



Andro Youth Club Assn complains against posting of communal words at FB

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All Andro Youth Club Association has lodged a complaint to the Cyber Crime Police Station against the posting of communal words targeting people of Andro at social net working site Facebook. General Secretary of the Andro Youth Club Association, A. Nandakumar, while speaking to a group of reporters said that at around 2.30 pm of April 25, some person uploaded post on Facebook which threaten the people of Andro. The post on Facebook has potential of sparking communal flare up. The post even said to rape and molests the women of the Andro besides appealing to target people from Andro while coming to Imphal. A. Nandakumar urged the Cyber crime authority to take action against those persons uploading such post.

3 day Khongjom Day Observance concludes

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3 day Khongjom Day observance organised by Leimayol Arts centre, Singjamei Chingmakha concluded yesterday. The observance began from April 23.

A play on Khongjom War, written by Thoudam Nodiya, directed by Oinam Sharmila was performed on the last day at the proscenium of Leimayol Arts Centre. Speakers on the occasion highlighted the significance of Khongjom war.

SEACO's Silchar branch

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South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) Silchar branch appointed 21 new office bearers. The newly appointed office bearers includes Seram Gouranitai as President, Yurembam Prafulla as Vice-president, Sapam Babahan as Secretary General among others.

FIR lodged against poll violence; Dr Nara appeals to kibosh post poll violence

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CPI State Council has lodged a complaint against the miscreants who had assaulted its workers on re-poll day near Yambem polling station, 7/32-Yambem (C) under Andro Assembly constituency. An FIR (FIR No. 10 (4) 2019) has been registered under section 325, 427 and 34 of the IPC against the persons who had assaulted and vandalised the van that they were travelling. Speaking to media persons at Irabot Bhavan, Dr Nara said that the allegations charged by workers on BJP against their workers of distributing money and disturbing the peaceful sanctity of election are completely false.

"The BJP workers should be ashamed for the re-poll as it was conducted as a result of misdeeds and malpractices using all the muscle and money powers" Nara said. Highlighting the polling areas of the re-poll, Dr Nara said that all the four constituencies were the areas of the ministers and MLAs of the ruling party. He said that the re-poll was a complete proof of mass malpractice in the election in the said polling station. "Instead of feeling ashamed they still tried to woo voters by means of money and muscle powers and threatened to take away the voting rights of the innocent people", he added.

Dr. Nara further alleged that the BJP workers distributed money amounting to rupees one thousand to each voter on the re-poll day. He further said that the re-poll was a moral victory for CPI and the incident of violence



occurred due to provocation by persons who did not want the re-poll. He appealed not to provoke any further violence and appeals to kibosh any post poll violence. Nara further expressed confidence of winning the election. He stressed that the main reason behind the inability to conduct free and fair election

is the present electoral system. He added that electoral reform is the need of the hour to conduct the election free and fair minimising the corruption. He concluded that they the election is between wrong doer and justice seeker and hoped that justice would prevail this time.

Condemnation pours to the attack on St. Joseph School Sugnu

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The Manipur Catholic Youth Organisation (MYCO) also vehemently condemn the arson attack on the St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Sugnu, Chandel District which took place on the evening of April 25 at around 9 pm.

"Such barbaric act of vandalism of an educational institution is against the cause of humanity which aims at peaceful education", a statement of the Organisation said. It added, "It is deeply and unfortunate event that the temple of learning, the harbinger of hope could be so brazenly reduced to ashes by some unscrupulous people in the society". The MYCO said that they will

extend their full support and cooperation to the investigation of the crime until the culprit is brought to justice as per the Indian law. The Senapati District Catholic Union (SDCU) expressed strong condemnation to the burning of the St. Joseph Hr. Secondary School (Catholic Missionary School) at Sugnu in Chandel District. In a statement the SDCU said that the Union is shocked and dismayed by the irrational and violent attack on the school on the April 25 by the demonic miscreants. "Such beastly acts undermines humanity and deserves the severest condemnation", the statement said. The Union urged the government Authorities to arrest and punishes the miscreants. The Union also

appealed the government to provide adequate security for the mission schools. Meanwhile, IFCD Minister Letpao Haokip today visited St Joseph Hr Sec School at Sugnu. Speaking to reporters Letpao Haokip condemned the burning of the school at the strongest term. He assured to donate Rs. 5 lakhs and half of his salary (Rs 50,000) for reconstruction of the class rooms destroyed in the arson by miscreant yesterday evening. St. Joseph Hr. Secondary School was reportedly burned down by miscreants over disciplinary action taken against some students. School source said that almost all its files and records of the past 55 years has been destroyed in the arson. The School is the second oldest Catholic school in Manipur.

