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Region, Manipur Centre Imphal at Hanatham Village in Chandel District. Deputy Commissioner of Chandel Krishna Kumar-IAS, Nodal Officer of Seed Project, ICAR Manipur Centre, Research Scientist Botch, Dr.O.Gunamani and District Agriculture Officer (DAO) Chandel Gladnyng Monsang attended on the occasion as chief guest, functional president and guest of honours respectively.

During the Programme in Technical Session, Resource Persons Nodal Officer of Seed Project ICAR, Research

Centre for NEH, Manipur Centre Dr. I. Meghachandra Singh spoke on the topic - "Quality Seeds & its Importance", Dr. L.Jbit Asst. Project Officer of MAMO spoke on "Present Status of Organic Farming in Manipur", Prof. L.Nabachandra Singh spoke on the topic "Care and Management of Rice", Ksh. Nimkhom Singh, AO Dept. of Agriculture Spoke on the topic "IPM/DM in Rice", L.Sanatomba Singh AO Dept. of Agriculture Spoke on "Conversion of Conventional Field for Organic Agriculture", Dr.T.Basanta Singh Scientist

Soil Science ICAR Manipur & General Secy AAACI Spoke on the topic "Soil Health Management for Organic Agriculture" and Sr. Research Scientist Botch Dr.O.Gunamani Spoke on "Scopes on Medicinal Plants". Agricultural Spray Pump were distributed to farmers and later on interaction programme between farmers and agricultural scientists was organised to mark the occasion. More than 100 farmers including Village Chiefs and Pastors attended the workshop.