

"Athenpot" elegantly decorating the auditorium, where the 1st NE Indigenous Parliament is being held at Khuman Lampak, Kangshang.



1st Indigenous Peoples' Parliament begins

There will be differences but there are areas where we can fight together - Stephen Angkang

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Imphal, Dec 10: The first North East Indigenous Peoples' Parliament organised by Coalition for Indigenous Rights Campaign, Manipur, Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha and Assam Meitei Apunba Lup begins here today at Kangsang, Khuman Lampak, Imphal. The first Parliament for the Indigenous people of the entire North Eastern States of India is being attended by various ethnic communities from across the North East states of India and during the parliament which will continue for three days various issues including Challenges and Survival of each tribe staying in the region, Human Rights and Human Security with special reference to controversial Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958, Economy and Development with special reference to the Indian Act East Policy and Foreign direct investment, land and natural resources, Dams and water and fundamental rights of the people of the state will be discussed in depth to find out the common issues where all the indigenous people of the region could stand in one platform to fight together.



leader. Stephen Angkang appreciated the organiser for making success in making such a common platform at which all the indigenous people of the state could together and discuss their issues. Matur Rahman, President of the Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha and also convener of the NE Parliament in his speech deliberated on the problem of

influx of migrants in the region. He said influx of foreign migrants rooted from the British days, it was to serve their purposes but is still continuing till today and remain as a big challenge to the indigenous people of the entire North East people. "Illegal migrants are occupying political space in North East region and they are being patronised by the bloody political parties",

Matur Rahman said.

He further said that the Assam NRC of 1951, census report 1951 and in the first Electoral Roll of 1952 covered all the whole North Eastern Region 30% foreigners names has been included. He said this thing happen only in the NE region and thus those migrants coming after 1951 should be deported after detection. Hidangmayum Dwijasekhar Sharma, who presided the inaugural session recalled on how the government of India has been depriving the region since its merger to the Indian Union. He said at the time when the then King of Manipur wrote letter to the then Indian Authority to include a person from Manipur in the preparation of the Indian constituency the Indian PM never listened to him showing signed that Manipur is not important to

India.

He also said that even today too the government still ignore the NE region at various field. The aspirant Look East Policy now Act East Policy is not for the people of North east but for the people but for the maniland Indians. A total of 25 different ethnic indigenous communities of the North East states are taking part in the 1st peoples' parliament. Those taking part includes representatives from Deori, Karbi, Khasi, Jaintia, Moran, Tripuri, Rehyang, Bru, Hmar, Chiru, Zemei, Kharam, Chothe, Maring, Kom, Kabui, Thadou, Liangmei, Aimol, Meitei and Meitei Pangal. Representatives of the Dimasa, Mizo, Meising and Arunachalli are on the way to attend the parliament, said an organiser.

BJP sports cell Secretary among 3 KCP arrested by police

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Imphal, Dec 10: Combined team of Imphal West district police and 25 AR had arrested 3 cadres of armed group KCP (Kanba group) at around 2 pm from Uripok Khoisnam Leikai yesterday. Among the three cadres arrested one turn out to be the Secretary of the Sports Cell of BJP. He is identified as Bramhachari mayum Rajmani @ Khanba of Uripok Khaidem Leikai. The two cadres arrested are identified as Khundrakpam

Kanba @ khelchandra (45) son of Shyamkeso of Taotthong Khunou Lamshang and Hanjabam Dineshor @ Dinesh of Brahmapur Thangapat Mapal. Police source said that 2 pistols along with 3 live rounds and 2 mobile handsets were recovered from their possession. The arrested persons have been remanded in police custody after producing to the district magistrate for further investigation.

Intl. Human Rights Day observed at various places of the state

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Imphal, Dec 10: International Human Rights Day was observed across the state at various places of

the state under the theme Our Rights, Our Freedom Always. The day is observed at Manipur Press club under the initiative of Committee on Human Rights (COHR). Dr. Pramod, Sr. Faculty LMS Law College, Phulindro Kongsam, Chairman COHR, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai, President AMWJU and Dr. Y. Mani Khuman, President AMUCO attended the observance as dignitaries on the dais. Speakers on the occasion highlighted the present state of human rights in the state being violated by the armed security forces under the shadow of the draconian AFSPA. International Human Rights day is being observed across the globe today to mark the declaration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly on this day in 1948. The day is also observed at Lamyamba Sanglen, Palace compound and was observed by Sharmila Kanba Lup. Speakers on the occasion lambasted the government attitude towards negligence of the rights of the people of Manipur. The observance also shows its support to the ongoing movement by Sharmila for repeal of AFSPA.