Father Jacob Chapao, the director of the Manipur Catholic Youth Organisation, has issued a condemnation letter, slamming the miscreants for the barbaric act. "Such barbaric act of vandalism on an educational institution is against the cause of humanity," the priest said. The school, which has some 1400 students in the current academic year, took disciplinary action on six students a week ago but were allowed to attend the class as usual. One of them took to social media to malign the school and insult the teacher who was in the class. The school then suspended the six for a month on April 22. One of the girls, whose father is alleged to be a militant leader operating in Sugnu area, mobilized the Kuki Student Union (KSO), a

student outfit based in Chandel to pressure the school to revoke the ban. The school refused to give in and this led to burning down the school, Father Chapo said, narrating the incident. The Catholic school has been catering to the educational needs of the tribal people, especially Kukis and Anals, two ethnic groups in the state. The fire has gutted the school's office building. It may be mentioned that Kuki Students' Organisation Gumpi Block, Chakpikarong in a statement has called for shut down of the School from April 25 after the school did not relax the suspension of 6 students suspended for one month. The decision for closing of the school was taken during a meeting of the KSO held on April 24, the statement stated.

Modi files nomination papers from Varanasi

Courtesy India Today
Varanasi, April 26,

Narendra Modi has filed his nomination papers to fight the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from the Varanasi parliamentary seat amid a show of strength by NDA allies.

Narendra Modi today submitted his application from Varanasi, the constituency he won in the 2014 general election. Varanasi will vote in the seventh phase of the seven-phase 2019 Lok Sabha election. In a show of strength, Narendra Modi held a mega roadshow in Varanasi.

Before filing his nomination papers for the Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also visited the Kaal Bhairav temple here.



Modi sought blessings from the deity who is also known as the Kotwal of Kashi or the guard of Varanasi.

While on his way to the collector's office, Modi was showered with rose petals by the public.

NDA leaders, including Bharatiya Janata Party President Amit Shah, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Uddhav Thackeray of Shiv Sena, Sukhbir Singh Badal

from Shromani Akali Dal, O Panneerselvam from AIADMK, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Union minister JP Nadda, accompanied Modi to the collectorate office.

Earlier in the day, Modi said: "Whether I win or not is not important. It's the democracy that should win. Forming the government is in people's hands, running it is our duty."

Training Program for Journalists on Right Base Reporting on Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse"

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With the vision 'All children are protected from abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation,' FXB India Suraksha, Manipur Branch and Centre for Development Activities (CDAC) Jointly Organised a "Training Program for Journalists on right base reporting on Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse" held on Thursday at Conference Hall of Meetei Council Moreh.

The training program has conceptualized with an objective to understand the nuances of ethical reporting specially when it comes about reporting story about the victim of trafficking and child sexual abuse. The training program was bring different guidelines and provision laid down by National Human Rights Commission, Honorable

Supreme Court and Juvenile Justice Act. Further we believe with better reporting the community at large will be benefited in order to address their vulnerability and take appropriate steps to protect the menace of human trafficking and child sexual abuse in the society.

At the consultation programme, resource persons stressed on dealing child issues by the media in sensational but without resorting to identification and victimisation. Further, to follow up the stories stage-by-stage for protection of child rights efficiently, was also discussed.

Talking on 'Journalism Ethics and responsibilities while reporting on children's issues,' Programme Manager of FXB India Suraksha, Satya Prakash said, the juvenile justice and child rights institutions were installed rather late. Various forms of



issue are being faced in Manipur and other States. Here, the main importance is the information from media that makes the public aware about the issue. It is a significant medium that gives awareness.

He further put stress on the question "How far freedom is free?" while speaking on the matter of reporting news upon crime against children. Special focus is mandatory while reporting news of children, he

said. Freedom of expression is given to all citizens, but there is no absolute freedom without any restriction, he added. Speaking on the freedom given by Indian Constitution, he said the press is also subject to certain restrictions on freedom. On reporting upon issues relating to children, POCSO act lays down specific rules of reporting, such as to protect the confidentiality of children

who are victims of abuse and neglect. And it is also stated that any details that can lead to the identification of the survivor must not be revealed, he informed. Schools, institutions, address of school or any particulars that may reveal identity of victim should not reported, he added. The identity must not also be revealed for Whether they are 'child in needs of care and protection' or 'child conflict with law,' their identities must not be revealed. Though, it can be published for the sake of the child in missing or kidnapping case. If a report is published against the act, then the journalist can be punished for six month, and one year with fine to jail. Section 23 of protection of children from sexual offences (POCSO) Act and section 228A of Indian Penal Code, 1860 provides legal provision regarding disclosure of identity of victims of certain

offences. There are various offences faced by children; here, journalist should also take an initiative on context referring to India policy and local context issues, he added. POCSO act was enacted to protect children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography and to provide a child-friendly system for trail of these offences. The increasing incidence of sexual offences against children had to be addressed through a separate legislation, as the Indian Penal Code, he said.

Coming to media reports, no person shall make any report or present comments on any child on any form of media or studio or pornographic facilities without having complete and authentic information, which may have effect of lowering reputation, he informed.

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