

Congress hit back to Chief Minister N. Biren; “Assurance to protect Manipur from CAB is nothing but fooling the people” – Ibobi

Joystickishan urges for a special assembly session to discuss the prevailing issues



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Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) today came down heavily on Chief Minister N. Biren Singh over his remark on the Citizen Amendment Bill during yesterday's Birth Anniversary Function of Gambhir Singh. CLP leader Okram Ibobi Singh while speaking to media persons at Congress Bhavan here in Imphal today said that even though his party

welcome the Chief Minister over his statement to apprise the central leadership including the President of India to give assent to the Manipur People protection Bill passed by the state assembly, he expressed wonder on how he could do that when the Parliament (lower house) had already passed the Citizenship Amendment Bill. Okram Ibobi Singh, further added that much had been promised to show its caring for the North East people by the

present NDA led government. Even the Look East Policy had been converted to Act East policy but one wonder what actually had been done for the people of the North East India. “They only hurt the sentiment of the people, they passed legislation without hearing the people of the NE states”, Ibobi said. He also questioned the present government stands over the Citizenship Amendment Bill. Spokesperson of the MPCC, MLA Joystickishan while

speaking during the press conference said that the present government should immediately convene a special assembly sitting to discuss the matter. He said it is time the sixty MLAs expressed their views over the Bill so that people will know that the elected representatives are doing things for the people. “How could a bill passed by the Parliament be overruled by the State Assembly”, Joystickishan said adding that the Manipur Protection Bill passed by the Assembly will be of no use once the parliament passed that Bill. Veteran Politicians, Okram Joy, who recently joined the Congress party said that he feel pity for the government when the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the Citizen Amendment Bill will not come into force in the state of Manipur as there is already an ILPS mBill.

“I feel pity of this government”, Joy said. The Peoples’ Protection Bill will be diluted by the Citizen Amendment Bill. All the leaders of the congress party term the statement of the Chief Minister as another gimmick to fool the people. But warn the government that it is not easy to fool the people as these days almost all people knows something of everything and there are people who are expert in the field.

MU students burn copy of Citizen Amendment Bill

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Students of Manipur University burnt the copies of Citizen Amendment bill 2019 inside the varsity campus. As a part of the agitation against the passing of the bill in the Lok Sabha, the students also staged a sit-in-protest at the coffee corner inside the campus varsity. Speaking to media persons, Keisham Lebanan a research scholar said that they strongly condemn the passing of the bill in the Lok Sabha. He added that if the government gives assent it will affect the whole indigenous people residing in the Northeast which will lead to the extinction of the indigenous people. He said that if the said unconstitutional Bill is passed there will not be any use of the Manipur People Protection Bill which has been waiting to give assent by the President to be an Act.

Supplementing the statement, Yumnam James a student appealed the government to stand against such an unconstitutional bill like their fellow leaders of the North East. He urges the members of



the Rajya Sabha from Manipur also to vote against the bill. Students’ uproar slogans saying Manipur’s integrity should only be guarded by its indigenous people and also

the Citizen Amendments Bill 2016 cannot apply their laws to Manipur. It can be mentioned that yesterday also students of the varsity burnt the bill and protested outside the campus.

Protest staged against the writer of INVISIBLE MEN

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Socialist Students Union of Manipur (SSUM) ETA (Empowering Transgender Association) and “Nupa Manba Nupi Manbi” today staged a protest demonstration inside DM College campus by burning the book INVISIBLE MEN written by Nandini Krishnan for misleading the history of Manipur



The author Nandini Krishnan in her book tried to mislead the people by distorting the history of this region by

connecting Manipur with Mahabharat. The writer also published wrong information about the

transgender community of the state by linking its origin with that of Manipur’s. They urged the writer for public apology but the writer denied. ETA president, Hemabati (Yambung) told to Imphal Times that the writer insisted to read the whole book if we want to understand. The book which is filled with only Hinduism opera Drama. They further burn the book and her effigy with slogans.

