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It's a moment of joy and jubilation that the Manipur Today monthly has completed one year of regular publication. The collective efforts of the editorial team drawn from young and energetic officials and staffs of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Manipur deserve a big thumbs-up.

In this anniversary issue, the initiative of the State Government in mitigating global warming and climate change is the focal point. Over the past one decade, climate change has been witnessed in Manipur. In our younger days, summer days were not so hot, winter season was very pleasant and the monsoon rains brought relief to the farmers rather than creating havoc.

'Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission' for conservation of environment by planting millions of trees, providing incentives to local clubs and CSOs to spearhead the tree plantation movement across the length and breadth of the State, involvement of various government departments to successfully carry out the mission is a giant step towards combating global warming and climate change.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative on rainwater harvesting and water conservation is a timely approach towards the impending drought-like situation being witnessed in many parts of the country. In spite of disparity in rainfall, water conservation and rainwater harvest remains the topmost priority of every household, community, local governance, etc. In addition, management of solid and municipal waste, plastic waste, bio-medical waste, hazardous and other wastes is a challenging task before the nation.

Let us be optimistic that the good governance and pragmatic policies at the national and state levels will certainly address all the concerns of the general public amicably.



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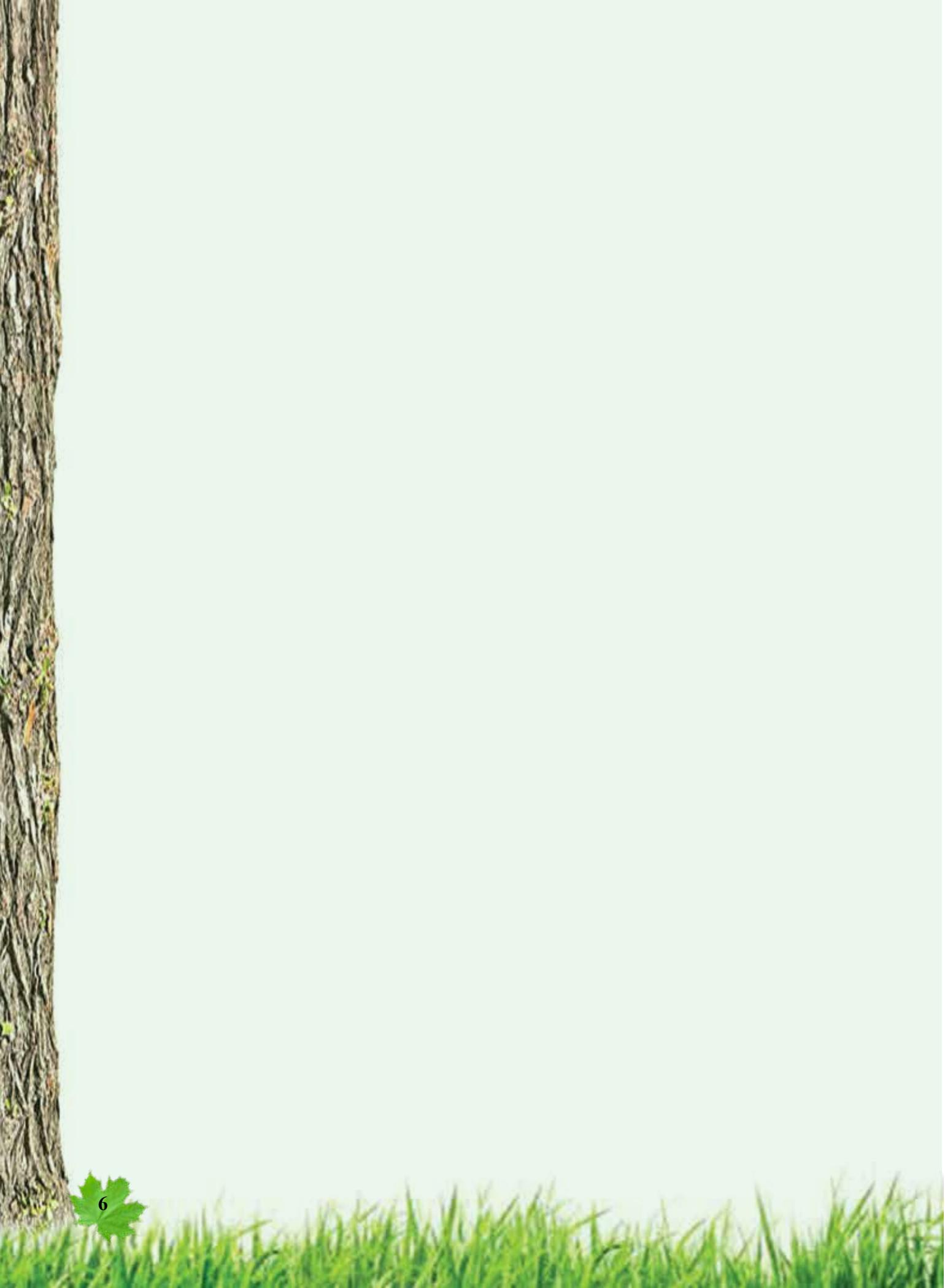
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GREEN MANIPUR

HOW THE STATE PLANS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Tenshubam Ranita
Reporter

In May 2019, the temperature of Chandel District bordering Myanmar went up to 40 degrees Celsius according to a report provided by the climate change cell of the Directorate Of Environment in Imphal. Global warming and climate change have brought drastic changes to the State of Manipur which has always enjoyed a temperate climate. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N.

Biren Singh taking cognizance of the severity of the matter have decided to combat the challenges brought by climate change on a mission mode.

Climate change has become one of the most critical global challenges of our times. The impact of climate change range from affecting agriculture, endangering food security, to accelerating erosion of river banks,

increasing intensity of natural disasters, species extinction and the spread of vector-borne diseases.

RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission:

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh on June 22, 2019,

launched Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission at the complex of Socio-Economic and Environment Development Society (SEEDS) located near the Saheibung village in Kangpokpi district. The mission has been introduced with the objective of developing and protecting designated forest areas in each and every village of the state.

The State Government departments will collaborate with the public to develop a forest area measuring 5-10 acres of land in every village identified by the villagers. At urban and semi-urban localities, which do not have such land for forest development, people will be encouraged to plant trees at their Umang Lai (Sylvan Deity) complexes.

The plantation and protection of the trees will be done by the villagers for which the Chief Minister announced that an open gym each worth Rs 5-6 lakh would be installed

as an incentive in those villages which are willing to set aside at least 5-10 acres of land for development of the forest.

Mass Tree Plantation at Baruni Chingoi

With an objective to increase green cover in the State and to combat climate change, Forest and Environment Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar led a mass tree plantation programme at the Chingoi Baruni, Imphal East on June 20, 2019. The programme was jointly organised by the Forest Department and Directorate of Environment in collaboration with the Green Volunteers and locals of Andro.

The plantation programme will continue at the pilgrimage site where a target is set to plant around 1 lakh saplings in the surrounding areas of the Chingoi Baruni. There

is also a plan for developing the area into tourist hotspot maintaining the ecosystem of the area for which various departments like Tourism and Art & Culture will collaborate.

The saplings planted in the Chingoi Baruni area will be maintained by the Forest Department in collaboration with the neighbouring villages which lie nearby the Nongmaiching (Baruni) Hill range like Takhel, Nongpok Sanjembam, Sandangsemba Maring Khul, Andro, Naharup for maintaining the trees, to stop forest clearings and forest fire.

Bamboo: An Alternative to Jhum Cultivation

State-level workshop on the theme 'Bamboo Resource and Product Development' was held at the City Convention Centre, Imphal organised by National Bamboo Mission, Manipur under the aegis of Forest Department on June 14, 2019. Forest and Environment Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar opined that bamboo plantation can be an alternative to jhum cultivation in the State and it can result in socio-economic upliftment of the bamboo growers/farmers and artisans.

World Environment Day 2019

The formal function of the State level World Environment Day under the theme 'Air Pollution' was held at Manipur State Film



Development Society, Palace Compound, Imphal East with Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh as the chief guest on June 5, 2019.

Education Minister Shri Thokchom Radheshyam, senior officials of Forest and Education departments attended the formal inauguration of the mass plantation programme at SK Ideal High School, Konthoujam under Imphal West district earlier in the day. For the first time in the history of Manipur, more than 50,000 saplings were planted in more than 1,000 educational institutions including 950 schools and 80 colleges.

The World Environment Day was observed for a week from June 5-11, 2019 where various stakeholders organised mass tree plantation programme at various locations in the State. Forest and Environment and MAHUD Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar on June 8, 2019, led a mass tree plantation programme at the complex of the Solid Waste Management Plant, Lamdeng Khunou, Lamsang A/C, Imphal West organised by the Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA).

70th Van Mahotsav 2019

The State Forest Department observed the State level 70th Van Mahotsav function on July 1, 2019, at

Tuibong Peace Ground, Churachandpur district with Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh as the chief guest of the formal function. Last year, the State level function was held at Ukhrul district.

A plantation drive was also held which was participated by Forest and Environment Minister Shri Th. Shyamkumar, Agriculture Minister Shri V Hangkhanlian, Saikot MLA TN Haokip, Tipaimukh MLA Dr. Chaltonlien Amo, Additional Chief Secretary Suhel Akhtar among others.

Plastic Free Nurseries from 2020

Forest and Environment Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar on July 3, 2019, announced that from the next year, there will be a total ban on the use of polythene bags for making plant/tree saplings. He said from the next

year plastics will be replaced by biodegradable material for making saplings in the nurseries under the Forest Department.

The move follows a circular from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), directing all the state governments to ensure any further use of polythene bags in the nurseries. The Forest Department officials have been instructed to ensure nurseries under them to go plastic-free from the next planting season and to explore alternatives to raise seedlings.

On the day, Minister Th. Shyamkumar led a tree plantation programme at Ngariyan Ching, Imphal East, a day ahead of the 12th State level Pineapple Festival cum Sellers and Buyers Meet and Youth Festival, 2019. The tree plantation programme was organised as an initiative to save the environment, to motivate the farmers of the



State and as part of the week-long celebration of the Van Mohatsav 2019.

AWARENESS ON SIX WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

Two days Capacity Building Programme on Six Waste Management Rules, 2016 was organised on July 5-6, 2019 at the City Convention Centre, Palace Compound, Imphal East. The programme was organised by National Productivity Council (NPC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA) and hosted by Directorate of MAHUD. MAHUD Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar was the chief guest of the formal function.

During the two days programme, resource persons discussed on the six waste management rules notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change namely Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016; E-waste Management Rules, 2016; Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016; Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016; Construction and Demolition Rules, 2016 and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Movement and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.



PHAYENG: A MODEL CARBON POSITIVE ECO-VILLAGE

An achievement which can be highlighted undertaken by the Directorate of Environment is the project of making Phayeng under Lamsang Assembly Constituency, Imphal West as a model carbon positive eco-village with an objective to adapt climate change issues. A village is given the carbon-positive tag if it sequesters more carbon than it emits, slowing the accumulation of greenhouse gases and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The village was identified to develop as India's first carbon-positive settlement and the initiative was taken up in 2015 as a three-year pilot project under the centrally sponsored scheme National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

GOI'S INITIATIVES TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

India released the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) to mitigate and adapt to climate change on June 30, 2008, almost a year after it was announced. The action plan outlines a number of steps to simultaneously advance India's development and climate change-related objectives.

