

AMWJU celebrates 45th Foundation day Differences among journalists settled; Journalists fraternity reunited

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Age factor matters, when it comes to maturity. As the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union Manipur celebrates its 45th Foundation Day today at Manipur press Club a new chapter in the history of Manipur's Journalist opens today after differences among the journalists of the state has been settled.

The long standoff between the Editors' Guild Manipur and the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union finally ended as members of both the body sorted out the misunderstanding and celebrate the birth day with smiles.

"There is no reason for us to be divided and let's not make this re-union happen again", Yumnam Rupachandra, General Secretary of Editors' guild Manipur said while speaking on the occasion. Rupachandra was appealing the journalists community not to ever divided again.

Information and Public Relations Minister Thongam Biswajit, who attended the foundation day as the Chief



Pangambam Naobi, a one time reporter of Sanaleibak daily who had been living a disabled life after he met an accident while on duty was honoured by AMWJU

Guest expressed surprised over the presence of both the EGM and the AMWJU celebrating the 45th Foundation day of the Journalists' body.

"I am impressed to see the AMWJU and the EGM together, I am sure that this changes seen among the journalists of the state will bring change to the state towards development", IPR Minister Biswajit said while delivering his speech.

Taking advantage of delivering speech to an occasion of the journalists, IPR Minister Biswajit called on all media persons to be impartial in reporting news. "Media is playing the role of a mediator, they should balance their news report before

publishing", Biswajit said.

Minister maintained that observing foundation day is significant as it provides us to reflect past activities and at the same time provide to explore new challenges further. He also recalled the history of how journalism emerges in the state. Biswajit lauded the contribution of the media fraternity despite of facing numerous challenges. He highlighted the challenges faced by media fraternity like viral of fake news in social media, which media fraternity had a tough verifying the fake news.

"Another challenges faced by the media fraternity is the creation of idea of Manipur and the biggest challenges faced by media fraternity is

publishing constructive criticism. Media should play an important role abiding to its ethics in a democratic state as the essence of democracy lies in the effectiveness of media", Biswajit said. Minister also informed that keeping in mind about the welfare of the journalist the present government has already deposited Rs 10 crore in corpus fund and recently the government has handed over first ever financial assistance to three journalists under Manipur State Journalists welfare scheme of Department of Information and public Relations.

He also appealed to work collectively for the betterment of the society. Revenue Minister Karam

Shyam who attended the the celebration as guest of honour stated that media today is becoming an educator. It has now become an essential commodities of our day today life.

"In today's highly globalised world, information- related works of any local or national papers have become a part of education imparting knowledge to the public. Any person whether politician or belonging to any organisation cannot be said to lead a meaningful life without sound and effective education", Karam Shyam said.

Highlighting the varied role of journalists in creating love, harmony & integration and at the same time, communal conflicts amongst the various ethnic groups, he said that journalists should be extra cautious in their activities by following the press code of ethics.

As a part of the celebration, veteran journalists, members of Editors Guild Manipur, former presidents and general secretaries of the union were also felicitated.

A two minutes silence was also observed as mark of tribute to departed journalist Khellen Thokchom, Special Correspondent, The Telegraph and Ibtomba Singh, Sub-Editor IBSV News.

The foundation day was attended by chairman and MD of Salai Holdings Pvt Ltd, Shri N. Samarjit Singh, veteran journalists, members of Editors Guild Manipur amongst other.

Chief Minister urges sports associations to work collectively

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has urged various sports associations of the State to work hard collectively to develop and enhance performance of their respective sports disciplines instead of indulging in infighting among themselves.

He was speaking at the Foundation Day of World Funaba Federation cum opening function of the State Level Funaba Championship 2018 at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium in Imphal East District today.

Stating that some sports associations of the State are apparently defunct due to groupism and infighting, the Chief Minister stressed on the need to give a chance to younger generation as well to serve these associations.

Observing that nothing can be achieved without discipline, the Chief Minister stated that discipline is the foundation of success in games and sports as well.

