

## Former Dy. Chief Minister L Chandramani passes away; CM among others condoles

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Former Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur, Dr Leishangthem Chandramani passed away at around midnight yesterday at Raj Medicity Hospital here in Imphal. He was 85. Raj Medicity hospital 11.50pm. Born on May 15, 1934, Dr. Chandramani joined politics in 1972 and became the speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly after being elected from Patsoi Assembly Constituency. He later became Deputy Speaker two times. Late **Dr Leishangthem Chandramani** was also a one time General Secretary of Pan Manipuri Youth League (PANMYL) before he joined politics. He had also served as the President of Manipur Peoples' Party (MPP). He was an important office bearer of Congress party and instrumental in forming Manipur State Congress Party under the leadership of former Chief Minister Wahengbam Nipamachha. A resident of Patsoi Part (IV)



Imphal West, he also authored three books. **Chief Minister N Biren Singh** condoles the demise of the former Deputy Chief Minister. "Manipur has lost a great leader who was known for his oratory skills and in-depth knowledge of history. His demise has left a huge void in the political circle of the state", Chief Minister N. Biren Singh wrote in his condolence message. Late Dr. Chandramani wrote many books including 'History of Manipur', 'Boundaries of Manipur' in English and 'Athoubashinggi Ningshing Nunit' in Manipuri language. Former MP **Dr. Thokchom Meinia** also condoles the demise of Dr. Chandramani. "My family and I have conveyed our humble sincere heartfelt condolences at the sad and sudden demise of the veteran politician and former Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur, Dr L. Chandramani Singh", Dr. Meinia wrote in a condolence message. He said, "Dr L. Chandramani Singh has been like my elder brother and I do fondly address him as

## Market timing during lockdown in Tamenglong

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In view of the outbreak of the COVID-19 and the nationwide lockdown which is being imposed to check the pandemic, the district

### KSA distributes edible items to Children Home

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Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) continue to provide assistance to people of the state who are in needs of essential edible items during the lockdown period taken up by the government in order to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The student body has been providing edible items to students who are staying at hostel and rent houses during the lockdown period since the last couple of days. Today the volunteers of the student body had donated one bag rice, one bag of potato, one bag of Dal and one bag of salt to destitute Children Home located at Chingmeirong Lei Inkhoh in Imphal. There were reports of Childrens in destitute home facing food crisis as those responsible for distributing the share allotted for running such home have stopped disbursing the items. The matter was even put up to the notice of the Manipur Human Rights Commission some few days back. Runners of the Childrens in destitute home at Lei Inkhoh find some relief in getting the edible items, but worried if the food stock are over before the lockdown is open.

administration of Tamenglong issue the market day and timing for availing essential commodities in Tamenglong district. As per the notification only the shops dealing with groceries, food, vegetables, dairy products and meat will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. District administration informs the public to follow this instruction with strict compliance during the lockdown. From the day of lockdown till now 172 people are being kept in home quarantine and 41 people have completed home quarantine while two persons are still under institutional quarantine. Meanwhile Armstrong Pame, IAS, DC, Tamenglong gifted 5 bags of rice and vegetables for the (Child Care Institutions) inmates of children homes in times of need.

## Disagreement over PM's appeal to light candles

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Mumbai, April 5

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed people to switch off electric lights and light candles for nine minutes, at 9 PM on Sunday, 5 April, as a panacea to break the chain of coronavirus, different opinions have been expressed on the issue. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has said that instead of wasting time in switching off the lights, all the lights should be switched on. "No good works done in darkness and as such we should have more light as far as possible. Begin good work by contributing towards CM's relief fund". He has said. Whereas Maharashtra Energy Minister Nitin Raut has warned people saying "Think before you shut the lights off on Sunday". He has expressed fear of probable grid failure due to exceptional pressure falling over it if all lights are put off simultaneously. This can have a cascading effect of grids nationwide, Raut has said adding that this could plunge entire the country into darkness for hours or even days together. "One shudders to imagine the plight of patients in hospitals if their ventilators and other life saving equipments suddenly stop to function". However Union Power Ministry has dispelled rumour saying "People should not worry about voltage fluctuation when they switch off some lights. Some apprehensions have been expressed that this may cause instability in the grid and fluctuation in voltage which may harm the electrical appliances. The Indian electricity grid is robust and stable and adequate arrangements and protocols are in place to handle the variation in demand. "The appeal of PM is to simply switch off the lights in residences, from 9 pm to 9.09 pm on April 5. There is no call to switch off either street lights or appliances like computers, TVs, fans, refrigerators and ACs in the homes. Lights in hospitals and all other essential services like public utilities, municipal services, offices, police stations, manufacturing facilities will remain on and all local bodies have been advised to keep streetlights on for public safety. According to astrologer Dr Jai Madaan, the reason for choosing 9 pm and 9 minutes is to initiate Mar's double effect which lends

