

KSA observes 13th Foundation day: Speaker Y. Khemchand highlighted the important of passing Meitei Mayek Bill

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Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Yumnam Khemchand today called upon the students of the state particularly the volunteers of the Kangleipak Student's Association (KSA) to play vital role in moving Manipur towards development.

Speaking as the Chief Guest of the on the 13th Foundation Day observance of the KSA at Thangmeiband Khuyathong Tombisana High School ground, Khemchand said that youths, who are students of today are the pillar of the society. He calls on the students to maintain discipline as discipline will make the state move forward.

"We all know that Bangali script has been almost substituted by the Meitei Mayek as students doing 4th semester did not know Bangali script as it was replace by the Meitei Mayek", Khemchand said and added that as students of the near future will write exam or competitive exam in Meitei Mayek after completing their degree, its time that our state passed a bill of the Meitei Mayek.

"Students' body like KSA should remind the matter and should urged the government for passing of a Meitei Mayek Bill as it is the need of the hour. Khemchand also reminded the role being taken by students at any issue which hurt the sentiment of the people of the state.

Former president of the United Committee Manipur (UCM) Elangbam Johnson who also attended the



foundation day function as guest of honour said that criticizing students participation to public agitation are the talk of only fools and pseudo intellectuals who wanted to crumble the state.

"When the transport fare rise, when the food grain price sky rocketed, how could the students remain quite as it would affect the family and ultimately to their studies", Johnson said.

He however appealed the students' body not to indulge in petty matter which seem like favouring an individual. Vice President of the KSA S. Bidyananda, while speaking on the occasion recalled on the need for checking whether the schemes and programmes being sanctioned by the government are implementing properly or not.

He said the KSA focus more on academic activities, sports to make a healthy society, to

protect the identity of each ethnic community of the state. The foundation day observance was also attended by L. Mahendra, Chairman Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur, K. Sonamani, Head Master Thangmeiband Khuyathong

Tombisana High school as dignitaries on the dais. As a part of the 13th Anniversary a blood donation camp was also organised by the KSA in collaboration with government authority. Media persons were also honoured.

Seram Mantosh complaints The Week Magazine report terming it as fabricated; says will take legal action if fail to clarify

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News report under the heading "A Convert in Exile - NSCN (K)'s new chief, Yung Aung, is a Meitei-turned Naga Nationalist" appeared on the Week Magazine, November 24, 2018 Edition is being refuted by Seram Mantosh and had written a complaint letter to the Publisher and the editor of the Week Magazine.

In the complaint letter Mantosh stated that the article (cover story) entitled "A Convert in Exile" written by Rabi Banerjee has misquoted has name as younger brother of one Nongmeikapam Thoiba Singh.

"My name is quoted as saying many things about the said person, which I had never said to anyone", he wrote.

"I am the son of Late Seram Mangi Singh (Father) and Seram Ongbi Lata Devi (Mother). My residence is at Singjamei Wangma Kshetri Leikai, Imphal East District, Manipur. We are altogether six brother and sisters. In this news story written by Rabi Banerjee, it is mistakenly written that the said Nongmeikapam Thoiba Singh is my elder brother. It is totally wrong and baseless. Moreover, I have never known who is 'Yung Aung', the said leader of NSCN(K).

"That such an erroneous portrayal of my name and my family as having

relations with an unknown person is unfounded and unsubstantiated. It amounts to defamation to sabotage my life and career as a law abiding citizen of India.", the letter stated.

The letter sought clarification from the 'The Week Magazine' and also to compensate the loss of prestige and social image on my part due to the News Story

"I further challenge the contents of the news story and its contributor Mr. Rabi Banerjee, who writes and publication concocted stories without verifying facts and figures" Seram Mantosh wrote.

Seram Mantosh is ready to take legal aid if the Week Magazine failed to clarify the matter.

Assam Nurses launch indefinite strike at GMCH & JMCH in state

Agency
Guwahati Nov 27,

The All Assam Nurses Association (AANA) launched an indefinite strike from Monday in the premises of Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) and Jorhat Medical College and Hospital (JMCH) demanding 'same post same salary'. G M C H Superintendent Dr R Talukdar said, "no nursing service in the hospital has been allowed



to be affected. Layered service of nurses have been engaged". Talukdar and JMCH PRO Dr Nilotpal Bhattacharjee said nurses and faculty from the Regional Nursing Colleges attached to both the Medical Colleges, nursing supervisors and nurses undergoing training in the hospital, paramedical interns were pressed into service for providing nursing care to patients. Members of the AANA staged protests in the two hospitals' premises with banners and placards

demanding that the state government resolve the anomalies related to grade pay structure published in the 7th Pay Commission report and service rules, restoration of the abolished designation of 'staff nurses' instead of 'nurse'. The AANA members claimed before media that they had placed their demands before the government several times but were yet to receive any positive response from the administration.

