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## Dedication to the Nation and Foundation Stone Laying of 29 Development Projects worth ₹ 2,450 Crore in Manipur

### INAUGURATION

3 Projects under MOVCDNER  
4 Road and Bridge Projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana  
4 Water Supply Projects  
47 Projects under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram  
Integrated Tourist Destinations at Longmai and Jiribam  
2 Projects under NEC - International Students Hostel at MU and Multi-Purpose Cultural Hall at Longmai  
Transit Accommodations at Paomata and Ukhrul  
75 Tube Wells under PMKSY-HKKP-GW  
5 Animal Husbandry Projects with GoI/NEC funding  
Construction of State Hydrological Data Centre, Lamphol, Imphal West District  
2 Projects under Khelo India  
RSETI, Kakching  
8 Projects for Health Infrastructure  
Construction of Police Memorial at 1st MR  
Annexe Court Building in Dishrupur District Court Complex

### FOUNDATION STONE LAYING

100 bedded covid Hospital at Kakching  
Construction of Olympian Park at Sangaitheh, Imphal  
Installation of flood lighting at Luwangsangbam Cricket Stadium  
District Court Complex, Senapati  
District Court Complex, Noney  
District Court Complex, Kakching  
Rejuvenation of Lamphelpat Water Body to Alleviate Urban Flooding providing sustainable water sources for Imphal City and promoting EcoTourism  
Integrated Sewerage System for Imphal City Phase - II  
Augmentation of Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium, Luwangsangbam  
Development of Sports Complex in 7 districts under PMJVK  
Development of Hunar Hubs in 3 districts under PMJVK  
Infrastructure Development for Shirui festival under PMJVK  
Bio-remediation of 5 waterbodies and improvement of surroundings of 2 waterbodies at Thangapat  
Setting up of Manipur Technology Innovation Hub - in PPP mode with Kalinga Institute of Technology (KIT)

by

## Amit Shah

Minister of Home Affairs  
and Minister of Cooperation  
Government of India

in the august presence of

## N. Biren Singh

Chief Minister, Manipur

6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.  
at City Convention Centre, Imphal East



# LinkedIn also got it that India has immense potential

## Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



The use of modern technology and social media can strengthen the youth to a great extent. Innovation is also paving the way for future growth. Meanwhile, social media is proving to be

a good option these days for job searching in India and abroad alike. It is estimated that more than 80 per cent of employers search for new workers on social media platforms. According to a recent report by Jobcast, 93 per cent of employers use LinkedIn for new hires. Similarly, 66 per cent of employers use Facebook for this purpose, while 54 per cent recruiters depend on Twitter to fill their vacancies. If we talk about job seekers, only 36 per cent of people are on LinkedIn, 40 per cent are on Twitter, and the most are 83 per cent are on Facebook. LinkedIn has also recently launched its Hindi service and for this initiative the company is doing promotion through full page advertisements in leading newspapers of India and also through radio FM channels. Clearly, LinkedIn is now looking for Hindi-speaking users in India, as companies around the world are looking for Indian talent and they see a lot of potential in India.

Through social media, such people can easily get jobs, whose profile is impressive, as well as whose name has been referred to by other professionals. This also makes it clear that job seekers should not post senseless or double meaning content on their social media and they should post meaningful content which can enhance their image and personality. Posting intelligently and image-boosting content can make a big difference in job getting. Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy says that there are many opportunities available in all sectors. Education, health, agriculture, manufacturing, retail, insurance, housing, tourism, hotels, nutritious food, are the few sectors which are full of opportunities for future growth and employment. There are opportunities in all fields. He says that the responsibility of the government is not to provide jobs to all the people, but to provide an environment where job creators are encouraged. At the same time, government machinery should not interfere in any new enterprise till it earns a profit of Rs 50 crore annually.

On the other hand, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has made two big predictions about the future. One - India will soon be among the top three economies of the world. Two - Reliance Industries will be one of the strongest and most prestigious Indian multinational companies (MNCs) in the world. At Dhirubhai Ambani's birthday program, Ambani said that "we are entering the second part of Reliance's golden decade. The future of our company looks brighter than ever to me." There are also good signs from the Tata Group regarding the bright future of the country. Reports suggest that the Tata group will focus on digital, new energy, flexible supply chain and healthcare in the coming years. Tata Sons chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran said in an open letter to employees that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected India's economy to grow at 8.5 per cent, which is much higher than the world's estimated 4.9 per cent growth rate. The company expects that it can play a role in fulfilling India's ambition of becoming a \$3 trillion (about Rs 225 lakh crore) economy by 2024.

