

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh had announced, just after taking over the reins of the Government in March 15, 2017, that the BJP led new Government would achieve in fifteen months what the Congress Government could not do in 15 years. Results are there for everyone to see:

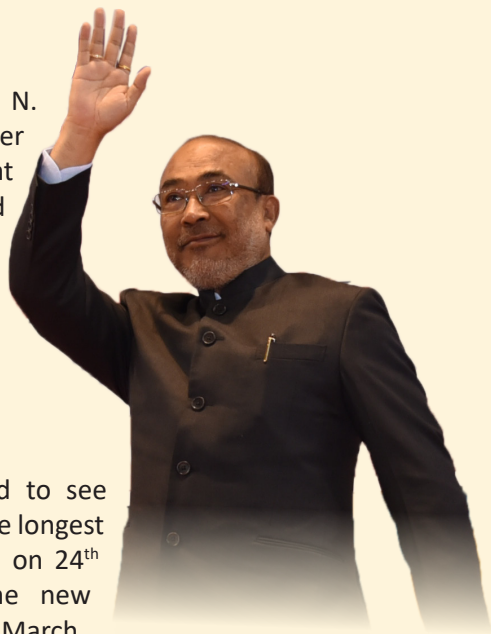
### **Bandh and blockade free Manipur**

While the previous regime used to see major bandhs and blockades, one of the longest 139 days blockade by UNC was lifted on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, immediately after the new Government took office on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Similarly, after intense dialogues and negotiations, the 650 days old Churachandpur agitation was amicably settled and the families of the deceased persons agreed to bury the bodies on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

### **Citizen centric government**



With the singular objective of establishing a citizen-centric administration in the State, a process of regular and structured interaction with the public. These interactions were unheard of in the



history of Manipur. “Meeyamgi Numit” and “Hill Leaders’ Day” are efforts in this direction. So far, 24 such interactions have happened in which about 19,200 people have met the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Manipur. A Grievance Cell has also been set up in CM’s Office and a toll free number (1800-345-3818) made available from 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 where people can call and get an update on status of their grievance. So far, 5496 grievances have been received and 2790 (51%) have been disposed off.

To break the deep rooted divide between the Hill and Valley communities, the new Government, under its initiative of “Go to Hills” has been travelling to the far off hill areas. Chief Minister and the entire cabinet have also travelled to all the hill districts to take the Government closer to the people. Cabinet Meetings are also being conducted in far flung Hill areas. So far, 3 such meetings have been held. Shirui Lily Festival and Barak Festival- hitherto known as local festivals only, have been declared to be State level Festivals with national and international participation.



To further improve the connectivity between hill and valley, new buses were procured and bus services between Imphal and various hill destinations have started. Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Deulahlend was commissioned and the Manipur State Transport was revived after a gap of 15 years. Free travel for the disabled has been provided in all public transport. For convenience and safety of women passengers, reserved Seating arrangements have been made in the Manipur State Transport (MST) buses.

## Corruption free state

The new Government had promised that there will be no corruption in the new Government. The State Cabinet has decided to refer the notorious cases involving Manipur Development Society (MDS) and Loktak Development Authority (LDA) to CBI. Taking this spirit of transparency and good governance further, an Anti-Corruption Cell has been set up in the CM's Office to monitor and track such cases. So far, out of 530 complaints received, 307 (58%) have been disposed off. 34 Officers/Officials have been suspended, 1 terminated, 11 appointment orders have been cancelled, 10 personnel have been issued "Warning" and retirement benefits of 3 (three) Officials have been held up. The "Vigilance Department" has been reorganised as "Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department" in order to tackle the cases of corruption.

For transparency in various works undertaken by the Government, a Digital Application for Review by Public And Nation (DARPAN) has been launched and it has been made mandatory to upload geo tagged photographs of civil works in progress based on which the funds are released by the Finance Department. So far, 1127 projects have been uploaded by 46 Departments.

## Women Empowerment



Manipur is well known for its powerful and committed womenfolk. Name of Rani Gaidinliu, Rajni Devi, Sabi etc. are well known in the

Country. Nupi Lan – Women’s war- of 1904 and 1939 witnessed the brave Manipuri women waging war against the mighty British imperialists. The new Government has taken up the process of women empowerment to newer heights.

On a priority basis, the Government has launched construction of Women Markets at Ukhrul, Chandel, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, Senapati, Kangpokpi and Jiribam. These will be completed and dedicated to women in the hill areas soon.

