



CAA should be repealed, NPR is unnecessary - Ashabala

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The Secretary of the All Manipur Democratic Women's Association (AMDWA) Ayekpam Ashabala Devi, a delegate from Manipur to the 12th National Conference of All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) which is in session at Mumbai, addressed the August gathering. The Draft Report of the conference was placed by the General Secretary of the AIDWA Comrade Mariam Dhawale. The Draft Report highlights the women's movement all over the country launched by women organisations particularly by AIDWA and its affiliates. Introducing the Draft Report she said that the women aren't getting their legitimate rights even though the rights are enshrined in the constitution. She demanded that the 33% seats in parliament and legislatures should be reserved for women. Ashabala, participating in the discussion on the Draft Report, said that the recently passed law on the citizenship, CAA, is against the Indian Constitution and the law will affect the interest of the entire North Eastern Region of the country irrespective of government's declaration that the region wouldn't be affected. Ashabala concluded her speech with a strong warning that the present regime should respect the people's movement.

Media OPD clinic concludes at press club

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City-based Apollo Hospital today (28 December 2019) conducted a media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club, where Dr Adwaita Avatar Chakravarty (medicine) and Dr Joydeep Ghosh (ortho & spine surgeon) were available for free consultations to the participants. Rasmita Sarma from the hospital with health workers namely Kabita Nath and Lalchik Kim supported the member-journalists to check their pulse, blood pressure & sugar in the camp.

MLA Joykishan accepts CM Biren challenge for debate on Article 14 'The best platform is Assembly floor'

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Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today accepted Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's challenges for debate on CAA and Article 14 of the Indian Constitution. Chief Minister yesterday challenged for debate with anybody if the CAA had affected the Article 14 of the Indian Constitution while speaking in a pro-CAA public meeting held at Basu Ground, Khangabok in Thoubal district. Speaking to reporters today afternoon, MLA Khumukcham Joykishan said that he is ready to accept the challenge of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh over

the issue of CAA and Article 14 but said that the appropriate platform for such debate should be State Assembly floor where the representatives of the people debated over issues of the state. He further said that if the Chief Minister felt it inconvenient than the debate should be held in a platform where all the people of the state can present.

"Paras of the Article 14 do not necessary need to mention the CAA, what is concern is the provisions in the CAA that violates the provisions of the Article 14", Joykishan said replying to the challenge by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh where he asked the people that which provision of the CAA

violates the Article 14. He further said that the government should know that people who are speaking against the policy of the government cannot be suppressed by detaining them under certain charges. The government should respect the right of the people and detention of Political Party's leader L. Sotinkumar will not be accepted by all. "We know people of the state are against CAA, if the government want we can take a referendum of the people on CAA", Joykishan said. In connection with yesterday's pro-CAA rally at Thoubal district, Joykishan said that we can see the number of people supporting CAA and opposing CAA.

Cultural march against Black laws including CAA forced to return back by police



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A group of Responsible Indigenous Youths of the state gathered at the Laikhulembi Community Hall of Khurai Sajor Leikai today and took out Cultural Procession to demand to repeal all the Black Laws which are implemented in the Land of Indigenous Peoples which includes CAA, 2019, AFSPA, 1958 etc. The march was escorted by two torch, two Langdel (Traditional Drum), two Pema (Ritual Instrument) and Selbung (Alarm Bell).

The Protestors were on their way towards Kangla Fort to worship to save the Indigenous people of the state and region at large from those Black Laws, a team of Imphal East Police and Commandos and police personnel stopped them at the Lamlong junction and pushed back the rally. A heated argument took place between the protestor and the security personnel, however the protestors returned back to the starting point. One of the participants namely Mr. Phajaton expressed that "The government must not act against the Indigenous

People (IPs) by passing various black laws and being imposed and implemented in the IPs land which cannot be accepted by us "the future generation" and we cannot compromise our culture, tradition and land for those who want to stay in Power is unacceptable by us. We march with the slogan "Houro Houro Yahouro, Yelhoomee Kallase, Amuba Wayel Pathaptagi Cheksin Phirep Lourase". We will continue with such non violence action until it is heard by them i.e. the Government for the People!"

New species found in Manipur; name after Prof. Potsangbam Kumar of Manipur University as Trichodesma Kumareum



Ching Hawaii Maton (Trichodesma Kumareum)



Professor Potsangbam Kumar
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A new species Trichodesma Kumareum has been discovered in Manipur and named after Professor Potsangbam Kumar of the Life Science department, Manipur University. The new species is locally known as Ching Hawaii Maton and is found at different part of Manipur.

Talking to Imphal Times Professor Potsangbam Kumar said that the new species was found by his team and has been recognised in October 2019.

The voucher species of the new species were collected from four localities of Kakching (Heikakpokpi Hill Range, Wairi) and Chandel (Monsang Hills, Pallel) of Manipur during June 2016 to March 2018.

