

MPPDU observes the Great Bolshevik October revolution

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Manipur Proletariat People's democratic Union (MPPDU) today observe the Great Bolsheviks October revolution of 1917 which successfully built the first socialist country called the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) under the leadership of Vladimir Ilyich Ulanov, popularly known as Lenin.

On the occasion courageous personalities in various field including New Editor of IMPACT TV Raj Nongthombam, RTI Activist Wahengbam Joykumar, Social worker Telem Arun and Publisher of Imphal Free Press Sietyajit were honoured by presenting gifts and mementos.

Editor of this newspaper Rinku Khumukcham, President of MPPDU N. Meghachandra Meitei, President in charge of Socialist Students' Union Manipur Soraijam Yaima Meetei Secretary of Socialist Women Association Sarungbam Bijayanty and Secretary of PoFM Lalita Chanu attended the observance as presidium members.

IMPACT TV News Editor Raj Nongthombam while speaking on the occasion expressed his gratitude in recognizing his service by MPPDU.

"This is perhaps the first time I am being honoured with an award without applying", Raj said and added that he had many time applied for award at DIPR but was never selected and he realized why one should applied for award, it is the authority that should select by recognizing the service.

Raj Nongthombam, who also anchored many discussion programme at IMPACT TV said that his argument and presentation were many times criticized by some people saying that I am supporting some group or political

Journalist Raj Nongthombam, RTI Activist Joykumar Wahengbam among others honoured for their courage in public service

parties.

"During Congress Regime I did a programme Called Leikaigi Wakat and that was the voice of the people, when BJP come I asked question which the people want to know and not under pressure from anybody", Raj added.

"Presenting the Voice of the people is the duty of a journalist and I am doing my work", Raj said.

Telem Arun interpreted revolution as bringing change towards development. He narrated how he had help change a Village called

Nongpok Sekmai- A village resided by around 120 family. If we work together we can bring change.

Arun had indeed changed the village into a model village.

As for Wahengbam Joykumar, he advocates people to stand up for justice. He said people should not remain quiet for the injustice they had met.

Imphal Times Editor Rinku Khumukcham and MPPDU President Meghachandra talks on the October revolution and its relevance to the present day Manipur society.

District Level Declaration Contest at Ukhrul



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The Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ukhrul organized the District Level Declaration Contest in the topic "Patriotism & Nation Building" on the 6th November, 2018 at Oriental Naga Academy, Harkui Kathi, Ukhrul.

The District Level Declaration Contest was Participated by selected youths from all the 7 Block of Ukhrul District.

Many youth clubs from various villages in Ukhrul district actively participated and requested Programme Coordinator for conducting such more programmes in the

district.

T. Sanatomba Singh, District Programme Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ukhrul stressed the importance of organising Declaration Contest in the district to strengthen the spirit of Nationalism and Patriotism amongst youths.

Master. Linus Lungleng of Tallui Reisang Youth Club from LM Block, Ukhrul won the 1st Position in the contest today. MISS. Paudoyile Solomu of Greenland Youth Club from Ukhrul Block and Miss. Sothingnao Rimai of Itham Youth Club from Kasom Block, Ukhrul begged the 2nd and 3rd Position respectively.

Ningol Chakkouba fever: Kwairamband Keithel crowded with parents and brother buying gifts for daughters

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With just one day to go to celebrate Ningol Chakkouba, Imphalites today witnessed Khwairamband Keithel – one of the most crowded Market today with thousands of parents, brothers thronging for buying gifts and the best edible items for their daughters and sisters who had left and start a new life with their in-laws.

Starting from Maharani Bridge at Nagamapal towards Khwairamband Keithel till Rupmahal Theatre hall in BT road not even a single space was seen as almost all the area was crowded by people. Traffic police faced hard time in controlling the peoples' movement and vehicles were diverted for conveniences of the pedestrian customers.

One interesting scene witness today is the empty space at all the first floors of the Three Khwairamband Keithel. Some time passers- perhaps community who did not celebrate Ningol Chakkouba were seen hanging on the second floor of the three



Photo by Sh Aiji

market building watching the crowd. Some lady vendor even were seen above the drain as they found no place to sell their goods. Those hoping to get some profit from selling the goods today and those coming to buy for their daughters and sister face lot of inconveniences not

because there is no place for them, but because the vendor ladies were not allowed to use the empty space of the first floor of the three Ima Keithel. "This is the only festival that I can enjoy a tasty meal together with my sisters and this is the only moment that I can buy something for my

sister who had started a new life," Khangbam Bonbir said while his wife Babita was carrying a set of handloom made Phanek and ennaphi.

"Now I am looking for a tasty fish and some banana, coconuts and fruit for my wife Babita, for taking it to her parental home," Bonbir said.

