

## Cyclathon-Fuel Conservation Campaign Minister K Shyam felicitated as cyclathon completes one year

**DIPR**  
Imphal, Nov 23,

As held in various parts of the country, CYCLOTHON-Fuel Conservation Campaign was also held today at Hotel Imphal by The Classic, Imphal, Manipur with the ultimate objective to promote a sense of fuel conservation in the minds of the civilians and to create health awareness by using cycles in our daily practical lives.

The main mission of CYCLOTHON focusses on ride for pride and inclusive growth for children and the youths. It also projects on dual importance of balancing life on wheels by saving fuel and economy on one hand and improving health on the other.

The function was organized by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

Chief Guest of the function, CAF & PD, Revenue Minister, Karam Shyam was felicitated during the function as the CYCLOTHON Campaign completes one year of its operation.

Uttiya Bhattacharyya, CGM, Indian Oil AOD State Office; Prof. Sinam Rajendra Singh, National Vice-President, Bharat Vikash Parishad and Sinam Ibungoton Singh, Deputy General Manager(RS) & State Level Coordinator were the President and Guests of Honour respectively at the function.

Minister, Shri Karam Shyam flagged off the CYCLOTHON apart from releasing a "Joint Hands" CD for the Indian Oil Channel Partners.

The main route of the cycle rally comprises of Assembly Road, the road passing through the Thangmeiband Traffic Island and then heading over to Khuyathong road.

The cycle rally team then continued from PWD Office upto the western side of Kangla Fort to enter into the traffic island of Governor's compound. After that, they turned their direction towards the eastern side of traffic near RTS school and finally marched upto Minuthong bridge and finally reassemble back again at Hotel Imphal, the starting point.

Expressing his point of view at the CYCLOTHON Campaign, Minister Karam Shyam highlighted that if the citizens of the country (of around 125 crores population) are able to abide by the instructions of the CYCLOTHON by cycling at least one day per week, the country will be able to achieve the target of fuel conservation, economic savings, pollution control in our environment and health benefits.

By following the message of PM Shri Narendra Modi, youths who still don't have income of their own should



practice this idea in their daily routine and not feel shy at all, he also stated. "We should not be shy of doing good deeds. We should be guilty of indulging anti-social menace like drugs etc.", he pointed out.

Lets make Manipur the number one State in the ranking of cyclists population in the entire country, he appealed. Renowned cyclist Rohen Philem(23 years) amongst other cyclists and youths took part in the rally.

**IT News**  
Imphal, Nov 24,

In an expected move, student body Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) organised torch rally at different parts of the state at a similar time with similar demand. As per report the rally participated by nearly 500 women each at around hundred localities and villages including some at Imphal city call on for complete prohibition of illicit alcohol and drugs, decommissioning of the Mapithel Dam, immediate action to retrieve the land encroached by the Myanmar, framing of a policy for protection of the Indigenous people of the state, immediate halt to any kind of extraction of Mineral resources, protection of the sanctity of Kangla and also for preservation of all indigenous ritual locations of the state.

This reporter seen hundreds of women folk with banner with the photo of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot along with the demand with torch on their hand marching at Singjamei, Keishampat, Sagolband,

## SSUM organises simultaneous torch rally at various part of the state

*The rally called on to stop extraction of mineral resources from the state; demands, decommissioning of Mapithel Dam, prohibition of illicit liquor, complete policy for protection of Indigenous people and preservation of Indigenous ritual places*



Thoubal etc. The rally seem to be well organised that there are also report of similar mass rally carrying the same banner at many parts of Bishnupur district, Kakching district, Thoubal district, Imphal East

and Imphal West district.

A statement of the SSUM said that rally organised yesterday evening is just the beginning and they are moving ahead with more such agitation until their demands are fulfilled.

"On Dec 12, we are organizing a mass rally at all parts of the state to mark the Nupi Lal day at 7.30 pm", the SSUM statement signed by Bhusan Longiam said.

The SSUM statement also demand Rs. 50,000/- for farmers who are facing

draught and also Rs. 10,000/- each to Zhum cultivators of the Hill district. While this demand will be in addition to yesterday demand the Dec 12 rally will also demand removal of the Assam Rifles from the Manipur University Complex.

SSUM said that it had already opened its Manipur University Branch and the student body will begin campaign for removal of the Assam Rifles camp from the Manipur University complex.

## Day 2 of 12th Manipur Polo International There is urgent need to preserve manipuri ponies otherwise the game of polo will perish, says Minister K Shyam

**DIPR**  
Imphal, Nov 23,

CAF & PD, Revenue Minister Karam Shyam expressed that the 12th Manipur Polo International 2018 is a good platform ... because the game of Polo has given us a chance to make Manipur popular in the world.