Manipur Maoist urges government to renovate Sacred Mongba Hanba and Khurai Pung; calls general strike of 48 hours from Dec 5 midnight

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A statement by armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM), urged the government for immediate renovation of the renovate Sacred Mongba Hanba and Khurai Pung, which is a ritual site of indigenous Manipuri deity failure to do so called 48 hours general strike from midnight of December 5 to December 6.

"If the Ruling Party BJP and its militant front the RSS, can or is planning to construct a Temple dedicated to Ram, why can't our tyrant BJP led state Govt also follow suit and work on our ancestral Mongba Hanba and Khurai Pung khubham", the Manipur Maoist question the ruling BJP led government. The outfit further asked - When major cities in India with Mughal names are being systematically changed to their traditional Hindoo names, why should BJP led state Govt be left behind? It said they should

also follow suit their master or is it a selective amnesia on such subjects.

The statement said when the titular King, the so called revered head of the erstwhile of the Kingdom of Kangleipak can be coerced or coaxed to take refuge under the fold of RSS, the Maoist Communist Party Manipur is forced to step up and lead the mass to restore our ancestral revered historical place and we are seeking the help of the General public to enforce a general strike of 48 hours w.e.f 0000 hours of 5th Dec. 2018 to 6th December mid night.

"Our society has reached a very critical and a very crucial stage where the BJP led state Govt is waging a war against its own people, where voices are muffled, mouths are gagged and where only their henchmen are being favored. It is no surprise to us that many an innocent who dare raise their voice are being put behind bars, and with malicious designs various false

allegations are labelled against many Civil Society Organizations with the intention of bringing their names to dispute and to allegedly lead the public in a direction which they want to lead. Mention may be made of the alleged linking of NIPCO (National Identity Protection Committee) to an explosion (stage managed) whose leaders are now behind bars and also the arrest of a Local Meira Paibi Leader following the explosion at the Gate of the State Assembly. All these sinister acts of the BJP led Govt, we believe is to gag the mouth and snuff out any voice of dissent being raised when their ulterior motive of the State Govt is exposed. Are these a ploy to keep the public at bay from the various nefarious designs of the BJP's bigger game plan to a conclusion of the GOI-NSCN talk? Why is the state diverting its attention intentionally from the burning issue of our land being systematically encroached

by the Myanmar Govt with the blessings of New Delhi? Is the state Govt so impotent that they can only show their might to petty facebook up loaders, where as they should be paying their attention to other bigger issues. Isn't it a common knowledge that the Govt can unleash their fury on petty protesters, arrest people and put them behind bars for pelting an egg on some handsome face, or use the infamous "Cyber Crime" to harass anyone, everyone who dare raise their eyebrows on our Demi-God CM's attitude and his systemic cultural genocide of our land? What about the Dzuko Valley issue? Isn't it a common knowledge that Nagaland Govt and her inhabitants are openly collecting toll fee and tickets to visit the valley? Where is our narcissistic self proclaimed best CM? Wasn't the CM once a keyboard warrior who claimed he will buy the moon or has he started wagging his tail to the dog whistle of New Delhi?

Or do they think by organizing some loot and plunder festivals they will divert people's attention from the major burning issues. They may divert some but not us. As they say you can fool some all the time but not all the time. The Maoist Communist Party Manipur will never be fooled, coerced nor tempted like the other gullible opportunist. The MCPM is equally vexed at the last minute cancellation of a Press conference and the withholding of the press release of a leading Student's Union, whose leaders were arrested by the State Govt, the excuse being that they have reached an agreement with the State Govt. Is this a part of you scratch my back and I scratch yours game, where some organization or union or CSO will be bought by greasing their palms and those that cannot be bought will be silenced or snuffed out. What about the defamation suit filed against the Imphal Free Press? (Contd. on Page 4)

Observance of "International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women"



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Thoubal, Nov. 27:

The Department of English, Thoubal College Observed "International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women" at Thoubal College today. Principal of Thoubal College O. Chaoba Devi, Advocate Dr. Ch. Narendra Singh and Asso Prof. & Head Department of English of Thoubal College L. Loken Singh attended the occasion as chief guest, functional president and Guest of honour respectively. During the observance,

resource persons W. Memma Devi Asstt. Prof. English Department Thoubal College spoke on the topic - "Violence Against Women as Reflected in English Literature", Nando Mangang spoke on "Meitei/Meetei Women According to Meire/Meetei Philosophy" and Asso Prof. & Head Department of English of Thoubal College L. Loken Singh spoke on the topic "International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women". Teachers and Students of Thoubal College also attended the function.