The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) encompasses a range of measures focusing on eight missions—National Solar Mission, National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat, National Water Mission, National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem, Green India Mission, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture and National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change.

On 12th February this year, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change released a publication titled 'India - Spearheading Climate Solutions' at New Delhi. The publication mentioned the key actions India has taken under various sectors towards combating and adapting to climate change.

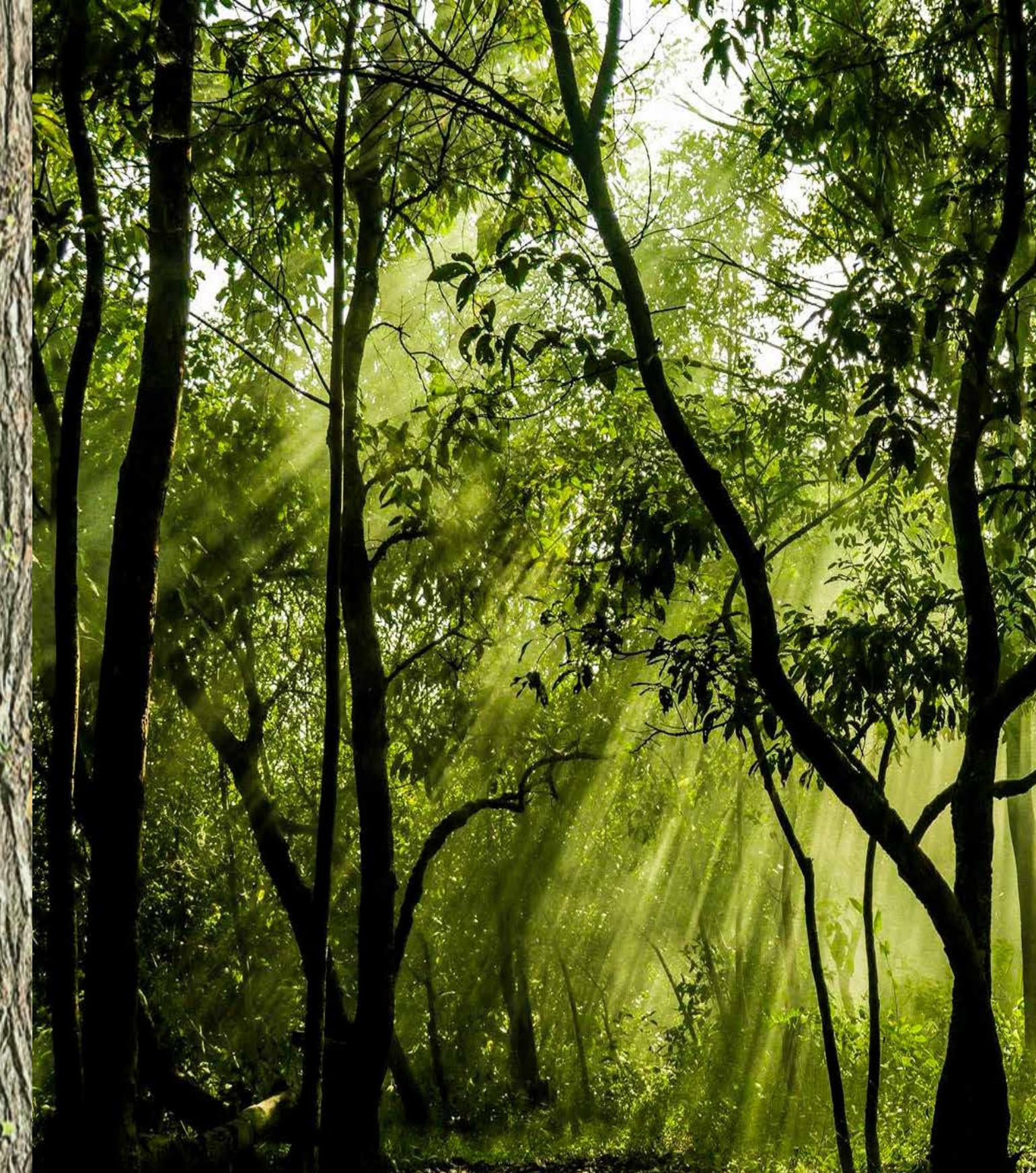
Some major initiatives included in the publication are India's National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) which covers eight major missions on Solar, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat, Water, Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture and Strategic Knowledge on Climate Change, International Solar Alliances (ISA).

Besides this, the publication also highlighted initiatives like State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC), FAME Scheme - for E-mobility, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) - for Smart Cities, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - for access to clean cooking fuel, UJALA scheme - for embracing energy-efficient LED bulbs and Swachh Bharat Mission.

Manipur State Action Plan on Climate Change, 2013

The State also has its own action plan to combat climate change. Manipur State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) was prepared by the Directorate of Environment as State Nodal Agency in collaboration with 20 line departments/agencies of the State Government to cater not only to the present needs but also to the future requirements, to tackle Climate Change impacts and related vulnerabilities in the State.

The Government of Manipur has put in place a comprehensive structure by constituting three committees in the state for preparation of SAPCC, namely—State Level Advisory Committee on Climate Change (SLACCC), State Level Steering Committee on Climate Change (SLSCCC) and Sectoral Working Group Committee (SWGCC).



PUNSILOK - KEEPING AN EYE ON THE FOREST GREEN

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Photo: Okendro Sanasam

Global warming is described as a gradual increase in the average temperature of the Earth's atmosphere and its oceans, a change that is believed to be permanently changing the Earth's climate. Climate change is certainly the most serious global environmental crisis that impacts each and every individual.

The United Nations, aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world, designated 5th June as World Environment Day. The celebration is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action.

In Manipur too, the impact of global warming is felt by the citizens. The State Government has been continuously taking up many initiatives and activities to plant more trees. Local bodies, organisations, schools, institutions, villagers and all members of the public have been actively participating in these initiatives.

A group of young citizen took up the challenge to convert a barren forest into a luscious green cover. Punshilok located just 6 km from capital Imphal was once a barren hill. Punshilok literally meaning 'Spring of Life' is a small hill located in the



Punsilok have eco-friendly shelters and a small kitchen

Langol Range. The hill was once an important forest during the reign of King Luwang Ningthou Punshiba. The hill was rendered barren due to years of deforestation, forest fires and indiscriminate utilisation of forest resources by villagers.

In 2003, Moirangthem Loiya Ngamba with the help of a few friends started their initiative to transform the barren Punsilok into a thriving forest. Many young boys and girls volunteered towards achieving the dream of a green Punsilok. Today it is a thriving forest and is home to several species of wild animals. There are over 200 species of plants, including orchids, herbs and medicinal varieties, and over 20 species of bamboo growing in the forest. Punsilok is now a perfect destination for bird-watching, meditation and to enjoy the greeneries of the forest.

The Wildlife and Habitat Protection Society, an NGO was established as an important nature conservation organisation at Punsilok. From tree planting drives to animal rescues, it has organised many environment-related activities with the participation of locals. The NGO has also built a few eco-friendly shelters, where visitors and volunteers can stay or rest after toiling in the forest, and a small kitchen (run by the caretaker) at Punsilok.

Recently, as a short



summer retreat, a team from Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Government of Manipur visited the scenic and serene place to bird-watch and meditate apart from enjoying the luxury of nature. Lushly-canopied mud paths, carpeted by fragrant

blossoms, winding their way through the forest welcomed the team. The quiet environs broken only by the chirping of birds were the perfect balm to soothe the tired mind and soul. The place is a perfect and safe camping site for a night halt.

There is no entry free





Over 20 species of bamboo are growing in the forest

for visitors, however, they are required to perform one job/activity at the place, which could be either sweeping the compound or fetching water from the nearby stream. Visitors are also encouraged to plant tree saplings as part of activity.

Punshilok is a testimony that citizens can adopt environmental protection and address the critical issue of climate change and global warming. To combat climate change, each and every individual must take part in the initiatives launched by the Government to successfully address the environmental challenges which are a burning issue across the globe.



Heirit Tree



Photo: Okendro Sanasam

Team from DIPR at Punshilok ; The forest is a perfect and safe camping site for a night halt



WATER CONSERVATION: THE NEED OF THE HOUR

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Rainwater harvesting (RWH) systems and water management systems has been in existence in India since time immemorial. Preservation and management of water were taken up in a very serious way.

Evidence of water harvesting and management have been found even in the Indus Valley Civilization- Archaeological evidence of irrigation and drinking water supply systems through a large number of wells with brick lining has been found in several Indus Valley sites. Dholavira, an important

site of Indus Valley Civilization had several reservoirs to collect rainwater. In Lothal (Gujarat) and Inamgaon (Maharashtra) and other places in the north and western India, small bunds were built by the local people to store rainwater for irrigation and drinking purposes.

Also, new guidelines will ensure all building permission to have Rooftop Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) structures incorporated as per building bylaws. With RWH, Solar Power Harvesting System is possible in residential areas too. The UN focuses on ensuring

availability and sustainable management of water for all. We need to explore the ecosystem in the global water cycle despite the threat of climate changes that pose to achieve universal access to water and sanitation.

Mizoram enjoys abundant monsoon rainfall. Rooftop RWH and Spring Water Collection are the main sources of domestic water supply. With the development of the gravity pipe, it supplies water with a pump. With the help of Government, people living atop the mountains



construct water tanks to harvest rainwater that could suffice to meet the requirement around the year.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi wrote a letter to Chief Minister of Manipur on 10th June, 2019 to take up various measures to conserve water and urged him to treat the matter on high priority and issue necessary instructions to the concerned Departments and Districts to draw up action plans with concrete, measurable outcomes and implement them under his personal supervision.

Similarly, the Jal Shakti Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also informed N. Biren Singh to carry out Water Conservation Drive on 22nd June 2019 in all Gram Panchayats of the state in connection with the nationwide campaign for water conservation. The water conservation drive was conducted successfully all over the state.

On 27th June, 2019, the Chief Minister held a meeting with elected members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) and Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) of the state on rainwater harvesting and groundwater conservation and announced to award cash prizes of Rs 5 lakh to the top performing Gram Panchayat (GP) in rainwater harvesting projects in the state and added that Pradhans, Zila Parishad members and Panchayat officials, who are excelling in the subject, would be honoured by the government at state-level functions.

The CM also informed the gathering that Manipur receives an average annual rainfall of around 1,400 mm. However, the state has witnessed 50% rain deficiency in this year's monsoon, which has hampered agricultural activities in the state. One must find ways to harvest

rainwater for farming purposes during lean season and the meeting was held under the instruction of the Prime Minister, he said.

The government has initiated rainwater harvesting schemes in hill areas such as Tamei, Chandel, Senapati, Ukhrul, and Churachandpur among others. Such schemes have been constructed at an approximate cost of Rs 2 crore each by Minor Irrigation Department. Water reservoirs of around 20 feet high are constructed along hill trenches to harvest and stock rainwater for later use and these projects are funded from the finance commission, MGNREGS, and WMP schemes.

