

The Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) with Kishorchandra's wife briefing media at Manipur Press Club



Interactive tour to Delhi and Agra for border area students concluded successfully

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It was a moment of mixed feelings when on a beautiful Sunday morning, the bus carrying the NIT team arrived back in Singhat after successfully concluding the 14 day tour to Delhi and Agra.

The NIT was organised by Singhat Battalion Assam Rifles and the team consisted of students and teachers belonging to various tribes. They represent the rich diversity that exists in the region of Singhat.

The NIT was flagged off from Khuga on 06 Jan and they visited Delhi & Agra from 09 Jan to 17 Jan. During the two week tour, the NIT team had a rich variety of experiences and they interacted with various dignitaries.

It was a matter of great honour and proud privilege when the team got a once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with the Honourable President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. This event was the highlight of this tour and will remain etched in their memories forever.

The students also interacted with GOC Delhi Area, visited places of cultural & historic significance such as Qutub Minar, Red Fort, India Gate, Taj Mahal, National Museums & witnessed the mesmerising Army Day Parade. Also the students were very happy after watching a 3D Movie which was an experience in itself.

The tour was planned for the students from the border villages of Singhat and Behiang to give them an opportunity to comprehend the vast assortment, customs and the developmental strides being made by our country in various fields. At the same time, it will also increase their awareness about the facets of urban life and the educational avenues that are there. This exposure will be helpful for fostering the spirit of national integration, expanding the horizons of the students and making a positive impact on them during their formative years.

During the flagging in, the students shared their personal experience of their maiden visit outside the state. They went home after the tour satisfied and enriched.

Peaceful protest by 5 students' bodies at various places of Imphal turns violent as police use force to foil it



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Peaceful mass demonstration against the passing of Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 organised by Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM), Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MASAD), Reformist Students Front (RSF), All Meitei Pangal Students' Union Manipur (AMPSUM) and All Manipur

Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) at various places of Manipur turn violent as police dispersed the gathering particularly at Khwairamband Keithel here in Imphal.

As announced earlier by the five students bodies sit-in protest demonstration demanding withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 were staged at various places in Imphal east, Imphal



West, Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur district.

Report reaching here said that the protest staged at Lilong and Yairipok were disperse by the police team. The protestors than turn hostile and pour their anger to the business runners forcing them to shut down.

At Khwairamband Keithel as many as 1000 of protestors demanding withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Bill

were force by a police team to leave the place. The protest was staged at the Temporary market complex here in the Middle of the Imphal city. The protestors confronted for some times with the police team however, more police reinforce and use force to drive them out and foil the peaceful protest, the porters also turn hostile and force all shops and business establishment to shut down.



Normalcy at Khwairamband Keithel and its surroundings was severely affected as the protestors continue the protest in another way. At Singjamei, Apunba Nupi Lup staged a rally demanding withdrawal of the Bill from Singjamei Okram Leikai. The rally was however stopped by a strong police team at Singjamei traffic point. The protestors were heading towards Yumnam Leikai at the

residence of Yunam Khemchand, who is the speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly. At Konthoujam, large number of womenfolk storm to the residence of Inner Manipur MP Dr. T. Meinya. Dr. Meinya who is also a congress MP said that their party is against the passing of the Bill and the Congress party will do everything that they could in the Rajya Sabha.

Activists stood for NSA detained Kishorchandra; Demands immediate release

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The Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) shown it's strength and solidarity to demand the immediate release of one Imphal-based journalist Kishore Chandra Wangkhem, incarcerated under the NSA, and also demands dropping of all charges against him. Addressing a joint press conference by HRLN along with Human Rights Alert, at Manipur Press Club Imphal, Advocate Supreme Court, Shreeji Bhavsar of HRLN informed that HRLN has filed Habeas Corpus to High Court of Manipur on 20 of Dec (on behalf of KC Wangkhem) and the court has issued notice

and the matter on 4th of Feb. He also stated, "the detention of Kishore Chandra Wangkhem by Govt. of Manipur under draconian colonial type law, NSA 1980—which has been used by all govt for political persecution of their critics and opponents—is a violation of fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression envisaged under, article 19(1) of Indian Constitution." He said, we strongly protest journalist Kishore Chandra's detention and Stand in solidarity with his family. He claimed that the National Security Act 1980 is a draconian and a colonial type law which has been widely used by the government for political persecution of their

critics and opponents. And this is a violation of the basic fundamental rights to freedom of expression under Article 19(1) of the Indian Constitution. He said that the times of India today violating the freedom of expression is even worse than even in colonial times. He also strongly condemned the detention of Kishorchandra and stand in solidarity with the family. Laxmi Murthy a senior journalist said that almost hundred journalists were being killed and no single conviction was delivered to give justice to the assassinated journalist. She also said that tolerance of the dissecting views and opinions however unpleasant

