

Students and Meira Paibis storm at Bhabananda's residence; 5 students injured in police action

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Wahengbam Leikai road stretch here in the heart of Imphal city bore a war like situation as police who were already present clashed with large number of students and meira paibis who thronged to the residence of Rajya Sabha MP Ksh Bhabananda, who is also the President of BJP, Manipur Pradesh.

At least five student protestors were injured in the police action.

The turmoil in the state continues because of the contentious CAB 2016. The students' organizations and Ema Keithel Lups stormed at the residence of Rajya Sabha MP Ksh. Bhabananda at Wahengbam Leikai around 2pm.

CM oversees interview for 2nd Round of Start-Up Manipur

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Interview for the second round of StartUp Manipur has begun in the presence of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and CAF & PD Minister Karam Shyam at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

In all around 4000 applications were received online seeking assistance from the Government in the second round of StartUp Manipur. A high level selection committee headed by Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu would interview the shortlisted applicants/entrepreneurs of the Revenue Stage and assess their project proposals in a transparent manner till February 11.

Each applicant was given three minutes' time to present their proposals through PowerPoint presentation which mainly focussed on objective/concept of their project, location, required financial assistance, scale of work, market, employment generation and expected annual income etc.

Concern authority of government departments and other experts were also present at the interview.

Start-Up Manipur scheme has been introduced to provide financial assistance to educated and hardworking youths/entrepreneurs of the State to promote self employment and entrepreneurship.

Around 30 entrepreneurs made PowerPoint presentation at today's interview that began from 11 am and continued late afternoon. It may be mentioned that 334 entrepreneurs were benefitted in the first round of StartUp Manipur.



Police personnel halt the protestors, and confrontation between the protestors and the security persons occurred. Police used smoke bombs and charge to disperse the protestors.

Some representatives of the protestors were later allowed to meet the MP inside his residence. Later Ksh

Babhavanda came out and meet the protestors and said that he will not do anything which is against the people of the state.

MP Bhabananda said that he understand the sentiment of the people and he will not go beyond the desire of the people. He further said that he and his party which formed

the government will never be against the will of the people. A tricky answer he made was that Chief minister N. Biren Singh is working hard as per the desire of the people.

After meeting with the MP, President of AMSU Manjit Sarangthem said to the media persons that they have clearly made their remarks to the MP

to stand firmly against the CAB 2016. He further said that MP Bhabananda assured them that he will stand on the interest of the people in the Rajya Sabha.

Manjit further urged the government both ruling and opposition to stand firmly against the bill. And added that the student bodies will further intensify the agitations until the said bill is withdrawn. Six other groups including Socialist Students Union of Manipur, Manipur Students Association Delhi, All Manipur Muslim Students' organization, Reformist Students' front and All Meitei Pangal Students Union also submitted a memorandum to the RS MP demanding to make his stand public.

The five students body also demanded to give in writings on his stand regarding the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, that was passed by the Lok Sabha.

More rebel group boycotts Indian R-Day

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After various rebel group operating in the region has boycotted the Indian republic Day Celebration, more rebel groups had joined the boycott called.

The KNF-N(Kuki National Front-Nehlung) in a press statement said that the organisation will boycott India's Republic's Day Celebration. The mass boycott will be effective from 01:00Hrs to 17:30 Hrs on 26 January 2019 all over Kuki inhabited Areas. During these hours, all trade and commercial activities, all forms of Public

and private transportations must not be operated. While emergency and essential services, media and religious activities will be exempted from the purview of the boycott.

