

Madhavpur Fair:

Arunachal part of India since time of Krishna, say Northeast CMs, Governors

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Madhavpur, March 28: Claiming that Lord Krishna's marriage with princess Rukmini underlined the fact that Arunachal Pradesh has been part of India for the "last 5,000 years", Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Gujarat on Tuesday asserted that China cannot have any claim over the state's territory. Governors of Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat also echoed the same views.

Addressing a gathering at Madhavpur mela, a religio-cultural fair going on in Porbandar district of Gujarat, the CMs and Governors said that "Northeast has been a part of India since Dwapar Yug". They invoked the mythological tale of Krishna abducting princess Rukmini, daughter of King Bhisma of Idu Mishi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh, after she sent him a letter that her brother wanted

to marry her off with somebody else against her wish. According to the Hindu mythology, Krishna defeated Rukmini's brother Rukmi, abducted her and married her formally at a ceremony organised at Madhavpur village.

Addressing the gathering, Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu said "nobody can change this history". "We watch in news channels today that some other country is claiming some part of Northeast. But nobody can change the history and the ancient history says that Arunachal was not a separate state but entire Northeast was one. For centuries, we have been with India, mainland India. This is our strength," Khandu said, without naming China.

Speaking before Khandu, Manipur CM N Biren Singh said that by "marrying Rukmini, Krishna had bound the Northeast with India".

"In the time of Lord Krishna, there was no separate Arunachal Pradesh or Assam or Manipur. The entire Northeast was one entity. Now, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland are on the border of China. But Lord Krishna made them part of India during his time," said Biren Singh.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brigadier (retired) B D Mishra took a dig at China without naming it. "You are here on the western border of India and we are from the eastern border, 3,500 kilometres away. But this distance has always remained connected. If somebody from the other side of our border claims that Arunachal belongs to them, they are grossly wrong because if our princess could come here 5,000 years ago and you could make her the queen, it clearly means Arunachal has always been with India and will continue to be so," said Mishra.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay

Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Gujarat said that "Northeast has been a part of India since Dwapar Yug".

Rupani said, "It is not that these states (Northeast) became parts of India after we won Independence. The incident of Lord Krishna-Rukmini and their marriage at Madhavpur underline that it was one since those times." Gujarat Governor Om Prakash Kohli said that marriages have been an important part of territorial integrity of India.

"Madhavpur fair is not merely a religious fair but it

is an event of cultural and national unity and one which underlines unity in diversity," Kohli said.

Locals have been organising Madhavpur fair for many decades. But this year, Union Ministry of Culture and Gujarat government has upgraded it by making it a national event. Artists from many states of the country have been performing at this five-day fair which began on Sunday.

Protest staged against construction of community hall

Protestor confronted MLAs after the later tried to overpower club leader

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Imphal, March 27: Locals of Kongpal Khaidem Leikai, Kongpal Naorembam Leikai, Kongpal Chanam Leikai and Kongpal Kshetri Leikai of Kshetrigao AC today continue to stage protest against the construction of community hall at Kongpal Students' Club (KSC) ground by MLA S Susildro @ Yaima, Khurai AC under the MLA local area development fund.

A confrontation between the protestors and MLA took place when MLA Susildro tried to overpower Kh Shyamkishor, Vice-President of KSC who was also present during the protest but it was taken control by the police who were already station at the protest site from further confrontation.

Speaking to ImphalTimes, one of the protestors said that KSC was from by five local body namely Kongpal Khaidem Leikai, Kongpal Naorembam Leikai, Kongpal Chanam Leikai, Kongpal Kshetri Leikai and Khurai Kongkham Leikai and they have leaving peacefully but recently MLA is trying to create misunderstanding among the locals by constructing the community hall forcefully without the consent of four local body falling in the Kshetrigao AC is unacceptable.

If the MLA concern about the welfare of the people of the state he could have constructs the community hall at the very place where his father had laid the foundation with the consent of the five local body of KSC, the protestor added. Meanwhile, MLA Susildro speaking to media persons alleged that President of KSC is a hardcore worker of Congress Party and it will not be wrong to say that there is an intervention from Congress party which has led to heated

discussion between locals of Khurai and Kshetrigao AC over the construction of the community hall at KSC ground. Clubs are form for the welfare to its people of the area whereas a club obstructing carrying out works which is for the welfare of the people instead of encouraging cannot be state as a club.

Being an MLA, bringing positive solution at any situation is their duty but in this case it's about the local body of the KSC which should be sort out among them, Susildro asserts.

Susildro also said that among the five local body of KSC, one is of Khurai AC and the KSC ground also falls under Khurai AC.

Club organization should encourage the development works being carried out in the Khurai AC but here an opposite political minded intervention can be seen which is unhearth-warming, he added. Susildro further said that KSC ground is for the public not only for Khurai or Kshetrigao AC, anyone can come any play, no one can come and interfere for their own interest whereas the jurisdiction of the area should define by themselves instead of dragging in politics.

Mention may be that an order notice was issued on March 15 by Court of Civil Judge Senior Division, Imphal East that the community hall construction work carrying out at KSC ground by MLA Susildro, Khurai AC under the local area development fund should be stop until further notice and even Section-144 of IPC have also been imposed but despite that the construction work is still going on under the care of the MLA himself posting security personnel.

