

MHA announcement to take consent of State govt. is another trick to fool the people – O. Joy

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Veteran Politician, Okram Joy, an ex- MLA, who was elected as legislature for five times to the Manipur Legislative Assembly representing the Langthabal constituency today said that the statement of the Union Home Ministry's spokesperson regarding the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, at which he was that nobody would be granted Indian citizenship without the consent of the respective state government, as another trick to fool the people of the country.

"The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill comes under the Union list, and



saying that consent of the state government will be taken while granting citizenship unacceptable until a clause on the Bill on what the spokesperson had said has been added", Joy said.

The veteran Politician further said that BJP's president Amit Shah public speech during

rally at Malda in West Bengal 2 days back, at which he said that All Bengali refugees will be given citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill has also contradicted what the MHA spokespersons had stated. The contentious Bill was tabled by the BJP and Amit Shah is the president of

the BJP who had made that contradictory statement.

O Joy also further stated that certain parliamentary procedures have been skipped while the BJP led government is making its way to pass the Bill in Lok Sabha. The CAB 2016 while introducing in the floor of the Lok Sabha was not referred to the select Committee even there are criticisms that it affects the Fundamental Rights of the people. The Bill also violates the Article 14 of the Indian Constitution by excluding the Muslim or atheist or some particular religion, Joy added. "This is being done for political benefit as Parliamentary Election is knocking at the door", Joy said.

Protest staged against CAB; students' to go at Delhi; another group criticize BJP



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Protest against Citizen Amendment Bill was staged today at various places of the state. At keishamthong Elangbam Leikai women folk stage sit-in-protest using

placards and banner denouncing the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill. Students' body AMSUMSEDESAMKSASUK and AIMS will stage protest at New Delhi on January 30. This was announced by the representatives of the students' body during a meeting with reporters at AMSU HQ. Students' body like MSAD, DAMMS, UNIKAS are also joining the protest.

Meanwhile, SSUM, AMMSO, MSAD, RSF and AMPSUM have also come down heavily to the BJP saying that the Bill was put up by them and it should be withdrawn by them. In a press meet the students' bodies lambasted the silence of the RS MP Bhabananda for remaining silent over the Bill. The Students' Body further said that the so call spokesperson of the BJP can no longer fool the people of the state regarding the issue.

IWF Lifts ban on Sanjita

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The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Wednesday revoked the ban imposed on India's Commonwealth Games gold medalist Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu.

"The IWF Hearing Panel will render its decision on the athlete's case in due course," it added.

Sanjita, who had won a gold in the women's 53kg category at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, had tested positive for anabolic steroid testosterone as her urine sample was taken prior to the World Championships in November 17. The 25-year-old Indian lifter was then put under provisional suspension in May last year. In Gold Coast, Sanjita had set a new Commonwealth Games record with a lift of 84 kg in snatch and 108 kg in clean and jerk, to finish with a total of 192 kg.

R-Day rehearsal held

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Full rehearsal of the republic day parade was held today at Imphal under tight security arrangement. The rehearsal parade was attended by various schools and colleges which had earlier announced that they will not take place in the R-Day, reports local TV news. Meanwhile traffic in Imphal city turned out to be a nightmare with thousands of vehicles stranded during the republic day parade rehearsal programme.

NIT, Manipur a total mess; hunger strike stage

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The National Institute of Technology Manipur which is situated at Langol has been in a complete mess. The National level Institute was like more of degrading government schools of our state. Classes with walls made up of Rhino Boards were all broken and shattered. Classes from one class to another can be seen from each another. Most of the Ceilings of the institute were all broken.

Out of the total 1100 students studying in NIT, Manipur the library can accommodate only 20 readers in it. Surprisingly while visiting the campus by our reporters, around 7 students were made to accommodate in a room of their hostel. Almost all of the

lights in the verandah of the hostels were not functioning. Even the fencing is not properly maintained and also the walls of the building were cracked in many places. The institute also always faced flood like situation even when drizzling also. And out of the 54 sanctioned posts for teaching staff only 32 regular teaching staffs were there. Even the 54 sanctioned posts should be 76 if they consider proper teacher students ratio. Well in a nut shell the infrastructure of the hostel and the conditions of the institute is extremely poor for a national level institute.

It can be mentioned that the NIT, Manipur was established in the year 2010 only. So, it is observed that the buildings were constructed without any quality control. Around 330

crores has already been sanctioned for NIT, Manipur. Out of 31 NIT institutes the NIT, Manipur is one of the 11 newly established NITs. The ranking of the NIT, Manipur has also been declined from 15 to 28 ranking.

Because of the improper infrastructure in the campus the students has been staging a hunger strike inside the campus since 21 of this month. Speaking to media persons a student protestors claimed that the government schools in their places is far better than NIT, Manipur. The student said that they have struggled even for the basic commodities like bed, tables and chairs and added that no authorities have come to inspect it. He said that with the developing of cracked in the walls they fear to live in such places as Manipur is a

high risk zone of earthquake. He also said that the institute lacks in many ways from teachers to equipments. Even they don't have their own auditorium. He finally concluded that the opportunities were all taken from them. All they do is more of a survival just eating and sleeping.