"We need to give more attention for the development and improvement of the game of Polo and ponies", he further stated.

He was speaking as Chief Guest on the second day of the 12th Manipur Polo International 2018 organised by Manipur Horse Riding and Polo Association at Mapal Kangjeibung today as part of the ongoing Sangai Festival. It is a good sign that both the Government and the public are



taking due concern to preserve and promote the Sangai and the Sangai Festival is organized in a big bonanza and widely exposed manner at the State level, he said. Drawing attention to the current crisis of the decreasing population of ponies in Manipur, Minister Karam

Shyam said that if there is no pony, the indigenous game of Sagol Kangjei (popularly known as Polo) will disappear forever from our State.

There is an immediate need to preserve the ponies to save the game of Polo in Manipur in future, he also added. He also appealed the

Veterinary Department & other related officials to take necessary steps for preserving and promoting the Polo game and make efforts by seriously look into the matter and undertake measures for increasing the pony population in Manipur.

Minister, Social Welfare & Cooperation, Smt. Nemcha Kipgen; MLA Heikham Dingo and Chairman PDA, MLA T Robindro; Chairman MANIREDA Ginsuanhau also attended the function as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

Two matches were played today, the first between USA and India-A and the second between India-B and England.

Special invitees, youths and sports lovers of the State witnessed the event.

## Miscreants burnt pile up straw to reap paddy crop

**IT News**  
Thoubal, Nov 23,

Piled up straw to reap paddy on the Northern side of IRE School in Wangjing under Thoubal Police station was set ablaze by unknown miscreants at wee hour today.

Owner of the paddy crop is Laishram Mani Singh (55) son of late Ibomcha of Wangjing Sk Leikai. As per report he piled up the straw to reap the paddy crop using machine.

The burning of the paddy straw was come across by morning walkers at around 3.30 am today. Ranjana, wife of Mani, speaking to media said that they have no enemy

so far and she wander who are those behind the burning of the hard earned crops

Fire tender which rushed the site along with the villagers tried to extinguished the fire but most of the crops were burnt.

Police team which also rushed the site opined that the miscreants could have burnt the paddy straw around midnight. The police team also recovered some disposable glass with some plastic which used to carry local brew about some 50 meter from the site.

The police team had registered a case and had started investigating about the matter.

## UNLF releases annual statement ahead of its 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**IT News**  
Imphal, Nov 23,

Armed Rebel group United National Liberation Front (UNLF) today released its annual statement ahead of the party's 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The UNLF is celebrating the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tomorrow the 24<sup>th</sup> November 24, 2018.

While greeting the people, the UNLF Central Committee representing the Party and its' armed wing, Manipur People's Army call upon the collective wisdom of our patriotic peoples to do an earnest deliberation for the future of our Manipuri Nation that was

bequeathed to us by our valiant forefathers shedding their blood and tears; so as to enable to pass its' legacy onto our future generation providing a liberated, emancipated and transformed life world free from Indian Colonial shackles.

The statement tender apology for any mistakes that the party committed in the past years while discharging their revolutionary duties. Particularly, though UNLF has different specific plans for the working class, the same could not be implemented to the desired level because of more pressing political issues

which cropped up now and then due to India's colonial scheming. And hence, the party's activities still could not ring out a message that it stands firm for the peasants and all working classes subjugated by the Indian capitalism.

The outfit stated that the ongoing Manipur-India conflict is passing through a critical phase and that the fate of our "Manipur nation" is very critical.

On the issue of Social Degradation the outfit stated that the Indian colonial rule is strangulating the people of this region, keeping them

politically and economically subjugated for such a long time; the people of this region have become more and more dependent to India. The long colonial hold upon our lives by the Indian Colonialist has made such a heavy toll on the collective life world of our people as such, our society, have been degenerated up to such a point that we are losing our national pride and self-esteem. The number of peoples having slaving mentality is increasing within the society; they even started advocating that without depending on India, our survival and development will

be impossible and these peoples less care whether our culture, our identity and our nation or indigenous peoples survive or not as long as their individual interest is served. Regarding the present struggle the outfit stated that the Revolutionary Parties who are committed to free our oppressed people from the Indian colonial shackles are lacking to give our people a clear vision of a liberated, emancipated and transformed life world as they could not unite themselves and formulate a concrete strategic step of the liberation struggle against the common enemy so

as to fructify it. Particularly, those groups which are founded, and working on ethnic lines and having hill-valley outlook need to do a soul-searching retrospection. Instead of deeply understanding and chalking out a common path for struggle against the common enemy, the Indian Colonial Rule, the groups are working in different way, on their own individual capacity and this baffles our masses and the struggle could not progress forward with concrete strategic step to give an impetus to our liberation.

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