

Manipur celebrates Country's republic Day amidst boycott called

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The 70th Republic Day was celebrated under tight security arrangement in Manipur amidst boycott called by civil society organizations, students' bodies and the various armed rebel group of the state at the historic Kangla Fort yesterday. The CSOs and the students' bodies boycotted the Republic day celebration as a mark of protest against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016, while the armed rebel groups boycotted the Republic Day against the force occupation of the land by India.



Even as the republic day celebration was organised in a grand manner almost all schools and colleges restrained from taking part as mass past contingents except for the GP Women College. The celebration began with the Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla unfurling the Tricolour flag. The Governor also inspected the guard of honour accorded by a contingent of 5th IRB commanded by Bidiyapati Thingbaijam, DSP 9th IRB (Mahila). The Governor took salute from 73 marching contingents including nine band contingents and various school contingents led by Parade Commander Thamei Gaipuirol Kabui, Assistant Director, MPTC. Altogether 20 cultural troupes from various communities and organisations across the state

Protest continues to stage against CAB

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Protest against the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 continues in various places of Manipur. People from all walks of lives in the state have been protesting against the passing of bill.

Today also a sit-in-protest was also staged at Khurai Ningthoubung Leikai organised jointly by Peaceful Club (P.F.C), Social United Club Organization (SUCO) and Meira Paibi of Khurai Ningthoubung Leikai.

Speaking to media persons Yumkhaibam Inaicha Luwang President of SUCO said that as the land lies in the border area neighbouring with countries, the state is a highly sensitive zone for the migrants. And to pass such a controversial bill is to genocide the indigenous people of the North East. He finally appealed to reject or withdraw the bill at Rajya Sabha.

showcased their mesmerizing cultural performances. A total of 18 tableaux of various Departments including Forest, Manipur Fire Service, DIPR, Education, Social Welfare, Health among others also showcased their departmental activities and services for the welfare of the people of the State. Giant gates were erected along the March past routes by various departments.

The Governor handed over the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service to Thangkhanlal Guite, ADGP (Modernisation) and Police Medal for Meritorious Service to K. Ajitkumar Sharma, Addl. SP, Jiribam, Rudra Narayan Singh, Inspector, CID (SB), E. Bhubaneswar Singh, Inspector, CID (SB), Yambem Anderson, Subedar of MPTC, Pebam Inaoba Singh, Havildar, 2nd IRB, Kh. Indrakumar Singh, Havildar, 7th MR and Kh. Suranjay Singh Havildar, MPTC.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh delivering vote of thanks at 1st MR Battalion Ground assured the people of the State that the State government stands for the protection and integrity of the people of Manipur. He said the Government will not take up any steps that will affect the sentiments of different ethnic communities living harmoniously in the state. He also maintained that the government will not remain silent if there are any elements in the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) that will cause threat to the integrity of the indigenous

people of Manipur

The Chief Minister appealed to the people to thoroughly familiar with the contents of the bill before resorting to any forms of protests. He urged the people not to resort to any kinds of agitations like bandhs, blockades, strikes, etc. especially in Imphal as it hampers the economic development of the entire state.

He reiterated that the Home Ministry has given assurance that the bill will not be implemented in the States without the prior consent of the State Government. Chief Minister urged all civil society organisations of the State for open dialogue and discussions along with legal experts. The State government took a decision regarding the introduction of the Manipur People's Bill in the State Assembly so that the Centre Government may not take up anything without prior consent of the state government in connection with CAB, he added.

It may be mentioned that Republic Day were celebrated in all the District Headquarters of the State. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, top civil and police officers and others attended the celebration.

There are also report of celebrating the Republic Day at other district head Quarters including Thoubal, Bishnupur, Kongpokpi, Senapati, Tamenglong, Ukhrul and Churachandpur.

KCP-PWG clarifies

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The Kangleipak Communist Party People's War Group clarified that there was no connection with Ningthoujam Amarjit @ Apikpa son of Ningthoujam Borajao with the party who was recently arrested as per the claimed in the media by Thoubal Police. In a press release Lenin Meitei Central media Co-ordinator said that there wasn't any comrade named Amarjit @ Apikpa in People's War

group (Marxist Centre). He further said that it is not a new thing that Manipur police which is a Colonial Machinery of Neo-Imperialist India has been threatening and made to suffer the hoi polloi and spreading anti nationalism and anti-revolutionary to the minds of the people. He finally appealed the meira paibi and other club to teach a proper lesson to the Manipur police who have been torturing the general public with its magical drama of arresting the plain people.

Response of Mizoram people on protest against CAB much harder than Manipur

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Response to the boycott called of Republic Day in protest against the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 by countless number of civil bodies and students organizations in Manipur turns out to be a flop show when compare to the response from the people of Mizoram. Peoples' participation during the republic day celebration here in the state was not that low comparing last year and vehicular movement in and around the streets of Imphal was almost normal even though the number was less comparing other days. Many people were seen enjoying

picnic at various location.

