



Demand for ST of Meitei/Meetei is nothing but pouring fuel to the burning fire – Yangsosang Koireng

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Imphal, May 14: Demand for scheduled tribe status for the Meitei or Meetei is nothing but pouring fuel to the burning fire. This was stated by Advisor of AMESCO Yangsosang Koireng said this while highlighting the various imbroglios existed among various communities of the state during a one day convention on Scheduled Tribe status in Manipur. "I belong to Koireng Community and it would be wrong to interfere to the issue of another community, but We the tribal will not be happy if

the Meitei or Meetei community which is major community were converted to Scheduled Tribe", Yangsosang Koireng said. He further said that the concept of the Pro ST demand committee justifying it as the means to bring harmony in the state is totally wrong. This will only set us on more crises. Citing an example, Koireng said that there are certain incident at which smaller tribe are being deprived for mere privilege.

"The Koibu tribe is facing tremendous hardship from Maring Community because they wanted a recognition", Koireng reminded. Koireng also further said that the Manipuri Language which has been included in the 8th Scheduled of the Indian Constitution will be a tribal

dialect if the Meetei are converted into ST and moreover the famous classical Manipuri Dance which has already spread its recognition across the world will become a mere tribal dance. Dr. Homen Thangjam, lecturer of MB College in his speech opined that the issue for demand of ST status for Meitei Meetei emerges from the narrow self interest vision of getting few quotas. He said the demand is provoke by JK Pillai as he thought that conversion of ST status might end the insurgency problem in the state which is not correct. The cheap propaganda of ST as the only option for the people is not correct.

Professor of Economics Chinglen Meishnam expressed shock over the

bringing up various issues by certain people mere political gains.

"Instead of arguing and debating over petty issues like ST or others it is now time that we the people think of some issues which people of the region irrespective of community could go together", Chinglen said. He added that the issue of AFSPA which both Hills and Plain people use to go together with a common goal has been sidelined. This proves that the real problems of the state are being sidelined. Various leaders of Meira Paibis also opposed the idea of converting the Meitei Meetei into ST status saying that they will stand against any such demand which will sabotage the history of the erstwhile kingdom.

Viva – voce for constable scheduled; strike postponed

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Imphal, May 14: The proposed general strike of the written test successful candidates for the post of constable in Manipur Police has been called off following an order of the home department to conduct the viva voce. According to an order of the Chairman of Constable (Male) Recruitment Board Manipur, Th Radheshyam Singh IPS it is stated that the Viva – Voce test of the successful candidates in the written test examination of the ongoing recruitment for constable (Male) in the Manipur Police department which was discontinued in respect of Thoubal and Imphal West Districts will be resumed and the same will be held at 1st Bn. Manipur Rifles complex Imphal from 9am sharp. As according to the order Viva-Voice for Thoubal District will be held from May 18 to May 24, for Imphal West the viva voce will be held from May 25 to May 31 and for remaining candidates of all the Hill districts will be held from June 3 to June 6 and remaining candidates of all the Valley districts at will be held from June 7 to June 10. All candidates are asked to bring original document.

ILPS protest continues; MI road blocked for 1 hour



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Imphal, May 14: Ongoing ILPS protest continues even as there is strong objection from the Hill based organization. On the third day, under the initiative of the JCILPS, women meira paibis and club members at various

places along the MI Road in the road stretch between Keishampat to Hiyanthang. Meira Paibi of each localities situated between the road stretch staged sit-in-protest blocking half of the road in their respective localities. At 1 pm as scheduled earlier,

meira paibis and club member road the road for 1 hour. During the said timing all vehicles coming from both ends were put to halt. Protestors also form human chain at various places including keishamthong, Elangbam Leikai, Ahanthem Leikai, Khagempalli, Pishum Ningom Leirak Machin, Hoabam marak, Heirangoi Thong, Hiyangthang and keishampat etc .

Slogan demanding introduction of ILPS were also shouted. The meira paibi also urged the government of Manipur to get approval of the 3 ILPS related Bills passed by the state government.

AGP holds election review meeting in Guwahati

ANI
Guwahati , May 14: The Assam Gana Parishad held a two-day election review meeting here recently, where party workers from contesting constituencies gave their view and result prospects. The venue of the meeting

was the AGP head office in Guwahati. After the meeting, AGP president Atul Bora, said the party is now more confident of achieving better poll results and added that the BJP-led alliance party will surely form the government after May 19.

The BJP, AGP and the BPF have entered into an alliance, while the Congress and the UDP have another. The AGP contested in 25 seats, out of 126 seats, while 12 seats were left for the Bodoland People's Front. The BJP is contesting from the remaining seats.

