

PPFA welcomes renaming of Andaman island after Netaji

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Patriotic People's Front Assam (PPFA) welcomes renaming of three Andaman & Nicobar islands after legendary freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose along with his magnificent legacy and it expresses happiness that the Patriot of Patriots has been duly honoured on 75th anniversary of Netaji's declaration of the formation of Azad Hind government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his recent visit to Port Blair renamed the Ross island as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, Neil island as Shaheed Dweep and Havelock island as Swaraj Dweep. He also hoisted the 150-foot national flag at South Point of Port Blair, where Netaji Bose unfurled the Tricolour in 1943 as the head of provisional government of Azad Hind declaring the islands free from the colonial British forces. "We take the privilege to salute the supreme commander of Azad Hind Foj (Indian National Army) and convincingly believe that every patriotic Indian would pay splendid tributes to Netaji as the first Prime Minister of undivided India," said a PPFA statement adding that no conspiracy could erase the legacy of Netaji and his magnificent valiant brigade.

UNMM condoles

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The United NGOs mission Manipur (UNMM) expressed its deep condolence over the sudden demise of Pu Thangkhoisei Haokip, KUMPIPA, Kuki Ipi on December 28. UNMM said that it acknowledged and appreciated for the able leadership of the departed soul to work with us in our common journey for sustainable peace and reconciliation in Manipur. "He was very dedicated and notable leader who always stand for honesty, integrity, hard work and welfare. He was also very genuine leader who always worked across the ethnic communities and NGOs of the state for strengthening relationship for peaceful co-existence and mutual respect among the kuki, Meitei and other. The untimely demise of Pu Thangkhoisei Haokip is not only irreparable loss to kuki community but also for the people in Manipur and North East India.

MLA Joykishan urges government to take hard on vehicle lifters

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Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today urges the government to take hard on the vehicle lifters in the state saying that instead of spending times on social networking site the government should act hard on the vehicle lifters by allowing the police force in

performing their duty. "Incident of vehicle thief getting away from hands or vehicle remain missing even the vehicle lifter has been handed over to the police are at large", Joykishan said. In a press conference held today at his residents at Khuyathong, Joykishan said that instead of utilizing staffs of state home department more times checking the updates of

the social media which criticized the government they should focus more on checking the vehicle lifters in the state which has been haunting the people of the state for quite a long time. The congress MLA also appealed the government to release Kishorchandra Wankhemcha as a new year gift to his family so that people appreciate this government.

Month long Soil Health Day observation ends



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The month long World Soil Health Day observation held under the aegis of Green Foundation since December 5 onwards comes to an end by holding an awareness programme at the Awangkhuon Maning Leikai community hall in Imphal West district on Monday. The concluding programme was organised by Awangkhuon Organic Farmers Club and the Green Foundation (GF), an Imphal based social enterprise on sustainable development through peaceful co-existence in cooperation with Manipur Organic Mission Agency under Mission Organic value Chain Development for North Eastern Region of Ministry of

Agriculture and Farmers welfare. Officer in charge Dr DS Yadav of Regional centre of organic farming, Imphal, Zilla Parishad member N Pramo Devi of Awangkhuon village, Chief Executive Officer U Himmat of the GF and village elders attended the concluding session wherein Dr Yadav delivered a lecture on soil microbiology while Dr N Surala of Central agricultural university shared issues relating to soil health management. N Gunleibi also presented a talk on organic farming is solution to soil pollution during the awareness function cum closing session of soil health day. Many male and female members of Awangkhuon locality who attended the day's

programme also raised many questions relating to the organic farming and its prospects in their village. Some of village elder mostly males also sought necessary scientific inputs from the subject experts and service providers if in case they wanted to convert their fields into completely organic. Urging the farming community attending the meeting to take up organic farming activities seriously, CEO Himmat of Green Foundation assured the gathering that the organic farming can be taken up in a phase wise manner and farmers can take necessary services through the foundation. Later a demonstration on how to make horticultural waste into organic manure was also held.

DESAM to start Mass campaign for mass reformation

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Democratic Students Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) is all set to launch a mass campaign for mass reformation with primary focus in Education Sector in the state from next year. President of DESAM Salam Akash in a meeting with the media persons at its temporary head Quarter at Sagolband Meino Leirak in connection with its annual Program "Meet the Media Fraternity" announced that the mass campaign will be launched next year, i.e. 2019. Akash give a dig on the present education system and its curriculum by questioning the contents of histories and

other elements of the indigenous culture and people in the syllabus of the students. DESAM appealed social organizations, and media fraternities to help in the campaign of reviving the government schools and in reviving the model schools which will improve the economy of various families. He added that DESAM will continue to support the demand of Pre-merger political status, the campaign of Schedule Tribe Demand committee and any issues relating to the development including self determination of the people of the state. "Media and civil societies has a big role to play in bringing harmony of our deeply conflict

rooted society and there is a need to cleanse such conflict", a ANSAM leader who also took part in the gathering said. Ex President of DESAM, Angamba says that the program "Meet the Media Fraternity" has been doing since the inception of DESAM. He added that the media has been playing a huge role in changing the socio political economy of the state and they also recognize the contribution of the media in such a conflict ridden states of state and non state actors. Finally he thanked the media fraternity for the covering many activities in their campaign for quality education of the state.