The students also demanded to make a ladies hostel inside the campus at Langol. They said that they spent a lot of time travelling in a congested bus. Around 150 students were made to travel from Takyel to Langol in two vehicles.

The ABVP Manipur participates staged in protest in the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Manipur regarding the improper infrastructure in the Campus and inadequate hostel facilities in the Institution.

6 rebel groups calls total shut down in WESEA region on Indian Republic Day

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Six different revolutionary groups of WESEA region, namely the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), Kamatapur Liberation Organization (KLO), Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB), National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT) and People's Democratic Council of Karbi-Longri (PDCK), have ban all forms of Indian Republic Day celebrations in the North East region of India.

A statement released by Alliance for Socialist Unity, Kangleipak (ASUK), which is signed by leaders of all the rebel groups said, "to effectuate the ban we call a total shut-down for 12 hours, from 6 am to 6 pm, on the 26th January, 2019, in the entire WESEA region". The statement however exempts emergency services and religious functions.

Giving reason for calling the total shut down, the statement said that India is going to celebrate her Republic Day on the 26th January, 2019. On this day in 1950, newly independent India got a constitution of her own and the previous colonial law, the Government of India Act, 1935 was replaced. This day is a day of national pride for the Hindi speaking mainland Indians and deserves joyous celebrations. But for peripheral colonies like WESEA and Kashmir, this is a day of enslavement and mourning. India is not a nation-state but a 'state-nation' where the mainland colonizes the peripheries. She is a prison-house of nations.

"The central government of India has been forcing the rim-land colonies to celebrate her Republic Day every year. In the WESEA region, this is nothing less than a cruel practical joke. India's 'intelligent' design is to force a fictional narrative of unitary

India down our throats. Celebrations and festivals are handy tools used by colonizers to dupe colonials into believing in the false stories invented by colonizers. Using the soft cultural tools like education, media, arts, festivals, celebrations etc., heartland Indian leaders try to paint a monochromatic picture of India in the hearts and minds of the colonized rim-land peoples. The Republic Day of India is such a day utilized as a tool of colonization of the mind. The intended function of this celebration is to obfuscate and finally erase the unadulterated historical memories of peripheral colonial peoples and to substitute them with a new history of India, fictionalized through deft cherry-picking of events and myths from the multitudinous streams of historical narratives of the multiplex of diverse nations and ethnic groups of Indian sub-continent.

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CorCom, ULFA-I and NLFT boycott R-Day

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Rebel group Co-Ordinating Committee (CorCom), United Liberation front of Assam, Independent (ULFA-I) and the National Liberation Front Twipra (NLFT) has boycotted the Indian Republic Day.

A joint statement of the three rebel groups appealed the people of WESEA region to BOYCOTT the India's Republic Day Celebration on 26 January 2019.

It said, "As the Indian State's pretence and deceit and her brutal suppression of our peoples have been exposed repeatedly and continued exploitation of the peoples of our Western South East Asia (WeSEA) region in all spheres of life. Recently, the Indian lower House of the Parliament [The Lok Sabha] has passed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 hastily, that is, within 24 hours of the submission of a report by the Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016. The purpose was to disrupt the peaceful situation in our region, going against the

wishes the people of the WeSEA. The contents of the report indicate that the Committee and its report was merely a cloak screen to legitimize a hidden policy. The Indian Colonial ruler had already taken a firm decision, much before they introduced the Bill in the Parliament. For instance, on 7th December 2015, the Ministry of Home Affairs, vide notification clauses that are subsequently inserted in the Bill. The fact that Lok Sabha passed the Bill on 8th January, was a mere legislative drama or a final touch on a well-engineered plan.

"The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 [Bill No. 172-C of 2016], passed by the Indian Lok Sabha on 8th January 2019, amended the principal Act so as to insert, "...persons belonging to minority communities, namely, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, ...shall not be treated as illegal migrants. ...[and their] aggregate period of residence or service of a Government in India as required under this clause shall be read as 'not less than six years' in place of 'not less than eleven years.'"

"Many Indian nationalists protest the Bill on the ground that it violates secularism and serves Hindutva agenda. It is true that on its face value the Bill conveys an open assertion of religiously communalized nationalist hype centred on Hindutva, i.e., identifying India with Hinduism. Proving that, the Colonial ruler plays with the sentiments of the Hindus, who constitute the majority chunk of the population in India. By creating a fiction of persecuted Hindus in neighbouring countries, the rulers depicts for itself an animated image of a Hindu messiah providing a safe haven (Hindustan) for fleeing Hindus. This populist tactic could manipulate the psyche of Hindus in blindly endorsing Hindu chauvinism and galvanize in expanding the numerical figure of Hindu voters. Colonial ruler aims to use the tactic as a handy tool for securing more seats in the upcoming parliamentary election. In short, Colonial ruler plays with religion-communal cards vis-à-vis its rival political parties.

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