According to paper published in Reinwardtia - A Journal on Taxonomic Botany, Plant Sociology and Ecology, the genus Trichodesma (Boraginaceae) consists of 45 species and distributed in tropical to sub-tropical region of Asia, Arabian Peninsula, Africa and Australia. The paper published was

submitted by Sanatombi Devi Yumkham and Naorem Premita of Ethnobotany & Plant Physiology Laboratory, Centre of Advance Studies in Life Science, Manipur University, Canchipur, Sandhyarani Devi Khomdram, Department of Botany, Mizoram University, Aizawl and Mayanglam Roma Devi, Department of Botany, Kha-Manipur College, Kakching.

The voucher species of the new species collected from Manipur was compared with closely allied preserved specimens deposited at CAL (Botanical Survey of India, Central national herbarium, Calcutta), Assam (Botanical Survey of India, Shillong), Arabian Peninsula (Herbarium Joshep's College, Bangalore, etc

Anna Hazare asks Maharashtra Government to withdraw his security

By Raju Vernekar
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Noted social activist and anti-graft crusader Anna Hazare has asked the Maharashtra Government to withdraw Z plus security provided to him in view of the "unsafe" women and growing criminal incidents against them in the country. In a letter sent to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Friday he has stated that the security cover to him was a waste of public money. Instead of him, the women need better security since they are vulnerable and

continue to be victim of the incidents like rape despite existence of different laws. "I reside in a temple and living life like a sage. Why do I need security? Anna has stated and added that the security given to him, won't be able to prevent his death if it were to happen. He says the arrangement is a burden on the state exchequer too. "Before this, I had written to the state government at least four times telling them that I don't need police protection. But instead of withdrawing it, the government is increasing it",

he has written in the letter. The 80 year old veteran is on "maun vrat (fasting into silence)" from 20 December onwards at his native Ralegan Siddhi village in Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), as a protest against delay in awarding punishment to the accused convicted in Delhi "Nirbhaya" gang rape case (16 December 2012). He began his agitation after he reportedly did not receive response to the letters written by him to the prime minister and the President of India on 9 December and 10 December respectively.

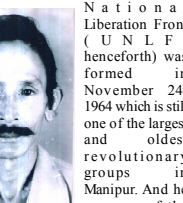
Who was afraid of NK Sanajaoba?

Sh. Ajit, Journalist

NK Sanajaoba was born on December 30 1936 in an ordinary family of Nk. Ibocha and Muktarei at the eastern bank of Imphal River at Singjaime Wangma Kshetri Leikai, Imphal. No one, at that time, knew that a pioneer has been born. He was not the son of a noble family. His parents, just like most people, served the king and his noble men. They were not rulers but were ruled on. NK Sanajaoba was born at a time when Manipur was disturbed with storms from all directions and in this dark rainy sky he would rise

as a shining star, overshadowing the clouds. The storm of confusion over formation of new Manipur and continuity of feudal-colonial rule was the political atmosphere that he grew up in. He was known to his friends for his witty comments on the administrative and political events taking place at that time. His childhood friends still remember his courage to make comments on political issues of his day when nobody could dare to speak up. He began his education at Singjaime Wangman Kshetri Leikai, Khongman LP School now

Torban Kshetri Leikai Junior High School and later attended Raja Dumbra Singh High School (RDS High School), which was a prestigious school during his time, till his matriculation. For his graduation, he went to Dhanamanjuri College (DM College) in Imphal. Late Nongmaithem Pahari's book "EIGI DAIRIDAGI" reveals that when United



National Liberation Front (UNLF, henceforth) was formed in November 24, 1964 which is still one of the largest and oldest revolutionary groups in Manipur. And he was one of the founding central committee members along with Laishram Kanhai, Nongmaithem Pahari and Longjam Manimohon. His comrades Kalalung Kamei and Thankhopao Singits were the

President and vice-President respectively. The eminent scholar and playwright Arambam Somorendra became the first General Secretary of United National Liberation Front (UNLF). His struggle for justice and national liberation found a medium of expression, without any fear, in the monthly publication of Pan Manipuri Youth League (PANMYL) mouthpiece Lamyamba. PANMYL was founded by progressive and radical youths of Manipur at Guwahati University in the month of December 1968. NK Sanajaoba was one of vital key

actors in establishment of PANMYL. He became the first editor of PANMYL's mouthpiece monthly publication, Lamyamba in 1969. He was the driving force behind this publication. His publication stood out for its critical observation on Manipur's administration, which was a Part C State and Territorial Assembly after she lost her sovereign status in 1949. Lamyamba Journal brought out the corruption, nepotism and the malpractices that went on in post-merger Manipur tirelessly. (Contd on page 2)