A state-level committee would be formed to check illegal sale and purchase of land in the state, the Chief Minister said. He also urged the elected leaders to restrict construction of buildings on paddy lands in their respective areas.

Rainwater harvesting mission was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting of NITI Aayog held in the national capital in view of the global water crisis.

JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN

After the mass movement of cleanliness drive "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", the government now go ahead with "Jal Shakti Abhiyan" to put importance on RWH for every household. Budget 2019 promised 'Nal se Jal' scheme to offer piped water

to every house by 2024. The Centre has asked all urban local bodies to set up effective monitoring of RWH and revive water body.

Inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's impetus on Jal Sanchay 'Project Jal Sanchay', the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) came into force from 1st July 2019. It is a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign. The JSA will run in two Phases: Phase 1 from 1st July to 15th September 2019 for all States and Union Territories; and Phase 2 from 1st October to 30th November 2019 for States and UTs receiving the retreating monsoon (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu). During the campaign, officers, groundwater experts and scientists from the Government of India will work together with state and district officials in India's most water-stressed districts



for water conservation and water resource management by focusing on the accelerated implementation of five target intervention. The JSA aims at making water conservation a Jan Andolan through asset creation and extensive communication.

An important part of the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' is that it will focus on five aspects - water conservation and rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies, reuse of water and recharging of structures, watershed development, and intensive afforestation.

MEASURES TO CONSERVE EXISTING WATER RESOURCES

1. Reduce to the bare minimum, the water leakages and pilferages in the pipeline distribution network. Hydro-geo-morphological maps provided for the source identification maps provided for source identification can be utilised by the state for suitable intervention in the form of recharge shafts and pits, check dams, percolation ponds, farm ponds, etc.
2. Prioritize water use according to importance. For example, access to sufficient drinking water is a greater priority than municipal water use for lawn irrigation.
3. When managing and improving water bodies, be mindful that reducing surface area and increasing depth can allow the same volume of water storage while minimising



Rainwater Conservation Tank

evaporation losses.

- All dug wells should preferably be covered for reducing evaporation losses as well as to avoid contamination.

- The “dead storage water” in reservoirs should be reserved for drinking and domestic purposes.

- Bore-blasting, hydro-fracturing, and flushing of tube wells will enhance groundwater recharge and availability.

4. Promote the use of domestic greywater for agriculture and horticulture purposes after certain treatment. Treated wastewater can also be recycled for the purpose like toilet flushing, gardening, etc.

5. Encourage households to create household soak pits and use their kitchen water for groundwater recharge.

6. Ensure that all domestic septic tanks are connected to soak pits and none of them overflow into open drains.

7. Launch of promotional media campaign targeting households and business to raise awareness of the importance of conserving existing water resources and the options available to do this, including promoting micro-irrigation.

8. In chronically drought-



prone areas, strongly promote drip and sprinkler irrigation and use of less water consuming crops.

9. Carry out institutional reform to promote community-driven water resource governance. Managing water resources through community participation will encourage equitable access to and conservation of water resources. Role of cooperative

and participatory approach may be sensitised to grow suitable crops and to introduce less water-intensive crops in the areas that receive low rainfall.

In all cases, states should focus on addressing the most severe drought affected blocks first and look for the ‘quick win’ projects that will have maximum impact.



CM INSPECTS THE ONGOING WORKS OF REJUVENATION AND CONSERVATION OF NAMBUL RIVER

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh inspected the work-in-progress under the Rejuvenation and Conservation of Nambul River project at different locations along the Nambu River on June 21, 2019.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Minister for CAF&PD Shri Karam Shyam, Minister for Agriculture Shri V. Hangkhanlian, MLA of Lamlai A/C Shri Ksh. Biren Singh, Chief Secretary, officials of Department of

Environment and Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) accompanied Chief Minister during the inspection.

Speaking to the media persons, Chief Minister said the first phase of the project would be undertaken in the polluted stretch of the Nambul river i.e. Iroisemba to Heirangoithong area. He mentioned that a sum of Rs. 97 crores have been approved for the said project.

Chief Minister highlighted that a sewage pipeline would be constructed along both

sides of the Nambul river. The urban waste would be treated by using the latest technology at the Water Treatment Plant to be constructed at Mongsangei area, he added. Similar projects would be taken up in different rivers of the State, he added.

Chief Minister stated that a door to door garbage collection would be started soon by IMC so as to prevent from polluting the river. He appealed the people residing along the river banks to stop littering the garbage into the Nambul River.

**CM LAUNCHES A PROJECT
ON 'REJUVENATION AND
CONSERVATION OF NAMBUL
RIVER'**

With an objective to tackle the exploitation and pollution of Nambul River, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh launched the "Rejuvenation and Conservation of Nambul River at Imphal in Manipur" project. The launching function was held at Chief Minister's Secretariat on March 9, 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the rejuvenation and conservation project of Nambul River is a dream project and appealed the people to stop littering on the river banks which lead in polluting the river as well as the environment. He mentioned that such an initiative would also save the Loktak Lake, the pride of the State. He encouraged the local clubs and organisations to construct concrete garbage bins in their locality. The government would provide loan or grants

in constructing those garbage bins, he added.

Chief Minister further appealed the people of the state especially those living in the hills to stop further deforestation so as to avoid from a self-created disastrous situation like climate change, water crisis, etc. in the State. Stating that the government needs the support and cooperation of the people to conserve the rivers effectively, Chief Minister appealed all the stakeholders, civil societies, local clubs, etc. to extend their support towards creating a clean environment in the State.

The project would be executed in phase manner under the National River Conservation Plan of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India. The first phase of the project would be undertaken in the polluted stretch of the Nambul river i.e. Iroisemba to Heirangoithong

area. A sum of Rs. 97.72 Crores has been approved for the project. The State government had also submitted proposals for seven rivers i.e. Imphal, Iril, Khuga, Khujairok, Lokchao, Manipur and Thoubal rivers with an estimated project cost of around 500 Crores.

The project aims to control pollution of river water quality by intercepting and treating all the urban wastewater outfalls by using the latest technology for treatment plant known as MBBR (Moving Bed Bio Reactor) at Mongsangei(16 MLD) and Samushang (1 MLD).

Under this project, a total of 56 eco-friendly crematoria and 20 units Community Toilet Complex would be constructed at various areas along the Nambul River. Department such as Water Resources Department, PHED, MAHUD, State Pollution Control Board, etc. will be working together in this project.





APNI MANDI: MARKETS FOR LOCAL FARMERS

Tenshubam Ranita
Reporter

Rural markets or Apni Mandi in the State provides an opportunity to the farmers to directly sell their produces grown locally, keeping the middlemen out of the scenario. The Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Government of Manipur, under the centrally sponsored scheme Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) has been constructing rural market sheds and retail markets/outlets at the various districts,

helping the farmers to earn a livelihood.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India under the MIDH scheme provides 90 percent of the monetary assistance while the State share is 10 percent. The main objective of providing assistance under the scheme is to encourage investments from private and cooperative sectors in the development of marketing infrastructure for

horticulture commodities.

It also aims to strengthen existing horticulture markets including wholesale and rural markets focusing on the promotion of grading, standardization and quality certification of horticulture produce at farm/market level to enable farmers to realize better price. And also to create awareness among the farmers, consumers, entrepreneurs and market functionaries on market related agricultural practices.



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For the year 2018-19, rural market sheds have been constructed in Imphal East district at Andro Loupaochum, Thiyam Konjil (Keirao) and Kaina Govindaji Lamkhai. Tangkhul Nongdam, Phunyar in Kamjong district, Koide Village in Senapati district and Laipham Loknung in Kakching district.

Vakho Village in Senapati, Wairangba in Tamenglong district and Kachai Village in Kamjong district.

Retail markets/outlets were constructed for the year 2017-18 in Huikap at Imphal East district, Uripok at Imphal West district, Ngarumphung in Kangpokpi district and Island Village and Longpi Khunou (Subdivision - Chapikarong) in Chandel district.

Retail markets/outlets for the year 2018-19 was constructed in Imphal East district at Kongpal Kongkham Leikai (Pong Lambi), Khurai and Angtha Nariyan Chingkhong. Wangoo Ahallup Leikai, Kumbi in Bishnupur district, Langol Village in Tengnoupal, Thangal Village in Noney district, Wabagai Mayai Leikai in Kakching and Kodompokpi Mayai Leikai in Imphal West district.



In the year 2017-18, rural markets were constructed in Imphal East district in Moirangpurel and Langdum,



CM INAUGURATES BEHIANG POLICE STATION

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh inaugurated a police station at Behiang village located along interior India-Myanmar border in Churachandpur District today on June 24, 2019. It was his second visit to the village as a Chief Minister. During his maiden visit on December 19, 2017, Shri N. Biren Singh laid the foundation for the construction of the police station.

Speaking at the inauguration function attended by a large number of people, the Chief Minister said that

the police station has been set up understanding the need for security of the people residing at far-flung and interior areas like Behiang. Apart from it, the Chief Minister said, the location of the village is strategically important as it can serve as the second corridor to South East Asian nations next to Moreh in the light of Government of India's Act East Policy. Observing that natural calamity prone States like Manipur always need alternative connecting routes, the Chief Minister said that Imphal-Behiang road (Tiddim road) must be developed as the second route which connects

the State with South East Asian countries. He said that a trade centre would also be developed at Behiang like at Moreh to enhance trade activities with neighbouring country Myanmar.

Stating that foundation stone for the police station was laid during his maiden visit to the village on December 19, 2017, Shri N. Biren said that the most delightful moment for any public leader comes when he/she fulfills his promise made to the public.

Informing that Churachandpur-Singhat section of

Churachandpur-Behiang road is already a National Highway, as well. And he is hopeful that the said section would also become a National Highway very soon, the Chief Minister said. Apart from it, Shri N. Biren said that the State Government had submitted an Rs. 100-crore proposal to the Centre to construct a ring road along India-Myanmar border from the last village bordering Mizoram to the last point bordering Nagaland in Ukhrul district. Stating that it would ease inconvenience in security management as well, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the said proposal is likely to get approval as the country now has a dynamic Home Minister as Shri Amit Shah.

Regarding people's request, the Chief Minister said that the State Government would consider up gradation



of Singhat High School to higher secondary school and Zougul Memorial Junior High School to high school. He also assured to construct a Zoumi Cultural Hall at Behiang soon. He said that construction of Churachandpur-Sugnu road is almost complete and the bridge constructed over Tuilak River is 70% complete. The Chief Minister also asked the personnel and officers of newly inaugurated Behiang police station to especially check entry of illegal migrants and drug trafficking activities. He also directed them to attend to grievances of the villagers by holding Meeyamgi Numit every month.

Forest and Environment Minister Shri Th. Shyamkumar, Agriculture Minister Shri V. Hangkhanlian, Education Minister Shri Th. Radheshyam, MANIREDA Chairman and Singhat AC MLA Shri Ginsuanhau, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, DGP Shri L.M. Khaute, Secretary to CM Shri Ningthoujam Geoffrey and other high ranking officials of the State Government. The Chief Minister also launched Smart Hospital Management System/Technology for Behiang PHC at the function. Later, he led other dignitaries in planting saplings inside the police station complex. They also inspected the building and barracks of the police station which currently has 50 personnel. Churachandpur DC Shri Shyam Lal Poonia and Churachandpur SP Amrita Sinha also attended the function. Behiang Police Station was constructed by Manipur Police Housing Corporation.



