

## Progress of the state depends on dedicated services of Engineers: CM



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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that progress of the State and its infrastructural development is dependent on the dedicated services of the Engineers while speaking at the Mid Term Council Meeting of the Indian Engineers' Federation (North East Region) held at Hotel Classic, Imphal today. The Chief Minister said that Engineers have a great role in our society. Engineers have the responsibility of ensuring

proper planning and effective implementation of various developmental projects in the State, he added. He mentioned that fulfilling the commitments of all-round development is a collective effort and the contributions of the Engineers of the state will go a long way towards achieving the goal of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. Chief Minister informed that the government is planning to construct elevated highways and ring roads for better road connectivity in the State. In

this regard, the government has submitted a proposal with an estimated cost of around Rs. 1000 crores, he added.

In order to streamline the Engineering Departments, he urged the Engineers fraternity to submit a proposal to maintain a proper transfer and postings policy of the Engineering Departments. He also mentioned that the government will discuss about the re-creation of the post of Secretary (Technical) soon. He maintained that Engineers should not work under the pressure of Politicians, Bureaucrats etc. and should hear their own conscience to execute good work.

Chief Minister expressed that such meeting would help bring about better understanding and appreciation of the challenges and issues facing by the Engineering Community and suggestions on how best to address them will serve the purpose. Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Executive Council Members of Indian Engineers' Federation (North East Region), retired Chief Engineers and Engineers of various Engineering Departments attended the function. The meeting was organised by Engineering Association of Manipur.

## Indian Army dismantles undesignated camp of NSCN (IM) in Manipur

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The Army has dismantled an undesignated hideout of the insurgent group NSCN (IM) in Manipur after its members were found extorting from people at a village. The NSCN (IM), the largest insurgency group in the north-east, has a ceasefire with the centre and it has to report the location of all its camps to the Army. "An undesignated and unauthorised hideout of NSCN (IM) was busted on July 6 by the Army troops at Kekru Naga village in Manipur. Based on a specific input regarding NSCN (IM) cadres camping in Kekru Naga

and carrying out illegal extortion, a well-coordinated operation was launched on the night of July 5," the Army said in a statement.

"However, seeing the troops advancing toward their camp, the cadres fled leaving huge amount of arms, ammunition, uniform and other war-like stores," the Army said.

A member of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) was detained after he was found trying to hide among people in plainclothes, the Army said. The weapons found by the raiding team included an American-origin M16 assault rifle with 125 rounds, one self-loading rifle with 26 rounds

and some AK series assault rifles, apart from other "warlike stores".

The Army said it is working closely with the police, intelligence agencies, civil administration and the locals to identify "unauthorised hideouts" of the NSCN (IM). "Immediate action is being taken to identify and dismantle such undesignated NSCN (IM) camps in Manipur and to stop atrocities as well as illegal activities of these cadres," the Army said in the statement. The NSCN (IM), formed in 1980, is led by 85-year-old Thuingaleng Muivah; the other top leader of the group, Isak Chishi Swu, died three years ago at 87 of multi-organ

failure. Over the years, the NSCN-IM has been accused of killings, extortion and other subversive activities and its persistent demand for separation from India led to a military clampdown on the group. In 1997, the NSCN-IM entered into a truce with the central government for peace and since then has been continuing dialogue with the centre's emissaries. In August 2015, the NSCN-IM signed a framework agreement with the government which Prime Minister Narendra Modi described as a "historic" step to usher in peace in the state.

## MPPDU to build Lainingthou Sanamahi Lainingkol and also stables for Manipuri ponies

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With the main aim to protect the indigenous cultures and religion Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPPDU) along with its allied organization assured to build Lainingthou Sanamahi Lainingkol and stables for the Manipuri ponies named as "Langkol Yareksang" to protect the ponies of Manipur.

Speaking to media persons in a press meet held today at Manipur Dramatic Union, Yaikul Convener of Young Communist League (YCL) W. Kameshwar said that the new generation have arouse to protect the indigenous traditions. In order to built Sanamahi Lainingkol people have donated places at four location of Manipur, he added.

Dejecting on the conditions of Manipuri pony where Manipur being a birth place of polo Kameshwar condemned that it was very unfortunate to led the pony in stray living at the road sides.

So in order to save the pony which has been taking a vital role in making history of Manipur, MPPDD along with its allied organizations which work under the ideas of Lamyamba Irabot namely young Communist League, Socialist Woman Association, Socialist Students' Union of Manipur, Proletarian Feminist Movement and Young Pioneers of Manipur have decided to build a field for the ponies which was named as "Langkoi Hapung" and also stables named as Langkoi Yareksang, he declared. Kameshwar assured that they have planned to complete the

building of Langkoi hapung and Langkoi Yareksang on World Indigenous Day which is on August 9, 2019.

He further said that several volunteers of MPPDU were ready to take care for the ponies. The volunteers will provide their volunteering work for taking care of the ponies at free of cost, he added.

Kameshwar appealed the people to inform and give the pony to Langkoi Hapung from August 9, 2019 if anyone found it in destitute condition. He also added that if the owner finds hard to feed the pony they can give to Langkoi Hapung. And all the necessary activities to take care of the pony will be done by the volunteers of MPPDU, he assured.

Regarding the construction of Lainingthou Sanamahi Lainingkol, Kameshwar declared that they planned to

finish the construction in two years. Two groups will be there for Lainingthou Sanamahi Lainingkol where one group will be scholars of Sanamahi religion and other will be volunteers to build the Sanglen and other Sangtaps. Kameshwar stressed that they will not take any donations from any National Political parties and its leaders and also from persons who gather wealth by looting the people.

