

CAB destroys the basic structure of Constitution - Prof. MC Arun

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Speaking in a one day public discourse on Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 at Manipur University organised by Manipur University teachers' Association (MUTA) Prof MC Arun said the contentious citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 violate the basic structure of the Indian constitution. The public discourse was attended by various academicians and leaders of organisations and activist. Around 15 speakers talked on the issue and make their arguments. All the speakers condemned the controversial bill and appeal to withdraw it. Prof MC Arun said that the

motive behind the CAB is very questionable. It implies a big threat to minority while making one Hindustan. He said that there is a big demographic threat occurring in the North East region. The pressure of demographic threat can't be overcome and shielded by the protection given under schedule list, he added. He said that the usual pattern of the agitation going on in the state can't fight with the gigantic policy of India. And he added that strong argument should be initiated at the national level. Retired professor Ksh. Bimola said that the contentious bill is very helpful in some ways. She said that the bill let the people of the North East unite even more while condemning

against the bill. She also added that if there is a conflict between the National Interest and State Interest the former will surely overcome the latter in the centralised federation structure of the nation, so the whole North East should unite to fight against it regardless of their political parties and favours. As a speaker in the discourse President of AMMUCOC SM Jalal said the motive behind the CAB 2016 is to make India a Hindu Rashtra and also to hinduised the minority people of the North East. The contentious bill is not people oriented, he added. He further said that the bill will surely impact the whole masses of the state and the North east even if ST bill is

passed in the state. He assures that a cooperated and a collective movement is needed until the contentious bill is withdrawn or removed. Unorganised movement will be in vain to fulfil the objective and the centre has already started to disrupt the people's movement, he added. The public discourse organised by MUTA resolve that they condemned the contentious CAB 2016, to be united for the identity of the North East not only for the CAB, to attain a special political autonomy to be moved by the politician, another public meeting to be held regarding the bill and to let known the stand of the government and called an assembly session at the earliest.

Tribute paid to veteran journalist AK Sanaton; many condolences

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Fitting tribute was paid to the veteran Journalist AK Sanaton, at Manipur Press Club Imphal. The veteran journalist who struggle all his life for the welfare of the journalist community and also for the society left for heavenly abode yesterday evening. He was 71.

The untimely demise of the veteran journalist has shocked the journalist fraternity as well as many civil society organizations.

The Editors Guild Manipur, in its condolence message stated that late AK Sanaton during his life time have been a very vocal journalist and had served as the Editor of Ehou daily and President of All Manipur Working Journalist. He was instrumental and pushing through the journalist pension scheme which every working journalists is entitled to today. Apart from being a respected journalist, we was also politically and socially active, having served as the General secretary of Manipur



Peoples party and President of SEYO Club. In his death Manipur has lost a precious "son of the soil" who had served as conscience for many a journalists who use to consult him at times of not only personal crisis but state issues. He had been a constant advisor to all of us. We will greatly miss him. He was 71 years old when he passed away and is survived by his wife, two sons and one

daughter. Members of the Editors Guild Manipur, share the sorrow and grief of the family. The All Manipur Working Journalists' Union also expressed shocked and condoled the demise of the journalist. Team Imphal Times also condoled the demise of the great journalist who had many times guided us in our profession.

Chief Minister launches 'Go to School' mission

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched 'School Fagat-Hansi' mission, an initiative under the Government's popular 'Go to Village' mission, at a function held at Yumnam Huidrom Government High School in Imphal West District today. The scheme has been introduced with an ambitious objective to give renewed thrust towards improvement of Government schools both in terms of physical and manpower infrastructure. One Government school each in all the 60 Assembly Constituencies of the State will be developed as model schools in the first phase under the mission. All these schools would be run and developed in a uniform pattern.

Speaking at the occasion, N. Biren Singh said that the 'Go to Hill' and the 'Go to Village' missions have been successful in connecting people with the Government. Now, the Government intends to put special focus on improvement of Government schools because economic condition of the common people is not improving despite Government's efforts as they generally spend huge amount of money in children's education, he said.

As such, after a thorough discussion, the Government decided to enhance the condition of Government schools by way of initiating 'School Fagat-Hansi' mission for an overall long term and sustained development of the State, he added. The Chief Minister expressed hope that the new mission would garner trust of the people towards Government schools. He said that all the model schools would have classes from pre-nursery to Class-X. The Chief Minister also said that no teacher would be transferred from these model schools for at least three years in order to maintain stability in teaching manpower.