MINISTER BISWAJIT REVIEWED RD&PR SCHEMES AND INSTRUCTED OFFICIALS TO STRENGTHEN MGNREGS IMPLEMENTATION

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh instructed officials of the department to strengthen the implementation of the MGNREGS in the State so as to achieve 100 man-days at the earliest.

Chairing a review meeting of the various schemes implemented under the department on 16th July, 2019 at the conference hall of his New Secretariat office, Minister stressed at length on the importance of the scheme. He said that the scheme aims at generating employment for the rural unemployed youth and as such is an important scheme of the government.

Elaborating further, He instructed the District Programme Coordinators and District Commissioners to upload the estimates of 30 man-days of their concerned districts before 31st July on the SECURE website. He further added that all necessary trainings for district-wise officials required for uploading data on the website should be



imparted at the earliest.

He instructed the officials to identify if there are any fictitious or bogus card holders and to cancel their names if there are any, to ensure that only genuine card holders are made payments.

RDPR Minister also highlighted the issue of water conservation and expressed the need to encourage the people of the State to adopt the traditional and old ways of water conservation. He said both the hills and the valley have their own techniques and knowledge of water conservation and that the ancient techniques are more economical than many of the present technologies available.

During the meeting, concern officials highlighted that the Jal Shakti Abhiyan has been implemented in six water-stress blocks of Chandel and Senapti districts (three blocks from each district) since the start of July and will continue

till 15th September this year.

At the same time, Minister observed that the concerned DCs should also have proper knowledge on the utilisation of MLA Local Area Development Funds under their jurisdiction.

Regarding PMAY-G implementation in the State, the Minister instructed the concerned authorities to strengthen their effort to achieve the State's target and increase the registration of beneficiaries at the earliest.

Principal Secretary Shri MH Khan observed that the DPCs and DCs are major stakeholders in the successful implementation of the scheme. He said that it is their responsibility to educate the public of the scheme and its implementation.

The meeting was also attended by DCs, DPCs, Deputy Secretary RD&PR, Director RD&PR and other officials of the department.



WE MUST FIGHT COLLECTIVELY TO ROOT OUT DRUG MENACE: CM

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh stated that we must fight collectively to root out the drug menace from the State. This was stated by him at the Award distribution ceremony in connection with the seizure of drugs by Manipur Police held at Banquet Hall of 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles on 16th July 2019.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the drug menace will harm the present and future generation. In the last two years, 965 persons have been arrested in connection with the drug cases in the State, he added. He mentioned, unlike the previous regime, various CSOs and local

clubs have started approaching the present government to conduct crackdown against the illicit drug business and drug menace in different areas of the State.

Chief Minister stated that the government has begun a survey in areas where minority communities reside like Lilong, Mayang Imphal, etc to find out the root causes of drug peddling, drug addicts, the livelihood and living conditions, etc. Due to lack of alternative livelihood, such issue like illegal drug business and drug peddling are rampant in these areas, he added.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister handed over the Chief

Minister's Commendation Certificates and Incentive Awards to 59 Police Officers and Personnel. A short video on the activities and achievements of Manipur Police on 'War against Drugs' was also played during the function.

Minister for Forest and Environment Shri Th. Shyamkumar, Minister for Revenue Shri Karam Shyam, Chairman of Manipur Pollution Control Board Shri L. Radhakishore, Deputy Chairman State Planning Board Shri S. Rajen, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP and top civil and police officials attended the function.



AGRICULTURE MINISTER VISITS AND INTERACTS WITH FARMERS OF FOUR DISTRICTS

Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian visited District Agriculture Offices of Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur and Thoubal Districts and interacted with the farmers of the districts on July 16.

Addressing to the farmers during the interface meet, Agriculture Minister said that the Agriculture department has conducted Interface Meet today to find out policy matter on how far the farmer's grief can be helped and solved through the interaction Programme.

The Minister also stated that the Agriculture

Department has no shortage of fertilizers required for the farmers of the State as there is sufficient buffer stock in Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur and Thoubal Districts. The Agriculture Department is in process to procure 3 lakh 50 thousand bags of Fertilizers and will be distributed after submission of land patta and Aadhaar Cards or Dak Chitha by the farmers or tenants farmers to prevent leakage through checking the process of distribution.

Taking note on the demand of farmers to arrange water pipes, the Minister said that after identification of the

location of water, pump sets for transportation of water will be provided to the farmers through District Agriculture Offices. As an immediate relief 126 pump sets were distributed earlier, in addition to this 100 more has been ordered.

He assured that he will urge the concern departments to take steps for solving the problems. Instruction has been given to the Agriculture department to make a survey to locate water areas. The Department has also taken up initial steps for helping the aggrieved farmers to deal with drought like situation, he added.



PROGRESS OF THE STATE DEPENDS ON DEDICATED SERVICES OF ENGINEERS: CM

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that progress of the State and its infrastructural development is dependent on the dedicated services of the Engineers. This was stated by him at the Mid Term Council Meeting of the Indian Engineers' Federation (NorthEast Region) held at Hotel Classic, Imphal on July 07, 2019.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister stated that Engineers have a great role in our society. Engineers have the responsibility of ensuring proper planning and effective implementation of various developmental projects in the State, he added. He mentioned that fulfilling the commitments of all-round development is a collective effort and the contributions of the Engineers of the state will go a long way

towards achieving the goal of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

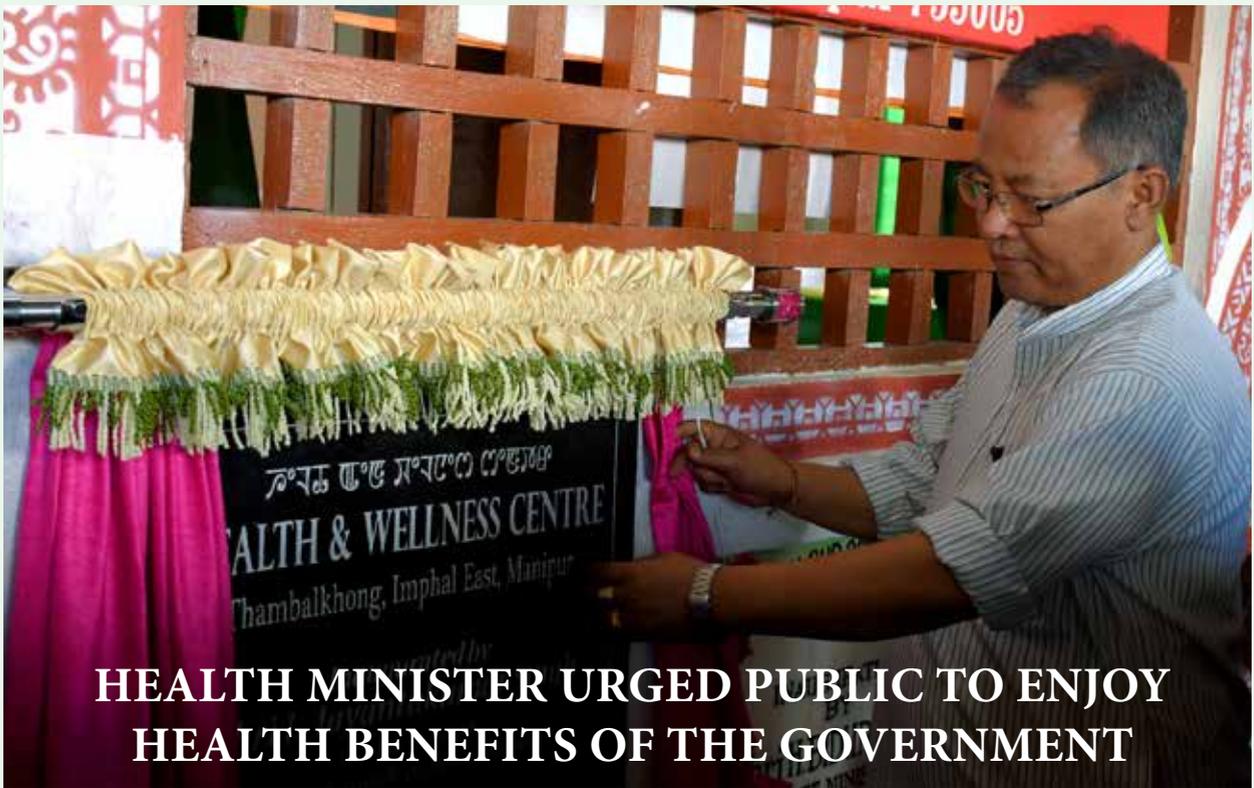
Chief Minister informed that the government is planning to construct elevated highways and ring roads for better road connectivity in the State. In this regard, the government has submitted a proposal with an estimated cost of around Rs. 1000 crores, he added.

In order to streamline the Engineering Departments, he urged the Engineers fraternity to submit a proposal to maintain a proper transfer and postings policy of the Engineering Departments. He also mentioned that the government will discuss the re-creation of the post of Secretary (Technical) soon. He maintained that Engineers should not work under

the pressure of Politicians, Bureaucrats, etc. and should hear their own conscience to execute good work.

Chief Minister expressed that such a meeting would help bring about better understanding and appreciation of the challenges and issues facing by the Engineering Community and suggestions on how best to address them.

Forest and Environment Minister Shri Th. Shyamkumar, Executive Council Members of Indian Engineers' Federation (Northeast Region), retired Chief Engineers and Engineers of various Engineering Departments attended the function. The meeting was organised by the Engineering Association of Manipur.



HEALTH MINISTER URGED PUBLIC TO ENJOY HEALTH BENEFITS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Health and Family Welfare Minister Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh has urged the people of the state to take benefits from the newly introduced schemes of the government especially in the health sector on 1st, July 2019. Speaking as Chief Guest at the inaugural function of the Health and Wellness Centre, Thambalkhong in Imphal East, the minister maintained that without public support and cooperation the welfare schemes initiated by the Government will remain meaningless and of no use.

He said that the health sector is most essential for human beings. He said that the health facilities set by the government for the people should reach to the needy ones.

The health staffs including doctors, nurses, paramedical staffs and ASHA workers should maintain professional ethics. They should keep in mind that health service is a service for humanity, he added.

Minister also assured to provide required equipments on a priority basis for the newly inaugurated Health and Wellness Centre. The new concept of health and wellness focuses on not only establishing a hygienic atmosphere in the health sector but also the welfare of the people.

Speaking at the function as guest of honour, State Mission Director, Dr. S. Manikanta Singh said that the newly opened Health and Wellness Centres will give both

primary and secondary health care facilities to the people especially in Thambalkhong and surrounding areas. He also appealed the locals of Thambalkhong to take care and maintained the new health centre.

