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Unhealthy westernization of Yaoshang celebration: Public reactions Unauthorised use of fire fighting vehicles

IT Exclusive
Imphal, March 28: The state of Manipur is known for festivals, and not a single month passes without celebrating a festival. Among the calendar full of festivals, Yaoshang is one such event where young and old alike enjoy in their own ways. However in recent years, Yaoshang-the local adaptation of Holi festival of Hindu religion has taken a detrimental turn with people started celebrating the festival in extravagant unhealthy manners.

changing trend of celebrating the popular festival of Manipuri-Hindu people, representatives of Imphal Times toured the city to check how the people celebrate the festival.



During the reach out, Laishram Chitragada of Khabam under Heingang Police Station told that for the last few years a large number of people thronged at Route 39 Restaurant located at Mantripukhuri to celebrate the festival. The owner of the restaurant who is reportedly one of the relatives of the state Chief Minister organized special musical and water splashing event in front of the eatery. Music, colours and waters made the crowd a frenzied and horrid look. The festival is celebrated as thanksgiving and to share love and repair broken relationships with the closing of winter and welcoming a happy spring season. Meeting friends, organizing Thabal Chongba, Yaosang Sports, Aber Teinabi,

Chak Chanabi, Yaoshang peisa thatpa etc are the main aspects of celebrating the festival since long time, commented a local of Uripok while expressing his unhappiness over the changing trend of celebrating the festival and keeping 'westernization of Yaosang' in the subject. He also informed that a water splashing event was organized at Uripok near the Over Bridge. Fire fighting vehicles of Manipur Fire Department were used to splash all over the place and people giving a wild view.

According to report, the organizer took permission from the authorities to use two vehicles of state Fire Department. Even the police personnel, who were deployed at the area, made a futile effort to tame the hysteric crowd. **When contacted over phone regarding the permission to use fire fighting vehicles of state Fire Department at the water splashing event at Uripok, Kh Chandramani Singh, Director of State Fire Department said that the vehicles were used without permission from the department authority.**

RPF clarifies

IT News
Imphal, March 28: The proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF), in a press release signed by Bangkim, Chief- Department of Publicity of the group clarifies that the two persons apprehended by Imphal West District Police Commando on 26 March 2016 namely Baspatimayum Sibannanda sharma @ Latip (50), S/o (L) B. Homendro of Moirangkhom Bokul makhong and Khetrimayum Sanjoy @ Pandum (35), S/o Kh. Indrakumar of Singjamei Bhagyabati leikai are not related to RPF or its armed wing PLA in any manner whatsoever.

Two TPLA cadres apprehended after fierce gun battle

IT News
Imphal, March 28: Troops of Jwalamukhi Battalion under the aegis of Senapati Brigade of Red Shield Division after a fierce gun battle succeeded in apprehending two active and hardcore cadres of the proscribed TPLA including a huge cache of automatic weapons and ammunition in an operation carried out near village Ekban on 23 Mar 16. The apprehend cadres were identified as Lalthangliel Lhovoum, age- 20 years, s/o Nehmang, resident of village Motbung, District Senapati and Neopa Khongsai, age- 26 years, s/o late Rilsut Thang, resident of village Ekban, District Senapati. Two AK-47 Rifles, two magazines of AK-47 Rifles, 30 AK-47 live rounds, one 7.62mm SLR Rifle, one magazine of 7.62mm SLR Rifle, 26 live rounds of 7.62mm SLR, one 9mm Pistol, three live rounds of 9mm Pistol and one Handheld Motorola Radio Set were recovered from the nabbed cadres. The apprehended cadres along with recovered arms and ammunition have been handed over to police for further interrogation.

Boy lost life while saving motorists from rampaging truck

IT News
Imphal, March 28: One person was killed in a road accident today at khabeisoimamang leikai. The accident occurred today at around 11 am under Heingang police station. The person killed in the accident has been identified as Boboi Mayangmayum, age 21, s/o Ayub Khan of Khabeisoimamang Leikai. Boboi was run over by one water tanker truck. According to a report from the spot, Boboi lost his life while trying to save two girls travelling in one Activa who were about to be run over by one water tanker truck. The tanker earlier had struck a car which was

pulled over by the locals for collecting donation on the road in connection with the Yaoshang festival (Holi). The truck ran over Boboi along with the Activa where he lost his life. During the accident the girls who were travelling on the Activa escaped without any injury. The driver of the water tanker bearing registration number MN05-3744 fled from the site of the accident. Locals of Khabeisoimamang Leikai took out an agitation to bring out the accused driver. Heingang Police have registered a case against the incident. The very water tanker truck reportedly struck 3 vehicles before running over the deceased person.

Locals condemned bomb attack on residential areas

IT News
Imphal, March 28: Uripok Women Association, Bachaspati and Sinam leikai (UWABSL) staged a sit in protest today against the bomb attack at the residence of IFCD Chief Engineer Gurumayum Robindro Sharma (56) S/o Sakhigopal of Uripok Bachaspati leikai around 7 pm yesterday. Speaking to the media persons Ahongsangbam Pusparani- Secretary UWABSL said that local people condemns the bomb attack at the residential area and appealed to those responsible not to repeat such act in the public places.

Khubung Angsung Bungna Alum held

IT News
Chandel, March 28: The 1st Khubung Angsung Bungna Alum (a get together of Khubung khullen descendants) was held on March 23 at Khubung Khullen's Dutuwl Thuh, under chakpikarong sub division in Chandel district.

