

PREMS

Nigol Chakouba

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Waiting! So sweet, doesn't really need a one;
Times' not a countdown required all along,
Swinging and swaging, flowers and all golden;
Vibrating and economizing all with those 'feelings';
Oh! Once in a year; oh! Once in a year;
All gazing and all stunning and all amazing;
Years' a nomadic; shorter and perplexing mysterious;
All lights up and all sorrows drenching;
All guarding colorful and all unusual phenomenal;
Yellow's a profound shade; pink's a hue tone;
Golden's so lively; fashioning all those,
Wrapping and adorning, neck to neck full;
Colors too enchanting, engaging and winning;
All shining and all engaging 'nigol chakouba' walk.

Heavily she breathes deep smiling;
Steadily she walk passing by contended;
Engaging those wrapping cloth 'innaphi' so new;
Her hands all tight; one a bag, other a piece of cloth;
She walks a queen; she stands high for a day willing;
She smells exceedingly, her make over so tranquilizing;
Oh! Those remarkable scents, so fresh and so good;
Her cloth so Royal; her jewelries too glowing;
"Muga silk" her primary don; "phige phanek" her display;
"Rani phi" her unveiling veil; blessed and revealing;
All heels all up and all buckle up tok tok tok and tok;
Wait , wait, oh! wait 'ebungo', you will fall down;
All praise and all cheering and all admiring;
Sadness! Oh sadness; come again another day.

She's all and she's all celebrating 'nigol chakouba'
She walks and she goes a mile; a brother's home
She's all participating; and she's all strapped;
She's all urge driving and she's all tour navigating;
Joys all on her way back home laughter and cherishing;
Alas! Her tears, her shreds so momentous worshipping;
Digging deeper within; speaking thousands absences;
Poor! Oh poor; go away for a day as she prays;
Wishing and longing and craving and hungry;
Those souls within, blames of one selves blesses;
She hears and she talks; she feels and she approves;
She's all a 'nigol', nigol of nigols;
She cries and she laughs; she's all protectors;
She's all grace and she's all approval.

ChavangKut celebrated in Delhi



Thousands gather to celebrate "ChavangKut", the post-harvest festival of the Chin, Kuki, Mizo tribes, under the aegis of Thadoulipi (Delhi & NCR) in New Delhi on 7th November 2018 at MTNL Hall, R.K. Puram. Ms. Nemcha Kipgen, Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare and Cooperation, Govt of Manipur; Shri Ginkhomang Simte, Deputy Secretary (Retd), Govt of India; Dr. Pauthang Haokip, Associate Professor and Head of Department, Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Ms. Arambam Renu Devi, Secretary, Renu Handloom and Handicrafts Cooperative Society Ltd., Manipur graced the Kut as Chief Guest, Kut-pa, Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest, Ms. Nemcha Kipgen, Hon'ble Minister stressed upon the importance of unity for peace and for any development to take place in the society and expressed her wish that all the Chin, Kuki and Mizo kindred tribes put importance to Kut and celebrate it in a more grandiose manner inclusive of all. Kut-pa, Shri Ginkhomang Simte explained what is Kut and how it was celebrated during our

forefather times and its significance. Guest of Honour, Dr. Pauthang Haokip, who is also the first to confer a doctorate degree in researching Thadoulipi language - The phonology of Thadou and also has published various articles/books with regard to the phonology, noun morphology, oral literature in Thadou etc. explained the importance of language for one's cultural intact. He pointed out that language is one's identity and losing one's mother tongue means losing the culture of one's identity. Special Guest, Ms. Arambam Renu Devi has praised Hon'ble Minister, Ms. Nemcha for her humble and equal treatment of all whether rich or poor and for her availability when needed. She also encouraged and

challenged the gathering that if she, having no proper education could give employment to more than four thousand persons in the state of Manipur through her handloom industry, today's youth, who excelled in their education could do much better but wondered why most of them remain jobless. She wished that Kut may bring unity and peace amongst all. Apart from cultural dance shows from Zillai (Vaiphei students), showcasing Vaiphei cultural dance; Khangthah Zuum Pawl (KZP), a Simte students organization, showcasing Simte cultural dance; Thadou Students Association (TSA) and Lenchonghoi Cultural Troupe showcasing Thadou dance, various

artiste performed. Most prominent were the invited artiste Lovejoy Khongsai and Kakai Kipgen who were considered as the melodious singer of the Thadou society. The entertainment session witnessed performances from Kut Band led by famous guitarist in Delhi, Boithang Haokip, various artiste and a beauty contest - selection of "ChavangLanu", an equivalent title to Miss Kut. The coveted title "ChavangLanu" was crowned to Miss Evelyn Vahboi. The 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up were crowned to Miss Phahoi the man and Miss Nemneikim. The three subtitles - Best Catwalk, Best Traditional Attire and Miss Personality were begged by Miss Bisola Zaineithem, Miss Mercy Ngahhoilhindang and Miss Rosy Tingneichin. The ChavangLanu title holder got a prize money of Rs. 30,000; and the 1st and 2nd Runner up received Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively. All the subtitle holders were awarded Rs. 5,000 each and a sum of Rs. 2,000 has been given to all the contestants who do not receive any title as consolation prize. The programme ended with a closing prayer from Paomang Sithou, Chairman, TCF Delhi.

