

2nd Dr L. Bhaigyachandra (Ihilel) Memorial Lecture held; Various forms of war waged against the indigenous people- N Biren

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Concerning about the indigenes population of the land Chief Minister N. Biren stressed that the various forms of war and various warfare tactics has been used against the indigenous population of the land.

This was said today while attending the 2nd Dr L. Bhaigyachandra (Ihilel) Memorial Lecture held at Kangla Hall.

Continuing his speech as Chief Guest of the function he said that the various wars were waged against the indigenous people of Manipur using drugs and population warfare and added that such war may lead to extinction of the indigenes population of Manipur.

Biren further said that the government also tried to deal such warfare by establishing Anti Illegal Migrant Special Unit.

He stressed that every community also needs to take care of such war waged against the indigenous people. He added that all the communities should discuss and take a collective decision and further needs to think how such demographic warfare took place.

He also urged the people to find a solution of the controversy between Meetei and Meitei and made to use only one accepted by the people instead of the two.

He also raised concerned about youths getting addicted to drugs deteriorating culture and traditions of the State while urging every communities in the State to

give collective efforts in wiping out the drug culture. It is high time for every community to assimilate the rich culture and tradition, which is the backbone of existence of the state for thousands of years, to the youths, he added.

While expressing the importance of the lecture programme with the present situation of the State the Chief Minister said that Government, with the motive of providing education about culture and traditions from the grassroots level, had started the development of Model Schools in the State. Citing the reason of present chaos in the State to the non perseverance of our own rich culture by the people, he stated that everyone should have an aim in their life and contribute to the development of the society.

N. Biren also praised late Dr. L. Bhaigyachandra for his far vision and contribution in preserving and promoting the rich philosophy, culture and tradition of the State. Dr. L. Bhaigyachandra is still remembered for his immense work in the field philosophy, politics, culture and tradition, he added.

Delivering the lecture on "Status of Indigenous Peoples: A Case Study of Meetei" Retd Prof W. Nabakumar said that the globalization and technological advancement has destroyed the geographical barrier and thus give a huge impact on the indigenous people of the world.

He further stressed that the indigenous people of Manipur

has faced political and economical marginalization after being merged with India. Highlighting the status of Meetei Nabakumar said that Meetei people are now facing existential crisis or survival crisis and axiological crisis or value crisis and added that both the two are like the two faces of the same coin and both occur simultaneously.

He further said that an intellectual and political voyaging is needed instead of blaming others and resisting the tsunami like wave of globalization.

Nabakumar said that what L. Bhaigyachandra did was an academic voyaging of the philosophy of Meetei. Sukham Premjit, General Secy. REFORM, said that the organisation has been researching on culture and tradition for over 15 years. He said that late Beigyachandra's works need to be discussed more so that people understand his ideology for the welfare of the state.

The lecture programme was organised by Research Forum Manipur in collaboration with State Archaeology, Government of Manipur, Minister (Health, Art and Culture and Law) Langpoklakpam Jayantakumar, Director, Art and Culture A. Shivadas Sharma, former president, Research Forum Manipur Dr. Ningthoujam Birachandra and Mutua Bahadur and Vice president, Research Forum Manipur Prof. Ch. Ibohah Meitei among others attended the programme. Retd. Prof. Wangkhem Nabakumar also delivered a lecture on "Status of Indigenous Peoples: A Case Study of Meetei".

Tripura meiteis living in misery, want Manipur government to look into the matter

By- Rabi Takhellambam Agartala, Aug 17,

Meiteis settled in Tripura, also called Takhel Leibak, are living a miserable life yet their sufferings are not reaching to the ears of Tripura government. Rajkumar Tarunjit, editor of 'Marup', a meiteilon newspaper in Tripura, said in an interview with our media person. He expressed the desire for the Manipur government to have a discussion with Tripura government and deal with the hardship of meiteis and the close relationship between Manipur and Tripura.

Adding further, he said that since 1798 during Maharaj Bhaigyachandra's reign, Tripura's history also has an important part wherein the kings married 14 meitei women. After merging with the Indian Union in 1949, both Tripura and Manipur got

statehood and went through various changes.

The Tripura of that time had around 150 meitei villages, but there are less than 100 now, he further expressed, and Mekhli Para, founded in 1798, which was first inhabited by meiteis, do not have any meitei inhabitants now. It was first settled by king's servants from Manipur and Bamons. Bhaigyachandra married off his daughter to the king of Tripura and the first Raas Leela performed in Tripura had Maharani Hariwaris leading the gopis, he added.

The tradition is still celebrated by the meiteis of Tripura till date.

He continued that Marup was first published on May 8, 1969, by R.K. Kamaljit in order to preserve meiteilon, our culture, tradition, and news about meiteis since no other newspaper had ever published any news about the

Manipuris in Tripura.

He said that the meiteis of Tripura have been trying to preserve Manipuri culture and they have been trying to build a Culture Centre, but failed to do so. Even the leaders from Manipur not visiting Tripura and encouraging others add up to the issues because the meiteis of Tripura also cannot take up the job full fledgedly because they also live scattered.

He expressed his concern that though the meiteis in Tripura are preserving the culture and language, this will also slowly disappear. He expressed the need to put words into action, and for that that they had written a letter to the former Manipur government to build a Tripura Manipur Bhavan, but all in vain till now. He added that the Manipur Bhavan is not for Tripura, it is for the Manipuri meiteis visiting Tripura from Manipur.

