

## SSA, RTE still a flop show in Bishnupur district

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Imphal, 30 Oct: Government elementary schools in Bishnupur district are in a pathetic situation with no proper infrastructures, low enrolment and retention ratio, claims a recent field survey. Coalition on Advocacy for Lifelong Learning (CALL-Manipur) conducted a field survey of 20 elementary school under Bishnupur and Moirang blocks of Bishnupur district aiming at documenting 12 specific cases of violation in implementation of the Right to Education Act at aspects like quality education, infrastructure, functioning of School Management Committee (SMC) under Sarva

Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meals Scheme (MDMS) programs, enrolment and standards of elementary education in the schools. During the survey, it was found that 80% or 16 schools out of 20 were found to have inadequate infrastructures and facilities. Building of 65% of the schools are in a risky condition while, 35% of the schools had inadequate classrooms and 55% of the schools had only 3-5 classrooms. Interestingly the survey also reported that 85% of schools had toilet facilities but 10% schools have no separate toilet for girls. Only 7 schools (35%) have separately toilets for girls built at different

location.

It is also said that only 50% of the schools in the district have an average below 20 students per existing classrooms. Enrolment and retention rate for both girls and boys in elementary schools of the two blocks are falling over the last two academic sessions 2016-17 and 2017-18. The retention rate of girls is higher than that of boys in these schools. Regarding the School working hours, the survey findings suggest that most schools reportedly open between 8.30am and 10.00 am and closes in between 1.30 and 4.00 pm, while, 3 schools were found not running classes during schools hours during school visits.

## NSCN-K sent strong words to India Government, says will strike Indian people in Naga area if NIA continue terrorizing trend

IT News

Imphal, Oct 30: NSCN-K has sent strong words to India government stating that it will be forced to ask every Indian people to leave Naga country if the NIA continue its terrorist activities in Nagaland.

In a statement by Col. Isak Sumi MIP/GPRN, the rebel group said that the government of India had empowered NIA with un-paralleled extra-constitutional and extra-judicial excessive terrorizing powers to harass, arrest, torture and imprison the Nagas far beyond the legal limits.

"Looting of money during house raids has become a trademark of NIA in Nagaland. Regardless of the endless provocations of NIA to force NSCN/GPRN to commit terrorist activities, the NSCN had been maintaining maximum restraint but if the same terrorizing trend of NIA continues in Nagaland unchecked, the NSCN/GPRN in order to refrain itself from indulging in terror activities will be forced to ask every Indian people to leave Naga country. The indiscriminate manner in which the NIA has been persecuting even the innocent Nagas including the NSCN sympathizers, the NSCN in the same manner will be compelled to view every Indian people in Nagaland either traders, business men or government servicemen etc as agents, collaborators and

sympathizers of NIA and must therefore have to be evicted from Nagaland or face the same fate which the innocent Nagas are suffering in the hands of NIA and other inimical forces of India covertly or overtly operating in Naga country", the NSCN-K statement said. The statement further said that the use of absolute terror during the first phase of repression from 1955-1975 by the India Armed Forces passed unnoticed without international community or United Nation's intervention due to complete censorship of international press and media coverage and partly due to physical and topographical isolation of Nagaland and the Naga people from the rest of the world.

No eulogy is deemed fitting enough to portray the terror and inhumanity the Nagas suffered in the hands of the terrorizing Indian Government Forces that literally enveloped the entire Naga country almost outnumbering the civilian Naga population by Indian soldiers. Many cases of genocides, mass murder, mass execution, mass concentration camps, mass rape, tortures etc still remain unreported and unverified. "The destruction of wealth, properties and assets of the Nagas and complete destruction of more than 800 Naga villages through arson

by Indian Army still is etched deeply in the collective memories of the Naga people. The desecration of our faith by raping naga women inside Churches and burning down of School and Churches reminds us of the "decades of darkness" in the Naga history. No amount of compensation can ever recuperate the vilest crimes of insanity the Nagas had been forced to undergo just because the Nagas want to remain a Naga. All these sufferings only reinforces our collective aspiration as a people and nation to further strive and sacrifice to reclaim our birthrights. The decades can be drawn parallel in many aspects as "The Indian Vietnam". It is also quite relevant to remind the day's Government of India and her top Army Generals that the contemporary Indian Generals waging the undeclared war against the Nagas candidly acknowledged the military failure and harangued for political solution because they realized the futility of using sheer terrorism and violence, instead, opined for resolution of the conflict through political dialogue. Some top Indian commanders even went to the extent of honoring the bravery of the Naga Army and stated that Nagas never used terror or terrorist tactic against them regardless of the uninhibited use of terror by Indian forces. "It must however be understood that the Naga

