

Condolence paid to Heisnam Kanhailal and Thangjam Tarpon on the 22nd Congress of CPI(M) which begin at Hyderabad

Yetchuri attacks BJP/RSS; says they impose unprecedented miseries on the people

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Hyderabad, April 18,

The 22nd Congress of Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M) which begins today at Hyderabad paid condolence to renowned theatre director (late) Heisnam Kanhailal and former State Committee member of CPI(M) Thangjam Tarpon. Comrade Malli Swarajyam, popularly known as heroin of historic Telengana armed movement Inaugurated the 22nd Congress of CPI (M) by hoisting the party flag. Two delegates from Manipur - Kshetrimayum Santa, Secretary CPI (M), Manipur

and Sougrakpam Roma Devi, secretariat member CPI (M), Manipur are attending the Congress.

Talking to Imphal Times on phone, Kshetrimayum Santa said that almost all left party representatives from across the country are attending and issues of communal politics and suppression to the minorities are deliberated. Sitaram Yetchuri, who is also a Member of the Parliament, while speaking in the congress said that the current BJP Central Government whose reins are controlled by the Rastriya Swamsewak Sangh is pursuing policies that have imposed unprecedented miseries on the people and at

the same time grievously threatening the unity and integrity of our social fabric.

"The dehumanization of our society is seen in the chilling incidents of rape in Kathua and Unnao recently. It is Shameful to rape being used as a weapon for communal polarization. This must be resisted and defeated", Mr. Yetchuri said.

He further added that in the name of cow protection, Muslim and dalits are being targeted for murderous assaults. In the name of moral policing our youth are being told what to wear, what to eat, whom to befriend. Those not following such 'instructions' are assaulted. These 'private

armies' are seeking to control our social order, under the patronage of RSS/BJP.

The situation in the state of Jammu & Kashmir has deteriorated to the extent that the degree of alienation of the people in the Kashmir valley from the Indian State was never seen before. In the realm of intellectual thought there is an unprecedented attack of irrationality over rationality; distorting Indian history and reducing it to Hindu mythology; disfiguring Indian philosophy to replace it by Hindu theology. These represent attacks on all progressive thought, Mr. Yetchuri added.

Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu arrives in imphal



DIPR
Imphal, April 18,

Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu arrived in Imphal today to grace the Valedictory function of the State Level Workshop on "Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture for Doubling of Farmers' Income" which will be held at City Convention Centre, Palace Compound. The Indian Air Force Plane Rajhans carrying the Vice President landed at the Imphal International Airport at 13:50 pm. On his arrival at the airport, Vice President of India, SM.

Venkaiah Naidu was accorded warm welcome led by the Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Joykumar Singh, Works Minister Shri Thongam Biswajit Singh, Health Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh, CAF and PD Minister Karam Shyam, TA & Hills Minister N. Kayisii, MAHUD Minister Th. Shyamkumar, PHED Minister Losii Dikho, Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian, Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen, MP Rajya Sabha K. Bhabananda

Singh, Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Suresh Babu, DGP L.M. Khaute, Secretary to CM, Ashok Kumar and other top police and civil officers. The Joint Battalion of Manipur Rifles and Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) commanded by Deputy Commandant of 7th Battalion Manipur Rifles H. Gyaneswar Singh presented the Guard of Honour to the Vice President at Raj Bhavan, Imphal.

The Vice President of India is visiting Manipur on his three-day tour program to Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur.

Weaving cum embroidery training center inaugurated at Tera

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Imphal, April 18,

Manipur State Women Development Corporation (MSWDC), Government of Manipur has inaugurated a weaving cum embroidery training center today at Tera Khamnam Leirak morning. Speaking to mediapersons at the sideline of the inaugural function, Chairperson of MSWDC, S Satyabhama Devi said that the Corporation has started the training center for Imphal West district at Khamnam Leirak. Women of this district would get free training on weaving, embroidery and tailoring for 6 months. After the completion of the training, all the trainees would get a certificate along with a set of equipment so as to enable them to start their own enterprise. Managing Director of MSWDC, Jacintha Lazaccs (IAS), who is also the Director of Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur said that the training program is for the destitute women, who are not having any other source of income to maintain their family. This is a very beneficial program and during the course of the training all the trainees would be getting a monthly stipend also.

DSWO I/W snatches diary from reporter, refuses to give information sought by Imphal Times reporter

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In a case of highhandedness of government official, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) of Imphal West District, identified as one Binod, who attended function refused to reply to the question asked by reporter of this newspaper. Despite of paying attention to the queries of the reporter regarding the details of the

training program, the DSWO even questioned about the identity as well as name of the media house of the reporter in a belittling manner.

On top of it, he even snatched the reporter's diary from the deputed journalist of Imphal Times to write down something on it as if the reporter is illiterate and unable to jot down notes about the inaugural function of a weaving and embroidery training center and name of

the organizer- Manipur State Women Development Corporation or the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur.

Seeing his attitude and response towards a media person, the reporter of this daily has politely submitted the officer about the courtesy shown by him and returned from the spot without taking the details of the program from the DSWO.