Wind - Storm destroys houses within Khousesabung DCC

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Imphal, May 14: A strong wind - storm that took place yesterday evening at around 5:30 destroyed at least 10 Houses within 01 - Khousesabung District Council Constituency in Churachandpur District. As per reports, houses of - Mr Thangkhoisem, 2, Mrs Chongkhohling, 3, Reverend Muona, 4, Mr Robert Mangliensiem, 5, Mr Alien of Khousesabung Village were destroyed by the strong wind - storm. In another report, a strong wind - storm also destroyed 4 houses in Bunglawn within

Khousesabung DCC within Cpur District. The houses belong to Mr Goupri, Mr Khaikhomang, Mrs Khawhneihchaw and Mrs Khawhneihchong @ Chongboi. Report said that Mr Seilenmang Khongsai, MDC, 01 - Khousesabung is taking out a survey to take stock of the situation tomorrow. Eye witnesses said that a good number of electric posts were also felled due to the strong wind. On the other hand, Khousesabung Sub - Division Demand Committee (KSDDC) whilst sympathizing with the victims

of the unfortunate wind - storm, said that they will not entertain or accept any aid or relief materials from the 'boycotted' MLA & PHED Minister T Manga Vaiphei. "We will accept aid or relief only from the Government of Manipur", said one of the executive member of Khousesabung Sub - Division Demand Committee. Reports reaching here said there is no report of human casualty due to wind - storm. "The Govt must despatch relief materials at the earliest", said a youth leader of the area.

Worsening road conditions around Lamphel dishearten locals, commuters

IT News
Imphal, May 14: Road connectivity at Lamphel quarter areas under Imperial West near RIMS hospital including roads at officers' colony are in such pathetic conditions. The road connectivity in the area are laden with many large potholes, dusty areas that turned into slush when wet, cracked and dilapidated surface and loose pebbles and gravel giving much inconveniences to the residents as well as commuters. Residents of the area told this reporter that the roads have not been repaired for the last couple of years. As the roads connect the National Institute of Technology (NIT) and Shija Hospitals with the state capital, the vehicle volume passing the road is

very high which also include fully loaded heavy vehicles being used for various construction activities presently undergoing at the NIT site, informed the residents. Meanwhile, patient and patient parties visiting Shija Hospital have also expressed that

they have faced extra inconvenience in addition to the physical illness due to pathetic road condition. Patients especially for delivery cases are experiencing unease while coming to the hospital.



DESAM VP administers oath to office bearers of district council

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Imphal, May 14: Vice-President of Democratic Students' Association of Manipur (DESAM), Aheibam Anand has administered oath of office to newly elected 30 members Imphal West District Council of the students' body today afternoon at a function held at Keishampat head office. Leaders of the students' body namely Vice President,

Aheibam Anand; General Secretary, N Edison Meitei; Elangbam Mushuk Meitei and Senior Member Kh Shyamsundar, who attended at the function, narrated the history of establishment of DESAM and its objectives. Highlighting the contributions and reformation made by DESAM in the education system of Manipur, Kh Shyamsundar said that the body is different

from others with its democratic approaches. He also wished the newly elected members of the district council to work hard for the betterment of the students' community. The district council would be headed by KC James; K Nongdrenkhomba; L Micardo and Yensenbam Askhokumar as president, vice-presidents and general secretary.

Binalakshmi Nepram attends UNPFII at UN Headquarters in New York



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Imphal, May 14: Social activist Binalakshmi Nepram of Manipur to address the United Nations on the theme of Indigenous People's Movement and issues in Manipur at the ongoing 15th

United Nations Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) at UN Headquarters in New York from 9th till 20 May 2016. Binalakshmi, who is the first Manipuri woman to address the United Nations, has left New Delhi for New York to attend the UNPFII held at United Nations Headquarters in New York currently from 9th till 20 May 2016. Binalakshmi is scheduled to speak on the theme of Indigenous People's Movement including the current issue for indigenous lands protection in Manipur

and other parts of India's Northeast Region, other rights violation in the region, which is home to 272 indigenous communities and the mitigation that extraordinary indigenous women of Manipur and other Northeast states are engaging to bring peace and reduce conflict. In a statement issued upon her arrival in New York to attend the prestigious UN forum on Indigenous People's Issues, Binalakshmi said, "Indigenous people have suffered from historical injustices and dispossessed

of their lands, territories and resources. 90% of India's Northeast region including Manipur. For over 60 years of violence, ethnic killings, distrust, imposition of military laws such as AFSPA have marred relations of various indigenous communities in the region." "It is time that we wake up and address our issues collectively including current demands of demilitarizing Manipur and India's Northeast region, Repeal of Armed Forces Special Powers Act 1958 and protection of Manipur people's lands and

rights. What we are doing is to deepen democracy, ensure prevalence of rule of law and also call upon all ethnic communities to come together and address issues in an inclusive and just manner and advocate and fight for our rights collectively together." The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was established in July 2000 to discuss indigenous issues and later in 2007, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted to protect indigenous people living in different parts of the

globe. UNDRIP is an important standard for the treatment of indigenous peoples that is a significant tool towards eliminating human rights violations against the planet's 370 million indigenous people and assisting them in combating discrimination, marginalization and gender based violence against indigenous women. Over 1000 indigenous people from all over the world are attending at the UNPFII. Binalakshmi is also a recipient of international Sean McBride Peace Prize and CNN IBN Real Heroes Award.

Seminar on Hmar dialect held

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Imphal, May 14: The Hmar Literary and Vernacular Committee Imphal (HLCVI) under the aegis of Hmar Literature Society (HLS) in collaboration with Hmar Students' Association (HSA), Imphal Joint Headquarters jointly organized 1st one-day regional seminar-cum-consultation on Hmar dialect on May 14 at Tribal Research Institute, Chingmeirong, Imphal, Manipur.