

DESAM Volunteers staging sit-in-protest demanding Scheduled tribe status for Meitei/Meetei community



JAC calls 48 hours general strike from midnight today protesting arrest of Kh. Ratan

IT News
Imphal, Aug 18: Denouncing police brutality while arresting former JCILPS leader Khomdran Ratan from the protest site at Keishampat leimajam leikai Community hall at around 11 am yesterday, the JAC formed against the announcement of "wanted" to the former JCILPS convener today called 48 hours general strike in the state starting from midnight today.

The former JCILPS leader, who was declared "wanted" by the state police department on June 2, 2016, despite challenging the declaration at Manipur High Court, personally came out yesterday morning at around 11 am and joined the relay hunger strike being underway at Keishampat leimajam Leikai Community Hall under the initiative of the JCILPS. During



Women activist waiting for Chief Minister at Nupi Lal Memorial Complex

the protest, several political parties' leaders including MLA Laishom Ibomcha, BJP MLA Khumukham Joykishan, BJP Spokesperson RK Shivachandra amongst other visited him and showed solidarity to his protest.

It was at around 11 pm that a large number of Manipur Police team came at around 15 vehicles and arrested him forcibly disrespecting the resistance made by the meira paibi and students volunteers who were at that time staging the relay hunger strike with the former JCILPS leader, said a representative of the JAC formed against the announcement of wanted tag to Ratan.

Video clips uploaded in social networking site showed large number police personnel present at keishampat junction minutes after the arrest by constructing barricades at Keishampat

Junction. Many students in school uniforms were seen trying to confront the police. No police excess towards the students was noticed but reports said that police resorted lathi charge and fire mock bomb to bring the situation under control.

Speaking to media person, Ksh. Thoiba, media co-ordinator and spokesperson of the JAC, formed against the announcement of Kh Ratan as Wanted said that the police action was condemnable in the highest form. He said announcement of Ratan as wanted is nothing but an intentional attempt to suppress the people's movement for implementation of the ILPS in the state. He also said that the matter at which Ratan was declared wanted has been challenged in the Manipur high court and the court has reserved the verdict. Besides he himself

Former convener of the JCILPS Khomdran Ratan, who was arrested by a team of police while he was staging relay hunger strike protest at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai was today produce to Chief Judicial Magistrate Imphal West. The former JCILPS convener was later remanded for 9 days in police custody.

had come out in public and joined the protest which means that Ratan is not hiding.

Thoiba further appealed the people of the state to precede any form of protest to make the general strike a successful. He said government is responsible for any untoward incidents occurred during the general strike.

The spokespersons, did not mention about relaxation of any services during the general strike. Imphal Times, while supporting the cause request the general strike supporters to relax those in media persons as well as those on emergency services like medical services, doctors and patients during the 48 hours general strike.

Agency
Rio De Janerio, Aug 18: Sakshi Malik finally put India on the score sheet of medals with a bronze in the 58kg freestyle category of women's wrestling. She defeated Aisuluu Tynybekova 8-5 to clinch victory and end India's wait for the first Olympic medal at Rio 2016. It was also the first time a woman wrestler has won a medal for the country.

She was trailing 5-0 before coming back in the dying moments with some superb moves to take the advantage away from her opponent. Earlier she had lost her quarter-final bout against Valeria Koblova but since the latter made it to the final, she earned her shot at the bronze via the repechage round. She defeated Orkhon Purevdorj to ensure a bronze medal play-



off with Tynybekova. With the Games set to end on August 21, this is a major boost for India at the flag end of the tournament. Hopefully it will serve as an inspiration for the remaining medal contenders to do the country proud.

Meanwhile, PTI reports added that Haryana government had announced a reward of Rs 2.50 crore and a job to wrestler

Sakshi Malik for winning a bronze medal in the Rio Olympics.

A financial reward of Rs 2.50 crore will be given to Sakshi for winning the bronze medal, an official spokesman said here. Besides, she will also be given a government job for her historic feat as provided in the sports policy of the state, he said.

Sakshi ended the country's painful wait for a medal at the Rio Olympic Games by clinching the bronze in the 58 kg category, pulling off a sensational 8-5 victory over her rival in the play-off bout. The 23-year-old from Rohtak became only the fourth woman athlete from India to win an Olympic medal as she earned the dramatic win after falling behind 0-5 in the do-or-die bout on day 12.

