



Prof. Felix scrolls on Human Rights issues of Manipur

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Imphal, Dec 30: The 5th Naorem Sanajaoba Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Felix Padel, Anthropologist and social activist who is currently the Visiting Professor at the Centre for North East Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on December 30, 2015 at the Court Room, Manipur University. Prof. Felix is also the Great Grandson of Charles Darwin. He spoke on the topic entitled, "Human Rights and Self-Determination as Prerequisites for Real Development". Prof. W. Viswanath, Registrar, Manipur University, Shri Suvojit Bagchi, Chief of Bureau, *The Hindu*, Kolkata and Prof. N. Rajmahan, President, Ojha Sanajaoba Memorial Trust, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and President, respectively. As the presidium members were taking the dais, Prof. Felix belted out Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind", which created an ambience of revolutionary fervor in the otherwise lukewarm Court Room of the Manipur University.

The atmosphere of intellectual introspection and

self-questioning even before the delivery of the Lecture was further heightened by the inaugural song performed "Tapta", the prominent voice of protest and an accomplished musician of Manipur who dedicated the song "Khongthang" (The Final Step) to late Ojha Sanajaoba as introduction to the Memorial Lecture.

Prof. Felix Padel delivering the Memorial Lecture, "Human Rights and Self-Determination as Prerequisites for Real Development" submitted that he never had the opportunity of meeting Late Prof. Naorem Sanajaoba but he knows that the Late Professor was an active upholder of human rights, as well as an academican (a

most significant combination) who drew frequent comparisons between the situation in Manipur and in other regions in the world where people are struggling for democracy and greater autonomy in the face of harsh repression. He further added that the foundation of knowledge is subjectivity in the sense that it all begins from knowing oneself and the situation in which one is thrown into, which together constitutes consciousness. Prof. Sanajaoba's academic pursuits as well as his undeniable role as an activist focused on imparting consciousness to the people of Manipur in the contemporary international context.

Prof. Felix stated that

fundamental to the challenges facing people in Manipur, and in so many other similar places, is the question of "what is real development". He stressed that in the name of development, one witnesses promotion of mega dams, extractive industry and infrastructure projects that certainly attract huge sums of money as investment but do not necessarily raise most of the local people's standard of living. What happens at the end is the 'Investment-Forced Displacement' wherein people are displaced and the funding agencies monopolise their natural resources in the name of development.

Prof. Felix observed that Manipur has a long history of abuses by security forces.

He cited the recent case at the Supreme Court where the Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi opined that 'Killings are part of the sovereign function discharged by the Union of India through the army' thereby rejecting the Justice Santosh Hegde report, inquiring into the 1,528 extra-judicial killings during 2000-2012 and its finding that numerous people had been killed in false encounters. Suvojit Bagchi, the Guest of Honour, as an extension to the Lecture, observed that journalists need to be respected, only then they can perform their duties in a democratic manner. Unless one strengthens the press and provide security, there cannot be democracy so to speak of.

Manipuri girl raped, 3 Africans arrested

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Imphal, Dec. 30: In a shocking incident one Manipuri college going girl has been allegedly raped by three African Niggers (foreigners) at party in New Delhi on Tuesday night. Police said the victim was invited by 2 Manipuri ladies (one a Meitei from Imphal East and another Napsi from Kanglambom) to party, who had known the accused foreigners from before. After getting drunk, the three niggers assaulted the college girl and also thrown water at her.

It was shocking that the two ladies tried to save the three foreigners but somehow, police including special police officials from North East Police Unit of Delhi Police could

chased, searched the whole night and arrested them and sent them to jail. The two Manipuri lady who had trapped the college girl are identified as on Shila (age about 31) from Imphal East and Priya Thappa@ Bhanu from Kanglambom working in Spas. They are married and have children back home in Manipur.

Till now the three foreigners from Africa and two women have been arrested for raping of the college girl.

The whole night DPNER representatives including lady DPNER was with the victim and assisted her. DPNER cautions NE people especially females not to accept party invitations even from own north east people.

