

Fitting tribute paid to Martyres of Nupi Lan Day

No force can disintegrate us if we have one voice: CM

Imphal, Dec 12: State today pays fitting tribute to the martyred women of the state who had courageously waged war against the then colonial regime for the rights of the people in 1904 and 1939.

State government of Manipur observed the day at Nupi Lan Memorial Complex here in Imphal. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh along with his council of Ministers and MLAs as well as the top officials of the state government paid floral tribute to the martyred women at Nupi Lan Memorial complex.

Speaking in the observance, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that no power or force in the world can disintegrate us if we stand united with one voice.

He further stated that we should never allow creating division among us and we have to make sure that the divide and rule politics should never invade us. He stated that there should be no differences among the various communities towards bringing unity and integrity of the State. He reiterated that various rumours, observations, speculations have brought unrest and tension among the people of the entire Northeast



and Manipur in particular these days. In such a situation, womenfolk have a crucial role and responsibility to stabilise the situation, he added.

The Chief Minister also stated that we have been living with certain imagination, speculation and mistrust among us for a long period of time. We need to stand together irrespective of political and community affiliation for better and prosperous Manipur, he added.

Calling out to the people especially the womenfolk of the State, Chief Minister said that we all should urge the Centre and present our standpoint and opinion for a

stable, peaceful and better Manipur. He said that the government cannot do it all alone and it won't be possible without the love and support of the people. All the stakeholders whether it is armed rebel groups or other groups should be invited and included in bringing a permanent solution in the NorthEast and Manipur, he added.

"The new government has already started working towards bringing a 'new' Manipur. With the love and support of the people of the State,

the State has been experiencing a bandh free Manipur for the last 7-8 months", Biren said.

Lauding the Manipuri women's role and sacrifices, Chief Minister said that we should always remember the courage and selfless sacrifices of those brave Manipuri women who fought the mighty British Empire in 1904 and 1939.

Acknowledging that Manipuri womenfolk have always been at the forefront of various important issues, the Chief Minister appealed to the women community to come out and lend their support in bringing about peace and tranquillity in the State. Manipuri women's role in the removal of the Assam Rifles from the sacred Kangla in 2004, against Armed Forces Special Powers Act 1957 and withdrawing of AFSPA from IMC areas of the State is commendable and would always be remembered, he added.

As a part of the observance a drama on Nupi Lan was staged by Nupi Lan Memorial Association and Nupi Lan & Khongjom War Memorial Society.

Nupi Lan day observed at Assam

IT News

Silchar, Dec 12: Various organisation in Assam also observe Nupi Lan day at various places. Assam Manipuri Meira Paibi Apunba Lup (AMMPAL) observed 78th Nupi Lan memorial day at Singimari Manipur Basti at Barapathar in Golaghat district. Assistant Commissioner &

Executive Magistrate, A.Bemthoi Chanu ACS of Bokajan Sub-Division attended the observance function as chief guest while President of AMMPAL Ahongsangbam (o) Lily Singh presided over the function. Tributes were also paid to the martyred lady of Nupi Lan on the occasion.

Maoist expresses disappointment to the lost of significance for observing Nupi Lan

IT News

Imphal, Dec 12: While greeting the people, of the region particularly the women community of the state on occasion of the Nupi Lan Day, rebel group Maoist Communist Party of Manipur today expressed disappointment to the loss of significance for observing the day, as the spirit of the Manipuri mothers who had courageously fought every odd is no longer seen to the women of today.

In a statement, the outfit said that the observance of Nupi Lan today no more remembered that the war that the courageous mothers of Manipur fought against the oppressive regime of the time was against the artificial famine created by them. No women groups have now come

out to voice against the price hike in essential commodities, their mouth are stitched to the control of price by traders and they now have no courage to voice against the looting of PDS items which are meant for the poor people, the statement said.

It further added that the observance of Nupi Lan day seems to lost its significance. No groups or organizations did not come out to voice against the price rise of essential commodities as well as looting of shares for the poor people by vested interested people. It also expressed disappointment to the inability to upraise against the draconian act AFSPA.

The Maoist statement wishes the people to change the mentality of crab culture with the coming of the Nupi Lan Day.

No condom advt. in TV Channels - I&B Ministry

Agency

New Delhi, Dec 12: Information and Broadcasting Ministry has issued an advisory asking TV channels not to air condom advertisements during day time which could be indecent and inappropriate for viewing by children.

