

A contingent of March Past during the celebration of Manipur I Day



## 73rd Manipur Independence Day celebrated Titular king declares he will not participate if two different flags were hoisted

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73rd Manipur Independence Day was celebrated far and wide by the people of the Manipur. Flags were hoisted at around 2000 different places.

The main event of 73rd Manipur Independence Day was held at Sana Konung and Youth Welfare ground, Palace Compound organised by Coalition For Indigenous' Rights Campaign (CIRCA) and Protection and Preservation Committee, Manipur (PPCM).

Addressing on the function as the Chief Guest titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba reminded the history how Manipur became Independent from the British on the intervening midnight of 14 and 15 August 1947 and added that today's celebration of Independence Day will make the people about the history of Manipur.

Condemning about the two

function being organised differently which the organisers claimed that the difference in the flags made them to organise differently, Sanajaoba said that he will not participate any event of the celebration of Independence Day if two different flags were hoisted. He further said that the intervening midnight of August 14 where Manipur became independent from the British empire doesn't have any hoisting of flag and added that the flag was hoisted on the 15 August or 29th of Thawun of the Manipuri lunar calendar around 7.10 in the morning of 1947.

He urged the Civil Society Organisation CIRCA and PPCM to organise unitedly as the hoisting of two different flags and organising the two events makes the people confuse. He further said that the two different flags have different history.



Stressing on the importance of flag Sanajaoba said that it's importance will come when people win in their movement and added that it is not the time for choosing of flags when the movement is just a baby step. Regarding the flag he said that a convention of the flags of Manipur was held in 2010 which was organised by IPSA and resolute to use the flag during the times of Khagemba.

Sanajaoba appealed that the flag hoisting ceremony should be done on 15 August or 29 day of Thawun and also appealed to use the flag used during the times of king Khagemba. He also said that the day which Manipur became Independent should be celebrated on Aug 14. Leishemba Sanajaoba highlighted that the sense of nationalism will not run in the bloods of people if people didn't know the history. He also added that the celebration is not against the Indian Government. He also urged to create a new generation with clean heart and where the sense of Nationalism flows in the veins of the new generation.

"Marup" weekly newspaper and Manipuri Literary and Cultural forum, Tripura, selected 8 senior citizen from Kawabon, Nagalria, Khunou and Bridhanagar were presented gifts. Khongthang Publication also published a Bengali book penned by D.S. Kabrabam named Mahan Sahit Bir Tikendrajit Singh.

the Manipur history, Manipur should have a political status with internal autonomy despite being a part of Indian Union, he added. He continued saying that the root cause of the crisis that the people of Manipur are facing today is the Merger Agreement of 1949. In his speech, he said that observing our independence day is a way to open the eyes of the people and let them know that we were once an independent nation. After British Crown granted independence, the Dominion of India and Manipur of that time were two independent political entities. Even under British Crown, Manipur existed as a protected state till 1947, he stated, and all the princely states under British India and British Provinces, even after British left, should have the entity of an independent state according to various internal laws and treaties. As conclusion, he expressed that the pre-merger political status that CIRCA is demanding is not the political system of the monarchy from the past, but the political system before the merger agreement and the political status of Manipur with its own internal sovereignty as included in the Instrument of Accession. The celebration was attended by Thokchom Somorendro president of CIRCA, Titular

King of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba and the royal council. Also Protection and Preservation Committee Manipur (PPCM) today organized 73rd Independence Day of Manipur at Konung Mamang.

Vice Chairman of the 73rd Observation Committee Ph Deban said that the forefather have protected and defended this land. In 1891 Anglo-Manipuri War, leaders of Manipur have fought the British and laid down their lives defending Manipur. He further said that When Manipur came under the rule of British, our forefathers fought many struggle against the British. We should remember Lamyamba Irabot and Nupi Lal and added that We should remember the struggle against those who were doing market monopoly in 1939 when Nupi Lal broke out.

On August 14, 1947 British left Manipur and Manipur became an independent country with a democratic constitution. The constitution was brought out after much struggle. However, in 1949, Maharaja Bodhachandra was made to sign a merger agreement in Shillong and Manipur was merged into India. Since then we see the differences between hills and valley given

the policy of divide rule between hills and valley from the part of the government of India, there is exploitation of resource and under AFSPA many people have died and have disappeared.

"There are some differences, such the matter of the state flag. But it does not mean that there is no disunity. Different organizations should organize this program at different places. There should be a united effort and people will see the unity in the next year's event", he added. 11 contingent of different schools also parade March past as a part of the observation.

The function was attended by Titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba, Ph. Deban Sharma, Pu. Hemjathang khongsai, Dr Kamei Heera and rani Khider as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively.

Students and teachers of Manipur University Canchipur also celebrated the 73rd Independence day by hoisting flag in its compound.

Similarly Coordinating body Khurai and Eastern educational Club jointly organised a flag hoisting ceremony at the campus of EEC celebrating 73rd Manipur Independence day. A free medical camp for seniors were also done as a part of the event.

## Manipur Patriot's Day Observe at Tripura

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Manipur Patriots Day was observed yesterday at Tripura (Takhen Leibak) remembering the martyrs and freedom fighters of Kangleipak who laid down their lives for the safeguard of our land on Anglo-Manipuri war 1891. The function was organised by "Marup" weekly newspaper and Manipuri Literary and Cultural Forum, Tripura.

