

Women's football team to Mandalay flagged off

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Imphal, Jan. 24: Chief Minister N Biren Singh today flagged off Manipur Women's team for the Women football exhibition match between Myanmar and India cum Business meet from Western Kangla Gate. Speaking on the occasion N. Biren Singh said that the NDA led Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed and transform the vision "Look East Policy" into "Act East Policy" to maintain a strong cohesive relationship with the South East Asian countries. The match between the Manipur Women's Football team and the Mandalay Football team will be played from January 27 to January 30.

Lilong Haoreibi College student block NH

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Imphal, Jan 24: Students of Lilong Haoreibi College today block Imphal Moreh National Highway at Lisoipokpi area in protest against the government failure to take against the College principal Md Sahidur Rahman for misappropriation of college fund. Since 11 am today the students came out on the National Highway and block all sort of traffic until the Thoubal District SP came and intervene at around 1 pm today. The students took out the benches and desk from the college and to block the road. Some people whom the students said were not students of the college started burning the waiting shed of the college. It was however extinguished by the students. Later a team of police led by the Thoubal district SP came and control the situation. The SP arrange meeting of the students with the DC of Thoubal district. Later, a representative of the college students' Union were allowed to talk with the

Education Minister Th. Radheshyam. The Education Minister assured the students of prompt action against the principal after proper investigation before January 28. The student body after getting assurance suspended the agitation. MD Sabir Rahman, General Secretary of the students' union of Lilong Haoreibi College said that the students' Union had submitted memorandum to the government regarding the matter for taking up appropriate action against the College Principal for misappropriation of Fund since the last two months. As no action has been taken up the students out of anger today came out and block the traffic to mark the protest. The student leaders also alleged the College principal for misappropriation of over Rs. 92 lakhs. Due to the agitation by the students' Union the ongoing practical examination being underway has been put to halt for the college.

Manipur Maoist decries arrest of ASHA workers

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Imphal, Jan 24: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party of Manipur, while condemning the arrest of 9 ASHA workers for staging protest said that such act is a blatant violation of democratic rights of the people and is an act of fascist. A statement issued by Kyonghan Mangang, Coordinator, Standing Committee Maoist Communist Party- Manipur, said that the incident occurred due to communication gap between the Chief Minister and the Health department. This is being told in reference to the statement of the Chief Minister while laying foundation stone of the new building of the Manipur Public School at Koirengai. There he said that he did not have any knowledge about the presence of ASHA in the programme. The statement further stated that the ASHA workers were used by the Health department as filler of the crowd to impress the Chief Minister and the ASHA workers too felt that

attending such function will have some room for them. The Health Department authority did not inform the Chief Minister about the presence of the ASHA workers as they wanted to show the large number of audience were present in the programme to the Chief Minister. The statement while putting the blame to the state health director for the kind of mess occurred on the day said that instead of arresting the ASHA workers the government should take adequate action against the Health Director for not informing about the huge number of presence of ASHA in the programme. The Manipur Maoist said that it had always stand for the working class community and will continue to stand for the working class people.

MPCCR recommends free education to 80 drop out school children

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Imphal, Jan 24: Of the 164 children who were drop out of school due to the construction of Mapithel Dam, the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights has directed concern authority for providing free education to 80 children. The children were drop out of the school as their family members have been put jobless due to the effect of the Mapithel Dam construction, said a report of the MPCCR. The report said that parents of these children earn money by collecting sand and stones from the river. However, they could no longer continue their work as the river flow has been blocked by the construction of the Mapithel dam in 2015.

The people of the two villages namely Nungbram village and Leirongthel Pitra, 36 km away from Imphal, currently does not have any source of income to support their family or to afford educational expenditure of their children. The Commission along with Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR), Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights and UN, Manipur (CSCHR) surveyed the villages and recommends the coordinator of the Legal Aid Clinic of Nungbram and headmaster of the school, to start admission process for at least 80 students in the nearest government school "Kamuching Government Junior High School" at Kamuching village.