KEDO launched Pop Corn Stall Scheduled Tribe demand not reasonable – Samarjit

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Chairman of the Salai Holding, Ngairangbam Samarjit today said that the demand for Scheduled Tribe status for Meitei / Meetei is not a reasonable demand. Speaking to the launching ceremony of KEDO's Pop Corn stalls held at Khwiramband Keithel, Ngairangbam Samarjit said that Manipur is a kingdom with imperialistic character. The Meitei/ Meetei had come to a status of a civilized nation and going back to the status of ST status is nothing but

sabotaging the history of the nation state. The Chairman of the Salai holding, Ngairangbam Samarjit while appreciating the member of Kangleipal Economic Development Organisation (KEDO) further said that the Salai Holding will always stands for KEDO. The Salai donated 500 plastic baskets and 100 handmade bamboo basket for collecting garbage in and around the Khwiramband Ima Keithel area. Samarjit said that those garbage collected will be again collected by them with payment of some tips to the KEDO volunteers so that they

can recycle the garbage. Imphal City Police Station, Officer in Charge Ingocha, who presided over the launching function of Pop Corn stall by the KEDO said that everyone should try to make the city clean. He said that people who come to the Khwiramband Keithel should follow the law of the land. "All those who trade here should get proper license from the authority concern so that there is no obstacle in their business", Ingocha said and appealed the KEDO to take permission of the stall open from the Imphal Municipal Corporation.

NK Sanaojoaba remembered on 82nd Birth Anniversary

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Pioneer investigative Journalist NK. Sanaojoaba was remembered and paid fitting tribute on his 82nd Birth Anniversary at Lamyamba Sanglen, Palace Compound in Imphal East. On the occasion, Sh. Shamu, Vice-chairman of the organising committee in his keynote address gave a brief history of NK Sanaojoaba. Nk. Sanaojoaba was born on Dec 30, 1936 at Singamei Wangma Kshetri Leikai Imphal. He was the son of Nk. Ibocha and Muktarei. He started his schooling from Troban Kshetri Leikai Jr High school, later he studied at Raja Dumber school and completed his matriculation in 1956 under Guwahati University. After that he completed intermediate and graduation from DM college Imphal. At the DM college he was elected as students representative as Magazine secy of the college. During his college days he met



Arambam Somarendra Nongmeitham Pahari. During his college days in 1955, NK Sanaojoaba met captain LH Harnett as NCC instructor. Arambam Somarendra, Nongmeitham Pahari and Nk Sanaojoaba were the students of captain Harnett. During NCC time the essence of Nationalism was sown to the pioneer journalist. On 24 November 1964 a revolutionary group called

UNLF was formed under their leadership. Nk. Sanaojoaba was a member of the central committee. He played a big role in the organisation of UNLF at both Hill and Plain. NK Sanaojoaba was the first Editor of Pan Manipur Youth League (PANMYL) monthly journal Lamyamba. Through Lamyamba he exposed wrongs of the government and for that he was detent in jailed many times.

No indication to strengthen the deprive education system by the govt; SSUM

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Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM) in a statement slammed the government of Manipur over its attitude toward the education sector. The press statement signed by its President S. Yaima Meetei said that the people of Manipur knew that the Education system prevailing in the state is in a big mess and also there is no visible indications which address this issue by the government. They believe that the first thing to be done to improve a society is to improve its educational sectors. It also added that poor infrastructure of the schools, lack of teachers, unavailability of books; irregular monthly salaries of the teachers are some of the problems of the government schools. When inspecting the various

schools by SSUM saddened cries which were heard from most of the students is that "they want to learn, give us teachers". They also came to know that many of the government schools have a huge imbalance of students and teachers ratio and lacks of proper classrooms and non teaching staffs. On the other hand government schools from Lower Primary to high School which are situated in the Imphal area don't have proper students. Most of the schools have more number of teachers than the students. And also many schools which lack students are residing in 10km radius. So the government needs to make immediate policies to combine the schools having minimal students residing in 10km radius and also to send teachers to the places where they need it the most, it added. Regarding the change in

academic atmosphere where there is a trend of going to Private tuition and coaching centre, SSUM finds that the infrastructures and the exceeding number of students in a class is unsatisfactory. Unfortunately they also discover certain coaching centers where there are no separate toilets for boys and girls. In the release SSUM claims that they will look into the matter of Tuition and Coaching centers from the coming years. Further the Student organization wishes New Year greetings to the people of Manipur and especially the students and also wishes the students a success for all those who are preparing for the upcoming Class 10 and 12. And show gratitude to the teachers and believe that the teachers of the state focus on the Modification of Behaviors of the students.