

'Claims of Maoist conspiracy could be diversionary tactic'

Agency
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Opposition in Maharashtra today questioned the government's claim of a Maoist conspiracy to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling it a possible attempt to divert attention or gain sympathy. Mumbai Congress chief Sanjay Nirupam said Modi spreads such information to "gain sympathy". "It needs to be investigated whether this info is correct or not and this is also true that Mr Modi is habitual of spreading such false info to gain sympathy particularly when his popularity declines,"

Nirupam said on Twitter.

Pune police, who have arrested five persons for alleged Maoist links, yesterday claimed that ultras were planning to target the prime minister. NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik said that claims of existence of such a conspiracy appeared to be an attempt to divert attention from the main issues related to the Bhima-Koregaon violence in Pune district earlier this year. Police should have investigated the matter before seeking remand of the accused citing the alleged conspiracy, he said. "The information should have been probed first instead of

citing it as a ground to seek remand. It goes on to show that there is an attempt to do a publicity stunt," the NCP leader alleged. A letter found in the house of Delhi-resident Rona Wilson, arrested for alleged Maoist "links", talks about the ultras mulling "Rajiv Gandhi-type incident" and suggesting that Modi should be targeted during his road shows, according to the Pune police. Wilson was among five people arrested from Mumbai, Nagpur and Delhi in connection with 'Elgar Parishad' held in Pune in December and the subsequent Bhima-Koregaon violence.

IT News
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As observed every year, 18th Arambam Somorendra Martyrdom Anniversary is organising tomorrow the 10th June at Lamyamba Shangleen Palace Compound her in Imphal. Lecture programme this year organised by the Arambam Somorendra Trust will be delivered by Dr. Amar Yumnam on the topic 'Manipur and development', Political economy of collusion. Dr. Chongtham Priyoranjan, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, MU will preside over the lecture, While Dr. Chinglen Mainsam, Senior Assistant Professor shall be discussant.

Who is Arambam Somorendra?

Arambam Somorendra (Tamoah to friends and admirers) was born on 12th July, 1935 at the Sagolband Meino Leirak, Imphal. He was the eldest son of Arambam Darendrajit (Manipur Sahitya Parishad Kavi Ratna Upadhi awardee, 1948) and Arambam (O) Jamini. Arambam Lokendra and Arambam Shantibala are his younger brother and younger sister, respectively. Somorendra grew up at a tumultuous time when Manipur was just freed from the colonial yoke of the British and the people of the erstwhile sovereign kingdom was learning to live under a short-lived interim Government within the framework of duly drafted constitution but was merged with the Indian Union in 1949 in controversial circumstances. Born to a litterateur family and being a gifted writer who had the eyes for details, he used literature as well as moving arts as the medium of spreading political consciousness to the people. He became a victim of violence when he succumbed to bullet injuries on June 10, 2000 during a seminar on "Women's Sumang Lila in Manipur" at the Khurai Nandeibam Leikai, Imphal. Somorendra studied at the Johnstone School, Imphal and received matriculation from Churchard High School, Imphal. He developed his radical political career during his school days and fought against police excesses at a very young age. He sharpened his vision for a just society during his college years (1955-1958) at the D.M. College, Imphal (affiliated to Guwahati University) started writing on social and political issues as well acting in dramas and writing song lyrics. During this time the Amateur Artists Association popularly (1956) founded along with his friends, merged with the Aryan Theatre. He completed his masters in political science from the Pune University in 1963. Some of his important writings are:-

THE PUBLISHED DRAMAS

- 1) Judge Shahebki Imung (The Family of Judge Saheb), 1973, published by Arambam Jamini Devi, Sagolband Meino Leirak, Imphal.
- 2) Karbar (Business), 1976, published by Arambam Jamini Devi, Sagolband Meino Leirak, Imphal.
- 3) Dasa (Misfortune), 1978, published by Arambam Jamini Devi, Sagolband Meino Leirak, Imphal
- 4) Yeningthagi Ishai (The Song of Spring) 1981, published by the Manipur State Kala Akademi
- 5) Tirtha Jatra (Pilgrimage), 1975, published by the Cultural Forum, Manipur, Manipuri Lila Macha.
- 6) Nong Tarakle (The rain hath come), 1978, Naharol Vol. 20, the Gauhati Manipuri Students' Association.
- 7) Sakhangkhdra Lannee (The unknown soldier), 1989, the Manipuri Chamura Leishem Marup (Macha Leima)- Vol. 34,35/36,
- 8) Mirang (Cobweb), 1994, published by Arambam Somorendra for Meino and Khomdon Publications, Sagolband Meino Leirak, Imphal
- 9) Leipaklei (The Flower of the Earth), 1993, published by Arambam Somorendra for Meino and Khomdon Publications, Sagolband Meino Leirak, Imphal
- 10) Sanatombi, 2001, published by Ararnbarn Somordra Trust on 10 June
- 11) Tangang Mahajanna Tubada, 2002, published by Arambam Somorendra Trust on June 10,
- 12) Hayengdagee Canteen Bandh, 2002, published by



- Arambam Somorendra Trust on June 10, 13) Ipu Thangal General & Sak-Khangkhdra lanmi, 2002, published by Meinam Lokhon Trust
- 14) Nungshithel & Whiskey Bottle Ama, 2003, published by Macha L.eima.