Army even in the face of daily terrorism by the Indian Government Forces had only been resisting in self defense and never had resorted to terror methods even in an instance against terror spawning Indian Armed Forces. The Naga Army and NSCN had never ventured out beyond the India occupied Naga territory to attack Indian forces or has caused harm to any Indian citizen within and without or caused damage or destruction of vital installations or properties and assets belonging to Indian Government nowhere within or outside. The Nagas had all along been fighting self-defensively solely against the India Armed Forces forceful militarization and invasion of Naga country and there had never been a single incident where non-combatant Indian citizen had been harmed by Naga Army. On the contrary, the Indian Forces even in the recent years from 2015-17, several innocent school students and women have been killed and injured. Many innocent civilian Naga men having no connection at all with NSCN have been killed, injured, arrested, tortured and imprisoned. The innocent family members, wives and children of NSCN workers are harassed, tortured, homes raided and money and properties stolen and damaged by Indian Forces especially by the NIA" the statement said.

## NPF attends All Political Party meeting- CM

IT News

Imphal, Oct 30: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has stated that NPF MLAs and representatives had attended the All Political Party Meeting convened on October 28 at the Chief Minister's Secretariat. Reacting to a social networking site Face Book Post, N. Biren Singh said that Even the state unit president of the NPF was present during the all political party meeting.

## PPRRMM urges NPF for clarification

IT News

Imphal, Oct 30: An organization called People's for Political Rights and responsibility Manipur (PPRRMM) has urged the NPF Manipur to clarify over its absent from the All Political Party meet convened by the Chief Minister of Manipur. The organization said that restraining from the meeting showed that the NPF have its own agenda of triggering a civil war in the state of Manipur.

## Kumbi College Students stage protest

IT News

Imphal, Oct 30: Kumbi College Students' Union today staged a sit-in protest in front of the college today denouncing locking of the college gate by unidentified persons. The student union urged concern official to book those culprits involved in the locking of the College gate. On the other hand the Students' Union also urged the College authority to conduct the college election for the student body by November 2 this year.

## Let's fight against corruption together: Chief Minister

DIPR

Imphal, Oct 30: Reaffirming the new Government's stand to eradicate corruption in the State, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that it is our collective responsibility to root out any form of corruption so as bring inclusive development in the State. This was stated by him while giving his message to the people of the State in connection with the observation of the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' being organised from 30<sup>th</sup> October - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 today.

Seeking love and support of the people to fight against corruption, Chief Minister said that corruption is a contagious disease adversely affecting the socio-economy of the State and widening the disparity among the rich and poor in the country. He mentioned that after the installation of the new BJP-led Government in the State, certain steps have been taken up by the Government to tackle the issue of corruption by setting up of Anti-Corruption Cell, Grievance Cell, Monitoring Cell etc. in the CM Secretariat. And appropriate actions have been taken against those corrupt officials, he added.

To make Corruption Free Manipur, Chief Minister

stated that Anti-Corruption drives are being conducted against those people who are responsible for misusing/misappropriation of public funds and to those people who violates the due rights of the people. Complaints related to corruption cases can be filed through Grievance Cell and website of Anti-Corruption cell, he added. He further stated that as a measure to hear the grievances faced by the common people and to minimize corruption in the State, Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day is being held every month. On such occasions, officials of various departments such as Medical department, Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd, Education (S), Youth Affairs and Sports, Minority and Other Backward Classes, Social Welfare and Police Departments and Manipur State Illness Assistance Fund are deputed to provide immediate assistance such as medical aid, loans, scholarships etc. Mentioned may be made that Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed throughout the country. This year's theme given by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is "My Vision - Corruption Free India".

