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A Tribute to Hunger Marchers of 1965

The MoU, in its first clause, reaffirmed the earlier agreement signed between the state government, AMSU and AMSOC on 22 July 1980. In order to facilitate the identification and detection of foreign nationals and also deletion of their names from the Electoral Rolls and subsequent deportation under the provisions of various Acts and Rules, the MoU mooted the formation of a Committee by the state government under supervision of State Chief Secretary to effectuate the process. The agitations were suspended following the signing of the MoU, but the state government is yet to execute the provisions contained in the Agreement.

Landmark accomplishments

Among the landmark endeavours of the AMSU during the last over five decades, mention may be made of the demands for statehood which was ultimately granted in 1972, move for establishment of Manipur University as a full-fledged state university in the year 1980, conversion of Regional Medical College (RMC) into Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in 1995, setting up of Manipur State Human Rights Commission in 1997 following a hectic movement for human rights coinciding with the infamous Sanamacha Missing Issue, inclusion of Manipuri Language in the 8th Schedule of Indian Constitution on 20 August 1990, checking of influx of foreigners and rise of prices of essential commodities from time to time. AMSU raised the slogan of 'Right to Self-Determination' with observance of 'Eclipse Month' from 21 September to 15 October in 1996. A mammoth public rally was staged on 14 October 1996 to raise the demand for Self-Determination. During the early 2000s, AMSU was successful in framing and adopting a unanimous 'Academic Calendar' in agreement with Manipur University in order to bring about quality education in Manipur.

During the latter part of 1990s, state level students' bodies other than AMSU began to emerge and involve in the students movement in Manipur. Side by side, the student wings of various political parties also work during their political ideologies. However, political frontal bodies like the NSUI, SFI, AISF and ABVP have always been in contradiction with the principles and ideologies of AMSU as a non-political organization.

Turbulent moments

AMSU had its awful days on certain occasions, when the dispensation made efforts to portray the students' body as unlawful organization acting against the integrity of India. The over fifty years of AMSU's life may be categorized into various stages. From the days of inception till the mid-1990s, AMSU remained as a force of students' spirit and energy. After the mid-1990s, the government of various periods and some sections of the people tended to portray the AMSU as a pro-insurgent platform. However, the sanctity of the students' movement has never fallen prey to the ploy of the governments of those times.

During the 1980-81, a tendency to split up the student body cropped up at the leadership level with two presidents namely M. Khellen Singh and L. Dilip working as parallel bodies of the Union. However, the differences were sorted out with the intervention of senior members in no less than a year. Again during 1990-91, another internal crisis compelled the AMSU to be managed by a four member Presidential Committee with K.C. Hemabati, K.C. Chingkhah, Kh. Ratan and O. Shitala, with L.C. Meenabanta as Acting Secretary General. In its long journey, AMSU has been democratically elected students' body with a written Constitution of its own. The student leaders from Manipur University and LMS law College had been major role players in electing the Presidents of this apex body particularly before the year 2000.

Even though the student body had had its permanent office at the southern side of the D.M. College campus adjacent to the premises of 'Emakhunthokhanbil.Airembi' and the Thangmeiband Athletics Union (THAU) Ground in the year 1992, the AMSU could have erected its permanent building at this site in 1998. Since the beginning of 2000s, AMSU has been participating in various issues in collaboration with various Civil Society Organizations in Manipur.

The student body has been one of the spearheading organisations demanding repeal of the draconian Armed Forces Special Powers Act 1958 from the soil of Manipur. During the infamous 'Manorama Agitation', a student activist Pebam Chitaranjan Mangang, who had been Advisor of AMSU/MSF/DESAM, Bishenpur District Committee martyred on August 16 in 2004. Recently during the agitation demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in Manipur, a student of Anand Singh Higher secondary Academy, Sapam Robinhood was killed in a protest rally at Imphal. It is suggested that the students' body may organize annual memorial observances for these student martyrs.

