

## On CAB, 2016

### 'How could a demand for insertion of clause be possible when the Bill is not withdrawn' - Aribam Shyam Sharma



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Internationally acclaimed Filmmaker, Aribam Shyam Sharma who had announced to return the Padmashri Award conferred to him by the Indian Government in recognition to his activities for the promotion of Manipuri Culture, and a renowned philosopher today questioned the rationality of the political party's demand for insertion of a clause for protection of the state from Citizen Amendment Bill, 2016, when there is no demand for withdrawal of the Bill. The renowned Film maker was talking to reporters at the sideline of the felicitation function organised by

Manipur Peoples Protection against Citizen Amendment Bill (MANPAC) in recognition to the daring decision taken by the renowned Filmmaker to return back the Padmashri award in protest against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill at his residence at Thangmeiband. Convener of the MANPAC Yumnamcha Dilip, Co-convenor Ningthouja Lancha, co-convenor Amu Kamei, president of the ZU (Assam, Nagaland, Manipur) leaders of the Kabui Mothers' Association, representatives of UCM, AMUCO, IPSA, CIRCA and many other organization today presented memento as a mark of honour to the Intentionally acclaim figure, who is around 83 years old. "I am not a political expert, but I know that the entire state of Manipur as well as the neighbouring states are in state of extreme danger if the Citizenship Amendment Bill is passed and converted into act", Aribam Shyam said. "Everyone knows the probable impact and we all in

the region should think of the future society", he added. Regarding the political party's demand for insertion of clause to protect the state, Aribam Shyam questioned what type of clause would be inserted even if it has been withdrawn. "Mizoram is a protected state, Nagaland is a protected state under Article 371 (A) and Meghalaya too is a protected state- the government of these states has been vehemently criticizing the Bill and oppose it", Shyam said and added that why the Manipur government is not taking this matter seriously? Why they are still not convening a special session to show that people of the region are against the Bill?" the noted film maker cum philosopher questioned. "I am 83 now running 84, and I will what is the use of being Manipuri if we can't save the state", Aribam Shyam said that irrespective of ages we should all come out and unite our voice to make sure that the Bill that might wipe out the Manipur Indigenous people be not passed and withdrawn. Aribam Shyam Sharma also

indicated that the BJP led government will surely put all their effort to pass the Bill, as they already sees the provision of the article 301 of the Indian Constitution at which the President can summon a Joint Parliamentary session. "I MP from the can do nothing in the parliament, it should be we the people of the entire North Eastern states that should be united and make our voice hard and louder to make sure that we are against the Bill. MANPAC, the joint body of various civil society organization of the state had earlier announce to boycott all Indian trademark awards, song or even use of Hindi language as a part of their agitation. Ningthouja Lancha, the co-convenor while honouring the decision by Aribam Shyam appealed all awardee conferred by the India government to be returned as such move is triple time effective than the agitation being underway by the MANPAC.

## NESO continues campaign against CAB; meet leaders of Political parties; will meet Rahul Gandhi today



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North East Student's Organization (NESO) keeps continuing its campaign against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill at the National Capital New Delhi. Delegations of the component of the North East Students' Body, the All Manipur Students Union (AMSU) led by its president Manjit Sarangthem is taking a lead role in the campaign along with other leaders of NESO.

The team is likely to meet the President of the AICC, Rahul Gandhi around evening today

as per source available from New Delhi. The NESO (North East Student's Organisation) had already met leaders of different political parties and urged them to give strong voice against CAB 2016. On the first day, the delegation met Vice President of Janata Dal (U), Prashant Kishor. NESO source said that the JD(U) VP had given assurance to oppose the Bill to visiting members. He also said that the JD(U) MP will vote against the bill if it is tabled in the Rajya Sabha. NESO delegation also called on Biju Janata Dal

Parliamentarian Bharturhari Mehtab who was also the member of JHPC on CAB to garner his support against CAB. Further NESO met Meghalaya Chief Minister Konard Sangma (NPP), Atul Bora (AGP), MK Jamatia (Indigenous People's Front of Tripura) at the residence of Meghalaya Chief Minister. Today, NESO delegation met Prof. Saugata Roy of Trinamool Congress M.P, K.C Tyagi, General Secretary of JD(U) and in the evening at 3 p.m team NESO likely to meet a very influential Youth, the President of Indian National Congress Mr. Rahul Gandhi at Tughlag Road 12.

## Manipur Maoist appeals people to fight CAB

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Maoist appealed to let the ongoing people's movement against CAB a beginning of a new revolution. In a press released signed by Kyonghan Mangang coordinator, Standing Committee of Maoist communist Party appealed the people to stay alert and prepare to counter the CAB 2016 until the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.

The statement further said that the recent appealed of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Trinamool Congress to support the Bill when put on table at Rajya Sabha has added fuel to the burning fire to the people on the North East and is an insult to the people of Manipur. He claimed that the people have no trust with the political parties, CSOs and the underground because of various reasons and also added Manipur society has become a society encapsulated by trust deficits. The Maoist further appealed the people to rebuild the trust in the society from the movement of the citizenship Amendment Bill. Kyonghan further warned any organisations and individuals who hinder the peoples movement against the CAB.

