

## Imphal Times Impact: ISA recommends authority to instruct JNIMS for refund of treatment expenses of Rs 20,000/- to CMHT card holder

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Responding to Imphal Times news report under the heading "Fooled by CMHT: At JNIMS, CMHT card holders patients cannot spend more than Rs. 1500/- a day; Consultants sent patient to private clinic for KFT, LFT and Eco test" dated Jan. 12, 2020 and follow up editorial "What ails Chief Minister's gi Hakshelgi Tengbang" dated Jan 13, 2020, accompanied by a satirical Facebook post by Editor of this newspaper, Implementation Support Agency (ISA) of the Chief Minister's gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) immediately conducted an enquiry over the matter and recommended the government to instruct the Medical Superintendent of JNIMS to refund the treatment expenditure to a lady CMHT card holder Longjam Ronibala Devi of Keishamthong Longjam Leirak, Imphal West.

As per source with the Imphal Times Joyshankar & Santoshi of the Implementation Support Agency (ISA) while enquiring the matter found that The Patient Longjam Ronibala Devi, was admitted in Female Medicine Ward,

JNIMS by Asso. Prof. Dr. Th. Rajendra Singh (of Medicine Department) on 24th December, 2019. She was advised for investigations by treating doctor on the same day i.e. on 24th December, 2019 from one private laboratory M/s Babina Diagnostics Centre. Only KFT (blood test for Kidney status) was done in outside lab. But, CMHT card was submitted to the Arogya Mitra in CMHT Help Desk only on 26th December, 2020. Rest of the lab tests were done in JNIMS after raising Pre-Auth under CMHT. The ISA team was also told by the beneficiary that she had spent Rs 20,000/- from her pocket during the treatment at JNIMS from 24/12/2019 till 6/01/2020 for Medicine (Rs 8000/-) & Investigations outside the

Hospital (Rs 12,000/-).

In its report to the concern government authority the Implementation Support Agency (ISA) stated that at the time of admission of Longjam Ronibala Devi, the treating doctor could have taken assistance from the Hospital MEDCO or Arogya Mitra to book the patient under CMHT from Day-1 itself. For general ailments (before diagnosis), "General Ward" Package of Rs 1100/- per day valid for 7 days (total Rs 7700/- for 7 days) could be blocked for the treatment. Since the patient was hospitalized for 14 days, the Package could have been enhanced / blocked for another 7 days @ Rs 1100/- per day (hence, total Rs 15,400/- for 14 days).

ALL laboratory tests could

have been done in JNIMS Lab ONLY.

Even, if the MEDCO/ Arogya Mitra felt if "appropriate" Package was not available among CMHT Package list, they could have advised the treating doctor to seek for "unspecified package" as done frequently in other such cases by other doctors in JNIMS or any other empanelled hospitals.

Currently, under CMHT/ PMJAY, there are 12 (twelve) Arogya Mitras/ MEDCOs stationed in JNIMS round the clock to assist beneficiaries/ treating doctors.

In this particular case, we may instruct MS, JNIMS to "refund" Rs 20,000/- to the beneficiary for "out of pocket expenditure" incurred during hospitalization under CMHT in JNIMS subject to

production of actual bills by beneficiary for medicines/ tests purchased/done outside JNIMS. SNC may also request the MS, JNIMS not to allow such cases to repeat in future.

SNC may reiterate the request to the beneficiaries to report their grievances to the Arogya Mitras stationed in hospitals or call TOLL FREE No. 1800 103 2015 for assistance instead of going directly to the media.

Longjam Ronibala Devi, the CMHT card holder, who was denied treatment, perhaps due to ignorance has been diagnosed with RHF (rheumatic heart failure) with generalized weakness (as per Pre Auth form filled up by treating doctor Dr. Th. Rajendra Singh, Assoc. Prof., Medicine Dept.).

## CJM Thoubal directs CBI to conduct further investigation on extra judicial killing Ningthoujam Thopchao in Manipur

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Chief judicial Magistrate Thoubal has directed the SIT of CBI to further re-investigation of the case in connection with death of Ningthoujam Thopchao. The court ruled for further investigation of the case which happened on February 1, 2007 at which a civilian Ningthoujam Thopchao after open firing by 172 battalion BSF posted at then Nongpok Sekmai primary health centre and unknown miscreants. The final and closure report

submitted to the CJM Thoubal was return back to the CBI for further investigation.

The Court directives comes today after a protest petition filed by the family members on December 30 last year in connection with the submission of the final report/ closer report submitted by CBI/ SIT on the ground of want of evidence in connection with the death of one Ningthoujam Thopchao in alleged firing of 172 battalion BSF posted at that time at Nongpok Sekmai Primary Health Centre

The final report/ closer report was filed before the court of CJM Thoubal on March 13, 2019 after the investigation as per the direction from the Supreme court of India to investigate the alleged fake encounter/ extra judicial killing in the hand of security personnel

The incident took place on February 1, 2007 at around 9.20pm there was an open fired between 172 battalion BSF posted at Nongpok Sekmai Primary health centre and unknown person and on that one civilian Ningthoujam Thopchao then 24 year old s/o Shamu of Nongpok sekmai got bullet injuries and succumbed to his injury later

## Meeyamgi Numit and Joint Hill Leaders' Day held Govt regained trust and confidence among hills and valley: CM

**Imphal, Jan. 15**

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the primary objective of the present government is to bridge the gap between the people and government and to deliver good governance. He was speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the joint Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held at Chief Minister's Secretariat, today.

