

Police officer suspended

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A Police officer (Asst. Sub -Inspector) of Thoubal Police Station, identified as W. Suresh Singh has been suspended for committing gross misconduct to the public who were reportedly on their way on essential service at Yairipok Lamkhai today. The police officer allegedly assaulted the public without asking where the person was going to.

Guardians express unhappy over the unhygienic condition of quarantined center; express fear of getting infected

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Even as the District Administration, Hospital and District health Society of Thoubal are taking urgent and strict precautions to combat the spread of COVID-19, guardians of person lodged at quarantined center fear of getting more infection due to the unhygienic maintenance of the center.

As part of the precaution programmes, a quarantine centre has been set up at the

District Hospital Complex. Till today 12 people have been kept at the centre, returning from outside India and other parts of the country to Manipur.

Of this 2 suspected persons are being tested for Covid-19. With the present conditions at the quarantine facility, people staying in the centre and their guardians are expressing concerns of infection from other diseases and fear of cross-contamination.

"I understand the importance of quarantining and came

voluntarily here with good faith in the actions of the government, not because I was unwell. But the centre is not meeting the set conditions of quarantining. There is no good drinking water. The meals given at breakfast, lunch and dinner aren't proper. The room windows are broken, no options for putting mosquito nets. The toilets aren't clean. There are no doctors or nurses to check up on us", said person in quarantine at the facility.

A guardian said, "We thought



quarantining our offspring here, would be more secure and safe. There are no doctors or nurses to do a timely check-up on them. The foods are kept on the ground, in front of their

room, not separately and proportionately given to them. Rather than safeguarding them, we are scared that this precautionary step might infect them. It is quite

depressing with the present treatment of them at this facility. We want the authorities to immediately look into and take urgent actions".

Many people voluntary donate to the Chief Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund through electronic transfer

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At a time of crisis, some concern citizens always come forward to help the authority. Manipur being a financially unsound state, now need money to fight the dreaded COVID-19, which is invading the entire humankind. Many people who want to contribute to assisting the government

comes out, even though there may be some people who are taking advantage of the crisis.

The good news is that many persons from different wakes of life have started donating money through electronic transfer for fighting the COVID-19 case to the Chief Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund".

However, people could not donate it through cheque as

Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd. has been blocked in the CTS clearing due to YES Bank crisis by the Reserve Bank of India under Moratorium Period. That was a first hand report. But as per a reply by the Managing Director of The Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Donation can be done through cheque also. RBI moratorium already lifted

w.e.f. 19th March Details of the Account Number open in the name of Chief Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund open at Manipur State Co-operative Bank Limited is 70600875695. IFSC Code is YESB0MSCB01 and the MICR Code is 795808002 according to a released by Secretary to Chief Minister of Manipur, Ningthoujam Geoffery.

A surge in number of positive cases in Mumbai; An elderly woman dies in Navi Mumbai; death toll climbs to 13

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, March 26

The number of coronavirus cases climbed to 649 in India and the death toll due to COVID-19 rose to 13, with one death reported each from Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh, according to the Health Ministry, on Thursday.

A 65-year-old Ujjain-based woman died of coronavirus at a hospital in Indore, becoming the first Covid-19 fatality in Madhya Pradesh thus taking death toll to 13.

In its updated figures at 10.15 am, the Union Health ministry stated that 13 "COVID-19" deaths were reported so far in the country. Maharashtra reported three deaths, Gujarat

two, while Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Karnataka, Punjab, Delhi, West Bengal and Himachal Pradesh reported one death each. Of the active cases, 569 are Indians while 43 are foreign nationals. 43 patients have also been cured or migrated. This means the total tally of coronavirus cases in India till now is 667.

The tally of positive cases: Maharashtra (124), Kerala (109), Karnataka (41), Rajasthan (38), Uttar Pradesh (37), Telangana (37), Gujarat (37), Delhi (31), Punjab (29), Haryana (28), Tamil Nadu (18), Ladakh (13), Madhya Pradesh (13), West Bengal (9), Andhra Pradesh (9), Chandigarh (7), Jammu and Kashmir (7),

Bihar (6), Uttarakhand (4), Goa (3), Manipur (1), Mizoram (1), Puducherry (1). In the meanwhile a 65 year old woman died at Vashi in Navi Mumbai on Thursday. However health department was yet to confirm whether she died due to Covid 19 or any other ailment.

In the meanwhile a surge in number of new patients continues in Maharashtra and the number of positive cases reached 124. They included: Mumbai city and suburbs: 52, Pimpri Chinchwad MCM 12, Pune MC 19, Navi Mumbai 5, Kalyan 5, Nagpur 4, Yavatmal 4, Sangli 9, Ahmednagar 3, Thane 4, Satara 2, Panvel, Ulhasnagar, Aurangabad, Ratnagiri, Vasai-Virar- one each.

