

Even Lawyers are against
the Citizenship
Amendment Bill, 2016;
Protest Staged



RSF Gen Secy. Arrested; Imphal, Jan 25,

General Secretary of the Reformist Students Union was arrested by police in connection with the series of agitation against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill. The arrest of the student leader is decreed by the Socialist Students' Union of Manipur, Manipur Students Association, All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation and All Manipur Pangsang Students Union Manipur. A press statement said that arrest of the general secretary of RSF will make no difference to the movement for withdrawal of the CAB.

Finance Secretary of UMLA/ KNO terminated Moreh, Jan 25,

In a press release, by United Minority Liberation Army (UMLA/ KNO), Kopham Khaling the Chief in Command of United Minority Liberation Army stated that Mr. B. Rajan S/o: B. Bataya the Finance Secretary of (UMLA/ KNO) has been terminated from the Organization for violating the norms and rules of the Organization and tarnishing the image of the Organization by making disturbance to the General Public and the Organization.

Manipur CSOs boycott Indian Republic Day



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5 major civil society organization of the state today announced 'boycott' of the Indian Republic Day to be celebrated tomorrow the 26th January, 2018. The boycott is being called against the Citizenship Amendment Bill which was passed by the Lok Sabha on January 18 and has been awaiting for passing at Rajya Sabha. "The citizen Amendment Bill, 2016 which was passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8 is nothing but an agenda to extinct the indigenous people of the state", Sunil Karam, President of the United Committee Manipur (UCM) said during a meeting held

today afternoon at the premises of the UCM. Leaders of All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO), Ph Devan, Committee of Civil Society kangleipak (CCSK) (Jeetendra Ningomba), Hericoun-L. Ratan and Ratan of Leepun also attended when the President of UCM Sunil Karam announced Boycott of Indian Republic Day to the media persons. The decision to boycott the Indian Republic Day is unanimous consensus of the civil society organizations of the state to protect the entire region of the North East states of India, Karam said. The UCM President further said that the Civil Society organizations will also convened a public meeting at

the conference Hall of Sangai Hotel on Jan 28, 2019 to discuss the course of action for forcing the central government to withdraw the Bill. The public meeting initiated by the 5 civil society organization will work out to form a committee for strengthening the agitation against the Bill which is designed to extinct the indigenous people of the state. The civil society leaders also appealed the people of the state to stage protest instead of attending the republic day by shouting Slogans - 'Withdraw Citizenship Amendment Bill' and "We condemn the republic day Celebration of India".

BJP starts facing trouble in NE: Leader resigns in meghalaya

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Even as Manipur's BJP still has to make a clear stand to the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 with the Rajya MP failure to give in writing that he will stand against the CAB as people desires so, Meghalaya BJP leaders started resigning from the

post. As per report reaching here the general secretary of the Shillong City District Committee, Meghalaya of the BJP, Glanding Lyngdoh, has quit the party. The president of the BJP Youth Wing, Lyngdoh had also tendered his resignation earlier. Egenstar Kurkalang,

president of the Youth Wing, resigned on January 21 and has since joined the UDP. In Mizoram, 2 legislatures of the state Assembly joined the peoples' march against the Bill. They even carried placards which threaten to demand an Independent country if the Bill is not withdrawn.

Central Govt. not interested for NE people- Dr. Nara

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National Secretary of the Communist Party of India Dr. M Nara, who have been nominated by left party to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha Election in Inner Manipur Assembly Constituency today lambasted the Narendra Modi Government saying that the NDA government led by

Narendra body provided lip service only and nothing has been seen converting what he had promises to the people of the country. Speaking at the sideline of the sit-in-protest staged at Kongpal in Imphal east organised by the CPI Kongpal Council, Dr. Nara said that the BJP instead of fulfilling the promised they had made is now moving towards its agenda of

converting the country into Hindutva nation. The passing of the CAB which is a threat to the people of the North East region and others which hurt religion community who are not Hindu are coming up in the public spare and if he continue for the five year India of today will be a different country - which have no home of the various multi ethnic people.