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# Youth in democracy

By - Dr. R.K. Ahingba

*Youth the future pillars of the society. Today's youth is turning out to be a responsible part of the population which wishes to see change in the governance. They are not afraid of voicing their opinion and the consequences that may come later.*

*In today's society the youth are stripped off from what's there in the name of corruption so no matter how much certificate or degree you have the one with the money is given the utmost importance. Leading to mass unemployment. Which in-turn can lead to them becoming toxic for the society. Understanding the current situation, there is a major role of the youth in the Indian democracy, given the freedom to work the way they want to, the youth can change or rather transform the way our country functions. Even though youths are regarded for their impulsive and frivolous decision making, they should be a part of the decision making because a fresh mind perspective is often good with some guide of course. Voting is another way today's youth can help in moulding the society we live in. Also campaigning and social media in today's technical world social media plays a huge role in shaping today's society. Because everything is just a button stop.*

*If the youths of today are aware of their power and voice they can easily take over today's democracy and make it a better place for times to come.*

# Media the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of democracy: The Informative Truth

By - Sanasam Darius, Gauhati University, Jalukbari

General: N. Venudhar Reddy & Mayank K. Agarwal respectively.

For Advertising and Publicity, Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (1955) which later on merged with Directorate of field Publicity, Songs & Drama division to be renamed as Bureau of Outreach and Communication in 2017 is the Government's Nodal Agency. Currently, Satyendra Prakash is the Principal Director General and 3 Additional Director General leads the organisation.

The Office of the Registrar Newspapers (RNI) formed on 1st July, 1956. The First Press Commission of 1953 amended Press & Registration of Books Act of 1867 to establish RNI which is the Government's Statutory body responsible for registration of various publications: newspapers, magazines, etc. Dharendra Ojha is the current Press Registrar and Rina Sonowal is the Additional Press Registrar.

For Public and Media relations, the Government's Nodal Agency is the Press Information Bureau established in 1919 and its Principal Director General is Jaideep Bhatnagar.

The Press Council of India, established in 1966 operates under the PCI Act of 1978 is the statutory, adjudicating & self-regulatory body which is officially in existence to preserve freedom of the Press and for maintaining, improving the standards of newspapers and news agency in India. For a 3 years term, it is headed by a judiciary representative who takes office as the Chairperson, followed by one secretary and 28 additional members (20 from Media Industry, 5 from either of the Parliament, 1 from Shahitya Akademi, 1 from

UGC & 1 from Bar Council). Currently, Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad is the Chairman who took office from 2021.

There is no surprise to state that no industry has grown, extended or succeeded as Media in the present time. By exercising the freedom of speech and expression, media in developed countries play an important role in their society. In India, media has developed and emerged as a very powerful and influential tool in most matters. Media is the mirror of the society, and how democratic a society is can be represented by the status of its media. Media's role as a watchdog can promote: transparency, public scrutiny of those in power, uncover scandals in corporate & public sectors, and many more. In a democratic set-up, the media functions as an agenda setter, providing information about urgent social problems. The importance is even more critical during election times as fair access to the airwaves by opposition parties, candidates and groups is essential for a competitive, free and fair election.

India is the largest democracy in the World and it is widely accepted that media has a powerful presence in the country. Though, media has played the role of watchdog of the government, a lot still needs to be done. India is ranked 142<sup>nd</sup> in the 2021 RSF WORLD PRESS FREEDOM INDEX. Media should take utmost care in aiding or publishing 'truth' in their news. It is a mirror of the society and powerful tool in implementing laws. When there is enlightenment, there is

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# Computer Education in India

In this era of science and technology, computer education has become an integral part of every profession. Computer programs these days are dominating almost every domain of our life. We have entered a virtual world and have become so used to it that now stepping back is not possible. Everyone has to build their capacities on the computer as the virtual utility device and explore the skills in their own field of specialization; to explore and demonstrate the professional capacities. To build in such professional specialization by building programs, short and long-term courses, vocational education programs etc have been designed with a rigorous combination of practical relevancies that the student can prove their selves and contribute in reality. It would not be wrong to say that the computers, as well as the computer, generated software's are accelerating the developmental process of the developed as well as developing countries. Computers have been long used to perform some data generation as well as formulation, simulation, communication, for instructional games and education etc. but during past few years the use of computer technology saw a great boost, which can be attributed to the constant development in the field of science and technology as well as new innovations that have made technology really affordable even for the common masses.