Panels moots speedy justice delivery for victims of sex crimes

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Imphal, Dec.10: Importance of sensitizing public regarding the trends of increasing crime against women and children in the state and how to identify the gaps and challenges to deliver justice to the victims were discussed today in a "Penal Discussion on Speedy Justice in relation with Crime Against Women and Children" held at Classic Grande Chingmeirong, Imphal. Taking part in the discussion as a panelist, Urikhimbam Nobokishore, Secy, United NGOs Mission Manipur spoke on the sexual crimes against women committed by Armed forces during counter insurgency operations in the State under the shadow of Draconian act AFSPA. Nobokishore further pointed out the status of women in the present days and that of

those before the merger of the erstwhile kingdom to the Indian Union. He also revisited several heinous sexual crime cases committed by Armed forces of both state and central for which both denied to file cases or to investigate. He blamed government turning India independent country by neglecting such sensitive cases. "Neglecting or denying sexual or rape cases means the government consider it as normal cases and thinks women as "nothing", added Nobokishore. He further deliberated on the urgent need of setting up of special mechanism in Judiciary to revive the cases of the victims of AFSPA. While Advocate Supriya, Secy All Manipur Bar Association, Priyadashini Gangte, Lecturer Christian Damsai College, Senapati, L. Pishak, Newlife Foundation

were among other panelists while Arun Irengbam, Editor Echel Express moderated the discussion. The discussion was conducted as part of 16 day long observance of Activism Against Gender Based Violence From Nov. 25-Dec 10 jointly by WAD, COWF, NEDEF, UNMM, and DVSE. And it was conducted in connection with the World wide observance of International Human Rights Day. Speaking in the International

'Inner Voice' Released

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Imphal, Dec 10: The 5th foundation day celebration of the monthly journal "Inner Voice" was held today at the Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal. Nongthongbam Biren Singh, MLA, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai, President of AMWJU and Joy Chingakhom, Managing Editor of INNER VOICE attended the function as dignitaries. Speaking at the function, Nongthongbam Biren stressed on the role of media in educating the masses for bringing a prosperous and developed society, he said each

write up in the media should be well studied to know the present state of our society. Expressing shock to what has happened in Churachandpur at the backdrop of the passing of the ILPS related Bills, Biren said, Keeping the dead bodies for 100 days is not a solution. He urged the government to perform the last rite of the nine deceased. Joy Chingakhom said that "Inner Voice" was first released in the 2010 but put on hold due to some inconvenience. Because of the hard work by the team of the Inner voice journal, the 5th edition was able to publish for the public, he added.

'Respect aged people and their rights'

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Imphal, Dec 10: Panti Golmei President of Rongmei Lui Pham (Assam, Manipur and Nagaland) today calls on the people to give high respect for aged people stating that it is wrong to consider the aged people as worthless or uneducated people. Speaking in the International

Human Rights Day observance function held at Langol Tarung Gomei said that there was a time that the domestic violence, crime against women were considered as normal and also solve by customary laws without her consent and the kind of thing sometimes happened still today. He appealed the

people to stop blindly follow religion and playing with the human rights of the people. The observance function was attended by former DC of Tamenglong, Akham Panmei, advocate Sumitra Kamei, and Namditihni Pamei, Zenith Kamson and Aram Pamei as presidium member and resource person. He appealed the

Why Manipur stands with its cause?

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The Indo-Manipur political economy relationship has for long been not favourably good ever since the contentious merger of Manipur to India. Consequent upon signing the Merger Agreement, the democratically elected Government in Manipur was unceremoniously abolished and its political status downgraded to a 'Part C State in India' under a Chief Commissioner where citizens had no democratic space. It took more than 22 long years of sustained movement for

restoration of full-fledged assembly and fully responsible government, for the centre to grant statehood to Manipur. India, in the said period of time had completed building the infrastructure and laying its development foundation. Whereas for Manipur, in those times, its democratically elected legislative assembly remains dissolved thereby excluding her from the development and democratic process. The lack of trust due to prevailing democratic and development deficit and the

consequent psyche of the masses that people in the state had not been duly treated as a citizen of the democratic country further fuelled the ongoing revolutionary struggle. For long, the struggle in the Northeast used to be between the 'oppressed class' and the 'oppressor'. As long as such revolutionary movement is based on class line and the class struggle pursued in right direction, one could not find such struggle of not being victorious in the pages of history. Among those non-

principal and devious means to contain such struggle, engineering ethnic conflicts and inter community clashes is one of them. It is expected for the government to make concerted effort to bring disunity among the oppressed class. This is what which is exactly prevailing at the moment. The people of Northeast are now entrapped in such treachery and intrigues laid by the government. In a way, the government is no longer a party to the conflict. From a party to the conflict, the Government has been

successful to become a mediator to the conflict. That is the reason why, all the eight states of Northeast are beset with ethnic and inter-community crisis in one form or the other. India continues to engage in such intrigues with remarkable success due to the ignorance and not making concerted effort of such ploy and also due to the handiwork of the 'class collaborators' from among those who are aware of it. (Contd. on page 2)

Good news for Uro-related patients

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