to higher will power and immunity and can help one over come hurdles. Similarly as per numerologist Nitin Gupta, the spread of the virus happened due to the transit of Rahu. According to numerology the number for Rahu is four and is right now travelling in the Budh Rashi. The number for Budh (Mercury) is five. April 5 is the only date in this month that gives us the combination of both these numbers. If one adds the number of the year, 2020, it also

comes to be four. Whereas some experts have said that the Coronavirus is destroyed in 10,000 calories. One candle can create 2000 calories. Even if half the country's population light the lamps, 35 crore candles, 15 crore earthen lamps and 29 crore mobile flash can create 125 crore kcal and the coronavirus can easily be destroyed. In another development, the reputed Taj group which has already contributed Rs 1,500 crore

to PM's relief fund, has offered rooms to doctors and staff engaged in providing medicare to Covid 19 patients. The rooms at Hotel Taj, Colaba, Hotel President, Cuffe Parade, Taj Lands End, Bandra and Hotel Taj, Santacruz in Mumbai have been made available. In the meanwhile in Maharashtra the number of active Covid 19 cases has climbed to 635 with 32 deaths, while 52 patient have been cured and discharged.

## CM appeals to light candles, diyas today

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To show solidarity in the fight against COVID-19, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh appealed to the people of the State to switch off their electric lights at 9 p.m. tonight for nine minutes and light candles or diyas or mobile flashlights standing at their doorsteps and balconies, as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing the people of the State, Chief Minister said that amid the darkness spread by COVID-19 pandemic, we must fight collectively and defeat the darkness by spreading the glory of light. He mentioned that we all must abide by the decisions taken by our great leaders for the common good. Stating that some of the most developed Nations have been adversely affected by COVID-19, he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his farsighted thoughts, actions and preventive measures



which have prevented the worst case scenario in the country. He mentioned that appreciating his efforts and tactics towards fighting the virus, world leaders have asked the Prime Minister to take the lead in fighting the pandemic. Chief Minister mentioned that the first COVID-19 patient of the State is recovering and was tested negative yesterday. All her family

members and co-passengers of the Air Asia flight had been tested negative earlier, he added. He said that the patient will undergo another round of test on Monday and the result will determine whether she would be discharged or not. He appreciated the doctors, nurses and paramedical staffs of JNIMs for their dedication and hardwork towards treating the patient. Citing about the second COVID-19 patient of the State, he said that the patient is undergoing treatment at RIMS, Lamphelpat and all his family members have tested negative. Around 17-18 staffs of Peace Hospital and Research Institute Porompat, where the patient underwent treatment earlier, have been quarantined for 14 days. He urged the doctors, nurses and paramedical staffs of the State to work collectively to fight the dreaded disease. He further appealed to the people of Manipur to continue their support and cooperation to defeat the coronavirus.

## PPFA urges everyone to observe light off & diya on program

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Patriotic People's Front Assam (PPFA), while requesting everyone in India to observe 'light off & diya on' moments this evening at nine for nine minutes as appealed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to show solidarity for the ongoing fight against the novel coronavirus pandemic, quashes the ill-motive apprehension that it would create electricity grid problems due to simultaneous switching on & off of home lights across the country. The forum of nationalists, including some qualified engineers, argues that

we should repose trusts on the available technology and capacity of the engineering fraternity of India. They have categorically stated that it was a misplaced apprehension of damaging home appliances once the fluctuation of voltages in grid takes place because of the program. The robust Indian electricity grid continues to be stable as adequate arrangements are being made to deal with the variation in demands in a particular period across India. The estimated power demand on Sunday will be 115 to 125 giga watt (1 GW = 1,000,000,000 W), where the load of household lights (apparently consumed by LED bulbs) would be

around 10 to 15 GW, which is manageable with hydro, coal & gas based electricity resources, said the forum. PM's call means only the home lights, but not other lighting equipments in the streets, hospitals, police stations, public utilities, factories etc. Moreover, other household appliances like computers, televisions, refrigerators, fans, air conditioners etc. would function normally during the period, stated the forum adding that after all it is not the first time when India will go for a blackout as we experienced Earth Hour in 2011 and also a grid failure in 2012.