"It is a universal known fact that the Kukis, through the greatest nation among the tribes, were divided by the British colonial Authority prior to Independence three countries without consulting their will, thus making them the smallest nation in their respective settled countries, e.i, India, Myanmar and Bangladesh. The time has come to insult the then disintegration policy of the Might British at any cost. In

this regard, many brave comrades since 1987 who took up arms struggle had lost their life. Therefore, we ourselves should sacrifice our life to regain the lost territory of Kuki inhabited areas and transform them into one nation and one administration by crushing the constitution of India and the provisional boundaries of tri-nation of South and South-East Asia", Gogou Kuki, Information & Publicity of KNF(N) said and added that the KNF N demand the legitimate Birth Right of a Kuki Homeland permissible under the constitutions of India, through arms struggle, since the government had sidelined

the Kuki National movement peacefully through non-violence initiated by Kuki National Assembly (KNA) set up way back in the 1960s for the political solutions and rights.

Another group called the United People's Revolutionary Front of Manipur (UPRFM) has called for total shut down in the region opposing the Republic Day celebration. A statement of the Information and Publicity Secretary of the outfit, L. Rolin @ Thoupangba Meiteisai said the outfit calls 11 hour total shut down from 6 am to 5 pm on January 26.

Traffic regulations for January 26

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In the wake of the upcoming Republic Day celebrations in the state, the director of Transport, Manipur, has issued a public notification regarding traffic regulations to be observed on January 26. The notification stated that a full dress rehearsal will be held at 7:00 am today and the main function will be held at January 26.

The statement also notified that no vehicles except that of VIP(s) and the invitee(s) having valid passes issue by the state home department shall be allowed to ply towards north of Krisna Premi Oil Pump, Moirangkhom on Nh-2; Keishampat to Khwairamband bazar; Maharani Bridge to Dukanthong, Babuthong; Kangchup Road to Flyover and Khoyathong; Khoyathong to North AOC and Sanjenthong to the Western Gate of Kangla and

Keishampat Bridge from 6:30 am to 12:00 noon of January 26.

Traffic diversion points for the aforementioned dates include: (I) Indo Burma Road- All buses and trucks coming from South towards North shall be diverted from Singamei Bridge and New Thumbuthong Bridge towards Kongba side and proceed up to Palace compound and park there.

(II) Mayang Imphal Road- All buses and trucks coming South towards North shall be diverted from Keishampat Junction towards former Krisnadas Oil Pump to drop or pick-up passengers beyond the former oil pump and will proceed towards Kwakeithel and then towards Ningthemcha Karong or Khagempalli road.

(III) NH 39: (a) All buses and trucks coming from South towards North shall be diverted from Chingmeirong Khongnang Ani Karak towards Khuman Lampak Bus Terminus; and (b) All trucks shall be diverted from North AOC towards

Minuthong, RDS crossing, Kongba road then New Thumbuthong and Singamei Bridge.

(IV) Eastern Side (Yaingangkopki, Lamlai, Porompot, Andro etc.): (a) All buses shall be diverted towards Khuman Lampak bus Terminus from RDS crossing via Lamlong bazar; (b) As for trucks, it would be the same as above for NH-39 or towards RDS crossing, Singamei Bazar Crossing and Thumbuthong Bridge for Indo-Burma road towards Pishumthong for Mayang Imphal to Tiddim road; and (c) No vehicle shall be allowed to proceed from Palace Gate Traffic Point towards Sanjenthong side.

(V) New Cachar Road (NH-53): All vehicles coming from New Cachar road shall be parked at Sagolband Moirang Leirak bus parking. Trucks shall be diverted from Tera Bazar towards Naoremthong, Uripok Canteen Road and Lamphel Sanakeithel, Lamphelpat.

(VI) Kangchup Road: All vehicles coming from Kangchup side shall be parked at the northern side of UK road (i.e. beyond the end of the Flyover Bridge).

(VII) Tiddim Road: All buses and trucks shall be diverted from Kwakeithel Bazar towards Tera Bazar, Naoremthong, Uripok Canteen Leirak road, Lamphel Supermarket, and come back via Watham Leirak, Thangmeiband Road, Nagamapal Road, Wahengbam Leikai Road, Keishampat Junction and pick up passengers from Churachandpur Bus Parking, Keishampat.