The inaugural function was also attended by Shri Vumlunmang, IAS, Principal Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Govt. of Manipur, Mr. Xerses Sidhwa, Director (Health Office), USAID India Mission, as president and special guests of honour respectively. Health department staff, doctors and staff of PHC Akampat and others also attended the inaugural function.



MORE THAN 2000 IAS ASPIRANTS PARTICIPATED IN THE IAS SCHOLARSHIP EXAM CONDUCTED BY ALS

ALS in association with Government of Manipur conducted a Mega Scholarship Exam on 16th June 2019 across 10 Districts in Manipur to select the Top 150 Candidates to be sponsored under Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Civil Services Aspirants.

participated in the Exam in Imphal East, Imphal West, Chandel, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, Senapati, Jiribam, Tamenglong, and Ukhrul. The Exam was supervised by the Deputy Commissioners of each district along with the appointed Nodal Officers.

Opportunity for 450 Talented, Needy and Deserving IAS Talents of Manipur to avail of 450 Scholarship (150 to be sponsored by Government of Manipur under Chief Ministers Scholarship Scheme for Civil Service Aspirants) and (300 Scholarships to be sponsored by ALS under CSR initiative for Youth of Manipur).

More than 2000 IAS Aspirants This Exam has created an



GOVT PLANNING TO SET UP LOGISTICS PARK IN THE STATE: CM

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that the Government is planning to set up a Logistics Park in the State to enhance trade, commerce, and investment between India and Myanmar. This was stated by him at the inauguration of the conference on “Connecting India’s Northeast with North West region of Myanmar:

Roadmap for all-around Prosperity held at Classic Grande, Imphal on June 11, 2019.

Speaking at the function, Chief Minister said that India’s Act East Policy is a reflection to deepen ties with the ASEAN region, and more importantly with Myanmar. There has been a

renewed effort to ensure the early completion of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and to extend the same to Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, he added.

Chief Minister stressed that a feasibility survey has been made to extend the rail line from Imphal up to Moreh. A study has also been conducted on the possibility of rail





connectivity with Myanmar, he added. He highlighted that the Trans Asian Railway Link has immense potential to uplift the socio-economic condition of the peoples further. He mentioned that the formalities for starting the Mandalay-Imphal Bus service are at its final stages.

Chief Minister stated that such conference will facilitate in shaping a way forward towards shared all-round prosperity of the North-East region of India and the North-West region of Myanmar.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister of Magway Region, Myanmar Dr. Aung Moe Nyo narrated the good relationship and friendly ties between India and Myanmar. He emphasised that Manipur has huge potential in areas like medical tourism. He stressed the importance of strengthening the relationship between the countries in the future.

Ambassador, Embassy of the Union of Myanmar, Delhi Shri Moe Kyaw Aung, Consul General of India, Mandalay Shri Nandan Singh Bhisora, Chief Secretary of Manipur Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Director, India Foundation Capt. Alok Bansal, delegates from Myanmar and India attended the conference. The conference is jointly organised by India Foundation, Ministry of External Affairs and Government of Manipur.



KHUMAN THEM

A SUSTAINABLE-BASED CLOTHING BRAND OF MANIPUR

Khumanthem is a luxury clothing brand aiming for the luxury end of the market. Richana Khumanthem, 30, the founder and designer of this eponymous label, established it in the year 2014. Focused on the indigenous handloom and handicrafts of Manipur, the brand pledges to establish lasting relationships with its clients by not only supplying high quality, one of a kind, statement pieces but

also by engaging them with the beautiful ancient culture of the North-Eastern State.

The fashion house was established not just for commercial purposes, but with a deeper philosophy behind. “Ideologically, my brand has been established based on sustainability with an aim to leave minimum possible carbon-footprint to our planet as I strongly feel for our environment and the harms

Ningthoujam Roshan Singh
Information Assistant
mankind is doing to it. Also, we are ensuring that no child labour is used, and there must be ‘ethical’ sourcing of raw materials from weavers,” said Richana.

UNCONVENTIONAL CAREER CHOICE

Richana Khumanthem was born and brought up in Imphal. She was born to Dr. Khumanthem Ratankumar and Dr. Ranjana Khuraijam



Photo: Okendro Sanasam

of Sagolband Moirang Leirak, Imphal West. Presently, she lives at Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal, Imphal East with her husband, Wanglen Khudongbam who is an upcoming promising filmmaker of Manipur. She has a Bachelor's degree in Fashion Design from the prestigious National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Delhi and a Master's degree in Fashion Business and Management from Nottingham Trent University, UK. Brought up

in a community that follows Paganism, Richana grew up amidst fascinating folktales, myths, and legends. This influence clearly shows through in her concepts as well as design collections. She strives to bring the textiles of Northeast India, and Manipur in particular, to the forefront of both the national and international fashion industry. After working under renowned designers in the city of Delhi, and as a textile-researcher at the prestigious National Institute

of Design (NID) Ahmedabad, she started her handloom-based brand, Khumanthem in the year 2014.

Just like any other society where alternate and unconventional career choices and ventures are not encouraged, Richana too faced discouragements and doubts while starting and had to start from scratch. Moreover, she started slowly as she wanted to 'test the water' here, and her concept of fashion and design is quite different from the existing handloom designers of Manipur.

Her parents, both doctors, however, have been her rock and supported her bold career choice to devotedly foray into the field of fashion designing since day 1. "I credit my fascination and love for clothes to my mother's love for clothes and sewing. She used to design and stitch mine and my sister's dresses during childhood, even though she was a busy professional. Moreover, my father Dr. Ratan also has a creative bent of mind and has an artistic touch to whatever he does," she said.

The present showroom of the brand at Sagolband Moirang Leirak Machin was opened as a flagship store in 2016. Khumanthem is presently availing mostly women's wear in its stores, but men's wear can also be availed on 'prior order basis'. She also retails her products from Storytellers

in Guwahati and Creo in Mumbai.

NATIONAL LIMELIGHT

The fashion designer came to national limelight after showcasing a collection at the Lakme Fashion Week (LFW) Summer-Resort 2018 in Mumbai. “I have been to many events and expos. But one of the most significant one was to be able to take part in The Textiles India Show at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) in 2017, where I got to rub shoulders and showcased my products along with the designs of noted Indian fashion designers such as Ritu Beri, Ritu Kumar, Manish Malhotra and the likes, whom I considered them as my idols since childhood. Another important milestone is to participate in the reputed Lakme Fashion Week held at

MY BRAND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH AN AIM TO LEAVE MINIMUM POSSIBLE CARBON-FOOTPRINT TO OUR PLANET, SAYS DESIGNER RICHANA KHUMANTHEM

Mumbai in 2018.”

STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

Government initiatives such as the Manipur Start-Up Policy have been a huge morale booster and great assistance to entrepreneurs like Richana. This policy was formulated for creating an ecosystem to nurture innovation and encourage start-up/entrepreneurship for the growth of the State economy.

The scheme has already started implementation with financial assistance of Rs 150 crores over five years during 2017-2022. The fund available for the implementation of the programme is Rs 30 crore for the Phase-I. Altogether 728 business proposals had applied for the programme for Phase-I, of which 334 start-ups/beneficiaries were selected. Richana was among those beneficiaries.

“Government initiatives such as the Start-Up Policy really encouraged us, the young entrepreneurs and help significantly in the growth of our enterprises,” said Richana.

Richana’s advice to upcoming entrepreneurs of Manipur is to dare to dream big. “If you have a passion, be passionate about it and work out ways to



Richana Khumanthem (centre in white) at the Lakme Fashion Week Summer-Resort 2018 in Mumbai



achieve it. Have a pragmatic approach to your dream, and you should try to know your clear cut timeline and strategise accordingly to reach your target/goal.”

high hopes of the expansion and growth of Khumanthem brand in the coming years. She is a talent that the State can be proud of and should look out for.

Richana Khumanthem who believes in ‘quality of things than its quantity’ expressed





MANIPUR'S 1st LOKAYUKTA CHAIRPERSON SWORN IN

RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE T. NANDAKUMAR SINGH SWORN IN AS CHAIRPERSON

Justice (Retd) Tayenjam Nandakumar Singh was sworn-in as the first Chairperson of the Manipur Lokayukta along with Justice (Retd) Basu Deo Agarwal and Shri Ameising Luikham, IAS (Retd) as Judicial Member and Non-Judicial Member respectively on 19th June 2019. Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla administered

the oath of office and secrecy to the newly appointed Chairperson and members at the swearing-in-ceremony held at the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Imphal.

The ceremony was attended by Council of Ministers' led by Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh, Shri

Karam Shyam, Shri Th. Shyamkumar Singh, Shri V. Hangkhanlian, and MLA Khasim Vashum. Chief Information Commissioner Dr. Soibam Ibocha Singh, State Information Commissioner Shri Oinam Sunil, Acting Chairperson, Manipur State Human Rights Commission, Shri Khaidem Mani were in attendance. Chief Secretary

Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Director General of Police Shri L.M. Khaute and other senior officials of civil and police of the state government were also present during the ceremony.

Speaking to media persons, after the swearing-in ceremony, newly appointed Chairperson Justice (Retd) T. Nandakumar Singh said that Lokayukta will take up complaints filed against ministers and senior IAS officers. Every complaint will not be entertained and only those genuine complaints will be taken into consideration after preliminary inquiry. Lokayukta is a quasi-judiciary authority for transparent administration of the State Government. Lokayukta is for the people and it will work for the interest of the public, he added.

Mention may be made that appointment of Manipur Lokayukta Chairperson and members were published in Manipur Gazette notification dated, 13th May 2019.





17TH LOK SABHA ELECTION: EETA POLLING STATIONS, MANNED BY ALL-WOMEN PERSONNEL CREATES HISTORY

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A mother and daughter raised their inked index fingers and posed for the almost mandatory election selfie in front of the #GotInked” selfie point at Lizard Library Club, Wangkhei Meihoubam Lampak, 14 Yaiskul Assembly Constituency, Imphal East after exercising their franchise on 18th April 2019. 14 Yaiskul AC comes under the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency which went into poll during the second phase of the 17th Lok Sabha Election.

Lizard Library Club in Yaiskul AC, entered poll history in Manipur as it became the first polling location manned exclusively by woman, both polling and security personnel. The polling stations, 14/16 and 14/33, has been rechristened as “Eeta Polling Stations”, Eeta translated as “Female Friend” in Manipuri. At the Eeta Booths, apart from the polling and security personnel, sector magistrate and micro observers were all women.

“I’m very happy to exercise my voting rights and especially to take part in this democratic process in such a model all women polling station,” said Dr. Jennifer Konsam, 25, a voter at 14/33 Yaiskul AC.

LIZARD LIBRARY CLUB IN YAISKUL AC, ENTERED POLL HISTORY IN MANIPUR AS IT BECAME THE FIRST POLLING LOCATION MANNED EXCLUSIVELY BY WOMAN, BOTH POLLING AND SECURITY PERSONNEL



Presiding officer of 14/16 polling station interacting with the voters



Takhellambam Harimati, ASI, Imphal Police Station (3rd from left), commander of the female security personnel deployed in 14/16 polling station with security personnel



14/16 and 14/33 polling stations also provided ramps and wheelchairs for the physically challenged and the elderly

Alongside standard booth supplies such as posters with information on candidates' names and symbols, the Eeta Polling stations were adorned with pink and white balloons. The polling stations also provided good signage, easy access to the building, basic amenities like drinking water, shed, ramps and wheelchairs for the physically challenged and the elderly. Emergency healthcare and crèche for children who came with the voters and a selfie point are some of the added features.

