

Mass Rally cum Public Meeting against crime on women organised by WAD

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Women Action for Development today organised a mass rally cum public meeting in relation with the Crime Against Women and Children in Manipur. The rally began at around 11 am today morning from Oinam leirak Community Hall of Singamei opposite to Manipur College and proceeded towards Oinam leikai Pishom Thung and later passes the Heirangoi Thong where they gathered at Heirangoi Thong Multipurpose Hall where a public meeting was held. Speakers on the occasion, express deep apprehension to the rising crime against women and children. State machinery loopholes were also deliberated in rendering justice to victim of rape crime. Many stressed on the need to strengthen the state machineries which deals with crime against women and children.

Dead body found

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Dead body of a person was found floating early morning today at Nambul River at Uripok Polem Leikai side near Bijoy Govinda Bridges in Imphal West. The body has been identified as Loitongbam Tikendra (25), S/o late Ibotoimbi of Naoremthong Khulem Leikai Imphal west. According to his family members, he was missing since 18 May Friday. He is presently working at Masum finance Uripok. Cause of the death could not be known at the moment but source said a piece of paper with some words jotted on it was found. The dead body has been deposited at RIMS morgue for conducting autopsy.

Youth found hung to death

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A teenage youth was found hung to death at a tree near the premises of Ibudhou Lolang Leiyon Pakhangba, Laibung, at Wangoo Sabal in Imphal West district. The deceased has been identified as Amom Selmanin (17 Yrs.) S/o A. Leibakmachia of Wangoo Heinouyam Chingkhong, Kakching District. Details on how the person was found hung to death is not known at the moment.

President Kovind calls upon researchers to address climate change

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President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday exhorted scientists and students to work towards finding solutions to challenges such as climate change and water scarcity, while underscoring that science and technology must continue to play a role in nation building. Kovind, who was addressing the 7th convocation of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) here, also encouraged students, who graduated today, to become entrepreneurs and asked them to give back to society, especially to the less privileged. "The purpose of scientific research is threefold. First, science and technology must continue to play a role in nation building. As our nation evolves and our society changes, we need to be transformed. Yet, science and technology will always be required to find answers to developmental questions," he said.

"Today, the questions before us range from battling climate change to providing low-cost, but effective, healthcare solutions. And, from helping our farmers overcome productivity and water-scarcity challenges to building sustainable cities and houses that are socially inclusive and provide a life of dignity to the last family in the last mohalla. The IISER network must immerse itself in these tasks," the president said.

Noting that science and technology have a symbiotic relationship with business and industry, Kovind said science and commerce can do a lot together. "Product invention and process innovation; converting the learning of the lab into commercially viable products; using technology to promote efficiency, enterprise and employment, there is so much science and commerce can do together."

"The combination of research institutions, technology start-ups incubated in campuses, and a knowledge-based business culture can be transformational. Silicon valley in California (in the US) and Bengaluru in India are two examples of this. IISER must strive to play a similar role in Mohali and neighbouring cities," he said. Kovind said institutions of scientific education and research were important for innovation and expanding frontiers of knowledge.

"This is the fundamental and to my mind, most critical value of scientific research. It is to keep alive the instinct of curiosity that is at the root of our civilisation. The history of science tells us, this route requires patience. But, it can lead to unexpected and dramatic leaps in human imagination," he said.

"I urge those graduating today, as well as others studying at IISER, to keep these three

motivations in mind as they climb higher. In their own way, these three motivations of science and research will help you to serve fellow citizens, to serve society and country, and to serve the larger cause of humanity," Kovind said.

Punjab has a long history of technocrats who ventured into successful businesses, the president said.

"Those who are graduating today, too, should consider the path of entrepreneurship, and of becoming job and wealth creators as so many great scientists and technologists have done," he said.

"This is a day to cherish and show gratitude to your parents and families, who have helped you through this process. You must not forget the rest of society, fellow citizens, hardworking taxpayers, government agencies, and so many other stakeholders who have supported your alma mater and contributed to your education," Kovind said.

The president lauded the academic performance of graduating woman students.

"Going through the list of the 152 students, who are graduating today by getting undergraduate and master's degrees or PhDs, I find that 66 are girl students. That is a little over 40 per cent."

"However, both the gold medals for academic performance have gone to girl students. Three of the four awards for academic excellence have been won by girl students," Kovind said.

"It is my privilege to travel to convocations across the country. I find this commendable performance of our young women, of our society's daughters, to be something of a national trend. They are consistently outscoring their male counterparts. This is a step forward in the cause of gender equity and in making India a developed society," he said.

Noting that IISER is one of India's foremost destinations for students interested in science, Kovind said, "The institute is well on its way to fulfilling its mandate of promoting and providing facilities for basic science research and integrating these with the needs of India."

"This is one of the most exciting and promising urban agglomerations in our country. In parallel, IISER Mohali is also drawing inspiration from the rich tradition of basic and applied scientific research in Punjab. This legacy goes back to the period before Independence, when Punjab was one of India's earliest centres of scientific knowledge production and training," he said.

