

AMWJU observes 43rd Foundation Day

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Imphal, Sept 16: All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) today observed its 43rd foundation day at Manipur Press Club.

Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, who attended the function as the Chief Guest lauded the role being played by the journalists to a complex society like Manipur.

"Manipur is a complex society, unlike other bigger states we have multiple number of ethnic community and it is natural that each community work for the interest of their community. In this complex society the role being played by the journalists is worth praising", Okram Ibobi said.

He also stressed on the frequent obstacles being faced by the journalist due to interference from various quarters.

"Some day we will be getting the complete freedom of speech and experience where no persons interfere", Ibobi added.

He was referring to the frequent dictate by armed militant group on what to publish and what not to publish. He said the role being played by the journalist is very complex and need to be appreciated as it was the



journalists that make the success of democracy. "Press is the fourth pillar of the Democracy, it is them who is sailing the boat", Ibobi further added.

The Chief Minister also lauded the role of the DIPR on its effort to bridge the gap between various government department and the public by organising media interaction programme with heads of the government department. For that IPR Director Meghachandra Kongbam, who also attended as Guest of honour was credited.

The Chief Minister also suggested the AMWJU to maintain a corpus fund so that it can provide assistant to the journalist at any time when required without approaching to the government. For that he assured all possible help in conducting fund drive by the AMWJU.

President of the AMWJU, Wangkhemcha Shamjai while speaking on the occasion recalled the suffering of the journalist fraternity in the state.

"Over 9 journalist has been shot dead by underground element and none of the

culprits has been arrested and punished so far", Shamjai said. He further added that government has been extending lot of assistant to the journalist fraternity however urged the Chief Minister to take up some more welfare programme like opening of Press Academy and Press housing colony.

On the occasion veteran Journalists of the state who had now retired from the service honoured by presenting gifts. Family of those journalists who passed away were also honoured by presenting gifts.

Earlier, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and other dignitaries paid floral tribute to the portrait of the journalists who had left for heavenly abode.

The foundation day celebration was graced by Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh; AMWJU's President Shri Wangkhemcha Shamjai; veteran journalist Shri A. Madhumangol and Director Information and Public Relations Shri Meghachandra Kongbam as chief guest, president and guests of honour respectively.

3- Days Regional Seminar on corruption and governance in Northeast India begins

Corruption is the abuse of public office for personal gains - Kh. Mani

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Imphal, Sept 16: A Three-Day Regional Seminar on "Corruption and Governance in Northeast India" begins today at the Court Room, VC Office, Manipur University. The seminar was organized by the Department of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, Manipur in collaboration with the Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University and sponsored by the North Eastern Council, Shillong.

Thangso Baite, Member of the Parliament was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural Programme of the seminar. Prof. W. Nabakumar Singh, Department of Anthropology, Manipur University and Khaidem Mani, Senior

Advocate were the Guest of Honours. Ms. Kim Gangte, Ex-MP was the Special Invitee while Dr. Ng. Ngalengnam, Director, (i/c), Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, Manipur presided over the function. Dr. Aheibam Koireng Singh, Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University delivered the Welcome cum Keynote Address. While welcoming the dignitaries and delegates of the seminar, he stated that the purpose of the seminar was to have an academic understanding of the widely prevalent phenomenon of corruption across India. He stressed that corruption has been freely practicing without the fear of prosecution by those occupying the ivory tower and office of the



highest authority. He illustrated the phenomena of the Ministers and MLAs becoming contractors whereby the genuine contractors were disappeared in Manipur, the price tag for the post of a SI, ASI, Constable Clerk or Nurse in the Government Department or RIMS and under-table dealings for posting by

Government servants, etc. He emphasized that in fact corruption in Manipur has become respectable because so many respectable people are involved in it. The common people have to sell their paddy field or homestead to bribe the ministers for getting a job.

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Frame modality to tackle influx of illegal immigrants: NSF

Courtesy NP

Dimapur, Sept 16: Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has urged the state government to immediately frame a strong modality that could tackle the influx of illegal immigrants. In a representation addressed to the chief secretary, the NSF president Subenthung Kithan and NLR commission chairman Kezhazer Angami expressed concern over the influx of non-locals and illegal immigrants into Nagaland and lax implementation of Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) Act of 1873.

Pointing out that the BEFR Act 1873 was enacted to protect the indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland, the land and its resources from exploitation by outsiders, the NSF however, said that the ILP system in Nagaland was not enforced in letter and spirit in line with the BEFR Act 1873.

According to the federation, the present ILP system in Nagaland, which lacked stringent terms for application, issuing of ILP and penalization of ILP defaulters, had made it liberal, porous and ineffective, thus negating the very purpose for which the Act was enacted. NSF said the present ground reality was such that there was an impending threat of the Naga indigenous inhabitants being out-numbered by the illegal immigrant populace.

The federation has, therefore, maintained that the government of Nagaland should immediately frame a strong modality, which can tackle the present challenges of incessant influx of non-locals and illegal immigrants. In this regard, the NSF has demanded that the following terms and conditions to be incorporated in the new modality for implementation of BEFR Act of 1873.