The computer education or the

prevailing IT revolution in the country can help the current economy as well as the education system in the following ways:

In the field of education by providing various user-friendly programs have an interactive interface and that children do like while they study. This can boost the interest of the student as well as teacher and the result is some effective learning outputs.

Improving the performance of various government schemes aimed to reach common people. Putting computer as well as IT in use over here, assessing the reach of the scheme can be easily accessed using various user interface programs. Also, computer programs are capable of providing information about a particular beneficiary as well as within a few seconds, just with a click of the mouse.

Computer programs provide reliable, an effective administration that too at an affordable price. With computer being put to use in various administrative departments the workload on employees have reduced considerably. Large heaps of files lying in government department have been converted into a small space on the CPU of the system. Also, this has led to the increases in the efficiency of the administrative offices and grievances if any can be handled very quickly and there is no need to look in for the file from the huge heaps of files.

Trained IT officials from India are

securing jobs in some reputed institutions as well as in big organization across the world, thus making the country proud.

Computer-based simulation programs can effectively be used training purpose, where the actual interaction with the system is not possible, too risky or too expensive. Hence these programs provide training interns to have an outlook of the complete system without interfering with the actual system.

Various Efforts in this Direction After India attained independence in 1947, it was obvious that was lacking behind in the terms of education, economy, employment as well as other indexes that determine the social status of a nation. Since then it was quite obvious that it would take us many years to bounce back and compete with the other developing counterparts. It was then thought that education was the only way to improve the current scenario of the nation and the main emphasis was laid on education and training to enable the talented individuals to get job and bring about an educational revolution as well as awareness in the country so that no one in the future could do the same with our nation. Though educational planning suffered a lot of setbacks, still our country was determined enough to face the challenges. After some time, along with the need for formal education, the need for IT as well as computer education was



By - Vijay GarG

also felt. The world was moving rapidly on the technological front and India during starting was quite hesitant to match steps with the other countries of the world, but it is quite recommendable that today we are standing almost equal to other countries of the world where the revo-

lution begins. The various efforts in our country in the terms of computer education are:

The National Institute of Computer Education (N.I.C.E.)

The National Institute of Computer Education (N.I.C.E.), mission is a unit of National Account as well as Computer Education Trust registered under the Public Charitable Trust Act 1882 under section 60 videos (Reg. No 948/09), society registration act 21, 1860 (Reg. No S/64772) from Govt. of India N.C.T., New Delhi respectively and working in computer and Accounts field with the central as well as state Govt. to reach every class of the society. The Institute is also certified by ISO 9001:2008 Certified Institute. N.I.C.E appreciated by State government and government of India.

The NICE is a very important as well much-needed step towards the computer education in the country. Computers, as well as IT revolution, is ruling every domain of human life, whether it is the banking sector, health, education or administration, computers are being used in every field these days. In this era of Information Technology and Science, the

institute is committed to making available the computer education literacy and accounts education on very nominal fee structures across the country covering the rural and urban area. Through TCRD (Training Centre for Rural Development) as well as TCGD (Training centre for Global development).

N.I.C.E. is known as the pioneer of computer literacy throughout the country and is committed to providing quality education in the field of IT at a very affordable cost to both rural as well as urban students and professionals. NICE is focused on the main objective that is to provide general environment opportunities for its student by preventing the best-designed job oriented courses and jobs. Computer literacy to every eligible candidate of the country.

Another pioneer institute in the field of computer as well as technical education is Indian Computer Education Society (ICES) that started functioning as a voluntary organization in 1990 when computer education was not widespread as in today's time, in fact it would not be wrong to say that computer education was in its infantile stage at that time. Though the starting was not easy, still it was the strong will of few volunteers who were motivated enough to make a start despite various technical as well as cultural roadblocks. There was a lot of exploitation in the field and the computers were only city dwellers. There were a lot of limitations at that time, technology was not commonly affordable and computer books were very dear and affordable only

to the affluent. Hence there was a major challenge to reach the common masses.

