

# Editorial

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## Thoughts on Republic Day

The nation celebrates 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with great fervour. Manipur too joins the nation even as many rebels operating in the region banned the celebration.

Like earlier there were no bomb blasts or any disturbances during the Republic Day celebration.

Manipur's people participation in this edition of the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day is much more better when compared to the last few years, which mean that people started believing that Manipur is a sole part of the Indian Nation. The most exciting part is that this year Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh unfurled one of the largest nation's tri colour flag at the Imphal airport which has been renamed as Bir Tikendrajit Airport.

However, the presence of the many people who are waging war against the government demanding separate nation here in the state cannot be ignored. With the development, both the centre and the state have succeeded in suppressing the movement of the rebels group in this region. But will this be the lasting solution?

The alleged illegal merger of Manipur to the Indian Union in October 15, 1949 after the controversial signing of the merger agreement between Maharajah Bodhachandra and the representatives of the Indian Union on September 21 of the same year at Shillong is the root of all mayhem in the present state of Manipur. The rebels do have their cause in boycotting the day. The silence of both the state and central government seems to be a clear indication on the righteousness to the call of the rebel or else why shouldn't there be any statement from the government authority regarding the reasons that the rebels had put forward justifying their cause, instead of using force to suppress their movement.

A stitch in time save River Nile - the saying should be well think upon. For someone who wanted to go deep into the genesis of all this chaos arisen out of the conflict we certainly do have reason to blame the Central government authority for all the present state of our state.

In his book "Open Secret", Malay Krishna Dhar, the then joint director of the SIB, an intelligent agency had categorically stated the political and economic condition of the state. As according to him he had submitted reports on why the youths especially the Meitei had frustration to the merger of the erstwhile kingdom to the Indian Union terming it as ignorance from the part of the Union government authority. It was in the late 60s that intelligent agency had understood and further cautioned the Union leadership about the possible raise of a separatist movement as an outcome of negligence and proper understanding about the problem of the state.

Points here we wanted every guardian of the country's constituency is the need of special attention to the problem of the state. A mere policy for awarding rehabilitation package to some of the rebel groups and signing of peace deal or cease fire is not a lasting solution. Rather it would bring major problem to the state.

A wrong is a wrong, and a right is always right. What is wrong in correcting the wrongs. India now is emerging as a super power and it is not wrong to speculate in the possible interference of external force to distort the country's unity. The only means to strengthen the ties of the country's unity is through proper clarification on what had been committed before. It was a fact that people in the state believed that merger of Manipur with the Indian Union was illegal - a resolution adopted by a peoples' convention held at GM Hall Imphal in 1993.

Now the mindset of the youth had change a lot , no individuals are fool enough to be driven by some cheap provocative propaganda. So it is better the government accept what has happened before and should sort out the conflict with proper understanding. After all, rebels waging war are also human beings.

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## RIMS announced 4 new Departments on Republic Day

### IT News

**Imphal, Jan 27:** Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal on Republic Day celebration announced 4 new full fledged departments. On the occasion Director Prof. A. Santa Singh hoisted tri-colour National flag in the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences. In his speech on the Republic Day Celebration, the Director announced conversion of 4 units of the institute as full fledged departments. It is matter of great moment for all of us that from this year, the institute will have four more new young and important departments in addition to 32 departments. They are 1. Cardiology Department 2. Neurology Department 3. Nephrology Department and 4. GI Surgery and MAS department. Now the institute has 35 Departments altogether. The Director urged the staff to work more with sacrifice and team spirit to achieve the goals of the institute in serving the people. The Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital, Dean (Acad.), Principal of Dental College & Nursing College, faculty members of Medical, Dental and College of Nursing, Nursing officials, officials, staff and students participated in the celebration.

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## 69<sup>th</sup> R-Day celebrated at all district headquarters

The celebration was witnessed by the elected members of the District, District level Officials and the public approximately to around 1500 people.

