

Parents of Pravish Chanam meet Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh Regarding His Death

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Imphal, March 21: Parents and siblings of Pravish Chanam along with the convenor of North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today met Union Minister for Home Affairs, Rajnath Singh seeking CBI inquiry into his death.

It should be noted that already in this case many memoranda have been submitted to Union Home Ministry and today too at the meeting Shri Singh was implored by Pravish's tearful parents to expedite justice for them. Rajnath Singh assured the deceased's family that his office will positively intervene in the matter. The meeting was held after hundreds of students and concerned individuals and organizations yesterday participated in a Candle Light March titled 'North-East People's Lives Matter' organized by NEFIS to demand justice for Manipuri youth, Pravish Chanam.

Pravish Chanam had come to Delhi on a visit and had been residing in Safdarjung, Delhi with his friends. On 8th September 2017, he went to Knowledge Park in Noida to attend a music concert with his friends and went missing after



the concert, to be later found dead. The Noida Police had been making investigation into the circumstances which led to his death. But the shoddy inquiry conducted by the police as well as the subsequent details of the case strongly pointed towards the dubious role of police personnel themselves in the case. Consequently, the

victim's family demanded an inquiry by Central Bureau of Investigation into the case. Since, the matter fell under the authority of UP Govt, the deceased's family requested the Manipur Govt to ask UP Chief Minister to transfer the case to CBI. It should be noted that despite UP Govt assuring the Manipur Govt that the case

would be transferred to the CBI, no further steps have been taken in this direction. This amounts to a blatant attempt to shield the culprits by allowing them ample time to destroy evidence which may implicate them in future. This wilful negligence is also an indication of the states' and central government's apathy towards North-East people. Moreover, Pravish's incident is not an isolated case of racism against North-East people. NEFIS believes that it is high time that people stood against racism and pledged to oppose incidents of racism against the people from North-East. NEFIS has pledged to intensify its struggle, if justice is not speedily ensured to the deceased.

NSCN IM observes 39th Republic Day: VP Kholi appeals peoples to have trust in dialogue

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Imphal, March 21: The National Socialist Council of Nagalim-IM today observes its 39th Republic Day. Vice president of the outfit Retired General Kholi paid homage to the departed souls martyred for the cause. Speaking on the occasion Kholi said "The martyred are the worthy sons and daughters of the land, who indeed have paid the price in full. We admit the fact that ours is one of the longest national resistance movements in the world history. It is a case of aggression by India and that the Nagas are the aggrieved."

He further said "from the very beginning the Naga people have been looking for a negotiated settlement of the Indo-Naga political problem. Our past leaders met Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, for solving the problem through dialogue. It is so because the Nagas trust in a democratic principle of settlement of dispute through

mutual consent and agreement, and that they are opposed to imposition of India's will upon them, because imposition of one's will upon the other has never ever solved problems anywhere in history, it only aggravates them. It is a fact that the Nagas are a brave people who can outmaneuver and outfight the enemies in military battles as proven in many battles we have fought and encountered. The stronger we

have been oppressed and persecuted, the more resilient we have been in our resistance. We have endured the aggression of the enemies with clear conviction and firm determination. The undaunted fighting spirit of the Nagas is admired by many peoples, even by the enemies. And after decades of military campaigns against the Nagas, the Indian army generals and political leaders finally stated, "Military solution is not possible."

Thoubal, March 21: A one-day 'Booth level BJP workers training programme' was organised today at the Auditorium of District Sports Complex, Wanging by BJP Wanging Tenthla Mandal as a part of Rastriya Abhiyan Prashikshan campaign that will be held till the month of April with the purpose of strengthening the party, and to build efficient workers.

Training Programme for BJP Workers

The training programme was attended by MLA of Wanging Tenthla AC, former president, BJP Manipur Pradesh, Sh. Shantikumar Sharma, Secretary in charge, Thoubal district L. Tejkumar, president, Thoubal district Mandal, L. Deven, National vice president A.Sarda Devi, Mahila Morcha President BJP Manipur Pradesh, K.Inaocha Devi, State Organisation Secretary

P.Premnand and L.Phulonjao President BJP Wanging Tenthla Mandal as Dais Members. Sh. Shantikumar Sharma laid down the history of the creation of BJP party in India. National vice president, BJP Mahila Morcha, A. Sarda Devi stated about the works and deeds of the party, and narrated the life story of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya and Dr. Shyam Prasad Mukherjee while

S. Inaocha Devi, who took part as a resource person, laid down the works accomplished by NDA government at the Centre and the State BJP government under the leadership of chief minister, N. Biren. Secretary organisation, BJP Manipur Pradesh, P. Premnanda Meitei said the training programme being launched today is not related to any form of election; the goal

of the programme is to give trainings to BJP workers so awareness is spread to the people about the schemes introduced by the BJP government and to make them reached the people. The workers who have received training will further spread awareness to households that comes under their respective booths, he stated.

