



Rich tribute paid to Martyred Heroes of Khongjom War

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Remembering the brave sons who valiantly fought in the Anglo-Manipuri War in 1891, rich tributes were paid to them on Khongjom Day Observation 2019 today at Khongjom War Memorial Complex, Khebaching, Thoubal district. The Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla and the Chief Minister, Shri N. Biren Singh led the other Ministers, MLAs, high level Government officers, top police personnel and public in laying floral wreaths at the Khongjom War Memorial and Paona Brajabasi statue, offered tarpon at Khongjom River and paid homage to Sankirtan. There were also guard of honour, general salute, reverse arms and order arms, sounding of last post, two minutes silence, slope arms and order arms. Addressing as the Chief Guest at the observation, Dr. Heptulla told that in the battle of Khongjom, the Manipuris showed to the world their indomitable courage and spirit of patriotism. The historic and gory battle that took place at Khongjom where the brave sons of Manipur laid down their lives almost to the last man still reverberates and remembered in every home in the State. The Anglo-Manipuri War of 1891 is of great historical significance for the people of Manipur as it changed the course of history of the State. From an

independent princely State, Manipur became a colonial subject of the British empire after it lost the war. Historical records amply bear out the fact that a handful of Manipuri soldiers with primitive weapons fought ever so valiantly against an overwhelming number of British soldiers with far more superior weapons attacking from different directions. But the brave Manipuri soldiers stood their ground and never gave up even in that hopeless situation. The raw courage and love of their motherland demonstrated by our forefathers deserve praise and accolades from one and all. Paona Brajabashi and other freedom fighters like him have found their place in history and their heroic exploits have become over the years stuff of the folklore. The battle of Khongjom is not only a glorious saga of the freedom struggle of Manipur but is truly representative of the spirit of freedom that engulfed the whole country in a later part of history.

Today, while remembering those who died for the cause of freedom of our motherland, we should also take a resolute stand to work with renewed vigour, dedication and selflessness for a better and brighter future. Let us all work for the common goal of making Manipur a peaceful and developed State and this way,

we would be paying our true respect and tribute today to those brave souls who sacrificed their lives for their motherland, the chief guest added.

In his Presidential speech, Chief Minister Shri Biren Singh said that in the 1891 Khongjom War, where our forefathers sacrificed their lives fighting against the mighty British soldiers to save the freedom and sovereignty of the motherland. For paying respect and tribute to them particularly their spirit, courage and love for the motherland, we are observing 23rd April every year as Khongjom Day.

To live with freedom is the main concern for every human and nation. This is the reason that thousands and thousands sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom. The then warriors of Manipur showed the highest discipline and moral of military in the 1891 Khongjom war. Our brave and courageous martyrs took that

protection of freedom as the responsibility of each one of us. Like they made supreme sacrifice for our freedom, lets try to bring a better and developed Manipur by analysing the challenges and problems being faced by today's generation, the Chief Minister appealed.

He also urged the people of the State to be true hearted, feel the sense of fraternity among different communities of both hill and plain and work together for the betterment of all the sections of the society through which our State make way towards peace and prosperity.

A drama based on the historic Khongjom war by Arts and Culture Department and Khongjom Parva recital by Smt. Laishram Ongbi Mani Devi was staged during the Observation. On the other hand, in connection with the Khongjom Day 2019, Chief Medical Officer Thoubal also organised blood donation camp at the Khongjom War Memorial Complex.

Questions regarding the installation of CCTVs at polling stations not answered till now - Sotinkumar

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Focusing on why there weren't CCTV cameras installed at the polling stations of Heingang Assembly Constituency, CPI state Secretary Sotinkumar questioned the CEO about the information regarding the webcasting equipments or CCTV cameras installed on the polling day at various polling stations of Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency.

Speaking to media at Irawat Bhawan Sotinkumar said that the CEO hasn't reply the questions enquired by them till now.

Highlighting on the information sought to the CEO he said that even though the CEO assured to install all the polling stations with CCTV cameras to conduct the election free and

fair only 200 to 250 polling stations out of 1300 polling stations were installed. He further questioned why camera was not installed in every polling station.

On another issue he said that any valid identity card is compulsory to cast the vote in addition to EPIC but unfortunately many were allowed to vote without such identity proof. He added that Form 17-A should be than signed along with the evidence of identity proof other than EPIC and it should be packed and sealed in front of the inner agents.

Sotinkumar stressed that rule 49U Conduct of election rules 1961 was violated at the time of scrutiny held of 19th of April as the production of packets containing the registers of voters in Form 17-A in respect of the polling stations were in unsealed conditions.

He added that with the above evidence it was confirmed that most of the Assembly constituency and especially the areas where re-poll will be conducted were all well planned booth capture.

Sotinkumar alleges proxy voting in some of the polling station at Heingang on the ground that 90% plus voters cast their votes.

He said that many of the polling stations where they complaint were not re-pollled and added that the whole of Heingang needs to be re-pollled. He said that the re-poll seems to be announced only for name sake.

He finally appealed the people for a movement against people who use muscle powers and violates the right to vote of the people.

RIMS Nursing staffs donates

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The Nursing officials and Nursing staff of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital, Imphal donated financial assistance of Rs. 1,00,000/- (in words one lakh) only to the Relief Fund of College of Nursing, RIMS, Imphal in aid of the recent fire broke out in the hostel of the college. The Principal and Staff appreciated the contribution from Nursing officials and well wishes.

People unhappy with DIPR Journal on Khongjom day

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Every year "Khongjom Day" is celebrated to remember the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the motherland fighting the British at the battle of Khongjom in 1891. The state government which celebrates this event remembering every year and DIPR publishes a journal called Khongjom Today with

articles on Khongjom Lal. However, this year many have expressed that they do not see any articles on the matter this time.

Many who visited Khongjom to commemorate Khongjom Day have expressed that DIPR which used to published a journal for the people called "Khongjom Today" consisting of articles on Khongjom war and with the photos Paona Brajabasi's

memorial as cover. The journal earlier severed to increase the value of the event. However, we do not see any of it this time. This time a journal was distributed which has nothing to do with Khongjom Day. Even the cover photo has nothing to do with the event. Instead, a booklet called "Go to Village Mission" was distributed to the people. People have expressed that this act serves to devalue the

memory of Khongjom day. People who were attending Khongjom Day have asked to whether they are going to see the journal called "Khongjom Today" with articles about Khongjom Lal released by DIPR ever again. They have also said that the booklet which was distributed today would be more appropriate if it is published and distributed on the occasion of 26th January and 15th August.

KCP MC claims responsibility of the bomb near LFS

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Kangleipak Communist Party, Military Council (KCP MC) today claimed responsibility of placing the bomb in front of Little Flower School. A statement by Comrade Lanthenba Meitei, Secretary, Information and Publicity, Military Affairs, KCP-MC said that the party's name had been used for admission to the Catholic Schools by two members of the Parents Teachers Association whereas, KCP-MC had never admitted and has ever tried to admit students to these schools. It said that the two members of the PTA had admitted 16 students in connivance with an armed group by bringing in the name of the KCP-MC. As appealed to stop using the name of the

outfit has not been listen the party has to place the bomb.

The KCP MC statement compares the act of admitting students on backdoor with that of selling the vote in the recently concluded election. It said the bomb was placed during study leave of the students and is the last warning to those who are giving bad name to the party. The outfit names two members of the PTA and another contact person and also some students who had collected money for admitting students.

The statement also said that the placing of bomb at Little Flower School is the beginning and not the last. It appealed those involved in the maligning of the party's name and the Catholic Schools authorities to clarify over the matter.

Manipur Maoist cleans hands on LFS bomb

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Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) clean hands to the placing of the bomb at Little Flower School saying that they are in no way related with the bomb found at the school.

In a press statement by Kyonghan Mangang ,

Coordinator, Standing Committee, MCPM, the outfit blamed 2 members of the Parents Teachers' Association for all the fiasco at Catholic Schools. The Maoist also stated that the two members of the PTA admitted 16 students at backdoor using the name of an outfit amid the appealed by the Maoist to the Catholic Education Society.