To encourage voters, 50 wristwatches were gifted to differently abled voters while bottle key openers were also presented to first 50 voters in the election.

"It's a praiseworthy initiative," said Sylvia Konsam, 22, the first voter of 14/33Yaiskul AC.

14/16 and 14/33 polling stations witnessed peaceful polling. "The poll process went smoothly. There was no problem with crowd control", said Takhellambam Harimati, ASI, Imphal Police Station.

Including the polling personnel of Lizard Library Club, a total of 275 women polling personnel conducted the poll process at 55 polling stations in Imphal East District. Out of this, the entire 38 polling stations in 14 Yaiskul AC were managed by women personnel.

The district has 430 polling stations in 345 locations.

In the process, the state became the first in the country to introduce all-women polling booths in an entire assembly constituency. Women polling personnel conducted the poll process for 78 polling stations in two assembly segments in the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. In addition to the 38 in Yaiskul AC, East District, the entire 40 Polling booths in Bishnupur AC, Bishnupur District were manned by women.

Dr. Rangitabali Waikhom, District Election Officer/DC, Imphal East District conceived the idea of an all-women polling station in an entire constituency.

“First they were hesitant to take up election responsibilities. However, we conducted two motivational sessions to dispel their concerns and showed them that this could be a big statement for women empowerment. This was all the motivation they needed. Later, they were made to undergo rigorous theoretical and practical sessions,” said Rangitabali, who is also assisted with mostly woman AROs.

In the 1300 polling stations for the Inner Manipur seat, as many as 7,60,456 electors including, 3,53,996 males, 4,00,564 females, 13 third gender and 5883 service electors cast their votes.

Lok Sabha elections in 542 parliamentary



constituencies were held from 11 April to 19th May 2019 across seven phases. The result was declared on 23rd May. R.K. Ranjan Singh of the BJP won the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Seat. While Lorho Pfoze of the Naga People’s Front won the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Seat. The Outer seat went to poll on 11th April.



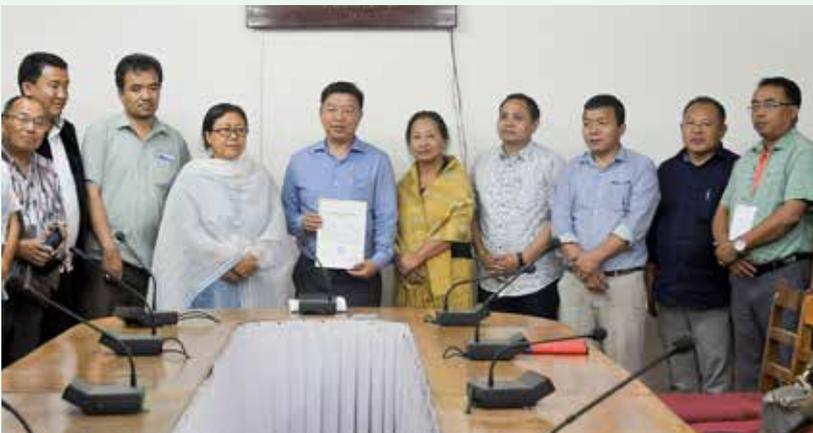
Members of MCMC Imphal East posing before the #GotInkedSelfie point



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh voted at 2/16 at Srivan High School, located at Luwangangbam Mamang Leikai in Imphal East on 18th April 2019



Bharatiya Janata Party's R.K. Ranjan Singh (centre) on his way to receive the certificate after he won the 1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency seat on 23rd May



Naga Peoples Front's Lorho S. Pfoze, elected member of 2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency with District Election Officer/DC, Thoubal Smt. Haobam Rosita on 23rd May.

**GLIMPSE OF THE
17TH LOK SABHA
ELECTIONS 2019
IN MANIPUR**



Polling personnel returning with poll materials at Imphal East DC Complex, Porompat on 18th May 2019.

Manipur voted in the first two phases of 17th Lok Sabha Elections 2019 on 11th and 18th April 2019. There are two seats in the state – 1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency and 2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency. Manipur Lok Sabha Election Results, along with all other states, was declared on 23rd May 2019. Bharatiya Janata Party's R.K. Ranjan Singh won the Inner seat by defeating his nearest rival O. Nabakishore Singh of the Indian National Congress. Naga Peoples Front's Lorho S. Pfoze won against his nearest BJP rival H Shokhopao Mate in the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency.



Voters with their electoral slips in Kangpokpi District on 11th April 2019



Polling station 15/32 Lamlong Higher Secondary School, Wangkhei, Imphal East had differently-abled persons on duty on 18th April 2019



Imphal East DEO/DC Dr. Rangitabali Waikhom at Porompat, Imphal East on 18th April



Deployment of Poll and Security Personnel at DC Office (DEO) Lamphelpat on 17th April 2019



JOINT MEEYAMGI NUMIT AND HILL LEADERS' DAY HELD

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh stated that media plays an important role in enhancing the reach of government schemes and in filling the gaps of service in remote parts of the State. This was stated by him at the media briefing during the joint Meeyamgi Numit and

Hill Leaders' Day held at Chief Minister's Secretariat on 15th July 2019.

Addressing the media persons, Chief Minister lauded the efforts of the media houses for their commendable humanitarian service and their role in creating consciousness and promoting various welfare

schemes in the society. He appealed the media houses to render their service and support the government to bring inclusive development in the State.

On the occasion, Chief Minister expressed that under the 'War against Drugs' campaign, recently, the combined team of Narcotics



and Affairs of Border(NAB) and Police busted a Brown Sugar manufacturing factory which led to the seizure of a large quantity of drugs worth over Rs. 100 crores in the International market. Those Police and NAB personnel who were the part of the crackdown will be given due recognition in the forthcoming Independence Day Celebration, 2019. Those personnel will be given the Chief Minister's

Commendation Award for their outstanding service, he added. He stated that the team will be awarded Rs. 10 lakhs for their distinguished service.

Maintaining that there is a sigh of relief among the farmers as the monsoon rainfall has finally arrived in the region; he stated that the government is trying its best to provide irrigation facilities to the paddy fields of the State. Chief Minister said that large numbers of Irrigation pump sets were distributed to the farmers recently. Various River Lift Irrigation (RLI) schemes have started functioning so as to provide irrigation water in various parts of the State. He mentioned that the government will procure more Irrigation pump sets to combat any water shortage in the paddy fields of the State.

In a query regarding the row over the border pillar in Tengnoupal district, he maintained that a joint survey comprising of officials from both the countries will be conducted whenever any dispute arises.

During the function, the Chief Minister handed over the loan cheque of Rs. 7 lakhs to Mayengbam Shyamchandra Meitei, a progressive farmer from Wangoo, Kakching district. The loan is being given

by Manipur State Co-operative Bank.

The Chief Minister personally attended to around 400 complaints and met nearly 1200 people from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Principal Secretary (Health) and Nodal Officer of Meeyamgi Numit Shri Vumlunmang Vualnam, Commissioner (Planning) and OSD to CM Shri Sumant Singh, Secretary to CM Shri N. Geoffrey, IG (Adm) Shri I. K. Muivah and other senior Government officials assisted the Chief Minister in assessing people's complaints.

After a gap of three months, "Meeyamgi Numit" and "Hill Leaders' Day" was held for the month of June 2019 jointly at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat on 20th June 2019. Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day could not be held for the months of March, April and May due to election model code of conduct for Lok Sabha elections.

Officials of different Government Departments like Health, Minority, Other Backward Classes, and Scheduled Castes, Social Welfare, Education (S), SBI, Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd. and Police were also present at the CM's Secretariat complex to resolve people's grievances instantly.



STATE INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM DIPR , MANIPUR

Seema Sanjenbam
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The State Institute of journalism is an autonomous institute for imparting media education. It is fully funded by the Government of Manipur and managed by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Manipur. The Institute was registered under the Manipur Societies Registration Act (Manipur Act No. 1 of 1960) and began its humble beginning with a few staff of DIPR and resource

persons engaged from the media fields.

The institute offers well structured and comprehensive courses in the field of journalism, mass communication, media and entertainment management, visual communication, digital info graphics, and ethical journalism.

It aims to equip its trainees with core competencies that will ensure

industry ready professionals. More importance is given on practical knowledge and learning from professionals who are roped in.

The curriculums are dynamic and updated to suit the current media needs. It familiarizes and equips trainees with a wide range of communication skills requires to be job ready. Most curriculums are designed for a short durations as it will benefit

more individuals interested in diverse media segments.

The aims and objectives of the Institute are

- To produce and bring up professionally qualified personnel in the field of Media by equipping the trainees with latest available knowledge of the fields
- To advance media education, skills and competence of personnel engaged in all forms of journalistic work at all level of media and across all platforms of media.
- To encourage and raise awareness the importance of ethics, human rights, good governance in the exercise and supervision of journalism and administration of news media.

The state Institute of Journalism has been tirelessly working towards the above aims and objective by catering to various short term courses over the years in all districts of Manipur.

In 2018-19 academic year, 4 (four) Short term courses and two (2) media workshops on 'Basics of news reporting were conducted at :

- Kha Manipur College , Kakching District from 7th January to 19th January 2019
- Damdei Christian College , Kangpokpi, District

21st January to 2nd February 2019

- C.I College , Bishnupur District 18th February to 2nd March 2019
- United College, Chandel District, from 25th February to 9th March 2019.
- Lamka Press Club, Headquarter Veng, Churachandpur District, from 14th January to 19th January 2019
- Thambal Marik College, Oinam Bishnupur District, from 17 th May to 27th May 2019.

At SIJ (State Institute of Journalism), Directorate of Information and Public Relations Headquarter, Moirangkhom, Imphal, two (2) Three months courses on Photojournalism were conducted.

The course aims to train

interested individual, students or professionals in the technique and art of photojournalism. The course also aims to engage participants in the following:

- a. Understanding the basic concepts of photography and photojournalism
- b. Understanding the historical significance and future of photojournalism
- c. In-depth analysing of issues in the field of photojournalism
- d. Impact of latest technology on photojournalism

The short term courses conducted both at the districts and headquarter had seen an overwhelming number of students of the host Colleges and other interested individuals from the concerned districts. Many requests and inquiries for similar courses are being made.





TWO DAYS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME BEGINS WITH DISCUSSION ON SIX WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

A two days Capacity Building Programme on Six Waste Management Rules, 2016 was held on 5th-6th July 2019 at the City Convention Centre, Palace Compound, Imphal East. The programme is organised by National Productivity Council (NPC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA) and hosted by Directorate of MAHUD.

During the two days programme, resource persons discussed the six waste management rules notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change namely Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016; E-waste Management Rules, 2016; Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016; Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016; Construction and Demolition Rules, 2016 and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Movement and Trans-

boundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

Speaking as the chief guest of the inaugural function, MAHUD Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar observed that there is a need to introduce syllabus on waste management from the primary level. Stating that the early introduction to the topic will help in spreading awareness and also help in environmental conservation; he urged all the stakeholders to jointly work for

the successful implementation of the six management rules in the State.

