

PM appeals to respect women in 'Mann ki Baat'

New Delhi, Jan 29: In this year's first 'Mann ki Baat' address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that women in India are progressing in every field and, citing scriptures, emphasised that it is in our culture to respect women. It is in our culture to respect women.

The Prime Minister remembered astronaut Kalpana Chawla, ahead of her death anniversary on February 1, and said she gave a valuable message to all Indians, especially young girls. "Her message is, 'Nothing is impossible for women, if they have a strong will'," said Modi. Chawla, who was the first woman of Indian origin in space, died on February 1, 2003, in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. She was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

Since the age when the Vedas were composed by women, 'nari shakti' has set numerous milestones and continues to play a pioneering role, the PM observed.

"Let me tell you that one daughter is equal to ten sons... The punya (good) we get from 10 sons, we get that from one daughter..." said Modi.

The Prime Minister gave the example of three Indian Air Force (IAF) woman pilots who will soon be flying a supersonic fighter jet for the first time in India's history.

"Three women Bhavna Kanth, Mohana Singh and Avani Chaturvedi have become fighter pilots and are undergoing training on Sukhoi-30," he said. PM Modi commended the BSF women contingent 'Seema Bhawani', which performed daredevil stunts on motorbikes during the Republic Day parade.

The Prime Minister lauded the women from the Maoist-affected areas of Chhattisgarh who are operating e-rickshaws. The PM said that the initiative, apart from being eco-friendly, is also creating opportunities.

PM Modi also congratulated the people of Bihar and the state government for successfully completing the human chain to protest against social issues such as dowry, child marriages and consumption of liquor. "I want to talk about something very unique in Bihar. A human chain was formed to spread awareness about evils of dowry and child marriage. So many people joined the chain," he said.

Govt. moves to revive MHRC; CM says it was his govt. priority to revive it but takes some times as the Chairperson has to take permission from the Punjab Govt.

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Imphal, Jan 28: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) will be revived soon. He said this while speaking as the Chief Guest at the 16th Foundation Day celebration of ISTV Network held at Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) auditorium yesterday.

The Chief Minister stated that advertisement for the appointment of two Members of MHRC had already been issued. It may be mentioned that the

advertisement for appointment of the two members comes after the Manipur High Court directed to revive the MHRC. Biren, however said that the state government had already plan to revive the MHRC however, as the Chairperson which was appointed by the state government have to take some prior permission from the state of Punjab the government was waiting for that. As the High court has stated that the MHRC can be revived without the Chairperson if members have been appointed, the govt. advertised for

recruitment of the members, N. Biren said. Other thing Chief Minister showed serious concern is the rising drug smuggling in the state. He said the situation of substance abuse is very alarming in the State and added that his Government would do whatever possible to root out the menace of drugs. Surprisingly the Chief Minister revealed that even an Assistant Sub-Inspector of police was arrested with a huge quantity of drugs recently, N. Biren said that he had already directed the

authority to take whatever action possible to the ASI. On the matter of Imphal Evenings, which seems to have lost its significance, the Chief Minister said that the reason for coming down in number of visitors is cold weather. Saying that many shops are now seen open till late night at Thangal Bazaar and Paona Bazaar after the introduction of Imphal Evenings, the Chief Minister expressed hope that such new developments would be witnessed in other townships as well.

Governor confers Manipur State Kala Akademi Awards 2014



Imphal, Jan 28: Governor of Manipur and Chairperson, Manipur State Kala Akademi, Dr. Najma Heptulla today conferred Manipur State Kala Akademi Awards 2014 to the awardees at a function held at Maharaja Chandrakirti Auditorium, Palace Compound, Imphal, organised by Manipur State Kala Akademi, Manipur.

The Akademi Award 2014 including 2 Fellows and 6 Young Talent Award were presented to 27 (Twenty-Seven) Awardees by Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla, and President of the function, Shri L. Jayentakumar Singh, Minister, Art & Culture, Manipur and Vice Chairman, Manipur State Kala Akademi. The awards are conferred for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields of Dance, Music, Theatre, Shumang Leela, Thang Ta, Tribal culture, other forms of Art, Traditional, Theatre, Literature, Mime and Fine Arts.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla congratulating the Akademi Awardees said that Manipur is renowned for its rich art and cultural heritage. The classical Manipuri dance - Raas Leela has put Manipur on the cultural map of the world. The Manipuri Nata Sankirtana, the ritual singing, dancing and drumming has been included in the representative list of UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage of humanity, she said.

The Governor also said that the cultural mosaic of the state is extremely colourful owing to the large number of communities in the state with its own distinctive form of dance, music and dress.

She also stated that the Manipur State Kala Akademi was established by the Government of Manipur in the year, 1972 as an autonomous body and was the only cultural agency of the Government promoting and coordinating all the activities relating to Dance, Drama, Music, Literature, Fine Arts and other different fields of arts and culture. The Akademi has been making sustained effort for promotion, preservation and propagation of Manipur's rich cultural tradition within and outside the state since its inception. Besides organizing various cultural festivals pertaining to different art forms of folk and classical of both the hills and the valley, the Akademi also holds several promotional activities such as conferences, seminars, workshops as well as literary programs, memorial lectures and exhibitions, she added.

