

## 21<sup>st</sup> Manipur Integrity Day

IT News

Imphal, Aug 4,

Commemorating the August 4, 1997 mass rally here in Imphal with a pledge to safeguard the territorial integrity of Manipur, All Manipur United Clubs Organisation (AMUCO) observed the 21<sup>st</sup> Manipur Integrity Day at MDU Yaikul.

As part of the observance members of AMUCO led by its President Ph. Devan Sharma paid floral tributes at the Integrity Pillar erected at Mapal Kangjeibung.

The main observance function was held along with a public meeting at MDU hall at Yaikul Police lane.

Speaking on the occasion President of AMUCO, Ph. Devan said that people of the state are at crucial stage with the signing Frame Work agreement between the government of India and the NSCN-IM and the recent report of the Parliamentary committee report. He said after entering into a ceasefire agreement with the



Government of India, NSCN-IM has been trying to Disturb the territorial integrity of Manipur and now under the influence of Government of India, some Kuki organizations have also started demanding a homeland for the Kukis. UCM President Karam Sunil also appealed the people to stay alert to every development of the NSCN-IM and GoI talk. He said CSOs representative had met the Union Home Minister submitted memorandum to all the concern for safeguarding of the Manipur's territorial

integrity and also met the Indian government Interlocutor RN Ravi urging him to make any division either in administration of bifurcation. He said even after assurance the people of the state are still not secure due to the recent development. He appealed people to stand united for protection of the integrity of the state.

Meira paibi leaders Representative of Kuki Inpi Manipur and various other CSOs also attended the Manipur Integrity Day observance.

## Hunger strike site shifted inside MU complex One MUSU member picked up by police;

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Relay hunger strike by the Manipur University Community demanding removal of Vice Chancellor AP Pandey at the University main gate at Chanchipur has been shifted at the bus stand inside the University complex after police team dismantle the makeshift protest site yesterday midnight.

District administration had imposed Section 2 of the CrPC 144 since 1 pm of yesterday.

Meanwhile, Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) and teachers' community are likely to intensify the agitation after one of the MUSU member had been picked up yesterday by a team of police yesterday midnight. The student picked up by the police has been identified as Khagemba from Heirok. He is at present a class representative from

department of adult education. He has been staying at a rented room at Chanchipur near the Manipur University. Report said he was picked up at around 12 midnight yesterday. Reason of his arrest is speculated for sabotaging the government hoarding with colour at various places of Imphal. The MUSU had earlier announced to paint black to the government hoardings. A team of teachers had went to the police station for release of the student but had to return back as police turned deaf ear to the request.

Following the arrest, MUSU is likely to launch intense form of agitation. Talking to Imphal Times, General Secretary of MUSU, Kenedy said that as some unknown persons had stolen



all the sheds for staging democratic protest they are now left with no choice but to launch intensified form of protest.

On the other hand the General Secretary questioned the Chief Minister regarding his statement at which stated that 95% of the demand has been fulfilled. "What are those 95% fulfilled by the Chief Minister to the demand of the MUSU?" Kenedy asked.

He said that as for the leave of the Vice Chancellor AP

Pandey, it was normal leave and it has nothing to do with the demand of the Manipur University Community. On the other hand the Kenedy also stated that so far there has been no contact from the so called Fact finding committee constituted by the MHRD to either the MUSU, MUTA or the MUSA.

"How could they said that enquiry is on when no enquiry regarding the matter has been carried out?" the MUSU leader said.

## DGAR inspects ICP Moreh

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Moreh, Aug 4,

Director General of Assam Rifle Lt. General Sukhdeep Sangwan inspected Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 1, 2, Integrated Check Post and the post of 11 Assam Rifle at Moreh at around 10 am today mornings.

A source said that the DGAR inspected the ICP as the guarding force of ICP will be done by Assam Rifle. When ask to the commander of 11 Assam Rifle he didn't disclose the reason of the DG's visit.

## Police alerted at border area following notification of NRC Assam; JCILPS Students' Wing and KSO joins hand in checking illegal influx

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Following order of the Manipur government to keep strict vigils along the borders of the state in the wake of the notification of NRC Assam, Manipur Police has tighten security measures at all border areas including Moreh, Mao and Jiribam.

On the other hand JCILPS Students Wing along with Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) Jiribam had started

checking of illegal influx at Jiribam Check post.

9 non locals who tried to enter the state who failed to produce valid documents were forced to return back, a report said.

Report from Moreh said that Tengnoupal district Superintendent of Police Dr. S. Ibomcha has instituted 5 teams headed by 5 Officers to look after the influx of illegal immigrants.

All police stations has been ordered to remain alert. At the

moment Additional SP K. Robinson is looking after the Moreh Police Check Post. Sub-Divisional Police Officer Shandee Gopal Das assisted by OC MOREH Police Letkhohao Vaiphei has been supervising checking at Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 2 to Muslim Basti of Moreh. Deputy Superintendent of Police Thomas Thokchom is looking after the Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 2 to Friendship Bridge (Gate No. 1).

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The Thadou Students' Association (TSA) in a statement said that some persons who claimed to be members of UKLF has asked TSA to be silent on July 13 Moreh terror attack.

A statement said, "while we appreciate the so-called peace banquet at Moreh on July 23 between the Kuki National Organisation/Kuki National Army (KNO/KNA) and UKLF in the presence of several CSOs of Moreh, we would like to again make it clear that our demand for arrest of the culprits and justice in the July

13 Moreh terrorist attack have nothing to do with any feud or peace between KNA and UKLF. Neither Thongminlun nor TSA had any knowledge of the peace banquet or involvement in it. TSA and its activities have never been for or against any particular militant groups or political parties, but for justice, peace and freedom and for people's welfare".

