

Month-long observance of 122nd anniversary of Hijam Irabot announced

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Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPPDU) Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM), Proletarian Feminist Movement, Manipur (POFM) and Socialist Women Association (SWA) has joined hands to organise a monthlong observance function of the 122nd birth anniversary of Manipur's Pioneer leader Hijam Irabot. The four organizations have formed committee to make the observance successful.

A press statement by General Secretary SSUM, Bhusan Longjam said that the 122nd Birth Anniversary of Pioneer Hijam Irabot will be observed from September 1 to September 30. Main observance function will be observed on September 21 as Yawol Mitam Hunba Nunit in commemoration to the pioneer leader's effort to protest the sovereign by erstwhile nation. On September 20, the day Hijam Irabot died, the committee will observe the

66th Death anniversary as "National Martyrs Day" the statement said, on September 30, the 122nd Birth anniversary of Hijam Irabot, a Pioneer march will be organised. On the occasion a mass past competition on various category will be held. SSUM general secretary Bhusan Longjam appealed those interested in taking part to collect form from September 2, either from the head office of SSUM located at Keishampat Laishom Leirak Machin, Tidim Road or from the branch and unit of the student body.

National & International News

Kerala: Waiting for help, with husband's body in flooded home

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On Monday morning, Pandanad village woke up to a funeral that summed up the countless stories of grief and horror that rose to the surface from under the Kerala floods this monsoon. For Shoshamma Abraham, it was the end of a nightmare. On August 16, her house chest-deep in water, she stumbled across the body of her husband who had waded out to help others. For the next two days, she tied the body to the staircase of their home, unwilling to let go, waiting to be rescued. Help came finally, but not relief.

On Saturday, when Shoshamma reached the medical college in Alappuzha from the relief camp, she found her husband's body, wrapped in a plastic sheet, inside the parked ambulance of a private hospital. It had been lying there unattended. Frantic calls were made, "political influence" was used, the children stepped up to clean their father's decaying body, the mortuary formalities were done. Finally, C G Abraham, 64, was laid to rest. "He was wrapped in the same plastic sheet that I used, the body was decayed, emanating a foul

smell. He didn't deserve this," Shoshamma said, breaking down. Pandanad, near Chengannur town and on the banks of the Pamba river, was one of the worst affected villages in the floods that have claimed 328 lives since August 8. Shoshamma and Abraham, a former shipping firm employee, had shifted back from Goa five years ago. "On August 15, around 6 pm, we saw water inside the compound of our two-storey house. Around 9 pm, it was inside the house, up to three feet," Shoshamma said. "My husband was busy shifting essential items to the first floor until midnight. On Thursday, around 9 am, the water was chest-deep, with strong currents. After spending a night on the first floor, my husband, a cousin and I were unable to step down to the ground floor. Still, he went out to close the gate and look for neighbours. He did not return," Shoshamma said. "An hour or two later, I went out in search of him, walking and swimming. As I went behind the house in neck-deep water, I stumbled on the body. I struggled to drag it inside. My

cousin brought a shawl down and we tied the body to the staircase around noon," she said. With rescue efforts stretched, and Pandanad not yet on the radar, Shoshamma and her cousin sat on the first floor praying, often going down with a torch to ensure the body was still floating, sometimes waving a stick tagged with a red cloth from the window to attract attention. Shoshamma was also in touch with her son Jojo Abraham, who works with an automobile finance firm in Muscat, until her phone battery died at around 3 pm on August 16. "We tried to reach authorities, seeking an emergency rescue operation. No helpline worked, no officials responded. A call we made to the taluk office was attended by a woman who put us on hold for 30 minutes, then cut the call without a reply," Jojo said.

