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Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) in its

annual report has showed its

serious concern over the cancellation of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of the non-

governmental organizations in India who seek to cooperate

The Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human

holders expressed concern at

the use of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act

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refusing to renew or grant

"They drew attention to the revocation of the license of the

Centre for Promotion of Social

Concern (also known as People's Watch) under the

Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, which was also addressed by three

special procedures mandate holders on 31 May 2018 (IND

14/2018). On 29 October 2016

the Ministry of Home Affairs reportedly refused to renew

the organization's license to

receive foreign funding under Article 6 of the FCRA and CPSC's bank accounts were

frozen. The refusal was

subsequently upheld by the High Court of New Delhi in

January 2017. The case is still pending before the court

following a April 2018 hearing.

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#### Muivah discharged from Delhi hospital

Agency Kohima, Oct 9.

NSCN (I-M) kilonser, Th. Muivah, who was admitted to a private hospital in New Delhi, has been discharged on Monday. A report in the Nagaland

Post confirmed that Th. Muivah was discharged from the hospital and is recovering.

It may be recalled that

Muivah was hospitalised on October 1 after he complained of "uneasiness admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the hospital for monitoring

#### NIA to take over probe into Assam militant case

Agency Guwahati Oct 9,

The NIA will take over the investigation into the case of a Hizbul Mujahideen militant from Assam, who was allegedly trained in Jammu and Kashmir and sent to the northeastern state for setting up a militant base, police said. Qamar us Zaman, who was arrested in Uttar Pradesh on September 13, was brought to Assam on Saturday for five days for state police to question

"It was the logical step to bring him (Zaman) here for interrogation. The case has been handed over to the NIA, but before they take up the case, we are interrogating him once ourselves," Special DGP (Special Branch) of Assam Police, Pallab Bhattacharyya, said. A senior police officer

from Hojai district said " m a r a t h o n questioning" of Zaman has been going on for the past two days.

#### Goa MLA's son mows down 18year-old woman on highway

Agency Belagavi Oct 9, An 18-year-old woman was killed and her was killed and her sister seriously injured when they were knocked down by a car allegedly driven by a Goa MLA's son here, triggering violence in the area, police said

Tuesday. The accident occurred Monday evening on the NH-4, they said.

## 69th Territorial Army Day observed Territorial army act as interface between people and security forces: CM

Imphal, Oct 9.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh

said that the Territorial Army has been acting as an interface between the local populace and the Army and Assam Rifles Unit with distinction. This was stated by him at the Observance of 69th Territorial Army Day held at Banquet Hall of 1st Manipur Rifles Battalion, Imphal. The function was organised by Government of Manipur. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the Territorial Army has unfailingly risen to the every challenge for the security of the Nation and for the welfare of its citizens. The Territorial Army Unit stationed in Manipur is making an immense contribution in helping them to understand the peculiarities of the State and carry out their operational task with human touch. With the activities of touch. With the activities of the Territorial Army, security forces have gained tremendous goodwill of the local population, he added. On the occasion, Chief Minister appreciated the



sincere efforts and invaluable sincere efforts and invaluable contribution of the Territorial Army towards peace and prosperity of the Nation. While delivering his Presidential address, Minister for CAF&PD Karam Shyam lauded the Territorial Army for their sincere efforts towards building good relationship with the local people. The Army, Assam Rifles and other civic activities Minister for Education Th. Radheshyam, Minister for TA&Hills N. Kayasii, Chairman MANIDCO Dr. Y. Radheshyam, MLAs S. Bira Singh, L. Susindro, Chief Secretary, DGP, GOC, 57 Mountain Division, Major General VK Mishra, IGAR (South) Major General KP Singh, top civil and police officers, officers and families of 165 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) attended

## PREPAK (PRO) observes 42<sup>nd</sup> Red **Army Raising Day**

security force units presently stationed in the State are

indulging in various

inity service and other

IT News Imphal, Oct 9,

A statement of the proscribed group PREPAK – PRO said that the outfit observe its 42nd Raising Day of its Red Army at its Central Head Quarter, General Head Quarter, Mobile Units, Check Points and base areas today.

The statement said that main observance was held with the message of the Chairman.

The statement further stated that the Chairman in his speech recalled the courage of the party leaders who had sacrifice for the cause of the freedom of the state. Yesterday in a message the chairman of the outfit has blamed India for the present conflict.



### MCPM withdraws stand on MSPCL

IT News Imphal, Oct 9.

Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur today said that it has withdrawn its stand on the matter of the Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL) after it has learnt the party has been misinformed regarding the appointment of the present Managing Director. In a press statement, the rebel

group stated that some vested interested people are misleading people with false information to malign the image of the MSPCL. The Maoist said that they appreciate the hard work of the department to make sure that

people get regular supply of electricity. After receiving complaint about rampant corruption in the department the outfit had investigated about the matter from both sides, the statement said and added that the post of the Managing Director has been recruited in proper manner and that no irregularity has been

It said that the proper norms and regulation has been followed to the appointment of the Managing Director as done in other state of India. Proper advertisement to fill the post of the Managing director has been published in two National dailies - the Indian Express on January 13 and January 14 of 2018. The same has also been published in local dailies as well as in the web site of the state government. Applicants from outside the state and also from inside the state were screen by a special select committee chaired by the then Chief Secretary of Manipur RR Rashmi, Additional Chief Secretary Dr. Suhel Akhtar and Additional Chief Secretary Shambhu as members. After the members. After the investigation no clue about charges of corruption in the MSPCL has been found and does the stand against the department has been withdrawn. The outfit said that as long as the department continue its good work the Maoist will keep its word. of Manipur's NGOs
and has been adjourned to 31 concerni
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United Nations shows serious

concern of the cancellation of FCRA

"The Executive Director of the Centre for Promotion of Social Concern, Mr. Henri Tiphagne Concern, Mr. Henri Tipnagne was accused of using foreign contributions in his international advocacy "to the detriment of India's image," including in his engagement with United Nations special rapporteurs to whom he submitted information "portraying India's human rights record in negative light." Mr. Tiphagne has also made recommendations to the universal periodic review. The special procedures mandate holders noted that the non-renewal of CPSC's license is a clear case of reprisal for his cooperation with the United

Nations . "Additionally, on 1 January 2018, it was reported that the Centre for Social Development, which promotes the land and resource rights of indigenous peoples in Manipur, received a six months suspension. According to reports, the suspension was based on claims that the Centre for Social Development violated the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act by using foreign funding for purposes other than intended by the law, including drawing attention to Uranium mining in Meghalaya at "several global platforms The Centre for Social Development submitted a report in October 2017 to the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights and to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination which included inquiries related to included inquiries related to uranium mining and cement factories in Meghalaya. According to the Centre for Social Development, it has submitted nine reports to the United Nations since 2006

concerning violations of the rights of indigenous peoples in northeast India in relation to large-scale development projects, mining operations, and implementation of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. They have requested the Committee's action under its early warning procedure.
"It is alleged that the Centre for Social Development has

been targeted by Indian authorities since August 2017, when surveillance of its premises and staff's movements began. The offices of the organization were reportedly visited by the Central Reserve Policy Force and others to question the staff about their work, and staff have been harassed. One staff member was physically attacked on 18 August 2017. In November 2017, one staff member and two volunteers of the organization were called in for questioning by the police. "The Secretary of the Centre for Social Development, Mr. Nobokishore Urikhimbam, has been surveyed by military intelligence officials from the State of Manipur as well as those outside of the state at his office premises and at his home in Imphal, Manipur. When he travelled to Shillong, State of Meghalaya in January 2018, the Intelligence Department of Meghalaya contacted the hotel and interrogated its staff about his actions and contacts. The hotel staff was asked to provide detailed information on his activities, including a list of the people he interacted with. These incidents were reportedly brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Police, Imphal East District and Patsoi Policy Station, Imphal West District, to no avail."

## Manipur youth to cycle 1,420 km to encourage cancer patients

From a Correspondent Imphal, Oct 9,

A 20-year-old student from Manipur Ji Ingobi Chingtham who started his solo cycling adventure from Navi Mumbai to New Delhi on Sunday to encourage cancer patients and also to spread the message to stay fit, reached Surat in Gujarat this morning,

reports reaching here said. His cycle ride was formally flagged off by the key functionaries of the Manipuri body based in Mumbai along with some cancer patients from Kharghar in Navi Mumbai

Ji Ingocha Chingtham, a resident of Khongjom Sapam Mayai Leikai in Manipur's Thoubal district aims to complete this cycling trip of 1429 kms within five days in order to enter into the Indian record books.

He said that he was inspired by the latest slogan "Hum fit ho toh Indian fit" (If we are fit then the entire India is fit). That's why he decided to take off on this road journey on a cycle to cover 1420 kms, according to reports reaching here. Ingobi hopes to reach India Gate in Delhi on October 11 by riding his cycle in an average of 300km per day.

"I'm also dedicating my cycle ride for the cancer patients so as to encourage them to fight the disease", Ingocha said while interacting with few Manipuris who are currently staying in Mumbai which has became a new destination for cancer treatment.

In April 2018, this Manipur lad had also cycle 3100 kms from Imphal to New Delhi in 23 days to spread the message of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (Save our girls, educate the girls child) throughout his cycle trip. He had stopped in various towns, villages and cities to interact with people especially with the school students to tell them that the vital important of learning and

