

Union Ministry of External Affairs denies dispute in Indo-Myanmar border; says Manipur sector of International Boundary already settled

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Spokesperson of the Union Ministry of External Affairs today bull shitted media report regarding the shifting of the Border Pillar number 81 – 3 km towards the Indian territory. In an official release to the web site of the MEA, one official spokesperson said report about the shifting of Boundary Pillar in Indo-Myanmar border are completely baseless. "We have come across media reports stating that certain Boundary Pillars in the Manipur sector of the India-Myanmar international boundary have been allegedly shifted. These reports are

completely baseless and unsubstantiated. This sector of the international boundary is settled and there is no confusion as to its alignment", the official website of the MEA quoted the official spokesperson. It further stated that, "Recently, routine survey work has been carried out jointly by the Indian and Myanmar survey departments during which work on construction of subsidiary pillars in between already settled main boundary pillars 81 and 82 along zero line, that is, agreed and settled international boundary, has also been undertaken. This has been done with the objective of apprising the

local residents on both sides of the border of the exact alignment of the international boundary. State Government of Manipur has been involved in the entire exercise. This work is in consonance with the provisions of the India- Myanmar Boundary Agreement of 1967, to which both Governments are fully committed." Mention may be made that Deputy Commissioner of Tengnoupal district had stated in media that the border pillar number 81 reinstated at Indo Myanmar border near Kwatha Village has shifted nearly 3 Km towards the Indian territory. He even said that he can produce documents regarding that and had stated that during

the survey conducted by Indian and Myanmar authority there were no presence of state authority. Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, CPI Manipur state Council CPI M Manipur and other civil society organisations of the state had visited the site and had even protested the encroached by the Myanmar authority to Manipur's Territory. On the other hand the tension along the Indo –Myanmar border also drew attention of the Myanmar media. A news report by Burmese media had stated that the border settlement was made recently between the authority of the Myanmar and India and not in 1826 or 1949 or 1967 or since time immemorial.

Former JNIMS Director Shyamo arrested by NIA

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Former Director of JNIMS, Shyamo Singh, who is under NIA scanner since the arrest of a Leader of armed rebel group KCP (Poirei) group in January last year for alleged funding to the outfit was arrested by a team of NIA. The arrest of Shyamo Singh was not officially made public but source close to Imphal Times said that he was arrested on Friday night from a place at New Delhi. On July 2, the NIA raided the house of the former director of JNIMS at Lalabung in Imphal and

recovered over Rs 40 lakh cash, scrapped currency and gold. Shyamo has been under NIA scanner in connection with its on-going probe into raising of terror funds and supply of arms, ammunition and explosives to proscribed terror group Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP). "Cash amounting to Rs 40.03 lakh, incriminating currency notes (old Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes) with face value of Rs 1 lakh and 700 grams of gold were seized from the house of Singh," a National Investigation Agency (NIA) spokesperson said, adding "Shyamo Singh

is being questioned." The central probe agency filed an FIR in the case last year, after taking cognisance of a criminal complaint lodged by the Special Cell of Delhi Police alleging that the accused or suspects were actively associated with the KCP. The NIA has filed two charge-sheets first on December 1 last year and second on May 24 in the case naming four suspects Khoiram Ranjit Pori, Irungbam Sanatombi, P Prem Kumar and Sanabam Inaobi Singh under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosive Substance Act.

Joint Tribal Student Body suspends indefinite blockade after agreement with the government

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Following an agreement reached today with the Government of Manipur on demands over MIL (tribal languages) teacher recruitment, the indefinite hill area bandh that started on July 6, 2018 has been relaxed temporarily but the agitation will resume if other demands are not met by Tuesday, the Joint Tribal Student Bodies, Manipur stated today to the Media.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Manipur and the Joint Tribal Student Bodies was inked today in the presence of Th Radheshyam, Minister (Education), Nemcha Kipgen, Minister (Social Welfare), Commissioner (Education/S), Director (Education/S) at the office chamber of the Minister (Education), Manipur. Condemning the physical assault on the president of TSA Kangvai block, Thangminlun Haokip at his home at Ukhagate, Churachandpur on the morning of July 6 by some youths who came in a Gypsy and claimed to be activists of the Kuki Students' Organisation, the statement said seven bandh volunteers were also detained by the police in their custody overnight as a precautionary measure.

While the police action may have been a precautionary measure as claimed by them, we strongly condemn the police for not detaining KSO militants who were roaming about threatening bandh volunteers and even attempted to attack the bandh volunteers detained in police custody, the statement said condemning the police for not taking any action against KSO volunteers who were involved in the physical assault of the TSA leader suspecting the police of having links with KSO militants and leaders. Why are some students detained when they have not committed any crime, but not

