

Gate constructed under MPLADS of the then MP Dr. T. Meinya still not completed; Works implemented under the scheme include construction of Matai Garden Gate

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After Imphal Times exposed how the MPLADS of the Rajya Sabha MP K. Bhavananda have been misappropriated, a team of this newspaper while investigated on how the former MP of Lok Sabha Dr. Meinya had utilized his MPLADS funds that, the then Lok Sabha MP too have misappropriated the public money by either mis-utilizing or misappropriating it.

The document with the Imphal Times procured through RTI revealed that a gate for Matai Garden at Luwangsangbam was also constructed under the MPLADS of the then MP Dr. Meinya. Interestingly, the Matai Garden is a private land owned by one Khoiron Mohendra of Matai Mayai Leikai in Imphal West district. There are certain guidelines for utilization of MP Local Area development Fund and generally all guidelines says that the fund should be utilized for public welfare programme and that it cannot be utilized for one individuals for his work.

Now that Dr. Meinya did not contest in the 17th Lok Sabha Election and Dr. RK Ranjan has



replaced him in the Lok Sabha.

But then, construction works taken up under his local area development fund which was reported completed in the year 2016-17 still is under construction. Yes, it is about Bijoygobinda Leirak Gate at Sagolband Assembly constituency in Imphal West. The cost for construction of the gate as revealed by document is Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs) and the amount was sanctioned on April 4, 2017. The official document stated that the construction has been completed.

When team Imphal Times visited the site where the gate at the cost of Rs. 10 lakhs is

stated to have been completed at Bijoygobinda, it was shock to notice an incomplete gate being constructed at Bijoygobinda leirak near Thangapat Mapal. If that was not the one that that was stated in the document that there was no gate constructed at the cost of Rs. 10 lakhs at Bijoygobinda. During Dr. Meinya's tenure as MP from 2014 to 2019 as many as 268 various works were reported complete.

In 2018-2019 a community center at Khumbong Awang Mamang was recommended for construction under the MPLADS at the cost of Rs. 44,00,000/- (44 Lakhs). The amount for the construction

was released on September 9, 2018. As per the document the construction work is stated complete.

In the same year the MP sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- (3 lakhs) to a civil group for plantation of flower and the amount was released on the same day. When Imphal Times contacted the said Civil body it has been confirmed that the then MP Dr. Meinya donated a sum of Rs. 1,50,000/- (1 lakh 50 fifty thousand) for construction wooden box for flower plantation and not Rs. 3 lakh.

Well, Dr. Meinya is no more the MP but somewhere he had misutilised or misappropriated a lot of public money at his own capacity.

Unusual gathering of non Manipuri speaking people seen at Mantripukhri site; Perhaps impact of NRC in Assam

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In the aftermath of the announcement of NRC in Assam where over 19 lakhs people have been excluded from the list, an unusual rise of non Manipuri speaking people were reported from Mantripukhri area in Imphal West area.

Talking over phone a resident from Mantripukhri area said that the last few day saw many non Manipuri speaking people in between Masjid located opposite to the newly constructed Secretariat building till Mantripukhri

Keithel area. He said that the said stretch was mostly cultivable land some years back but now many houses were seen constructed. He however did not said that those new construction are illegal as he have to verified it. Another person who contacted to Imphal Times, but refuse to reveal his identity said that many big contractors have now stopped worrying about cheap labourers. A person of the area residing near the Masjid controlled all the labourers and any number when asked to him were available any time. But the labourers do not talk meiteilon

and they look like more Bangali.

The recent rise of population seems to be impact of the declaration of the NRC in Assam, he said and added that government should immediately check these suspicious person who are seen recently.

"There are even shops in the area where the shop runners don't speak meiteilon", the person who called to Imphal Times said expressing suspicion that even they would have been intruded due to fear of NRC where their name are not included.

CM Biren does not have a political will - STDCM

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Schedule Tribe Demand Committee Manipur (STDCM) today slammed the Chief Minister N. Biren as a Chief Minister without political will.

Speaking to media persons in a press meet held today at the office of STDC, Thangmeiband Convener of Coordinating Body of STDC L. Romesh said that the failure to send recommendation to include Meetei/Meitei in the ST list is because of the lack of political will.

He further said that it was unfortunate not to send recommendations to the Central government even though the Chief Minister considered that the inclusion of Meetei/ Meitei is vital.

