

China in defensive mode at UNSC over Kashmir issue

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After it failed to move a formal and open session on the Kashmir issue at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), China is understood to have adopted a wait-and-watch policy. The Economic Times has reported.

While Beijing is closely monitoring the situation in Kashmir, China is said to be on standby mode before making a fresh move at the UNSC to internationalise the issue at the behest of all-weather ally Pakistan. A source familiar with the issue told the newspaper, "It appears that China has decided to adopt a wait-and-watch policy since it failed to impress the UNSC to convene a formal session on Kashmir and issue a statement. Beijing may swing into action and back Pakistan's efforts to internationalise the issue if any protests break out in Kashmir."

India is keeping a close watch on China's moves, including any effort to move the UNSC under the peace and security element, the source said.

The report also cited a piece in China's state-run Global Times titled 'Pakistan unrelenting on Kashmir issue', which seemed to have carried some advice for Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan. The piece said, "Pakistan is taking an intransigent attitude in words and politics, but the country is still restrained in action. Khan needs to say strong words to pacify the Pakistani people."

Asserting that China's stance on the Kashmir issue is "neutral", the article in the state-run newspaper said, "China does not want to see an armed conflict between India and Pakistan, and we hope that the two countries can resolve their disputes peacefully."

Book Release

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Hlumphur Don Lekharabu (A Class Book on Sericulture) in Kom dialect, compiled by Amang Mangte Assistant Director (Tasar), District Sericulture Officer Chandel was released by Executive secretary of Komrem Baptist Churches Association Rev L. Solomon during a releasing function held at KR Colony Sangaprou today. Kom Literature seey K. Mangpu and Kom cultural secretary Guru Achon also spoke on the occasion.

Manipur Governor opens XIIth State Level Manipur Pineapple Festival at Khouabung; Calls on the need for opening of Cold Storage

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Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla today opens the XIIth State Level Manipur Pineapple Festival at Khouabung in Churachandpur district. Speaking on the occasion the governor said that Festivals are organized to serve a definite purpose and the objective of the Manipur Pineapple Festival is to empower the pineapple farmers, bring them to a common platform, search for viable markets, promote agrotourism and generally foster the spirit of unity and brotherhood.

"In the 11 years since its inception, the festival is slowly but surely moving towards achieving its set

objectives. It is common knowledge that pineapple is one of the most important horticulture crops in Manipur and a large number of people in the State are dependent on it for their livelihood. There are different varieties of pineapple like Queen, Kew found in the State and it is a favourite fruit for many because of its flavor and health quotient", Dr. Heptulla said.

She said there is a large potential for economic activity based on this horticulture crop to increase the income of the farmers. Demand is never an issue and there is a need to produce more, while simultaneously taking up processing so that the fruits remain available throughout the year to enhance its economic

viability.

"It is very encouraging that the cultivators of Khouabung and adjoining villages have been growing pineapple for more than six decades and it has been a major source of their income. I hope this year's festival will also be as successful as the previous years and wish the organizers all success in their endeavour. Such festivals with a competitive spirit will enhance the performance of the farmers at different levels. I have also found that the pineapple of Manipur is more palatable and delicious than those I have taken elsewhere. It is also much sought after outside the State. I have been told that there was good export of pineapple from this State to other countries also not long ago. I do not know why it has been discontinued but every effort should be made by all concerned to expand this export avenue and make it a commercially successful venture. This fruit could rank as a good revenue earner for the State", Heptulla added.

For the pineapple farming community, the festival means a lot as they get an opportunity for wider exposure of their products she said and added that the people living in the interior parts of the State and the hilly areas have to transport their products to the District Headquarters and State capital for sale. She also stressed on the need for Cold storage facility.

"I understand that the State Government is already planning to provide cold storage facility at different places of the State. I am confident that, with the efforts of the Government, the problem faced by the farmers of not only a particular District but also of all other areas, especially those living in the interior parts of the State will be eased to a great extent", she added.

Pacific Golden Achiever Award-2019 to Dr Ak. Priyokumar

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In recognition to his extraordinary contribution to the field of research, the Economic Growth Society of India and International Business Council New Delhi Dr. Akojam Priyokumar, who is an associate member of Indian Solidarity Council New Delhi was conferred the Asia Pacific Golden Achiever Award, 2019. The award was conferred in an International seminar held at

Hotel Taj Vivanta at Panaji, Goa under the theme "Individual Achievement for Economic & Social Development" on August 21 jointly organised by Global Business Council and Economic Growth Society of India.

Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly Anand V. Shet, Former Director CBI Sh. V.N. Sheghal, President of World Environment Management Service Gary De La Pomlai attended as dignitaries.

SHEIPAL observes 13th Foundation Day


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"Sheikhe Sheireng Sheipal Shemgat Lup" (SHEIPAL), a body of lyrics and poets, observed its 13th Foundation Day at Lamyanba Shanlen, Palace Compound yesterday. Yumnam Ongbi Joybala, Social Worker, Nangngbam Ongbi Bimolata, Proprietor Ningthibi Collection and Ranjit Singh Irungba,

President SHEIPAL, attended as dignitaries. A book edited by KC Gita called "PUKNINGI SEIROU" was released on the occasion and a collection of audio CD - by Okendro Khundongbam called Yeningthagi Ayukshida was also released.

