

Protest staged against detention of Wankhemcha Kishorchandra; demands for unconditional released

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A sit in protest was staged today against the detention of Wankhem Kishorchandra under NSA at at Kwakeithel Mayai Koibi. Renowned Human Rights activists Babloo Loitongbam, who attended the protest appealed the people to ponder upon on why Kishorchandra had used such an aggressive words in the viral video which he had uploaded. "People need to question the reason behind the aggressive words which Kishorchandra had uploaded in the social media", Babloo said.

The sit-in-protest staged was organized jointly by Pakhangba Cultural Club (PCC), Mayai Koibi Development Association, Mayai koibi Mamang Leikai Development Association and the Meira Paibis of the area. Babloo further said that the even though Kishorchandra spoke in vulgar way the quantum of punishment that he receives is way beyond what he deserves. He added that the habitual mistakes done by the Chief Minister of the state will surely hurt rational being and will have a natural reaction against him. He also recalled the controversial speech of CM in Madhavpur at which he connected the region with Mahabharata distorting the history of Manipur.

He further said that the agenda of the RSS, the core of BJP, is its Hindutva where small groups of indigenous people were made to submerge into one culture or religion.

"Political leaders of the state were also trapped in this ideology of Hindi, Hindu and Hindustan", Babloo added that the reason behind the aggressive words of Kishorchandra will surely be a loathing expression against the domination of smaller community by larger ones.

Even though reasonable restriction is added in the freedom of expression, the restriction should be proportionate and necessity, he added that.

"National Security Act is a draconian and a black law which is against the humanitarian law", the Human



Rights activist said He finally appealed the masses to start a movement against this black law where anyone can be arrested arbitrarily and added that the case of Kishorchandra's detention should be made an issue in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. Vice President of MSAD Furkan Makakmayum said that the government is for the people and they should hear the voices of the many or else they should step aside, the people have also that right. The people should also ask questions against them. And also he questions what kinds

of democracy it is where thousands were killed by the previous Congress government and many were arrested even for speaking and giving criticism in this BJP led government.

He also appealed the masses and the women folks to put in the agenda for the election to stand against such injustice. "Let us demand for release of Kishorchandra and let us make no another person arrested the way Kishorchandra was arrested", he said. Speaking to media persons Somola, a meira paibi member said that the protest was held

against the slapping of NSA to Kishorchandra Wankhem by the government. She said that it is a violation of Freedom of Expression.

She appealed the government to stop slapping NSA unreasonably and claims that further protest agitation will be done until the released of Kishorchandra Wankhem.

Speaking in the protest Yambem Laba said that even though Kishorchandra is a maverick he is one of us. And the government should know the quantum of punishment and it should be proportionate with its offense.

Over 500 patients attended in Free Mega Health Camp at Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai

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Over 500 patients were attended today in the One day free health Camp organised by the Bijoy Govinda Naharal Singyel Seva Marup at Keishamthong Girl High School. The Mega Health

camp was sponsored by the Health Minister L. Jyantakumar, who is also the representative of the keishamthong Assembly Constituency. Specialists doctors of Medicine, Dermatology, ENT, Medicine Chest, Ophthalmology attended the Free Health Camp. Health Director Dr.

Rajo along with the Director of AYUSH supervise the health camp.

Health Minister L. Jyantakumar also inspected the health camp and interacted with the people. The Minister personally visited all rooms where treatment were underway.

Prevent communally prejudiced Citizenship Bill becoming law: Popular Front

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A statement issued by M Muhammed Ali Jinnah, the General Secretary of Popular Front of India, has said that the new Citizenship (Amendment) Bill passed by Lok Sabha is expression of the communal bigotry of the central government and asked all non-BJP members of Rajya Sabha to prevent it from becoming a law.