It said the condom advertisements should only be aired between 10 PM and 6 AM to avoid exposure of

such material to children and to ensure strict adherence to the provisions contained in the Cable Television Networks Rules. The Ministry said, it has been brought to its notice that some channels carry advertisements of condoms repeatedly which are allegedly to be indecent especially for the children. It said any failure will attract action as per the provisions.

Name Changed

I, the undersigned, Sukham Pramo Devi previously called Pramodini Devi, of Pureiromba Khongnangkhong P.O. Imphal, P.S. Porompat, Imphal East district, Manipur do hereby declare that I have renounced and relinquished the use of my old name and from this day I shall be called Sukham Pramo Devi.

Sd/
Sukham Pramo Devi

ENPO to intensify separate state demand in Nagaland

IT News

Imphal, Dec 12: Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) is set to intensify its agitation demanding of a separate state for the Eastern Nagaland people which are to be carved out from the present Nagaland state. A consultative meeting for all the tribal bodies and frontal organisations under the ENPO is called on December 21 to discuss the agenda for non participation in the forthcoming Nagaland State Assembly Election

scheduled to be held in March next year until the demand for separate state for state is not fulfilled.

As per a notification by the ENPO, the consultative meeting will be held at Tuensang head quarter on the day.

The agenda for non participation of the state assembly election was given jointly by the Konyak Union (KU) and Phom Peoples' Convention (PPC).

ENPO's separate state envisages the four districts of Mon, Tuensang, Kiphire and Longleng. These districts bordering

Threatens to stay away from State Assembly election which is likely to hold on March 2018

Myanmar account for 20 seats in the 60-member assembly. Six tribes including Konyaks, Phoms, Changs, Khamtiungs, Yimchungrus and Sangtangs are inhabitants of these areas. The demand for separate state in Nagaland comes at a time when the NSCN-JM is restructuring its administrative functionaries after getting green signals of a final settlement of the decades long political dialogue between the government of India and the outfit. The NSCN-JM is preparing for integration of all Nagaland inhabited areas of the North Eastern states.

Editorial

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Nupi Lan - A reminder to respect women

"Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without it we can't practice any other virtue with consistency." - Maya Angelou

The strength of a woman is not measured by the impact that all her hardships in life have had on her; but the strength of a woman is measured by the extent of her refusal to allow those hardships to dictate her and who she becomes.

Today, the state is observing the 'Nupi Lan' day in commemoration of the fearless struggles and defiance of the British rulers by the womenfolk of the state, in not one but two historical instances to assert their democratic rights and highlight the injustices to the people of the state.

The first Nupi Lan which broke out in 1904 was against the British order to send Manipuri men to Kabow Valley to fetch timber for re-building the then Police Agent's bungalow after it was ravaged by fire, stirred up by the heirs-apparent of the erstwhile ruling family who did not like the selection of Churachand Singh as the King of Manipur. They persuaded the women of Manipur to resist the British government's order to resuscitate the Lalup (A sort of forced labour where the male member of society between the age of 17 and 60 should work freely for ten days in every forty days of work). The struggle in which more than 5,000 women took part lasted for a week. Although the British rulers had eventually succeeded in suppressing the uprising, they were compelled to rescind the order, thus scoring what can be arguably considered the first moral and psychological victory over the suppressive British rulers.

The second instance started in 1939 as an agitation by Manipuri women against the oppressive economic and political policies and practices of the then Maharaja of Manipur and Mr. Grimson-Political Agent of the British Government in Manipur (1933-45) which later evolved into a movement for the constitutional and administrative reforms in the state. The women of Manipur have evidently been at the forefront of social interactions and are no pushovers.

History bears the sacrifices and the selfless struggles they had to undertake to safeguard the society and its backbone of cultures and traditions. They have taken equal, if not extraordinary, responsibilities and endured endless sufferings in every sphere of social and public issues since time immemorial, and yet somehow, the present attitude towards them is increasingly reeking of shallow lip-service and mere courtesy.

Despite the many laws and regulations being enacted to protect the women, instances of crime and atrocities against them are on the rise. The greatest cause for concern however is the fact that the perpetrators, even when identified and indicted, almost always slip through the sloppy legal procedures whether by design or direful negligence, until the issues fade into oblivion. The dismal low rate of convictions, especially in cases concerning crimes against women bears testimony to the fact that our society still need to go a long way and answer some very harsh and extremely uncomfortable questions before the situation improves.

A society that fails to respect and safeguard its womenfolk cannot consider itself progressive.

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Mayanglambam Laibi Leima

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