

Mission – Fight against crime on Women

Tompok Meitei set out walkathon to spread awareness across the state



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Unable to bear the pains and anguish over the rising crime against women and children, a 19 years old youth – Nandeibam Tompok Meitei has begun a walkathon today morning with aims to spread message to fight every form of crime and atrocities to women and Children in the state. "Towards Tomorrow Manipur" a platform of likeminded people which were connected through social networking site Whatsapp, which later work together coming out from the virtual world, showing appreciation to the good cause today presented a Shawl with their logo and flagged off his journey.

"Reports on rape crime which appeared at media everyday makes Tompok to take the decision of walking to all the places of the state and spread awareness on how to fight against the heinous crime", said Geeta Devi while talking to this reporter. Interestingly, Tompok, son of Nandeibam Ojtkumar Meitei of Yumnam Patlou in Imphal East, begins his journey amidst hue and cry for justice to two rape victims – one a minor girl who is still in trauma after she was gangraped by 5 persons and another who was reportedly raped on false promises by an MLA. Team "Towards Tomorrow Manipur" wished the 19 years old youth a success and has decided to extend all possible help in his mission.

Assam Rifles conducts lecture on drug awareness



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11 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a lecture on drug awareness for school students at Bethel High School in Mission Veng village, Tengenpoul District on Friday. An AR statement said that a total of 80 students of class 8th to 10th (including 45 boys and 35 girls) attended the lecture. The lecture was given by the Company Operating Base Commander of Mission Veng. Special emphasis was laid on the importance of awareness against drug abuse

amongst the society. Mission Veng being a border village and ready availability of various kinds of drugs through the porous borders has disturbed the society to a great extent. Individuals shared their stories about their acquaintances who have been a victim of drug abuse and how not only the individuals suffer because of drug abuse issues but also non-cooperation from family members further aggravates the situation. The seminar concluded by taking a unanimous pledge to fight against the menace of drug abuse and help in thrashing the supply of drugs from foreign territory.

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I, the undersigned, **Salam Prabiyapati Devi** of Singjamei Onam Thingel, P.O. / P.S - Singjamei, District-Imphal West Manipur do hereby declare that, I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of old name **Urikhinbam (O) Prabiyapati Devi**, as I have assumed my new name **Salam Prabiyapati Devi**.

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**Salam
Prabiyapati Devi**

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National seminar on "Women Empowerment and Human Rights with special reference to North East"

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Two-day national seminar on "Women Empowerment and Human Rights with special reference to North East" is being underway at Manipur University. The seminar which begins yesterday is organized by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) India in collaboration with Manipur University.

Mrs. Jyotika Kalra, Member, NHRC, Dr. Muni Dev Singh Tyagi, Joint Director, NHRC and Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and President respectively. Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Director, Centre for Human Rights & Duties Edn. Manipur University proposed the Welcome Address. He accorded warm welcome to all the dignitaries who came from outside for the seminar and extended the same all the participants.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey,

Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University, said, "Empowerment means self confidence. Not a power over others through weapons or other means but greater self confidence, and an inner transformation of one's consciousness that enables one to overcome external barriers". If a woman is empowered, the entire family gets empowered and the societies as well for women always have deliberate roles to play in the society, he added. Professor cited the 'Ema Market' (mothers' market) of Manipur, one of the world's largest women run market, as an epitome of women empowerment.

It is not only the responsibilities of the government to achieve the target of women empowerment, the collective support and responsibility of each individual will facilitate in the progress work of women empowerment. It is significant to provide women with every possible support and supervision to become progressive, said professor while asserting that this



seminar will throw some light in achieving it. Dr. S.K. Shukla delivered the introductory speech of the seminar. She started her speech with the remark, "India is a Guldasta (bouquet)," and Indian society is a multicultural and multifaceted country. Rights are given to each and every citizen. We need to create awareness about human rights and it will be more impactful if we propagate

through our mother tongue. Addressing at the function, Dr. Muni Dev Singh Tyagi asserted that we are not achieving the women empowerment to the level we desire. She called for a radical shift of our focus on how empowerment should happen and to draw roadmaps to achieve it. The status of North East women is comparatively better than other parts of the country, said Tyagi while

alarming, at the same time, the increase rate of domestic violence in this region. Whenever there is any conflict, women and children are the most vulnerable. Women have to organize themselves such as women's groups to reinforce development and mobilize their own women empowerment movement. Addressing at the function, Dr. Jyotika Kalra made an apt statement, "Alone I can't but together we can". North East region is a role model for women in terms of literary and economic development, she said. Within the household, women provide all kinds of services to their families while men are incapable to serve themselves which women think it as their achievement. She said women of China are active and progressive so are the women of Bangladesh who work actively for the country's economy. She further added that keeping women in the confinement of homes will not achieve anything. Second session of the seminar is being underway today. It will conclude today.

Teachers' quarters for Hnatham Primary School inaugurated

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Barrack Type quarters for the Hnatham Primary School, located Hnatham Village in Chandel district constructed under the Special Plan Assistant 2014-2015 (3rd Phase) by the Autonomous District Council Chandel was inaugurated today.

Ts Kanlun Anal, Executive Member, ADC Chandel graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Estimated cost for the barrack type quarters which have eight rooms with attached bathroom and toilet along with water reservoir is Rs. 39 lakhs, official source said.