Robinhood's inquiry completed

IT News
Imphal, August 18: The Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice Mutum Binoykumar Singh into the death of Sapan Robinhood Singh (16), s/o Sapam Ramesh, a student of class XI Ananda Singh Higher Secondary Academy has completed its inquiry.

It may be mentioned that Sapan Robinhood was allegedly killed in police action during a mass rally demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in Manipur on 07-08-2015.

In a letter, Y Rajen Singh, Secretary to the Justice Mutum Binoykumar Singh, Commission of Inquiry has

directed the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur to collect the inquiry report along with connected documents in person or through an authorized officer from Room No 138 of Secretariat North Block, temporary office room of the Commission in between 11.30 am to 12 noon on 18 August, 2016.

Online registration for Army recruitment opens from 17 aug 16

PBDEFENCE
Imphal, Aug. 18: Online applications for Army recruitment for Senapati rally which is scheduled from 16 Oct to 22 Oct 16 for recruitment to Other Ranks (OR) will be open from 17 Aug 16 and close on 30 Sep 16. The entire procedure for registering & applying has been given in the publicity posters being sent to all DCs in the state of Nagaland by ARO Rangapahar.

There is no change in recruitment procedure except that now candidates will be allowed to attend recruitment rally only when they have registered and filled up on-line applications. The education QR for all category including Tradesman has been changed from 8th class to 10th class. For Sol GD all candidates are required to be 10th pass with min

33% in each subject and 45% aggregate. For Sol Tradesman the candidates have to be 10th class simple pass. Candidates who have registered earlier in the previous rally can directly

login & apply fresh. Website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in can be opened on any personal computer with internet facility like cyber cafe, Government office Kiosks etc.

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION Imphal, the 18th August, 2016

No.1/13(11)/2014-LA(E): It is hereby informed that the viva-voce (interview) for direct recruitment to the post of Reporter Grade-III which was scheduled earlier on 20-08-2016 at 11.00 am in the office chamber of the Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly, has been postponed until further notification in this regard due to the prevailing law and order situation in the state.

Inconvenience caused is regretted.

Sd/-
(G) Tapankumar Sharma
Deputy Secretary (Admn)
Manipur Legislative Assembly

BAC to hold meeting on Aug 22

IT News
Imphal, Aug 18: Following the state cabinet decision to hold the 14th session of the 10th Manipur legislative Assembly Session on September 2, 2016, K Meghachandra, Secretary-in-Charge of the Manipur legislative Assembly has summoned a meeting of the business advisory committee on August 22 at 3 pm at the office Chamber of the Speaker. The committee meeting will deliberate on business to be transacted during the Assembly session.

DDAM observes Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Aug. 18: The Disabled Development Association Manipur (DDAM) has celebrated its 10th Foundation Day today at Oinam Sawambung Awang Leikai, Imphal West.

On the occasion gifts are presented to Disabled National Cricket Players, Disabled family and meritorious students who passed class X and XII in 2016 examination.

Women activists storm to CM bungalow

IT News
Imphal, Aug 18: Large number of women activists belonging to various civil society organisation including Women Wing of JCILPS, JAC formed against the announcement of Wanted to Kh Ratan, Ima Keithel Apunba Nupi Lup and Chingmee Tammi Apunba Lup tried to storm the official bungalow of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh at around 3.00 pm today. However, a police team who was already present in and around the periphery of CM Bungalow and Raj Bhavan timely intervene and prevented them from proceeding towards the CM Bungalow at Nupai Lal Memorial Complex.

Former convener of Women Wing L. Nganbi while speaking

to media persons said that earlier the women activists prepared a mass rally in protest against the arrest of Ratan in a cowardice manner. However, as a mark of respect to the law of the land the women activists simply tried to meet the Chief Minister to question the rationale behind the arrest of Ratan at night midnight when he was allowed to stage protest for 12 hours at keishampat leimajam leikai.

Nganbi further condemn the excess of the police force for firing tear gas shell towards a group of lady activist who were peacefully staging democratic protest.