CM greets people on Mahavir Jayanti

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Imphal, March 28: Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh today greets the people of the state particularly the Jain community on occasion of Mahavir Jayanti – the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir. In his greeting, the Chief Minister said that Lord Mahavir was an apostle of truth and righteousness. He said Lord Mahavir through his divine life and teachings showed the path of right conduct, non-violence, peace and universal love. His teachings are relevant at all times to emancipate mankind from sufferings and to ensure peace and happiness through spiritual excellence.

Parents, teachers and students of Catholic School Canchipur stage protest against the transfer of the school Principal

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Imphal, March 28: Parents Teachers' Association and students of Catholic School Canchipur today staged protest in front of the school against the transfer of the school principal when the session has already begun. "This is a peaceful protest not to transfer the present Principal of Catholic School, Canchipur for the time being", a senior teacher of the school while talking to media persons said.

The Parent Teacher Association representative said that the school Principal has been ordered for transfer by the Archdiocese, Imphal for refusing to take loan.

"The higher authority has instructed the Principal of this



school to take loan of Rs 2 crores, but our Principal and the parish leaders after having a meeting rejected the idea of taking the loan as it is going to be a big burden to the parents of our loving children whom we are taking care of everyday, very dearly. The fact is that the loan will be taken but how the loan will be paid back. Obviously, the entire amount has to be collected from the parents

through the fees of their children. Thus, the parents are to suffer for 10 years which is the period of paying back the huge loan amount with interest and the trend will be carried on as fees will never come down once it is set", a

member of the association said.

Soon as the idea of the loan was rejected, the principal of the school got a verbal order of transfer to some other school. Once the principal is transferred, another principal will come and process the loan, one school teacher said. "We are really scared, we are scared not for the teachers or for the principal but we are extremely scared to think of our students and the parents who are going to suffer in the loan run", a protesting teacher added.

Good values of religions and cultures to be imbibed: Deputy Chief Minister

Imphal, March 28: Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh has said that all good values of religions and cultures should be imbibed to sustain our aged old civilisation. He was speaking at the inaugural function of National Seminar on "The Integral Humanism of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya towards the Praxis of Vision of New India" held at Manipur Institute of Management Studies (MIMS) in Manipur University today. Joykumar Singh said, our culture is a multi-faceted one based on unity in diversity. It is the reason that the aged old Indian civilisation has been longing last. He said, many civilisations which are contemporary with the Indian civilisation are no longer in this world because of many

reasons. It is because of its ability to imbibe all good values from time to time, Indian civilisation still exists. He further said that Pandit Deen Dayal's concept of Integral Humanism clearly reflects the idea of peaceful co-existence encompassing all walks of life. Deen Dayal also talked about Dharma Raj which not only mean to follow the religion but also means the duties of every individual towards his or her parents, families and society. Stating that no system in this world is perfect, Shri Joykumar Singh said, culture should be dynamic and would be able to assimilate all good values from time to time. We all should try to assimilate all good values of religions and cultures through which Pandit Deen Dayal's concept of Integral

Humanism can be realized, he added.

Professor (Retd.) Rajvir Sharma of Delhi University said, Pandit Deen Dayal rejected the Capitalist and Socialist ideologies and strongly advocated theory of brotherhood, harmonious and peaceful co-existence. He said, it is time to compare the strategies of past and the concept of Pandit Deen Dayal for a new India which means a confident, vibrant, assertive and influential nation. Money alone cannot be the determinant of happiness of men, he added.

Dean, School of Humanities, Manipur University, Professor Ch. Yasobanta said, the concept of Integral Humanism can be achieved only when we come to know each other breaking barriers among us in

terms of language and culture. He said, people from different backgrounds with different beliefs have inhabited in our state for the last so many years. To know each other means to know the backgrounds, traditions, cultures and ways of life that each and every community possesses.

Therefore, we all have to learn the basic values of each other so that we can be integrated with dignity and honour leading to peaceful co-existence in future.

Research Scholars, students and delegates from different universities and institutions from across the country attended the three days seminar which is organised by Department of Philosophy under the sponsorship of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi.

Wangjing-Salungpham road blocked suspended after 2 MLAs assures to start repairing work

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Thoubal, March 28: Large number of people today blocked the Wangjing to Salungpham Inter Village road since early morning today after government authority failed to start repairing work of the road stretch. The road stretch belong two constituencies – Heirok and Wangjing Tenth Assembly constituencies.

Since early morning today club members and meira paibi along with the members of the passenger service auto vehicles came out at the street and stop all sort of traffic. The agitators burnt tyres in the

middle of the road and place stones and pebble to stop all sort of locomotion. A team of police came and convince the people to talk to the local MLAs instead of blocking the road. At around 9.30 am some of the representatives of the agitators went and meet MLA Th. Radheshyam of Heirok Assembly constituency, who is also Minister of Education and Labour. Th. Radheshyam assured to begin the work from March 30. After the assurance the agitator on the part of Heirok Assembly constituency suspended the road block protest but protestors of the

villagers which comes under Wangjing Tenth assembly constituency continue the protest by blocking the road at their area.

The police team then took some other representative at the officials to meet the Paonam Brojen, MLA of Wangjing Tenth assembly constituency at around 10.30 am. The MLA also assured to start construction of the road from March 29.

Following the assurances from the two representatives the road block protest has been suspended, but the people said will resume the stir if fail to convert the promises into action.