With a vision that India can prosper only if the IT education is spread far and wide, and jobless young are initiated in to it the Society was registered in the same year (K.912/90) under the Travancore- Cochin Charitable Institution Act 1955, and thus encouraged educated as well as not so well qualified jobless youths to start computer centers in as many places as possible, printed and provided the centers with low-cost-study-aid materials, conducted several IT shows and exhibitions across the areas and thus introducing immense possibilities of Information Technology. This was not the only achievement, the ICES also assisted the state government as an empanelled Agency for the IT School project during 2002-07, started a campus at Kochi with all infrastructural facilities to provide them with an up-to-date training to the resource persons in member institutes and grew leap and bound by spreading to Tamilnadu, Goa, UP and Hyderabad with well equipped member institutes.

"Information Technology for everyone", and to fulfill the needs of more than Lakhs of IT professional in India and other jobs related to this factor and giving the employment directly or indirectly to one million people of India, "All India Computer Saksharta Mission" the main motto behind running this program is to bring computer revolution in every village and city of India by delivering the quality technical education at the nominal fee to the people of every category in India.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulates CM N.Biren Singh led govt. for overall inclusive development in the state during 5 years

## Union Home Minister inaugurates and unveils Foundation Stone for Projects Worth Rs. 2450 Crore



IT News  
Imphal, Jan 07,

Union Minister for Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah inaugurated and laid Foundation Stones altogether 29 Development Projects today at City Convention, Palace Compound, Imphal East through virtual mode in the august presence of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. The total cost of the projects of various departments is ₹2,450 crore (Rupees Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Crore).

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Amit Shah stated that the state government under the able leadership of N. Biren Singh is replacing the three I's - Instability, Insurgency and Inequality, which was prevalent in the State earlier, by Innovation, Infrastructure and Integration. He promised that Manipur will be a drug free state if the Government under N. Biren Singh comes back in the next term.

Union Home Minister congratulated and lauded the Biren led Government for its achievements for overall development of the state and hard works of Chief Minister along with his council of Ministers in bringing development in every nook and corner of the state during his 5 years of tenure. He added that bandh, blockade and violence is significantly decreasing that the state is stepping towards the direction of peace and development.

Recalling the implementation of the Inner Line Permit System (ILP) which was a long cherished dream for the people of the State, he stated that central government has been focusing for the promotion and development of the North East regions of the country. He also added that the recent rechristening

of 'Mount Harriet', a historical tourist spot at Andaman and Nicobar Island to 'Mount Manipur' as a tribute to the then Maharajah of Manipur, Kullachandra and other freedom fighters, will help to inform tourist to understand the history of Manipur that has remained unrecognized for the past 75 years. It is very fortunate that the Nation is celebrating 75 years of Independence and Manipur is celebrating 50 years of Statehood.

Union Home Minister added that the present government in the state is being taken up lots of developmental works and he conveyed the desire of the Honorable Prime Minister to continue the same for the welfare of the general population.

Amit Shah inaugurated 15 projects including 3 Projects under MOVCDNER, 4 Road and Bridge projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 4 Water Supply Projects, 47 projects under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, Integrated tourist Destinations at Longmai and Jiribam, 2 Projects under NEC-International Students Hostel at MU and Multi-Purpose Cultural Hall at Longmai, Transit Accommodations at Paomata and Ukhrul, 75 Tube well under PMKSY- HKKP-GW, 5 Animal Husbandry Projects with GoI/NEC funding, Construction of State Hydrological Data Centre, Lamphel, Imphal West District, 2 Projects under Khelo India, RSETI, Kakching, 8 Projects for Health Infrastructure, Construction of Police Memorial at 1st MR and Annexe Court Building in Bishnupur District Court Complex.

Union Minister also unveiled 14 Foundation Stone for 100 bedded COVID hospital at Kakching, Construction of Olympian Park at Sangaitheh, Installation

of flood lighting at Luwangsangbam Cricket Stadium, District Court Complex, Noney, District Court Complex, Kakching, Rejuvenation of Lamphelpat Water Body to Alleviate Urban Flooding providing sustainable water sources for Imphal City and promoting Eco Tourism, Integrated Sewerage System for Imphal City Phase-II, Augmentation of Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium, Luwangsangbam, Development of Sports Complex in 7 districts under PMJKV, Development of Hunar Hubs in 3 districts under PMJKV, Infrastructure Development for Shirui festival under PMJKV, Bio-remediation of 5 waterbodies at Thangapat and Setting up of Manipur Technology Innovation Hub in PPP mode with Kalinga Institute of Technology.

