



MNP opposes UNC's remarks on Manipur's history

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Imphal, Feb 6: MNP (Mefitei Nationalist Party) strongly opposes the propaganda of UNC (United Naga Council) on the history of Manipur terming it as false agenda. The Founding President of MNP, B. Angousana Sharma, condemns and rejects the fake historical fiction invented by UNC to distort, destroy and ridicule the unity and integrity of Manipur which has its thousands years old civilization. In a press statement the MNP said that the UNC is attempting to surprise the people of Manipur by claiming with the unfounded history like the existence of administration in the hills of Manipur other than the rule of the Manipur Maharajas before 1891 and till 1949. The divisive and separatist ideology of UNC is an attempt to destroy the essence of the freedom of speech enshrined in Indian Constitution. The statement added that the UNC has no right to rewrite the history of Manipur. It further appealed the UNC to learn that Manipur comprises both valley and hills. MNP appeals to the people of Manipur to stay united to fight such divisive forces to divide hills and valley in 21st century.

Free paediatrics camp

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Moirang, Feb 6: A one day Free Paediatrics Consultation Camp was held yesterday at Konjengbam Leikai Community Hall, Moirang. The camp was jointly organized by Young Development Organization (YDO), Moirang and Department of Paediatrics and Neonatology, Shija Hospitals. The team from Shija Hospitals was led by Dr. Khangembam Sachikumar, MD (Paediatrics), Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist. Altogether 73 children were registered for the camp. Apart from free paediatrics consultation, deworming tablets, Vitamin A supplements from Vitamin Angels and medicines were also distributed free of cost during the camp.

Manipur reaffirms stand for protection of territorial integrity Unprecedented turnout from different communities at Mass Rally for common future

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Imphal, Feb 6: With the participation of more than 2 lakh people from different communities of Manipur, the Mass Rally for the common future of Manipur kicked off at THAU ground, Thangmeiband today morning at around 11 am. Today's mass rally was jointly organized by AMUCO, CCSK and UCM. A massive number of people participated in today's mass rally including people from different communities, students from different schools of the state, different non-government organizations, civil society organisations, clubs, meira paibis, handicapped persons, old aged peoples as well as small kids. Supporting the rally, medical camps were set up at various points along the route of the rally by different hospitals and clinics operating in the state



which also provides road map along with medical arrangement points and mobile ambulance team to the participants of today's mass rally. Many placards and banners were being carried during the mass rally and many slogans were also shouted against the Indian government. Local clubs and meira paibis also provided assistance of water and eatables to the participants as encouragement of the mass rally. A few participants, especially

small school students and old aged persons collapsed during the rally but none were apparently fazed by the heat and the fatigue. Later the participants joined the mass meeting with the organizers at the Khuman Lampak main stadium. YK Dhiren, Convenor of the organizing committee said in his key note address that the people of Manipur who has been living together from time immemorial has been trying to be divided by a few narrow-minded, self-serving elements. It is time to identify these enemies of the state so that we can live peacefully. Talking about the unrest which arose after the agreement for a peace talk between NSCN IM and India government was signed

in 1997, the speaker raised the main concerns about the social tensions that developed as a result of the secretive and ambiguous nature of the exercise along with the undeclared agenda of the peace talk. The people of the state have the right to know the truth and the hidden agenda of the peace talk, the Convenor asserted, adding that Indian government should bring out a white paper of the 3th august 2015 frame work agreement that was signed between Indian government and NSCN-IM. Referring to the long and shared history of the state, he further added that although we might be different in religion, language, belief or community, we jointly stand

and fought together when any external enemies attacked us and this is clearly reflected in our history. We all are bound together by unique principles of unity and Manipur was built on such principles. The Indian government should respect our history and not try to destroy the principles of our togetherness. He further added that we respect the Indian government for recognizing Naga community but the recognition of Naga society should be kept within Nagaland state and must not be allowed to leak over into the neighboring states and should condemn the few groups who have been sowing the seeds of separatism in the name of Autonomy.

ATWO warns to close down Chandel's District Headquarters road if not complete within February

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Chandel, Feb.6: All Tribal Women's Organisation (ATWO) Chandel District urge for speedy repairing of District Headquarters road and warn to close down the road indefinitely if the concern authorities fails to complete it within February. Speaking to media persons, Lalam Mate President of All Tribal Women's Organisation told that the repairing work of Chandel District Head Quarters Road from Pallel was taken up after several civil organizations raising hue and cry for the repairing it. But, the contractors left major portions of the road unrepaired after repairing only some portions of the road stretch and did not complete it till date, she added. As such, the deplorable road conditions caused a lot of inconveniences to the commuters particularly women and the dust storm also posed serious health hazards to the villagers residing along the

road. Moreover, traffic accidents also occurred frequently along the road due to the bad condition of the road, said Lalam Mate. While drawing the attention of all the lawful and unlawful authorities for maintaining quality in the ongoing repairing work, ATWO's President also urged to investigate whether the sanctioned amount for repairing the road is being properly utilized or misused. Further, Mate wonder why high ranking government officers, MLA's and Ministers of the State Government who passes through the dusty deplorable road of the District Headquarters remained a mute. Is it because the MLA's and Ministers were receiving a bribe or percentage from the sanctioned amount of the road repairing or is they just enjoyed the bumping rides through the dusty road by their luxury vehicles, She questioned.

Questioning the reason for halting the repairing work, the Women's President also warned to close down the road stretch indefinitely if the concern contractor fails to complete the repairing work within the current month. And she also appealed all the general public of the District to extend support and co-operation in lobbying for maintaining quality and early completion of the road.