## Nation will observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas tomorrow

IT News

New Delhi, Oct 30: Nation will observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas tomorrow on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Various events will be organised across the country to mark the 143rd birth anniversary. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the main event at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi where he will flag off Run For Unity. About 15 thousand people will participate in the Run. People from all walks of life - servicemen, students, athletes, NYKS volunteers, NSS volunteers, Central Armed Police Forces, Delhi Police will participate in Run

for Unity. Ministry of Culture will organize Debate, Quiz, Essay Competitions, Special Lectures on National Unity and Integrity. States and Union territories will organize State-level functions at respective capitals and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is coordinating with the local administration to organize functions in 623 districts. HRD Ministry is organizing functions in the Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas and Rail Ministry will organize functions at 1,500 Railway Stations. March Past will be carried out by Central Armed Police Forces and Delhi Police.

## Inauguration of Sanamahi Kiyong postponed

IT News

Imphal, Oct 30: Inauguration of Sanamahi Kiyong organised by the Lainingthou Sanamahi Thought Kanglep and the University of Sanamahi Culture scheduled tomorrow has been postponed as the road condition from Sanjenbam to the Temple constructed at Nongmaiching Ching has been severely deteriorated by the non-stop rains. Speaking to media persons members of the

University of Sanamahi Culture said that the road condition which led to the newly constructed Sanamahi Temple from the foothills of the Nongmaiching Ching has been in bad shape from a very long time. The government has been urged for repairing of the road stretch but to no avail. The organising committee expressed unhappy towards the attitude of the government over its negligence to the plea of the organising committee.

## Mumbai City FC launch New Jersey for ISL-4, add Bandra-Worli Sea Link to the design

Mumbai, Oct. 30: Mumbai City FC unveiled their brand new Official Home Jersey for Season 4 of the Indian Super League here on Sunday, incorporating the iconic Bandra-Worli Sea Link into the design.

The popular club that made it to the semifinals of the last ISL season have stuck to their signature electric blue colour. It, however, added a golden band on the sleeves to augment the "Golden Fragments" on the front of the jersey.

"An element of design that's been incorporated into the Jersey is the Bandra - Worli Sea Link, a now iconic

structure in the City, as we want to symbolise the club's connect with the city and its people," a MCFC spokesperson explained. The signature Golden Fragments represent the essence of a Mumbaikar, or indeed anyone who has stayed in the city for some time. They highlight the fact that they have a heart of gold and how they go out of their way to help each other. The club, owned by Ranbir Kapoor and Bimal Parekh, has included all these elements to pay homage to the unique traits that have made Mumbai the special city that it is.

## Nemcha assures enough manpower for govt deaf & mute school

DIPR

Imphal, Oct 30: : Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Smt Nemcha Kipgen assured that the problem of shortage of teaching staffs, as highlighted by the school's authority of the Government Deaf & Mute School, Takyel are already in the pipeline. This was stated by the Minister while gracing as the Chief Guest at the 33rd Foundation Day Celebration of the Government Deaf and Mute School, Takyel, held today. "As a Nodal Department,

Social Welfare department is taking all efforts in coordination with other line departments to convert the various provisions of the RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016 into real practice" she asserted. As a concern Minister, for the welfare of this school and for all the differently-abled persons, she called upon all the concern authority to come forward with their grievances to ensure best opportunities for the welfare and inclusive development. Addressing the gatherings

mostly comprising of students, Minister Nemcha cited the example of famous personalities like Helen Keller and Sudha Chandran to encourage the students to come forward and show their hidden talents to all so that their talents would serve as their unique identity. Minister also lauded the teachers of this school for imparting many valuable lessons on top of their academic syllabus, with an indomitable spirit so that the student can boost their self-confidence to be a successful citizen.

As a part of the celebration, students who successfully passed out in the HSLC 2016 and 2017 and also best teacher for the year 2017 were facilitated with gifts and cash award. Dr. R.K. Kumarjit Singh, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Manipur, Smt Surrender A. Shishak, Joint Director, Social Welfare, Manipur, N. Kalpana Devi, Headmistress, The Government Deaf and Mute School graced the occasion as President and Guests of honour respectively.