

Kuki bodies condemn attack to CM and his team at Ukhrul 'Gaidon Kamei's statement sounds as declaration of war against the State'

IT News
Imphal, Oct 27: Terming the attack to Chief Minister and his Ministerial team at Ukhrul on last Sunday as an attack to the whole of the state Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) and Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust (KOHRT) today sought explanations from president of the UNC, Gaidon Kamei to spell out who are the hill people against the Chief Minister and his ministerial team.

In a joint statement issued by Pu Thangkhsai, President KIM and Pu T. Lunkim, Chairman KOHRT, the two Kuki bodies stated that UNC president Gaidon Kamei should tender public apology if the hill people at which he stated to a news agency

saying that hill people area against the Chief Minister O. Ibobi and his Council of Minister, included the 'Kukis' which is the second largest population in hill area of Manipur.

The two body expressed surprised when Gaidon Kamei, President UNC called on all the Naga units of the United Naga Council (UNC) have been directed to remain alert so as to thwart any backlash from the Government of Manipur following the barring of Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh from inaugurating projects in Ukhrul district on October 24 as according to an article published by Sangai Express daily on 26 October 2016, under the heading "UNC Alerts all constituent units,"

The statement sounds as a declaration of war against the State, the Kuki bodies stated.

In the same article, UNC President Gaidon Kamei informed Newmai News Network that the position of the hill people against Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh, his Council of Ministers and those 'Legislators endorsing Ibobi's doctrine' still stands. This statement is a serious one and the UNC needs immediate explanation of who are the hill people, supporting UNC against the Chief Minister, the statement added.

"In case his statement includes the second largest population, "Kukis," he must make public apology with immediate effect. Mr. Gaidon Kamei must be aware of the

stance of his neighbour Kuki Inpi, which patiently anticipate UNC's realization of how great sacrifice Kuki Inpi made for all communities of the North East India including Manipur, by means of that sacrifice we all are now enjoying freedom of indigenous land ownership", the statement mention.

On the other hand the two Kuki bodies also appealed Gaidon Kamei and UNC to try to live peacefully with all their brothers namely Kukis, Nagas and Meiteis traditionally confirmed by all our forebears namely Kukis, Nagas and Meiteis as brothers, and jotted down by a foreign writer T.C. Hodson while the Britishers were with us, co-ruling with the indigenous people of Manipur and adjoining regions by their

traditions customarily accepted laws.

"Hatred will ultimately snatch away indigenous land ownership by selling it away through making negotiations after negotiations with people who have never lived in our ancestral land, nor have ever done anything to save our land. Care must be taken for all, less careless and with unauthorized so-called peace talks may be used as a means to take away ancestral land ownership for someone who have never contributed anything to save the land, but trying to cause endangering International peace and security which the UN hotly hates it to happen anywhere in the present world", the statement added

TNL stands against Manipur CM strengthened; ban entry to Ukhrul district



IT News

Imphal, Oct 27: Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh's clarification over the allegations by Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL) regarding the inauguration of the 50 bedded hospital in Ukhrul district failed to calm the anger of the Tangkhul body as it announced more stringent move declaring ban to Chief Minister and his Ministerial colleague to the soil of Ukhrul district.

A group of reporters based in Imphal was invited to take stock of the hospital building at which the Chief Minister had stated 'ready for inauguration'. More serious issues arises is the statement given to media persons by Weapon Zimik, President of TNL at which he stated that even if the required infrastructures are provided for the newly constructed hospital Chief Minister Okram Ibobi will not be allowed to enter Ukhrul town again.

The Tangkhul Naga Long, an apex Tangkhul civil society organization has been the government of trying to mislead the people by forcibly inaugurating the district hospital which is yet to be completed. It also accused the government of not providing proper medical infrastructures to the hospital saying that instead of 50 beds which is supposed to be provided there are at present only 30 beds.

The TNL President cautioned that even if all the projects are completed Chief Minister will not be given assent to inaugurate it although it can be inaugurated by other officials.

Media team along with Weapon Zimik and his team today inspected the condition of Ukhrul District Hospital and found lack of infrastructures. They claimed that they found beds and other machines which were not installed on the day of CM's visit to Ukhrul on Oct 24.

HC directs 31% reservation for ST students in MU

IT News
Imphal, Oct 27: Manipur High Court has directed the Manipur University to reserve 31% seats for schedule tribe (ST), 2% for Schedule caste (SC) and 17% for Other Backward Classes in admission to the University for the academic session 2016-2017. The High Court announced its verdict directing the registrar to the University yesterday as according to Advocate BR Sharma.

Royal Thai Embassy delegates visit Don Bosco Museum

Shillong, Oct. 27: A delegation from the Royal Thai Embassy in Delhi, Consulate General of Thailand in Mumbai and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand led by Chalit Manityakul, Ambassador of Thailand to India made a visit to Don Bosco Museum in Mawlawi today.

The delegates also made a visit to the Otto Hopfenmueller Library, adjacent to the museum. They were part of an advanced survey team to prepare for a visit by the Princess of Thailand Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who will be visiting Shillong for three days next month.

Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn will pay an official visit to India from November 20-25, 2016 to receive the first "World Sanskrit Award" at the invitation of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR). Apart from Meghalaya, the Thai Princess will also visit Assam and Meghalaya.

BJP's State Media Management Committee selected

IT News
Imphal, Oct 27: BJP Manipur Pradesh today selected its media management committee. The State Media Management Committee selected on the advised of the President of BJP, Manipur Pradesh constitutes fifteen (15) members and has been assigned for the smooth functioning of the party's media related programme in the upcoming 11th Manipur Legislative General Assembly Election, 2017.