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Imphal, Feb 6: "Efforts will be made to upgrade RIMS to AIIMS standard or convert into a Deemed University". The statement was made by Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare J P Nadda during the foundation- stone laying ceremony for different blocks of RIMS at a cost of 202 crores. The union minister also said that there is no dearth of funds and that the proposed blocks which include a Casualty Block, Community & Forensic Medicine Block, Maternity Ward Block, and an Undergraduate Hostel Block will be completed within two years. An inspection tour of the Casualty, ICU, Operation Theater, Special Ward,

Radiotherapy Department etc. were also carried out where the union minister interacted with the patients and the staffs. MP Dr T Meinya, MP Thangso Baite, MLA Kh Joykishan, MLA Th Bishworjit and BJP Manipur Pradesh General Secretary Ashwinkumar also accompanied the visiting dignitary on his inspection tour. Afterwards, a program was held at the Jubilee Hall of RIMS where Joint Secretary (NE Div.) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare K C Samaria, Director (RIMS) Prof. S Rita and Medical Superintendent Prof. M Amuba were also present. A memorandum containing suggestions and requirements for improvement of RIMS was also submitted to the Union

Minister by a group of representatives including Prof L Ranjit from the faculty, Teachers and Medical Officer's Association Vice President Prof Nandabir, Secretary Prof Suresh Roy, L John of Teaching association of College of Nursing, Non Teaching & Employee's Welfare Association Vice President Ranbir. Addressing the gathering, J P Nadda said that he will personally overlook the administrative, fund utilization and any other initiative to develop and modernize RIMS, and further assured that the pending cases and issues will be addressed at the shortest period possible and bridge the gap in implementation of activities.

UKLF warns serious consequences if fail to take permission for PMGSY work in Chandel district

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Imphal, Feb 6: Armed group United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) has clarified that the outfit has no idea of the news item appeared in some of the dailies which is associated with UKLF and PMGSY work as it was done without proper name, title and designation. Terming it as unfortunate the UKLF condemn it.

The outfit further said that no individuals or firms can take up any developmental works particularly PMGSY in their operational area without prior permission. In a statement the outfit said that PMGSY Package No.MNO 296 Khangbarol to Tuikong and that of Dingpi area in Chandel district including Sajik Tampak area, Pallel and Sugnu area should

not be taken up without the knowledge and concern of UKLF. It further added that any individual/firm who are awarded PMGSY work tender without the knowledge and permission of UKLF will not be allowed to work in their area. The outfit further warned the concern departmental staff of serious consequences if

they conduct survey works in the area. "These conditions on developmental works in our area are done in view of quality maintenance during work implementation. In the past, some individuals/firms implemented PMGSY work with poor quality and it is the common people who suffer in the end", the UKLF statement said.

National Seminar Ethno Science and Traditional Technology of Tribes and Indigenous Peoples of Northeast India held

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Imphal, Feb 6: A Two-Day National Seminar on 'Ethno Science and Traditional Technology of Tribes and Indigenous Peoples of Northeast India' was held at Lamyamba Shanglen, Imphal. The seminar was jointly organised by the Department of Social Work and Department of Sociology, the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, Manipur (IGNTU-RCM). The seminar is a continuation of the one on the same earlier organised by the IGNTU, head quarters, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh. In the Inaugural Function of the seminar held yesterday, Ratan Thiyam, Chairperson, National School of Drama, New Delhi, Dr. R.K Nimai Singh, Consultant, Government of Manipur and Prof. Rajendra Kshetri, Department of Sociology, Manipur University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and President, respectively. Smt. Sunita. L. Varte, Director (i/c), IGNTU-RCM delivered the Welcome Address and Dr. Asha Sougajam, Department of Sociology, IGNTU & Seminar Co-convenor proposed the Vote of Thanks. Dr. R.K Nimai Singh observed that many of the life curing medicines such as quinine and aspirin were in used by people

for curing malaria and fever but it was only in the 1960s that these traditional medicines were recognized by the modern science. The winner of Nobel Prize for Medicine for the year 2015 is based on traditional ethno science. These three examples, according to Dr. R.K Nimai Singh, indicate that traditional knowledge of ethno science holds scope for humanity, free from harm and toxin. Giving another example of traditional practice, he shared the experience of our forefathers who indulged in multiple crop planting system, such as planting corns as secondary crops along with chilly plants. This practice, according to him, reduces the number of germs attacking the plants, thereby giving a better yield of both crops to the farmer. He noted that taking into account the significance of such a tradition even Manipur University has taken up initiatives to study medicinal plants of Manipur used by various communities in the state. However, a collaborative effort from various knowledge streams in this domain is yet to fructify in our society. He hopes that the present initiative taken up by IGNTU-RCM is a promising contribution for the beginning of more collaborative efforts and spread awareness. Prof. Rajendra Kshetri shared that there has been enormous

debate surrounding the model of development to followed for the betterment of the human kind. But so far priority has been placed on economic development and growth at the cost of depletion of natural resources and health. He added that the same model has not taken into account the issues of environment and ecology. Therefore, people started looking for an alternative model which emphasizes on conservation and preservation of natural resources and environment but caters to human needs, which is known as sustainable development. One of the approaches to achieve sustainable development is the due recognition given to ethno science because it is sensitive to ecology and in sync with traditional knowledge and values. He observed that ethno science is a history from below - history of the people in its wholesome cultural milieu. As a sociologist he stated that the increasing significance given to the present trend can be termed as traditionalization of modernity and holds value for treating an alternative path of development. Unfortunately, Shri Ratan Thiyam could not be with the gathering to grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

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