**CHANDEL :** People of Chandel District observed the 69<sup>th</sup> Indian Republic Day at Maha Union Higher Secondary School campus, Chandel. Krishna Kumar, IAS, DC, Chandel unfurled the tri colour and took the guard of honour at the function as the Chief Guest. Shri Soram Ingo Singh, Dy. Commandant, 8<sup>th</sup> MR, Leikun, Chandel commanded the Republic Day parade participated by 20 contingents.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Krishna Kumar said that social and economic justice should prevail in the district with active participation of the people. He assured that the district administration is duty bound to achieve what is enshrined in the Constitution. "I appeal to people of Chandel district in the development process of the district and ensure that people of the district enjoy equal prosperity and development like the rest of the country" he said. Different prizes, red blankets and appreciation certificates were also distributed in the function.

**TAMENGLONG:** The District administration, Tamenglong celebrated the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day at the lower ground, Tamenglong Headquarters. Shri Armstrong Pame, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong, unfurled the national flag and took the salute from parade contingents.

Altogether 20 (twenty) contingents consisting of 5th MR platoon, Manipur civil police and 16 (sixteen) schools students and one college took the March past a distance of nearly 2km from Zadonang park till the republic day venue.

**Md. Abul Kalam, MPS, DSP, Tamenglong** was the parade commander of the March past contingents.

In his first Republic Day speech Deputy Commissioner, Armstrong Pame greeted the people of Tamenglong on behalf of the president of India, Prime Minister of India, Governor of Manipur and Chief Minister of Manipur, and the MLA of Tamenglong and Tamei.

Armstrong opined that we should stand united and abiding the constitution of India. He also said under the leadership of CM N. Biren within the 6 (six) months the district hospital has been inaugurated and open for the people of Tamenglong. He also said that SBI bank will be open very soon in Tamei and PSU bank will soon come up in the remotest subdivision of Taosem. Armstrong also said that Tamenglong District is aiming to be the first "free open defecation" district in Manipur. Public toilet and water supply scheme will be soon provided to the people of the district lamented Armstrong Pame.

In his speech he urged the government machinery and the government servants to give their best efforts to the people of Tamenglong. In order to enhance the communication facilities Pame said that Reliance and Idea cellular network will be coming very shortly in the nook and corner of Tamenglong district. Under the leadership of Tamenglong and Tamei MLAs every schemes and projects will be provided to every village added, the DC.

As a part of the republic day celebration merit of certificate award were given to 8 (eight) different departments of Tamenglong district administration which includes Mr. Anthony Gangmei, Reporter, District Information Office (IPR), Tamenglong. Deputy Commissioner of Tamenglong also released a District news bulletin. 23rd Assam rifles under the theme "know your army" also displayed different weapons, arms and ammunition on the Republic day. As a part of the celebration volley ball match between 8 (eight) different teams was played.

**THOUBAL :** The 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Thoubal District Headquarters along with the rest of the country. The function was held at the Mini Secretariat Complex, Thoubal

with much pomp, gaiety and amidst large turnout of people.

Deputy Commissioner Thoubal, L. Nabakishwar Singh unfurled the National Flag and took salute of 24 parade contingents which include the State Police, Home Guards, NCC Boys and Girls, student from various schools and cultural troupe. The Parade commander was Shri Amarjit Lamabam, MPS, SDPO Yairipok.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said various welfare programmes have been set up and implemented in the district. Under the SSA numerous schools have been built. For the welfare of the women, Women help line and One stop center have been opened at the DC Complex. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya have been opened at Ukhoingsang for girl students. Another such KGBV school will be set up at Lilong. Computerization of land record in the district is in progress. Under the PMAY 1586 houses have been constructed. For the welfare of the public a Grievance Cell has been opened at the ADM office. Lauding the functioning of the police, DC said law and order situation in the district has been improved very much under the supervision of SP K. Meghachandra Singh. The District police got Chief Minister Medal for Community Policing.