## UNLF appeals exemption of interest from the debtors by money lenders

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The proscribed United National Liberation Front (UNLF) has appeal all private banks and money lenders of the state to exempt interests from the debtors during this war against the COVID-19. A press communiqué issued by M. Sak-hen, Director, Department of Publicity, UNLF mentioned that, the people of the state especially the farmers, daily wage earners and small business persons who earned their livelihood with capital borrowed from the private banks and other money lenders have now been facing serious problems due to

the sudden imposition of public curfew and total lock down by the state Government since March 23 with the alarming spreading of dreaded COVID-19 throughout the world. It is also mentioned that, these categories of peoples in the state are now at the stage of helplessness and more burden will pour if they are going to impose interests by the private banks and money lenders as their business have been already been paralysed due to the imposition of total lock down and imposition of curfew by the State government as part of preventive measures against the spreading of Corona virus. The front also appeal the concerned landlord to exempt

any form rents from the occupants during this war against COVID-19. While concerning over the ferrying of huge quantities of tobacco products (betel leafs) by a special cargo flight in the state on Saturday, the statement further mentioned that, the front has taken such motive as hidden war to abolish the Manipuri nation and time has come for all Manipuris to fight against COVID-19 as well as those perpetrators who are trying to eliminate the Manipuri Nation the statement added. The outfit said that over one million people across the world are now victims of the dreaded virus and over 60 thousands victims has lost their lives.

## CADA expresses concern over the ferrying of huge quantities of betel leafs

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Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol (CADA) expressed serious concern over the ferrying of the huge quantities of betel leaf into the state in a special cargo flight on Saturday while state is facing hard time to prevent spreading of COVID-19 Corona virus into the state. According to a statement issued by Khundongbam Anand, Secretary Information & Publicity CADA mentioned that following the total lock down imposed by the state Government with an objective to prevent further spreading of Corona virus the people have been facing multiple problems on

scarcities of daily essential items and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The release further mentioned that, ferrying of huge quantities of betel leafs in a special cargo flight into the state at this juncture shows total negligence of common interest by the behest interested businessmen. And it has been very unfortunate on the side of some peoples who have been addicted to the many of tobacco and other narcotic substances. CADA caution the State government for proper implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Product Act (COTPA) 2003 Manipur before it is too late, it added.



## Amidst Sorrows and Hopes

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All the houses are getting close.  
People are doing their work themselves.  
It's a good thing indeed.  
21 days lockdown!! Seems fine.  
You are lucky to be home.  
You are lucky to have your family with you.  
You are lucky to have all the food supplies and water.

But what about those labourers and poor people!  
Who rely on daily wages for food?  
If there is no work, what will they eat and where will they stay?  
How they will earn their daily wage, as all those small works we give them has now stopped because of the lock down. Are you listening to me?

What about those poor people who are now jobless.  
How will they be able to afford food and water.  
Now staying put is a bigger problem for them.

Labourers are now more scared of dying of hunger than dying of virus.  
They are travelling kilometers after kilometers to reach their home town,  
Just with the little hope that they might get some food there.  
They are getting kicked out from the house by their landlord.  
They don't have enough money to survive this 21 days lockdown

We should now stop thinking about oneself.  
As it is the time for us to help others.  
What if it was You and me.  
What If you were far away from home?  
How would you feel if others does not help you?  
Will you still believe and have faith in Humanitarian ideals of world?

This is the right time to come together.  
To remove all those barriers, those walls of hatred that were built years ago.  
We can do this. We can remove all those.  
Only if we come together and help each other.  
Forget about the castes, the religion, colour and creed

As at the end of the day we are all human beings  
Let's all help our brothers and sisters, to fight this virus, to survive, to live.

## Lost

I have lost my wallet containing my press card issued by DIPR, pan card, ATM card, addhar card, voter card in between Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai and Ahanthem Leikai at around 7.30 pm on April 3, 2020..

If anybody found it kindly hand over it to me .