Reminding yesterday's incident where members of STDC were detained by police for closing the railway construction office at Moirangkhom, Romesh said that they were later called to talk with the Chief Minister. "CM told that some Meetei urge the government not to send recommendation to include in the ST List and this hinder him", said Romesh highlighting the hindrance for inclusion. He further said that if the CM loves his land he should put



forward the sentiments of the people instead of holding his chair.

Those members of the STDCM who were picked up by police for locking of the railway office at Moirangkhom were however released today.

Decrying the brutality and disrespect to the elders by OC of Imphal West Ingocha, Romesh strongly condemned such act towards the democratic and non violent agitation done towards the elders who are even in its 80s. He added to stop killing their own community for the sake of medals.

Romesh further urged the

authorities to look into the matter.

As they didn't find any fruitful solution during the talks with the CM, he said that the movement and agitation will be continued and the construction of the railway is banned. Romesh further said that they will intensify the agitation and will organise various sit in protest, meira rally, public meeting, street corner meeting. He appealed the people of the land to help in the movement for the future of Meetei and added that the government should send the recommendation at the earliest considering the sentiments of the people.

2 Manipuri to participate in global peace march to Geneva



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Haobijam Surjit and Karam Tania will participate from Manipur will be participating in a one year global peace march starting from New Delhi to Geneva. With the objective to campaign for peace and justice the Global March called Jai Jagat 2020 covering a distance of 14,000 km will begin from October 2, 2019. Speaking to media persons in a press meet held at Manipur Press Club Jai Jagat 2020 Coordination Committee Convener Rishikanta Aribam stressed that around 50 people from India will be participating the global March out of

which the two Manipuri was selected from the North East.

The marchers from around the world will meet at Geneva on September 26, 2020 and a weeklong convention will be done till October 2, 2020, he added. Pointing out the main objective of the campaign he stressed that Jai Jagat 2020 will focus on the advocacy of four pillars related to the Sustainable Development Goals which are eradication of poverty, social inclusion, climate justice and the non violent resolutions of conflicts. He also said that 10 more participants from Manipur will be joining the weeklong convention.

As a solidarity to the said campaign advocacy

meeting, training and tree plantation programs will also be done in the state, Rishikanta added.

Highlighting the schedule of the March participants of Jai Jagat 2020, Haobijam Surjit said that they will start the campaign from New Delhi on Oct 2, 2019 campaigning in India for 121 days. Then they will march passing through Iran, Armenia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia, Italy and finally Switzerland advocating for peace and justice campaign, he added.

Surjit also said that they will be traveling the places by means of foot and bus. He said that he will address the conflict issue of the state more importantly in the convention.

Dr. A. Santa attended Vice-Chancellor meet



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Dr. A. Santa Singh, Director of Regional Institute Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal attended Vice Chancellor meeting called by Board of Governor of Medical Council of India for implementation of new curriculum of MBBS: "Competency Based Undergraduate Curriculum for the Indian Medical Graduate" This new curriculum was officially rolled out yesterday.

The Director of RIMS also met Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and invited to visit RIMS.

Sensitisation Workshop cum Meeting on Priority Sector Schemes held

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A sensitization workshop program on various schemes of the government organised by District Administration, Thoubal was held today at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal.

Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal N. Bandana Devi advised the BDOs, Zilla Parishad members, Councillors, elected members and officers to implement the various programs and schemes set up by the government. She asked the elected members and Pradhans and all concern to give awareness to the public about the said schemes and

programs. DPO, Thoubal T. Anita, Ch. Basanta DPM, E. Amuthoi A.C to DC, Ng. Binita SDO, Thoubal; K. Anita DCPD, Thoubal; Reena Chanu Moirangthem, CMPO, Thoubal and Birendra Singh District Co-ordinator, PMJAY also spoke as resource persons on various topics like BBBP, Poshan Maah, 7th Economic census, EVP, Women & child related issues, CMHT/PMJAY etc. The program was also attended by Thoubal Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha Hasina Begum, Th Shyamo, Chairperson TMC, Pradhans, elected members, SDO Thoubal & Lilong and DLOs.

Kangleipak Calendar Board

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In-order to sort out confusion due to differences of Thaban in Meetei Calendar, Kangleipak Calendar Board in a statement invite all stakeholders who will be publishing calendar for the year 2020 to consult with the Board. The statement said that the all requirement of calendar scientifically including thaban will be given by the board. The Board also appealed to get registration number from the board while publishing calendar.