

NEFIS says CM'S statement part of RSS agenda to sideline identity of North-East people!

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) condemns the recent statement by Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh at Madhavpur terming it as an aim to distort the history of Manipur.

A statement of the Forum said that the statement by Chief Minister aims to establish a mythological connection between the mainland India and the North-East, which is informed by the version presented by RSS. The statement reveals servility to the cause of spreading singular RSS vision of India, which distorts the actual history of North-East people in particular and that of India in general, it added.

"Politically, the statement can be understood as part of the design of RSS to make people

of North-East come around to its idea of 'One Nation, One Identity' which eschews the multi-faceted history of the North-East people and thereby serves as a tool to strengthen its foray into the North-East. Clearly, the aim is to suppress actual issues of the people behind portrayals of such identity. Moreover, the statement can be seen as part of nefarious campaign to 'rewrite Indian history' wherein history is made subservient to the aim of propagating the superiority of a particular religion and culture, and other cultures are subsumed within it. The trend can increasingly be witnessed

after BJP's coming to power at the centre. The name of Arunachal Pradesh which has absolutely no linguistic connection with the eponymous land can be seen as an appropriate example. Also, in the present case the mythology of Rukmini which is alien to Arunachal Pradesh is being narrated to show its connection with mainland India. In the process, the actual traditions and folklore of Arunachal Pradesh are being sidelined", the NEFIS statement said. In the statement NEFIS demanded immediate apology from Manipur Chief Minister.

SSUM, MPPDU echoe condemnation spree over CM speech at Gujarat

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Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) and Manipur Proletariat Peoples Democratic Union (MPPDU) also joined the condemnation spree to the controversial statement of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at which he had established mythological link with the NE region particularly with Manipur while speaking during the inaugural ceremony Madhavpur fair at Porbandar. In a joint statement of the two organisation, it is stated that after long slumber the indigenous people were waked up after Laininghal Pullo had wake us all and slowly people are have been starting for protection and identity of the people of this region. The kind of act by the chief minister of Manipur is no different from what the King Pamheiba did in 17 century. The CM's speech is more like a statement to gain blessing from the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi or the BJP. The statement said that Chief Minister's statement for public function is advice by the advisor of the Chief Minister. If the statement of the Chief Minister was as per the advice of the advisor then it is better to take out such advisor.

RBI ask banks and counter to open up to 8 PM

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The RBI has decided that its offices and all designated branches of agency banks conducting government banking will keep their counters open up to 8.00 p.m. tomorrow for greater convenience to taxpayers. Electronic transactions can be also done till midnight tomorrow. In order to facilitate Government receipts and payments, necessary arrangements have been made to conduct special clearing

CBSE Question leak – Students protest across the country on the CBSE's decision except in Manipur

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Students across the country are terribly upset with the news that the CBSE has ordered the re-examination + of the Class XII economics and Class X maths papers after both papers were leaked ahead of the exams.

Except from students appearing the examination here in Imphal - the capital of Manipur — students across the nation including Bengaluru, Goa, Guwahati, Chennai and Kolkata to Bhopal and Patna, among others showed their anger and protest in one way or other against the decision to re-conduct the examination.

None of the students appearing the examination have spell any single words for protest against the CBSE decision to conduct re-examination. They are silent on whether they are satisfied with the CBSE decision or not. Students bodies too are silent, even as there are no report of any leakage of the said question paper.

On Thursday, parents and students in several cities protested against the CBSE's decision. Online petition have already started doing the rounds on social media vociferously slamming the board's decision.

The board's statement on Wednesday said the board had taken cognisance of "certain happenings in the conduct of certain examinations". It decided to re-conduct Class X Maths and Class XII Economics papers to "uphold sanctity of the board and in the interest of fairness to the students."

"Dates for fresh examinations and other details shall be hosted on the CBSE website within a week," read the exam notice.

Protests are on at Delhi's Jantar Mantar against the CBSE's decision to conduct the exams again.

What is making students all the more unhappy is the fact that the exam had proved relatively easy. "I am disheartened at having to prepare afresh and sit for the exam when it had gone really well as it was an easy paper," said one student who was

upset at going through that level of stress again.

At Bengaluru city several students in the city took to social media to vent their anger. Robbed of their happiness and relief that the exams had ended, a volcano of anger mixed with despair erupted on various online forums.

In Hyderabad too, students and parents were left flustered. Many parents criticized the CBSE for allowing the Class X exam to take place on Wednesday despite already having a clue that the paper had been leaked.

"If the paper is leaked in Delhi, why should my son suffer here in Hyderabad? Why can't the re-exam be limited to the Delhi region," questioned Manisha Agarwal, whose son Devansh is a Class 10 student of Chirec School.