Then, there was a flash of hope. A leading Malayalam newspaper reported on Friday about Shoshamma being found with her husband's body. "It was a false report. My mother was yet to be rescued," Jojo said, adding

that ex-MLA P C Vishnunath was their sole support in those moments, answering calls, providing updates. On August 17 evening, two rescuers on a catamaran finally reach their house with biscuit packets and two bananas. The next morning, a group of fishermen on a rescue boat completed the rescue — Abraham's body was sent to Parimala hospital. "What was worse was finding my father's body inside the ambulance. It was already three days since his death and 12 hours after the body was retrieved," Jojo said.

The funeral day was traumatic, too. "We informed the authorities and reached the medical college mortuary at 7 am. There was no one there. When we finally got the body, it was in a bad shape. They didn't have any spirit, gloves, mask or even a piece of cotton in stock. We had to get them from a store outside. Finally a relative, who had worked as a nurse in Dubai, others in the family, my sister and I cleaned my father's body," Jojo said.

MPPDU shows concern to the 2nd coming of Hindutva Fascist

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MPPDU is organising a one day discussion on the rise of Hindutva Fascist and the fate of the society on Sept. 2 at the office of the SSUM at Keishampat. A statement of the MPPDU said that the entry of Shantis Das Gosai at the time of Garibnizas may be considered as the first entry of Hindutva Fascist in our society. It said

that the changing trend in the political scenario of the country may be considered as the 2nd coming of Hindutva Fascist. The prize of the entry of Santidas still divide the society and the wounds is still yet to be healed and the 2nd coming of the Hindutva Fascist is a threat to the fate of our society the MPPDU statement said the union also expressed apprehension to the fate of the people as the

customary head of the state head inclined towards the Hindutva Fascist group. It also pointed out the politics of the Hindutva by bringing in the entry of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The same is the hang over culture of the congress party, the union blamed. The Union further said that after the one day discussion on the call day discussion a group call "Yelhou Liklam Kanba Lup will be formed.

Framers' training held

IT News
Thoubal, Aug. 29,

Manipur Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium Imphal in association with Iramdam United Food Producer Company Limited (IUFPP) Kakching today organized a training programme on 'Making of Horticulture produces' under the supervision of National Institute of Agriculture Marketing (NIAM) Jaipur at the auditorium of

Representatives of Lois at Chumnangsang kakching. The training programme was attended by MS. Khaidem, Project coordinator, Manipur Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium, Imphal, Y. Rajendra, Chairmen, IUFPP Company Ltd. Kakching, Sh. Romeo, SBI, Ki Branch Manager SBI, Kakching Branch, and Dr. Zeshmarani Sarangthem, Senior Scientist and Head KVK, Thoubal attended as dignitaries.

PFI to conclude donation for Kerala Flood Victim on Sept. 9

Popular front of India, Manipur branch in a statement said that the organization will stop donation for relief assistance to the victims of flood at Kerala on September 9. A statement said that any person who wanted to donate few amount can contact the office of the PFI before the money has been sent to the Kerala Government.

No Maoist link to Elgaar Parishad, says Ambedkar

Agency
Mumbai Aug 29,

The Pune police's search of the homes of nine activists on Tuesday, as part of its probe into alleged Maoist involvement in the Elgaar Parishad meeting in Pune, was a political plot to strike a balance and take focus away from the pressure to ban Sanatan Sanstha, Dalit leaders said. The searches could also increase unrest among Dalits, they warned. Bharip Bahujan

Mahasangh president Prakash Ambedkar said, "On December 31, 2017, Elgaar Parishad was held in Pune with an objective to bridge the growing divide between Marathas versus OBC and Marathas versus SC/STs. The initiative was taken by retired Justice Kolse Patil, P B Sawant among others. Today, the organisation is not even in existence. So where is the question of linking Elgaar Parishad's activities with Maoists or Bhima Koregaon violence?"