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Locals of Singjamei Apunba Nupi Lup staged a sit-in-protest against the Citizen Amendment Bill 2016 today at Singjamei Mayengbam Leikai Sapat Mill. Speaking to media persons Publicity secretary of Singjamei Apunba Nupi Lup Sumati Sougrakpam said that the passing of the Citizen Amendment Bill 2016 in Lok Sabha has made North East region in a state of total chaos. She strongly condemned the passing of the bill in Lok Sabha. She urges the Chief Ministers and the leaders of the North Eastern states including Manipur which will have the most impact because

Singjamei Apunba Nupi Lup stages sit-in-protest

of it to stand against the bill. She added that as Manipur doesn’t even have a mechanism to protect its own indigenous people. The bill will surely lead to an immense impact to the people which will

even lead to the extinction of the indigenous people. She further said that they will support the decisions taken up by the CSOs and students organization of Manipur against unconstitutional bill.

Nagaland NPF legislature party attacks CM Rio over Citizenship Bill (Amendment) 2016

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NPF legislature party on Wednesday accused the state chief minister Neiphiu Rio of making contradictory statements on the Citizenship Bill (Amendment) 2016 and asked him to “assuredly state” as to what was the stand of the PDA government on the issue.

In a press release, NPF legislature party spokesperson Imkong L Imchen said he “shudder to think of the state of Nagas” should the chief minister continue to lead Nagaland at this pace and trend. After the formation of PDA government, Imchen said the cabinet had a sitting to deliberate on the issue of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, and Rio had boldly stated that they would not oppose the Bill, as the state of Nagaland was protected under Article 371(A) of the Constitution of India and Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation of 1873 (Inner Line Permit). According to NPF legislature party spokesperson, Rio

further took his team of cabinet to Delhi to meet the union home minister and “categorically” told the home minister that he would not oppose the bill. Imchen said NPF had “downrightly refused” this claim of the chief minister and demanded that the state government oppose the Bill as Nagaland was vulnerable vis-à-vis the illegal immigrants, and the repercussions of the controversial Bill would be disastrous to the future of Nagas. NPF party, with genuine concern for the welfare and future of the Nagas, has in the last few days raised this issue again, he said, adding that subsequently, the PDA government had a cabinet meeting on January 7, 2019 to once again deliberate on the issue. However, he said disappointingly the decision of the cabinet was “to urge the Centre to re-examine and review” the controversial bill. Imchen said no mention were made as in what form to ‘Re-examine and Review’ as the Bill has been passed in the Lok Sabha.

Govt. for cold chain system in horticulture sector

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The 44th foundation day of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) North Eastern Hill region Manipur Centre, Lamphelpat was held at its Lamphelpat campus near here on Wednesday. Principal Secretary JC Ramthanga of Horticulture and Soil conservation, Government of Manipur and joint Director Dr I Meghachandra of the ICAR NEH Region Manipur centre besides senior scientist AC Sharma (Retd) of the ICAR Manipur centre attended in the dais of the foundation day function. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary JC Ramthanga lauded the contribution made by the



scientists of the ICAR Manipur centre while implementing the important government programmes under Mission for integrated development of horticulture, Manipur organic mission agency and Mission organic value chain development for north eastern region. Stating that the inputs from ICAR were fully involved in government initiatives, the senior officer also informed this

reporter that Manipur government is planning to establish cold chain system in the horticulture sector in the remote places of the state including Pherzawl district to help and support the requirements of the farmers. In his speech joint Director in charge Dr I Meghachandra of the ICAR NEH Region Manipur centre mentioned that Prof MS Swaminathan, the father of Indian Green

Revolution with his visionary zeal led to the establishment of the ICAR Manipur centre on this day in 1975 as a regional centre with an objective to create the long felt farm research base in the state of Manipur and to help in solving the problems relating to agriculture and allied sectors. Since inception, the ICAR Manipur centre with its five Krishi Vigyan Kendras is working tirelessly for the

development and dissemination of improved agro-technologies. Dr Meghachandra added and personally expressed his desire to expand the activities of the institution in the interest of the farming community. The institute foundation day observed every year at its regional headquarters in Meghalaya and other centres in north eastern states, according to staffs of the ICAR Manipur centre which has as many as 18 scientists working under 10 different departments to extend necessary technologies for the enhancement of the farm production in the region round the year. Three retired scientists of the institute was also honoured in the day’s foundation day observation.