School authorities in Hyderabad insist the paper was not leaked in the city, however some parents say they overheard students talking about the leak.

In Pune too, Parents, students and teachers were all equally unsettled with news of the re-exams. Echoing views from other cities, students here were terribly miffed they were being made to suffer because of the board's carelessness. Students in Kochi were also completely anguished upon hearing about the board's decision. Looking forward to their vacations, their holiday plans are now hostage to the board's announcement.

Students in Mumbai are upset since the wait for a new exam timetable will force many to cancel their vacation plans and it will also eat into preparation schedules for competitive examinations.

Zomi Students' Federation condemn kidnapping of villagers

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A statement of the the Zomi Students' Federation (ZSF) said that the federation is deeply disturbed to learn of

the kidnapping and subsequent ransom demand for the release of Mr. Lalmalsawmlian s/o Tinzagin, a resident of Lingsiphai village, and Mr. Khuplal s/o Pauneilal, a resident of Tuilileibul village, both working for Special Class Contractor Mr. M. Dama Vaiphei of Lingsiphai village, from their worksite located at Nabil Khuman Village, Churachandpur district, during the intervening night of March 25-26, 2018.

According to reliable sources, the efforts of the contractor and family members of the kidnapped workers to secure their safe release has failed to yield any positive results so far though a full three-day have passed since their abduction. The mental and emotional stress, tremendous anguish and agony which the families of the kidnapped persons and the contractor have been forced to go

through are beyond description.

The Federation share in the pain and suffering of all concerned, and fervently appeal to the kidnapers to safely release Mr. Lalmalsawmlian and Mr. Khuplal without further delay on humanitarian ground. The Federation would also like to appeal to the kidnapers to shun the path of evil, playing with innocent lives, and making a business out of peoples' life, which is a gift of God.

The Federation also note with regret the failure to protect innocent lives and the recurrence of kidnapping for ransom in the district. The security forces are urged to pull up their socks, and if need be, turn heaven and earth to ensure the safe release of the two kidnapped persons and nab the culprits and award befitting punishment as a deterrent for its repetition.

United Kuki Liberation Front celebrates 23rd Raising Day

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The United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF), one of the Kuki Armed UG group who signed a tripartite Suspension of Operation (SoO) Agreement with the Union Government and State Government Celebrates its 23rd Raising Day 2018 under the theme "Re-Unification" at the designated Muvanphoi Peace Camp in Chandel District on Thursday.

At the outset of the Celebration, UKLF's Vice-Chairman KT. Misao unfurled the Organisation flag followed by a condolence salute for the departed souls of the leaders and brave Kuki Army who laid down their lives for the nation.

After Chief Organiser Helun Haokip delivered a welcome address, Home Secretary Anthony Thadou read out the Raising Day Message from UKLF's Supremo.

In his message, SS Haokip, Chairman of the UKLF extended his best wishes and the 23rd Raising Day greetings to all the Officers, cadres, well-wishers and also pays his respect to the departed souls of those Kuki Army who gave their lives for the cause of the nation.

The UKLF's Supremo further stated that Our fore-fathers bravely fought against the British to protect our land. But, due



to their short sightedness, we have suffered till today. So, it is a time for us to stand unitedly and march forward undeterred until we achieve our political goal so that let our younger generation not suffer as we do today, he added

While highlighting about the present Political Movement and its impact, UKLF's Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) Chairman Jacob Haokip stated that the organisation was formed way back in 1995 under the leadership of SS Haokip to protect our land.

Since then, the Organisation also worked for the re-unification of the 22 kindred tribes of the

Kuki besides protecting our land. And many leaders and cadres of the organisation laid down their valuable lives for the cause of our nation.

It was in 2008, a tripartite Suspension of Operation (SoO) Agreement was signed with the Central and State Government for a political solution. So far, six rounds of Political Talk was held with the Government where both United People's Front (UPF) and Kuki National Organisation (KNO) placed a demand for separate political administration/Territorial Council within the State.

Such political demands were not raised in the interest of a particular armed group but for the welfare of the Kuki nation as a whole. As such, all must lend your moral support towards the Organisation to achieve our Political Goal at the earliest, added Jacob Haokip.

A part from exhibition of spectacular cultural dances from Zou Cultural Troupe and Thadou Cultural Troupe, red blankets were also distributed to all the village chiefs as a mark of the celebration.

Beside several high ranking officers of the Organisation, large numbers of villagers of the surrounding villages, Village Chiefs, Church leaders and leaders of Civil Society Organisations also attended the Raising Day celebration.