

AMWJU demands public apology to BJP leader Nongpoknganba over his malicious attempt to defame Journalist Paojel Chaoba

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All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) while condemning the malicious and offensive statement against Imphal Free Press Journalist posted by Soubam Nongpoknganba, a BJP Manipur Pradesh state executive and convenor (Law and Legal Affairs Vibhak) of state BJP unit, at social networking site 'Facebook', has demanded

immediate public apology failing which, the Journalist body threatens legal action against him.

As per a statement of the AMWJU, the genesis of the case was triggered after a news report christened "Biren Misleading Public" appeared in the May 29, 2018 edition of the Imphal Free Press at which Paojel Chaoba is also a member of the editorial board. The story was not a by-line story and Soubam Nongpoknganba has nothing to do in dragging Chaoba in

the scene even as Chaoba stands by the report being a member of the editorial board. Paojel Chaoba himself had requested the BJP leader to take down the post as it malign his image.

AMWJU in the statement said that the Union has no objection in making a rejoinder or holding a press conference by the state unit BJP if the political party felt it aggrieved and injured by the report.

"The manner in which Nongpoknganba made in his

statement tantamount to malice, infringement and assassinating the personal liberty and character of Chaoba. Such statement has also attacked and breached the independence of media", the AMWJU statement said. The AMWJU also stated that the matter will be taken to the Press Council of India as well as to the Indian Journalists' Union New Delhi and also to the All Manipur Bar Association for doing the needful.

MPCC demands withdrawal of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and re-affirms stands for protection Manipur's integrity

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Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) once more reaffirmed its issue of Framework Agreement signed between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM. A protest meeting held today at Congress Bhavan, BT road resolved to demand for protection of the Integrity of Manipur saying that it would never

accept any division in territory, Administrative, Financial, Cultural and Politically, etc.

Today's protest meeting graced by MPCC President, TN Haokip, Leader of the Opposition O Ibobi and Former President of MPCC Gaikhangam also resolved to urge the Central Government and all the leadership of Political Parties to safeguard the interest of the state of Manipur.

On the issue of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill- 2016, the MPCC while opposing the Bill decided to submit memorandum to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for withdrawal of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The MPCC has also resolved to submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister of India for immediate withdrawal of the Bill.

Bank employees' body joined 48 hours nationwide strike

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United Forum of Bank Employees, Manipur today joined the nationwide 48 hours strike demanding clearance of pending wage revision of bank officers and employees. A protest rally was staged today here in Imphal by employees and officer of all nationalise bank of the state.

Convenor of the United Forum of Bank Employees Manipur while talking to media persons said that the strike is against the pending wage revision of bank officers and employees. He further said that the wage revision is due since November 1, 2017 but there have been no efforts on the part of the Indian Banks Association and the central government to give effect to the revision.

MPCCR takes up Suo Moto case

Imphal, May 29,

Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen strongly condemned all forms of crime. She said there are laws to deliver justice to the victims and punishment to the culprits.

Under her strict instruction a team of (MCPCR) led by the Chairperson, Smt. Sumatibala Ningthoujam visited JNIMS Hospital, Porompat, Imphal inquired and take up a Suo Moto case of a minor rape victim who gave birth to a premature baby at Senapati District Hospital yesterday.

Academic brilliance is not the only indicator of future success in life: Minister K Shyam

Imphal, May 30,

CAF & PD, Revenue Minister Karam Shyam focussed on knowledge combined with utmost patience in a self-challenging way as an important tool for facing and curbing the various hurdles and circumstances of life relating to environment, friend circle, crisis-situation, personal as well as family matters & financial constraints. "In order to attain our aim in life, we need to develop the mindset to think

on good and positive terms and making our contribution as individuals of the society", he stated.

He was speaking as Chief Guest at the Felicitation Ceremony of Meritorious students (Class 1 to 10) of Catholic School for 2018 at Canchipur today. N. Mohilal Meitei, Prof. M.U. & also President PTA, CSC; Shri M Lokendro Singh, ret. Chief Engineer and Dominic Lumon, most Rev. D.D. Archbishop, Imphal shared the dais with the Minister at



the function as the Guests of Honour and President respectively.

Speaking at the occasion, Minister Karam Shyam expressed happiness over the outstanding performance of the students of Catholic School in his Langthabal Constituency in the recent HSLC Exam, 2018 by grabbing positions-3 in top 10 and 5 in the remaining top 25 and 151 first divisions.

Drawing the attention of the students on achieving real success in life, he said that getting high marks in academics is not the end, we have to fill our lives with the elements of goodness by inculcating the art of good listening and participating in extra-curricular activities as well.

"Money may perish, our

academic credibility may decrease with time but the knowledge and wisdom contained in our heads will live and be used forever. To be able to become successful in life, all-round education with sound knowledge plays a key foundation to attain our final destiny in the fields of administration, executive office work, social work & other walks of life and face the obstacles of life bravely and effectively", he stated.

Appreciating the private school teachers for their contribution by producing brilliant students, he said that they take more responsibility than their Government counterparts.

Students should consider themselves wealth of the family at first, then of their leikais and finally of the state and make

their honest and responsible contribution to the State and the society, he also assured.

