

6 girls from Mizoram housed in Dehradun shelter not orphans, possibly trafficked

Agency Aizawl, Dec 23, Following a letter from the Mizoram State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) seeking verification of details of the children kept at a Dehradun-based children's home called River of Joy, a team of district administration officials and members of state child welfare committee carried out an inspection of the home on Saturday. The officials who went to inspect the home confirmed that 11 girls are staying at the centre, of which seven are from Mizoram. The inspection revealed that six girls from Mizoram (aged between 11 and 18 years) are not orphans and there is a possibility of them being involved in human trafficking. Their report reads, "Seven children from Mizoram are staying in this home and they have been brought from their respective villages in Mizoram by the home-in-charge. Parents of six inmates are from Tuikawi village in Mizoram and they do not fall under the 'Children in need and care of protection' category. The seventh child from Mizoram is an orphan. But the other six children are not orphans and are vulnerable to trafficking and other types of exploitations." MSCPCR's letter dated October 10, had also raised questions on the "unknown sources" from where the Rise Himalaya Charitable Trust was receiving funds to run the home. Dehradun district magistrate (DM) SA Murugesan when queried about the matter, said, "The home-in-charge showed us documents signed by the parents of the children from Mizoram. They have mentioned that they are handing over the children as they are poor and can't provide them with a good life and quality education. To ensure that this is true, we will ask the district administration there to verify the details."

NSCN-IM questions the sincerity of the India government in solving the vex Naga Issue

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NSCN –(IM)in a statement hinted apprehensive attitude towards the sincerity of the Indian government in solving the vex Naga issue following the report of one Pradip Deka. The reportage of Pradip Deka (December 19, 2018) titled, "no lateral talks with militants, Die fighting or surrender, says Deputy Security Advisor R.N. Ravi" gives an impression that the Indo-Naga political dialogue, as seeking solution within the framework of the Indian Constitution or Union of India. It is an intend negotiation for the political talks and between the GOI and the NSCN, says the MIP of the NSCN-IM.

The statement said that the Indo-Naga peace talk have, after years of deliberation following the cease fire declaration in July 1997, made considerable progress: the government of India officially acknowledged and recognized the 'unique history and situations'. The subsequent Framework Agreement signed and declared on 3rd of August, 2015 is also fundamentally based on the unique history of the Naga people and co-existence through shared sovereignty between the two

entities. These are the core principles for bringing about final and lasting solution acceptable to both the parties. It added that the Naga people have suffered long enough, have shed enough blood and lost many precious lives. No part of Naga history at any given point of time has ever been more serious as today or propitious political climate such as today is likely to repeat more often. History reminds mankind; how many lives is a man's worth, that one should gamble over the rights of a nation?

Deviating from the honorable "Out of the box" approach towards a hard line position is clearly a deviation from the framework agreement, which is based on the mutual respect and recognition of the two entities as mentioned.

Nagas have accepted the honorable way for the concerned parties, but the GOI obviously is treading the path of "MACHIAVELLIANISM". It will be a conscious and deliberate betrayal of the GOI's position to seek solution without precondition at the highest political level, outside India in a third country and based on the officially recognized unique history and situation of the Nagas.

GOI should have the courage and the boldness at this juncture for her larger security interest. If lasting and honorable peace is what she desires she should not drive away the Nagas or those who seek peace.

Military solution will surely lead to a fresh epidemic conflict that will cost dearly the lives of both. There is no foundational logic or basis in that approach after 20 plus years of political negotiation. Rhetoric's, might have their own historical roots. But both the parties have now left behind their classical position and have sought an honorable way out of the conflict. If this environment is not exploited by the GOI then it amounts to deliberate departure from seeking peaceful solution through political negotiation. Political negotiation must not be reduced to seeking political gain of any parties. It amounts to betrayal of the basic principles of the political negotiation and of the 3rd August Framework Agreement, 2015. Wisdom will prevent heartache and bring about honorable solution and permanent peace for both. It is required for both, to honor the moral principles already agreed by both the parties.

Police started searching for MSAD leaders over Kishorechand's detention issue

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Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) in a statement said that a team of Manipur Police had come at the residence of its general secretary Javed Mehedi at Keinou. The police came to nabbed the leader of the MSAD, the statement added. The police team also asked about Veevon Thokchom (President of MSAD) and Damudor Arambam (Advisor to MSAD).

"They asked all his details and intimidate his family as much as possible. And it is a time when we speak too much against the arbitrary arrest of journalist Wangkhemcha Wangthoi", the MASAD statement said.

The MSAD said - Way back, MSAD's plan to organize a protest march in New Delhi, against the arbitrary arrest of

Wangkhemcha Wangthoi, was foiled by Delhi Police following the directives of Manipur CM. First in MSAD's history, all the protesters were detained even before the Protest. Three days before the Protest, they were in search of the General Secretary impersonating themselves as TOI and Zee news reporters. Since then we have been vociferous against the state undemocratic approaches and conducts to gag the voices of the masses. He has been a strong critic against the arbitrary and conspired arrest of Wangthoi. Today, his turn has come and the state authority is using all its might to gag him. This inability to take criticism clearly shows their misconducts.