The organization conferred life time achievement to lyricist Jodha C. Sanasam. And Dr. Kamala Serol Mana 2019 was conferred to Haoba Yaima.



Relay hunger strike, torch rally continue demanding justice for Babysana


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With the passing of time, the momentum of protest demanding justice for Babysana, who was found dead in a mysterious condition at her hostel room at Standard Robarth School on the adjoining night of July 17 and 18, has been slow down, relay hunger strike and torch rally still continues at different part of the state.

Locals of Thangmeiband area continue to stage relay hunger strike today at Thangmeiband

Lourembam Leikai. The relay hunger strike was attended by around 100 womenfolk of Hijam dewanleikai, Khomdram Selungba Leikai and Lourembam Pural leikai. The relay hunger strike began since Monday this week.

Yesterday the relay hunger strike was foiled by Police team, the intake and womenfolk of Thangmeiband Meisnam Leikai burned the effigies of Standard Robarth Hr Secondary School Principal Pheirojam Landhoni and her daughter, Ph Romita (who is the coordinator of the school)

at evening.

On the other hand, Joint Committee On People's Welfare Yairipok, an apex body of 9 clubs from Yairipok area also staged a torch rally at Yairipok in Thoubal district yesterday evening. Members of Yaipha Lamjing Meira Club Malom, Eastern Youth Union Club Kakmayai, Nigal Youth Club, Chandrakhong Social Welfare Club and Horton Meira Paibi attended the torch rally. Slogans demanding justice for Babysana were shouted during the torch rally.

TTBR condemns misquoting Moyon tribe as 'Kuki'

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The Moyon Naga Student's Union (TTBR), Manipur expressed strong condemnation to the alleged use/display of Moyon Traditional shawl during the Freshers Orientation programme organised by Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), Delhi at SSS-I Auditorium, JNU, New Delhi on August 17, 2019.

A statement issued by TTBR stated that the motive behind using/display of another tribe traditional shawl without obtaining formal permission is doubtful and dreadful. Moreover, it will render different message and

confusion to the people and the nation in near future. The fact that the KSO friends trying to distort the uniqueness and distinctive history by misquoting Moyon tribe as old Kuki is very unfortunate and uncalled for, a statement added.

It added that, Moyon tribe existed in Manipur since 1st century A.D. as per the Moyon oral traction archaic text Poreiton Khunthokpa (Migration of Poreiton), Hareswar Goshwami (History of the people of Manipur), is one of the Scheduled tribes of Manipur and oldest Indian tribe recognised by the Indian Constitution under the Kinsmen of Naga brethrens,

whereas, Kuki appear for the 1st time in Rowlin's article title "On the manner, religion and laws of Cucis or Mountaineers of Tipra", published in Asiatic Researcher, volume 2, 1792. The statement further said that the Moyon tribe is one of the oldest tribe with not a sizeable population who have settled mostly both in India and Myanmar since time immemorial. So, it is unfortunate that the KSO friends are trying to distort crystal clear history of Moyon Naga tribe. Therefore, the Moyon Naga Students' Union (TTBR) appealed not to commit such unethical things in the near future instead.

Popular Front chairman objects RSS plan to open discussion on reservation

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Popular Front of India Chairman E. Abubacker has questioned the call made by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat for a "harmonious discussion" among communities on the issue of reservation. Chairman stated that it is not community quota reservation available to Dalits and OBCs, but the constitutional requirement of adequate representation that is to be open for discussion.

A statement said that there is nothing new about the demand now made by RSS chief for so called conversation over the

issue of reservation. It is just part of the upper caste anti-reservation conspiracy that RSS and BJP have been towing since the very beginning. It should be seen in the light of the earlier anti-reservation utterances made by Bhagwat and RSS. It was only a few months back that BJP government undermined the very rationale of reservation by allowing 10% quota on economic grounds. Sangh Parivar idea of India is to reinforce the social and political structure based on caste system in which leadership is dominated by Brahmins at the cost of

empowerment of untouchable and backward sections. It further added that the Constitution unequivocally states that the objective of the reservation is adequate representation of the socially and educationally backward sections in government services and education sector. Studies and after studies have shown that the SC-ST, OBC and religious minorities like Muslims remain massively under-represented than their population share in the country not only in government jobs and educational institutions but in every sphere of power. He reminded that the above

marginalised sections are not in need of quota reservation as a favour, if they are given representation proportionate to their population share. He has advised Mohan Bhagwat to start this process of re-allocation in the decision making upper bodies of RSS, BJP and Modi cabinet. E. Abubacker called upon the Dalit and backward community groups, parties and their leaders in the country to make it clear that there shall be no debate on the issue of reservation until the constitutional objective of adequate representation is achieved.