"The bill is openly discriminatory to Muslims and against the basic principles of the constitution. It allows migrants belonging to the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist,

Jain, Parsi and Christian religious communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan to gain permanent citizenship in India, while excluding Muslims, a major religious community in above listed countries. It is shameful and outright injustice that religion is made a major factor for the conferral of citizenship in our country. As we had earlier pointed out, the government is bound to explain what makes these select religious communities from the listed countries exclusively deserving of the privilege of our citizenship while other minorities in many other

countries are subjected to persecution and human rights violations of the worst kind. Thus it goes against the constitutional principles of human rights, especially the principle of equality before law", the statement said. Terming it as another politically motivated and communally divisive move from the BJP ahead of Lok Sabha election. Mr Jinnah appealed all opposition parties to come forward to expose the agenda behind the bill and defeat it in the Rajya Sabha. He also asked civil society organisations to raise their voice against the bill.

ST demand committee calls 48 hours bandh from Jan 22 Condemn Citizen Amendment Bill

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Peoples' meet organised by the Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee of Manipur, at GM Hall here in Imphal have resolved to call 48 hours

general strike from early morning of January 22 if the state government fails to recommend the center for inclusion of the Meitei/Meetei to Scheduled Tribe list under the constitution of India.

The meet also resolved to put halt the construction work of the Imphal Tupul road. The Committee had earlier called for complete halt of the Railway Construction work but was called off after the Chief Minister of Manipur assured

to endorse the demand of the ST demand committee to the central government. The committee also condemn the Citizen Amendment Bill passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8, 2109.

The decision to call general strike was adopted after speakers during the meeting opines the need for extreme form of agitation.

Speakers during today's meeting pour their anger to the state government saying that the government is against the demand for inclusion of the Meitei Meetei to ST list.

Former member of the Manipur Human Rights Commission, Yambem Laba, Political worker Borajao, Saroja among others

denounces the slow move of the organiser in demanding the ST status of the Meitei Meetei.

Yambem Laba said that the demand is being delayed as the office bearers seem to have to not interest. He question on why the general Secretary of the ST demand Committee was not present in such a crucial meeting.

Soraja, a political activist said that it is no time to remain quite as the fate of Meitei/Meitei is uncertain. She calls on people to raise their voice.

On the dais of the today's meeting was the President of the ST demand Committee Yumnam Mohendro and Working President NongdrenKhomba.

YACPIP burns effigies of Manipur Guv', PM denouncing CAB



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Youths Action Committee for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples (YACPIP) today staged a protest rally against the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 in support to the stand of the 6 students union of the state. The protestors burned down

the effigies of Dr Najma Heptulla, PM Modi and CAB, 2016 showing annoyance of the discriminatory action towards the Indigenous Peoples of the NE by passing the CAB, 2016 beside various people of the region have been opposing the same. Large number of Protestors gathered at Khangabok Old

Keithel and shouted slogans like "Awang Nongpok Lamdam Lukhak Kom Natte", "Long Live Yelhoumee", "CAB Chatnahanba Yaro!" The protestors also shared that they will extend full cooperation in any Move to protect the Indigenous People of the State and Region at Large.

AMNEMEA 's Calendar released

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The All Manipur Newspapers & Electronic Media Employee Association (AMNEMEA) today held its 23rd meeting at Manipur Press Club around 9am. A calendar of the organisation was also released today.

The function was chaired by President of AMNEMEA Th Ngouthoi. Vice President of AMNEMEA W. Ranjit and the newest member of AMNEMEA L. Lonibala Chanu. They also released the calendar.

President Ngouthoi said that a meeting will be held every



second Sunday of the month for the welfare of the Association. Vice President of AMNEMEA W. Ranjit said that it is because of the enthusiastic works of the members that an association founded on May 20, 2018 can produced its first 2019 calendar. He appealed to work wholeheartedly in the long run.

HC grants interim bail

Agency
Guwahati Jan 13,

The Gauhati High Court on Friday granted interim bail to renowned intellectual Hiren Gohain, activist Akhil Gogoi and journalist Manjit Mahanta, against whom a case of sedition was registered by police.

The court has asked the police to submit the case diary on the next hearing on January 22.