MLA N Biren moots traditional laws to safeguard Indigenous people

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Imphal, Dec 30: MLA N Biren today mooted traditional laws as the only means to safeguard the indigenous people of the state. Speaking during the calendar released function of Indigenous Peoples' Association of Kangleipak (IPAK), MLA Biren said that traditional laws which was once followed by our ancestors to prohibit outsiders from settling in the locality without prior permissions as well as local restrictions against the use of illicit intoxicants need to be imposed in each communities of the state to safeguard the

indigenous people. He further said that even though some of the MLA does want to do something good for the state they are helpless as numbers count in democratic form of government.

"One MLA can do nothing in the government if other MLAs don't support", lamented the MLA.

MLA Ng. Bijoy who graced the function as Chief Guest also stressed on the need for a legislation like land bank policy for the valley region of the state. He said if land at Hill area cannot be sold to valley people and on the other hand if the valley areas are

free for any buyer then the government need to adopt a policy like land banking policy. Elaborating on how it will work the MLA said that for each buying of land at valley by hill people government should acquire similar area in hills and allowed valley people to settle at the place.

On the issue of the Inner line permit system, Bijoy said that not every Manipuri seems to have understood about the need for ILPS in the state. He appealed the intellectuals of the state to study if such laws are the needs of the hour or not.

JAC against the killing of T. Premandanda storm at Lamlai PS

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Imphal, Dec 30: JAC formed against the brutal killing of Tensubam Premandanda (Taton) today stormed to Lamlai police station demanding to arrest of the culprits involved in the killing while demanding release of the five person arrested by the police in connection with the killing if they are innocent. The JAC also warned serious consequences if the dead body is forcibly cremated.

Lamai police station at around 12:55 pm demanding the immediate arrest the culprits involved in the killing while demanding release of the five person arrested by the police in connection with the killing if they are innocent. The JAC also warned serious consequences if the dead body is forcibly cremated.

Later, the SDPO of Lamlai Police put the situation under controlled after talking with the representatives of the JAC.

The five person arrested by police in connection with the killing are identified as Keisam ningthouren (26), L. Ibungo (28), Tensubam Bobi (25), Phairojam Naba (36) and Y. Anil Kumar (24) of Takhel Village.

UKLF greets people on New year

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Imphal, Dec 30: Armed group United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) today greets the people of the state on occasion of the New Year 2016. In a press statement, signed by Secretary of Information and Publicity, MP Haokip, the outfit wished the people - a happy, prosperous, united and peaceful nation.

"Time has come to celebrate the dawn of a New Year and we are delighted to wish our people something exciting and love. A brand New Year our forefathers have never seen which we feel blessed to experience it" said the statement.

On the other hand the statement said that the General Assembly of the organisation held on

December 29, 2015 under the Chairmanship of SS Haokip has reshuffled the Cabinet portfolios for administrative effectiveness and betterment of the organisation.

According to the released Joshua Thadou has been assigned as General Secretary (in-charge), NC Baite as Secretary Finance and Daniel Thadou as Secretary Home.

Compensation demanded for electrocuted deceased

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Imphal, Dec 30: JAC formed against the electrocution of a person identified as Toijam Bashanta Meitei at Yairipok Khoirom Mathak laikai today demanded adequate compensation from the concern government authority. In a press meet held at Manipur Press Club today afternoon the convenor of the JAC Toijam Mahendra Singh said that the deceased Toijam Bashanta Meitei (40) son of late T. Ibopal Meitei of Yairipok Khoirom Mathak Leilei was electrocuted on December 29 at around 2:10

pm after the bamboo he cut touch the high power 132 kv line which passes at the area. The top of the bamboo was

only 3-4 feet away from the power lines and a case has register at the Yairipok police station, he added.

Eatable items banned at Sadu Chiru Waterfall area

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Imphal, Dec 30: Sadu Chiru Village Authority has banned carrying of eatable items at Sadu Chiru Waterfall area beyond the public parking area. In a press statement the General Secretary of the Village Authority stated that the measures to banned eatable

items is being taken up to prevent the increasing volume of pollution in and around the waterfall area. The statement further said that gambling activities and other action that disturbed the visitors will also be fined besides taking up appropriate action as according to the law of the land.

