

Works minister Th Biswajit speaks at the opening function of TKS general conference cum sports meet at Tashar village

IGAR (S) Maj Gen Virendra Singh interacts with members of the Rotary Club expedition team at Mantripukhri on Thursday

NEROCA take on Delhi United at home in I-league 2nd Division on Friday at Khuman Lampak **P10**

WEATHER FORECAST

| Periods of rain and thunderstorm | Max | Min | Rainfall | Wind | Gust |
|----------------------------------|------|------|----------|--------|---------|
| | 25°C | 18°C | 50 mm | 9 km/h | 13 km/h |

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IMPHAL: Following guidelines of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Government of Manipur has directed all departments and agencies under it to refrain from any act of publishing personal identity or confirmation like Aadhaar number and demographic details such as name, date of birth, address along with sensitive information like bank account details. In an official order dated April 15, secretary (IT) N Ashok Kumar stated that publishing such information is in clear contravention of the provisions of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act 2016 and constitutes an offence under Section 37, 40 & 41, punishable with imprisonment upto three years. Further, publishing of financial information including bank account details is also contravention of provisions under IT Act, 2000 and such offending parties are liable to pay damage by way of compensation to the person affected.

SnapShot

HSLCE evaluation to begin from April 25

IMPHAL: The central evaluation of HSLCE, 2017 will begin from April 25 at Johnstone Higher Secondary School and CC Higher Secondary School. **P7**

Minister urges to stop panic buying of fuel

IMPHAL: Assuring that action will be taken up against all those fuel outlets that ceased service to the people by taking undue advantage of the fringing incident on fuel tankers, CAF&PD minister Karam Shyam appealed to the people to stop panic buying. **P3**

Workshop on e-waste management begins

IMPHAL: With the aim to create awareness on damage caused to the environment due to unregulated dumping of electronic discards, a 3-day workshop on 'e-waste management' commenced on Thursday at the auditorium of Computer Science Department of Manipur University. **P7**

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STK: 306; Time: 7 am - 10.30 am

BASHIKHONG INDAANE SERVICE
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STK: 270; Time: 7.30 am - 11 am

K&K INDAANE SERVICE
B/upto 21-02-17; V/from 14-02-17
STK: 612; Time: 7.30 am - 11 am

MANIPUR GAS SERVICE
B/upto 09-02-17; V/from 06-02-17
STK: 306 (DBTL); Time: 7.30 am - 9.30 am

JEMON GAS, Singjamei
B/upto 02-02-17; V/from 03-01-17
STK: 522 (CTC) Sl. upto 15850; Time: 7.30 am - 9 am

Friday Fun



CM reviews achievements of departments in 35 days

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: Following the completion of 35 days in power, the BJP government led by chief minister Nongthombam Biren convened a review meeting for bringing a new administration at around 3 pm Thursday by deliberating on the development activities taken up and new development works under its 100-day programme.

The meeting presided over by the CM was attended by the cabinet ministers, chief secretary, principal secretary, secretaries, commissioners and other high ranking officials of various departments. Apart from discussing commendable works undertaken by the departments, the CM instructed to chalk out major developmental works that could be taken up during 100 days.

Not only the top department officials were asked to chalk out the developmental works that could be done within 100 days, they were also instructed to prepare strategies for achieving their objectives within the stipulated time.

The meeting also discussed the progress of various National Mission



Council of ministers and top officials attend the review meeting on Thursday

Programmes funded by the Union government in the state. The CM also instructed officials concerned to take up necessary steps for directly transferring the benefits of centrally sponsored schemes to the bank accounts of beneficiaries.

According to sources, the government will review the achievements of each department and compare them. The transfer and postings of the department officials will be made after reviewing the achievement of their departments concerned.

A dash board will be installed at the CM's secretariat for enabling direct video conferencing with the Prime Minister's Office, various dis-

trict headquarters and top officials of all departments immediately to review the progress of development activities. Preparations are on for launching the technology from the CM's office.

The chief secretary and principal secretary have been instructed to detect the uncompleted projects even after adequate funds were deposited with Manipur Development Society in the last 10 years. The chief minister has also instructed to take legal actions against those responsible for failing to complete the projects despite the sanctioning of large amount of funds, sources added.

Union minister announces ₹22 crore package for tribal welfare in state

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: Union tribal affairs minister Jual Oram has announced Rs 22 crore package for the welfare of tribals in Manipur for the fiscal year 2016-17.