Observing that involvement of local people, educationists,



local club members and Meira Paibee leaders in the scheme is of immense necessity, the Chief Minister urged all concerned to extend cooperation in making the mission a success. In addition to the existing School Management Committees, selected schools under the mission would be managed by re-defined Managing Committees headed by circle MLAs concerned, N. Biren said. In a Well Wishing ceremony held at Hapta Kangjeibung on January 28, 2018, Shri N. Biren Singh said, the State Government announced to give incentive awards to meritorious students of

Government schools, who secure positions in Class X and XII examinations conducted by BOSEM and COHSEM. For this purpose, he announced, Rs. 50 lakhs had been sanctioned by the State Planning Department for early distribution of cash prizes to students. The Chief Minister said that in addition to providing free education under Right to Education (RTE), the State Government has recently launched a scheme known as 'Lairik Tamhansi - No Child Left Behind' in which school dropouts are readmitted in Government schools. He expressed happiness that

Directorate of Minorities Director Shri Ng. Uttam had sought permission from the State Government to adopt Tampha Junior High School. The Chief Minister also urged the public come forward and Regarding insecurity felt by the common people in the aftermath of passing Citizens Amendment Bill by Lok Sabha, the Chief Minister observed that indigenous people can be saved themselves from being outnumbered by outsiders if no land is sold to outsiders. One should never sell precious ancestral lands to get a simple Government job or own a car.

Five students' bodies set for series of agitation against CAB; Mass sit-in-protest on Jan 20

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Five students' bodies of the state including Manipuri Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) and four others namely Socialists' Students' Union Manipur (SSUM), Reformists Student Front (RSF), All Meitei Pangal Students' Union Manipur (AMPSUM) and All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) is all set to organised series of agitation against the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 from January 20.

In a joint press conference held today at the office SSUM, the representatives of the 5 students' bodies announced that a mass sit-in-protest at different parts of the state will be organised. The students' bodies are demanding withdrawal of the CAB 2016 and caution of severe form of agitation which may cross beyond limit of democratic form of protest is the Bill is not withdrawn. The students' bodies also said that after the mass sit-in-protest series of democratic form of protest will be follow up but may go beyond that if the

government fails to listen to the demand of the student bodies. General Secretary of SSUM, Bhusan Longjam while talking to Imphal Times after the press meet said that the 5 student bodies have agreed to go ahead with the demand for withdrawal of the Bill and also decided not to take any U-turn until the Bill is withdrawn. "We will not compromise with any appeasement policy from the government on the CAB, we will struggle till the last drop of our blood falls", Bhasan said.

Govt. school teachers appeal to follow NCTE guideline in promoting teachers

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All Manipur Primary Teachers Association (AMPTA), a joint body of Hindi Primary Teachers and primary Teachers, has appealed the state education department for schools to follow the guidelines of the National Council of Teachers Education (NCTE) while promoting the primary teachers to Graduate teachers.

A statement of the AMPTA said that on November 29, 2016 when N. Praveen Singh was the director of Education (S), relevant document of 1379 primary teachers and 175 Hindi primary teachers who had completed five years of regular service, had been collected for promotion to Graduate teacher as per a

notification order No. AO/156/PPT/2011(6)-DE(S) Vol -I. On May 21, this year the present Director of Education (S) Th. Kirankumar Singh had issued seniority lists of primary teachers officially. However, due to reason best known to the department of education (S) the process for promotion of primary teachers to graduate teachers has been delayed despite the fact that there are lots of vacancies in Graduate teachers.

The AMPTA said that the Primary teachers whose document had been submitted are all qualified for promotion to graduate teachers as per the guideline of the NCTE. They all possessed either B.Ed or D.El.Ed which is required for the post at the time of joining as Primary teachers. The primary teachers' body

also appealed the government to follow the guidelines of the NCTE notification dated 12 November 2014, which have to be followed across the country and also the Manipur Recruitment Service rule for promotion of the primary teachers to graduate teachers. As per First Scheduled of the regulation of the NCTE for promotion guidelines - there are three levels for Primary and Upper primary teachers; for High School and Secondary teachers there are four levels; for Senior Secondary and Intermediate there are 5 levels. AMPTA in the statement said that there is apprehension that the state education authority may violate the NCTE guidelines. The apprehension arises as the government education authority seem to be taken up

measures to include the teachers appointed under SSA under the category of Primary teachers, which is gross violation of the NCTE guideline. This means that the primary teachers which is under level 3 are trying to equalized in the similar status with Senior Secondary teachers of Level 4 by not following the guidelines of the NCTE.

All Manipur Primary Teachers Association, said in the statement that any violations which would violates the rights of the capable and qualified teachers will be challenged and as the first step memorandums regarding the matter will be sent to all concern government authority including the Union Ministry of Human resource.

Dr. Thokchom Asha honoured Accomplished Teacher Educator Award



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Dr. Thokchom Asha Sinha, Associate Prof. of G.P. Women's College, Dhanamanjuri University, was honoured with "Accomplished Teacher Educator Award" by Council For Teacher Education (CTE), India South Zone. The

award was handed over by Prof. K. Aiyappan Nair Emeritus Professor, Edinboro University Pennsylvania, USA. at a function held at Mount Tabor Training College, Pathanapuram, Kollam Dist. Kerala, in connection with international seminar and Xvii Annual Convention of CTE Kerala.