Meritorious awards were distributed to the officers and staffs of various departments. The prize for best March past was bagged by Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Ukhoingsang, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize was bagged by New Ideal High School, Thoubal and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was bagged by Thoudam Leishangthem Girls High School.

Elected members of Municipal Council, Zilla Parishad and Gram Panchayats, high ranking civil and police officials of the district, school students and public participated in the celebration.

**UKHRL :** District Administration Ukhrul has successfully organised the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day at Bakshi ground, Ukhrul with Dr. Harmot Singh Pahuja, IAS Deputy Commissioner as the Chief Guest. Altogether, 17 contingents participated in the parade and four Cultural troupe show cast their items to add colour to the celebration. Shri Ringthing Hongchui, MPS, SDPO Ukhrul was the parade commander of the march past contingents. 17 persons from various department were given special appreciation certificate awarded from the DC office. Friendly football match between DC XI vs Police XI was played, the match ended with 1-1 draw.

**CHURACHANDPUR :** Churachandpur district joined rest of the country in celebrating 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with pomp and grandeur today. Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur Shyam Lal Poonia hoisted the National Tri-colour and took salute of the marching contingents comprising of civil police, VDF, cadets of different NCC units and school children at Public Ground, Hiangtam Lamka.

Presentation of colourful cultural items by different troupes and mesmerizing choreography by students; presentation of awards to outstanding social workers, Govt employees, village chiefs, march past contingents and a friendly football match marked the occasion.

Addressing the gatherings, DC, Churachandpur Shyam Lal Poonia said Churachandpur is a district "filled with talents to uncover and skills to groom, and a land with promising future." Highlighting the achievements of the district during the last one year, Shri S.L. Poonia said people of Churachandpur accepted the challenge of making the district cleanest in Manipur as it secured first position in the State Level Swachta Awards. Stating that the achievement is just the beginning, the DC said that the district has more challenging task of sustaining the cleanliness.

The district administration has plans to get the district Open Defecation Free by March 2018. It is also planning to phase out polythene bags by replacing it with environment friendly alternatives and change in consumer behaviour, he said while lauding the

efforts of the Churachandpur ADC towards this end.

"Climate change is no more an alien concept here," SL Poonia said while pointing out that the DFO and his team have undertaken massive afforestation drive under National Bamboo Mission. He added that efforts are also being made to preserve critical water resources and keep the rivers clean.

Asserting that the district administration is able to contain serious disease outbreaks and that health scenario is gradually improving in the town, the DC appealed to all concerned to extend full cooperation in the days to come to enable the RKS of District Hospital revolutionise the health care system. He further urged the doctors to prescribe generic medicines only in larger public interest.

Pointing out that the district recently got ambulance with Advanced Life Support (ALS) having mini-ICU features, the DC exuded strong confidence that the ambulance will complement the efforts of CSOs who maintain their own ambulance in times of emergency.

He further said that all citizens under Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) list have been automatically included in the beneficiary list of the recently launched Chief Minister-gi Hakselgi Tengbang (CMHT), a scheme to provide free of cost treatment up to Rs 2 lakh for critical cases and up to Rs 50,000 for general ailment. The CMO can be approached for availing the benefits under the scheme by genuine leftover persons.

The DC also added that District Social Welfare Officer may be approached for availing another social security scheme, Chief Minister-gi Sotharabasingi Tengbang (CMST) by differently abled persons (Divyangs). Speaking on law and order, the DC said that some major achievements have been made by the district police. Gangs of human traffickers were busted with concerted efforts from anti-human trafficking unit of Churachandpur Police thereby, restoring confidence of the people in policing. Huge recoveries of arms, ammunition and drugs were possible as a result of peoples' faith in policing. Besides, hundreds of acres of illicit opium and poppy cultivation have been destroyed. Serious efforts are being made to provide safe and secure environment for children.

Also asserting that the noble experiment of School Mentorship has started yielding positive results, Poonia said that the public library located at the heart of the town will be made fully functional in the near future.

