

## CM wishes on Ima Imoinu Iratpa numit

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Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh greets the people of the state on occasion of the "Ima Imoinu Iratpa Numit". Ima Imoinu is the indigenous Manipur Deity which the people of the state still continue to worship despite being converted into other religion.

Ima Imoinu is the goddess of wealth for the people of the state. On the Day Chief Minister in his message conveyed his heartiest greetings to the people of the state. "On this day, Ima Imoinu, the Goddess of wealth and prosperity is worshipped in our homes with gaiety and fervor and her blessing sought for. May this festival brings prosperity, happiness, love and peace to the state", CM N. Biren wrote in his message.

## SALAI Holding releases songs album praising Ima Imoinu

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Salai Holdings Pvt. Limited today releases a ritual song praising the Manipuri traditional goddess "Ibendhou Imoinu Ahongbi" at its office premises at Sagolband Tera loukhrakpam Leikai. Chairman and Managing Director of SALAI Narengbam Samarjit, while releasing the ritual songs said that even though Salai moves towards commercial realm to generate employment making a revolution of the land, he considers deeply about the culture, traditions and religion of Kangleipak and also goes along with it. He said that it is time for the people of the land to know and learn about the unique history, traditions, culture and the religion of Kangleipak. He also claimed that democracy should begin at home. He also wishes the people of the land to prosper with the coming of Imoinu. He said that they don't follow the culture fanatically and added that the scientific, politics and the economy should all start from home.

## Manipur tops enrolment in private schools; Govt. Schools infrastructures 'a flop show' – ASER report

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Manipur stands top in the enrolment of students in private school when compare to neighbouring states as well as when compare to all India average.

Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2018 indicate that, 70.7% of the total children between age group 3 to 16 were enrolled in private school, while the remaining continues at Government schools and Madrasa.

The figure showed how the Government is taking care of the government schools besides its promises for improvement of the government schools.

As per the ASER report 14% of the students between the mention age were enrolled in private school in Tripura, in Assam it is only 25.8%. The average enrolment of students in private school for the country is just 32% which means Manipur is much more than the national average. The ASER report also showed that the condition of the elementary government schools do not reach the mark



provided under the Right to Elementary Education. School facility remains in a worrisome condition. However, in South India state, it reaches almost 100% performing well above

national average. State needs serious attention on Water provision useable, toilet and Library. Mid day meal is almost half national average. School facility is immensely

correlated with children attendance. State need to especial attention on building infrastructure as well maintenance.

The ASER report also stated that attendance of students as well as the teachers was very poor in all the government elementary schools.

Enrollment in lower primary school declined from 2010 to 2012 but marginally increases afterward. For upper primary school, there exist a jumping pattern each year but huge improvement from 2016 onwards. However, Children attendance as well as Teacher attendance

remains extremely poor as compared to National average which is worrisome for present education system in the State.

For children age group 14-16, children was given to calculate time, Apply unitary method, Financial making decision and Calculate discount which are relevant to day today living activities.

Children of Manipur are poor in financial making decision comparing to neighbouring state ASSAM as well as National AVERAGE.

## Will not tolerate production of liquor - CADA and Nupi Samaj

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In a press meet organized jointly by Coalition against drug & Alcohol (CADA) and Nupi Samaj at CADA office Pureimba khongnangkong President of CADA Hijam Priyokumar said that the organization will not tolerate any policy for the manufacturing of liquor in the state.

He appealed the government to implement the Manipur Liquor Prohibition Act 1991

effectively and to strengthen the act to seize and prohibit the consumption and production of liquor in the state.

He added that it was very unfortunate for the government by only seeing through the perspective of economy and neglecting from the perspective of health, social, cultural, Identity and society that they tried to implement a policy regarding the manufacturing of the liquor in the state for exporting by seeing only the

profits of may be Rs 40-50 Crores.

He said that the liquor they plan to make is from the staple food of the state which is rice where the production and consumption differs a lot. With their planning for the production of liquor the state will surely bring an acute famine to the state, he added.

Priyokumar said that the conflicts and the chaos occurred in the state is mainly because of the consumption of drugs and alcohol. Around 80% of the total population

of Manipur consumes alcohol. And the main factor for the domestic violence also is due to the consumption of liquor.

He claimed that the Manipur Liquor Prohibition Act 1991 is just an ineffective act implemented due to the negligence of the part of the government. And assures that CADA and Nupi Samaj will assist the government in every way they can to prohibit the consumption and production of illicit drugs and alcohol.

## 'Justice for the Victims of Tripura Police Violence'

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The International Indigenous Peoples Movement for Self-Determination and Liberation (IPMSDL) denounces the indiscriminate firing of the Tripura State Police on civilians during a peaceful assembly in Madhab Bari, West Tripura on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Indigenous youths gathered on the streets of Madhab Bari to register their opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) 2016. The CAB intended to confer citizenship to illegal migrants belonging to the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian religious communities coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan to be conferred Citizenship within Six years of residence.