Minister Karam Shyam also mentioned starting a Memorial Foundation in his father's name that will provide financial assistance and distribute prizes to the meritorious students of the school annually.

Citing the example of academician and thinker Ishwar Chandra Vidysagar, Prof. N. Mohilal Meitei focussed on the purpose of education by highlighting on the need to serve humanity and the role of social activists in Manipur.

Handing over the Rabichandra Memorial Award to the HLSC topper of the school for 2018, Km Archana Hijam who bagged the overall 4th position in the State, M Lokendro reminded the gathering of the inspirational works, principles and great ideas of the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

Naorem Feirojamba Meitei and Ph Ashima of the school got the 4th and the 10th ranks respectively among the top 10. Teachers, staff, students and guardian of Catholic School attended the function.

Manipur Maoist warns Housie gamblers' gang

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Maoist Communist Party Manipur has warned a gang who used to loot public money by organising Housie games in coordination with various clubs and organisations. In a statement the outfit said that this gang will go from place to place and contact clubs or organisation and organised house game. The prize was put in such a

way to attract large number of people.

Yje gang provided some commission for the host club or local organisation. However the modus operandi of the gamblers' gang is that some among them who is not known to the club members will accompanied them every where and will take part in the game by buying tickets. The dice of the Housie, the ball and the chart will be brought by

them and ultimately the attracted prize will be won by their team.

This gang cheat the people and the Manipur Maoist have every record of the identity of the gang members, the statement said and added that the outfit give 7 days period to correct themselves. It further if this gang fails to follow the dictate of the outfit, then consequences occurred will be their responsibility.

"We are not indians, We shall forcibly get back our freedom taken away forcibly by colonial master India"- PREPAK

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"Kangleipak used to be an independent and sovereign kingdom. Despite frequent wars with the neighbouring countries during the past hundreds of years, the kingdom never came under domination of any invading force except in 1819-1826 that witnessed the Seven Years Devastation. The borders of Kangleipak then recognized by the foreign countries used to be double times that of the present areas of today's Kangleipak. The kingdom had its own international borders that an independent and sovereign country ought to have had and that used to be ruled by patriotic and brave people. The King with a Council of Ministers comprising 64 noblemen of hills and valley ruled the sovereign kingdom without having to succumb to any kind of influence from outside or inside the country. The kingdom had its own written constitution in the 11th century. However since India, which came into existence on the 15th August of 1947, forcibly annexed Kangleipak, its independence and sovereignty had been snatched away. Thus it is natural for a people who do not want to be colonized and dependent to launch a struggle for liberation to restore their independence

and sovereignty".

This was stated in a press statement released by proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK).

The statement signed by Kh. Sathy, Acting Chairman, PREPAK further said that

the PREPAK sees is the present struggle for liberation of Kangleipak is not a struggle to separate from the big Indian Union which had been patched up by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whom the people of India worship as a kind of deity, by using all sorts of wrong means. It is just that we shall somehow get back our independence and sovereignty that they had forcibly taken away from us. It's just that the secret war waged by them is being met with by a war of people, in other word it is a war against war. Let's all discuss the unpardonable crimes/acts committed by India that sealed the era of independent and sovereign history of Kangleipak.

"First, King Bodhachandra had not sought consent of the State Council of the erstwhile independent Kangleipak before signing the Instrument of Accession on August 11, 1947, which is being hotly debated about as the main hindrance in the liberation of Kangleipak. All powers of the King were already vested with the

State Council. King Bodhachandra had said in the first session of the Assembly of Kangleipak on 18 September, 1948, "I now bring to the notice of the people that I had transferred my powers and responsibilities other than the constitutional ruler of the State Council since the 1st July, 1947 before the lapses of British Paramountcy and since the I have already remained as a Constitutional ruler."

"Second, the then Governor General of India, Lord Mountbatten did not give his signature on the agreement of Instrument of Accession on which King Bodhachandra had signed. In the case of Jammu and Kashmir, King Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession on 26 October, 1947 and Lord Mountbatten signed it on 27 October, 1947.

"Third, the Constituent Assembly had not ratified the Instrument of Accession which was signed by King Bodhachandra. Thus the so called agreement is not valid and practicable. In the case of Jammu and Kashmir, their Assembly had ratified the agreement on 15 February, 1954.

"Fourth, according to the Government of India Act, 1935, the agreements of Instrument of Accession signed by the Kings should have been introduced on the floor

of the British Parliament and after the Parliament gave consent to the agreements, the Court should have given judicial notices. As for Kangleipak, there is no record or any evidence of the agreement having been tabled in the British Parliament and thereby given consent and that there is no record of Indian courts having issued notice or any such paper that may throw light on the matter.

"Fifth, assuming that the Instrument of Accession prior to the signing of the Merger Agreement on September 21 of 1949 had been signed, only Defence, External Affairs and Communication would come under the control of India and the rest would remain under the powers of Kangleipak making it still an independent country. In words only it was a Merger Agreement but in fact, it was a forcible signing which was far beyond the international law.

"Sixth, the 3rd and 4th session of the State Assembly held at the Johnstone School at 2.30 pm of 28th September, 1949 had rejected the so called Merger Agreement which was supposedly signed on 21st September, 1949 stating that the agreement couldn't be enforced.

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