Lauding the officials for presenting saplings to the dignitaries at the function, he said that the trend started by the Forest Department of presenting sapling of various plants/trees to the dignitaries at functions is an initiative to save the environment and hoped that the trend will be followed by others.

Concerned over the plastic waste pollution including in the Loktak Lake, he said that the two days programme will surely help the various department officials will come together to choke out a plan to solve the problems faced by the State. He hoped that the two days programme attended by officials of various departments will surely spread awareness and benefit all the departments.

Shri M. Joy Singh, Commissioner, MAHUD said that for the successful implementation of the waste management rules, a collective effort is needed from all the stakeholders including the citizens of the State.

On the inaugural day

of the programme attended by around 300 participants, a video message of Dr. Amita Prasad, Director General, NPC was screened. Various stalls displaying products made from recycled plastics, tyres and other materials enthralled the crowd at the City Convention Centre. File cover and pencil made from recycled paper were distributed to the participants today.

National Productivity Council (NPC), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is serving as National Programme Coordinator for the Capacity Building Project on six waste management rules. The project seeks to strengthen institutional capacities at Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and amongst stakeholders towards the collection of wastes, promote 3 R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiatives and dissemination of good practices and facilities integrated efforts towards achieving improvement in the general health of city environment among others.

Imphal has been selected as one of the 100 cities under the programme and the two-day programme will enable various stakeholders

to implement the waste management rules and in performing duties towards achieving the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission.

On the first day, resource persons discussed on Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016; E-waste Management Rules, 2016 and Plastic Waste Management Rules. On the second day, resource persons discussed on Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016; Construction and Demolition Rules, 2016 and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

The function was also attended by Shri Th. Harikumar Singh, Director, MAHUD; Shri Suvyendo Shivakar, Assistant Director, National Productivity Council; Smt Swati Singh Sambyal, Programme Head, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE); Shri Dinesh R. Bandela, Deputy Programme Manager, CSE; Sonia Henam, Deputy Programme Manager, CSE, New Delhi; officials of various State departments and various stakeholders including NGOs and Self Help Groups.



CM DISTRIBUTES IRRIGATION PUMPSETS TO FARMERS

To ease out the woes of the farmers in the present drought-like situation in the State, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh distributed Irrigation Pumpsets to the farmers on July 05, 2019. The distribution of the Irrigation Pumpsets to the farmers was held at Manipur Minorities & Other Backward Classes Economic Development Society (MOBEDS) office located at North AOC, Imphal.

Speaking at the function, Chief Minister said that such a measure is to combat the drought-like situation in the State. 157 River Lift Irrigation (RLI) schemes have started functioning to

provide water in the paddy fields of the State, he added. He mentioned that the Minor Irrigation Department is working rigorously to provide irrigation facilities in various parts of the State.

Chief Minister stated that the Agriculture Department and MOBEDS would be providing around 126 Irrigation Pumpsets to the needy farmers. Another 100 pumpsets would be procured in next 4-5 days to deal with the situation, he added. He urged the elected representatives to approach the Agriculture Minister and other concerned Ministers for agriculture-related support including water

pumpsets.

During the function, around 40 Irrigation Pumpsets were distributed to the farmers.

Agriculture Minister Shri V. Hangkhanlian, Forest and Environment Minister Shri Th. Shyamkumar, Education Minister Shri Th. Radheshyam, MLAs, and officials of MOBEDS department were present during the function. The Irrigation Pumpsets were distributed under the Economic Development Programme (EDP) scheme of the Manipur Minorities & Other Backward Classes Economic Development Society (MOBEDS).



CM APPEALS TO CONSERVE RAIN WATER AND GROUND WATER

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that we all should work collectively at grassroots to conserve and preserve rainwater and groundwater in the State. This was stated by him at the meeting with the elected members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions held at Chief Minister's Secretariat on June 27, 2019.

Speaking at the function, Chief Minister announced that the top performing Panchayat on harvesting of rainwater would be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs. The concerned officials, Pradhans and Zilla Parishad members will be honoured in a State level function, he added.

Mentioning that

rainwater harvesting mission is the brainchild of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister said that we must find ways to harvest rainwater for farming purposes during the lean season. He stated that the present government has initiated rainwater harvesting schemes in hill areas such as Tamei, Chandel, Senapati, Ukhrul, Churachandpur, etc. Such schemes have been constructed with an approximate cost of Rs. 2 crores each by Minor Irrigation Department.

Chief Minister mentioned that the Building By-Laws has been amended so that the newly constructed buildings should install a rainwater harvesting system. He appealed the

elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions to keep an eye on the illegal sale and purchase of land property in their respective areas. He stated that a State Level Committee would be formed to check the illegal sale and purchase of land in the State. He also urged the elected leaders to restrict the construction of buildings on the paddy lands in the State.

Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Addl. Chief Secretary Shri Letkhogin Haokip, Adhyaksha of Bishnupur Zilla Parishad Dr. Romabai Leirenjam, Deputy Commissioners of Valley districts, Adhyakshas and Zilla Parishad Members of various Panchayats attended the function.



THREE URBAN FLAGSHIP MISSIONS COMPLETE FOUR YEARS

Three urban flagship missions namely Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and Prime Minister's AwasYojana-Urban (PMAY-U) has completed four years of its implementation on 25th June, 2019.

Addressing a Press conference in this connection at City Convention Centre, Imphal, Commissioner (MAHUD) Shri M. Joy said that Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Housing

& Urban Affairs is holding a press conference through video conference from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm today. As per instruction from the Ministry, a press conference is being convened with State Mission Directors, Chief Executive Officers, Nodal Officers and implementing agency of these three missions.

Speaking to media persons, Associate Town Planner of Town Planning Department, Shri M. Manas Singh said that under Prime Minister's AwasYojana-Urban (PMAY-U), 27 towns (Urban

Local Bodies) were approved by the ministry which covered 42,651 houses. As of 31/5/2019 more than 900 houses are completed whereas, 16,000 houses are reported to be in different stages of construction. 2nd installment of Central Assistance for 6 towns (Heirok, Jiribam, ThongkhongLaxmi, SikhongSekmai, Yairipok, and WangjingLamding) out of the 27 towns was also released. The maximum number will be completed within this year, added, Associate Town Planner.

Pertaining to Atal Mission

for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Chief Engineer (PHED) Shri Haobam Sunil Singh said that, replacing of old pipes to new pipes and pipe laying works within IMC area will be completed by March 2020. The project cost is Rs 175.85 crore where 90% will be borne by central and the remaining 10% by State government. All 27 wards of IMC will be covered under the project. He further said that the procurement of pipes is in the completion stage. 90% are in hand already while 10% are on road. He is optimistic about the completion of pipe laying by July this year.

On Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Director (MAHUD), Shri Th. Harikumar said that Imphal Smart City is amongst the 100 cities in India under SCM. Imphal City Limited (a Company) has got registered during November 2016 with Chief Secretary as Chairman, Head of Line departments and a representative from Govt. of India were Board of Directors of this company.

To implement the project, the Project Management Consultant has been selected through tender under a special screening committee. Selection of PMC was not successful in the first floating of tender due to poor response. However, PMC could be finalised in

the second tender, added, MAHUD Director.

Under Smart City Mission with a project cost of Rs 5 crore, Citizen Felicitation Centre was opened and started its services. The project will be completed within the time frame. Though DPR has been completed, the round of consultation is still under process with the line departments. According to MAHUD Director, the projects to be taken up for immediate implementation includes, development of mall road in Thangal bazaar area, development of Imphal riverfront on western part, installation of smart public toilets in various locations of the city, augmentation of capacity of existing machineries for Solid waste management, ICT based solid waste management, integrated Imphal citizen service platform mobile app for citizen service and integrated command and control centre.

It may be mentioned that the Prime Minister has launched these three urban flagship missions on 25th June 2015. Powerpoint presentation of some of the beneficiaries on their success stories of these missions was also screened during the press meet

DONER APPROVES 176.43 CRORES FOR DIFFERENT SCHEMES IN THE STATE

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has approved a total amount of Rs.176.43 crores for different schemes to be undertaken in the State. The said amount was approved by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in its meeting held at New Delhi on June 18, 2019.

The IMC meeting was chaired by Secretary DoNER Dr. Inderjit Singh. Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Addl. Chief Secretary Dr. Suhel Akhtar and other senior officers of the State Government participated in the meeting.

Out of the approved sanctioned amount, Rs. 59.06 crores have been approved for the three projects under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), a total of Rs. 90 crores for 38 projects under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) and Rs. 27.37 crores for 16 projects under Flood Relief Works in the State.

The three projects under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) are upgradation of Moirang Sendra Road up to Sendra Hillock, Moirang Sendra Road to Omba Hillock and Keina Bazaar to Thanga Keibul Road for promoting tourism, augmentation of Moreh Water Supply Scheme and provision of paid/Private ward in JNIMS.



A REVIEW OF WELFARE SCHEMES UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR: INITIATIVE & COVERAGE

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“Human-oriented politics is the foremost principle of the present Government and we are committed to deliver good governance and bring inclusive development in the State.”

*Shri. Nongthombam Biren Singh
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur*

Under the leadership of Shri N. Biren Singh who took up the reins of the Government of Manipur on 15th March 2017, the state has rollout various innovative policies, programmes and welfare schemes which are termed as unprecedented in the annals of Governance in the North Eastern State of India. The series of initiatives taken up during the last two years have touched core sectors like Economy, Education, Healthcare, Social Welfare, etc.

GOVERNANCE

Go To Village

(www.gotovillage.in)

*An initiative to reach out to citizens, explain Government programs and its benefits and ensure delivery of welfare schemes and services at their doorsteps

*Special focus was given to schemes relating to social benefits, health and education like Chief Minister-gi Sotharabasingi Tengbang, Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang and Lairik Tamhanlassi and identification of left out beneficiaries for inclusion in Govt programmes

*Chief Minister launched Go To Village (KhungangChatse) at Konuma Ground LaphupatTera, Imphal West on 1st May 2018.

* Every census village in the State has been covered successfully

Village covered: 2691

Total Beneficiaries Enrolled: 3,04,552

Benefits/Services Delivered: 2,06,486

Benefits/Services Under Process: 87,822

Benefits/Services Kept in Abeyance: 0

Go To Hills

*Is an initiative to break the deep-rooted physical and emotional divide between the Hill and Valley communities.

*Cabinet Meetings are also being conducted in far-flung Hill areas. So far, 6 such meetings have been held at Churachandpur, Chandel, Tamenglong, Senapati, Kangpokpi, and Ukhrul.

*Shirui Lily Festival and Barak Festival have been declared to be State Level Festivals with national and international participation.

*First State Level Ginger Festival cum Business Summit was held at Parbung village of Pherzawl district on April 20 -21, 2018 to boost ginger production and facilitate marketing to the farmers.

Meeyamgi Numit (People's Day) and Chinggi Luchingbasingi Numit (Hill Leaders' Day)

*To bridge the disconnection between people and government, a model grievance redressal procedure has been formulated.