FILMS

- 1) Matamgi Manipur, 1972 (The first Manipuri feature film based on Tirtha Jatra).
- 2) Judge Shahebki Imung, 1995, Tele play, DDK, Imphal
- 3) Eikhoigi Mei, 1995, Tele play, DDK, Imphal
- 4) Ishwarna Khangsanu, Tele play, DDK, Imphal

AWARDS

- 1) Manipur State Kala Akademi Award for Literature, 1981 on the play "Dasa" (Misfortune).
- 2) Certificate of Honour, 1991, Government of Manipur.
- 3) Dr. Ambedkar Fellow, 1991 on the play "Chingnungl Thawai" (Soul of Interior Hills-A Play on Rani Gaidingliu) Awarded by the Dalit Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi.
- 4) Jamini Sunder Guha Gold Medal for Literature, 1995 on the Play "Leipaklei" Awarded by the Manipur Sahitya Parishad
- 5) Sahitya Akademi Award for Manipur Literature on the Play "Leipaklei" 1995.

Thangso Baite urges for cooperation in model village

Imphal, June 9,

Lok Sabha MP, Thangso Baite stated that the concept of Model village will be successful only if the different departments accept their responsibilities and work commitedly.

This was said during the Empowered Committee Meeting for finalizing of Village Development Plan (VDP) held at CC Hall, Motbung village under Saitu-Gamphazol sub-division in Kangpokpi district. Motbung village has been adopted as a model village by MP, Thangso Baite under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) which is an initiative of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi.

"Villagers should be mentally prepared and smart as they will be considered as a model by their neighbouring villages. They should be modernized in their thinking, education, behaviour and activities", Baite added. He also urged the Deputy Commissioner, ADC/ADM, SDOs, BDOs and DLOs to sit together frequently and take up necessary steps quickly. He also emphasized on awareness of small issues of hygiene so that the villagers become well aware of it and also asked the district administration to co-operate with the villagers.



The meeting was also attended by MLA Saitu Assembly constituency, Namthang Haokip Chairman Sadar hills autonomous District council Haokhalahangshing, Deputy Commissioner Kangpokpi Dr. Rangitabali Waikhom, ADC/ADM Kangpokpi Hmangete Lerte Kom, SDO Saitu Gamphazol N. Johnson Meetei, Motbung village chief Kaikhosei Lhouvum, SDCs and all District level officers of Kangpokpi.

Under SAGY, Motbung, as a model village, will look to

develop in eight different sectors viz. human resource, basic amenities and services, social security, economic development, personal, social, environment development and good governance. The main motive of adopting model village is fulfilling the goals of education for all, healthcare for all, connectivity for all, power for all, immunization for all, water for all and banking for all.

Later, the Motbung village authority also presented tokens of appreciation to the dignitaries.

Education Minister inaugurates Computer Block & Toilet Complex of Moreh College

Imphal, June 9,

Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam had inaugurated the Computer Block and Toilet Complex of Moreh College, Moreh yesterday. He said that good classrooms, proper sanitation facility, common rooms and canteens are main criteria to obtain National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Accreditation.

He expressed that having National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Accreditation is a must to get financial assistance from the central government the colleges. For advancement and development of Moreh College NAAC Accreditation is a necessity. The Minister was speaking as Chief Guest at the Inauguration Function



of the Computer Block & Toilet Complex of Moreh College.

The Minister asserted that for the students passing the HSLC exam and the Higher Secondary Examinations, the Moreh College is like a boon

for them to pursue further studies. He said the proposal by the people of Moreh and faculty for the conversion of Moreh College to fully fledged Government College is a rightful demand. Assuring the people that the

proposal is already in the pipeline, the Minister expressed hoped that once the college is converted into a fully fledged Government college the faculty and public will be motivated and dedicated themselves in bringing a quality education and in maintaining the standard of the college.

Appreciating the communities' leader for their tireless effort in the establishment of the college and giving the young students of Moreh town and surrounding villages the institution, he said it has been one of the main centres for pursuing higher studies. He asserted that every educational field or discipline should be made in accordance to the demand and of the market. Th. Radheshyam stressed

that in this fast changing world there is a need to let the young minds become more innovative, creative and optimistic. He said to inculcate such quality in youths Higher Education is very essential. He also inspected Block Institutes of Teachers Education (BITE) of Tegnoupal District was also inspected. He said to become a teacher, teachers' training is compulsory like other technical professions. He appealed all the communities' leader to extend a little more extra effort to bring a positive change.

The programme was attended by the MLA D. K. Korungthang, MLA, Soibam Subashchandra, ADC members, community leaders, concern officials, teacher and students

Assam Rifles organises Iftaar Party

Imphal, June 9,

With an aim to create a harmonious atmosphere and to connect with people and spread the message of unity, universal brotherhood, peace and harmony, Mayang Imphal Company Operating Base of Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organized a grand Iftar party in Lilong yesterday. Col KS Dadhwal, Deputy Commander, 9 Sector Assam Rifles interacted with the locals and conveyed his greetings to one and all on Ramazan before breaking the day-long fast with them. Mr Goutam Singh, SP Thoubal also graced the occasion. An overwhelming strength of approximately 520 people from all walks of life including

Shri Ibobishak, OC Lilong PS, Shri Faizal, Nominee Zila Parishad, Maulvis of various Mosques, Ward Members, Councilors and members of Anjuman Islah-e-Muaashrah attended the grand Iftar party at Madrasa Darul Uloom Markaz in Lilong. The grandiose evening provided an opportunity to develop bonding among people and sharing of cultural and traditional values. The event was highly appreciated by the locals and members of various NGOs. Volunteers of Anjuman Islah-e-Muaashrah came forward to assist Assam Rifles/ Army in smooth conduct of the Iftar party. Post Iftar party prayers were conducted in the mosque for peace and harmony in Manipur.