some others although Manipur University has been paralysed for more than a month due to the agitation of some student organisations demanding the removal of the vice chancellor, the statement said charging the state government of instigating the students to agitate in Manipur University while on the other hand detaining tribal students who are only demanding restoration of normalcy in the university and recruitment of tribal MIL teachers. Showing disappointment that the chief minister instead of trying to address the issue threatened certain MLAs stating that the demands have nothing to do with any particular person or minister or MLA but was in the interest of students of Manipur who have long been denied of their right to education and learning in their languages, the statement appreciated the government's slogans and programmes of "Go to hills" and "People's day", but stated that the way the government is dealing with the genuine problems was in sharp contradiction. The chief minister claims his government to be a people's government, which we used to believe to be so, should not feel afraid to hold negotiations with the Joint Tribal Students Bodies SS, the statement said. Over the issue of the on-going crisis in Manipur University,

the Joint Tribal Student Bodies have submitted a memorandum today to the Union HRD minister urging his immediate intervention to solve the problems in Manipur University due to the agitation by Manipur University Students' Union, that has reportedly refused an invitation from the chief minister for talks, the statement said wondering why the chief minister has not taken any effective action. The chief minister talked about free-bandh Manipur, but a bandh to education and learning has been imposed in Manipur University for more than a month and the government seems to be just watching it like a cinema while the careers of thousands of students have been affected but there seems to be no end to the imbroglio, the statement said expressing gratitude to the public and CSOs for their support during the bandh. The demands to be met by July 10 are restoration of normalcy in the functioning of Manipur University, constituting a high level independent inquiry commission so as to solve the frequent serious problems in Manipur University in the last decade, and to file an FIR and arrest KSO volunteers and any police personnel involved in the intimidation and physical assault of TSA leader and bandh volunteers at Churachandpur.

MUTA, MUSU and MUSA condemn attempt to burn down MU Indoor Stadium

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A joint meeting of the Manipur University Students Union, (MUSU), Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) and Manipur University Staffs Association (MUSA) today condemn the attempt to burn down the Indoor Stadium on the night of July 7 terming it as an devious effort to derail the legitimate, democratic and peaceful movement of the University Community for restoring sense, justice and propriety in Manipur University by removing the VC Prof. AP Pandey. The meeting also held responsibility to the Registrar-in-charge, Joint Registrar and Deputy Registrar for failure to present at the scene of fire. The three officials were the only responsible officer left in the side of the VC which the University community has been demanding to remove. The meeting also resolved to urged authority to end the current practice of entertaining unauthorised guests at the University Guest House as it facilitates indulgence in unwanted activities as evidenced by the latest attempt to burn down the Indoor Stadium. The three bodies of the Manipur University also appealed the Journalists of the state to refrain from making ill –informed, uninformed and unfounded statements in relation to the ongoing movement for restoring the Manipur University to a path of academic progress true to an instate of highest learning.

Fitting tribute paid to Sapam Robinhood on 3rd Death Anniversary

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Fitting tribute was paid today to Sapam Robinhood on his 3rd death anniversary observed at Lamjing Meira Ching formerly known as Awa Ching at Nongmaiching in Imphal East district. Students, well wishers and members of civil society organizations paid floral tribute at the portrait of the student at the observance site where his last rite was performed. Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCLIPS) has been observing the day as Lamjing Meira Day or the Torch bearer day. Sapam Robinhood, a student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School, died after he was hit by a rubber bullet while demonstrating a protest demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in the state on this day of 2015. His sacrificed intensified the agitation for introduction of the ILPS in the state and the state government was forced to introduce three ILPS related Bill in August last year by convening a special session which again sparked another protest at Churachandpur. Rituals related activities were performed. And those gathered to pay respect to the torch bearer once more recall the demand for

Sapamcha Robinhood was given the title 'Lamjing Meira' which literarily means 'Torch bearer' in recognition to his courage and sacrifice for the indigenous people of the state.



introduction of ILPS Bill. Slogans calling people of the state to wake up and protect the indigenous people fill the air. A memorial function was also observed at the Lamjing Meira Ching by the JCLIPS. Convenor Arjun Telheiba, Former convenor Kh. Ratan, Advisor of IPSA Ithombi

Khuman among others attended the function as dignitaries. Speakers of the function once more called on the government to introduce a Bill to protect the indigenous people of the state which have no differences among the various ethnic people of the state.

10 days Waree Leeba Festival underway

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The Mahabharat Ashwamedha Parva was depicted at the 10-day Intensive workshop and production (Waree Leeba Festival 2018) at the RCCH Complex at Yairipok Bamol Leikai organised by the Regional Centre for Cultural Heritage under the

sponsorship of the Ministry of Culture. The inauguration of the Festival was attended by Lourebam Kishworjit Singh, Raghuram Thiyam, Chabungbam Kondum Singh, Laishram Thanil Meitei as the dignitaries on the dais. 'Relation Between Guru and Shisa: Character of A Waree Leeba Artist' was demonstrated to the public for

an approval for the workshop and if the public liked it then demanding more funds from the various departments of the Ministry of Culture so that everyone in Manipur can know about the inside out demonstration of Waree Leeba and the Workshop held today so that Waree Leeba become a part of Revenue Department income in the land of Manipur.

Special programme for Yoga



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A Special Yoga programme to make better living was held today morning at the community hall of Leiba Royal Development Association

(RDA) at Thoubal Sabaltongba Awang Leikai. The programme was jointly organised with the 26 Assam Rifle of the IGAR South Thoubal. Around 100 persons from the surrounding took part in the programme.