

Union Home Ministry invites MANPAC, Political Parties

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Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today said that the Union Ministry has invited Manipur People Against Citizenship Bill (MANPAC), Political Parties and other stakeholders of Manipur for having a consultative meeting in connection with the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019. This was stated to a group of media at the Chief Minister's Secretariat after the launching of the Matru Vandana Saptah - a week-long maternity benefit programme taken up under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). Yesterday evening, the Chief Minister held a meeting with the representatives of the MANPAC at his office after

the later expressed shocked as no stakeholders from Manipur including political parties have been invited during the consultative meeting on the issue of CAB by the Union Home Minister on November 30. MANPAC convenor Y. Dilip had stated that the people of Manipur will not accept Cab to be passed in the parliament even after insertion of clauses as it will make no different when it comes to the state of Manipur, soon after meeting the Chief Minister. Talking to media persons today Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah would meet the delegates from the State on December 3 at 10:30 pm in New Delhi. The State Government had also

sent necessary intimation letters to MANPAC and political parties in this connection, he added. It may be mentioned that, Base on a reliable source Imphal Times yesterday reported that the Union Home Ministry may invite separately the representative of the NEFIP and the MANPAC as the Union Home Minister is preparing a strategy of no uprising from any sections particularly from the North East states when the CAB is introduced and passed in the Lok Sabha. Base on the source this paper also reported that the MHA is contacting the State Home department on whom to be invited for the consultative meeting with the Union Home Minister in connection with CAB.

CM Biren stitches the cracks in his government and saves nine

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BJP led coalition government headed by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh seems to be slowly bridging the misunderstandings between the BJP legislatures and the Ministers over the issue of leadership. For around 6 month the government was seen in complete chaos with groups of BJP legislatures including Ministers revolted against the Chief Minister and demanded his replacement putting the government affairs in complete stalemate. Talks going around the government are that some of the Ministers and BJP MLAs had given up the

rebellion for change of N. Biren Singh from the post of Chief Minister. Key players were reported to have been given up and media show them sitting together addressing for the same cause. However there were rumours that one lady Minister was still yet to be convince the trust in the leadership of N. Biren Singh. The differences between (if existed) the lady Minister and the Chief Minister seems to be sorted out, as media fraternity saw the two sitting together Chief Minister's conference hall launching Matru Vandana Saptah-a week-long maternity benefit programme taken up under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). Media witness a friendly

gesture between the two as the reporters saw exchange of smiles while greeting one another. Political circle assumed the gesture of the two important leaders—a sign of relief to the running of the government smoothly under the chief minister N. Biren Singh. Earlier, MLAP Sharat, who openly challenge the Chief Minister by coming out in public and demanded replacement of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh too was seen along with other key BJP leaders and the NPP legislatures while the Chief Minister was briefing to media about the talk held between the COCOMI and the Union Home Minister. The series of events taken

place is an indication that the crisis over leadership in the BJP led coalition government is over. But political analysts credited the series of social issues that compelled the legislature to remain united. Had not it been the burning issues concerning the protest by the COCOMI and the MANPAC, there would be little chance for the BJP legislatures to re-unite. With the kind of dealing, the legislatures of the BJP started realizing that if BJP have to remain in power then N. Biren Singh is one leader who has the potential to head the government—trust regain by N. Biren Singh from his fellow BJP legislatures.

State government trying all effort to resolve border dispute with Nagaland

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today said that the state government is making all its effort to resolve the issue of the boundary issues with Nagaland at Dzuko and Tunjioy. Talking to reporters today the Chief Minister said that regarding border dispute at Tunjioy in Senapati, a committee form the by the state cabinet had visited the disputed area at Tunjioy to gather first-hand account of the matter yesterday. The committee was formed to resolve boundary issues with Nagaland at Dzuko and Tunjioy, as per resolution of the State Cabinet. Other members of the committee headed by Public Health and Engineering Minister Losi Dikho include Revenue Minister Karam Shyam and Tribal Affairs and Hills Minister N. Kayisii among others. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh further said that the State Government had also sought intervention from the Centre as well to resolve the issue. Meanwhile, the State Government is currently in touch with the Government of Nagaland as well to bring an amicable and peaceful solution, he added.

MANPAC readies to meet HM; says will not compromise with the "no to CAB in NE"

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Nine member team of the Manipur People Against Citizenship Bill (MANPAC) is all set to leave Imphal for New Delhi tomorrow to meet the Union Home Minister Amit Shah after the later invited them for consultative meeting in connection with the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) 2019. "During our meeting with the Chief Minister yesterday we did not received any invitation even as the CM assures, however late after the meeting we heard about the invitation and it was today morning that they handed over the hard copy of the official invitation", Yumnamcha Dilip said to reporters. "We welcome the invitation even though it is late and we will not compromise with the one line demand of the people—"No to CAB in NE",

Dilip asserted. The MANPAC team comprises of the Convenor Y. Dilip, Spokesperson Lancha Ningthouja, members Amu Kamei, Ph. Devan Sharma, Somorendro Thokchom, Kheiruddin Shiekh, L. Jadumani, Mangcha Haokip and Thiysm Sarachandra will be meeting the Union Home Minister at 10:30 pm in New Delhi. "Before leaving for New Delhi, we will get the blessing of the Kethel Imas and other Ima Meira Paibis at 10 am at Khwairamband Keithel. From there will move to Airport", Dilip said. Dilip and Lancha appeal the people to pray for the team so that they return back with smiling face. Both appealed the people of the state to lit up candle at all temples irrespective of religions and at the road side as a mark to encouragement to the MANPAC team.