AAMSU Inaugurates Anti Drug Campaign

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The All Assam Manipuri Students Union, AAMSU inaugurated Anti drug campaign on this Tuesday here at Banskandi Junior College hall at Karaikandi in Cachar, Assam.

The inaugural event was attended by AAMSU president Pangabam Nilkanta as functional president while Sarat Shama, Advisor CADA, Ahongsangbam Irbat, senior advocate, Lamabam Romen, president, Jiri Development Organization, JDO, Konthoujam Manganjaw, former Vice President, AAMSU, Lairikyngbam Thoiba, Social worker, Laishram Birkumar, Advisor AAMSU and Thongam Babahan, President, Governing body, Banskandi Junior College



as presidium members.

Amongst other, Keisham Bidyapati, president, Manipuri Literary Forum, Assam, Seram Herajit, former president AAMSU and president, Manipuri Youths Front Assam, MYFA and Former AAMSU Vice President Panjowbam Lokenath were spoke as speakers.

Sangit Ningombam, general secretary of the AAMSU while delivering key note address mentioned that the Manipuri society of Assam is now suffering from dangerous disease called "drug abuse". If the prevention measure is not taken than the community will devastated one day, he further maintained. He also said that from this day

onwards AAMSU will lodge a series of anti drug camping in each and every parts of Manipuri inhabitants areas of Assam.

The event was also consisted of poster campaigns lodged. The event was attended by students and Youths and members of AAMSU hailing from different parts of the region.

Ningol Chakkouba

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Indigenous Minority Socio Cultural Organisation, Manipur (IMSCOM) and United Peoples' Front (UPF), Manipur is jointly organizing the Ching Tam Ningol Chak-Kouba at Sana Konung Palace Compound, Imphal East on November 9. Titular King of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba, President of Indigenous Minority Socio Cultural Organisation, Manipur (IMSCOM) Moksam Bapri and President of United Committee Manipur Warepam Second will attend the celebration as presidium members.

News about Paresh Baruah is "fake"- Times of Assam

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Guwahati, Nov 7,

"Paresh Baruah is dead" – a fake and planned propaganda has served by a self-proclaimed journalist, who is known for his fake claims and bias reports for more than two decades. He has claimed that Paresh Baruah, the Chief of the Staff of the Military Wing of ULFA [I] has died in a car accident at China-Myanmar Border. He has mentioned that an intelligence input has claimed the report.

Times of Assam verified that Paresh Baruah is sound and safe and the report is total bias

soon after the journalist published the hoax in his blog. The report, served by the journalist, is not clarified enough to identify the intelligence agency. The journalist has to confirm which type of intelligence group he is talking about! It is a serious question that how a self-proclaimed journalist come to know such type of serious incident. Unless being confirmed with verified sources, no intelligence agency declares or discloses such type of serious report to any media person – it is a term of intelligence. The journalist has

to confirm the 'intelligence agency' or the ground of his report.

The rumor itself is a political propaganda spread by the journalist, which might be beneficial for him, keeping his personal interest for the upcoming West Bengal election as well as other political groups. Also, the political gameplay of communal tensions between Assamese and Bengalis of Assam will be benefited by such kind of bias reports. To divert the mass sentiment of Assamese people the aforesaid political drama is being portrayed.

NIA books 5 NSCN(K) members

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National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a charge-sheet against five members of the Myanmar-based NSCN (K) before the special NIA court here in Meghalaya in connection with an abduction case, an official said on Tuesday. The chargesheet against—Gaisinglung Meiringmei, Khamjang Rongmei, Dimchuinglam Ruangmei, Ganthoulong Rongmei and Tanthauli Gonmei, was filed on Monday by the NIA Guwahati in a case relating to the abduction of an employee of Bharti Infra

Projects Limited for ransom. Meiringmei, the dy. secretary revenue of NSCN (K), was arrested by Meghalaya police from a rented house at Mookyniang, Kheityrshi area in West Jaintia Hills district on May 13.

Based on Meiringmei's leads, the police arrested the other four NSCN (K) members, including Meiringmei's wife Gonmai from various locations and seized several lakhs of money including incriminating documents.

"The employee was kidnapped by NSCN (K) cadres at the behest of Gaisinglung Meiringmei in order to illegally extort Rs. 1

crore, for his release, to finance the terrorist activities of NSCN (K) for waging war against the state," an NIA official said. NSCN (K) released the hostage on May 12, 2018 after a ransom of Rs 25 lakh was paid.

Around Rs. 15 lacs of ransom money was recovered during the investigation of the case. Police had stated that the NSCN (K) Finance wings appeared to be using Jaintia hills as safe haven to elude by the scanner of security forces and carry on its extortion activity and finance network including procuring of arms an