

This government is running an undeclared emergency – MLA Joykishan

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Reacting to the detention of Television Journalist Wangkhemcha Kishorchand, after Chief Judicial Magistrate of Imphal West had released him on bail on November 26, Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today said that the present government is running an undeclared emergency. Joykishan who always share the difficulties of the media fraternity, today visited the family of Wangkhem Kishorchand, at keishamthong Moirang Ningthou Leirak and met his wife W. Ranjita to enquire about the matter today afternoon.

"Is it the government who does not respect the law or is it Kishorchand which is unconstitutional", Joykishan said. Joykishan called the government as unconstitutional as it still fails to take action against MLAs which have violated the provision of the constitution of India. Kishorchand who was arrested on seditious and obscene language under section 124-A/294/500 of the IPC was released on bail after the Chief Judicial Magistrate finds the video which Kishorchand uploaded through social media did not attract the section 124-A and that the section 294 and 500 are bailable offence.

The very day Kishorchand was re-arrested without giving any information to the family members. "We do not know why my husband has been arrested after being released by the honourable court as we were not handed over any arrest warrant, neither told any reason for the arrest", Ranjita told to MLA Joykishan in the presence of media person at her residence. MLA Joykishan while talking to the media persons said that there is no doubt Kishorchand used some slang words and for that court already punished but released as those offence are bailable. The MLA also blamed the government for not respecting the judiciary and the

constitution of India which guarantee freedom of speech under article 19 of the Indian Constitution. "If the government felt that whoever speaks against them will be arrested than I am also a persons who speaks and criticize the government for their misdeed", Jokishan said and declared – "Come and arrest me for talking against your government". He also said that 90% of the journalists are against the detention of the journalist but they too remained silence due to fear of unwanted consequences. "While talking to many of the journalist they said they have family and do not want to raise their voice even as they knew it was wrong", Jokishan added.

12th Manipur Polo International, 2018 concludes: Manipur Guv' says the tournament is the major attraction of the Sangai festival

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The 12th Manipur Polo International which was organised as a part of the Sangai Festival concluded today. Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla who attended the closing function as the Chief Guest while speaking on the occasion said that the tournament organised by the Manipur Horse Riding & Polo Association as a part of the Sangai festival is the has been the major attraction of the Festival.

"This tournament organized by the Manipur Horse Riding and Polo Association as a part of the Sangai Festival, 2018 has obviously been a major attraction in the festival", Dr. Heptulla said while delivering speech on the occasion at Mapal Kangjeibung. She said that the Sangai Festival as such is a collage of the rich culture and traditions of the people of the State, showcasing our diverse cultural heritage through different forms. The polo tournament has added a different flavor to the festival and it has been made grander

by the participation of the foreign teams and players. This year, foreign teams from US, England and Uruguay have participated in the tournament. I am sure the presence of these foreign teams and players will give fresh impetus to the popularity of the game. I hope the participants in the tournament especially our friends from other countries have enjoyed fully the heady blend of the game and culture in the State.

She added that, the game of polo originated from Manipur and the present day Polo evolved from the traditional Manipuri Polo - Sagol Kangjei. Polo as played in Manipur in the bygone days had its own rules known as Kangjeirol. These rules have undergone drastic changes since then and the game is now played under the IPA rules. You will find it interesting that the Manipur Polo International, a tournament approved by the Indian Polo Association is the only one of its kind played on pony. The tournament is unique not only because it is played on Manipuri pony but it is also played at the historic

oldest Pologround in the world - Mapal Kangjeibung or Imphal Pologround. "No doubt Manipur has given polo to the world and besides encouraging Tourism and Sports, saving the polo pony is also another objective of this tournament. The polo pony of Manipur, a recognized breed of India, though small, is sturdy and agile. Renewed efforts need to be made to save this breed from extinction. I hope this tournament will help in highlighting this issue and lead to a more concerted effort to save the animal. It is very encouraging that the State Government of Manipur has taken the initiative to establish a Pony Sanctuary at Heingang, Imphal East District and a Pony Breeding Farm at Lamphel, Imphal West District. I hope this endeavour of the State Government will pay rich dividends towards saving the Manipuri pony", she added. Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Y. Khemchand Singh, MLA P. Sharatchandra also attended as dignitaries on the dais of the closing function.

Sapam Nandikar passes away

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Sapam Nandikar, a one time article contributor to local dailies particularly in two English dailies-The Sangai Express and Imphal Free Press passed away following a cardiac arrest in a government hospital in Imphal round 11 pm last night. Fifty two year old and eldest among a sibling of eight brothers and sisters Nandikar was a one time critic in Manipur media world. Nandikar, son of Sapam Jugeshwor and a resident of Nagamapal Kangjabi Leirak in Manipur's Imphal West is said to be suffering from the TB meningitis for quite sometime back, according to family sources.

ISRO launches HysIS satellite,

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In one of the longest space flights, India's workhorse rocket PSLV C-43 placed modern earth observation satellite HysIS and 30 other satellites from an eight different countries successfully into orbit this morning. 23 of the customer satellite are from the US including the sole micro-satellite and one each from Australia, Canada, Columbia, Finland, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Spain. With this launch, India will have an eye in the sky to capture the images of the earth surface in high definition. The satellite HysIS can send pictures and data in multiple frequencies with high resolution.

