

CRA condemns attack on activists

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The Centre for Research and Advocacy (CRA), Manipur would have condemned the brutal attack on Ms. Agnes Kharshiing, President of Civil Society Women's Organization on 8th November 2018 at East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya in North East India during her documentation of illegal coal mining and corruptive practices. Her companion Anita Sangma was also attacked.

A statement by the CRA said, Ms. Agnes Kharshiing was attacked by brutally assaulted by a group of people at Tuber Shohshrieh, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya on 8th November 2019, while documenting the illegal mining and transportation of coal in the area. The attack reportedly happened after Ms. Agnes took photographs of several trucks loading coal illegally in Tuber Shohshrieh area in Meghalaya. The attack has

left Ms. Agnes with serious injuries in her head and body. She is under treatment at the NEIGRIMS Hospital in Shillong and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit due to her serious condition.

Ms. Agnes is a well-known human rights defender, proactive in denouncing illegal mining of Coal and Limestone in Jaintia Hills and other parts of Meghalaya in clear violation of the National Green Tribunal and other environment laws. There are serious concerns that the attack was carried out by the coal mafias operating in Meghalaya, who opposed to exposition of illegal coal mining and corruption.

The Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur express our concern with the increased case of targeting of human rights defenders across India's North East, which involves direct targeting of community leaders and the curtailing of the functioning of human rights organizations, undermining

the crucial role of civil societies in fostering a democratic, an accountable and human rights oriented development processes in Meghalaya and across India's North East.

The Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur would like to urge upon the Government of Meghalaya to take urgent steps to investigate and arrest those personnel involved in the attack of Ms. Agnes Kharshiing and her companion Anita Sangma. The Government of Meghalaya should stop illegal mining of Coal and Limestone in Meghalaya. The Government of India should stop all forms of harassment and targeting of indigenous human rights defenders and curtailment of the functioning of human rights organizations and uphold the provisions of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, 1999. The Government should take urgent steps to protect the rights of human rights defenders in Meghalaya and across India's North East.

Ningol Chakkouba celebrated with traditional flavour



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Manipur yesterday celebrated Ningol Chakkouba Festival with traditional flavour. The festival is considered the biggest festival of the state which strengthens the relation bond between brothers and married sister. Brothers hosted the finest feast for their married sisters. Married sisters came to their parental home with their children wearing the most beautiful traditional dress.

With the change of time, the Ningol Chakkouba festival is also organised by various civil society organisations

and also by brothers of Villages jointly. In Langdamei Village of Noney district brothers of Samper Clan invited their sisters who had married to different communities. Around 29 married women came and took blessing from their brothers after having a grand feast.

United People's Front (UPF) Manipur in hands with Indigenous Minority Socio-Cultural Organisation, Manipur (IMSCOM) also celebrated the Ningol Chakkouba at Sana Konung Palace compound.

Naoba Senjam Film Team also celebrated Ningol Chakkouba with childrens of Yaibiren Children Home.

Bangladesh election announced on Dec. 23

Siam Sarower Jamil,
Dhaka, Nov 10,

The 11th general election will be held across Bangladesh on December 23.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) KM Nurul Huda announced the date while addressing the nation from the Election Commission office in Dhaka's Agargaon on Thursday evening.

"The proper environment to organize the polls has been created (so) I urge all political

parties to resolve all disputes or differences of opinions among themselves and participate in the polls," Huda said.

"I also urge the political parties to remain alert so that competition and rivalry do not turn into retribution or violence."

Huda's announcement came amid repeated calls by the new opposition alliance Jatiya Oikya Front for the commission to defer the election schedule. The ruling Awami League, however, had urged the commission to stick

to its plan.

Under the timetable announced by the CEC, candidates must file their nomination papers either online or manually between today and November 19. The returning officers will then scrutinize the nomination papers on November 22, with November 29 fixed as the final date for withdrawals.

"There is a constitutional obligation to hold the election before January 28, 2019," CEC Huda said. "The countdown has already started."

The commissioner said the EC has almost bought all of the necessary election materials and has finished printing papers, while necessary issues were also being discussed with the concerned ministries.

The commission on Thursday also started sending nomination forms and other election materials to the senior district election officers and district election officers at its field level offices from the BG Press at Tejgaon.



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PROGRAMME

PRESENTER : WANGTHOI WANGKHEMCHA

10:00 a.m. : Inauguration of Water Handloom Hut at Loktak Lake
02:00 p.m. : Knowledge Sharing on Handloom MD, NEHDC, Entrepreneurs of Manipur and Participants
02:30 p.m. : Arrival of Guests of Honour, President & Chief Guest
03:00 p.m. : Handloom and Distribution of Loom Accessories
: Slide/Video Show on MANITEX and Handlooms & Textiles
: Cultural Show - Ras Leela by Federal Academy of Dance & Culture
: Speech by Guests of Honour
: Speech by President
: Speech by Chief Guest
05:00 p.m. : Cultural & Fashion Week Programme;

MEET THE AWARDEE PERSONALITIES OF MANIPUR

- Smt. R.K. Santhoi Chanu - National Awardee (Dance)
- Smt. Tonthoi Leisangthem - National Awardee (Film)

MANITEX FASHION WEEK 2018

- Fashion Show by Designers of Imphal West
- Performance by Chetan Sharma
- Fashion Show of Designers of Tengnoupal