According to a notification signed by L Bashanta Sharma, Secretary (media in-charge) of BJP, Manipur Pradesh the newly selected members are (1)

RK Shivachandra Singh, Convenor, (2) Md Alhaj Nasiruddin Khan, Co-Convenor, (3) Dr N Hemjit Singh, (4) M Sharat Singh, (5) H Bijen Singh, (6) Ph Phoni Singh, (7) Ng Bikhram Singh, (8) Agui Kamei, (9) M Vaiphei, (10) Ph Kennedy Sharma, (11) A Punyabanta Sharma, (12) D Kajaiga, (13) S Nongpokganba, (14) L Birjit Singh and (15) Dr L Robinadro Singh.

The designated selected members along with their names have been put into charge with immediate effect till the General Assembly Election, 2017.

Dalai Lama to reportedly visit Arunachal Pradesh in March 2017

New Delhi, Oct 27: The central government has approved the proposed visit of Tibet's exiled leader Dalai Lama to Arunachal Pradesh in March 2017, *The Hindureported*. An official at the Chief Minister Pema Khandu's office told the newspaper that the invitation for the fortnight-long visit was extended on October 9. The newspaper report said there was no religious occasion for Dalai Lama's visit. The trip was planned because the spiritual leader had a strong connection with the state, especially Tawang. He came to India from China through the mountain route of

Tawang in 1959. The development comes only days after China criticised US envoy Robert Verma's visit to the "disputed region" on October 21. Delhi dismissed Beijing's concerns, and said there was nothing unusual about the accredited ambassador's visit to the state, which is an "integral part" of India. After the visit, the chief minister put out a message on social media, and said, "America makes its presence in Tawang festival. Thank you Richard Verma for making the festival a global event by your presence." The India-China border has been a matter of dispute as China lays claim to parts of Arunachal Pradesh, and both countries have varying versions of the Line of Actual Control separating them.

KCP Porei meitei Lup warns capital punishment to Lagao gamblers

IT News
Imphal, Oct 27: KCP Porei Meitei Lup today warned capital punishment to all Lagao (dice game) gamblers. In a press statement the outfit said that it had already warned the public not to engage in the dice game in the name of celebrating diwali and Ningol

Chakouba festival. The outfit term it unfortunate for people to defy the banned on the gambling by the people. It said it had already placed hand grenades at Khekwa and Top Awang Leikai in Imphal East and another at Heirangoithong Maibam Leikai by its cadre under

operation DON. The outfit further said that those were warning and the cadres of the outfit will start attacking Lagao players without any mercy. The statement of the outfit also warned parents and guardian not to encourage their wards for gambling Lagao.

OROP panel submits report to Defence Minister

New Delhi, Oct 27: The one-man judicial committee on One Rank One Pension (OROP), set up by the government, has submitted its report to Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar. The Centre had appointed the

committee, under the Chairmanship of retired Chief Justice of Patna High Court L Narasimha Reddy, to look into the anomalies, if any, arising out of implementation of OROP. The Defence Ministry,

in a release, said the committee held hearings at around 20 cities and towns across the country and interacted with cross sections of ex-servicemen as well as their associations.

Role of social media in information dissemination discussed

PIB
Imphal, Oct. 27: Despite its advantages, social media is not free from numerous dangers, said Pradip Phanjoubam, Editor of Imphal Free Press who talked on the "Role of Social Media in Information Dissemination" at the one-day "Rural Media Workshop" at Manipur Press Club, Imphal on Wednesday. The resource person talked at length on the impact given to the print and electronic media with the advancement of social media in the workshop organised by the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and

Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal. He said that online social networking technologies enable individuals to simultaneously share information with any number of peers. Quantifying the causal effect of these mediums on the dissemination of information requires not only identification of who influences whom, but also of whether individuals would still propagate information in the absence of social signals about that information, he said. Despite the wide availability of data from online social

networks, identifying influence remains a challenge. Individuals tend to engage in similar activities as their peers, so it is often impossible to determine from observational data whether a correlation between two individuals' behaviors exists because they are similar or because one person's behavior has influenced the other. In the context of information diffusion, two people may disseminate the same information as each other because they possess the same information sources, such as web sites or television that they consume regularly, he added.

'Digital India will help rooting out corruption'

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Imphal, Oct 27: "Digital India" will help empowering society, BB Sharma, retired Deputy Director RNU, AIR, Imphal who talked as resource person of the one-day "Rural Media Workshop" held in Imphal's Manipur Press Club yesterday organised by Press Information Bureau (PIB), Imphal asserted. In this digital age, every citizen has a bright prospect to transform the lives in many ways that were hard to envision just a couple of years ago, he said. Digital India aims at to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The programme (Digital India) will be implemented in phases from

the current year till 2018. The programme is transformational in nature and would ensure that government services are available to citizens electronically, Sharma said. Stating that e-governance has already started implementation in Manipur, he said that it was yet to be fully implemented. Once it is implemented under the initiative of the "Digital India" programme, it will help rooting out corruption from the state, he added. According to BB Sharma, Manipur government's Computerisation of Personal Information System (CPIS), a programme to computerise details of employees of the state government was an initiative of e-governance.

Under the initiative, Manipur government has been able to bring transparency in the governance through e-governance. Now the e-governance has become an initiative of the Digital India programme. From this, it can assume that this programme will be able to bring transparency in the government, he said. Sharma said that Digital India is a campaign launched by the government of India to ensure that the government services were made available to citizens, electronically by improving online infrastructure and by increasing internet connectivity or by making the country digitally empowered in the field of technology. (Contd. on page 2)