There were applause when Governor of Manipur address the gathering on the Republic Day Celebration and Kangla and other district head quarters of the state witnessed celebrative atmosphere. The protest against CAB was seen at some places only.

The scene was totally different in Mizoram. An umbrella body of various civil society organizations and students of Mizoram - NGO Coordination Committee boycotted the Republic Day and Governor of Mizoram had to address the republic day speech on empty ground.

"Mizoram Governor Kumanam Rajasekharan on Saturday addressed an

almost-empty ground on the 70th Republic Day, due to a statewide boycott call given by an umbrella organisation against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill", agency report said.

The report added that no member from the general public attended the function, police said adding that only ministers, legislators and top officials were present.

The boycott call was given by the NGO Coordination Committee, an organisation of civil society groups and student bodies.

Six armed contingents participated in the Republic Day parade, officials said. Up to 30 contingents traditionally take part in the annual event.

Arresting Students' leaders can't suppress the movement says students' Organisation

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It is at times of critical condition that the people know the true nature of a government, whether it stands with the people or with the few who have accumulated so much power and are ready to unleash violence through brutal force at situations they deem fit said Vice President of MSAD Makakmayum Furkan.

In a joint statement by Manipur Students Association Delhi, Reformist Students' Federation (RSF), Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM), All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) and All Meitei-Pangal Students' Union of Manipur (AMPUSU) said that they have been in a state-wide campaign for the last few weeks against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (CAB) that was passed on India's Lok Sabha on 8th of January. It further added that the Bill is specifically designed in Delhi

so as to push the native population of the entire "North-East" to the edge of annihilation; socially, politically, economically and culturally at all.

It can be mention that in the early morning of 25th of this month Amarjit Ningthouja, the General Secretary of Reformist Students' Federation was picked up from his house at Khngabok, Thoubal district, by the state police force.

The statement further said that it was clear from their critical observation from the last few years that, if "fake encounter" was the hobby of the Okram Ibobi led Congress government, "Go to" festivals and arresting civilians and students activists have become the hobbies of the Nongthombam Biren led BJP/ RSS Hindu fascist government of Manipur.

The state government should stop fooling around giving empty and unfounded statement to the public and focus on the real issue at hand, it added. And it also said that

their voices cannot be slaughtered through intimidation and use of armed police forces.

The joint statement further demanded the unconditional release of students' leader Amarjit Ningthouja. It added that the arresting of students because of the movements to save the indigenous clearly shows the violation of democratic rights of the people.

The government both the central and the state, are in inextricable collaboration to enslave the indigenous people, it added.

The five students' bodies further said that they were all prepared for more intense agitations. And it further said that they are going to organize a bike rally against the contentious CAB tomorrow and to give more awareness to the people of the land.

The joint statement finally appealed the people to participate and support the Bike-Rally.

PREPAK claims 4 blasts at different places opposing Republic Day celebration

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Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) has claimed to have blasted series of bomb in and around Imphal area as a part of the boycott called on Indian Republic Day. A statement by the Secretary in charge, Publicity and propaganda of the PREPAK, Leibaakngakpa Luwang said that bomb were blasted on the evening of January 25 at around 8 pm near Lamphel Power House, a day before the republic Day celebration. At around 5 am of January 26

, when the state was preparing for celebration of the republic day under tight security arrangement a bomb was blasted at Santa Market, Thoubal Yairipok; at 6.50 am another bomb blasted at Singjamei Wangma Thongkhong Kshetirileikai and at 1 pm one more blasted at the wall of the BTRF near lamphel Sankar Talkies.

The proscribed group claimed 4 blasts as a mark of protest against the on Republic day celebration.

"The incidents of the bomb blasts were deliberately executed as a part of the boycott of the 70th Republic

day celebration of Colonial master India called by fraternal Revolutionary organizations of WESEA region", the PREPAK statement said.

The PREPAK further said that Mongoloid communities of the WeSEA region are different from the Aryan people and the opposition of the Republic day celebration of India in this part of the region ever since 1950 is being clearly indicated by the series of blast.

The PREPAK statement also vowed that the freedom of the country will be forcibly taken back from the colonial master.

Republic Day greeting to Chief Minister from Lanbung Khun, Chandel

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The people of the Chandel are happy and for the first time felt the existence of a government, said Village Chief of Lanbung, ST Nangrung during an exclusive interaction at his residence on the occasion of Republic Day 2019.

The Village Chief said that for the first time the Chief Minister, N Biren led state government is eyeing at the integral development of the state with special attention to the hill areas of the state. It is a welcoming move from the government.

While wishing the Chief Minister on the 70th Republic Day of India, congratulated the Chief Minister of Manipur for taking various development work at the Chandel District headquarters including Women Market, which is a long cherish dream of every people in Chandel. He also mentioned that the Chief Minister with special initiative made a temporary arrangement for supplying of drinking water aftermath the 2015 flash flood in the state that create mass havoc in and around the district headquarters. He also recalled the promises made by the Chief Minister during his meeting with leaders and elders of Hill areas, while the Village Chief urged the Chief Minister to materialise the promises into action at the larger interest of the people of the Chandel District.