they might be, is a sign of mature democracy. Meanwhile, HRA Director Babloo Loitongbam detaining Kishore Chandra under the draconian NSA for 1 year soon after he was released on bail by Chief Magistrate, the govt is not only violating the fundamental rights to freedom of expression and undermining rule of law, it also install fear in young Manipuri speaking against what they perceived as a systematic and diabolic push to distort their history and to ultimately obliterate their distinct identity. The press conferences was attended by HR Activist, Lawyers, along with Kishorchandra's wife Ranjita Elangbam.

CSO leaders appeal NE Chief Minister to make their stand clear on CAB

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Civil Society leaders of the state has urged the chief ministers of all the North Eastern State to make their stand clear on the issue of Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016. Sunil Karam, President of United committee Manipur during a public discourse held at Manipur University Centenary Hall today said that the seven chief ministers of the north East need to take a clear stand regarding the contentious Citizenship Amendments Bill or else there will be no future for the people of the North East states. The Public Discussion on the issue of the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 was organized by AMSU, MSF, DESAM, KSA, SUK and AIMS.

Sunil Karam further said that the CAB 2016 is a wakeup call for all the people of the North East States. The need of the hour is to stand together and fight the Bill, he added. He also said that even if a clause for Manipur is added in the Bill it will be no use in maintaining the demographic balance of the state. He said that a clear proof of migrants living in the North East is given according to the statement of Home minister Rajnath saying that the authority will give incentives to those refugees that live outside the North East.

He also said that different agitations and movements against this bill has been doing and if the government passes the bill neglecting the peoples sentiments, a firm stand and decision for the entire North East should be taken to make a future for the states. Former President of UCM, Johnson Elangbam while speaking on the occasion said that the government should not mixed up CAB with the Manipur Peoples Bill. The Manipur Peoples Bill is a state legislative mechanism and cannot withstand the tsunami to be impacted by CAB. And they should not compare the two, he added. The controversial Bill is a bill with the motive of electoral politics. This electoral politics will have a great impact on the people of North East, he added.

He said that concrete steps should be taken up to know the illegal migrants and immigrants and also a white paper regarding the identification of migrants and immigrants should be made. And he also said that the North East people should stand firmly with only one objective to withdraw the bill. The function was attended by RK Bobychand, Johnson Elangbam, Chinglen Maisnam, Ningthouja Lancha, Dr. Mangoljao Maibam and Somorendro Thokchom as resource person and dr. Lokendro Arambam as the moderator of the function.

Minister Shyam moots for cycle tracks in Imphal

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A cycle rally cum mass awareness campaign was held as part of the ongoing 'Saksham 2019', a month-long festival on capacity building programme on conservation of fuel in Imphal on Sunday. Similar cycle rallies were also organised in 200 cities across India which is the world's third-largest oil consumer. The cycle rally of national importance was organised by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) in collaboration with the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) and Petroleum conservation research association (PCRA)

in Imphal city. Manipur Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution Minister Karam Shyam Singh Commissioner M Lakshmikummar of Transport, State Head (Retail) Peeyush Gupta of North East BPCL, former Vice Chancellor Prof H. Tombi (Retd), SPs K Meghachandra (Imphal East) and H. Jogeshandra (Imphal West) along with state's first Olympian P. Neelakomol attended formal gathering of the campaign at the lawn of Hotel Imphal. Most of the speakers in the day's event said that conserving and preserving energy should be pursued as a responsibility. On the other hand reiterating

the need to develop a cycle track in the greater Imphal area as part of reviving the bicycle riding habits, Minister Shyam expressed also appealed to those who attended the day's programme to start thinking and learning about good things in life by conserving fuel and using bicycles will help the society as well as the country growth in terms of saving its economy and environment. Minister Shyam, Commissioner (Transport) Lakshmikummar, Peeyush Gupta of BPCL, Prof. Tombi (Retd) took part in the rally which was flagged off from Hotel Imphal premises in Imphal passes through Chingmeirong

Khongnang anikarak, Manipur State Legislative assembly, Thangmeiband, Khoyathong, Kangla moat road, Nitapachuthek, Sanjenthong, Palace gate, Hattaminuthong, North AOC and converged at the starting point. The oil and gas conservation awareness drive through various forms of activities including rallies, walk, painting competition besides distributing pamphlets etc is being organised from January 16 to February 15 2019 across the country under the aegis of the ministry of petroleum and natural gas government of India.