Chief Minister launches Matru Vandana Saptah

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched Matru Vandana Saptah, a week-long maternity benefit programme taken up under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Speaking on the occasion, N. Biren Singh said that around 1.2 crore women had been benefited by the scheme launched in 2017 in the country so far. However, there is still need for wide publicity of the scheme because a large number of women are still unaware about the noble programme, he observed. The Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to execute works related to the scheme on mission mode to achieve the intended target, further asking them to create a WhatsApp Group for proper monitoring and effective implementation. Opining that lack of awareness is the primary reason for low rate of registration in hill and interior areas, the Chief Minister also stressed on the need for keeping ADC Members, Village Authorities and Panchayati Raj institutions in loop in this regard. He further



instructed the concerned officials to identify and award the best performing district and block. Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen, who also attended the function, said that the scheme is a noble effort of the Government to provide monetary help to pregnant women and lactating mothers to have proper diet and nutritious food. She also observed that apart from Government officials, people also have a great role to play in making the scheme a success. Under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Rs. 5000/- is provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers for first living child of

the family in three instalments. The amount will be transferred directly to their bank accounts or post office accounts. In case of institutional delivery, an additional benefit of Rs. 1000 can also be claimed under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY). In the State, number of beneficiaries enrolled under the scheme till November 30, 2019 is 27,219 and a total amount of Rs. 10,85,29,000 has been disbursed to beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer (DBT) so far. The week-long observation organised under the theme 'Towards Building a Healthy Nation-Safe Mother, Healthy Nation' will continue till December 8, 2019.

The scheme is implemented by the State Social Welfare Department in association with District Administration of different districts, Health and Family Welfare Department, Panchayati Raj institutions, etc. Imphal West Adhyaksha RK Taruni; Imphal East Adhyaksha P. Bimola; Principal Secretary (Social Welfare) V. Vumlungmang; Principal Secretary (Finance) Rakesh Ranjan; Imphal East DC Dr. Rangitabali Waikhom; Imphal West DC Shri N. Praveen; Social Welfare Director Ng. Uttam; Health and Family Welfare Services Director Dr. K. Rajo and other officials also attended the function.

NFDC's Film Bazaar 2019 ends on high note

By Raju Vernekar
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National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has conferred awards to various independent film makers in the 13th Film Bazaar organised as a part of the recently concluded International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Panaji in Goa. Independent filmmakers for projects selected in the Film Bazaar recommends and the Work-in-Progress section. 'Pedro' (Kannada) by Natesh Hegde and 'Switzerland' by Ajitpal Singh, won the Prasad Lab DI Award + Moviebuff Appreciation Award from amongst the Work-In-Progress (WIP) Lab films. The awards were decided by mentors of the WIP Lab which included

Philippa Campbell (Producer), Derek Malcolm (Film Critic), Marco Mueller, (Film Critic and Historian, Artistic Director of PYIFF, Pingyao) Olivia Stewart (Producer), Lizi Gelber (Editor), Jacques Comets (Film Editor). From amongst the incomplete Film Bazaar Recommends films, which have not yet got their DI done section, the Prasad Lab DI Award + Moviebuff Appreciation Award went to 'Pinki Elli?' (Where Is Pinki?) by Prithvi Konanur. The jury members were Kiki Fung (Programmer from Hong Kong International Film Festival), Laurence Kardish (Artistic Director, FilmColumbia), Nashen Moodley (Festival Director, Sydney Film Festival). The selected projects in the

"Work in the Progress Lab 2019" included: "Laila Aur Satt Geet" (The Shepherdess and seven songs) directed by Pushpendra Singh (Kojri), "Pedro" (Kannada) by Natesh Hegde, "Shankar's Fairies" directed by Irfana Majumdar (Hindi), "Switzerland" directed by Ajitpal Singh (Hindi) and "Uljan" (Hindi) directed by Ashish Pant (Hindi). These awards included: Free DI by Prasad Labs, two versions of QDCIDCP free for a movie by qube. Rs two lakh worth of trailer promotion by Qube cinema theatres (Max 300 theatres) for a movie. Film makers will get a Qube Wire account with wallet worth US \$ 500 which can be redeemed during Qube wire deliveries. In

a happy surprise, it was announced that the three remaining films in the WIP Lab will also receive DI at 50 per cent discount from Prasad Lab. "Work in the Progress Lab 2019" was open only for fiction features aiming for a theatrical release. The VKAAO FBR awards chosen by an audience vote based on FBR pitch and views in the viewing record, went to two films—"Gamakghar" by Achal Mishra from amongst the completed films by a debut director and "ik/ray" by Rajat Kapoor from amongst the completed films by a non-debut director. Each of these films won a certificate from VKAAO and will get a 75 per cent discount on theatrical

distribution. This year there were 1116 delegates from 36 countries. Film Bazaar is the largest South Asian film market. It encourages creative and financial collaboration between the South Asian and International film communities. It's created and organised by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). Since its inception in 2008 the work in progress lab has moulded which have gone to premiers at top international film festival and have received critical acclaim. Through various sessions at Knowledge Series, this year's Film Bazaar aimed at covering the entire spectrum of making, maximizing potential and

marketing of a film. There were also sessions on nurturing stories from the remotest parts of the country and on the emergence of authentic LGBT narratives. The bazaar provided info to understand how Co-production treaties work between nations and how Indian states are opening their arms to embrace content developers from every nook and corner of the world. Over the course, Film Bazaar becomes the converging point for film buyers and sellers from all over the world. The focus is on discovering, supporting and showcasing South Asian content and talent in filmmaking, production and distribution. The Bazaar also facilitates the sales of world cinema in the South Asian region.