CVC inquiry finds 'nothing substantial' against CBI Director Alok Verma: Report

New Delhi, Nov. 11

In a crucial development in the CBI vs CBI saga, the Central Vigilance Commission inquiry team probing the Rs 2 crores bribe allegations against Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Verma has not found anything "substantial", sources told the Times of India. Verma was sent on leave on October 23, along with CBI special director Rakesh Asthana who is also facing corruption charges. The investigation against Verma was supervised by former Supreme Court judge AK Patnaik. Justice

Patnaik was asked by the Supreme Court bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi to supervise the government-ordered CVC inquiry against Verma after the fighting between the two top CBI officers became public knowledge as the two levelled corruption charges against each other. The preliminary inquiry report in the case pertaining to Verma was completed on Friday, TOI reported, and the report is expected to be submitted to the Supreme Court on Monday. The report contains a review of the documents submitted by CBI special director Asthana against the CBI chief in his

complaint dated August 24. While Asthana had written to the cabinet secretary against his boss on August 24, the CBI had filed an FIR against Asthana on October 15. Asthana has alleged that a Rs 2 crore bribe was paid to Verma by Hyderabad-based businessman, Sathish Babu Sana, who is also a co-accused in several cases under probe against meat exporter Moin Qureshi. Almost two months after Asthana's complaint, an FIR was registered against Asthana, CBI DSP Devender Kumar and Manoj Prasad and Somesh Prasad. The FIR was filed on October 15 based on a

complaint by Sana, registered on October 4, that the Prasad had asked him to pay Rs 3 crores bribe "in the name of Rakesh Asthana" to stop his "harassment" in Qureshi cases. With the internal war between the top two CBI officers casting aspersions on the probe agency's reputation, the government stepped in and ordered both Verma and Asthana to go leave pending a CVC inquiry. Verma approached the SC challenging the government's order, after which the apex court-appointed Justice Patnaik to supervise the CVC probe against him.

Letter to the Editor

There is already a constitutional breakdown in local governance - ATRPFM

A democratic government is by the people and for the people but where are the voices of the people gone? The genuine voices of the people shall be heard by the government of the people. ATRPFM has been demanding for conduct of election of ADC Chairman in respect of Churachandpur, but our peaceful voices were not heard. Are we demanding something not constitutional? Have we shown any personal or political bias in favour or against any political party or individual? We can proudly say that we don't. We are purely a civil organisation for proper implementation and protection of the tribal rights. The Hon'ble Governor has written to the concerned Department for conduct of election at the earliest. The Hon'ble High Court of Manipur has also passed an order with a direction to conduct the election on 5th November, 2018 without fail of which the State Government ought to comply with in larger interest of the public and also for the ends of justice. Instead, the State Government has filed an appeal against the order, but on what ground? Where is the rule of law? Any election has to be conducted within a reasonable time, it could not hold on indefinitely. It is a constitutional breakdown and a very negative sign of governance. Tribal people have been demanding

election of ADC Chairman, Churachandpur, the elected members have been also demanding the same for the last more than four months. But the State Government under the leadership of Shri. N. Biren is reluctant to conduct the same. What's the intention behind? Is it not a political bias, a political game at the cost of thousands of tribal populace? It clearly indicates that governance under the present Government has absolutely failed as far as local governance in hill districts are concerned. No ADC has secured proper functioning under the present Government, there are numbers of court cases, and also camping for chairman posts. Tamenglong, Senapati, Chandel, Churachandpur - all ADCs face court cases and camping for Chairman posts. Are ADCs for the development of hill people or for personal political game? What types of Governance is this? What types of leadership is this? Governance has failed, ADCs have failed, constitutional breakdown already there. It is indeed a very shameful thing on the part of the State Government under the leadership of Shri. N. Biren Singh that a particular ADC who had switch his party from Congress to BJP with a hope that BJP would do something more than his own party has returned to his parent party. As the BJP has failed

in all respects in functioning of ADCs, Shri. Ngamhao Thouthang, an ADC member elected from 14-Tuibong DCC, Churachandpur has tendered his resignation from the BJP and has ultimately returned to the Congress Party. It is not a sign of good governance at all we are deeply concerned about hampering the functioning ADCs under the present Government. He resigned from BJP primarily for failure of conduct of election for Chairman of Churachandpur. We support Shri. N. Biren led BJP government, we are supporting till date and we wanted to continue to support it. We have faith in BJP government but as of now we are deeply disappointed seeing all the negative developments. We have been also demanding for implementation of Pension Scheme for Employees of ADCs but there is no positive response till date although rules for extending pensionary benefits were already framed, re-framed and amended by the State Government itself. It is the government that framed the pension rules, how can the government question its own laws or rules? We strongly urged the State Government to conduct election of ADC Chairman, Churachandpur at the earliest and we also demanded that pension scheme for employees of ADCs shall be implemented as mandated under

relevant rules framed by the State Government which is clearly reflected in the State Budget from 2017-17 to 2018-19. We request government not to invite agitations, not to create law and order problems, and not to create constitutional breakdown. They talk peaceful co-existence between hills and plain, integrity, go to village, hill people's day, communal harmony and equal developmental, we appreciate that but their action shows otherwise which is shameful and blatant lie. Peace can't be force feed, it can only happen when the constitutional rights of the minorities and weaker section of the society are protected and respected. If the State Government fail to fulfill our demands and act in accordance with laws and practices, we will submit all the negatives side of the State Government against the tribal people in the upcoming International Samvaad-Tribal Conclave from 15-19 November which is to be held at Jamshepur, Jarkhand where 10 countries are participating. Our team would leave Manipur for Jamshepur on 14th November, 2018 for participating at the proposed Tribal Conclave so that our voices are reached to the Union Government and any eventualities would be that of the State Government.

Yours

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Friends of CC Hr. Sec. School conducts social service



IT News
Imphal, Nov 11,

Friends and well wishers of CC Higher Secondary School today conducted social service at the school complex today morning.

The social service camp started at 6.30 am and 11.00 am. Ex-Students as well as present students of the schools and teachers were also attended during the social service. S. Indrani Devi, Principal of the school also attended the camp.

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