Security beefed up at Indo-Myanmar International Border



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Ahead of 70th Republic Day, Security has been beefed up in Moreh Town and other parts of Indo-Myanmar International borders after several banned Militant groups called for boycotting the Republic Day. As To prevent from untowards incident during 70th Republic Day, Security forces of both State and Central has been beefed up. 43 Assam Rifles deployed at Moreh conducted Extensive Patrol at Border Fencing between BP 79 to 80 and 24x7 Surveillance

Operation along Indo-Myanmar International borders. Movement of public at Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 2 to Namphalong of Myanmar are allowed after proper verification of their ID Proofs. Goods imported from Myanmar are Checked thoroughly by Metal Detector, X-RAY Machine as well by trained Dogs of 43 Assam Rifle. The illegal entries at no fence area were also stop by Personals of 43 Assam Rifle. The Extensive Patrol, Checking of goods at Indo-

Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 2 were conducted by the teams of Town Commander of 43 Assam Rifles Major RK. Sharma. On the otherhand Moreh Police led by Additional SP K. Robinson and OC Moreh PS Letkhohao Vaiphei, Commandos led by DSP Thomas Thokchom and 43 Assam Rifles led by Major Akshay do also conducted extensive patrol in and around the Moreh Town. Various search operations were also conducted at various parts of Moreh Town during night hours by the combined teams.

Indigenous man denied voter card Who will be responsible for taking away even the basic right from the person?

By - Chingkei Luwang

Various schemes for the poor and needy have been implemented under various programmes by the government. Housing schemes, Construction of Sanitary latrines, free health schemes, distribution of PDS food items at low cost are some of the few. But to be a beneficiary of the above scheme voter I card is mandatory. Unfortunately a person who is very much in need of all this various schemes given by the government has been deprived from getting all the benefit - because he don't have a Voter I - card neither any authority has come up to help him getting his right. He condition is even worst then those who had illegally

entered and settled in this state where he was borne, his forefather was borne. The person is Heikam Nabakumar (60 years), an indigenous Maniuri community who lives on hand to mouth. He stayed at a shabby hut at Heirangoithong under Naoriya Pakhanglakpa Constituency. He live by working as paid labour in the Singjamei Ima market carrying things for the vendors. His works starts early in the morning around 6am and returns around 8 pm. What is very unfortunate is that until the year 2006 his

name was enlisted in the voter list and after that his name had been cut off from the voter list for reason best known to the authority; his right to vote has been snatched from him. But his name is present in the most recent population census. Without the voter card all the beneficiaries even the PDS food items were not enable to get benefited by the schemes. Speaking to media persons he said that he is old and what can he do. The old aged person has been given by some helping groups and local clubs providing eatables and clothes apart

from that the underprivileged person hasn't yet provided any benefits from the government. Even though the present government has been doing many programs like go to Hills, Go to village he is all left behind. Even the Pradhan, other local government bodies and the government itself has been neglecting the most underprivileged person who claimed the government of the people. The question which arises is that who will responsible for taking away his basic rights of being a voter and why.

CAU develop roadmap to double farmers' income

By a Correspondent
Imphal, Jan 25,

The Central Agricultural University (CAU) in Manipur has developed a roadmap to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to double farmers' income in north east particularly in the four hill states-Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura, according to Prof M Premjit, vice chancellor of CAU. Prof Premjit who chairs a committee for roadmap development for the above

NE states said that the university has develop many research based strategies which include selection (as well as production) of quality seeds, mechanisation of farms and integrated farming system (IFS) besides encouraging family based farming for achieving the goal of doubling farmers' income adding that they've even submitted a report to the concerned authorities at centre in this regard for its implementation. IFS is a farming practice meant for all-round development of agriculture

with animal husbandry and other occupations related to core agricultural practices since farmers in the northeast have small land holdings. Among the strategies, IFS can be taken up with fishery and piggy along with rice cultivation or fishery with vegetable and rice based on the locations of the fields as it has the capability to make the sector profitable and double the income. Recommending beekeeping as one of key components of IFS, prof premjit said, "If we neglect bees, the pollinators, we cannot get the desired

yield. So beekeeping should be one of the components for cross-pollinated crops such as oil seeds." He also informed that IFS can help in reducing the jhum cultivation areas in the region as well considering its potentials. Manipur's total jhum area is said to be around 1,22,147 ha in 2017, according to official reports. "We also need to focus on quality endemic crops - pineapple, orange, ginger, lemon and passion fruit which are our pride in the country by giving skill development on value addition and

processing techniques," Vice chancellor of CAU, the biggest agricultural university in India with 13 affiliated colleges, said. "Besides we need to introduce agri-tourism by developing small huts inside the orchard or farmland etc to motivate the youths and control migration to other parts." Scientists in collaboration with the farmers have taken up some initiatives to produce adequate quality (paddy) seeds for supply purposes in state like Manipur which annually requires 2000 tons of

(paddy) seeds. "But the government alone cannot provide quality seeds for successful implementation of such strategies including IFS considering the lack of assured irrigation in region. Providing irrigation will take time. Even if irrigation facilities are provided in the valley, it would be a difficult in hills except the rainwater harvest (or spring water harvest)," he said. "So farmers should target production of quality (paddy) seeds and earn extra revenue as rice is life of NE people."

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tomorrow due
to Republic
day
celebration.

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