"This legacy also provides us some excellent examples of how collaboration between scientific researchers and technologists on one side, and the larger developmental process on the other, contributed to nation building," Kovind said.

Major political parties in the state agreed to stand together against crime on women

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Major political parties in the state who are not going with the ruling BJP have agreed to join hands in fighting against any form of crime against women and also decided to urge all concern for timely deliverance of justice to victims of sexual harassment. "We are against any form of crime against women and children and we have been voicing against such heinous crime on women like rape of minors etc. from time to time", Spokesperson of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, Hareshwor Goshwami said while speaking to an all political party meet organised by Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM), Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPPDU) and Proletariat Feminist

Movement (POFM) Manipur at Manipur Press Club today. Members of the Manipur Peoples' Party (MPP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI (M) besides MPCC were present in the meeting. Even though not all political party attended the meeting, those present have agreed to join hand when it comes for the safety of the girls.

Hareshwor Goshwami, further said that the Congress party have always been voicing for the safety of the women and children and any form of crime against them will not be tolerated. He however said that he will consult with the party high command of the state regarding formation of a common platform.

Kshtrimayum Shanta, State Secretary of CPI(M) even though agreed to fight for the

cause of the women's right together differ the idea of setting up a common platform for fighting against crime on women and minor girls. He said the mode of support should be in a synchronise manner at which each political party voice from their own side.

BSP State Secretary Kavita expressing her views said that a common platform for all political parties present in today's meeting will be forceful to urge concern authority in speeding up the trial of rape accused and to deliver justice to the victim on time. She said that her party is ready to extend all form of support to any mass movement or public meeting if times calls.

General Secretary Administration Ph Sajukumar, of the MPP while presenting the party's views said that

their party is even ready to form a fact finding committee to find out the real problem being face by victim and their family. He said that MPP being a regional party will always stand for the safety of the women of the state. Differences of ideology will not make any differences with any political party when it comes for the protection of the women of this region.

Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM), Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPPDU) and Proletariat Feminist Movement (POFM) Manipur at Manipur Press has been organising series of protest demonstrations and consultation to assure the Victim of Thanga Gang Rape case and also about the Thangmeiband case at which a girl alleged rape by an MLA of the ruling BJP.

Married lady dies in road accident; family blame inadequacy of the Moirang PHC

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A young married lady died while 5 others including a diesel auto driver died in a tragic road accident at Thoya Leikai area in Moirang Assembly constituency in Bishnupur district yesterday. Family of the deceased lady blame the Moirang CHC for not having adequate facilities to safe the injured. The lady died on the way to JNIMS before reaching Bishnupur market after the Doctors at Moirang

CHC hospital referred her to JNIMS.

Following the news about the dead large number of people throng to the Moirang CHC and blaming the hospital for the cause of the death of the lady the angry people tried to dismantle the hospital at around evening but timely intervention by police team led by Moirang Police station SDPO Sukumar put the situation under control. Report said that the tragic accident happened when the passenger diesel auto

carrying 5 lady passenger collided with an alto car bearing registration number MN01G-1366 which came from the opposite direction. The Diesel auto was moving towards Moirang Keithel.

All the six including the driver were injured and rushed at Moirang CHC. As the condition of the deceased lady Moirangthem Ongbi Bidyaluxmi @ 30 Yrs deteriorated, she was referred to JNIMS by the doctors but she succumbed to her injury on the way to the hospital near Bishnupur.



MP of Lok Sabha Dr. T Meinya today distributed cycle to sportspersons of Konthoujam Assembly constituency at WSC Football Ground at Nagairangbam of the constituency today.

NDA govt at Centre always acknowledged contributions of North East: Amit Shah

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BJP President Amit Shah said that NDA government at the Centre always acknowledged the contributions of the North East. Addressing the third conclave of the North East

Democratic Alliance (NEDA) in Guwahati, Mr Shah said it is the geo-cultural alliance. He said that NEDA must represent all 217 tribes of North East.

Addressing the gathering, Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given emphasis to

the development of North East. He said Prime Minister termed North East as the growth engine of the country.

Six Chief Ministers of North East took part in the conclave. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said that NEDA would help

in fulfilling the hope and aspiration of the youths on North East region. On the other hand, Asom Gana Parishad President has urged the Centre not to amend the Citizenship Amendment Bill. Union ministers Kiren Rijiju and Rajen Gohain have also attended the conclave.

GST Council asks Centre & states to expedite setting up of appellate authorities

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The GST Council has asked the Centre and States to expedite setting up of appellate authorities for aggrieved entities to appeal against orders of the Authority for Advance Rulings (AAR). According to official sources, the Secretariat of the GST Council has issued letters to the states, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to nominate members to the AAR on an urgent basis so that they can start functioning.

As per the State GST law, the appellate authority will have two members, the Chief Commissioner of Central tax as designated by CBIC and the Commissioner of State tax.

The appellate authority has been mandated to pass order within 90 days of the filing of appeal.

An official said, with AARs in different states started giving rulings since March, it has become imperative for the Centre as well as states to set up the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling.