

Chief Minister N. Biren's statement on a TV network worries MLA Joykishan; Says if he really said so then the CM is in state of unsound mind

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Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today expressed worry over the mental state of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as the latter seem to have no knowledge of the status of a legislature representing Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency in the Manipur state Legislative Assembly. "I heard the CM telling to a TV channel through social networking site Facebook that he did not know who is MLA Joykishan Singh while replying to a queries to a TV reporter", Joykishan said in a press conference held at his residence at Thangmeiband here in Imphal.

A newly open satellite TV channel call TOM TV spread the statement of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at which he said that he did not know whether Khumukcham Joykishan is still an MLA or not. He also said that he took him as a contractor. The TOM TV clip did not have any details on how and why the Chief Minister responded in the manner.

"If the statement of the Chief Minister regarding his knowledge about the status of



an MLA who sit in the opposition bench is true than the mental status of N. Biren is unsound", Joykishan said. He further said that he will however look whether the statement delivered through social media by TM TV through social media is unedited or not. Joykishan had sent a letter to the TOM TV authority to give the details on the authenticity of the Chief Minister statement. If the statement is unedited and if he did said that he did



not know the status of the MLA saying that he took him as a contractor then the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is in state of unsound mind. "If it is so he should be disqualified under the article 191(B) of the Indian Constitution", the MLA added while recalling his days with N. Biren Singh when he was working as an editor of a newspaper before joining to politics. Article 191(1)(b) of the Constitution of India says -

"if he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court". Reminding the article of the Indian Constitution, MLA Joykishan said that if the mental state of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is unsound then he is liable for disqualification. Joykishan however said that he will first look into the authenticity of the CM statement spread by TOM TV. Recalling his close association with N. Biren Singh before their joining to politics, Joykishan said that he have no personal enmity with him. However, he was performing the role of opposition MLA. He said that he will appreciate if the policy programme of the government is for the welfare of the people but will criticized if it is against the will of the people. If the government think

that anybody who speak against them is their enemy and will silence using technique and other means then he is definitely wrong. "Intimidation will not keep the people silence", Joykishan pointed out. He said that he spoke against the detention of the Wangkhem Kishorchand by slapping NSA as it was wrongful detention. The detention was criticized and condemn by the Indian Journalists' Union (IJU) and other national media and even the Press Council of India had taken up a suo-motto case regarding the arrest. He appealed the government not to consider all dissents as anti National. Joykishan further appealed the people of the state to remain cautious if the mental status of the Chief Minister is unsound.

Orange festival 2018 concludes



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A 3 day long Orange festival which was celebrated under the theme "Orange for peace, health, beauty and prosperity" come to an end today at the lower ground Tamenglong District headquarters.

PHED Minister L. Dikho and Namsinrei Panmei Chairman, Autonomous District Council Tamenglong attended the closing ceremony as a Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

L. Dikho in his chief guest speech wishes the people of Tamenglong a merry Christmas on behalf of the State Chief Minister. He also urged the people of Tamenglong to fully take the advantage of railway transport in promoting the indigenous orange since railway is passing through the heart of Tamenglong.

God has fully blessed the land, people and the orange of Tamenglong so we must fully utilize in promoting, acknowledging and preserving the oranges of Tamenglong lamented the chief guest. He also further request the public of Tamenglong to support and co-operate in the government developmental work which is going on in the district as of now.

Namsinrei Panmei, Chairman Autonomous District Council, in his presidential speech urged the orange growers to work hard to increased the orange plantation. He also assured the orange farmers present in the gathering that all the need and financial help will be given from District administration and the State fund.

The best oranges for the year 2018 was bagged by stall No. 102 Mrs Gaiguplu of Siblong village with a cash price of Rs 1,50,000/- only. Stall No. 99, Mrs. Gaichunglu Gangmei of Siblong village under Tousem Sub- Division and stall No 60, Mrs. Ramkeliu Gangmei of Chaengdai village under Tamenglong sub- Division bagged the second and third prize respectively. The cash award for second prize is Rs. 1,00,000/- and third prize is Rs. 75,000/- only. 17 orange growers also received a consolation prize

of Rs 20,000/- each and the rest of the participants received a cash of Rs. 5000 each. Altogether 173 orange growers participated in the competition.

District Administration of Tamenglong in collaboration with ICAR, CAU and NABARD conducted a seminar on the second day for the orange growers of Tamenglong under the theme "Orange: It's Perspective, Problems and Potentials at the Tamenglong Indoor Stadium. The experts from the Department of ICAR, CAU and NABARD present a various topic on cultural practices for sustainable production of Tamenglong oranges, soil management in the context of orange cultivation, plant protection in an organic and sustainable manner and the role of NABARD in rural development especially in Horticulture Crop Production were presented to the participants. Department of horticulture distributed pea seeds to all the orange growers participants after the session.

Journalist and Founder "Breaking the Silence" Urmila Chanam also present a topic in the Vital role of Media and Market Linkages in Global Context.

