



Interactive session on women issues held at Manipur Press Club

International Women's Day observed

Gaikhangam slams BJP for not supporting Women's Bill

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Imphal, March 8: Deputy CM Gaikhangam slams BJP for not supporting the Women's Reservation Bill while speaking on International Women's Day observance at Congress Bhawan. "Congress party under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi has tabled the Women's Reservation Bill in the parliament 4 to 5 times during UPA government in the center, but the Bill could not be passed as BJP did not support the Bill", Gaikhangam said. He further said, however the party has strong determination for up-liftment of women in every sphere within the congress party. He further encouraged women in the state to utilize their Virtues, Beauty and Power within each woman for better cause. And he highlighted the importance of the change of discriminated mindset towards

women in society. Chief Minister, O Ibobi, who graced the observance function as Chief Guest recalled the history of how the international Women Day started observing across the globe. He said the day is observed in recognitions to the achievement of the women across the world irrespective of their nationality and ethnicity. Apart from CM and Dy. CM, Jarjum Ete, General Secretary, AIMCC in charge Manipur, other congress MPs, Ministers, Parliamentary Secretary, MLAs, Office bearers of MPCC, Frontal & Cells, Congress Councillors, Members of Zilla Parishad, Pradhans, Presidents DMCC, BMCC among others took part in the function. Later in relation with the observance a discussion session on "Women & Law" was also held.

Women are still discriminated even after knowing their roles

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Imphal March 8: Observation of International Women's Day was held at Tribal Research Institute, Chingmeirong, Imphal today, on the theme "Planet 50-50 by 2030 : Step it up for Gender Equality". The event was jointly organised by Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Manipur and Manipur State Women's Development Corporation Limited, Imphal. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Social Welfare Minister AK. Mirabai Devi said that in today's society, Women have been lifting the responsibilities of looking after domestic needs and other challenges. However, in many account women are being discriminated in society and they are not even entitled to equal rights and opportunities as entitled to men. In the present era, many women's are being literate and they must try to participate in decision making bodies. There should be equality with men and women socially, economically and politically and the roles and contributions of women in the society need recognition. The minister stressed the needs for collective effort to check atrocities committed in different forms against women. She also appeals to avail the benefits and

opportunities of various scheme and programme undertaken by the Social Welfare Department. Principal Secretary of Social Welfare SK. Dev Verma in his speech said that the department has taken up various scheme and programme for development and upliftment of women. Recently two projects were launched in Thoubal and Senapati district which would be extended to other district as well in due course of time. He further said the roles of NGO's are very important, while implementing various projects and he is hopeful that, those NGO's work well and utilized fund properly. As part of the observation, the gathering were entertained with Songs and Short Plays based of 'Domestic Violence' by officials of Social Welfare Department and NGO's. First, Second, Third and Consolation prizes of Painting Competition were distributed on the occasion which was held on March 6, 2016 in two categories. The observation was attended by MLA O. Landhoni Devi as President, Principal Secretary, SW S.K.Dev Verman IAS, Director, SW L. Nabakishwar Singh IAS and Chairperson, Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights S. Sarakumar Sharma as Guest of Honours respectively.

NPF MLAs are treated as armed NSCN cadres – Nunglung Victor

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Chandel, March 8: ST Nunglung Victor, the Naga Peoples' Front (NPF) MLA, who had submitted resignation to the Manipur legislative Assembly today said that even though the NPF MLAs are elected representatives of the people, they are being, treated as armed cadres of the NSCN. This was stated during a one day political conference of the party held today at the Indoor Stadium at Chandel District head quarter. Nunglung Victor further said that no Nagas had ever discussed about distorting the territorial integrity of Manipur but it is among the

meitei themselves that are trying to disintegrate Manipur. President of the NPF State Unit Awangbou Newmai while speaking on the occasion said that the NPF want change in Hill districts by developing and delivering justice to the people. "Offices at district head quarter and sub divisional head quarter are seen attended by only few grade 4 staffs", Newmai blamed the government saying that the officers and other competent authority had stop attending offices. He added that as the grievances of the people of the Hill people are not heard the people are forced to impose bandh or blockade.

ADC Chandel, Ksm. Mathew while speaking on the occasion said that the NPF is a political platform to support any move for unification of the Nagas. Former BJP member TS Beton who had recently joined the NPF and become the state unit vice president of the party said that he left BJP as the aspiration he once had with the BJP turn meaningless as the party had not listen to his plea for taking up developmental works of Chandel district. The one day political conference was also attended by NPF MLA L. Dikho who had submitted resignation to the Manipur legislative Assembly.

Issues faced by women discussed

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Imphal, March 8: As a part of the International Women's Day observance, a group of people today held a discourse on the present problems and discriminations being faced by the women community of the state at Manipur Press Club. The interactive session organized under the initiative of Nandini Thokchom and Ranjana Naoshekpam was attended by several activists, artists, media persons, film makers and students. Main issues discussed are the present status of women in

contemporary Manipuri society and also how the media are portraying the conditions of Women. Among those seen attending the session includes Dr. N. Vijayalaksmi, Ramananda wangkheirakpam, A Dhananjay, Yumlembam Vijaya, Damudor, Devbratta Roy etc. The session was moderated by Synod, Executive editor Imphal Free Press moderated the session.