Expressing his immense gratefulness to central government for taking up many developmental projects covering various sectors like connectivity, tourism, water supply, healthcare, sports, education etc. in the State over the past five years, N. Biren Singh said that Manipur has also been making all efforts to tackle the COVID pandemic in the past two years. 23.22 lakh vaccinations has been done so far. Vaccination for 15-18 years age group has been started and 1,107 children were vaccinated.

Under the vision of *Sab ka Saath, Sab ka Vikas, Sab ka Vishwas, Sab ka Prayas*, various flagship programmes has been implemented in Manipur towards inclusive development. To help poor families with access to cooking gas and empowerment women and protect their health, 1.59 lakh LPG connections have been released under Ujjwala Scheme in Manipur. Further

19,083 free connections have already been given under Ujjwala 2.0 since its launching on August 10, 2021. Under Ujjwala Scheme, 4,18,484 LED bulbs has been distributed. 9,016 beneficiaries have been sanctioned loans under PM SVANidhi to street vendors adversely impacted by the pandemic.

Chief Minister continued that since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission coverage of functional household tap connections for rural household in the state has increased from 6 percent to 605 today. Manipur is targeting full coverage by September, 2022. 3,85,311 eligible beneficiaries have received their Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana card. 46,332 beneficiaries have been treated free of cost worth Rs.56 crores in empanelled hospitals across the country under PMJAY. In addition, 75,555 beneficiaries not covered under PMJAY have been treated free of cost worth 75 crores in empanelled hospitals under *Chief Minister gi Hakshel gi Tengbang*.

Manipur has also seen significant improvement in its Connectivity infrastructure. Since 2017, National Highway projects worth Rs. 12,616 crore covering 807 kms have been sanctioned in Manipur. To support farmers in procuring inputs to ensure proper crop health and yield, 6,18,668 farmers have been benefited under Pradhan Mantra Kisan Samman Nidhi, Chief Minister added.

Dr. R.K. Ranjan, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Council of Ministers - Shri Letpao Haokip, Shri Awangbou Newmai, Shri S. Rajen Singh, Shri Vungzagin Valte, Shri Th. Satyabrata Singh, Shri O. Lukhoi Singh; MP Dr. Lorho S Pfoze (Lok Sabha), MP Leishemba Sanajaoba (Rajya Sabha), MP Smt. MC Mary Kom (Rajya Sabha) and Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar were on the dais as presidium members. MLAs, High Ranking Officials of Civil and Police, Officials of various Government Departments and invitees were also present at the function.

As a part of the programme, a visual presentation highlighting the achievements of the State Government was also screened.

## CM felicitates founder members of AMWJU on the 47th Foundation Day of Press Club



IT News  
Imphal, Jan 07:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh felicitated the founder members of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) on the occasion of the 47th Foundation Day Celebration of Manipur Press Club at Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal on Thursday.

Speaking at the celebration function as a Chief Guest, N. Biren Singh said that journalists joined this profession with a sense of Nationalism to serve the people and they occupy a very special place in the society. Expressing satisfaction on the role played by media, the Chief Minister also stated that media played a key role in disseminating the activities

that are taken up by his government for the welfare of the State during his tenure.

Regarding the rechristening of Mall road at Thangal Bazaar, N. Biren Singh maintained that the decision was taken after considering the sentiment of the people. He also stated that during the last four years people had witnessed tremendous changes in hill areas in different sectors like road connectivity, drinking water etc. and added that all these would not be possible without the support of media fraternity.

The Chief Minister appealed to the journalists to discuss on the current scenario of the State to find out who is real friend and enemy of the State. Further, he

urged prominent media Houses to find out the direction in which the State is marching forward.

As part of the programme, 5(five) elderly journalist who were the founder members of AMWJU namely Y. Orjit, P.R. Shyam, L. Ibomyaima, N. Krishnamohun and L. Sharatchandra Sharma were felicitated by Chief Minister with a cash worth of Rs 10000 each as a New Year gift.

Amongst others, Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba, MP Rajya Sabha, Khogendra Khomdram, President Editors' Guild Manipur and Wangkhemcha Shamjai, President AMWJU graced the function as guests of honour and functional president respectively.

## MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

### NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

No. 01/06(01)/2022-LA(E)DR: Application are invited from the intending candidates for direct recruitment to the following post in Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat on regular basis. The number of post may be increased or decreased subject to availability of vacancies from time to time.

