

Khwairambandh Keithel ladies staging protest rally decrying killing of cops by militants



Keithel ladies call 24 hours Manipur bandh decrying killing of state police

IT News
Imphal, Dec 16: Perhaps for the first time in the history of conflict ridden state Manipur, vendor ladies of Khwairambandh Keithel Imphal today called 24 hour statewide bandh decrying the killing of state cops by militants. The Keithel ladies were always on the forefront to protect the rights of the common people of the state and had many times swung into action to deliver justice to the deprived sections of the society. But this is the first time that the Keithel ladies came out against the terror activities of the rebel group in the state. Large number of Keithel ladies today came out at the street by shutting their vendors at the three Khwairambandh Keithel and gathered near the Bir tikendrajit Flyover Bridge at around 1 pm here in Imphal. The Keithel lady numbering around 1000 then marched a



protest rally carrying banner with slogans warning India Government against utilization of NSCN-IM to commit terrorist activities in the state. The protest rally snakes through the street of Imphal towards Western gate

of Kangla then proceeded towards Rajbhavan and then to Keishampat. From Keishampat the rally proceeded towards Wahengbam leikai roads and later concluded at Samumakhong.

Speaking to media persons, the Keithel lady said that they are fed up of the numerous crime committed by the NSCN-IM in the state.

Vice President of "Sinpham Amadi Saktam Kanba Ema Keithel", Th. Mangi said that the joint body of the 4 Khwairambandh Keithel bodies had decided to call Manipur Bandh from 7 pm today till 7 pm tomorrow. She said state authorities should wipe out the NSCN-IM from the soil of the state and warned serious consequences if any group or authority had tried to distort the integrity of the state.

Today's rally was jointly organized by "Ema Panthoibi Sana Keithel", "Phouioibi Ema Keithel", "Ema Leimarel Sidabi Keithel" and "Sindam Amadi Saktam Kanba Ema Keithel".

Chief Minister O. Ibobi inaugurates 4th newly created revenue district Noney

IT News
Imphal, Dec 16: Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today braves militants threat and inaugurated the fourth newly created revenue district 'Noney' at DC Office Noney. The inauguration function was attended by Dy. CM, Rev. Minister, among others.

Tight security measures were taken up to foil any attempt to disturb the inauguration function by the state police.



Titular King Sanajaoba appeals to maintain communal harmony

IT News
Imphal, Dec 16: One day discussion programme on the theme "How to Preserve Historical Landmark and Names" was held today at Manipur Pres Club, Majorkhul, Imphal. Speaking as the Chief Guest Titular King of Manipur, Leisemba Sanajaoba, lauded the role of the majority Meitei people in maintaining communal harmony.

"It is the ability of the majority Meitei to consider all communities as one that no communal conflict arises in the state", Sanajaoba said. The titular king then appealed the people of the state not to

treat any other community of the state as inferior to another. "One should show its high handedness to any other community but should consider that we are the sons and daughters of one mother call Manipur", Sanajaoba said. "Meitei community have been maintaining a friendly brotherhood and sisterhood environment with the different community settled in the valley area as we still respect and follow the ideology left by our ancestor, the integrity, peace and harmony of being one in our State Manipur", he added.

It might not be wrong to put up that a volcano could have

been erupted in the state if Meitei communities disobey the ancestral law of our forefathers, Titular King of Manipur, Leisemba Sanajaoba further said. Kshetrimayum Somendro, President of ACOAM-Lup, Manipur, H Ibotombi Khuman, National Awardee, Angom Sukumar, Retired Secretary of Law, Government of Manipur and A Mubi, President of Editor Guild Manipur attended the discussion programme as president and guest of honours respectively. The discussion programme was organised by All Clubs, Organisations and Associations (ACOAM) Lup, Manipur.

Pirated DVD disc seized

IT News
Imphal, Dec 16: Pirated DVD disc of Manipuri film *Eikhoi Pabunggi*, directed by Hemanta Khuman, written by Binoranjan Oinam and produced by Bigyani Hidangmayum and Bachan Chongtham were seized from the possession of a 60 years old woman by members of Film Forum Manipur (FFM) from Khwairambandh Ima Kheithel area in Imphal yesterday evening.

The woman identified as Ngangom Ongbi Landoni Devi, w/o Ngangom Okendro of Bashikhong Leirak Achouba of Imphal East was caught along with the pirated video disc while selling at the Ima Market area.

Landoni Devi was handed over to City police where a case under FIR no 219/12 of City PS US 420, 120B.

After producing at CJM Imphal West police remanded the accused, Landoni Devi for five days in custody.

Speaking to the media persons, Ngangom Tejkumar, Vice President of MFJ reminded the people about the copy right act -1957 and said that any person pirating the Manipuri movie can be punished.

He appealed concern authority to bring out a stronger act to protect the right of the Manipuri films and the producers.

The film was released on September 17 of 2016 at Bheigyachandra Open Air

Theatre (BOAT), Palace Compound, Imphal and October 1 of 2016 at Delhi University Conference Centre, North Campus, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

The film is also featured by popular Manipuri Star Leishangthem Thonthoi, Bala Hijam, Echita Yengkhom, Ethu Oinam, Danny Likmabam, Biju Ningombam, Suraj Sharma Laimayum Pilot and Mukabala @ Loya in the lead roles.

Awareness on Cashless Transaction held at Khangabok

IT News
Thoubal, Dec.16: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Thoubal continues to organise youth mobilisation, awareness and education on cashless transaction at Khangabok Lamlong Community Hall yesterday with the master trainers from district e-governance society, Thoubal.

