

COVID-19 effect: MP's salaries cut by 30%; MPLAD funds suspended for 2 years

IT Desk
Imphal, April 6

In order to make sure that the country successfully fight the unseen enemy the Union government has resolved to cut down salary of MPs and Ministers. Union minister Prakash Javadekar today said that the Union cabinet on today approved an ordinance to cut the salaries of members of parliament (MPs) by 30 percent for a year. The decision has been made in view of the country's fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The cabinet has approved the ordinance amending the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, reducing allowances and pension by 30 percent with effect from April 1, 2020 for a year.

Further, the president, vice-

president and state governors have also expressed a willingness to take a salary cut of 30 percent, Javadekar said.

The government has also suspended the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme, or MPLAD funds, for a period

of two years. Rs 10 crore from each MPLAD fund will now go to the Consolidated Fund of India. The overall amount for the consolidated fund adds up to Rs 7,900 crore.

The period for MPLAD fund diversion to the Consolidated Fund of India applies for FY21 and FY22. The PMLADS funds are used to take up developmental work in an MP's constituency.

The decisions come a day after the country answered Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to observe a nine-minute switch-off at 9 pm on Sunday in a unique appeal to fight coronavirus.

Coronavirus cases in India have crossed the 4,000 mark and 109 deaths have been recorded so far. Globally, total number of cases is inching close to 1.3 million mark, while the death tally has soared past 70,000.

Guv' 30% of her salary for one year to PM CARE Fund

IT News
Imphal, April 6

Meanwhile, Governor of Manipur Dr Najma Heptulla has donated 30 % of her salary for one year starting from April 2020 in the Prime Minister's citizen Assistance & Relief in Emergency situation Fund (PM CARES Fund) the total amount of which is Rs. 12,60,000/-. She expressed that relentlessly endeavouring to follow the instruction of the

media experts and also follow the appeal of the prime Minister to remain at home and maintain social distancing which is for safety and security of our peoples and the country. And she request of few Indian social activities in USA. She made an appeal to our Indian community in USA to contribute generously for the PM (CARES Fund). Lastly she appealed to stand together we will survive and successfully overcome the pandemic.

3 shops and a house gutted

IT News
Imphal, April 6

At a time when the whole country is struggling to fight the invasion of COVID-19, at a time when the state of Manipur is in complete lockdown, at a time when people are worried of getting day today needs, three shops attached to a house were gutted in accidental fire at Khurai Sajor Leikai in Imphal East at around 9am today.

Fire fighter of the Manipur Fire service which rushed the spot along with local volunteers extinguished the fire but after burning almost all the valuable items in the shops as well as in



the house. Total lost in the fire is yet to be estimated however first hand report said that property worth around 7/8 lakhs may have been destroyed in the arson. The root of the fire is also not known as of now. The house belongs to one Ningombam Medhapati Devi w/

o late Ningombam Biro Singh and the three (3) shops were rented and run by Ningombam Medhapati, Takhelmayum Ongbi Uma Devi w/o Babalu and Yambam ongbi Mangal. W/O Y Jashobanta Singh. All three shopkeepers are from Khurai Sajor Leikai.

Ex-MLAs Association condole the demise of Dr. L. Chandramani

IT News
Imphal, April 6

The Manipur Ex-MLA welfare Association expressed heartfelt condolence to the sudden demise of former Deputy Chief Minister Dr L. Chandramani Singh at around midnight of April 4.

A press statement by BD Behring, president of the The Manipur Ex-MLA Welfare Association while sharing the pain of the bereaved families

of (L) Dr L. Chandramani Singh, said that he was elected (6) six six time from Patsoi Assembly constituency during 1972, 1974, 1980, 1984, 1995, 2000 state assembly election. He also served as President of Federal party, Manipur and Manipur Peoples party. He passed away at the age of 85 years at his residence Patsoi part -IV in the evening of 4th April 2020.

Late Dr. L. Chandramani Singh was one of the distinguished

Historian and parliamentarian in Manipur. it will be a great challenge to replenish the gap due to his lost. He left his beloved wife and a daughter, the statement said.

The Manipur Ex-MLAs welfare association, observed one minute silence as respect to the departed soul, and at the same time the Association presented a sum of Rs 10,000/- (Rupee ten thousand) only and lastly we prayed that his soul may rest in peace.

MSPDCL clarifies on hoax message; says no free recharge

IT News
Imphal, April 6

A hoax message which went viral on social media about giving free recharge to MSPDCL consumers has compelled the MSPDCL authority to clarify on the matter.

A clarification from the MSPDCL said that there is no provision of Free electricity to the consumers and appealed the people to not fall as victim to such Hoax message and audio clip, being circulated by unknown miscreants. It may be mentioned that many had ignorantly followed the hoaxed message spread through social networking site whatsapp.

"Covid 19"-DRDO designs special face masks, sanitisation chamber

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, April 6

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s laboratory- Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), located at Ahmednagar in

Maharashtra, has designed a full-body disinfection chamber called Personnel Sanitization Enclosure, for personnel decontamination. This walkthrough enclosure is designed for personnel decontamination, one person at a time. This is a portable

system equipped with sanitizers and soap dispenser. The decontamination is started using a foot pedal at the entry. Upon entering the chamber, an electrically operated pump creates a disinfectant mist of hypo sodium chloride for disinfecting.