## Silchar Witnesses Bike Rally Against CAB

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Silchar, Feb. 4,

The Manipuri Youths Front Assam (MYFA) Nikhil Brishnupriya Manipuri Students Union (NBMS) and All Assam Koch Rajbangshi Students Union (AAKRBSU) jointly organised a mass bike rally on Sunday here at Silchar against the conflicting Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016.

The rally was flag off from 11 am today by MYFA President Seram Herajit from Bualujur point and concluded at Modhurapur at Rongpur. Bike rally was participated by many indigenous Youths including members of trio organisations approximately 70 bikers. Seram Herajit while speaking about the rally opined that if the 'BJP government pass the bill then indigenous youths of the north east may emerge the feelings of lodging arms actions against India.



Herajit also urged to withdraw the bill at the earliest. He also stated that Barak Valley is not a dumping grounds for illegal Bangladeshis. Amongst others, NBMSU president Rajiv Sinha and AAMSU joint secretary Singhbhajit Rajbangshi were also lauded against CAB.

The rally was also attended by many youths leaders including MYFA secretary general Okram Lakhikanta, Bishnupriya Manipuri Gana Sangram Parishad (BMSGP) president Biju Sinha, MYFA finance secretary Chitaranjan Yurembam and few others.

## Withdraw Citizenship Amendment Bill-2016- All Political Party

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A Protest meeting was held at the call of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) at Manipur Press Club, Imphal today. The meeting was attended by the cadres of the party and other like minded parties viz. CPI, RSP, AIFB, BSP, NCP, JD(S), AAP and PRJA. The meeting was addressed by Kshetrimayum Santa, State Secretary of CPI(M). Addressing the Meeting he said that the party, as decided by the Polit Bureau of CPI-M, demands for the withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Bill- 2016 which was passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8, 2019. He appealed to the like

minded parties and people to stand unitedly till the Bill is withdrawn. Sarat Salam, Secretariat Member of CPI-M explaining the Bill and its impact on the country in general and North Eastern Region in particular said that the Bill is unconstitutional as it was against the Article 14 & 15 of Construction of India and on religious basis. He further said that the party and the like minded parties will stand unitedly tooth and nail. He also said that not only the opposition parties, some of the coalition partners of BJP are also against the Bill. He appealed to the leadership of the Political Parties in Rajya Sabha irrespective of political and ideological differences to

defeat the Bill in the interest of the country as a whole and North Eastern Region of the country in particular. Addressing the Meeting L. Sotinkumar, Secretary of CPI Manipur, expressed that the call of the CPI(M) Polit Bureau to hold All India Protest Day against Citizenship Amendment Bill-2016 is timely and his party and other like minded parties support the call and assured that his party and likeminded parties will work and campaign together in Manipur. The meeting was addressed by Kh. Gyaneshwor, Secretary AIFB, S. Iboiyaima, President NCP, N. Kabita Devi, President BSP, K. Loken Singh, General Secretary JD(S) and K. Manoranjan, Secretariat Member, RSP.

## Students burns Effigies of President, PM and HM; Protest held at various places

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Protesting against the contentious CAB, students of Imphal College today burnt the effigies of President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Rajnath Singh at the gate of their college. Speaking to media persons a student protestor said that they burnt down the effigies of President, PM and HM showing their condemnation against Citizen Amendment Bill 2016. He also condemned the speech of President where he supported the bill

neglecting the consent and the voices of the North East. He finally concluded that the students will support any movement against the bill organised by CSO's and other student bodies.

Meanwhile Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA), Manipur University Staffs' Association (MUSA) and Manipur University Students' Union also staged a sit-in-protest against the CAB at MU gate. Speaking to media persons General Secretary of MUTA Lisam Sanjukumar said that the bill is a big threat to the

indigenous people leaving the future generation of the North East indigenes at stake. He urged the government to withdraw the bill immediately. Sit-in-Protest was also staged at various places students and teachers of Macha Leima School also staged a sit-in-protest at the school gate. And also Meira Paibis and clubs of Brahmapur Nahabam staged a sit-in-protest at Brahmapur Nahabam Leikai opposing the Contentious Citizen Amendment Bill 2016. It can be mention that protest against the bill has been done perpetually at many places. Torch rallies at many places

were also reported yesterday night. The mass protest was also organised by Heibong Leirak Youth Assn & Linthoingambi Meira Paibi Kiyam Siphai Thoubal, Thoubal Wangmataha Mathak and Makha Meira Paibi Lup at Thoubal Wangmataha Devi Mandam, New Ideal Club Athokpam Khunou and Meira Paibi Lup at Athokpam Khunou, students of Sofia English School Thoubal, Paradise English School Thoubal Okram and KM Blooming School Khangabok also formed human chain to protest CAB in front of their respective school.