Announcing the package during 37th foundation day celebration of BJP at Tengnoupal Thursday, the Union minister said no one will be allowed to siphon off funds released for development purposes.

Speaking as chief guest at the function, Jual Oram said Central government's assistance towards development of tribals of the state has increased from Rs 12 crore in the year 2015-16 to Rs 22 crore in the current fiscal. The released fund include Rs 6 crore for upgradation of government primary schools, Rs 2 crore for provision of IT based education in government schools, Rs 1.2 crore for tribal students pursuing paramedical courses, Rs 90 lakh for mobile dispensary, Rs 75 lakh for improving infrastructure of three health institutions in tribal areas and Rs 3 crore for organic farming apart from many other development projects.

Asserting that BJP believes in people-oriented governance and that no ministers will be allowed to accumulate personal wealth from public fund, Jual Oram advised party workers to understand Narendra Modi's ideology.

Assuring befitting action against any corrupt minister, MLA or bureaucrat, the



Union minister appealed to the people to inform the Centre through mail or letter if they encounter any corrupt activity.

While lauding the people of Manipur for voting BJP to power, Jual Oram said the party could secure 36 percent of votes with 21 MLAs in the recently conducted state assembly elections though it could secure only two seats with 2 percent vote share in the last hustling.

Informing that his two-day visit will include public programmes, meeting intellectuals and press conference, the Union minister, nonetheless, added that his visit is also to ensure implementation of Central government schemes in the state.

Claiming that people of the country are witness to non-partisan administration of the NDA government at the Centre for three years now, Jual Oram said Prime Minister Narendra Modi works in the spirit of collective development and hence BJP could rule in four out of five states where assembly elections were held recently.

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Eviction drive to sanitise river banks soon

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IMPHAL: IFC Minister Letpao Haokip has declared that stern action would be taken against encroachers along the bank of Imphal River.

Inspecting the bank of Imphal river at Hatta Golapati and Sanjenthong area on Thursday afternoon, Letpao said illegal structures along the river bank would be dismantled after consulting with the revenue department.

Interestingly, a building was found constructed on the road at Hatta Golapati while an 'unauthorised private occupation' of the walkway was spotted along the bank near Sanjenthong.

Student's bodies demand punishment of rape accused

IMPHAL: Thadou Students' Association, general headquarters (TSA-GHQ) and All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU), while vehemently condemning the inhumane act committed by seven persons who outraged modesty of two girl students on April 14 night near Phaknung village in Imphal East district, have categorically demanded that there should be no leniency for the perpetrators of the crime at all.

A TSA-GHQ statement issued by its secretary general Michael Lamjathang Haokip deplored that such ghastly act was committed on the auspicious occasion of Good Friday and Cheiraoba. TSA also appreciated swift action and investigation by Manipur police that led to the arrest of the culprits.

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Minister Haokip assesses project works

IMPHAL: IFC & YAS Minister Letpao Haokip Thursday inspected various ongoing projects in the state and asked contractors concerned to execute construction works with sincerity in public interest.

The Minister, accompanied by parliamentary secretary (IFCD) Rameshwar Meetei, parliamentary secretary (YAS & Edn) K Robindro and parliamentary secretary (RD&PR) and Heikham Dingo, assessed condition of Singda Dam, site for National Sports University at Koutrak and Dolaithabi Barrage Project.

The minister also expressed strong disapproval over setting up of a 'permanent' police picket on the eastern end of Sanjenthong. He said that police pickets are normally 'mobile/movable,' but the picket at Sanjenthong has been constructed in a permanent manner.

Imphal-Jiri road finally travel-friendly

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: After years of public dissatisfaction over the road repair work taken up along Imphal-Jiribam road by Border Road Organisation, the route has improved significantly after National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) took over the task from BRO on March 27, 2016.

A team of media persons spotted that road repair works were being taken up on a war footing.

Chief minister Nongthombam Biren is scheduled to inspect the road repair works on April 22. He had instructed engineers concerned to send pictures of the road repair works daily on WhatsApp to check the progress made.

Union Road Transport and Highways minister Nitin Gadkari announced the launch of 11 highway projects and a Rs 22,000 crore package for un-



Heavy machinery/vehicles being used for road repair works

dertaking these projects on December 11 last year during his visit to the state. The union minister also assured to hand over the road repair work to NHIDCL as BRO was not able to make any progress in all these years.