The Chief Minister maintained that with the love and support of the people, the government could maintain a peaceful and cohesive environment in the State. He continued that the trust and confidence between the hills and valley of the State has also been regained. He further stated that the motive of organising Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day is to address the problems faced by the people and extend maximum support to the needy people of the State. The turnout on Meeyamgi Numit and Hill



Leaders' Day is decreasing every month as people's grievances have been timely addressed and solved by the government machineries. He promised that he would continue to hold Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day. Acknowledging the Manipur State Co-Operative Bank (MSCB) for extending help to the people, Chief Minister said that MSCB received a total of around 1800 applications for providing soft loans from various individuals, Self Help

Groups (SHGs) etc. Among them around 1181 applications were shortlisted and around Rs. 10 (ten) crores has been sanctioned to 400 individuals and SHGs, he added. Another Rs 6 (six) crores will be disbursed soon, he continued. He appreciated the banks including State Bank of India (SBI), United Bank of India (UBI) and other banks for extending their support to uplift the standard of lives of the people of the State. Mentioning the alleged

discrepancies in the Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 data, Chief Minister informed that the State government is considering to form a committee to look into the errors of inclusion of genuine households in the SECC data so that needy people could get benefits under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). Replying to the media persons about the construction of new Manipur Bhawan at Dwaraka, New Delhi, Chief Minister said that the existing two Bhawans located at New Delhi will be dismantled soon for upgradation. Before dismantling the existing Bhawans, the government will construct another Manipur Bhawan at Dwaraka and 2 (two) acres of land has been procured in this regard. A sum of Rs. 150 crores will be required for the entire purpose, he added. A total of 20 rooms equipped with medical ventilators will also be included in the Manipur

Bhawan, Dwaraka so as to facilitate those people who are going for medical treatment to Delhi. He also mentioned that similar Manipur Bhawans will be constructed at Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru soon. Highlighting the benefits of the Go to Village to the people, Chief Minister said that the government will re-continue to hold Go to Village camps after considering the wishes of the people.

Regarding the ongoing stir by the teachers of SSA and RMSA, Chief Minister informed that the government is actively considering their demands and will invite their representatives for talks to resolve the issue.

In today's combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day, the Chief Minister personally heard about 350 complaints and met around 1000 people from different parts of the State from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm.

## TSA petitions CM

**IT News**  
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The Thadou Students' Association, General Headquarters (TSA-GHQ) had submitted a memorandum to N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur regarding regularization of 2006 hill district contract teachers, today.

## A R rescue four kidnapped civilians in new Kaiphundai, Manipur

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Troops of Assam Rifles rescued four civilians thereby foiling a kidnapping attempt near New Kaiphundai in Tamenglong district of Manipur on 11 & 12 January.

A foot patrol spotted two abandoned and suspiciously parked Xenon pickup vehicles loaded with Betel Nut leaves on the side of the road. During search of the area around the vehicle, the patrol came under fire from suspected armed cadres. The troops effectively retaliated the fire upon which the cadres fled from the spot, leaving behind a kidnapped civilian. During further search of the area on January 12, the troops rescued three other kidnapped civilians and recovered one magazine of AK 47 with 12 rounds of ammunition, 500 gms of explosive (PEK) and six detonators. The rescued civilians along with recoveries have been handed over to police for further investigations.

## PM asks media to present intelligent & logical arguments before public

**Agency**  
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, facts give moral strength to news and has asked media houses to present intelligent and logical arguments before the public. He delivered a televised address from Delhi in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil political and satirical journal Tuglaq held in Chennai last night.

In his speech, the Prime Minister lauded the role of the media in furthering noble causes like cleanliness mission and in creating awareness against plastic pollutants. He expressed the hope that the media would continue to support such initiatives of nation-building. Mr Modi said, the government has

taken various initiatives to solve the nation's decades-old problems. He cited the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, abolition of Triple Talaq, ten-per cent reservation for the economically poor among the open category people, setting up of the OBC Commission and Ayushman Bharat as the examples. He said, such bold initiatives helped to further India's social and economic integration.

The Prime Minister observed that India is making rapid pace in development and charged that vested interest groups who are unable to digest the changes are trying to mislead the public and cause unrest. He said, it is the duty of the responsible media to present credible news to the public. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu

honoured the staff of the magazine at the function in Chennai. In his speech, he said, ethical journalism should be practiced by all media houses. He said, thinking positively even while questioning everything would be helpful in a democratic system. He noted that the government is to propose, the opposition to oppose and the legislatures to dispose of matters of national interest.

Mr Naidu stressed that the order of priority should always be the nation first, the party next and the self last. He said Cho Ramasamy, the founder of the magazine Tuglaq, wielded power with his pen as he had neither fear nor favour and said, he has set an example in the field.

## Anti-CAA protest during Indo-Australia ODI at Wankhede Stadium.

**By Raju Vernekar**  
**Mumbai Jan 15**

A group of students held protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act, NRC and the proposed National Register of Citizens during the first ODI between India and Australia at Wankhede Stadium in South Mumbai on yesterday.

The protesters belonged to a group called "Mumbai Against CAA", reached the Wankhede stadium in T-shirts, which read "No CAA, No NRC and No NPR", even as a section of the match audiences started chanting "Modi-Modi" in retaliation. The protesters claimed that they were within the law to wear T-shirts with a message



at the match. "We reached Wankhede stadium India vs Australia match for peacefully showing our message - "No NPR, No NRC and No CAA". We did not do anything apart from silently showing our message, which was written on our T-shirts. BCCI rules allows anyone to display any message apart from commercial messages. We are protesting since last so many days, but till now Prime

Minister Narendra Modi has not approached us to talk on CAA, NRC and NPR," one of the protesters said. "There were 26 persons in total and they were sitting in the "Vijay Merchant Pavilion" side. They themselves vacated the stadium as Indian wickets were falling in a heap," Fawad Ahmad, who belongs to the group, said. The protesters left before the end of Indian innings.