"This authoritarian misuse of power and intimidation will not go long if we unite and fight back. If we don't fight back, yesterday was

Wangthoi's turn, today is our turn and tomorrow might be your turn. We are in a sorry state of authoritarian regime that anybody can be arbitrarily arrested and killed anytime at anywhere under NSA and AFSPA, if the government does not want you. (recently we have seen in Wangthoi's arrest under NSA & the state inability to question the army in Gaffar's killing). Nobody can poke nose into this draconian Acts imposed over us. We are under such state of oppression. If we don't wake up and fight back at this right time for the mankind, justice and truth, our next generation will judge us. We were not born to be oppressed. And our silence will create more violence in future", the statement said and added that any act of intimidation will not stay silent.

Groups of media persons comes up to campaign against arbitrary detention Kishorechand

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A group of mediapersons today started campaigning against the arbitrary detention of Kishorechandra Wangkhem and issued a joint statement over the issue.

The media persons irrespective of their affiliations to the apex journalists' body in the state, All Manipur Working Journalists' Union, placed on record the following points in the aftermath of the detention of Kishorechandra Wangkhem, a TV journalist previously employed with Information and Service Television Network.

The points are- "We neither endorse nor

encourage the expletives-filled rant and rave on social media by the now detained journalist which we feel was in bad taste. However, we would like to leave it to the wisdom of the law courts to decide whether he is liable to be sent to jail for his conduct. "Under these circumstances, we also cannot help condemning the government's action of trampling on the fundamental rights of the TV journalist to express his opinions freely by detaining him under the draconian National Security Act, despite disagreeing with the manner in which he expressed them soon after a law court released him on bail. We strongly feel that his detention under the

NSA is grossly undemocratic. The journalist has been framed on whimsical ground. Mere expletives used by an individual while critiquing a government or its representatives can never be a threat to national security. "Moreover, the decision of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union to distance itself from the arrested scribe by announcing that he is not a journalist and was simply a translator and anchor is extremely unfortunate. AMWJU cannot speak for all the journalists in Manipur regardless of their affiliation with it or not. In our opinion, Kishorechandra was a journalist and still remains so", the statement said.

Orientation workshop on Swachh Bharat Mission held



By-M.N. Singh Imphal, Dec. 23,

The Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB), Imphal of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, today organized one day orientation workshop on Swachh Bharat Mission at its Auditorium, Imphal. The workshop was organized to sensitize the officers, officials and field functionaries of the Regional Outreach Bureau posted including officials and artists registered with ROB, Imphal. The main objective of the workshop is to update knowledge, sensitize and equip the theme of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) Awareness Campaign. The intensive Special Outreach Program will begin from tomorrow at five different locations.

Speaking as resource person, Nepram Gitkumar, Retd. Director MAHUD said that Swachh Bharat Mission is

Government of India's Total Sanitation Campaign to improve quality of life by promoting cleanliness, hygiene and eliminating open defecation by 2nd October, 2019. And also scientific management of solid waste in India.

He lamented that as prelude to 150th birth anniversary of the father of Nation Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on 2nd October, 2014 by encouraging stakeholders to participate in improving sanitation practices.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has been monitoring the status of the scheme through 'Swachh Survekshan' from the year 2016 annually. As the continuation of this monitoring mechanism the fourth survey or Swachh Survekshan will begin from 4th to 30th January 2019 to rank all the cities under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U). The survey would be

validated by third party certification, institutionalize existing systems through online processes and create awareness amongst all sections of society about the importance of working together towards making towns and cities a better place to live in. As citizen participation is a very important to mark and contribution for overall reduction of solid waste generated, he urged to co-operate the mission and also the surveying team.

Yumlembam Lukamani Devi, Corporator Ward No. 19, Imphal Municipal Corporation stressed on the need for community participation for successful implementation of the schemes and adopt cleanliness as a mission for realizing the dream of a Swachh Bharat.

K. Sonimumar Singh, A.O/ DDO, ROB Imphal and Gin Gangte, Head Field Outreach Bureau, Imphal also attended the function.

Civic Action Programme

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54 Bn BSF under the aegis of Sector Headquarter CI Ops, Manipur Conducted Various Civic Action Programme . constructed Toilet block at Chindompok High School and wire mesh perimeter fencing at Chindompok Ideal Top Club at Herok Part – II.

At a function held today at Chindompok Ideal Top Club Heirok Part –II Sh. K. Homeshwar Singh, Second – in Command of 54 BN BSF and Sh. Bharat Singh Pal , Company Commander of Heirok Comppany handed over the newly constructed Toilet Block and fencing of ground to the authority Chindompok High School and Secretary of Herok City Club Sh.M. Aboy Singh. The function was attended by local representatives, villagers, Club members and school children of



Chindompok High School . The local appreciated the goodwill gesture of BSF and expressed their gratitude and assured corporation to the BSF in maintaining peace and

tranquility in the area. The Civic action programmes were carried out under the supervision of Sh. Suneel Kumar Singh, Commandant of 54 Bn BSF.