The Governor said that the awards symbolize not only the highest standard of excellence in their respective fields but also is the recognition of individual works for their highest professional accomplishment. She also expressed her confidence that the efforts of the Manipur

State Kala Akademi will make a substantial impact on the preservation, promotion and propagation of the rich cultural traditions of the state and will continue to provide necessary encouragement to the scholars and artistes. She further added that we must try to make Manipur

known to the world by showing our rich cultural Heritage. Instead of depending on organization like UNESCO for recognition, we must put in our sincere effort to present our own art and culture and try to promote it to the rest of the country and the world.

'If selling 'pakodas' is a job, so is begging'

New Delhi, Jan. 28: Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram today slammed the government for its "wild" claims of job creation and said that if selling 'pakodas' is a job then begging should also be recognised as an employment option.

The former finance minister, in a series of tweets, said that the government is "clueless" on creating jobs.

"Even selling pakodas is a 'job' said PM. By that logic, even begging is a job. Let's count poor or disabled persons who are forced to beg for a living as 'employed' people," he said in one of his

tweets. On January 19, in an interview to a TV channel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had questioned: "If a person sells 'pakodas' and takes home Rs 200 every evening, will it be considered employment or not?"

The Congress leader also argued the effectiveness of the government's decision to identify MGNREGA as "job holders".

"Another minister wanted MGNREGA workers to be counted as holding jobs. So they are 'job' holders for 100 days and jobless for 265 days!" He argued.

The Mahatma Gandhi

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (MGNREGA) was formulated with an aim "to enhance the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work". Chidambaram further spelt out ways to increase the "stagnant" job market and said that an increase in private investment, private consumption, exports and credit demand will be a step in the right direction.

"Real job creation will be reflected by robust increase in private investment, private consumption, exports and credit demand. Not happening yet," he wrote.

The Congress leader is known for his tweets where he targets the government for its "failures" to manage the economy, internal security, foreign policy and other issues of national importance.

Last week, when PM Modi was addressing the world leaders at the World Economic Forums in Davos, the leader took a swipe at the PM for his attempts to woo investors at Davos. *Courtesy TOI*

ADSU Condemns Brutual Killing in Maibang;

'we can give blood not our land' -Lokenath



Silchar, Jan. 28: The All Dimas Students Union, ADSU yesterday organised a peace mass rally in Silchar condemning the brutal and inhuman assault in Maibang of Dima Hasao in Assam on 25th January 2017. The peace mass rally which was also participated by many students and youths association of Assam including All Assam Manipuri Students' Union, AAMSU, Manipuri Youths Front Assam, MYFA, All India Democratic Students Organisation Assam State, was kick off from Shahid Khudiram Bose statue

located in Club Road area of Silchar. Speaking to the Media persons, Amit Barman, President of ADSU Cachar district committee expressed his condemnation against brutal firing by state police in Maibang and also demand to conduct high level judicial inquiry on the matter.

Fanjowbam Lokenath, Secretary General of MYFA, while interacting with the scribes, urged the central government to not inclusion of any part of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. In his words, he said 'we can give blood but not our land'.

Lagsa Golden Jubilee Meet 2018 concludes

Chandel, Jan. 28: The defending champion Seijamang Memorial Team (SMT) Phaijang, G.Songel Youth Club and M.Moljol Youth Club lifted the Men's Football, Junior Boys Football and Women's Volleyball Champion Trophies of the Lonpi Area Games and Sports Association (LAGSA) Golden Jubilee Meet 2018. Thangso Baite, Member of Parliament (Outer Manipur); Limkhooj Haokip, Member ADC Chandel and Lunminthang Haokip, IAS Special Secretary Tribal Affairs & Hills graced as the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Functional President respectively of the Closing Ceremony held at Khupjam

Memorial Ground, Khopijang Village in Chandel District on Saturday.

The defending Champion SMT Phaijang once again lifted the Champion Trophy of Men's Football after defeating LYGSEDA Langching in a tie breaker by 7-6 goals.

In the keenly contested final match of the Men's Football played between the defending champion Seijamang Memorial Team (SMT) Phaijang dominated the first half of the match and led by 1-0 goal after Peter Seiminthang (Jersey No. 14) opened their score tally.

However, LYGSEDA Langching equalised the goal score to 1-1 goal after Robert (Jersey No

9) of LYDSEDA Langching found the opponent's net in the 59 minutes.

With its Striker Thangtlin SMT Phaijang (Jersey No.16), the SMT Phaijang countered its attacks pay off finally after Clement (Jersey No. 2) of SMT Phaijang converted a goal from a deflected ball shot by Thangtlin Haokip of SMT Phaijang.

The joy of the SMT Phaijang fans was short lived and in the last minute of the match, Dannyboy of LYGSEDA Langching equalised the goal tally to 2-2 goals.

The defending Champion SMT Phaijang lifted the Men's Football Champion Trophy and went home richer with a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh in cash while the runners up

LYGSEDA Langching contended with a runners up trophy with a cash prize of Rs. 70,000/-

In the final match of the Junior Boys Football, G.Songel Youth Club defeated TKLYDO T.Lailoiphai by 1-0 goal and lifted the Junior Boys Football Champion Trophy with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/

And in the Women's Volleyball final match, M.Moljol Youth Club emerged the Champion after beating Bd. Ruwngdil Memorial Team (BRMT) by 25-14, 25-23 & 25-7.

M.Moljol Youth Club lifted the Women's Volleyball Champion Trophy and walked home with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- while BRMT contended with the runners up trophy with Rs. 10,000/- cash prize.