The TSA further urged all armed militant groups and civil organisations not to harass, threaten or try and force us to stop pursuing justice in the July 13 Moreh incident of attempted murder of Moreh TSA president,

Thongminlun Haokip, and his family including his pregnant wife and two children both below five years of age and also urged the government and authorities concerned to stop armed militants from intimidating or harming TSA leaders and the general public. "Any further untoward incidents happen to Thongminlun and his family or any other TSA leaders should be held responsible by the government", it added. The TSA had earlier pointed fingers to KNO/KNA to the attack of its leader on July 13 at Moreh and had urged the govt. to arrest the culprits.

## An Obituary to News Analysis of Akashvani Imphal

# "Fear of criticism is no sign of Good Governance. Instead, invite constructive criticism to bring improvements in governance"

By: Seram Neken

At 7.30 in the Morning of Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2003 was born one of the much-appreciated and beloved babies of Regional News Unit of Akashvani Imphal - 'Local News Analysis during Morning Bulletin'. The conception of the new-born 10-minute bulletin component of Imphal Radio Station was due to the wisdom of the officers and the hard work of the staff of State's Regional News Unit under the innovative leadership of the then Deputy Director Shri BB Sharma (Indian Information Service), who was later awarded the 'Bold and Courageous Reporting Award' in 2006. The same year, the Regional News Unit of All India Radio Imphal also received the Best Regional News Unit Award for the popularity it gained out of the innovative news

formats like the 'Local News Analysis', 'MatangiWapham', 'PaogiSaktam' and 'Letter from Districts'. 'News Analysis' during bulletin was indeed the tastiest item in the news menu of Akashvani Imphal.

Manipuris across the globe, particularly those living in far-off places where the newspaper hardcopies could hardly reach in time, appreciated the 'News Analysis' format in a jubilant manner. The addition of 'News Analysis' during the morning bulletin was really a 'feather on the cap' of the Imphal Radio Station. It not only enhanced the quantum of listeners of Radio News, but also boosted the quality of news bulletin to a great extent.

Various positive comments with suggestions for improvement poured into the Media Institution through the feedback mechanisms like the 'Mani Mala ChithiPaokhum'

and 'Good Morning Manipur'. Newspapers highlighted appreciation notes in their 'Letters to the Editor' column. In fact, among the other components of Akashvani Manipuri News, the 'News Analysis with Experts' during morning bulletin has been the most popular programme. However, Akashvani Imphal bade adieu to this most availed 'News Analysis' very untimely on 31 July 2018 with a sudden announcement from the Regional News Unit of Akashvani Imphal. Millions of Imphal Radio News listeners across the globe now ask as to why such a beautiful programme ceases its airing.

In a 24-hour poll conducted through the social media Facebook by this writer on the topic 'Abrupt Ceasing of Radio News Analysis of Akashvani Imphal is a

challenge to Democracy and People's Voice. It is better the AIR Imphal resumes this programme in public interest', 93 percent of netizens support the idea of resumption of this programme, while only 7 percent voted against it.

In Democracy, the media is the only effective bridge between the government and the people. The more freedom the media are provided, the more meaningful will be the representative democracies in this modern world. The incumbent Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi attaches much importance to the Media particularly the Radio, as he occasionally talks with his people from various corners of the country on live interactions via Radio. He not only gives his opinion to the people through the monthly 'Maan Ki Baat' programme which started on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014, but also takes feedback

from the listeners regularly on various issues of the country. Theoretically, communication, without feedback from the audience, is one-way and not complete. If the adage 'Democracy is the government of the people, for the people, by the people' is to be made more operative, then Media should be encouraged to carry people's voice to their rulers. Among the other available electronic media in our society today, Radio is the most popular mobile medium which one can listen to even while working in the fields or driving a vehicle. Messages through radio are instantaneous and suitable to both literates and illiterates. Both for programme producers and to the Radio set owners, Radio is inexpensive. Having no topographical limits, Radio programmes have wide reach and accessibility. 'News Analysis' of local newspapers during bulletin is

a highly valuable format to the rulers as well as to the ruled, as experts and intellectuals analyse a variety of news stories which the Akashvani Imphal can hardly broadcast in its news bulletin for various reasons.

Going down the memory lane, Manipuri Language news bulletin was for the first time broadcast from Guwahati Station in May 1957 with Chandam Gopal as the newsreader. Later, with the opening of AIR Imphal on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1963, regular news broadcast started on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1964 with a 15-minute evening bulletin at 7.30 PM. Later, on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 5-minute Morning Bulletin was introduced at 7.30 AM.

Mr. R. Constantine, a Keralite was the first News Editor and later Mr. Maibam Haricharan became the first Manipuri News Editor. Shri Nabakumar Singh served as the translator

period newsreader during that time. Newsreel entitled "PaogiSaktam" of 15 minutes duration was introduced from January 1964 at 7.45 PM on every Sunday. Five-minute commentary called 'MatangiWapham' (Spotlight) on a variety of current issues began broadcast on every Tuesday and Thursday of the week. During State Assembly Sessions, a 15-minute Assembly Review entitled 'Manipur VidhanSavagiPaodam' is broadcast by Regional News Unit of AIR Imphal just after Evening Bulletin. From the year 2002, morning bulletin has been extended to 10 minutes. Mid-Day News at 12 noon was launched on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008, thereby making AIR Imphal the first station broadcasting Mid-day news in the entire north east India.

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