MLA Th. Shyamkumar tenders resignation from state Assembly

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MLA Th. Shyamkumar who has been facing disqualification case at the Speaker's Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly today submitted resignation letter to the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, a source said. Whether the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly had accepted the resignation letter or not is yet to be confirmed. Mention may be made that Supreme Court in a ruling had barred MLA Shyamkumar from entering the State Assembly premises and cease the Ministerial portfolio. Government of Manipur had so far did not issue any notification whether the Ministerial berth has been withdrawn from him or not. The Verdict of the Supreme Court also directed the Speaker's Tribunal to complete the proceeding within a stipulated time. Following the directives the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly had reserved the hearing on scheduled on March 28.

MSPDCL close vending station; opens online recharge facilities

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With Coronavirus scare putting the whole country into total lockdown for 21 days, Manipur State Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (MSPDCL) has close all vending stations for recharge until further notification.

In a public notification by the Managing Director of the MSPDCL, consumer are requested to place their voucher code generation

request for prepaid meters through MSPDCL website <http://www.mspdcl.com> or Paytm App or <http://paytm.com> (for secure meter only), or through <http://billing.mspdcl.info> (prepaid recharge facilities will be available from 1700 hours of March 26) or through the MSPDCL newly developed Mobile App. MSPDCL ePay available on Google Playstore/Apple App Store (for this Prepaid recharge facilities will be available from

1200 hours of March 31. The notification further said that the voucher code generation may take few minutes or upto 6 hours in case of <http://billing.mspdcl.info> and Mobile App. MSPDCL ePay depending upon the number of pending request coming in. Any issues or delay in voucher generation beyond 6 hours may be reported to Mobile No. 7640081232 and 7640081238 over whatsapp/ call for quick resolution.

Construction Workers' Federation of India urges CM to use the Cess collection for unorganised construction workers in the state

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National Secretary of the Construction Workers' Federation of India, Kshetrimayum Santa has urged the Chief Minister of Manipur to order the state Labour Department and the concerned authority to immediately transfer Rs.2000/- each to the account of the registered unorganised construction workers through the DBT mode from the Cess Fund collected by the Manipur Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board under the BOCW Cess Act, 1996.

Labour Ministry Issues Advisory to all States/UTs to use Cess fund for Welfare of Construction Workers

Press Note: 24 MAR 2020 2:30PM by PIB Delhi

In the backdrop of outbreak of COVID-19 numerous measures are being taken by the Government to give relief to workers. To support unorganised construction workers who sustain their livelihood on daily wages, an advisory has been issued today by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Union Minister of State, I/C, Labour and Employment to all Chief Ministers/ LGs of all the States/UTs. In the advisory under Section 60 of the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996 all State Governments/UTs have been advised to transfer funds in the account of construction workers through DBT mode from the Cess fund collected by the Labour Welfare Boards under the BOCW Cess Act. About Rs 52000 crore is available as cess fund and about 3.5 crore construction workers are registered with these Construction welfare Boards.

In a letter submitted to the Chief Minister, Kshetrimayum Santa said that the Labour Ministry, Government of India has issued an ADVISORY on March 24 afternoon to all the states and Union Territories to

use the Cess Fund collected by the respective welfare boards (a copy is enclosed for your reference) in the backdrop of the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19 in the country.

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The Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) today directed the Director-General of Police to instruct all concern Superintendents of Police to immediately clear the blockages at approach roads by some local club members to give free passage to the transportation of essential items and ambulance acting on a petition filed by Rights activist Basantakumar Warepa.

In his petition, the activist stated that the government of Manipur imposed curfew after a 23 years old girl tested positive for COVID -19. Drawing the attention of the Commission, the activist said that the curfew was imposed to further check the movement of the people which will remain in force until further order by the government of Manipur. However, in this curfew certain essential services



including the movement of ambulance, transportation of water, opening of Pharmacies and grocery shops have been exempted from the purview of the curfew.

In the name of supporting curfew, some local clubs in the state have blocked approach roads by fencing, dumping trees and logs to prevent the entry of outsiders to their localities. Such illegal acts have unnecessarily added further burden to the general public by severely affecting the transportation of water

and movement of ambulance which measures to violation of right to health and right to self drinking water, the petitioner drew the attention of the Commission and urged to direct the Director-General of Police to immediately clear the illegal blockages from the approach roads and also urged to book those persons who are responsible for imposing such illegal acts. The MHRC further asked the DGP to submit action taken report within three days from today.