As part of the festival 13 year old girl Miss Gaidinliu a student of JNV stood first and take away a cash award of Rs. 30,000 and citation in the Tamenglong Got Talent. And Mr. Ringsangang Reamei and Miss Apiliu Panmei stood second and third prize with a cash award of Rs 20,000 and Rs 10,000 and citation respectively.

It is worth mentioning that during the 15th Orange festival celebration district administration of Tamenglong along with various civil society, NGOs and village authority organised a various events such as night camping at Dailong village, trekking to Tharon cave and waterfall, trekking at Luangkou forest, Biodiversity Heritage site at Dailong and rafting and kayaking at Barak river for the visitors from different parts of state and Manipur in particular who come to witness the festival at Tamenglong.

International Human Rights' Day Manipur needs to make laws for restoration of our cultured society: CM

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As observe in different parts of the world, Manipur Human Rights Commission with United NGOs Mission, Manipur, Human Rights Alert, Human Rights Law Network and United Voluntary Youth Council observed International Human Rights Day at 1st MR Banquet Hall today.

Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that we had a cultured society and kept respect for our elders a lot. But today, it seems our decency is vanishing from us. To prevent from any kind of unwanted incidents in future particularly by uploads in social media and to restore that cultured society, Manipur needs to make a suitable law.

Recognising people's mindset especially that damages of bandh and general strike, Chief minister said that he went for a small survey of today's bandh called by the 2013 batch police constable candidates against the delayed result out of their



interview. People came out like there's no bandh and saw continue their daily routine in market and work place. People's response against bandh and general strike is one of government's achievements, he added. Biren also assured for looking into the staff and infrastructure shortages of the Manipur State Human rights Commission (MHRC). While giving Presidential address, Acting Chairperson of Manipur Human Rights Commission Khaidem Mani stated that after the enactment of Protection of Human rights Act, 1993, Manipur Government had established the MHRC by virtue of sec 21 of the Act on June 27, 1998.

The first Commission had been function till 2003, second Commission from May 5, 2005 till May 9, 2010. After a pretty long years gap, MHRC reconstituted for the third time in this current year. He assumed the office on 30th August, 2018 as Member of the Commission and from the same day onwards, he is working as Acting Chairperson, Khaidem Mani recalled. Law and Legislative Affairs Minister L. Jayentakumar Singh attended as Guest of Honour in today's observation. Police personals, Advocates, human rights defenders, members of Manipur State Commission for Women were also participated.

Activists upset as prevailing Human Rights issues not discussed on Human Rights Day

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All talks are about the origin of the Universal declaration of Human Rights by the United Nation and about the content of how to protect rights of the people. But none of the intellectual says nothing of the prevailing condition of the Human Rights of Manipur's citizen. This was stated by an activist who attended the 70th International Human Rights Day organised by the Centre for Human Rights and Duties Education, Manipur University at Manipur University. The day is also observed by various other civil rights bodies across the state. As for the state government it is another matter but issues of human rights violation being faced by the people of the state were not mentioned by any of the talker, said the activist.

JFA bats for justice to victim scribe

By Our Correspondent
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Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) expresses concern over the incident of abuses of a lady scribe by another city based journalist which has already reached the legal course and bats for justice to the victim. The forum however insists on proper opportunity provided to the accused journalist to put forward his version as well.

It may be mentioned that the television scribe lodged an FIR in Dispur police station stating that she was harassed, abused and threatened last week by the male journalist, also a television reporter, with one of his friends. Following her urgent calls, few colleagues rescued her and reported to the police station, said the victim scribe in a communiqué to the JFA.

"We hope that the law will take its own course and the victim scribe gets justice. Anybody, who indulges in illegal activities, should be punished. However, we pursue that the accused journalist should also be given the right of self-defense," said a JFA statement issued to the media.

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Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) erected 10 Solar Street Lights on request of the people of Malom Gram Panchayat under it's 'Op Sabdhavna' initiative on 10th December 2018.

Tulihal Battalion on receiving a request for installation of street lights in it's monthly Security Meet, provided & installed these solar lights in each of the

wards of Malom Gram Panchayat. These solar street lights will not only address the security concerns in the area, but also lead the way in sustainable development. Brigadier Amit Kabthiyal, SM, Commander 9 Sector Assam Rifles in an inaugural programme at Malom village, IW district officially handed over these solar street lights to the Pradhan of Malom Gram Panchayat. While praising the efforts of Tulihal Battalion, Brig Kabthiyal assured the

villagers that both Assam Rifles and Army would always work for the welfare of the people of Manipur. Two Ex-servicemen of Army, being residents of Malom were also felicitated by him during the event. The villagers of Malom appreciating the Battalion for the initiative and said this gesture of the Army would go a long way in cementing the bond between the people and the forces and the people of Malom would forever keep Tulihal Battalion in their hearts, even when the

Battalion moves out of the area on completion of it's tenure. This initiative of provision of solar street lights is one among many taken up Tulihal Battalion, who in the past had also spearheaded the flood relief operations in the month of June for which the Battalion has received the Governor's Citation. The Battalion also plans to install 9 solar street lights in Kangmang and organize a veterinary camp in Maitram village in the near future.

AR Installs 10 Solar Street Lights in village Malom