Seized liquors destroyed by Excise

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Imphal, Dec 30: The Manipur Excise Department destroyed liquor seized between April to December 2015 in the presence of media persons at the department premises at Lamphel at around 1:30 pm today. According to official source the seized liquor includes 23,175

liters of country made liquor and 375 bottles of foreign liquors.

Speaking to the media persons Asst. commissioner of Manipur Excise Department Keisam Joykumar said that the department collected Revenue of Rs 15 lakh 62 thousand seven hundred from local liquor and

Rs 6 crore 63 lakh 9 thousand 3 hundred ninety eight as excise duty tax from Army and Para military. The revenue collected by the department has been deposited to the state government. He further said that due to lack of the personnel of the excise department can't function properly.

I Ibobi of Manipur second in Chess Championship

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Imphal, Dec. 30: I Ibobi of Sangai Express Daily, representing AMWJU in the Chess Championship of the 7th North East Media Sports Festival bagged 2nd position. In the championship event which was held at Guwahati Town Club on the 7th day December 28, of the 9 day long sport festival, Ibobi beat Deshish Sinha of Aseem Tribune to hold the position. While Soroj Menda of Pragjyoti weekly bagged the championship title.

Magazine Journalism needs to reinvent itself- Arun Jaitley

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New Delhi, Dec 30: Arun Jaitley, Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Finance and Corporate Affairs has said that the print media needed to accept the challenges put forth by the Digital and Information age. The internet revolution and fast changing technology presented a big challenge to the Print Media across the world to maintain its presence and sustained growth. However, India remained an exception wherein Print Media registered growth owing to an increasing demand and subscriber base for Regional Newspapers. The Minister stated this while releasing the 59th Annual Report on Print Media - "Press in India 2014-15" prepared and compiled by Registrar of Newspapers for India on Tuesday. Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore, Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting was also present during the event.

Elaborating further, Jaitley said that Print Media had to contend with the information flow disseminating

from electronic media which weakened the dividing line between news and opinion. The emerging viewpoint had brought a certain shrillness in the debates and discussions. Print Media, thus, had a role to play in maintaining objectivity and preserving the sacred nature of news. It was important to also understand that emerging viewpoints surfaced due to the vastness of the media universe where different perspectives were put forth on a given issue. The Minister also said that it was time for the Magazine Journalism to reinvent itself since the options for the readers were expanding due to alternatives such as Digital and Social Media. Arun Jaitley further said that the worldwide trends show that many popular magazines had shifted to the online digital edition, since it's time for instantaneous news with fast changing world, news and technology. Hence, the shelf life for news being collated in magazines was considered outdated. Special Secretary, J. S. Mathur in his address gave an

overview of the publication and highlighted the journey of Press through history. He also touched upon the changes being brought forth in the media space, especially the Print Media. The Annual Report "Press in India- 2014-15" was prepared on the basis of analysis of annual statements filed by the registered publications. The registered publications were required to file Annual Statements giving details including circulation figures under the Press & Registration of Books Act 1867. The report provided broad analysis of the general trend of the Indian Press based on the claimed circulation. The print media registered a growth of 5.80% over the previous year as a total of 5,817 new publications were registered during 2014-15 and 34 publications ceased their operation. Out of the total 1,05,443 publications registered as on 31st March, 2015, the largest number of newspapers and periodicals registered in any Indian language was

in Hindi with a figure of 42,493 publications followed by English with 13,661 registered publications. Out of 1,05,443 registered publications, 14,984 were dailies and bi-tri weeklies and remaining 90,459 were of other periodicities. State-wise analysis shows that Uttar Pradesh with 16,130 publications was at top position at the end of 2014-15. Maharashtra with 14,394 publications and Delhi with 12,177 publications were at second and third position respectively. Total claimed circulation of publications stood at 51,05,21,445 in 2014-15 as against 45,05,86,212 copies per publishing day in 2013-14. The number of Annual statements received in RNI for the year 2014-15 was 23,394 against 19,755 in 2013-14 registering an increase of 18.42%. As per report, circulation-wise, Hindi Publications continued to lead with 25,77,61,985 copies per publishing day followed by English with 6,26,62,670 copies and Urdu with 4,12,73,949 copies per publishing day.