The famous all women market Khwairamband Nupi Keithel (Ema Market), have been made functional after long overdue repair of the damages caused by earthquake.

Today, Foundation Stones for construction of 1000 Anganwadi Centres also been laid, which will provide care to about 25000 mothers.

For ensuring that more houses are registered in the name of women, the Government has exempted Stamp duty, registration fee and tax on registration of deeds for transfer of land to the female head of the household.

The famous UJJAWALA scheme was implemented during the new Government’s regime only. So far, 29338 LPG connections have been distributed to mothers/sisters belonging to poor/BPL families.

## **Agriculture**

For the first time the state Government has implemented the Soil Health Card scheme seriously. All Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) across the State of Manipur besides Central Agricultural University and ICAR have been mobilised to collect and test soil samples and issue Soil Health Cards in the State.

Total number of farmers in Manipur is about 2 (two) lakh, out of which 1.15 lakh Soil Cards, involving 20713 Soil sample test have been issued upto November 2017. 51785 Cards, based on 3542 Soil sample tests, are targeted to be issued by March 2018.

Doses of fertilizers and micro nutrients to be applied are given in the Soil Health Cards.

These Cards, through its crop wise recommendation of nutrients and fertilizer required, will help the farmers to improve their productivity through judicious use of inputs.



The farmers can also check soil deterioration due to excessive use of chemical fertilizers. By reading the figures of fertilizers, micro nutrients and organic manure given in the Soil Health Cards and applying the same in the field, the soil of the field can be used for cropping for a long time.

## **Employment**

In order to fulfil commitment of the Government to provide employment to unemployed, during 2017-18, 12,646 persons were given assistance of about Rs 115 crore under Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) scheme.

The State Government has a plan to train and place 32,472 self-employed persons by 2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. 5,379 beneficiaries are targeted for assistance this year under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). There are 11 ITIs in the state. The Government intends to add one more at Kangpokpi.

The Government has implemented a Start-Up Scheme to enable the youth in the State to take up new ventures with new and creative ideas. Under this funding upto Rs. 3 crore is available to individual Start-Ups. A sum of Rs.30 crore is available during each of the year 2017-18 and 2018-19. The scheme has been launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2018.

## **Business Development**



For the first time, a “North-East Business Summit” was held in Manipur during November last year. This was addressed by the Hon’ble President in which as many as 39 MoUs were signed. This indicates the trust and confidence of investors in the industrial potential of Manipur.

The new Government has come up with a new Industrial and Investment Policy, 2017. The Policy envisages setting up of a “Single Window Agency” for approvals. For creating industrial infrastructure, the Government is constructing one more industrial estate, at Salemthar of Chandel district besides the four existing ones.

### **Benefits of GST and DBT**

Implementation of GST has hugely benefitted the State. The revenue collection for the period July 2017 to Jan 2018 is Rs. 446.53 crore against the collection of Rs. 285.68 crore in the corresponding precious period in non-GST regime. The revenue collection in Manipur is likely to record a collection of Rs.700 Cr in FY 2017-18, which will be Rs.200 Cr higher than collections of FY 2016-17. The GST has also helped us add 6444 new dealers in the state which will bring greater accountability in tax administration.

For the first time in the delivery of benefits to the people of Manipur, the direct benefit transfer (DBT) has been implemented in 74 schemes in Manipur out of which 5 are state schemes. This has resulted in huge benefit to the State as well as it has brought in greater efficiency. To help speed up this process, new bank branches have been opened in 10 (ten) unbanked blocks. Another 11 (eleven) bank branches are likely to be opened in the financial year 2018-19.

### **Health & other Welfare Schemes**

The Government has, initiated a path-breaking initiative on the Statehood Day in form of the “Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang” Scheme. This is a “Health Protection Scheme” which will reduce the huge out-of-pocket medical expenditure of the poor people. The scheme will provide “cashless” medical cover to BPL, AAY card holders and to the poor, disabled and widows for up to Rs. 2 lakh per family per year for 7 critical diseases and for up to Rupees fifty thousand (Rs. 50,000/-) for other identified general ailments. More than 70 thousand people have registered so far and 65 persons have availed the benefit.

To cater to the medical emergencies in the hill areas, ten (10) advanced life support ambulances have been deployed. 50 bedded



District Hospitals in Chandel and Tamenglong were inaugurated and the Government approved the establishment of eight (8) new district hospitals, three (3) primary health centres, three (3) primary sub-centres and nine (9) primary health centres. Foundation stones for establishment of three 50-bedded AYUSH hospitals at Moreh, Churachandpur and Keirao have been laid. A dental college was also established at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Porompat. The Accident and Trauma Centre at JNIMS is targeted for completion by 31-03-2018.