He indicated that based on the findings of Tuesday's searches, they would challenge every case in court. Dalit writer Arjun Dangle said, "Linking Bhima Koregaon violence to Maoism is dangerous as it would further fuel anger among Dalit communities." Dalit leaders said the crackdown on Sanatan Sanstha in Maharashtra was inevitable following court orders and leads from the Karnataka ATS. Several writers and activists spoke out against the police action. Historian Ramachandra Guha described it as an authoritarian attack on democratic freedom. The arrests are "a dangerous sign of a government that fears it is losing its mandate and is falling into panic. That lawyers, poets, writers, Dalit rights activists and intellectuals are being arrested on ludicrous charges... tells us very clearly where India is

headed," author Arundhati Roy said. Lawyer Prashant Bhusan said, "Fascist fangs are now openly bared. It is a clear declaration of emergency... They are against any dissent." In a statement, PUCL said, "Such systematic and premeditated crackdown on human rights activists is unprecedented and unheard of in a democracy." The Jan Ekta Jan Adhikar Andolan, an umbrella organisation of trade unions, peasant groups, Dalit, Adivasi and human rights groups, will hold a demonstration in Delhi on Thursday to protest the arrests. JEJAA convener Hannan Mollah said, "This is a renewed attack against the democratic right to dissent... this is a fascist approach." "Some, however, voiced caution. Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Milind Kamble said, "Let law takes its course. Everybody should cooperate with police. If anybody has not done wrong, there is no reason to fear." Sources in the government said, "The stern message that comes across is that there cannot be compromise on law and order. Any organisation or institution trying to violate law and order will be dealt with firmly." "Indicating that political considerations will not come in the way of acting against those trying to hold people hostage through violence, sources said, "The ATS action against persons associated with Sanatan Sanstha shows the government was not allowing politics to drive the administration. Similarly, while cracking the whip against Maoists, it would not weigh the ramifications in electoral politics." inputs from New Delhi, Bengaluru

OFFICE OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MANIPUR

TENDER NOTICE
Imphal, the 25th August, 2018

No. 2/167/89-PDA : 63 sealed tenders superscribed as "Tender for purchase of Condemned Vehicles" of Planning & Development Authority, Manipur as is where is condition are invited by the undersigned.

The condemned vehicles are open to inspection in our office premises on any working day between 10.00AM and 2.00 PM from 29.08.2018.

The tender should be submitted to the office of the undersigned by 1.30 PM on or before 10.09.2018. In prescribed tender forms along with earnest money (detailed in tender form). The same tenders will be opened at 2.30 PM on the same day in presence of tenderers on their authorized representatives.

Tenders documents and further details may be had from the office of the PDA upto 05.09.2018 on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only (non refundable per set). The undersigned reserves the right to accept or to reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

The accepted tenders will have to lift the vehicles from the office premises on full payment by Bank Draft of the Nationalized bank viz SBI, BOB & UBI Imphal branch drawn in favour of Secretary/Planning & Development Authority, Manipur within 7 (seven) days from the date of acceptance of Tender failing which the earnest money deposited will be forfeited.

Condemned Vehicles	Minimum Reserved Price
Regd. No.	Rate (Rs.)
MN01G-525 (Gypsy)	8,500/-
MN1A-5511 (Gypsy King)	17,200/-
MN01W-2432 (Bolero Invader)	55,000/-

Sd/-
K. Gyaneshwor Singh
Secretary,
Planning & Development Authority,
Manipur
Imphal, the 25th August, 2018

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I have lost my original mark sheet and Certificate HSLC (Old Course) examination 2004, Bearing Roll No. 4836 issued by BOSEM on the way between Hiyanglam to Imphal on 23/08/2018.

Finders are requested to hand over the same to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Elangbam Indra kumar Singh
Hiyanglam Makha Leikai
Contact No: 9612976421

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NOTICE
Imphal, the 29th August, 2018

No. 32/HOSP-INV/RIMSH-15/2018 This is to inform to all concerned that routine investigation in the Department of Biochemistry which was suspended for the last 2 days due to technical problem will now be resumed from today i.e. 29th August, 2018 in the Department of Biochemistry of RIMS, Imphal.

(Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh)
Medical Superintendent,
RIMS Hospital, Imphal