In the regional front, AMSU is a permanent member of North East Students Organisation (NESO), which was earlier called North East Regional Students Union (NERSU). AMSU has been pursuing various development policies and identity issues affecting the North Eastern states and their people. The establishment of the North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat in Shillong and the DoNER Ministry during the Prime Ministership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee were the outcome of the movement led by NESO.

In its efforts to mould the Pan-Manipuri Nationalism among the Manipuris, the AMSU has been taking role in organizing conferences, rallies, symposia and seminars in Manipuri settled areas of north east region. The student body has been working for promotion of language/dialect of each and every indigenous groups residing in Manipur. The Manipuri Commission was established in Assam during

the Chief Minister-ship of Tarun Gogoi, as proposed by the AMSU. Statues of Manipuri patriots like Thangal General, Paona Brajabashi and Bir Tikendrajit have been installed and erected at various parts of the country under the initiative of AMSU. At present, the student body has, in its agenda, the promotion of culture/language of the state in Manipuri inhabited foreign countries under the Manipur University. AMSU has been pressing the government for upgrading the reach of Akashvani and Doordarshan programmes in Manipuri settled areas of other countries.

The students' body has been fighting for justice in education and recruitment for jobs, by discouraging corruption, nepotism and favoritism by political leaders and bureaucrats in times of recruitments like MPSC Examinations, Medical and Engineering Entrance Tests, and others conducted by state government. AMSU has, in its agenda, equal development of all ethnic communities of Manipur to bring about egalitarian society in all respects.

Presently, the AMSU during the annual observances of Hunger Marchers' Day on 27 August every year organizes blood donation camps in collaboration with the state health agencies, and on the foundation day of AMSU on 28 August every year, AMSU offers food and educational materials to the inmates of orphan homes as a routine activity.

The Drama "Chaklaam Khongchat" produced by AMSU in the year 1991 is still known to be very effective in moulding patriotism among the youths and students of the state. Unfortunately, the unique creation of the Director Birjit Ngangomba on the script of G. Joykumar Sharma cannot be regularly displayed every year. No wonder, the play certainly enlivened the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice among the students of the state.

Amidst a variety of turbulences and challenges in its five decades journey, the All Manipur Students Union as a strong students force has been contributing its mite towards making a unified and dignified Manipur. The top priority agenda for the students' body at present is to cleanse the education system in Manipur, so that a new generation with competent and informed citizenry emerges for a dignified Manipur. Still AMSU has a long way to go in this direction. Moreover, at this crucial juncture where Manipur state becoming chaotic day by day with almost all crucial issues affecting all spheres of public and private lives, the people of Manipur want to have a strong and unified students body by amalgamating all existing students' bodies together as one effective and strong pressure group.

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“After I was appointed as a Yoga Pracharak in January this year, there is no turning back to my work”, Bijaya said.

By: Mutum Ashini

She seems younger than her age, may be a little over 20 years was what I presume. Her visit to our office is to inform us about her works as I am working in a daily newspaper. Whether the report got published or not is not what she bothers, but telling me about his activities of the day has become her routine work. I was reluctant in publishing report of her activities at first as I had seen many people who use newspaper as a tool for publicity of their activities which were not even conducted.

That morning when she visited me, I notice her face reddish with sweats streaming from her forehead, her white shirt and trouser had been coloured by dried mud and I understand that she came to my office after attending some hard work. By profession she is Yoga Pracharak working under Bharat Swabhim Trust & Patanjali Yoga Samiti and her activity is not only guiding and promoting Yoga among the people of the state but also organizing plantation programme to filter the polluted air is also her part of work. In her last visit to office, two days back, I was surprised to learn that she is now 38 years crossing.

“I don't believe you, you looks around 20 plus”, that was my response.

With a smile she told me that perhaps her Yoga therapy helps her keep young. Like I said, most people whom she met never believe that is over 37 years old, she told me.

Well the Yoga Pracharak is none other than **Pukhrambam Bijaya Devi** of Pishum Thong Ningom Leirak, here in Imphal West. Of the six offspring, she is the fourth daughter of Pukhrambam Priyokumar and Pukhrambam Ongbi Memchoubi Devi.