The celebration which was held under the theme "Anathi pam vapumthu Nang ru Angsung hin kithin kumpung ape pahin ning" (For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever) was attended by MLA of 41 AC Chandel Victor Nunghlung; Vice Principal of

United College Lambung Kanthung Ruvndar as chief guest and functional president. While Chandel MDCs namely Sh Manglemlong Monsang, Ts Willingson, Ts Kanlun, KT Hari, along with UNC vice president Ts Wangam attended as guests of honour.

After Arunachal, Uttarakhand, crisis now surfaces in Manipur

ANI
Imphal, March 28: After Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, a political crisis is now looming over the Congress Government in Manipur, where 25 dissident party legislators are demanding a reshuffle of the Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh's cabinet. In the 2012 assembly polls, the Congress had bagged 42 seats in the 60 seat Manipur Assembly. Their strength went up to 47 after five MLAs from Manipur State Congress

Party (MSCP) joined Congress on April 3, 2014. The Congress dissidents have served an ultimatum to Ibobi Singh, asking him to either induct them in the ministry or face consequences. The dissidents have been demanding a major reshuffle for months so that they could be inducted into the cabinet. Congress president Sonia Gandhi has summoned Ibobi Singh to New Delhi for discussions. According to sources, the

dissidents have hinted they may join the BJP, if their demands were not met. Sonia Gandhi has reportedly taken a serious note of the demands of the dissidents, whose number is said to be increasing. Senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal, while criticising imposition of President's Rule in Uttarakhand, had yesterday hinted that the saffron party's next target could be Manipur. Manipur is expected to go to polls in February 2017.

Independence of Manipur only topic for dialogue with India: RPF

IT News
Imphal, March 28: When Manipur was flourishing as an independent Nation State more than two thousand years ago with its unique administrative set-up, customs and traditions, scripts, language as well as social norms, the notion of India as a nation has not even taken root; claims a press release of the proscribed Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) signed by Roben Khuman- Secretary Publicity. Reiterating the fact that Manipur was forcefully annexed to India against the wishes of the King, People and the universal laws, the release states that RPF is carrying out an armed struggle against the nation to win back

the independence snatched away from the people by an Imperialist nation as such an armed struggle is sanctioned and recognized by the UN Resolution 1514 (xv) of 14 Dec. 1960 Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Country and People which states that "All peoples have other right to Self Determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economy, social and cultural development." While the U.N General Assembly declared on December 12, 1974 that the Struggle of peoples under colonial and alien domination and racist regimes for the Right to

Self Determination and Independence is legitimate in full accordance with the principles of International Law & the armed conflicts involving the struggle of peoples against colonial and alien domination and racist regimes are to be regarded as armed conflict. The call to lay down arms of North Eastern revolutionary groups as a prerequisite to peace talks by Union Home Minister Rajnath, therefore reveals him to be an imperialist without regards for the sensibilities, customs and protocols, and that the only topic on which RPF will entertain a dialogue with India is regarding the Independence of Manipur; the release concludes.

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Congress moves high court against Prez rule in Uttarakhand

Agencies
New Delhi, March 28: The Congress party moved the Nainital high court on Monday against the imposition of President's rule in Uttarakhand. The BJP-led Centre cited a constitutional breakdown while imposing President's rule in Uttarakhand on Sunday, a day before Harish Rawat was to take a floor test in the state assembly to prove his majority. The Congress had said on Sunday it will challenge the decision in court and show that the Narendra Modi dispensation is out to "destabilise" governments in all the states ruled by the party. Senior party leader Kapil Sibal had said that President's rule was imposed a day before the floor test as the Centre knew that chief minister Harish Rawat would be able to prove his majority. "We will explain the law to them in court. We will show the court that the people in the central government are the ones responsible for destabilising every state which is under Congress rule because their policy is to have 'Congress mukt Bharat'," he had said. As Congress cried "murder of democracy" after losing power in

second state after Arunachal Pradesh, Union finance minister Arun Jaitley countered by accusing the state government of "murdering" provisions of Constitution every day since March 18 when it "lost" majority in the assembly. Speaking to media shortly after President's Rule was imposed in the hill state, he said there were "cogent, relevant and extremely important grounds" on which the Union Cabinet came to the decision. "It was not only appropriate but the demand of the time that such an immoral government did not continue in Uttarakhand which has lost its majority. There was complete breakdown of the Constitution in Uttarakhand," he said. Citing other reasons for dismissing the government, he spoke about the "hard evidence" of Rawat offering allurances to win over MLAs to change the composition of House, discriminatory use of anti-defection law by the Speaker with regard to his action against rebel MLAs of BJP and Congress. Jaitley said Governor Paul had also mentioned that he had "serious doubts" over what happened in the assembly on March 18 and said his report played a key role in the Cabinet's decision.

Asked about criticism, especially by BJP, of the governor's decision to give Rawat nine days to prove his majority, he said there was no reason for him to arrive at such a conclusion after going through his report. The governor had repeated asked the chief minister to convene the assembly in two-three days for floor test but he deliberately prolonged it by insisting that he would do so only on March 28, Jaitley said. "He wanted to use the time period for allurement, horse-trading to change the composition of the House... During each of the nine days, provisions of the Constitution were violated," the Union minister said. About the sting operation against Rawat, he said, "This is the first time that there is hard evidence about horse-trading by a chief minister who has been caught on camera." On the Congress charge that BJP was destabilising its governments, he said the opposition party should put its house in order as it was a crisis created by Congress itself. "There was rebellion in Congress as the party high command had been refusing to even meet their leaders," he said.