Deputy Chief minister inaugurates residential training workshop on hands on science



Imphal, March 21: Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh today inaugurated a 'Four Days Residential Training Workshop on Hands on Science' at Youth Hostel in Khuman Lampak, Imphal. The training which is organised by Manipur Science & Technology Council (MASTEC) in association with Vigyan Prasar, Noida of Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, aims to impart scientific knowledge in the easiest way to school teachers mostly from hill districts of Manipur. Speaking at the inaugural function, Deputy Chief Minister said, teachers should arouse the interest of students and make them think what science is all about. He said, thinking, imagination and observation are the basic steps through which we can understand the basic principles of science. Most of the students are good in technology learning but learning pure science are lacking behind. We need to

focus on learning pure science. Shri Joykumar Singh further said that, students in the valley are good in science and mathematics but most of the students in the hills are lacking behind in these subjects. Therefore, teachers should motivate them to learn these two subjects. Science cannot be taught without the strong base of mathematics. He also stated that interactive learning process will help to arouse students' interest and it will also be helpful to impart them the basic knowledge of science in the school level. Such training will help teachers to focus on imparting knowledge of science in the easiest way to the students, he added.

Professor B. N. Das, renowned Physicist, who is also a Resource person in the training workshop said, concept of science is very important in human lives. He said, most of the process in our life is associated with scientific ideas and therefore imparting scientific knowledge and sharing

scientific ideas to the younger generation are important. Scientific ideas will come first and after that technology will automatically come for its application.

Secretary (Science & Technology) Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani said, teachers should motivate their students to impart knowledge of science in the schools. She said, motivation is the basic step towards teaching and teachers should also understand the curiosity of their students. It is in this direction that the department has been working and such training will definitely help teachers to impart scientific knowledge to students in the easiest way.

Director (MASTEC) Shri Th. Surendranath Singh also spoke on the importance of imparting scientific knowledge to the students in the school level. Altogether, 55 teachers from hill districts who have been nominated by Directorate of Education (S) attended the training.

World Jeet Kune-do Medallists Felicitated

Thoubal, March 21: Six sportspersons from Thoubal Kiyam area who won gold and silver medals in the 1st World Jeet Kune-do Championship 2018 at Thailand were felicitated at Kiyam Shiphai Amuleijam Leikai Community hall in Thoubal District today. The felicitation programme jointly Organised Kiyam Siphai Wangmatoba Development Association (KSWDA) Khong Ahanbi Youth Association (KHAYA) and Global Club Kiyam Shiphai Mamang Leikai was attended by Councillor of TMC Ward no.16 M.Ibobi, Ward no.15 Councillor N.Santi Devi, Social Worker Yumnam Nabachandra and leaders of local organisations.

Sub-Junior Full contact 28 kg Silky Thingujam as one Gold, Full contact Sub-junior 32 kg & forms competition Nitish Oinam as Two Gold, Sub Junior 45 kg & forms competition M.Nelson Singh as one Gold & one Silver, sub junior 51 kg Victoroy Oinam as one Gold & one Silver, Junior 66 kg O.Rishikanta Singh and Senior Forms Competition Dr.O.Sanayai as one Gold were feted during the programme.

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Imphal, March 21: The 105th National Science Congress was held at Manipur University Campus, Imphal from March 16-20, 2018. It was result of the MoU between Manipur University and National Science Congress Association. The mega event was inaugurated by hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi with his valuable speech emphasising on overall development of 8 North Eastern States in the august gathering of delegates from different parts of the country. The later proceedings were carried forward by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Central Minister of Science & Technology, Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Earth Sciences, Govt. of India. Smt. Najma Akbarali Heptulla, Governor, Manipur, Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh, Chief Minister, Manipur and his cabinet, Shri Ram Muivah, IAS, Secretary, NEC, Shillong were among the distinguished personalities present during the inaugural proceedings. The Secretary, NEC has emphasized on similar kinds of programme in the near future for the better growth and development of North East Region. He has also made a thorough visit in all the stalls



available in five pavilions and reiterated the role of NEC in overall sectoral development. All the VVIPs and VIPs have highlighted the need of more focus on NER as a business hub of South Asian Countries and potentials of global

collaboration.

Nearly 5000 delegates including; innovators, institutions, departments, scientist, manufacturer, researchers, teachers, students, entrepreneurs have participated in five days long mega event. The State Government and the event management groups have performed their best in successful completion of the event. Along with other visitors, the District Administration of Imphal has taken best ever efforts in maintaining peaceful law and order and in ensuring the security to the life and property of the general public. Students from various University, College and School along with their guides have visited the site as a part of the major attraction.

The Stall of National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, MoRD, Gol bearing no. E-37 has also attracted large number of visitors. The team consisting of Team Leader Shri SK Ghosh, Sr. CPA and Shri Kaushik Kalita, Training Manager along with Dr. Anwar Hazarika and Shri Vikas Kumar have explained and interacted with each and every visitors. Shri Ram Muivah, IAS, Secretary, NEC,

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