With road projects for CCPur-Sugnu, CCPur-Singgat, Singnat-Mualnuam, Mualnuam-Sinzawl in the offing, the district will be getting major boost on infrastructure front, he said. A women's market (Nu-te bazaar) is coming up in the town soon, he said while adding that PMUY and LPG Home Delivery services was inaugurated on Dec 23, 2017 wherein more than 3000 beneficiaries have been enrolled. He also said that the district is making rapid stride in the field of sports.

Amongst others, Chairman of ADC, Churachandpur Shri Khaipao Haokip, Members of ADC, SP (Ccpur) Shri Rakesh Balwal, DLOs, Chiefs and Social activists attended the grand Republic Day Celebration today.

**BISHNUPUR :** The 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at the Bishnupur District Headquarter held at the new Stadium ground, Bishnupur. The celebration was attended by top police and civil officials with Deputy Commissioner Shri Pawan Yadav as the Chief Guest. After unfurling the national flag and playing of the national anthem the Chief Guest took the salute for the 27 march past contingents. The contingents consisted male and female Civil police, VDF, Home Guard and school students. Moreover, 7 Cultural performances were presented by

various groups. Later, commendation certificates were distributed to selected Govt. employees of the District. The celebration witnessed a huge turnout from the public where thousands gathered since early morning for the auspicious day of the country.

**SENAPATI:** The 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Senapati District Mini Stadium ground started with the inspection of the contingents followed by the flag hosting ceremony by the Deputy Commissioner, Athem Muivah. All together 25 different contingents of Manipur Police, NCC, Higher Secondary Schools, High schools, Upper primary schools and a Band party from the All Manipur Band Party Association took part in today's Republic Day celebration.

Speaking on the occasion Athem Muivah said we need to reflect on the significance of 26<sup>th</sup> January and of the Constitution which embraces India's diversity and also upholds Equality, Justice and Liberty and once again pledge our commitment to the nation building process.

In the Republic day parade Mr. Everest College, NCC (Girls), Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School (Girls) Maram and Mt. Pisgah College (Girls) bagged the First, Second and the Third positions respectively. As part of today's function for the first time a Pung Chalom performance was also shown to the public. Four Gates were constructed in which Chief Medical Officer and the PWD took the first and the second best gate awards respectively.

The celebration was attended by Additional SP of the district and all district level officers and ADC members of the district.

**KANGPOKPI:** District Administration, Kangpokpi also celebrated the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day at the Brig. Thomas Ground, Kangpokpi, with Deputy Commissioner of the district M.J. Pradip Chandra, IAS, as Chief Guest. The celebration began by unfurling the tricolour National Flag accompanied by the National Anthem. The Deputy Commissioner later took salute of the Parade March commanded by M. Surat Singh, Assistant Commandant, 4<sup>th</sup> IRB, Kangpokpi. Altogether 23 contingents which include contingents of District Police, Kangpokpi, VDF, Kangpokpi, Kangpokpi Fire Service Department, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and several government and private schools in the district participated in the parade.

In his address to the public, DC, Kangpokpi Shri M.J. Pradip Chandra stated that the district administration is aware and does understand the ideals and aspirations of the people of Kangpokpi. The DC further reaffirmed his commitment and sincerity on behalf of the district administration to help improve the lives of the people of the district.

"The effective functioning of the district would not be possible just by the singular action of the district administration alone. It requires the support of the people of the district. Just as the constitution provides all citizen social and economic rights, it also prescribes duties for its citizens. Hence while it is our duty to work for the public, it is also the responsibility of the people to support the district administration and help in nation building", the Deputy Commissioner stated.

As a part of the celebration, 23 staff and officials belonging to different offices and departments in the district were given certificates for recognition of commendable service. The Deputy Commissioner also presented red blankets to the chiefs of different villages of the district. Sports materials were also distributed to several clubs in the district and also to the District Fire Service Department and 4<sup>th</sup> IRB Battalion, Kangpokpi. The highlight of today's celebration was the performance of cultural programmes, mainly the Band Display by the school-girls of St. Francis De Sales School.