1. I(One) post of Committee Officer:

Pay Scale	Essential Qualification	Desirable	Age Limit	ST
Rs. 9300-34,800 and Grade Pay of Rs. 4,400 (Level-9 of ROP - 2019)	Master's Degree in any discipline of recognized University or L.L.B	i) Knowledge of Computer Applications. ii) Knowledge of Hindi and Manipuri. i). 38 years and below	(relaxable by 5 years for SC/ ST & 3 years for OBC candidates) ii). The upper age limit is relaxable for Govt. Servants appointed under the Govt. of Manipur/ Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat to the extend of the period of continuous service put in the post / service and those belongs to SC/ST/OBC will get the facility admissible to a Govt. Servant in addition to the relaxation admissible to SC/ AT/OBC candidates mentioned at (i).	1

### Terms & Conditions:

1. Application forms will be available at the Banquet Hall, Manipur Legislative Assembly, Chingmeirong on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only for the ST candidates from 10/01/2022 and fully filled in forms should be submitted from 10/01/2022 to 12/01/2022 during office hours at the said venue. Admit Cards will be issued on 13/01/2022 at the same venue during office hours.
2. Written test will be held on 16/01/2022 (Syllabus of written test will be General Studies and Current Affairs in Multiple Choice Type Questions).
3. The decision of the authority as to the eligibility or otherwise of the candidate's will be final.
4. The notification may be cancelled at any time without assigning any reason thereof as per decision of the authority.
5. The detailed information can be had from the office of the undersigned during the office hours.
6. There shall be relaxation of the upper age limit for those who have experience of working in the Assembly Secretariat or any other Govt. department/ organisation/ Institution to the extend of number of year(s) they have served on regular basis or contract/casual basis.

Sd/-  
**G. Tapankumar Sharma**  
Joint Secretary (Adm)  
Manipur Legislative Assembly

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dated, Imphal 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022

It is to notify to all that no advertisement hoardings are permitted on National Highways within the Right of Way except informatory signs of public inters as per Ministry of Road Transport and Highways circular RW/NH-33044/35/2001/S&R@ dt. 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 and RW/NH-33044/18/2016/S&R@ dt. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2016. Therefore, requesting all the concern to remove all the Advertisement hoardings whoever responsible, along NH-02 (Mao - Imphal Section) and NH-137 A (Imphal Kakching Lamkhai Section, IMI road) so as to ensure the safety of the traffic user.

Sd/-  
**Executive Engineer**  
National Highways Div. No. -1,  
PWD, Manipur

# ECI reviews preparedness for upcoming assembly election in Manipur

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

The Election Commission of India (ECI) held a virtual meeting on Wednesday to review the poll preparedness for the forthcoming Assembly Elections in Manipur. The meeting was held by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra in which Election Commissioners Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey were also present. The term of

State Assembly in Manipur is to expire on 19th of March and elections are scheduled for 60 Assembly Constituencies. Representatives of various political parties including BJP, Congress, TMC, Left and Naga People's Front attended the meeting through video conferencing. The main issues raised by the political parties included concerns about use of money power, illicit liquor, narcotics drugs and intimidation to influence voters.

Political parties requested for strict vigil on election expenses by candidates to ensure free and fair poll. While expressing concerns about pre-poll violence, the political parties demanded deployment of adequate security forces during the poll process and other relevant measures. The political parties also raised concerns about implementation of strict COVID protocols for safety of everybody.

The Commission assured the representatives that it has taken cognizance of suggestions, issues and concerns of the political parties and ECI is committed to conduct free, fair,

participative, inclusive, inducement free and COVID safe elections in the state.

With regard to the concerns raised on excessive use of money and other inducements to influence voters, the Commission reiterated that it has zero tolerance for misuse of money or muscle power or partisan behaviour of State machinery violating free and fair elections. Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra emphasized that strict action would be taken against such erring officials. He added that Expenditure Observers will be deployed for strict vigil to ensure inducement-free elections in the State.

## Election expenditure for candidate increased

Imphal, Jan 7:

Ahead of assembly elections in five states, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has increased the expenditure limits for candidates, contesting in Lok Sabha and Legislative assembly polls. The election commission has hiked the poll expenditure limit up to Rs. 95 lakh for the Lok Sabha elections. Earlier, a candidate was allowed to spend up to Rs. 70 lakh. For the state assembly elections, the expenditure limit has been enhanced to Rs. 40 lakh from Rs. 28 lakh. According to the Election Commission of India, the revision in the expenditure has come due to the rise in the cost inflation index and the size of the electorate. The new expenditure limits will be applicable for candidates contesting in the upcoming elections in Uttar Pradesh,

Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur.

