

220th Death Anniversary of Rajarshi Bhagyachandra observed

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Hon'ble Minister, CAF & PD, Revenue, PDS, Manipur Karam Shyam expressed that the Revenue Secretary of Manipur will meet the Revenue Secretary of Uttar Pradesh for a bilateral dialogue between the two states in connection with the restoration of the Bari Kunja Mandir at Radha Kund as a place of worship for the Manipuris as a follow-up action, just right after talks and mutual agreement between the Chief Ministers of both the states regarding the matter were completed. The State Government will further take up necessary steps for the said task, he assured.

Bari Kunja Mandir at Radha Kund, Uttar Pradesh is a historic place for the Manipuris who used to carry out sacred rituals and religious practices in the early

1830s during the reign of Maharaj Gambhir Singh, he stated.

He said this while gracing the closing ceremony of the 220th Death Anniversary of Rajarshi Bhagyachandra as Chief Guest at Meera Monoranjan Dharamshala Hall at Mathura District, Uttar Pradesh yesterday.

Hon'ble MLA Kshetrigo AC, Shri Nahakam Indrajit Singh and titular king Leishemba Sanajaoba also attended the function as the Guest of Honour and President respectively.

The event was that organised by Rajarshi Bhagyachandra Cultural Foundation, Manipur started on the 9th of this month.

It is quite justified to say that Manipur owes most of its cultural development and growth to Maharaj Bhagyachandra, Minister K Shyam stated.

Rajarshi Bhagyachandra was one of the most versatile rulers amongst the kings of Manipur

in terms of the outstanding contribution he gave for promoting the art and culture of the State and in serving the society and ideal thoughts he had for the welfare of the future generations, he lauded.

Appreciating that it is the culture he had started that put Manipur on the global map, Minister Shyam said that God exists in abodes where the human beings believe and have faith in themselves. "If we have faith in God, we will be able to make sacrifices. Human beings are the most valuable gifts of God", he also said.

"When death is close to us, we seek the His blessings, he also expressed.

Leaving his throne and sacrificing everything, Rajarshi Bhagyachandra died at Mrshidabad, Uttar Pradesh, Minister Shyam also recalled. Speaking at the occasion, MLA N Indrajit Singh appealed the gathering that we should try and work together to revive

our culture and promote it so that it occupies a distinct identity in the entire globe. Keeping a strong faith in God and loving one another can help bring peace in our State, he added.

Shri B. Amusana Sharma, Chief Advisor, RBCFM gave the welcome note while Meidingu Leishemba Sanajaoba closed the function with the vote of thanks.

A symposium was also held on Rajarshi Bhagyachandra and Manipuri Culture during the function.

There was also Sankirtan by Rasheshwori Pala at Madan Mohon Temple as part of the function.

Ras Leela, Bhagawad Parikrama, Kunj Aarti and Maha Prasad were the other main attractions of the auspicious ceremony.

Invitee, A. Syam. Sarma, members of Rasheshwori Pala and other religious devotees from Manipur took part in the function.

Youth the driving force of India: Th. Radheshyam

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Education, Labour & Employment Minister Thokhom Radheshyam stated that the driving force for India's attainment to superpower is the youth of the nation. He said that the most important resource in the world is the human resource and for India 35% of the population are the youths.

The Minister was speaking at the inauguration function of the 3-day 'National Seminar cum Training workshop "Youth & Agenda 2030" at the City Convention, Imphal, organised by the People's UNESCO Club of Manipur in collaboration with the Confederation of UNESCO Club & Association of India (CUCAI) and Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, Manipur University.

Th. Radheshyam said that yesterday with the advancement of modern telecommunication system the world is now a global village.



He emphasised that every nation has its own strength and weaknesses and the youth of every nation should be groomed as the world's future strength. The United Nations, Agenda 2030 has 17 goals to be achieved, and it is important that the methods and means be planned by sharing the knowledge and experiences prioritising the problems and issues by identifying the resources, he added.

Youth is a universal wealth, education and understanding of culture, he said, is therefore important to make the young minds

realised the importance of independence and make them aware about the interdependence also. Education's, he stressed, end product should not be to get a job but is to enable to solve the issues and problem that may rise in future. He said that the youths should be made to involve more in decision making nurturing them to have beautiful minds enriched with creativity learning to become more rational.