He further appealed the people to take responsibility in preserving the unique culture, tradition and religion of Sanamahi and also to help in the activities done by MPPDU and its allied organization which followed the ideology of Lamyamba Irabot.

He concluded that the places where they will construct will be declared in the near future.

## HRI condemns life attempt by shooting to the daughter of Human Rights Defender

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**Human Rights Initiatives (HRI)** expressed strong condemnation to the act of life attempt by shooting at the daughter of Human Rights Defender Mr. Urikhimbam Nobokishore and Mangastabam Sobita on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Thongju Boroi Makhong.

"Such an act of attack by gun is highly condemnable and the perpetrators need to be arrested and punished under the rule of law", a press statement by Manoj Thokhom said.

It added that the incident occurred at 6:30pm when their

daughter namely Thoibi was driving a Bolero Jeep along with two or three of her friends from Singamei while they were returning from the market after buying some container to pack some Kheochi. While on their way towards her home all of a sudden a Gypsy white in colour packed with some men horn loudly and over took her vehicle. Which later they happened again to meet at Thongju Boroi Makhong wherein she over took and crossed the road and stopped in front of the resident.

After been parked, the Gypsy followed them again and stopped at the opposite side on the NH 1 and shouted using slangs which challenged the modesty of women. In response to the action the girls also shouted back and had a heated argument. As a result, one among the person in the Gypsy took out a gun and

shot towards them and speeded the vehicle towards Canchipur, fortunately, no one was hurt. The act is very much related to discrimination of women and girls.

The incident is highly believed to be well organized to threaten her family members, especially to her parents who are actively working on the Human Rights Based Approach. It could be mentioned that Mr. Nobokishore and Ms. Sobita have been under attacked since the October 2017 by the various miscreants suspected to be used by some influential people of the state and others. The HRI appealed the Singamei Police to initiate speedy investigation and to arrest the people involved in the shooting and be punished according to the rule of law. It also appealed the Home Department to stop giving Gun license to avoid gun culture in the state.

## PREPAK Condoles

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Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) condoled the untimely demise of Pukhrambam Premananda Meitei (41), son of late P. Iboton Singh of Nambol Sabal Leikai, Bishnur District.

A statement by Achouba, Publicity Officer, Department of Propaganda, PREPAK, said that Premananda Meitei left for heavenly abode due to an illness. It said that this demise has left a vacuum to the PREPAK and share and pains and sorrow of the family members.

## Nemcha Kipgen graces The Thadou's Diaspora Annual Meet

**Imphal, July 07,**

Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen, who is also the first Cabinet Minister amongst Thadou's Women, graced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thadou Nampi Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of this month at Charlotte, North Carolina, United States of America. It is organised by the Thadou Nampi, USA. Addressing the Thadou Diaspora on the occasion, Minister Nemcha lauded them for firmly connected to their

roots, despite residing miles away from their home by upholding their cultures and traditions in the best way. She also urged them to strive hard so as to contribute in the welfare and development of their state in particular and country, as a whole.

Further, Smt Nemcha shared the in-depth history and facts on the Thadou Tribe. She mentioned that the Thadou is one of the ancient people in the South East Asia and has a long history, tradition, culture and custom, amongst others.

## Manipur become a dependent state after it was forcibly annexed by India – I Chaoren

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Manipur today has become a totally dependent state in all spheres after India annexed the region and suppressed the socio-political and economic condition of the state and it is now fear that indigenous people's identity may perish from the region. This was stated by I. Chaoren, Convener of the Co-ordination Committee (CorCom), in a message sent on occasion of its 8<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day which falls on July 8.

CorCom is a conglomerate of 4 major rebel groups - PREPAK, PREPAK (PRO), UNLF and RPF. The message by the CorCom Convener recalled on how the erstwhile Independent Nation of the South East Asia was forcibly annexed by the Indian Union. It said Manipur restored its freedom on August 14, 1947 from the British. In October

18, 1948, Manipur became the first nation to have a government elected by the people and have a Constitution of its own. However, in September 21, 1949, the then king of Manipur was forced to signed merger agreement to the Indian union in at Shillong. Since then Manipur's freedom has been hijacked, Chaoren stated.

The statement further stated that India continue to adopt the hang over colonial regime of the British as India was created by the British. The divide on communities' base on colour and regime still continue.

Various independent nations like Juganagadh, Hyderabad, Kashmir, Manipur, Goa, Sikkim, Tripura etc. were annexed by either conspiring or using force by India. Since the region has been annexed people have been drawn to intoxicants, development has been

diverted, corruption rise, modesty of women has been rape, the people now depended on India for food, governance is now in the hand of the outsiders and youths are left without jobs, I Chaoren's statement continues.

It further said that the only left over means to protect the indigenous people of the region is Independent Self Government and for restoration of the independence of the region various people have been waging war against the colonial ruler.

On the other hand, the colonial rulers are trying all effort to suppress the revolutionary movement using their army who are equipped with various black laws. Today India become a country which violates Human Rights, the CorCom convener said and added that Bharat is using all effort to engulf the region. Outsiders

are being sent to the region to overshadow the indigenous people. Chaoren's statement said adding that a clear example of the racial assimilation is the lifting of the Inner Line Permit System in 1950.

The statement also said that after BJP government came in 2014, the picture became more clear. The agenda of converting India as a Hindu Nation was tabled in 2016 by introducing Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB).

The opening of the Trans-Asia Highway/Asian Highway-1 International Trade Centre, Special Economic Zone, etc for successful implementation of the Indo-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (IAFTA) will give impact to the indigenous people of the region, the CorCom's convener said. It also categorically stated on how the people have been exploited in the name of development. **(to be contd.)**