Sd/-

Rinku khumukham

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## Humanism Foundation launches free ambulance services

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Kumbi, April 5

In a bid to help the rural people during the national lockdown due to pandemic corona virus or outbreak, Humanism Foundation has today launched free ambulance service for general patients at its organizational office, Kumbi Mayai Leikai, Bishnupur district. In this regard, Wahengbam Rorkychand, Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation said that people of Kumbi Assembly Constituency is facing lots of hardship and difficulties in getting the medical treatment in time due to its various reasons which include lack of medical facilities, poor connectivity, low economic situation. As a result of the ongoing national lockdown due to the pandemic corona virus, all the normal transport system have also suspended, and some of the ailing people in the assembly constituency are suffering



as they could not either afford to pay for ambulance or hire a private vehicle to visit hospitals in Imphal, the Managing Trustee of the NGO said. Rorkychand also said that the service has been started as part of its sole initiative to prevent the pandemic Corona virus. The NGO is also distributing free face mask

to rural poor people of Kumbi Assembly Constituency since April 29, 2020 with the formation of a taskforce named as Kumbi AC Fights Corona. The ambulance was launched by Wahengbam Yaima Singh, former Chairperson of Kumbi Municipal Council in the presence of present

Chairperson of Kumbi Municipal Council, Wahengbam Priyoranjan Singh; Pradhan of Saiton Gram Panchayat, Mayengbam Ibomcha Singh and other representatives of local government bodies. Speaking at the launching of the free ambulance, Social Worker and Advisor of Humanism Foundation, Wahengbam Bobbyjames said that people of Kumbi assembly constituency can take the benefit of this free ambulance. While thanking the Humanism Foundation for its selfless initiatives specially during the lockdown due to Corona virus outbreak, W Bobbychand Luwang, Former Vice Chairperson, Kumbi Municipal Council said that people who are residing at the 60 villages under Kumbi Assembly Constituency can approach their local elected representatives or volunteers of Humanism Foundation at the time of distress and take the benefit of the ambulance for transportation of general medical patients. ■

## World at War: Virus Vs Man



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The warlike situation that we are trapped in right now might be the dead end for humanity and covid-19 is the source of it. We are still not certain when the cure will be discovered, I don't mean to frighten you, however it is important to acknowledge the sad truth that covid-19 is taking over the world in a matter of days, however, let us look at the brighter side, we humans can be the anti-virus for this covid-19 by just doing simple things that is- we simply need to be more hygienic and clean. To tackle this covid-19 is very easy at the same time very difficult and complex task because the tragic truth is that we are human beings and we have a tendency to ignore and forget simple things but these days we have to be precise and disciplined in everything that we do because the key to survive in this grief hour is to do simple things in simple ways, let us not forget that this fight is personal and only we can save ourselves, government is doing its job, sanitary workers, medical doctors and nurses will remain as frontline warriors however at the end it is you and you alone who will be battling and protecting yourself. Also, I wish to remind you that the time has come for each and every one of us to have more faith in God rather than be victimised of fear because by faith we can do miracles and now we are desperately in need of it. Before covid-19 there was plague and influenza which killed millions and then came MERS and then SARS but we managed to find a solution through faith, scientific rigor and intellectual hard work and this time also we will find a solution but 'When' that remains a mystery as of now, but let us not lose hope and keep our faith strong- in God, Doctors, Government, frontline workers and medical science. We are going through a very difficult time. We should be more alert and cautious of our surrounding and maintain the law and social distance which can help contain covid19. If we follow the rules and regulation of the government then it will increase our chances to fight against this pandemic. There have been complaints coming from different parts of India regarding highhandedness of Police, however, we should understand a fact that our police officials have been involved in the most stressful job in the world. We Indians are basically undisciplined and lazy people. We are not socially or culturally accustomed to follow