The function was attended by the members of CUCAI, dignitaries, delegates from different parts of the country and students.

Nagaland PDA legislators resolve to stand firm with coalition

Courtesy Nagaland Post
Kohima, Oct 13,

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This resolution among several others was arrived at during a

joint meeting of PDA MLAs and PDA Coordination Committee members held at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima on Friday.

The meeting also unanimously resolved that the ruling PDA will provide stability and pursue the progressive development goals of NDA government under the "visionary leadership" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The house also appreciated the generous contributions of State government bodies and individuals for relief and rehabilitation and towards the CM's Relief Fund.

While also appreciating all citizens of the State for positively responding to the appeal of the State

government for mass social work and cleanliness drive in the aftermath of the unprecedented monsoon rains and calamity that had impacted the State, the House appealed to all the citizens to continue pursuing the goal of a clean and green Nagaland.

The meeting mourned the demise of former P Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was towering personality and had made significant contributions and had made process. It also mourned the death of former legislator Imtikumzuk, who had served the people of Nagaland, particularly Mokokchung district, in a selfless and committed manner. Meanwhile, as part of the PDA

government's endeavour to take governance and administration to all corners of the State in a manner that was inclusive and where all citizens and stakeholders participated in the development aspirations of the people, the house agreed to hold a full-fledged cabinet meeting in Kiphire.

Chief minister, Neiphiu Rio; deputy CM, Y. Patton and others including minister Kaito Aye of JD (U), adviser L. Khumo (NPP) spoke at the meeting. The programme was chaired by PDA chairman, Chingwang Konyak and welcome address by BJP president, Temjen Inma Along. NLA Speaker, Vikho-o Yohshu pronounced the invocation.

Mizoram Expelled Cong leader Lalzirliana officially gives up assembly membership

Courtesy (PTI)
Aizawl, Oct 13,

Former Mizoram home minister R. Lalzirliana had resigned from the council of ministers on September 14 after he was served a show cause notice by the party disciplinary action committee on September 6.

He officially submitted his resignation as a legislator on Friday.

Former Mizoram home minister R. Lalzirliana on Friday submitted his resignation as a legislator as part of his intention to join opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) in the poll-bound North-Eastern state. He submitted his resignation letter to state assembly secretary S.R. Zokhuma in the absence of Speaker Hiphei, who is on a tour to southern Mizoram. Mizoram will go to vote on

November 28. Politically it would be interested to watch if Congress manages to hold power in the only state under its rule in the North-East at present.

Lalzirliana, second-in-command in the Congress government headed by chief minister Lal Thanhawla and also vice president of the state PCC had resigned from the council of ministers on September 14 after he was served a show cause notice by the party disciplinary action committee on September 6.

He was expelled from the party for an indefinite period on September 17 after which he announced his intention to join the opposition Mizo National Front (MNF).

He told PTI that he resigned after consulting constitutional experts and that he would soon join the MNF and contest from

Tawi seat, his home turf as a nominee of the MNF.

Lalzirliana, in his resignation letter to Lal Thanhawla, which was accepted on September 17, said that he resigned due to the government's refusal to implement the creation of Saitual district comprising his Tawi constituency during the last ten years.

Lalzirliana was soon followed by another ruling Congress legislator Lalrimliana Sailo, who also resigned as the Congress government refused to implement the Khawzawl district created along with Saitual district by the MNF regime in 1998.

Sailo would be contesting from Chalilh constituency in Aizawl district as MNF candidate and would be pitted against former state IG of Police, L.T. Hrangchal, a retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer.

After BSP minister's exit, Karnataka CM meets Dalit leaders to discuss Justice Sadashiva panel report

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Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Friday met Dalit leaders over implementation of internal reservation for Scheduled Castes as recommended by the 2012 Justice Sadashiva Commission Report. "We will study the Justice Sadashiva Commission Report and take necessary action," the CM said after meeting activists, campaigning for its implementation, and senior Dalit leaders from the Congress, who have been favouring release of the report. In the run up to the Karnataka Assembly elections earlier this year, the JD(S) had said it was "committed to implement" the commission's report.