Following his announcement, three private companies started repair works on war footing. The road stretch from Imphal to Awangkhuil (from 3 km till 75 km) is being repaired by MSHVS Construction Mate-

Machine failure compels patient to leave RIMS operation theatre

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: A patient, who was wheeled inside the operation theatre after completing all procedures for surgery, has been reportedly asked to leave without conducting the operation on the ground that the operating machine is not functional.

Addressing media persons in this regard at Manipur Press Club on Thursday, one Angom Sanatomba informed that his niece Silvia Angom (9) had complaint of stomach ache. According to the advice of a doctor, her CT scan and x-ray were

taken. Later it was informed that surgery is necessary to remove a swelling inside the stomach near her heart.

Subsequently, she was referred to RIMS for the said operation under the guidance. After a long wait, the day for the operation was fixed on Wednesday by the doctor.

On the advice of the doctor, all necessary arrangements including medicines that were required for the operation were made and the patient was finally taken inside the operation theatre room.

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One killed, six hurt in accidents

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: One passenger died while five others suffered injuries when a diesel autorickshaw collided with a car Thursday near Lilong Tairenpokpi under Lilong police station.

The deceased identified as Md Aslam Khan, 24, son of Alimuddin of Lilong Chingkhama Makha Dam succumbed to injuries at Raj Medicity, North AOC.

Eye witnesses said the passenger carrier collided with a car (A-Star) coming towards Imphal from Thoubal side at about 1.30pm.

The injured passengers are Anuri, 38, wife of Md Abdul Barik of Chingol Tharaok-hok; Md Khalique, 23, son of Md Majiz of Lilong Mairenkun; Md Kayamuddin son of late Alimuddin of Lilong Chingkhama Makha and Mamata wife of late Abdullah also of Lilong Chingkhama Makha.

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Khaivarentang residents wary of recurring landslide

R LESTER MAKANG

UKHRUL: As Ukhrul continues to experience heavy downpours ahead of monsoon, several families living in sunken homesteads located at a roadside residential pocket of Khaivarentang are living with growing apprehension of recurring landslides that hit the neighbourhood last year.

It may be mentioned that several homesteads, plots and road culverts in Khaivarentang remained cracked and vulnerable after a range of slow-moving landslips that crept through residential areas near the western circular/GREF road in the neighbourhood during monsoon last year.

Numerous deadly cracks could be spotted at several homesteads



A view of the damaged house and sunken road in Khaivarentang village

and empty plots where masses of land had been worn away by slow moving landslides triggered by torrential rains last year. While a house belonging to former chairman of the local development committee namely Zingthan Varam had been

partially ravaged and another house displaced, cracks also developed at several other unoccupied plots. Besides, two concrete culverts along the roadway are also sinking gradually.

"My family is in constant fear of

being struck by fresh landslides each moment heavy rains start to fall," Zingthan Varam said, adding that his homestead was left with full of cracks after steady landslides carried away one third of his plot and destroyed eight rooms of his home last year.

Varam continued that initially the impact seemed slow, but the cracks got wider over the past few months due to heavy rainfalls.

"When it rains heavily, we can see the mass of earth starting to move stealthily from the slopes where cracks have appeared," he observed, and continued "we know that this is like an impending danger, but being poor, we have no means to vacate or take any precautionary measures."

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'Insurgency related violence dips in NE including Manipur'

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: Though the north eastern region of India is inhibited by different communities and a large number of insurgent groups operate here thereby creating a complex situation, insurgency related violence in the region has considerably decreased in recent years, according to an annual report released by Union ministry of home affairs.

The ministry report stated that violent incidents in the Northeast have dipped from 1,489 in 2007 to 574 in 2015. In 2016, 484 insurgency related violence were recorded, indicating a 15% decline. Comparatively, 2016 had least cases of insurgency related violence since 1997.

However, the states of Assam,

Dr Najma meets Rajnath

NEW DELHI: Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla on Thursday called on Home Minister Rajnath Singh and discussed with him various issues concerning the northeastern state. During the 20-minute meeting, the Governor briefed the Home Minister about the political and law and order situation in Manipur, where a BJP government assumed power in March, official sources said. Heptulla also apprised Singh about the development initiatives undertaken by the state's Biren Singh government, the sources said.

Manipur, Nagaland and Meghalaya continue to account for most of the incidents in the region, it noted.

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