1. Territorial coverage: Dimapur District should come under the purview of Inner Line Permit Regulation.
2. Documents to be produced while applying ILP: (a). Applicants (Main Land Indians): Voter's ID Card, Permanent Residential Certificate. (b). Applicants

(Assam): Voter's ID Card, Permanent Residential Certificate, Land Patta, Electoral Roll enrollment duly signed by the District Magistrate and Election Officer, National Citizen Register (NCR) (issued before 1963). (c). Local Guarantor:

1. Indigenous certificate, residential and identity proof certificate, II. A joint photograph with his/her ward should be produced.
3. Undertaking: ILP applicants should produce two local guarantors (Employer and House Owner). Both the guarantors should sign an undertaking;
- I. Local guarantors and the applicant should be physically present while applying for ILP

II. That He/she should deposit his/her ward on the expiry of ILP and report to the ILP Monitoring Cell.

III. That He/she should be held responsible if legal cases against his/her ward arise.

4. Validity of ILP: A maximum of 15 days should be granted.

5. Administrative Mechanism: I. Set up separate ILP Monitoring Cell in each district headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner. II. Main Entry and Exit point should be installed with CCTV.
- III. Periodical orientation course for administrative officials in the ILP Monitoring Cell and police personnel manning the main check gates.
- IV. Proper records of ILP holders, Guarantors and deportation should be maintained.

V. Any kind of Permits/License/Certificates should not be issued to ILP holders.

VI. A person should be limited to act as guarantor of two ILPs only.

6. Upgrade the present Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to Skill Development Institutions and add more relevant trades/courses in all the districts.

7. Government of Nagaland should initiate sensitization programmes with the Village Councils, Town/Colony/Ward leaders and apex tribal bodies in all the districts.

Moreover, the government should empower the above local bodies for the successful implementation of the ILP system in Nagaland.

AIR to launch multimedia website & mobile app of its Baluchi services

Courtesy AIR

New Delhi, Sept 16: All India Radio will launch a multimedia website and a mobile application of its Baluchi services today. It is aimed at making the contents and programmes of Baluchi language available at multimedia platforms for easy access of listeners and create a global audience. Prasar Bharti Chairman Dr. A. Suryaprakash will launch the services.

External Services Division (ESD) of AIR broadcast one hour programme in Baluchi language every day which includes news also.

This service was started in 1974. esd, presently broadcasts daily in 57 radio transmissions covering over 108 countries in 27 languages.

Out of these, 15 are foreign including Baluchi language.

Locals decry deliphedated condition of Langol-Lamphel road, blocked road for few hours

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Imphal, Sept 16: Chingmi-Tammi Apunba Lup today morning blocked the road of Lamphel to Shija Hospital leading to Langol Game Village for some time in front of Home Guard Commandant Office protesting against the bad condition of road.

Chingmi-Tammi Apunba Lup JAC said the agitation was taken out today after Uripok MLA L. Nandakumar said the road portion from Lamphel to Shija Hospitals will be repaired but there is no fund to repair the road portion from Shija Hospitals to Game Village.

The JAC said the road which comes under Uripok A/C has not been repaired for the last 15 years. JAC began their agitation from 8 this morning by placing tree branches prohibiting traffic movement.

A team of Manipur Police led by Additional SP Imphal West Dr. S. Ibomcha tried to convince the JAC to stop their agitation. The agitators allowed emergency services and people attending religious ceremonies. The agitation was called off at around 12.15 pm after local MLA Nandakumar assured to talk to JAC in the evening

Workers' Education Day observed

IT News

Imphal, Sept 16: Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development observed Workers' Education Day 2016 under the theme of "empowering un-organized and rural workers : an imperative for nation building" at the conference hall of Arts and Culture Dept., Palace compound today.

Deputy Speaker MK Preshow Shimray, while speaking as the Chief Guest of the function

stressed on the need to impart education to workers for improvement of their socio economic condition.

He said that the workers particularly in rural area should be given training and awareness program to make them understand their responsibilities towards family members and their rights and obligations as citizen and workers.

He further said that both the central and the state government has taken up

various scheme for the welfare of the workers however due to the lack of education and knowledge all these schemes fail to reach to the worker.

Eminent economist Professor Dr. N. Mohendro singh, Asst. Professor Economic Department MU Chinglen Meisnam, Director of IMC Dr. Ranjana Devi and former Regional Director DTNBWE&D Imphal KK Singh were also attended as dignitaries on the occasion.

Arunachal CM Pema Khandu, 42 other MLAs desert Congress, join local People's Party

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Itanagar, Sept 16: In a huge blow to the Congress, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, along with 42 other MLAs, deserted the party on Friday and joined the regional People's Party of Arunachal Pradesh (PPA).

The Congress had 46 members in the 60-seat Arunachal Assembly, while BJP has 11 members. Out of 46, 43 legislators, including Chief Minister Khandu, of the Congress have joined the PPA. Former chief minister Nabam

Tuki and a few other MLAs continue to be with the Congress in the state.

The move has come at a time when the Arunachal Pradesh government is stretched for resources. Earlier, there were speculations of the Arunachal CM making the move soon along with two-thirds of the party's MLAs.

"Have met the assembly speaker and informed him that they are merging the Congress with the People's Party of Arunachal or PPA," Khandu said. As the Arunachal CM and his

supporters join the PPA, the party will become part of the North-East Democratic Alliance (NEDA). The NEDA was formed by the BJP President Amit Shah in May 2016 and is presently run by the BJP minister in Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The Peoples Party of Arunachal was founded in 1979 and is a regional party of the state. Kalikho Pul, the late chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, had also joined the PPA along with 24 other Congressmen in February 2016.

JAC CCpur appeals politicians to stop taking mileage of the 9 tribal martyrs

IT News

Imphal, Sept 16: JAC formed against the passing of three ILPS related Bills has warned politicians who are trying to take mileage of the 9 tribal martyrs by offering tribute.

In a press statement the JAC said that some of the aspirant candidate of the upcoming general assembly election are trying to use the tribal martyrs for their political gains which is not acceptable by the JAC.