The meeting comes just a day after N Mahesh, a prominent Dalit leader and Bahujan Samaj Party's lone minister exited the JDS-Congress government in the state. Mahesh's resignation reportedly had triggered fears of alienation of Dalit votes in forthcoming polls in the southern state. The Justice A J Sadashiva Commission Report - set up by a Congress-JDS coalition in 2005 - had looked into methods

of equitable distribution of reservation facilities and recommended internal reservation for various castes under the Scheduled Castes (SCs) category. It took into account the backwardness within the community and the lack of development of a section categorized as left Dalits when compared to a more prosperous right Dalit group.

The 2012 report was considered unscientific in some political quarters and was cast aside by the previous Siddaramaiah-led Congress government in the state.

The Siddaramaiah government had preferred a fresh socio-economic survey of castes, but in the end did not reveal the details of the fresh survey despite leaked reports suggesting that the survey had identified Dalits as the single largest community in the state with a very backward section. The incumbent JDS-Congress government is now being pressured by Dalit groups to implement the 2012 commission report.

"Implementation of the Justice A J Sadashiva Commission Report has been one of the primary demands of the left Dalit group," a Madiga - left

Dalit - youth leader B Nagaraj said.

Prior to his resignation on Thursday, N Mahesh had accused the Congress, JDS and BJP of not doing enough for the development of the most-backward sections of society. The Sadashiva commission was constituted to ascertain whether there were any discrepancies in the distribution of reservation benefits for Scheduled Castes. It was set up following complaints by the most-

backward communities among the Scheduled Castes that some castes had cornered the reservation benefits at the cost of others. The commission recommended internal reservations for scheduled castes within the 15 per cent reservations for Dalits in government jobs - with six per cent reserved for the most-backward left Dalits, five per cent for right Dalits, three per cent for touchable castes and one per cent for others.

hitting them," said DCP Ranjan Bhuyyan who is at the site. "We don't suspect it to be a sabotage or terrorist activity from the nature of the blast. It happened in a dump of sand kept for roadside drain construction. It may have had an unexploded shell which went off today," the DCP said. An expert bomb squad would be arriving soon, he added. The four injured suffered minor wounds and they were being provided medical care at the MMC Civil Hospital nearby, the police official said.

At least four people were injured in an explosion in the Sukleswar ghat area in Guwahati Saturday, police said.

The explosion took place at a construction material dump in the Pan Bazar area when the four passersby, including a woman, were injured around 11.45 am, the sources said. "We don't suspect it to be a bomb explosion as there were no splinters found and the injuries were due to stones

Girl who was tortured, rescued from Faridabad dies in Ranchi

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Ranchi Oct 13,

A 14-year-old girl, who was allegedly tortured by her employer in Faridabad and was rescued in February this year, succumbed to injuries at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi on Wednesday. The girl from Godda, who worked as a domestic help, was rescued and brought to Ranchi on September 25 and handed over to her parents. She was admitted at a Delhi hospital for a while after she was rescued. State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) chairperson Arti Kujur said, "She was getting well, but her condition worsened again. Despite best efforts, she died." The girl was part of a batch of 16 minors who were rescued from different places in and around Delhi. Her employer had pierced a pin through her tongue to disable

her from talking about the abuse to anyone. She was also allegedly raped

by Rohit Muni, reportedly a human trafficker, who is currently absconding.

Manipur 11 hospitalized after consuming fermented soybean

Courtesy Nagaland Post
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At least 11 members of a family were hospitalized after they consumed Hawajiar (fermented soybean - a delicious cuisine of Manipur) in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Friday. They were rushed to the local primary healthcare centre after

they started vomiting and showing symptoms of diarrhoea. "They are out of danger", said medical officer (MO) Dr Ch Joyprakash, who opined that it was a case of food poisoning. According to the patients and their family, the cuisine (Hawajiar) they consumed was prepared with soybean bought from the market at Moreh, the border town, recently.

Name changed

I, the undersigned, Laimayum Neera Devi of Khurai Thangiam Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur, do hereby declare that, I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of old name Urkhimbam Neera as I have assumed my new name Laimayum Neera Devi.

Sd/-
Laimayum Neera Devi.