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National Mahila Morcha BJP supports Sharmila on International Women's Day

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Imphal, March 8: The Bharatiya Janata Party, National Mahila Morcha observes International Women's day at the residence of Naorem Ibemcha Devi, National Special Invitee, BJP Mahila Morcha at Iroisemba. Several Women leaders of BJP also joined the event which is supporting Irom Chanu Sharmila, the iron Lady of Manipur who's fasting for one and half decades. With Solidarity and demanding the repeal of AFSPA in the state, today's event pledge to support the struggle of Irom

Sharmila. Speaking at the function, Naorem Ibemcha Devi opined that International Women's day would be incomplete and meaningless without remembering and recognizing the supreme sacrifice and struggle of Sharmila. The Mahila Morcha of BJP will support the struggle and discuss the issue with National Mahila Morcha leaders for necessary action. She said, "We have submitted the memorandum regarding repeal of AFSPA to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi when he was in

Manipur last time." Other leaders also talked of gender equality and status of women in the state. Observing such day and supporting anti AFSPA crusader, Irom Sharmila is a proud moment for the National Mahila Morcha of BJP. The gathering discusses about proposal to implement Women's reservation Bill to empower Women in the State and Country. And also strengthening the status of Women in the state through various skills and schemes announced by Centre for the welfare of Women.

SEACO thanks AMWJU

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Imphal, March 8: South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) expresses gratitude to All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) for recognizing Lainingthou Pisathao instead of Bishwa Karma. A statement said that the organization has been working since the last 2-3 years for popularizing Lainingthou Pisathao, the indigenous deity of tools and instruments which had been substituted as Bishwakarma by during the reign of king Chandrakriti.

Association condemns Cabinet decision to recruit primary teachers

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Imphal, March 08: Association of All Manipur Unreserved Waiting List Candidates for Primary Teachers- 2006 has condemned the decision of State Cabinet to recruit 1582 primary teachers. The Secretary of the Association, Gurumayum Dayananda Sharma told reporters at Manipur Press Club here today that the government announced its decision to recruit the primary teachers on February 17 this year. However, in the year 2006 the then Director of Education (S), RK Anousana have notified (dated 12-09-2006) to recruit total number

of 1423 primary teachers. Written of the recruitment was conducted on 22 December 2006 by Board of Secondary Education Manipur and the Viva was also conducted on 6 August 2009, while the result of controversial DPC was also declared on 9 December 2011. Appointment letters were given to artificially create 242 OBC candidates, who were not originally mentioned in the recruitment notification. However, due to the prevailing system of corruption a total number of 81 unreserved genuinely selected candidates were left out at the time of appointment. In this regard a case has been filed at the

High Court of Manipur. Even if the court ordered to appoint the selected unreserved candidates, the states government failed to materialize the order till date, said Dayananda. Making another decision to recruit new primary teachers without appointing the candidates who have been selected for the post earlier is condemnable, he added. He also urged the concerned authority to immediately issue appointment letter to the 81 unreserved waiting list candidates, while the Secretary appealed civil society organizations to look into the matter at the behest of the teaching and student community.

Protest continues; Film Forum dissatisfied with Govt. inaction

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Imphal, March 8: Film Forum Manipur (FFM) continues to stage protest against the brutal assault to former general secretary of forum in front of their office Sangkar Talkies, Lamphel. The Forum is dissatisfied over the inaction of the government against the complaint made by them. Speaking to the media person chairman of the FFM Laimayum Surjakanta said that the protest completes 3 days and none of the organization has claimed or clarified about the reason assaulting Mayaglangbam Raghmani alias Epu. He further added that a memorandum was also submitted to the Chief Minister demanding immediate arrest of those culprits involved in the



brutal assault but no action is seen taken up regarding the matter. Surjakanta further added that the forum will convene a public

discussion on February 10 at Lamyamba Sanglen along with various CSOs and students organizations to decide the course of agitation.

Mid Day Meal

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Imphal, March 8: Jwalamukhi Battalion under Senapati Brigade of Red Shield Division organized a mid day meal for Mission Veng Orphanage at Khrukul of Imphal West district on 04 Mar 2016 as a goodwill gesture for the children of the orphanage. The lunch also provided an unique opportunity for the children to interact with security forces. A total of seventy children alongwith staff were present for the social event.

Swimmer Jayenta and Lenin clinch medals at Int'l meet, receive befitting welcome

Lalshram Ranbir
Imphal, March 8: Manipuri swimmers Salam Jayenta and Laikuram Lenin Singh who have clinched medals at the recently concluded Indo – Sri Lanka Invitational Masters Swimming Meet- 2016 which was held at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 2 - 6 March, were received warmly by sports lovers on their arrival here at Imphal International Airport today. Representing India, Salam Jayenta of Kongba Kshetri Leikai and Laikuram Lenin Singh, Kongba Khunou have participated at the international swimming meet in 50m/100m breast stroke event in between 30-39 years and 50m/100m back stroke, 100m breast stroke and 100m individual medley in 40-49 years category respectively. The national team bagged 25 Gold, 8 Silver, 4 Bronze medals. Out of which, the duo Manipuri swimmers contributed 3 Gold, 4 Silver and a Bronze medal for the country. In the event Salam Jayenta bag a gold, silver and bronze medal each while,



Laikuram Lenin Singh won 2 gold and 3 silver medals. On their arrival at the Imphal International Airport, sport lovers, friends and colleagues gave a rousing welcome to the champions. Speaking to Imphal Times at the airport, they also expressed

discontentment over the step motherly attitude of the state government to sportspersons. The swimmers, who have brought laurels for the state and nation, said that they have not received any help and even encouragement from the side of the state government in their whole sporting career. While urging the state government to extend possible help to sportspersons, the swimmers said that the World knows Manipur as the powerhouse of sports. They brought laurel to the nation. However, the state has lots of promising players, who are in need of financial and other supports from the side of government. They also informed that their baggage were misplaced while arriving at Kolkata from the capital city of Sri Lanka- Colombo on March 7. They also expressed displeasure over the recklessness of airport authority in securing the luggage of passengers.