She further added that the people of the state will not retreat the protest for implementation of an Innew

Line permit system in the state. She also warned the government of drafting a new Bill by modifying the earlier Bill which was rejected.

Later, the police allowed five representatives of the women activists to meet the Chief Minister. But surprisingly as the five women were kept waiting inside the bungalow as Chief Minister was not available at the movement the women representatives came out of the bungalow and joined the other activist in front of Nupi Lal Memorial complex. The women activists further added that they didn't come to relax in the air conditioned room of the Chief Minister but to talk about the issue that is the need of the hour.

Kuki Political Stand and the Way Forward

By PS Haokip
I thank the Kuki Inpi for organising this occasion concerning 'Kuki Political Stand and The Way forward' at this critical juncture in our people's march to deliberate on our political future. I also thank the Inpi for inviting the United People's Front, Kuki Movement For Human Rights, Hmar Inpi, Zomi Council, Paite Tribe Council, Simte Tribe Council, Mizo Peoples Convention, Vaiphei Peoples Council, Mate Tribe Council, including the Kuki National Organisation to this august gathering. I extend personal greetings also to each and everyone who have come to participate on this very important day.

The ideological base of the Kuki National Organisation is 'Zale'n-gam (freedom land). Prior to the British Colonial incursions upon our land, we, the Kuki people, were self-governed under the benign and capable leadership of our Chieftains and enjoyed full freedom over our ancestral territory. By nature an independent people, we were never ruled by any authority other than our noble Chieftains, who reigned over the entire hills of present-day Manipur.

The Kuki people are one of the three main indigenous peoples of Manipur: Naga and Meitei are the other two. The three communities co-existed throughout history. The status quo, however, was altered with the rise of Naga nationalism led by National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Isak and Muivah, and assertion of Meitei hegemony in Manipur by the United National Liberation Front and other valley based insurgent groups.

Cordial relations and mutual respect prevailed between the Meitei Ningthou and the Kuki Chieftains. Neither impinged on either's political authority or territorial integrity. The Meitei Ningthou ruled over his people in Kangleipak, which comprise the valley, not the hills, the fiefdom of Kuki Chieftains. The Kuki Chieftains ruled over Kukis dwelling in the hills in villages similar to Greek-city states.

Both Meitei and Kuki opposed British colonialism to safeguard their respective lands. The Meitei people's resistance culminated with the Khongjom war of 1892. The 'Kuki Rising, 1917-1919'[1] or 'Kuki Rebellion, 1917-1919'[2] was a culmination of prolonged opposition to British imperialism that began from 1777, when Warren

Hastings was Governor General of India. The event manifests the extent our people cherish freedom and self-determination, and the tenacity to preserve those ideals. Today, the fortitude of our forefathers to preserve Kuki freedom and self-rule over our land continues to motivate and define KNO's political aspirations. Our illustrious history is a legacy of our forebears that binds us to our land. Ownership of our traditional lands is therefore indisputable and provides an inalienable right to demand statehood for our people in the name of Kuki. This is why, at the first round of the tripartite political dialogue with Government of India and the state Government of Manipur on 15 June 2016, KNO and United People's Front, based on the resolution passed at the meeting held at Grace Bible College in September 2015 submitted a joint statement entitled 'Outline of Political Demand'. Pitching our demand on the basis of our indisputable heritage of land ownership, the statement inevitably referred to 'statehood for the Kuki people'; it did not, contrary to rumours, make demands for a 'Kuki state'. Identity and land

ownership are intrinsically bound. Therefore, omission or denial of our historical identity to make a political demand – an opportunity Government has come up for our people for the first time in sixty-seven years in independent India – would not only be imprudent, but would be downright political suicide. NSCN (IM) and certain elements of the state of Manipur describe our people as foreigners in our own lands. In regard to the infamous Three Bills passed by the Special Session of the Manipur Legislative Assembly in August 2015, the cut off year to identify legitimacy was 1951. However, our people are collectively secured because the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, Govt of India, dating back to 1951, contains complete Tribes Schedules of the six states in Northeast India: Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura. In all these States the various Kuki clans and groups are collectively recognised as 'Any Kuki Tribes' or 'Kuki'. Later, exceptional to this collectivity, there was an unprecedented development regarding the State of Manipur.

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