

Thoubal district Police Superintendent K. Megahachandra flagging off Journalists' tour programme at Mela Ground Thoubal today



Territorial boundary of Manipur will never be disturbed: CM

IT News
Imphal, Dec 8: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today reiterated that the State's territorial integrity would never be affected at any cost due to the final settlement of Naga issue. The Chief Minister made the statement while speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a function to distribute monetary aid under Manipur State Illness Assistance Fund at Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. It may be mentioned that N. Biren returned to the State Capital from Kolkata today after meeting Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on the issue yesterday. The Chief Minister informed that he along with the Chief

Ministers of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh had a discussion with the Union Home Minister regarding the possible settlement of Naga issue. The Chief Minister said that Rajnath Singh was simply trying to assess the concerns of these three States on the Naga issue. From his side, the Chief Minister said, he told Rajnath Singh that neither he nor the people of Manipur and the present State Government would agree division of Manipur to bring a solution to the Naga issue. N. Biren stated that he urged the Home Minister not to do anything which may disturb the oneness of hill and valley people who have been residing

together harmoniously since time immemorial. Stating that he also clearly conveyed to the Home Minister that people of Manipur would never accept alteration of territorial boundary of the State, the Chief Minister said that he also told Shri Rajnath Singh that people's will is the State Government's will. N. Biren further said that the Chief Ministers of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh also told the Union Minister that they would never endorse an agreement which may infringe on the territorial boundary of their respective States though they are ready to extend full support in settling the issue within the State of Nagaland.

Consultative Meeting of NLF with ex-Parliamentarians held: Speaker credited for "vital roles" for finding solution to Naga issue to civil societies, churches, mothers, GBs, students' bodies

By: Okenjeet Sandham
Kohima, Dec 8: Speaker of Nagaland Dr. Imtiwapa Aier has acknowledged the important roles played by their Civil Societies, Churches, Mothers Associations, GB Body and Students' Bodies towards finding a lasting and honorable solution to the longstanding Naga political issue. In his welcome address at the Consultative Meet of Nagaland Legislators' Forum (NLF) with Members of Parliament and Ex-Parliamentarians on Naga Political issue held at the Regional Center of Excellence in Music and Performing Arts (RCEMPA), Jotsoma, on Thursday, the Speaker who is also Convener of NLF said that the Consultative Meet was convened in view of the Naga peace process entering into a crucial phase. He, however, expressed regret for postponing the Consultative Meeting that was fixed on 4th December with the Tribal

Hohos, Civil Societies and Ex-Parliamentarians indefinitely due to some "unavoidable circumstances." Stating that various steps had been taken to facilitate for an "acceptable solution to our political issue," Dr. Aier informed that a series of meetings were held by the 60 elected Members of the House with different Naga Political Groups (NPGs), Civil Societies and different organizations of Naga Society to convey its voice to "all sections including Government of India and Naga National Workers." He further credited for the "vital roles" of finding a solution to their Naga political issue to their Civil Societies, Churches, Mother Associations, GB Body and Students' Bodies. The Speaker recalled how their Naga Women had been tirelessly working for peace building with their famous slogan "Shed No More Blood" ever since the factional feuds broke out. "Likewise,

we have seen how FNR bridged the gap among the Naga underground factions," he said and further disclosed that their initiatives had proven a "positive development, that has paved the way for top leaders of NSCNs and NNC/FGN to come and attend the Highest Level Meeting of leaders of NPGs." This extraordinary development had brought a "sea change" in the Naga political landscape, he added. He also recalled how the Naga Hoho and ENPO had gone to Myanmar for meeting NSCN (K) leaders when they walked away from the ceasefire with Government of India in March 2015. NLF acknowledged and appreciated the joint efforts of Naga Hoho and ENPO for successfully meeting the "authorized Representative of the NSCN (K)" and conveying the desire of the State Government, the NLF and the Naga people for the resumption of the Ceasefire Agreement between the

Government of India and NSCN (K), he added. Dr. Aier also said from the beginning, NLF had been urging the Government of India and RN Ravi, Interlocutor to Naga Talks, to include all "stakeholders" while finding a solution to the longstanding Naga political issue. "The six NNPBs joining the Naga peace talks is a significant positive development as far as the settlement of the Naga political issue is concerned," he stated. Expressing his happiness on Indian President Ram Nath Kovind's statement made at the Hornbill Festival inauguration that the "final agreement to Naga political issue" would come soon, the Speaker informed the meeting that the Government of India was geared up to bring a "solution to the decades-old Naga political issue. He asked all the members present to deliberate on the vexed issue with free and frank to see that the issue reached a "logical conclusion."

Manipur Maoist pays revolutionary Salute to the Immortal works of Comrade Pierre of France

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Imphal, Dec 8: Maoist Communist Party Manipur has expressed shocked over the demise of the Comrade Pierre, who had laid foundation of the Maoist movement in the soil of France. The sudden demise of the Maoist leader of France Comrade Pierre has shocked not only us but entire Maoist parties of the world, a statement of the outfit said. The statement further added that Comrade Pierre hoisted the Maoist flag in France



while those who claimed to be communists took refuge in parliamentary cretinism or in their couches of intellectuals. He was also the one comrade who defended the revolutionary line marked by Chairman Gonzalo. "Comrade Pierre, was a great comrade who took the correct ideological line of revolution and defend the Maoism in the soil of Europe. What we have

heard about Comrade Pierre is, He always worked tirelessly for the unity of the Maoists around the world, but unfortunately we lost him before make it happened. We will uphold his legacy and work with Maoist Communist Party of France to achieve his revolutionary path. We have not met him physically, but his ideology influences us", the statement said. The statement said that Maoist Communist Party Manipur extended our condolences and share pain of our comrade in France, his friend and comrade, as well as with all comrades of the Maoist Communist Party of France. Comrade Pierre was a veteran of the former communist movement, but he lived in the present, not in the past, the statement added.