Manipur Maoist says – no turning back to their stand

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Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM), an armed rebel group operating in the region said that there is no change to their demand for preservation and construction of the Mongba Hanba and Khurai Ahongpung Khubam and said that the outfit has intensified its decision to call the statewide general strike from the midnight of December 5 till the midnight of December 7 instead of December 6. In a statement, the outfit said that If the BJP and the RSS have their agenda on the construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya where Bhabri Masjid had been demolished then the state

government should also have stand to construct Khurai Ahong Pung Khubam and Mongba Hanba. The statement said that they have received positive response from the people of the state and many CSOs and like minded armed rebel group are also extending their support to the 48 hours bandh called. It reminded how the career of a politician ended after challenging an armed rebel group cautioning the present regime. The Maoist statement said that they cannot remain a mute spectator when the ruling government silence to the encroachment of the of the Manipur territory by Burma, when nothing has been spell out to the issue of the Dzuko Valley. It also added that they cannot

remain silence when people are harassed arrest for throwing eggs to portrait of Chief Minister as a mark of protest , when student's hostel are raided in the middle of the night inside the Manipur University Complex and when people are detained for posting criticism to the government. the Maoist further reminded that during the Okram Ibobi led Congress regime , the Maoist even though have less strength , it had done everything that could and defy the regime. It further added that the present government might think that they are well advance in the tactics of the Maoist but their misconception will only bring disaster as the Maoist understand more than the present regime.

JSA and CITU Condole the demise of Dr. Amit Sengupta

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Chairman of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (JSA), Manipur and leader of CITU Kshetrimayum Santa , condole the demise of Dr Amit Sengupta founding member of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan who passed away when celebrating his marriage anniversary in Goa due to swimming accident at a seashore. Dr Amit Sengupta was a doyen of People's Science Movement and People's Health Movement Worldwide, a message said. It added that Dr Amit Sengupta had spearheaded the People's Health Assembly-4 , Dhaka which was held from November 15-19, 2018 . Dr Amit Sengupta was among the prominent leaders of Delhi Science Forum and Jan Swasthya Abhiyan in India. He worked for more than 30 years with various social movements around the world on the issues of Science and

Society, especially his unabated dedication in the activities of JSA and All India People's Science Network is immeasurable. His demise will be an inconsolable loss for those who stand for the cause of better society, the condolence message added. Dr Amit Sengupta was a regular contributor to Newswlick in various capacities. He vociferously advocated for the need for scientific temper and was at the forefront of the movement for access to health for all. People's Health Movement is a global network bringing together grassroots health activists , Civil society organisations, Researchers and Academic Institutions. Dr Amit Sengupta has always played a significant role in Global Health as Convener JSA. Today the democratic movement in India and the health movement as a whole has lost an extremely committed voice.

'Pravish Chanam murder case must be investigated by the CBI'

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Youth's Action Committee for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples appreciated the Government of Manipur for giving assurance to assist the People Action Committee and family members of deceased Pravish Chanam while meeting with the CM of Manipur at CM Office the day before the Sangai festival began. During the meeting the PAC to urged the CM to put up the matter to the notice of the central government and to handle the case to CBI at the earliest.

The forum expressed dissatisfaction as the it is yet to be investigated. "We have also come to know that CM has given assurance to assist the PAC in legal forum and others if the CBI fails to handle the case within

20 days of ultimatum given by PAC to the Government of Manipur. Moreover, the state cabinet meeting had already passed the resolution to recommend CBI Investigation for the death of Pravish Chanam on the 6th November, 2018. But it is quite confuse that whether the CBI may handle the case or not as CBI, Lucknow branch had already informed that the case is not suitable to be handle by CBI since the UP Police is well equipped and professional," a statement said. It said that the YACPIP will further support the steps taken up by the PAC to get justice for Pravish Chanam and appealed the people of Manipur to support the PAC in fighting against the racial discrimination committed towards the indigenous peoples at Mainland India.

Vice Prez concerned over neglect and abuse of elderly

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Expressing concern over adult children abandoning their parents, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu Thursday said the neglect and abuse of the elderly was "abhorrent and completely

unacceptable."

In spite of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007, he said the number of cases of children abandoning their elderly parents (in the country) was on the rise. Pointing out that "our civilisation has always been proud of the way we treated the elderly," the Vice President said it was the duty of the youngsters to take care of the elderly.

India traditionally enjoyed a robust joint family system and the fast-changing socio-economic conditions were leading to its disintegration, he

said after inaugurating the 18th National Conference of Senior Citizens organised by the All India Senior Citizens Confederation (AISCCON) here. Whenever the family system fails in its duty to protect the elderly, the community, civil society and the government have to step in to fill the vacuum," Naidu said.

He noted that currently there were an estimated 10.5 crore elderly in the country and the figure would reach 32.4 crore by 2050. There would be 64 countries, including India, where 30 per cent of the population would be 60-plus.

UN climate talks need compromise, not stubbornness: UN chief

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has urged world leaders to set aside stubbornness and instead compromise to seal a deal on implementing the Paris climate accord. Addressing reporters at UN headquarters, Guterres called on governments to show ambition and leadership to meet the climate challenges, adding that leadership is also the capacity to compromise. Guterres will join delegates from nearly 200 countries at

the UN climate conference COP24 that opens this Sunday in the southern Polish city of Katowice. The conference aims to agree on a plan to move forward on the 2015 climate deal. World leaders have been trying to breathe new life into the Paris Agreement following the US decision to pull out of the deal and backsliding from several nations over commitments made. The Paris climate deal is to take effect in 2020 and calls for limiting global warming to less than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.