As a part of function a floral tribute was paid to the photo of Bir Tikendrajit and Thangal General. As a respect to the martyrs and freedom fighters of Kangleipak, two minutes of silence was also paid as tribute. President, Manipuri Literary and Cultural Forum, Ningombam Bira Singh, Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, Tripura, President, R.K. Jitendrajit Singh, Lamyamba, Chief Advisor, Wangkhem Birmangal Singh, Takhen Leima Tengshang Lup, Vice-President, Khundrakpam Prajapati, Thongratbam Gourakishor Sharma and All

India Radio (AIR) Agartala, News Editor, Dr. Reena Nongmathem were attended as presidium members. Child artist from Nagalria, khoinsam Chanu Momota (Thoiibi) draw attention by singing Khongjom Praba and various other people also recited poems dedicated to the freedom fighters and performs cultural programmes.

## Death of a patient erupts tension at JNIMS; JAC demands to cancel license of doctor

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Demanding to suspend and dismiss the consultant doctor for the death of the patient, patient parties tried to storm JNIMS today. The angry patient parties was than dispersed by the police personnel stationed around the area using tear gas shells.

The incident happened today morning when Wakambam ongi Devi (24 years) wife of W. Johnson from Sekta Makha Leikai who was admitted to JNIMS on July 8 died today.

On July 10 Devita was operated successfully but due to some problems in urination she was put to ICU on July 12. Further a meeting with Dr. Memi, Medical Superintendent, Director, HOD of Gynecology along with the local club members was met because of her deteriorating health at MS office and assured for a better health. Executive of JAC against the Unnatural death of W. Devita Hidam Suresh said that they demand to suspend and dismiss Dr. Memi and cancel her license to avoid such unfortunate events from

happening in future. He further said that the government should compensate the victims and their families. Apart from these, the JAC also request the government to formulate a provision to not allow the doctors in government hospitals to have service in private hospitals, he added. JAC has decided to not take the death body till these demands are met. A memorandum along with their demands was given to Chief Minister. Dr Memi was also under trial at court because of a case where her patient from Sekta was died on ay 13.

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Thoubal, Aug 14,

The road stretch from Yairipok Laimanai Thongkhong to Ngariyan road has been shut down indefinitely alleging the condition of the road has been deplorable and neglected far too long, a press release by Laimanai Youth Club Yairipok said.

The statement said "The Laimanai Youth Club Yairipok earlier had set a deadline on August 10 to look into the issue of the poor condition of the said road by the concerned authority, failing which they had threaten to closed down the road from Yairipok Laimanai Thongkhong to Ngariyan

## Yairipok to Ngariyan road Closed indefinitely



road". Unfortunately, concerned authority has turn a blind eye to the appeal and they had to take this step of closing down the road indefinitely", said Th. Ito President of LYCY. Further, Ito said, "this closing down of the road will not be the last resort. If the government and the concerned authority

continue to neglect in developing the poor condition of the said road, Club Organizations and the people living in around Yairipok Laimanai to Ngariyan are ready to launch series of intense agitations and protest." The President show its gratitude to the Clubs of Angtha, SYDO, TEA, TYDO, NNYA, TYPO for supporting them.

## Name changed

I, the undersigned, Thokchom Indira Devi W/o Ingudam Sanatomba Khaba a resident of Sangaiprou FCI Makha Leikai, Imphal West 795001, do hereby declare that I have abandoned, relinquished and renounced the use of my old Name Ingudam Indira Devi W/o Ingudam Sanatomba Khaba as I have assumed my New Name Thokchom Indira Devi

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Meghachandra Kongbam  
Imphal, August 14,

The 118 minute long internationally acclaimed award winning Iranian film- *The Wind Will Carry Us* (1999) directed and written by Abbas Kiarostami will be screened on 17th August 2019, the third Saturday at 4 pm at MSFDS Auditorium, Palace Gate here. The monthly screening to be followed by an interactive

session is jointly organised by the Film Society of manipur and Manipur State Film Development Society towards the promotion of good film movement in Manipur.

In *The Wind Will Carry Us*, a three-man film crew arrives in a remote Kurdish village outside of Tehran, in anticipation of the death of an elderly woman whose ceremonial burial and attendant mourning rituals



they hope to turn into a television documentary. When she doesn't pass away

within the first few days, instead showing signs of recovery, the men are forced

## Internationally Acclaimed Award Winning Iranian Film-*The Wind Will Carry Us* Directed By: Abbas Kiarostami

to wait out the inevitable. The title is a reference to a poem written by the modern Iranian poet Forough Farrokhzad. The film bagged four major awards including the Grand Special Jury Prize and FIPRESCI Prize from Venice Film Festival and got seven nominations in major international festivals.

Eminent personalities from the Critics Forum, Manipur will share the space of the

interactive session to be conducted after the screening of the film. The Swarna Kamal Awardee for Best Book on Cinema in National Film Awards 2017, Bobby Wahengbam will be the main speaker of the interactive session on the film. All the members of the Film Society of Manipur and Critics Forum, Manipur are informed to attend the screening and to take part in the interactive session.