3 Missing minor rescued; Child Rights Activist says the 3 minors are "victims of circumstances"

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State police team led by officer in charge of Imphal West Police station N. Ingocha rescued three minors who were reported missing from Bishnupur district around noon yesterday from Moirangkhom area in Imphal west district. Interestingly, the minors were brought to Imphal by the two persons promising them job and money at Tamenglong district.

Child Rights activist Montu Ahanthem, who is also the convener of Manipur Alliance for Child Rights said that the three are victims of circumstances. He thank the police team, members of the CWC, Child Line and members of the MACR for their co-ordination in rescuing the three minors.

Report said that, police team on duty at Moirangkhom area found a girl fainted at the area while getting down from an auto rickshaw. The matter was reported to higher authority and as OC of Imphal west, N. Ingocha rushed to the site he found the girl who was fainted to have a similar look with a girl who was reported missing from Bishnupur district a day earlier.

Earlier, MACR Bishnupur district had reported about the missing of 2 minor girls and a minor boy on the adjoining night of August 15 and 16 to the Bishnupur police station. The photo of the three minors were uploaded to the Manipur Anti-Human Trafficking Groups.

Two men identified as Malemnganba and Raju reportedly brought the three minors. When the police team rushed and identified the minor girls as those reported missing the two persons reported fled.

OC Ingocha and his team immediately took the three minors to Child Friendly Police station, Lamphel.

Later, after the minors were handed over to CWC and MACR members which later handed over to the Bishnupur district committee.

When the police enquired on how the 3 minors came to Imphal, the girls (age nearly 14 years) said that they were called out on the evening of August 15 to help a person who seems to be lost somewhere at Moirang area. The person who reportedly lost his way happened to be a husband of a girl whom the minor girl knew. And what is more interesting is that that

boy who lost his way had some misunderstanding with his wife and had been staying separately for some times. As he came the locals of the area reportedly chase for him and he finally lost his way. As he lost his way the minor girls whom happened to be known to them came out to help along with a nine years old minor boy. The scene turn ugly with people shouting to forcibly married them (Keina Katpa). Out of fear the three minor fled with the person. Later two persons identified as Malemnganba and Raju took them and brought to Imphal. On being questioned to the minor children they told that they were promise money and jobs at Tamenglong district. As the motive of the two persons who brought them is clear enough as that of the child trafficking Bishnupur police had registered a case under human trafficking act. The three minors were handed over to their respective parents by the MACR, CWC, Child Line Bishnupur and the Bishnupur Police.

Source from Bishnupur said that both Malemnganba and Raju have been arrested by the Bishnupur district police team. The two will be

produced JJB as their adhaar card shows their age as minor. However, one among them stated that his age was wrongly enrolled in his adhaar card and that he is 20 years old. Police team are investigating over the matter. Meanwhile, The Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) in partnership with Child Rights and You (CRY) extends its heartfelt thankfulness to Manipur Police and all its member partner who took different roles and succeeded in rescue of two young girls and a young boy hailing from Bishnupur District, Manipur. A statement by Montu Ahanthem, Convener, MACR said that looking to the past incidence there is a urgent need to adopt the Draft 'State policy for children 2018' by the State Cabinet at the earliest. The incident has proven beyond doubts that the Manipur Police has once again proven its outstanding capacity to carry out the rescue operation of the three children as and when calls for, so swiftly, despite pre engaged with their various assignments in coordination with various agencies working in the field of Child Rights.

KYKL observes 26th Martyrs Memorial Day; Pays floral tribute

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Proscribed group Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) today observed the 26th Martyrs Memorial Day (Athoubasinggi Ningsing Nunit) commemorating the revolutionaries of the state who had sacrificed their life fighting for restoration of the sovereignty of the region.

The Martyrs memorial function was held at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion of the KYKL, its other units, transit camps and at other area of Kangleipak, a statement

of the outfit said.

The statement further said that at the main observance held at its 1st battalion, CO of the Battalion, captain Dhana of Meeyangyi Yawol Lanmee (MYL) HQ and Chief of the Army staff of the Meeyam gi Fingang Lanmee (MFL) of the KCP, H. Ibomcha attended as Chief Guest and president respectively. Lt. Col. Ingba, Adjutant of MYL, KYKL and G3, MFL, KCP M. Robin attended as guests of honour. The party flag of the KYKL was put to half-mast and a two minutes silent was observed

as a mark of respect to the martyred revolutionary party, the statement added.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt. Col. Ingba of the KYKL stressed on the need to understand the new war strategy of India terming the country as fascist. He said that the agenda of India to engulf the indigenous people has been finally come to the public domain after the abrogation of article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir besides its attempt to introduce CAB. He called on people to stand together against such strategy

of India by strengthening the resistance movement and by continuing the liberation movement.

Chief of the army of the MFL, KCP H. Ibomcha while speaking on the occasion called the present regime of India as Cultural Bomb. By cultural bomb, it is the Hindutva, the Indian Culture that has been invading to this soil, Ibomcha added. The KCP Army chief also stressed on the idea of colonizing the mind by saying that the need of the hour is to liberate the mind from being occupied.



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Managing Director