Protest Stage against Non-Release of Flood/ Landslide Relief Fund

IT News
Chakpikarong, April 18,

Flood Victims Demand Committee Chandel and Beneficiaries of Chakpikarong Block Supported by Chiefs of Chakpikarong Block, Chandel District today organised a sit-in-protest at Chakpikarong Bazar, Against Delay Payment of Final Bill of Families Affected by Devastating flood and Landslides occurred in the week of August, 2015, in Chandel District, Manipur State. After Sit in Protest a memorandum addressed to Governor of Manipur Dr.Najma Heptulla, Chief Minister of the State N.Biren, B.C.Behera Director (RH) Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Youth Affairs & Sports and IFC Letpao Haokip, Works Minister Th.Bishwarjit and Chief Secretary Suresh Babu, IAS was submitted through the Deputy Commissioner, Chandel. According to Memorandum said that In the month of January, 2017, first payment was resumed to deposits, through e-payment banking at Imphal by Secretariat RD



Wing concerned amount permitted Rs. 4,29,97,500(Four crore twenty nine lakh ninety seven thousand five hundred). Purpose allocation for 1st installment of Central share for the year 2016-17 for implementation of I.A.Y (SP) scheme in Chandel District total beneficiaries 1225 approved project proposal. The Minister of Rural Development, Government of India, vide no. -J-12026/2-2015-RH(A/C) Manipur dated 01/12/2015 addressed to the Joint Secretary (RD & PR) Government of Manipur, finance Department, Government of Manipur encashment permission UO.No.EP/20/21/ 2016-2017, it's said.

It's said flood victims Demand Committee Chandel, an affected Villagers Chiefs of

Chakpikarong Block have strongly appeal/humble request to the government of Manipur to intervene final bill awaiting. Without delay for the interest of beneficiaries of Chandel District, concern BDO's/SDO & DRDA DC Office, Chandel has been completed utilization certificate (UC), for final payment claim so far, submitted to the related authorities to the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. Speaking to the media persons, one protestor told that natural disaster affected several villages of Chandel Districts particularly the villages in and around Chakpikarong area due to heavy rainfall in month of July and August 2015, besides, losing of several houses and other properties.

'Government adopting strategies to double farmers' income'

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Imphal, April 18,

Agriculture Minister V.Hangkhanlian today stated that for the development and accelerating the economic growth of the State, the Agriculture department has developed strategies for doubling the farmer's income for sustainable development of agriculture. The Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest at the inauguration of the one day State Level Workshop on "Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture for Doubling of Farmer's Income" jointly organised by Govt. of Manipur and Central Agriculture University, Imphal at the City Convention Centre, Palace Compound. He further said that the State has bountiful of natural resources with agriculture and horticulture being the main occupation of population dominated by small holdings

characterised by low produce and low farm income. The Government and department is adopting usage of high yielding varieties of crops like rice, cereal and oil seeds crops both in the hills and valleys. Industry based crops like sugarcane, cotton, mulberry trees have been introduced for enhancing the income of hill farmers. Speaking on the potentials to increase rearing of livestock, the Minister stated that there is a huge gap between demand and supply of meat and its products. He also expressed optimism that the increasing demand for high -value organic products of the State will create enhanced economic growth and provide self employment of the farmers. Emphasising on the importance of developing the original organic varieties of crops, Minister Shri V.Hangkhanlian said that the traditional varieties have been replaced by the newer high yielding crops causing a

change in the gene pool of the original crops. He encouraged the farmers to cultivate high value organic products of the state and worldwide demanded like Chakhao (Black Aromatic Rice) that will create not only local market but also even global market which will provide necessary movement and opportunity for the farmers to enhance income generation. Ksh. Babhananda Singh, MP, Rajya Sabha, Prof. Premjit, Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, and Dr.Suhel Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary were the Guests of honour and President respectively. Line departments, Directors, Progressive farmers, Scientists, Students from College of Agriculture and Foods processing Technology, Manipur, Guest from ICAR NEH Region, Lamphel and official from agriculture department were present in the function.

Ereima Lairembi Temple inaugurated in Cachar

IT News
Silchar, April 18:

The Ereima Lairembi Temple inaugurated at Nungfouleikai in Lakhipur of Cachar. The temple inauguration ceremony was presided by S.Subhankar Singha, president of the Ereima Lairembi Temple Management Committee, Cachar while K.Rabindra Singh, deputy speaker of Manipur

Legislative Assembly, Rajdeep Goala, MLA of Lakhipur, K.Sarat Kumar Singh, General Secretary (Admin) BJP Manipur Pradesh, Mutum(o) Reena Singh, Co convener, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Assam State Committee and Lairiyengbam Thoiba, convener, International Relations, BJP, Cachar District committee were graced the event as chief guest and guest of honours respectively. T.Rabindra Singh, Secretary of

the said temple management committee and L.Rajkishore Singh, assistant secretary of the committee delivered welcome and key note address respectively. The functional guests also released a souvenir of the event which was edited by Dr.Yengkhom Medhajt Singh. Many CSO leaders, women groups leaders and intellectuals brigade were attended the day long function.