Again for the first time in Manipur, Under the Prime Minister's Jana Aushadhi Programme, 733 varieties of generic medicines are being distributed from 26 Jana Aushadhi outlets. Under free diagnostic programme, 53 diagnostic tests are being done free of cost. Free dialysis for patients belonging to BPL is also available at JNIMS. The Government is also taking steps to establish a Cancer Hospital and a State Mental Hospital and to address the shortage of specialist doctors.

In order to furnish a humane face to governance, the Government has especially implemented the "**Chief Minister-gi Shotharabasingi Tengbang**" scheme. The Scheme is providing the much needed care, assistance and dignity to the persons with disabilities, the aged homeless persons and their care-givers. 2,150 persons with disabilities have already been registered under the Scheme.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), over three lakh and sixty thousand (3.6 lakh) individual household latrines have been constructed so far. 539 villages have already achieved Open Defecation Free (ODF) status. 2 districts will be declared fully ODF by March 2018. 18 towns are also going to be declared ODF by the end the year.

"**Jeevan Praman**" has been implemented to provide digital life certificate to the Government pensioners. About 42000 Government pensioners are also getting Door-Step delivery of pension. Similarly, around 59000 Old aged pensioners under National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) are also getting their pension delivered through RuPay Card.

## **Law & Order Improvement**

The Government has established a fast track court to fight against increasing incidents of crimes against women. Three new family courts have also been established in Imphal East, Thoubal and Bishnupur. So far, 11 persons have been convicted.

There has been qualitative improvement in the security environment of the whole State. The Government has given special attention to curbing cross border movement of insurgent groups and illegal migration from across the border. Security along the border areas, especially Moreh and Behiang has been strengthened and Special Forces are also deployed in the border areas.

About 75 (seventy-five) cadres of different insurgent groups surrendered this year. The Government has also considerably improved





the allowances of the surrendered militants to help their rehabilitation.

The new government has declared a war on drugs and accordingly destruction of poppy plantation were carried out wherein 1837 acres of illegal poppy plants and 1 acre of Ganja plants of a yield of 18370 kgs were destroyed. Alternate means of livelihood for people affected by this are being created.

### **Flood Relief & Prevention**

The Government of India has released a sum of Rs. 130 crore for flood relief/ landslides of 2017-18. The state has also approved Flood Control and Anti-Erosion Scheme costing Rupees fifteen crore (Rs. 15.00 Crore) under One-Time Special Central assistance this year to repair the damages caused by the recent floods. In flood prone areas, river banks are being cleared of encroachments and embankments being made along Imphal river and there is a huge public support for the same. A major programme for dredging of important rivers like Imphal, Nambul and Iril rivers has also been planned with external funding.

### **Promoting Tourism**

Manipur Tourism is getting enriched. It has begun with the Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament in January and will encompass several other festivals in the state, such as Shiroy Festival, Barak Festival and Orange Festival during the course of the year. Mao

flower and Cherry Blossom Festival will now become an integral part of the annual Sangai Festival.



For further development of Tourism Infrastructure in the State, a watch tower at Cheiraoching in Imphal West and a cave tourism development project at Khangkhui, in Ukhrul district have been sanctioned under NLCPR.

**Transportation & Connectivity**



Air connectivity has improved noticeably with the introduction of direct flights by Air India between Imphal and Delhi. Air Asia has also decided to start direct flights between Delhi and Imphal from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. It is also a matter of great pride that under regional connectivity scheme-UDAAN, 5 Helipads would be constructed in the difficult areas of the State and these will be connected to Imphal via Helicopter. The Central Government has also sanctioned helicopter service in the state under the scheme of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Government efforts in this direction will continue. Expansion and upgradation of Imphal International Airport is taking place. An Air Cargo Terminal will be built very soon.

Imphal-Jiri road has been improved considerably, and the worst portions were made motorable during the last rainy season.

### **Education & Sports Development**



The Dhanamanjuri University has been created by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly and it will be made functional from the academic session 2018-19. Moreover, a Government Engineering College at Heirok, Thoubal District has been approved by the Central Government under Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

The National Sports University has commenced its operations in Manipur. First two courses in the areas of Sports coaching and Physical



Education and Sports were launched this year. The Foundation Stone of the new National Sports University complex has also been laid today by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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