The last major revision in the election expenditure limit for candidates was carried out in 2014, which was further increased by 10% in 2020, the ECI said in a statement. The latest expenditure revision for the Lok Sabha elections for bigger states has been raised by 35%—from Rs. 70 lakh to Rs. 90 lakh. On the other hand, for small states, the revised expenditure limit increased by 38%—from Rs. 54 lakh to Rs. 65 lakh.

In the case of states assembly election, the revised poll expenditure limit for candidates will now be Rs. 40 lakh for the large states, up 42% from Rs. 28 lakh. Whereas, candidates in smaller states will be able to spend a maximum of Rs. 28 lakh—40% higher than the previous limit of Rs. 20 lakh.

## Bhaktacharandas demands arrest of Union MoS Pratima Bhoumik

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

Former Union Minister and AICC in charge of the Manipur Bhakta Charandas has demanded arrest of the Union MoS for Social Justice Pratima Bhoumik who had burnt effigy in front of MPCC office here in Imphal and provoke BJYM to violent activities against the congress workers.

"A Minister in the government is not permitted to join or lead violent protest and how should she continue as a minister of India while she herself indulged in such a violent manner", Bhakta Charandas said while appealing the police that appropriate action should be taken up by the state police. "What are these police doing?

Why are they not arresting the Minister who had provoked violent protest in front of a political party office", the AICC in charge for Manipur told media persons reacting to yesterday incident at which members of the BJYM led by the Union State Minister Pratima Bhoumik staged protest by burning effigies of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

The MPCC President, N. Loken also slammed the Home department for not taking up action against the violent protestors. He said that the police forces are guarding them while the BJYM activists led by the Union Minister of State are burning the effigies of the congress leader in front of the MPCC office at around 5 pm.

## PREPAK (Pro) claims responsibility of the Lilong Usoipokpi IED blast

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

Proscribed group PREPAK (Pro) has claimed responsibility of the IED blast that occurred at Lilong Usoipokpi area killing a personnel of the Assam Rifles while injuring another on Wednesday this week. A statement by Th. Eshingchaoba, Assistant Publicity Secretary of PREPAK (Pro) said that the IED was blasted by the tactical action of Cobra Task Force-3 of PREPAK (Pro).

"In fact, there was a moment of emotional hesitation considering the unfortunate results that would be happened from this action. We

also felt the sadness and grief of the families while beholding the lifeless body and injured personals of IOF. Such predictable unfortunate outcomes compelled us to curb our abilities in the past. We are even more distressed as this unwanted destiny had fallen to two of our WESEA's people", the statement said. It further added that the Indian leaders, sometimes, purposefully appreciated the bravery and courage of our forefathers but they never explain the root causes of the burning so-called insurgency issue.

It said many centrally sponsored development programmes have been implemented and many

leaders are frequently visiting to look after Manipur which are somewhat appreciable. But we must know that as India forcibly merged Kangleipak (Manipur) into Indian Union, it is their responsibility to keep special attentions which were neglected for a long time. So, their actions are too little too late as they try hastily to cover their past mistakes and their step motherly attitudes. The statement warn saying, "We have the resources to carry out often similar actions of Usoipokpi. We don't like such deadly action but it would be happened endlessly and restlessly as long as IOFs are stationed in Kangleipak (Manipur)".

## One day workshop on uses of Hindi as official language held in RIMS

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

The Official Language Cell, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal has organised a one day workshop on usage of Hindi as official language in the Examination Hall of RIMS, Imphal.

The workshop was organised as per guidelines of the Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The workshop was inaugurated by the Director RIMS, Prof. Ahanthem Santa Singh, who was the Chief Guest and Prof. Nepram Sanjib Singh, Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital Imphal presided over the inaugural function. Dr. Rajkumar Mohi Singh, Assistant Professor,



workshop was attended by 56 participants from the Administrative Block of RIMS. Certificates of participation were distributed to all the delegates attending the workshop.

## AMPFA office bearers elected

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

New Office Bearers of the All Manipur Progressive Farmers Association (AMPFA) for the term of 2022-2024 were appointed today.

A press release issued by General Secretary K Biren informed that Thoiba

Konthoujam has been appointed President, Kuman Jiten as the Vice President, Khundrakpam Biren as the General Secretary, Ahanthem Laingam as the Finance Secretary, Konjengbam Deban as the organisation secretary, and RM Kom as Publicity Secretary. Altogether 17 new executives were appointed.