rules and regulations. We love to spit, we love to cough, we love to smoke, we love to urinate, we love to defecate openly in public places. Where in world do we find such unique example? Go to Bihar, Delhi, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Assam or our Nagaland or any other state in India we will discover that, we all have developed similar characteristics in terms of certain unhealthy and dangerous habits which (whether you like or not) actually unites us in strong bond as Indian. This is another way to see unity in diversity in India. We truly have been living in a very sad state of affairs, and therefore, when epidemic like Covid19 compel us to change our life style and habits we find it difficult to do so and try to escape from our social responsibilities, legal obligations and consequently getting beaten up by the police who at this point of time are legally armed with special powers under 144 Crpc, Sec. 188, 269, 270 of IPC, Epidemic Act 1897 and Disaster Management Act 2005 and Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Applicable in Nagaland) etc. However, I wish to make one thing very clear that, it is not police who is beating us up, but rather our bad habits which resulted into illegal actions are compelling them to do the unpleasant acts. In different parts of country there have been incidents of attacks on Doctors and Police have been documented. How do you expect police to handle such situations? As reports shown in various news channels, it seems people are jumping regulations under 144 CrPc and Disaster Management Act in such a sensitive and crucial time. As you can see that India is not simply facing challenge of Coronavirus but also from its own people who it seems (after watching reports on various news channels and print media) I believe, may not be in a best psychological condition to understand the nature and gravity of the pandemic. Moreover, when on one hand India has locked itself safely, on the other; thousands of people are stranded on streets. They are daily

wage labourers, migratory workers, homeless people and beggars. People who does not have money to buy food and water, how will they be able to afford expensive hand sanitizers and masks? While fighting an epic battle against virus we should not forget the plight of people who are on the streets, sleeping on the roads, dwelling beneath the sky. Government agencies are all out to help these people, many organizations and individuals are also working for them, however, the number of such people at this point of time is very less. Government machineries has its limitation, and therefore, more and more civil society groups, Churches and individuals must come forward through proper government channels and contribute to the relief endeavours. It looks like we are so much engrossed in protecting our own lives we are forgetting that the lives of helpless people on the streets matters too. I am not saying that we all should come forward, it is not possible, and of course not feasible too, however, what we simply can do is to strengthen the hands and backs of people who are working out of their protected comfort zones. We can send messages of gratitude and love to those who are working for us and those people who have nothing else to lose but their lives. We can donate grocery items to government agencies. We can also donate cooked meal to poor, helpless, stranded people under the proper guidance and instructions from government authorities. We can donate masks and sanitizers too. We can donate money to the right individuals and right organizations (after proper background check) who are working in support of government efforts in fight against Covid-19. Let us not become selfish and self-centered. UK, Italy, USA, Germany, Spain are few mighty and richest countries in the world, but in the time of corona epidemic their wealth, riches and might did not help them. Covid-19 killed poor as well as rich. One news report said that, an Italian Billionaire

committed suicide after seeing all his family members succumbing to the death due to the wrath of this deadly virus. Natural calamities and pandemics like what we are facing today always come with a hidden message- "material wealth, money, power, beauty, lust cannot protect you from death". Death is a great leveller, isn't it? When we make choices we are either influenced by fear, lust, power, selfishness or self-centered interests. Let us try to make choices purely based on compassion. Can we do that? Yes we can do that. This artificial gap of US & THEM must be bridged with unconditional love and compassion. Mankind has a huge potential to become more loving, kind, compassionate and caring. We are not born to accumulate wealth and power but to give them away unconditionally when others who are more helpless, more unfortunate than us need. Wealth, Power, Money actually does not define how human you are; rather your ability to give them away decides your real character. If you really wish to know how human you are, then test your ability to 'give unconditionally' to strangers, nameless, faceless-identityless people. Let me tell you, your ability to 'give' will bring the divine satisfaction, happiness and bliss that you have been searching for years in family, religion, money, wealth, love, relationships, sex and power. Therefore, the time has come to invoke our human heart. Let us not be the victim of fear, nor the angels of arrogance, stubbornness and selfishness. Let us all be a good citizen and kind, compassionate human being. And if anyone of us carries this virus (God forbid) then let us please be a person with a good mentality and a kind heart and try to isolate ourselves. Let us be responsible and protect ourselves from spreading the virus to others either knowingly or unknowingly because it will make the situation worse and at the end of the day we will be ashamed of ourselves and hold grudges against each other. And if anyone of us have the virus then try to remember our religious teachings and have faith and at the same time remember the guidelines issued by government. Let us all start to live a hygienic and selfless life to make this burning world a better place to live in for us and for our future generations and also increase our chances of victory against this covid19. Here I am not assuming that the world will immediately be freed from disease but our sensible and responsible behaviour will definitely increase the chances of us not getting the disease, so let us stay safe, stay healthy and be compassionate. ■