BJP observes 40th Foundation Day, but without mass gathering

IT News
Imphal, April 6

BJP Manipur Pradesh today observed the 40th Foundation Day of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at its office premises which is under construction at Nityapank Chuthek here in Imphal. Unlike other years only few member of the party attended the ceremony as the nation is restricting any form of mass gathering in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Members of the BJP Manipur Pradesh and its karyakartas

had a simple but meaningful flag hoisting ceremony and paid floral tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at the old party head office, Nityapank Chuthek. In these unfortunate and testing circumstances, it was unanimously decided by the party to refrain from organising any form of extravagant ceremony/ mass gathering or function for the occasion. Also, each and every karyakarta of BJP Manipur Pradesh hoisted the party flag in their houses.

State Vice President of BJP Manipur Pradesh, M. Anikumar Singh while speaking on the occasion said that in these 40 years, BJP has had an eventful journey full of highs and lows but always stuck true to its fundamentals of creating a united, prosperous and strong India, enlightened in outlook. Today, we are the largest party in the world in terms of primary membership.

"This itself is a testament to the faith people have in the originality of this great party's beliefs and ideology", he said.

Relief Vegetables donated to the denizen of Tamenglong

IT News
Tml, April 6

Chiuluan, Khangchiuluan, Duigailong & Dailong villages of Tamenglong district today carried out the Samaritans act of providing free Relief Vegetables to the residents of Tamenglong hill town.

The vegetables were distributed today during the relaxed hours (1:30 pm - 4:30pm) at the following 5 points of Tamenglong town Medical Gate, IB Bazaar, Old Market, TBC junction & Council junction.

The energetic Women Societies from Taudai Fellowship and Tamenglong Baptist Church(s) volunteers help in distributing the vegetables to the residents of Tamenglong town. For this act of kindness the District Administration of Tamenglong convey the deepest gratitude to all individuals for making this possible in time of this pandemic.

And as a measures to make the precaution more stringent in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic the district magistrate of Tamenglong

district today issued an order to the public of Tamenglong that there will be no relaxation for market including the groceries till next Sunday ie 12/04/2020 with immediate effect. Only medical shops, milk booths and newspapers hawker will be allowed to open and function during this lockdown.

Meanwhile, Tamenglong Autonomous District Council Member Mr. Charles Liangdiyong also donated vegetables and essential food items to the Rapid Response Medical Team of Covid-19.

ZP member Niken Seram distributes relief material to around 11,000 household

IT News
Imphal, April 6

As part of continued provision of relief services to the people during the Covid-19 Lockdown period, Imphal East Zilla Parishad Member Seram Neken today distributed edible items to the people of Baskihong Gram Panchayat through the local clubs. The local clubs complied the Social Distancing norms during the distribution of relief materials. Edible items like salt, dal and potato were distributed to the people as a part of the relief service.

Volunteers of local clubs namely Manganal Club, Baskihong Mamang Leikai, Meira Association, Baskihong; Baskihong

Panthoibi Youth Club; Naharol Yaipha Thourang Club, Okram Chuthek; and Community Recreation Centre Club Library, Ningomthong were actively involved in the distribution service.

So far, around 11,000 households under the jurisdiction of Uchekon Nongchup Gram Panchayat, Uchekon Nongpok Gram Panchayat, Khongman Gram Panchayat, Torban Kshetri Leikai Gram Panchayat and Baskihong Gram Panchayat have been covered. Seram Neken, while speaking during the distribution of materials, thanked the local clubs and ward members for their active involvement in distribution of edible items to the lockdown affected people.

As a representative of the rural people, he appealed to the well-to-do members of the society to help the poor in their localities during the prevailing crisis.

He also appealed to the people to stay at home and observe social distancing norms prescribed by World Health Organisation, Government of India and Government of Manipur, so as to protect ourselves from the Corona Virus infection. He said that people everywhere are now encountering two types of challenges - to protect ourselves from the spread of COVID-19 or Corona Virus and also to avail the basic day to day needs of the family during the long Lockdown period.

RPF unhappy with betel leaf traders; appeals them not to ferry during time of crisis

IT News
Imphal, April 6

Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF), which is waging war against the government of India today showed serious concern to some individuals who always think of making profit even during time of crisis. A statement by Roben Khuman, Secretary Publicity, RPF, said that at a time when the people of the state are confined to their home to make sure that the chain of the dreaded coronavirus is contain, Manipur government

has been doing extraordinary work to make sure that people do not suffer during lockdown period. Health workers, Manipur Police, CSOs, Students bodies etc. has been rendering service to help the government in containing the spread of the COVID-19.

The RPF salute medical staffs for bringing back to normalcy to the first COVID-19 affected 23 year old girl and the party expressed full faith to the medical fraternity in curing the second positive patient. The outfit however said that when all the people have been working hard to contain the

virus and when the state is in need of medicines and equipments (PPEs), masks and other essential daily needs some individuals who only think of making money are transporting betel leafs by hiring Cargo flight.

The RPF taking the matter with extreme seriousness appealed the traders not to repeat such act in future. The outfit also appealed the truck drivers who are transporting non-indigenous people from outside the state to immediately stop bringing them to Manipur. Issuing of ILPS has been suspended and that those non-

local whom they smuggled may create catastrophe in the state as they army turn out to be carrier of the virus.

The state also appreciated the government in its effort to protect the state from the dreaded virus when most developed countries are facing extreme difficulties in controlling the disease.

When country like Spain, Italy USA have rise the number of positive case, the state of Manipur have reported only two case at which one had been cured. The RPF thank the government for taking up such precautionary measures.