5 Rebel bodies ban Republic Day; call 11 hour total shut down on Jan 26

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Imphal, Jan 24: Five rebel groups of the region have called total shut-down of the entire region of North East India on January 26 banning the India's Republic day celebration. A joint statement signed by Sainkupar Nongtraw, Publicity Secretary, Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC), Ksh Laba Meitei President Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), N. Oken, Chairman, Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), Sengphui Borok, Organizing Secretary National Liberation Front Twipra (NLFT) and JK Lijang, Chairman People's Democratic Council of Karbilongri (PDCK) stated that there will be total shut down in the entire North Eastern region for 11 hours, that is from 6 AM to 5 PM on January 26. The joint statement said that various colonial government agencies are going to be pressurized into celebrating the day with pomp and ceremony in many cities and towns of WESEA region. "Generally, only a few collaborators join them willingly

and wittingly, some people witness them unwittingly, many people come reluctantly and majority of them are lured to participate through incentives. The reasons for this ostentatious celebrations are not far to seek. It is purely a tool of historiographical colonialism and colonization of the mind. India's objective is to remove the true historical memories of our people from their minds and to replace them with fabricated historical narratives endorsing ethnic and racial assimilation with heartland Indian Aryans", the joint statement said. It further said that the peoples of WESEA region have never opted for being subjects of India and they have not enjoyed republican administration in true sense of the term. Along with academic colonialism, Indian historiography or, more appropriately, brazen Indian historical concoction aims to indoctrinate the peoples of WESEA with the false consciousness of being real Indians, and that being Indians is natural and predestined, against which to resist is a political perversion and also

futile. This colonization of the mind brings about easy governmentality in the region and faster assimilation into Indian mainstream. It is no wonder that Indian republic day celebrations are more prominent and conspicuous in WESEA region than in mainland India. The statement said that the armed struggle is to liberate the people from Indian occupation and colonization. "To translate this into reality our first and foremost task is to liberate ourselves from Indian colonization of our minds. Psychological decolonization should precede physical decolonization. Without decolonization of the mind, it is impossible to achieve political decolonization. Decolonization of the mind includes all forms of decolonization, historiographical, academic, psychological, philosophical, linguistic and epistemological", the statement said. It also stated that standing against secular rituals like the republic day celebrations is tantamount to taking a step, though small, towards decolonization of the mind.

CORCOM calls general strike on Republic Day

There is no significance of celebrating Republic Day for Manipuri People: Publicity Committee

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Imphal, Jan 24: Conglomerate of various rebel groups operating in the region CORCOM has announced general strike from the midnight of January 25 till 6 pm of January 26 boycotting the Indian Republic Day celebration. A statement issued by the Publicity Committee of CORCOM said that celebrating the Republic Day of India does not have any significance to the people of the region as the people are still suppress under the colonial rule. The body while appealing the mass to boycott the event told people to stay indoors and stop all activities during the general strike. However, essential service like events related to rituals, fire

service and medical purposes may precede, the statement said. Elaborating on why the rebels' body is against the celebration of the Republic Day, the statement of the Publicity Committee CORCOM recount on how many princely states have been forcibly annex to the Indian union against their will. It said many princely states like Manipur, Kashmir, Travancore (Kerala) Jodhpur, Bhopal, Hyderabad Junagadh etc have joined the Indian union unwillingly. The statement also recounted on how the Dewan of Travancore, CP Ramaswamy was conspired to finish off, how the prince of Jodhpur put his revolver to the head of VP Menon against forceful attempt to sign the instrument

of accession, how the Hyderabad was overpowered to annex to the Indian union and also how the Raja Hari Singh of Kashmir was force to signed the instrument of accession. The statement also recounted on the India's refusal to adopt the plebiscite at Kashmir under the supervision of Kashmir. The body further stated that the Indian constitution was not framed by the elected members but was frame by the constituent assembly existed in Dec 6, 1946 under the British rule. Much were discussed about the beauty of the democratic establishment in the constitution while many princely states were forcible annexed to the Indian Union. The outfit also recalled on how the Maharaj Bodhachandra