*On the 10th and 15th of every month, Chingi Luchingbashigi Numit (Hill Leader's Day) and Meeyamgi Numit (People's Day), are held at the Chief Minister's Secretariat and also at the offices of Ministers, administrative secretaries, DCs, HoDs, etc.

*The first Meeyamgi Numit was held on 15th May 2017.

*The first Hill Leader's Day was held on 10th June 2017.

*There have been a total of 22 Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leader's Day held till 11th June 2018 and have received some 8,000 representations.

* Such intimate and face-to-face interactions with the people, have helped in shaping up schemes including

CMST, CMHT, and rule like Manipur Rights of Person with Disabilities Rule, 2018.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Chief Minister-gi Sotharabasingi Tengbang (CMST)

*It is a welfare scheme under the aegis of Department of Social Welfare for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and economically weaker sections

*Launched on 3rd December 2017

*Umbrella scheme with five sub schemes

- a) Scheme for caregiver allowance
- b) Scheme for self-employment loan with a subsidy to PWDs along with skill training

c) Scheme for a scholarship to students with disabilities

d) Scheme for free travel and concession to PWDs

e) Schemes for maintenance grant for homeless older persons

• Under CMST, the following number of persons have benefited to date:

*90 students with disabilities provided scholarships of Rs.3000-Rs8,000 per annum, free travel and concession to 575 PWDs and assistance of Rs.1000 to 282 homeless older persons (until July 2018).

* 3315 persons with high support needs are provided with caregiver allowance amounting to Rs1,500 till date.



*Self-employment loan & skill training: 15 training partners have been selected for providing skill training to 1500 disabled persons.

*1,15,974 beneficiaries are being provided old age pensions under the National Social Assistance Program and Manipur Old Age Pension Scheme

HEALTH

Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT)

A pioneering health assurance scheme initiated in the interest of the underprivileged section of the State

- CMHT has been providing Cashless & Free hospitalisation to the (1) Disabled, (2) Widows, (3) AAY card holders (3) Newly Added Poor families (after DC verification as per SECC parameters) & (5) Newspaper Hawkers in Government hospitals or Empanelled Private Hospitals.

- CMHT benefit: Free Hospitalization & transportation Charges up to ₹ 2 Lakhs per family every year.

- Till date 1,09,567 families including 5,220 Disabled, 16,706 Widows & 24,614 AAY card holder families have been enrolled.

- 14,131 poor families left out by SECC 2011 have also been enrolled under CMHT after DC verification.

- 48,896 SECC-2011 families

initially enrolled under CMHT have been transferred as PMJAY beneficiaries. Subsequently, CMHT now has 60,671 families enrolled.

- CMHT implemented in 2 Medical Colleges, 7 District Hospitals & 6 Private Hospitals.

- In addition, important Private hospitals outside the State will be empanelled under CMHT for treatment under Tertiary Packages. Notable ones are Narayan Hrudalaya hospitals at Mumbai, Bangalore, Howrah, Gurgaon, Guwahati, etc.

- There will be NO State Board Referral system. Any Government Doctor will be authorised to refer the Tertiary cases to these outside hospitals for free treatment.

- 8,289 CMHT beneficiaries have already availed FREE HOSPITALISATION till now.

- *Launched on 21 January 2018

- *65,096 enrolled up to 8 June 2019

- *Rs. 20 crore has been allocated in the budget outlay for the FY 2019-20

- *Awarded the “Most Efficiently run Public Health Scheme by a State Government” by the Indian Express Group in a function held at Pune on 9th March 2018

- *Log on to www.cmhtmanipur.gov.in or contact 18001032015 (toll-free) for

further queries

EDUCATION

Lairik Tamhanlasi: No Child Left Behind

*Out of School children in the age group of 15-18 years are identified and admitted in formal schools

*All students studying in Govt. and govt. aided schools are provided with admission fees, tuition fees, examination, and other fees along with the cost for school uniforms and textbooks.

*Launched on 15 March 2018

School Fagathansi

*An initiative under “Go To Village” mission in order to garner lost public trust in govt. schools

*Launched on 18 January 2019

*Comprehensive quality development of an identified govt. school in each Assembly Constituency will be taken up

*Rs. 25 crores allocated under the School Fagathansi programme in the BE 2019-20

ECONOMY

Manipur Startup Scheme

*The scheme is one of the most ambitious employment generation schemes conceived and launched by State on 15 March 2018.

*Objective is to create a vibrant start-up ecosystem to nurture innovation and encourage



entrepreneurship for the growth of state economy

* 334 Startups under different categories (Idea, Revenue and Entrepreneurship Support) have benefitted through the disbursement of loan and subsidy component.

*A total budgetary provision of Rs. 60 crore for 2017-18 and 2018-19 was made available for the implementation of the scheme

*" Manipur Startup Policy" was rollout at the first Manipur Startup Conclave, City

Convention Centre, on 8th August 2018.

*It is under the aegis of the Department of Planning, Govt. of Manipur

MEDIA

Manipur State Journalist Welfare Scheme

*Provides one-time financial assistance to accredited journalists of Manipur

*The scheme initiated by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations was launched on 23rd June 2017

* Rs. 2 lakh to the journalist in case of permanent disability rendering him unable to earn a living

*Rs. 2 lakh to the family under extreme hardship upon the death of a journalist

*Rs. 1 lakh for treatment of major ailments

*Rs. 50,000 for treatment of minor ailments

*Rs. 17 lakhs has been utilized from the interest accrued from the corpus fund of Rs. 10 crore till date



PLATINUM JUBILEE OF BATTLE OF IMPHAL COMMEMORATED

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the Indo-Japan partnership could explore opportunities in Manipur in the areas like road connectivity infrastructure, tourism, trade capacity building, and healthcare.

This was stated by him at the Commemoration of Platinum Jubilee of The Battle of Imphal held at the Auditorium of MSFDS, Imphal East on 22nd June 2019. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, the Chief Minister said that mechanisms could be institutionalized for collaboration among

educational and medical institutions in the areas of research, training, exchange programmes, etc.

The Chief Minister stated that Manipur is the land gateway to South East Asian countries. Integrated Check Post at Moreh border has now been commissioned towards boosting border management and trade infrastructure, he added. The State government is actively considering setting-up of a Logistics Park, setting up of Gems and Jewellery Park and a second Food Park in the State.

On the occasion, Chief Minister mentioned that such commemoration solemnly reminded of the courage and sacrifices of the past. Human progress and prosperity must be based on the foundation of peace and collaboration, he added.

Addressing the gathering, Ambassador of Japan to India, Kenji Hiramatsu said that there is huge potential in collaboration with the people of North-East India and would like to have an 'Intellectual Dialogue' with the people to see visible changes in

the region.

He invited the promising youths to work in Japan under the Technical Intern Training Programme. Kenji Hiramatsu further mentioned that 24 youths including six from Manipur have enjoyed the first-hand experience in Japan under the Youth Exchange Programme in 2019. He stated that the Japanese government is committed to having a strong relationship with India.

On the occasion, British High Commissioner to India, Sir Dominic Asquith stated that the UK government would work closely with Manipur State government to bring economic prosperity to the region.

He mentioned that India, Japan, and England will collectively work together to overcome the challenges of the 21st century. As UN members, the three countries have a common purpose in preserving and strengthening the international system of co-operation. During the function,

Chief Minister also released a Souvenir published in connection with the commemoration of 75th Anniversary of Battle of Imphal.

The Platinum Jubilee Commemoration of Battle of Imphal was organised by Manipur Tourism Forum and 2nd World War Imphal

Campaign Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur. Sapam Ranjan Singh, MLA and Chairman, Manipur Tourism Cooperation Limited and Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, Nippon Foundation, Japan also graced the function as Guests of Honour.

OPENING OF IMPHAL PEACE MUSEUM



Earlier in the morning, the newly constructed Imphal Peace Museum at Maibam Lotpa Ching, Nambol was opened by Manipur Revenue Minister Karam Shyam, Japanese Ambassador to India Kenji Hiramatsu, British High Commissioner to India Sir Dominic Asquith and Chairman of Nippon Foundation, Yohei Sasakawa. A framed calligraphy message by the Prime Minister Shinzō Abe

of Japan with the word 'Heiwa' (Peace in English) was also unveiled at the opening of the museum.

The museum built adjacent to India Peace Memorial, Maibam Lotpa Ching was constructed with the funding from Nippon Foundation, Japan.

This thematic museum which consists of three sections gives a glimpse into

the past right from World War II (March-July 1944) to the present Manipur. The first section displays a timeline of the Battle of Imphal, along with names of casualties in the war. It also features names of the local people of Manipur who joined the Indian National Army. Relics and Artifacts of the war such as artillery shells and other items, valuable personal notes, photographs, besides a map of the battle of Imphal, etc. forms an important part of



BUSINESS INTERACTIVE MEET

A Business Interactive Meet was also organised on 21st June 2019 between Japanese delegates and Business bodies of Manipur. The meet was organised by Manipur Tourism Forum with support from the Department of Textiles, Commerce, and Industry, Government of Manipur.

the display.

The second section depicts the post-war scenarios in Manipur highlighting the impact of war and the recovery process. Displays such as antique television sets, photographs, cameras, etc are part of this section highlighting the entry of the modern era into Manipur as a consequence of the Second World War.

displays the arts and cultural life of Manipur through photographs, audio-visual features, and still models. The middle part of the building is kept as a large hall to accommodate possible program and special museum displays to be curated in the future. Along the wall of this large hall are pictures of people from different communities in the state in their native dress.

In the meeting, representatives from various sectors in Manipur delivered presentations to the Japanese delegations. They also exchanged views on business.

On the same evening, Mr. N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur, hosted dinner for the Ambassador and the Japanese delegations as well as the UK High Commissioner

The third section





Sir Dominic Asquith. Cultural dances of the state were also presented before the dignitaries.



It is worthwhile to mention that Chief Minister N Biren Singh also participated in the workshop on India-Japan Partnership for Economic Development in Northeast held on 20th March 2018 in New Delhi. During the workshop, Manipur Chief Minister and Ambassador of Japan to India, Kenji Hiramatsu stressed about different areas of Indo-Japan cooperation in Manipur. N. Biren assured that his government would extend all cooperation for joint projects in the state.

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Phase I: 1st July to 15th September 2019 (all States)

Phase II: 1st October to 30th November 2019 (States with retreating monsoon)

Inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's impetus on Jal Sanchay, the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) is a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign. The JSA will run in two Phases: Phase 1 from 1st July to 15th September 2019 for all States and Union Territories; and Phase 2 from 1st October to 30th November 2019 for States and UTs receiving the retreating monsoon (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu). During the campaign, officers, groundwater experts and scientists from the Government of India will work together with state and district officials in India's most water-stressed districts* for water conservation and water resource management by focusing on accelerated implementation of five target intervention. The JSA aims at making water conservation a Jan Andolan through asset creation and extensive communication.

*Water-stressed districts: Districts with critical or over-exploited groundwater levels as per the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) 2017. For states without critical and over-exploited groundwater levels, districts with the least availability of groundwater in comparison to the rest of the districts in the state have been selected.