He also reiterated the need to hold a special seminar for two or three days to assess/review the performance shown by the State players in the recent

National and International tournaments.

The Chief Minister also said that the State Government is planning to bring experts/coaches from Tata Football Academy and Belgium to the State to train the young footballers of the State soon.

Speaking to some media persons on the sidelines of the function, the Chief Minister informed that some persons suspected to have involved in Tharojiam mob lynching incident had already been picked up by police. Stating that the State Government had already announced that such kind of barbaric act would not be tolerated, the Chief Minister said that all those involved in the crime would be punished according to the law.

Earlier during the function, the World Funaba Federation donated an ambulance to the State Government. Functionaries of the Federation led by its president Ranbir Singh Laishram handed over the key of the ambulance to the Chief Minister.

Arjuna Awardee in Wushu M. Bimoljit Singh, Wushu player Y. Sapana and Archery player Paonam Lily Chanu were also feted with cash rewards at the function.

RPF extends support to CPI (Maoist) movement; says oppressed Indians are friends of RPF

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Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) which has been waging war against the government of India for sovereignty of the erstwhile nation today extended support of the CPI (Maoist) movement in the mainland India.

A statement, released by the Secretary Publicity of the Outfit Roben Khuman said that even as the British left India in 1947 India still is under colonial rule as it was handing over of the colonial regime by the British to its British Loyalist Indian.

"Till today many oppressed people across the country are facing hardship of the colonial regime continued by British Loyalist Indian", the RPF statement said. The statement further added that as a result of the oppressive ruled Communist Party of India (Maoist) was borne and is waging war against the Delhi regime for their freedom.

The RPF also ridiculed the Indian regime for its pride in announcing the country as the largest democratic country in the world when in reality it is a regime by some few people by using mercenary army.

"The regime is nothing but an authoritarian regime, today's government is ruled by colonial rulers who murdered the MK Gandhi who was honoured with the title - 'Father of the nation'. This regime is run by a gang which committed violence in the shadow of violence", the RPF statement said.

The RPF statement further stated that they will extend all support to the CPI (Maoist Movement) which follows the ideology of Marxism-Leninism- Mao Tsetung. It said that those oppressed people under the Indian regime living at India and WESEA region are friends of RPF. The armed rebel group also appealed the Indians to support and joint the CPI Maoist movement and to jointly fight against the oppressor.

Imphal Times will have no publication on Monday, the 17 September, 2018 on occasion of Vishwakarma Puja.

Minister Biswajit lays foundation stone for Manipur Cultural Integration Conference Guest House

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Works Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh laid the foundation stone of the Manipur Cultural Integration Conference Guest House today, in the presence of Yaikul Assembly Constituency MLA Th. Satyabrata Singh, at Palace Compound, Thangapat Mapal, Dolphin Road. Speaking as the chief guest of the formal Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony, Biswajit exuded confidence that the guest house will promote integration among the different communities in the State through culture.

He said that only when we forget and forgive our past mistakes, we can bring integration of the different communities in our society. He explained that Manipur is inhabited by different ethnic groups with each group having their own identify, culture, arts forms, crafts,

etc. If we forgive and forget our past mistakes today, we may achieve integration among the people by the next decade or so, he added.

Biswajit also said that incorporating the history of peaceful co-existence among the communities in school education will help in the integration of communities in the State.

Manipur is inhabited by gifted people, however, differences among the communities have bogged down development for long, he said. It is time to act collectively to maintain peace and harmony and bring development to our State, he added.

Underscoring the importance of unity, Biswajit said that if the States of the North Eastern Region of the country come together no one will be able to discriminate or neglect the region.

Biswajit further assured all possible assistance to the construction of the guest house and to ensure early



commencement of programmes in the State.

Assuring all possible assistance in the construction of the guest house, he said that once the guest house is completed, maintenance of the building will be crucial. He

also sought support of the people in maintaining the guest house. The formal function was also attended by MCIC president Aribam Br Kumar Sharma, among others.