

NE People pledge to fight together for a common cause

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Highlighting the need to fight united for the common problems faced by the North East people, Convenor of Manipur Peoples Against Citizenship Amendment Bill (MANPAC) said that the north East region were having homogeneous nature of problems and issues. Speaking in a North East People Conference 2019 as a presidium member which was jointly organized by CSOs of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura and hoisted by MANPAC held today at City Convention Centre Yumnamcha Dilip said that the step motherly and discriminatory treatment of the dominant Government of India towards the people of the states of NE was the root causes of all the problems whether political, economic, socio and cultural. He said that the though the NE states have Geographical contiguity in between the states he added that they still faced communication problem among various states and

communities even though most of the communities belong to the same stock. He further said that they could not work together or fight together for a specific common cause against the Government of India.

Yumnamcha Dilip further highlights the basic human rights violations on the NE people by Armed Forces Special Power Act 1958. He said that the people of North East have been struggling against the imposition of AFSPA in the name of Counter Insurgency Operation and added that only demand was to repeal it. He also said that another important issue faced commonly by the NE states is the Foreigners issue and the influx of illegal immigrants in the North East states. He added that only three states of North East namely Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh were having some protection against the influx. He stressed that many of CSOs of the state are still struggling against illegal migrants into the state under the banner of the JICLPS.

Pointing on the recent controversial Citizenship Amendment Bill, Dilip said that

the tabling of contentious CAB by Government of India has triggered directly to the existence of the indigenous population of the North East. He also said that even though the bill failed to place for discussion in the Upper House because of the strong opposition of the North East. He further stressed that they have won the battle but the war is still not over as shown by the utterance of National President of BJP Amit Shah at North Lakhimpur. He concluded that all the policy of Government of India neglected the aspiration and Social-economic, cultural and historical aspiration of the region. Finally Dilip appealed to all the people of North East to be together and unite the voice to keep a close vigil to all the policy of Government of India which has direct negative implication to the existence and way of life of North East. General Secretary of COMSO Roy Kupar said that the recent contentious CAB was a blessing in disguised for the North East region as the bill brought all the North Easterners together and fight united. He further said that

sparking a revolution is very easy but to sustain the revolution is a task that requires lot of strategies. He requested to have a short term, middle term and long term plans and strategy.

He appealed the North East people need to fight under one umbrella and to protect each other and to support any of the state if any harm was done. Speaking as the presidium member General Secretary of NEIMPCO Pohor Twiprasa said that the indigenous people of Tripura were afraid even to be able to speak out. He highlighted the various problems faced by the indigenous people of Tripura were all their identity, culture, land and rights were all lost. He stressed that the lack of administrative power leads to the various issues as they all make the policy.

The NE people convention was attended by President of TPF Pajal Koina, Advisor to JCPII Theja Their, Chairman of COMSO Robert June Kharjahn, Social activist from Mizoram Pu Ruatlina, President of AADSU and Convenor of NIPP Wangkhem Sarat as the presidium members. The convention was attended by 61 delegates from other states.

Congress releases party manifesto for Lok Sabha elections

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The Congress today released its manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections in which the party has promised to ensure minimum income guarantee to the poor and provide jobs. Addressing a gathering after releasing the manifesto in New Delhi, Congress President Rahul Gandhi said, under the minimum guarantee scheme named as Nyay Yojana, the party has promised to give 72 thousand rupees annually to five crore poor families constituting 20 per cent of total population in their bank accounts with the monthly instalment of 6000

rupees. On the issues of employment, he said, the party has promised to fill up the 22 lakh vacant posts by March 2020 and provide employment to 10 lakh youth in Gram Panchayats. Over the issue of BJP's criticism of MGNREGA, Mr Rahul Gandhi said, if the party is voted to power, it will raise the man-dates from existing 100 days to 150 days. He also said, for three years the youth of India need not require any permission for starting their businesses. On education, the Congress President said, the party has promised to spend six per cent of total GDP on education and creation of a separate budget

to address the concerns of the country's farmers. He also said, the manifesto has promised to make loan default by farmers a civil offence instead of a criminal offence. He said, the party has promised to review Armed Forces Special Powers Act, scrapping of NITI Aayog and reconstituting Planning Commission.

It has also promised to pass the Constitution Amendment Bill to provide reservation of 33 per cent seats to women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies and comprehensive review of Public Sector Banks to make them robust and competitive with healthy balance-sheet.

Protest staged against burning of school; Edu Minister assures punishment of the culprits

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Students of various schools in Salungpham area in Thoubal district along with the people of the area today staged a sit-in-protest against the burning of the Salungpham Aided High School on the adjoining night of March 27 and March 28. The protest demands punishment of those involved in the burning of the school at the earliest possible time. Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam, personally visited the protest site and expressed serious concern to the activities of the

anti social elements. Talking to media persons Radheshyam, who is also the MLA of the area strongly condemn the act of the miscreants terming it as unfortunate.

"State Machineries are on the hunt for those involved in the burning of the school", Radheshyam said assuring that government will not allowed such thing to happen in the future. The education minister said that temporary arrangement for the students to continue studies in consultation with the Governing Body at the extension hall. He also added that he will look into matter for reconstruction of the school.