was forced to signed the controversial merger agreement at Shillong under duress in 1949. The CORCOM statement also highlighted the extrajudicial killings at Kashmir, Manipur and Punjab by the security forces. As per Punjab Documentation and Advocacy Project (PDAP) report 8000 people were killed in extra judicial killing from 1985 to 1995. In Manipur 1500 people were eliminated under the extra Judicial killing. Kashmir have the largest casualty as per the statement of CORCOM. The CORCOM statement also elaborated on the present strategy of the India government which main agenda is to convert the country into a Hindu country.

“Central Government ignored the almost important recommendations Chauhan Committee deliberately” – AIFUCTO

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Imphal, Jan 24: All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation (AIFUCTO) has expressed displeasure over the central government ignorance to the recommendation of Chauhan Committee – a committee for review of the 7th UGC Pay. A statement issued by the Zonal Secretary, Zone – I (NE), AIFUCTO, M Lokendro, also President of All Manipur College Teachers Association (AMCTA) said that the full Report of the Chauhan Committee constituted for the 7th UGC Pay Review Committee has finally reached AIFUCTO and other concerned parties. "Ever since the government

notification of the revision of pay scales for college and university teachers and prior to that AIFUCTO has been consistently asking MHRD to make public the recommendations and full draft of the Chauhan Committee Report. But due to some unknown reasons MHRD did not respond. This was an unprecedented action as the norm has been to share the Report with AIFUCTO and other stakeholders before Ministry worked on it. This was a very democratic and transparent procedure that kept all the parties satisfied and informed on the developments that were going to take place", the statement said.

The statement added that the present MHRD maintained stoic silence on the recommendations; AIFUCTO and other stakeholders were not once taken into confidence in the entire period after submission of the Report on 22nd Feb, 2017. It said the AIFUCTO and others got the full text of the Report not from the straight channel but after RTI activist Naveen Gaur demanded through a PIL that the Report be made public. AIFUCTO President Prof. Kesab Bhattacharya & General Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar in a press release had stated that the 139 page Report has made very important recommendations and

unfortunately MHRD has bypassed all those suggestions. They have modified the recommendations as per its own whims and it is now cleared why MHRD tried to keep the Report under covers. The most important deviation from the Report is the financial support for the implementation of the PRC recommendations which the MHRD fixed at 50% for 39 months. The Report strongly recommended the 80% financial support to states for entire five years. The other recommendations too have been completely ignored by MHRD. As per the recommendation 80% financial assistance

should be provided to state universities for five years. Research grant for social science should be Rs 4 lacs & for science upto 10 lacs. Academic allowance for every teacher on monthly basis, Health Insurance scheme for teachers on 50-50% basis, ICT allowance and access to national and international libraries/journals for teachers. No adhoc/contractual/part time appointment for more than six months, Permanent appointment on vacant posts and sanction of extra posts according to the need etc. The statement also stated that the Chauhan Committee in its recommendation clearly says that to retain and attract the

faculty members in university/ colleges, teachers must be provided above facilities immediately. Prof. Bhattacharya & Dr. Kumar said that the actual recommendations of the PRC reflect majority the suggestions of PRC had with AIFUCTO and other stakeholders. MHRD and the Central Govt. ignored the almost important recommendations of the PRC deliberately. Ignorance to recommendations for academic and research facility clearly indicates the anti-teachers & anti higher education attitude of this Government. Now that the full text of the Report is available to us, we

demand an immediate meeting with the MHRD Minister and remove the anomalies that exist. AIFUCTO requests for a meeting with both the Chairman UGC and the MHRD Minister immediately for further discussion and consideration of all the positive points in Chauhan Committee Recommendations for better future building of higher education in India. An important meeting of AIFUCTO office bearers is scheduled on 11th Feb, 2018 in Delhi to discuss all these issues and chalk out All India movement programmes during the budget session of Parliament, the statement added.