## Rights body condemn sexual assault to a 12 years old minor girl

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

The Zou Women Human Rights Organisation (ZOWHRO), Churachandpur expressed strong condemnation to the heinous act of gang rape/sexual assault on a 12-year-old minor girl at Lamlanghupi Chothe, Bishnupur W/no 12, under Bishnupur District.

A statement said that the

girl, a minor from a village bordering Churachandpur and Bishnupur district was captured using a Bolero around 4 pm on the 25th of November 2021. She was gang raped and blinded folded. The girl was threatened that if the subject of rape was disclosed to anyone, she might as well face what her mother had gone through in the year 2016. The girl's mother too died after she gang raped and is yet to get

justice.

The Bishnupur Police, Childline Bishnupur & Churachandpur, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Bishnupur rescued her on the November 27, 2021 at the residence of Resongam Kom who too sexually assaulted her.

Viveshan Singh and Resongam Kom have been arrested and kept in judicial custody vide FIR No. 24(11) 2021 WPS-BPR U/S 365 IPC &

6 POSCO Act. However, the remaining rapists are still at large till today. We demand justice as soon as possible not only for her but also for her late mother, who faced unnatural death after she was raped in 2016.

The ZOWHRO will not remain a silent spectator if the Government fails to take prompt and strict action against the perpetrators without delay, the statement warned.

## Women and Child Development Ministry Invites Nominations for Nari Shakti Puraskar-2021

PIB

New Delhi, Jan 7:

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has invited Nominations for the Nari Shakti Puraskar-2021. Applications/ Nominations will be accepted only through online mode and may be filed at the portal [www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in). All Applications/ Nominations received upto 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 will be considered for Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2021.

The Awards recognise outstanding work in the fields of economic and social empowerment of women. Nari Shakti Puraskar-2021 will be

conferred by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on the occasion of International Women's Day i.e., 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

Guidelines regarding eligibility criteria and other details for Nari Shakti Puraskar are available at <https://wcd.nic.in/acts/guidelines-nari-shakti-puraskar-2021-onwards>

The Ministry of Women and Child Development confers Nari Shakti Puraskar every year to individuals and institutions in recognition of their service towards the cause of women empowerment, especially vulnerable and marginalized women. The award carries a

certificate and a cash amount of rupees Two Lakh per awardee.

The awards are open to all individuals and institutions. The maximum number of awards (including individual and institutional) could be 15. However, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the selection committee, Chaired by the Minister of Women and Child Development.

Self-nominations & recommendations for the Awards are also considered. The Selection Committee may also, suo-moto, recommend an individual/institution for the

award with sufficient justification.

A Screening Committee, headed by a Joint Secretary level Officer of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, will scrutinize and shortlist the nominations received for the Awards considering the achievements of institutions and individuals, applied/ recommended for the Awards. The final selection of the Awardees is made by a Selection Committee, chaired by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development, on the basis of recommendations of the Screening Committee.

## SF apprehended a cadre of NSCN (R) in Arunachal Pradesh

IT News

Itanagar, Jan 07:

Security Forces apprehended an active cadre of NSCN (R) in Jongsum, Changlang District on January 4.

A statement of the PIB Defence Wing said that based on a specific input, Security Forces under Spear Corps launched a joint operation with State Police and apprehended an active cadre of NSCN (R) carrying out extortion from villagers and recovered one pistol, six live



rounds of ammunition with recovered weapon and magazine and indiscriminating documents.

The apprehended individual alongwith

## ZCOs condole the demise of Pou Athuibou Daimai

IT News

Imphal, Jan 7:

The Zeliangrong Civil Organisations (ZCOs) comprising of Zeliangrong Baudi, Zeliangrong Youth Front and Zeliangrong Students' Union has condole the demise of Pou Athuibou Daimai at the age of 99 years.

He was MLA from 1952 to

1967. He was also one of the founding Member of United Naga Integration Council before he served as the Joint Secretary of Zeliangrong Union and later served as the President of the Zeliangrong Union for two terms.

"His demise is a great loss for Zeliangrong community in particular and also for the State as whole in general", a statement of the

ZCOs said. The Zeliangrong Civil Organisations (ZCOs) shared the grief and sorrow with the bereaved family members at this hour of agony and pray that the Almighty God grant solace to the bereaved family members and bestow the strength to bear and withstand at this toughest time