The protest was staged inside the school complex of the Salungpham High School under the aegis of the JAC formed against the burning of the school. A representative of the JAC while threatening intense agitation urged the authority to arrest the culprits at the earliest possible time and also appealed to save the career of the students studying in class 8, 9 and 10 by reconstructing the school. Students of Salungpham High School, KK Brilliant Institute Salungpham and locals of the Salungpham area took part in the protest.



Akiko Macdonald, Chairman the Burma Campaign society.UK & Kenichi Okuyama, former Deputy Mayor of Sonai Town of Yamagata Prefecture Japan called on Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at CM Bungalow today morning

Custodial death of S.M. Manjur Ahmed is a reflection to hide a high level conspiracy - MSAD

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The recent custodial death of S.M. Manjur Ahmed of the Army 'SHOOT AT SIGHT' is considered as archaic however we are wrong. Nonetheless the same age old colonial structure still remains. The Manipur state and its various institutions are reluctant to learn from the past incidences and to reform themselves but retain the very colonial character of Indian armed forces." Reminding several cases which remained unsolved or closed without conducting the overdue judiciary trial and left unattended without delivering the justice, the MSAD said that the State which is unable to dispense its judiciary role and unable to do justice towards its people is a significant character of a failed state. "It seems justice is destined to get only by the authorities" it added and said that a simple criticism against the state authorities on social media always gets swift justice under the so called laws while the people gets lost in the legalities of the state in seeking justice. The so called police modernisation is just a show

and kills our brothers and sisters even for a mere suspicion. The slogan used by the Army 'SHOOT AT SIGHT' is considered as archaic however we are wrong. Nonetheless the same age old colonial structure still remains. The Manipur state and its various institutions are reluctant to learn from the past incidences and to reform themselves but retain the very colonial character of Indian armed forces." Reminding several cases which remained unsolved or closed without conducting the overdue judiciary trial and left unattended without delivering the justice, the MSAD said that the State which is unable to dispense its judiciary role and unable to do justice towards its people is a significant character of a failed state. "It seems justice is destined to get only by the authorities" it added and said that a simple criticism against the state authorities on social media always gets swift justice under the so called laws while the people gets lost in the legalities of the state in seeking justice. The so called police modernisation is just a show

off to divert the funds and to increase the surveillance capacity in order to protect the state authorities rather than safeguarding the people. To a Manipuri, mob justice is more reliable than the laws of the state where people find justice rarely. It added.

The Manipur Students' Association Delhi expressed strong condemnation terming the act of Manipur police as an act of coward. MSAD demands the state Government to punish the culprit and to dispense the justice in a proper system so that such incident never happens again and also urge the state Government to respect and regard the natural human rights of an individual irrespective of their socio-cultural and religious affiliations. MSAD also showed solidarity with the Joint Action Committee against the custodial killing of S.M. Manjur Ahmed and endorse the resolutions taken on the public meeting by the concerned JAC held on 1st April with the presence of various students and civil organisations to seek justice for S.M. Manjur Ahmed.

GST Revenue collection for March, 2019 recorded

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Total Gross GST revenue collected in the month of March, 2019 is Rs. 1,06,577 crore of which CGST is Rs. 20,353 crore, SGST is Rs. 27,520 crore, IGST is Rs. 50,418 crore (including Rs. 23,521 crore collected on imports) and Cess is Rs. 8,286 crore (including Rs. 891 crore collected on imports). The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of February up to 31st March, 2019 is 75,95 lakh.

The Government has settled Rs. 17,261 crore to CGST and Rs. 13,689 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. Further, Rs. 20,000 crore has been settled from the balance IGST available with the Centre on provisional basis in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and States. The total revenue

earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular and provisional settlement in the month of March, 2019 is Rs. 47,614 crore for CGST and Rs. 51,209 crore for the SGST.

The collection during March, 2019 has been the highest since introduction of GST. The revenue in March, 2018 was Rs. 92,167 crore and the revenue during March, 2019 is a growth of 15.6% over the revenue in the same month last year. The revenue for the last quarter in the year 2018-19 is 14.3% higher than the revenue collected during the same period last year. The monthly average of GST revenue during 2018-19 is Rs. 98,114 crore which is 9.2% higher than FY 2017-18. These figures indicate that the revenue growth has been picking up in recent months, despite various rate rationalization measures.

PWG claims to have placed hand grenade at LFS

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Armed rebel group Kangleipak Communist Party - People's War Group (PWG) today claimed to have placed a hand grenade at Little Flower School (LFS). A statement by Comrade Lenin, Secretary, Central Media Co-ordinator People's War Group, Marxist centre said that the hand grenade was placed as a last warning to the Catholic Education Society, by a selected team of cadres from PWG (Marxist Centre), Maoist Communist Party and the Comrade Lanchenba led KCP group. The bomb was placed not to cause any effect to the students; the statement said and added that in future if the Catholic Education Society fails to listen the words placed by the three parties then the three parties will not take any responsibility of unwanted consequences in the action of the cadres. The statement blamed the Catholic Education Society Manipur for not converting into action that were agreed earlier and for playing divide and rule policy. **Meanwhile, school authority of Little Flower said that no such thing happen when Imphal Times enquire about it. Police too denied any bomb being placed at the School.**