District managers Swarupi Devi, Md Rafique and NYK Volunteer Hembra imparted training to the women participants on the use of USSD, point of sale, e wallet, Aadhar enabled payment etc. for cashless transaction. The idea is to e-banking. Over 50 women, youths and villagers attended in the awareness and education programme. Similar awareness programme had also been conducted at Kakching on the previous day.

Dept. of Posts appeals to exempt mail vans in blockades

IT News
Imphal, Dec 16: The Department of Posts has appealed civil society organizations calling economic blockade and counter blockade to relax postal mail van carrying mails to the different parts of the state.

In a press statement by Superintendent of Post Office, Manipur Postal division, on 13th Dec. 2016 the postal mail van carrying mails from Imphal to Noney was stopped by the

agitators of the counter blockade at Khumbong, even though there was no destruction or damage on the postal articles.

In the regard, the superintendent requested civil society organisations to exempt postal mail vans from all kinds of road blockades taking into consideration that the vans carry important documents and parcels, including exam materials of the students, for the people of the state.

S Premananda calls on youths to actively participate in bringing responsible BJP govt in Manipur

IT News
Imphal, Dec 16: Vice-President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Manipur Pradesh, Shamurailatpam Premananda Sharma has called on the youths of Patsoi Assembly constituency to actively participate in installing a responsible, transparent and pro-development BJP government in Manipur. Speaking to a gathering of around 300 youths during a day-long Youth Convention organized by Bharatiya Yuva Morcha unit of BJP Patsoi Mandal today at Tera Keithel, S Premananda said that the BJP party stands for the people especially the youth; its national and state BJP leaderships are always

available for BJP karyakartas (volunteers) to extend any sort of possible help at the time of emergency. He further said that the youths are the kingmaker of Indian democracy and they select the leader of their choice.

Highlighting the commodity crisis faced by the people of Manipur during the present economic blockade of United Naga Council and natural calamities, S Premananda also observed that the authority should develop and maintain the National Highways of Manipur to enable smooth movement of vehicles and transportation of goods carriers. The BJP intending candidate



also slammed the congress government over its failure to check the rise of corruption in the state. Former President of BJP, Manipur Pradesh, Sh Shantikumar, who attended at the gathering as Chief Guest, also urged the youths to work for the party till the end of upcoming Assembly Elections

Thingom Rajen, President of BJP Patsoi Mandal, Konjengbam Kedemath Singh, President of BJYM, Patsoi Mandal, Premananda Meitei, General Secretary of BJP, Manipur Pradesh, S Nabachandra Sharma, Cultural in-charge of BJP, Manipur Pradesh and other attended at the convention.

Black money in abroad and absence of decentralisation of the planning process

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In India some of the states are always going to Delhi with bagging bowl to get more money for development and other programmes for education, health-care, agriculture and construction of infra structure etc. Delhi's ruling elites and bureaucrats are always firing to them like money lenders sound big voice to small farmers. However some of them seem to largest depositors in banks abroad, that is also illegal money. On the other hand planning is also their wishes and giving money is also their desires not for the demands of the people in the states. During the past six decades, India has leaders with vision who worked hard to preserve its unity. The country has become a global leader in high tech and is planning a mission on Mars. Based on purchasing power parity, our economy is the world's third largest. High-tech centres such as Bangalore and Hyderabad, have given rise to IT companies like Infosys and Wipro, which are among the international elite bringing back the computer experts who once left India for California. Almost no other country has as many cellphone users; almost nowhere is the communications industry growing faster.

However, poverty is still rampant and chaos remains a defining characteristic of the country's political ethos. One in three of the world's malnourished children live in India; half of its population has no access to toilet; and 25 per cent still can't read and write. On the way to superpower status, India must first overcome deep-seated corruption and internal division. Cumulatively assessed, these ingrained negatives reflect the failure of India's planning process and the Planning Commission in ensuring "growth with stability, equality and balance". The government's manifest ability to generate sustainable employment opportunities in the North East, the tribal belt dominated by the Maoists, Jammu and Kashmir and other backward pockets has triggered large-scale displacement and disenchantment among youth.

Whosoever rules India after 2014 elections will have to examine whether a diligent decentralization of the planning process can serve India's interest better. The problems faced by people of different parts of Indian Planning Commission in New Delhi can neither assess them accurately nor address them effectively. The idea of setting up autonomous planning commissions for areas with special problems should be

considered seriously. How far India's current planning process is responsible for the country being dragged far behind China is a moot question. British historian Timothy Garton Ash has recently given a civilisational spin to the issue. Ash said he was rooting for India because it could show that democracies can grow rapidly. On the other hand, in an article in the New York Times, Steven Rattner says, "Now the contest is emphatically over. China has lunged into the 21st century, while India is still lurching towards it". It is hard to disagree with this contention. Today, the \$9 trillion Chinese economy dwarfs the \$2 trillion Indian economy on almost every count. China was a \$2-trillion economy in 2002. So, India is 11- years behind China in the grand sweep-stakes. Chinese average incomes in 2004 were at around the level that Indian average incomes are at now (\$3,620). The picture is far less pretty when we look at social indicators. The proportion of Indians living in cities in 2011 (31 per cent) was matched by China in 1995. The gap is similar when one considers access to improved sanitation. China is around 17-years a head of India. It crossed India's current rate of child mortality before 1980 as it also did with energy use per capita.

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