(VIII) Parking: All vehicles including jeeps, cars, scooters, motor-cycles, auto rickshaws etc. shall be parked on the road side beyond the following points: (a) Lairembi Lampak near Keishampat Junction, (b) In front of Session's Court, UK Road, and (c) Sing and Co. (Moirangkhom).

KSA demands removal of non-indigenous people from SC and ST list

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Students' body Kangleipak Students' Association today lambasted the government of Manipur for its irresponsibility in fulfilling the commitment made by them for removing of non-indigenous people from the list of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled tribe. Removing of the non-indigenous people including Dhobi, Munchi Patni, Namsudra etc. from the list of SC and ST has been a long standing demand of the KSA and representatives of the students' body had met the Chief Minister on August 25, 2018 at the Chief Minister's Secretariat.

Talking to media persons, KSA leader Bidyandana said that after deliberation over the issue for inclusion of the non-indigenous people to the list of SC and ST, on the meeting with the Chief Minister on August 25, 2018, the representatives of the students' body had been assured that the matter will be looked upon.

This non indigenous people were listed under the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe lists (Modification) order 1956 and Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe lists (Amendment) Act 1976, the KSA leader added. He expressed shocked over the silence of the government on the matter, which is a threat to the indigenous people of the

state. As per 2001 census population of Patni is recorded as 3335, Dhopi-80, Muchi-45, Sutradhar -147 and Namasudra -3312. Bidyandana added and said that the present population would have been much higher from the recorded on as per 2011 census. If these community who are not indigenous people started occupying the indigenous SC people of the state than the KSA will not remain quiet, the KSA leader said.

He further reminded the Supreme Court rulling of August 30, 2018 at which the court said that the SC should not enjoy the rights of the SC other than their own state. On the other hand there has been instances of Manipuri ST students being driven out from the Nagaland medical College.

The KSA leader also slammed the Government of India over its notification dated May 25, 1995 at which any telli community who have resided in the state for 7 years should be provided reservation.

The KSA demands to exclude the list of non-indigenous communities from the list of the Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste list by amending the ST and AC act by January this year. If the government failed the KSA will launch serious form of agitation including bandh and Blockade.

Sanjita thanks people

Two Times Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu, whose suspension has been revoked thanks people for the support given to her. Below is what she wrote:

"I, Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu, would like to thank all CSOs, Student Organizations, Media persons, well-wishers and every person in Manipur for the unity, support, guidance and motivation given to me in my fight against the doping charge given by International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).

Many CSOs & Student Organizations like PoFM, SSUM, DESAM, SWA, AMPGA, MPDDU, TCMDC, AKSA, AMSU, MSF, MSAD, DAMMS, AVBP (Delhi Unit) and others helped me in raising public awareness about my innocence. I would also like to thank all media fraternities for carrying my news in the local & national papers, with special thanks to Pukhrambam Ibochouba (Editor Kangla Pao), Kh. Rinku (Editor Imphal Times), Yambem Laba (Senior Journalist), Khogendro Khongdrum (Editor Sangai Express, Manipuri Edition), Aribam Ibomcha (News Editor, AIR Imphal), Nongmaithem Reena (Video Journalist, ISTV), K. Saratchandra (NELive Correspondent), Chinglen (ANI Correspondent), Eche Merina (The Chronicle), Paojel Chaoba (Imphal Free Press).

I would further extend my gratitude to film makers Mr. Amar Maibam & Sonia Nepram, RK Somorendro (Kaiku), IK Salam & Mayanglam Bimolchand for their useful guidance.

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Special thanks to the Hon'ble CM of Manipur for the help he extended to my fight for justice. Further thanks to all political parties in Manipur. Last, but not the least, I would like to thank all the people, particularly the players and other sport lovers of Manipur for supporting me in this 8 months long fight for my justice. It is because of your support & blessing that the IWF finally revoked my suspension on January 22, 2019. I believe that, with your blessings & support, I could bring more laurels for my State & for my Country.

Yours Sincerely
Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu
Weightlifter