The CAB is a non-secular, divisive policy and a tacit effort of the ruling party's self-serving interest of maintaining the dominance of the dominant Hindu religious community in India. The forceful adoption of the Bill despite wide objection is a clear instance of undemocratic decision making processes in India. The CAB will only facilitate the infusion of non-indigenous populations in India's North East (NE) threatening the survival and

rights of the indigenous peoples in India's NE region.

The state-sponsored and non-secular CAB Bill will upset the demography of the NE states, undermining the rights, polity, culture and identity of the Indigenous Peoples of the NE region. The infusion of non-indigenous populations had already led to minoritization of indigenous peoples in Tripura and Assam State in India's North East. Clearly, it is the Indigenous Peoples who suffer most from this policy. This systematic population transfer deliberately undermines the basic right to self-determination of the IP especially of those in the Northeast region.

The protest against CAB organized by the North East Students Organization was violently dispersed by state police who started firing indiscriminately toward the protestors resulting to 5 youths being hit by the bullet, and at least one in critical condition. There were more casualties on the side of protesters as the ambulance transporting the injured protesters was attacked by the police and a media person covering the incident was also detained. There has also been a shutdown of SMS and the internet services to prevent information flow outside of Tripura.

The organization call on the Tripura State Government to:

1. Provide for all medical expenses of the victims of the firing until they have fully recovered
2. Initiate a judicial inquiry against the police personnel involved in the firing of civilians
3. Exact accountability from state forces and arrest officers and personnel involved in the indiscriminate firing
4. Stop intimidation, harassment, and all forms of attacks on political activists

It also demanded the Government of India immediately withdraw the Citizen Amendment Bill as demanded by the Indigenous Peoples across India's North East.

## Protest continue against the contentious CAB



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The contentious citizen Amendment Bill 2016 has become an awakening to unite the North East states. Strong opposition from different walks of lives protested

against this controversial bill. Today in Manipur also sit-in-protest was staged at different places jointly spearheaded by six students' organizations of Manipur.

Protest were staged today at Thangmeiband, Thoubal keithel etc. organized by

Khway Lamphel Women United Development Organisation and six student bodies.

Speaking to media persons General Secretary of Khway Lamphel Women United Development Organization RK Tharaksana said that the

organization considered the passing of the CAB 2016 bill at Lok Sabha is to genocide the indigenous people of the North East to make one India. This action and policy of the government is not of a democratic government but a dictatorial one.

She said that the government should withdraw the bill passed at Lok Sabha or should not pass in Rajya Sabha to become an act. He assured that every movement and agitation against this bill will be supported by the organization until the government withdraws it.

Similar sit-in-protest was also held at Sagolband Moirang Hanuba Keithel Sang jointly organised by Moirang Hanuba Youth Development Club and Moirang Hanuba Semgat Sagatpa Committee.

## NEFIS says Citizenship Amendment Bill is "Communal"

Communal angle evident from the exclusion of minorities of Sri Lanka, Myanmar!

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) expressed strong condemnation to the BJP Government terming their intention in stirring up the ongoing controversy over the Citizenship Amendment Bill as communal.

"The bill, it should be noted, permits the minorities of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan to become citizens of India. The

communal angle here is starkly evident from the fact that the minorities from only three countries have been given space in the current bill, while the minorities from other neighbouring countries have been consciously kept out of the scope of the bill. The proposed bill is premised on the religious persecution of non-Muslim minorities in neighbouring Muslim majority countries, and deliberately elides the question of providing

genocide. To escape the persecution, the community had to migrate to the neighbouring India and Bangladesh, but the BJP Government has sought to drive the Rohingyas back to Myanmar. Clearly, the 'illegal' persecuted immigrants of particular communities are of no concern for the communal BJP government", it added. NEFIS said the organization condemn the Citizenship Amendment Bill which has been conceived with a

asylum to persecuted minorities of other countries", NEFIS said in a statement. "It should be noted that the minorities in Sri Lanka and Myanmar too have faced persecution in the recent past. Exhibiting its entirely communal stance, the BJP government has refused to grant even asylum to the Rohingyas because it sees them as unwanted illegal immigrants. The Rohingya people of Myanmar, it should be known, have been victims of state-sponsored

conscious communal intent. It stands for granting asylum to persecuted immigrant people which is also constitutionally mandated. NEFIS is of the opinion that in the order to forestall the misapprehensions of the various states especially North-East states where the persecuted immigrants from neighbouring countries have sought asylum, the government should bring in a quota system to distribute them in different states across the country.