BSD-ILS Centre in Bioresources Management to be set up in Bhubaneswar

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Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India laid the Foundation stone of the Research partnership centre between Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar and Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Manipur.

The partnership between the two institutions of the Department of Biotechnology - ILS and IBSD, will focus on research on conservation, value addition and sustainable use of rich bio-resources of Odisha and the North East region of the country, said Dr. Swarup. The centre will look for collaborations with other national and local institutions and universities to undertake



need-based research activities and contribute to a great extent for meeting societal goals. Capacity building of scientific personnel of North-East region in the area of advanced biotechnology research and development will be one of the major focus of the centre, she said. Professor. Dinbandhu Sahoo, Director, IBSD while addressing the gathering said North East region of India falls amongst the top 10 Biodiversity hotspots in the

world. All the eight North Eastern states are rich in Biodiversity and many are unique. There are several unexplored areas which can unravel new species and new knowledge. The bio-resources need value addition through application of modern technology. This centre will act as a Biotech hub and provide much needed hand holding for training the people. Not only the people from IBSD can take the benefit

of this centre but also from other Institutes will be highly benefited, said Sahoo. Dr. Ajay Parida, Director of the ILS mentioned that since the signing of MOU last year, five major collaborative research programmes are being implemented and a number of students and scientist exchange visits has been organized and hoped that this centre will undertake research on priority areas of relevance to both the region. Nikunja Dhal, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology, Govt. of Odisha; B. Anand, Financial Advisor, DBT; Dr. Meenakshi Munshi, Advisor, DBT and Nodal Officer, ILS, Dr. Soumendra Patnaik, VC, Utkal University, Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC and others participated in the event.

After Gujarat Seat, Vajubhai Vala Has Now Sacrificed the Constitution for Modi

By- Jaiveer Shergill
Courtesy: The Wire

Dharma is subtle, yet not so fluid that it can be interpreted as per convenience. The principle of dharma is ever realisable and ever verifiable. The Karnataka Raj Bhavan, by discrediting constitutional propriety and past precedents to facilitate the leader of a numerically-minority party to take oath as chief minister, has buried the constitution of India.

Karnataka governor Vajubhai Vala was legally and morally wrong in inviting the BJP to form the government in one of the biggest states of India. He was legally incorrect because democracy rests on the principle of majority. So by negating the majority and deceitfully helping the minority BJP, the governor violated the principle of constitutional propriety. Despite having the majority and staking claim, the post-poll Congress-JD(S) alliance

was deliberately not allowed to form the government. The figures belie the decision of the governor. The constitution does not provide any specific guidelines to the governor for the appointment of the chief minister where no single party has the majority to form the government. But in such cases, we have Supreme Court directives and precedents that should guide the conscience, conduct and discretion of the governor. The discretion has to be exercised within the limits of the law.

Secondly, while exercising his discretionary powers, he should be judicious, act impartial and display a sense of fair play. His subjective satisfaction should have an objective basis and in a case like Karnataka, where an alliance has the explicit majority, the question of ambiguity and personal satisfaction does not arise. The governor, by deliberating ignoring these facts, made a

mockery of the constitution. Under Article 159 of the constitution, the governor is required to faithfully execute the office to preserve, protect and defend the constitution and the law. The Karnataka governor failed to perform his *raj dharma*; he had earlier sacrificed his seat for Modi in Gujarat and now, he has sacrificed the constitution for him. Morality is not the doctrine of how good we preach, rather how righteous we conduct and make ourselves to be worthy of it.

Past cases
The Supreme Court in *S.R. Bommai and Rameshwar Prasad* has fine-tuned the guidelines for governors to deal with Karnataka-like situations. In the *Rameshwar Prasad* case in 2006, the apex court had made it clear that if a political party, with the support of another political party or other MLAs, stakes claim to form a government and satisfies the governor about its majority (the phrase

that needs to be highlighted) to form a stable government, the governor cannot refuse formation of government and override the majority claim. Further, there is the recent judgement in the Goa case. The BJP had won only 13 of the 40 seats in the 2017 Goa assembly elections. The Congress emerged as the single largest party with 17 seats. In this case, the Supreme Court observed: "when no political party is in majority, then it is the bounden duty of the governor to see who can form the government. If nothing happens, then the governor is duty-bound to call the leader of the single largest party but if someone goes to the Governor with a list of supporters, then it is a different issue altogether". There cannot be two constitutions – one applicable to Goa, Manipur and Meghalaya and another for Karnataka. The Supreme Court, by

reducing the window period of 15 days given by the governor for the floor test, has lessened the chance of horse-trading by the BJP. The minority government will meet its fate on the floor of the House. However, for the future, we need to introspect on the discretionary powers of the governor. Gone are the days when ethics and morality used to guide the conscience keepers. Role of governor vis-a-vis Article 164 of the constitution needs to be revisited and the powers of the governor to appoint chief minister should be codified through constitution amendment. Who should be invited to form the government and what should be the order of preference should be clearly spelt out to ensure a healthy democratic order. (Jaiveer Shergill is a Supreme Court lawyer and national media panelist, the Indian National Congress. The views expressed are personal)