Journalists to visit Meitei dominant places of Assam

IT News
Imphal, Dec. 8: A team of working journalist based in Thoubal and Kakching district today set for an external tour at various places dominated by Meitei community in various part of Assam. The team was flagged off by Thoubal district Police Superintendent K. Megahachandra from Mela Ground Thoubal early today morning. Imphal Times consultant also serving as Correspondent of Manipur

Chronicle daily newspaper Rabi Takhellambam, Correspondent of various other newspapers, AIR, ISTV, Image TV, including KD Chakpra, among others are in the team. Member of the All Jiribam Working Journalist Union will be receiving the journalist team at Jiribam which is expected to reach today evening. While flagging off the journalist team, Thoubal district Police Superintendent K. Megahachandra said that

the endeavor undertaken will foster good will relationship between the people, journalists of other place and visiting journalists. The tour will also broaden the outlook of the journalists and provide them with new experiences, said the SP wishing the journalist success on their journey. The tour is expected to provide insights on the lives of Meitei communities in different parts of Assam. The journalists will visit and access the condition of the

under-construction Imphal-Jiribam road, Manipur Bhavan at Cachar and other Meitei dominant places including the historic place, Khoiren Pat (lake). The team is also scheduled to visit different venues of Nupi Lal memorial observations. OC of Thoubal Police, H Rishikesh, and social workers namely Keisham Kaminikumar and Jenil attended the flagged off programme at Mela Ground, Thoubal.

Jiribam Districthood Day Celebrated

IT News
Jiribam, Dec. 8: Jiribam today observed its 1st Districthood Day with a grand celebration at the hall of Jiri Ema Meira Paibi Apunba Lup (JIMPAL) organised by the Jiribam Districthood Day Celebration Committee. Jiribam district was among the seven new districts created on December 8, 2016 by the then Iboi led Congress Government, increasing the number of districts in the state to 16. Jiribam was originally under the Imphal East district. Jiribam district was created with two subdivisions- Jiribam and Borobekra. The celebration today was attended by president, AJUCA Mutum Maipaksana Mangang and president, JDO, Lamabam Romen Khuman as presidium members. Addressing the celebration, secretary, AJUCA, N Dharmendra Meitei spoke about the history of Jiribam, creation of the Jiribam District Demand Committee and its journey to a full-fledged district.

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Imphal, Dec 8: Eastern Army Commander, Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna, who was on a two visit in the state yesterday called on the Governor of Manipur Dr Najma Heptulla at Rajbhavan here in Imphal yesterday evening. The Army Commander accompanied by General Officer Commanding 3 Corps Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan. During the brief meeting with the governor of the state, General Krishna conveyed his warm greetings and good wishes to the people of Manipur and congratulated the state on the successful conduct of the Sangai Festival. The army chief also discussed the security situation in the state and the close coordination and interaction between the State Government and Security Forces was highlighted and well appreciated. General Chauhan, while

Eastern Army Commander calls on Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla



conveying the unstinted support of his forces for ensuring the well being of the state, emphasized on the fact

that both Army and Assam Rifles are focused on empowering the children, women and youth of the state

to attain financial sustainability and a secure future. The Eastern Army Commander, Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM is responsible for ensuring security of the Indian eastern borders as well as for countering insurgency in the North East India. Before calling on the Governor of the state the Army Commander was briefed on the prevailing security situation in the state by the Head of Assam Rifles in Manipur - Major General Viendra Singh. The Army Commander reviewed the operational preparedness of the formations and appreciated the endeavours of Security Forces. He lauded the efforts of the soldiers for ensuring peace and tranquillity in the state and also asked them to continue the good work in a professional manner and in the true spirit of the "Friends of the Manipur".

CM distributes monetary aid under MSIAF

Imphal, Dec 8: Chief Minister N. Biren distributed monetary aid worth Rs. 1,10,58,858 to 91 selected beneficiaries under Manipur State Illness Assistance Fund (MSIAF) at a simple ceremony held at Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The beneficiaries were selected from among the applications received between December 15, 2014 and February 2015. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Government provides medical reimbursement up to Rs. 1.5 lakh to BPL families for medical treatment under MSIAF. He said that the new Government is giving prime focus to giving proper healthcare to the masses. N. Biren said that large numbers of people have been visiting him on Meeyangi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day seeking help in meeting their medical expenses despite the existence of this scheme. In fact, these two days have been an eye opener for the new Government as it provided vital information regarding people's woes, the Chief Minister said.

As such, the Government had designed a new scheme known as 'Hakshelgi Tengbang' for medical and health care of poor families, he said while adding that the scheme would provide cashless medical treatment to poor families up to defined financial ceilings. For seven critical diseases such as cancer, neuro, kidney, heart, burns, liver and neo-natal, the scheme would provide a cashless medical cover up to Rs 2 lakh per family. Informing that the open tender/e-tender for the new scheme had already been floated and implementing agencies shortlisted, the Chief Minister mentioned that the scheme is likely to be launched in January next year. Stating that the Government had also launched another scheme known as 'Chief Ministersi Shotharabasingi Tengbang' last Sunday (December 3), the Chief Minister said that action would be taken against any official, who delays more than 24 hours in handing over monetary aid to the beneficiaries who had already been selected for the new scheme.