“During my college and University days my health was a laughing stock of my friends, I suffer some kind of illness many times and I was very weak comparing with my friend”, Bijaya told me.

She often pray to the almighty to keep her health okay as she sometime felt desperate on seeing her mother worried. It was during March 2015, that a Yoga camp was organized in her

locality. She joined the camp with her mother.

“My health and worried slowing parted and I know the almighty has heard me”, Bijaya said.

It was during the Yoga camp that I joined the Bharat Swabhim Trust & Patanjali Yoga Samiti.

“I don't know how my health changes, I become very active and never felt tired of working or doing something for the people”, Bijaya said and added that she had then decided to make every member of the society healthy.

Lucks plus hard work help Bijaya, she was selected as Yoga Pracharak during a selection test conducted at the Head office of the Bharat Swabhim Trust & Patanjali Yoga Samiti on December 17, 2017.

Since then she along with her colleagues had organized as many as 40 camps of awareness campaign for promotion of Yoga as well as plantation programme of sapling at various places including school compound till today. Some of the places she had conducted yoga camp cum plantation programme are Hiyangthang, Malom, Langthabal, Chingtham Leikai, Haobam Marak Uripok Waheng Leikai etc. in Imphal West district.

“We always associated plantation of sapling programme with our Yoga campaign as we felt it important for a healthy environment”, Bijaya said.

For a girl in Manipuri society, it is a big challenge to go out from morning till late in the evening. But for Bijaya, it was the support of her mother Memchoubi which encourage to every of her work.

She wake up at 4 am daily and started visiting her office at Wahengbam Leikai where she guided the new yoga lovers. Later, after completing the work she would visit schools to promote Yoga and the need for healthy environment to students.

Bijaya completed her Master degree in Manipuri Subject from Manipur University. She started her education from Khalimphal Government high school and later did class XII and Graduation at GP Women College.

“I Will keep continuing my service to make all the people of the state spend a healthy life”, Bijaya said before she left our office to take another Yoga class at some school.



Pukhrambam Bijaya being honoured by Bharat Swabhim Trust & Patanjali Yoga Samiti



Parents of P. Bijaya Pukhrambam Priyokumar and Pukhrambam Ongbi Memchoubi Devi.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, KANGPOKPI

NOTICE
Kangpokpi, the 23th August, 2018

No. DC(KPI)/2/12/87/Vol-III : It is hereby notified for general information that Shri Seiminlun Haokip S/o (L) Shri Lethkothang Haokip of Y. Langkhong Village, P.O. & P.S. Saikul, under Saikul Sub-Division, Kangpokpi District, Manipur has applied for registration of Sale Deed between Smt. Nemkhohing Haokip age about 35 yrs W/o Late Shri Lethkothang Haokip of Y. Langkhong Village, Sub-Division Saikul, P.O. & P.S Saikul, Kangpokpi District, Manipur as Vendor and that Shri Seiminlun Haokip S/o (L) Shri Lethkothang Haokip of Y. Langkhong Village, P.O. & P.S Saikul, Kangpokpi District as Vendee. The boundary of the said land is prescribed hereunder:
Schedule of the land:

- North : By the hill Lock & Twilhalok stream
- South : By the paddy field of Shri Holpao Touthang
- East : By the Twi lhakol stream
- West : By the barren land and hills of Y. Langkhong

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Kaigoual Kipgen
Sub-Deputy Collector (HQ)
DC's Office, Kangpokpi

Name not change

I, the undersigned, **Sorokhaiba Ningthibi Devi** residence of **Nongren Maning Leikai, I/W.** I, expressly authorized and request all persons in general and relatives and friends in particular, at all time hereafter to designate and address me by the earlier original name as such **Sorokhaiba Ningthibi Devi** and the here by earlier change name i.e. Khundrakpam Ningthibi Chanu remain cancelled.

Sd/-
Sorokhaiba Ningthibi Devi
Nongren Maning leikai