

## Political crisis over demand by dissidents BJP MLAs for change of CM continues

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The wind in the political theatre of N. Biren Singh led government is not settled yet even as BJP MLAs and Ministers denied any crisis over the demand for change of Chief Minister. A highly placed source told Imphal Times that the pressure for change of Chief Minister, move by the dissident has been intensified. The source added that Minister Th. Bishwajit, MLA Subashchandra, MLA Indrajit MLA T.T. Haokip, MLA P

Sarat and some other BJP MLAs are presently camping at New Delhi since the last couple of days. During the stay the dissidents led by Minister Th. Bishwajit had met some central leaders of the BJP urging them for change of the Chief Minister. The situation seems serious this time as the central leaders are taking the situation a serious one. For reason best known Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Yumnam Khemchand had rushed to New Delhi after he had been summoned by the party

leadership. It cannot be however confirmed that whether the summoning of the Speaker Y. Khemchand is related with the ongoing crisis for change of leadership or not, but political analysts are of the opinion that the Central Leadership may want to know a report from Y. Khemchand. Meanwhile, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today convenes a meeting of the BJP MLAs at the Chief Minister's office today evening. A source said that the central leadership also wanted to meet the Chief Minister as the crisis remain unsolved.

## First drafting of drug policy completed; needed feedback's from various institutions and CVOs, Nemcha Kipgen

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"The first draft regarding drug policy of the state has been completed and feedbacks from various institutions and civil voluntary organisations are needed", said Social Welfare and cooperation minister Nemcha Kipgen. This was stated today in the observation of the International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking which was organised by Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Federation of Indian NGOs for drug abuse prevention and Coalition against drug and alcohol (CADA) at Maharaja Chandrakirti Auditorium, palace compound. Speaking as the president of the function Nemcha Kipgen said that according to National Survey the number of drugs and alcohol users has been increasing. She added that it was very unfortunate that many school goers and youths who are the future pillars of the nation used various drugs and alcohol.

Nemcha said that parents should look after their children carefully and added that the parents should act as a role model for their children. She said that youths should stay away from drugs and also from the peer pressure. She further said that drug users not only affect themselves but also greatly affect the family and added that use of drugs will not bring any solution. Nemcha Kipgen further stressed that out of the three rehabilitations in India which is only for women, two rehabilitations centre were from Manipur which is situated at Sangaiparou and Churachandpur. She added that Manipur has 21 Integrated Rehabilitations Centre for Addicts. She appealed the people of the state as well as various CVOs to help in making an effective drug policy for the state. Highlighting the brief history for the observance of International day against drug

abuse and illicit trafficking, Director of Social welfare Ngangom Uttamkumar in his keynote address said that with the increased in drug abuse and illicit trafficking UN General Assembly on 1987 resolve to observe the day to fight unitedly against a drug abuse. He further highlighted the theme for this year which is Health for Justice, Justice for health and added that as justice and health is correlated thus the theme came up. Stressing the factors for the use of drug Uttamkumar said that a person who can't face the reality of life use drug to avoid the reality and also people take drugs for the sole purpose of pleasure. He further said that wrong parenting also leads to the use of drug and the issues of poverty, unemployment leads to drug abuse and finally persons doing drug business tempt young people to do drugs. He concluded that drug users should not be ostracized by the public but should be

rehabilitated and streamline making it normal. Guest of honour of the function Hijam Priyokumar who is the president in charge of CADA said that Manipur is in a troublesome situation where the people of Manipur seem to be in extinct state because of drugs and alcohol. He criticised the government for not having a proper policy of drugs till now and added that state faced huge loss in the economy due to drug abuse. He questioned whether there will be a government if there is no people in the state. Education minister Th Radheshyam highlights the need for a scheme or a policy like Haksel gi tengbang for the poor drug users who want to be streamlined and become normal but doesn't have enough money for rehabilitations. Prizes for the state and district level painting competition and slogan competition were also distributed during the function. Prizes include cash award and citations.

## Training on Anti Human Trafficking and child protection systems held

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FXB India Suraksha in association with Assam Rifles organized a two day training program on Anti Human Trafficking and Child Protection Systems for the Border guarding officials at Battalion Headquarter, Moreh, Manipur on 24th and 25th June 2019. The two day training programme was part of the 15 days training of the officials on Border guarding role. 81 Assam Rifles officials including 5 Senior Commissioned officers from across the Assam Rifles Battalion in Manipur participated during the programme.

The main objective of the programme was to train the officials of the Paramilitary force on strengthening vigilance as well as intervention mechanisms on combating human trafficking in Manipur. This was the 2nd batch undergoing such kind of training. Another similar training for Border Management Cadre was organized on 2nd and 3rd May, 2019 wherein over 90 officials participated during the programme. Fondly called "Friends of the North East People", the Assam Rifles is entrusted with the role of guarding and protecting citizens living in remote areas and especially borders. (Continued on Page 4)

## Indefinite bandh in Chandel district affects normalcy

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Indefinite bandh in all parts of Chandel district including Chandel - Moreh road against the "Unlawful" activities and violation of Lamkang customary laws in exhuming/ digging out and charring the remains of founder and ex-chief of Challeng village, D. Thamnok by unknown miscreants begins from midnight of June 25 by Lamkang Chiefs Association (LCA) Chandel. Agitators under the aegis of "Lamkang Chiefs' Association" call indefinite Chakka bandh along Pallet to Chandel District road and Pallet to Moreh highway in protest against the heinous crime and in demand to arrest the perpetrators who desecrated and dismantled the grave of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang on the fateful date 15th June 2019 at Challeng Village Cemetery.

Petter Lamkang Chief Spokesperson of Lamkang Chiefs' Association (LCA) said that Late D. Thamnok Lamkang Died on 18th May, 2019 at Riverlane Village, District headquarter, Chandel. The mortal remain of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang was brought to his native Village, Challeng on 19th May 2019 and lay to rest on 20th May 2019 at 01:30 P.M. with full Customary honours and religious rites at Challeng's Village Cemetery which was attended by all neighboring village of Challeng. It was on the Fateful date of June 15, 2019, when his wife Sk. Shomlun visited the grave



at the cemetery, the mortal remain of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang grave was desecrated and the coffin which contains the mortal remain went missing. Perpetrators who committed the heinous crime also dismantled the grave and burned down the cemented tomb of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang. The incident of June 15, 2019 was reported to village of Challeng by Sk. Shomlun W/O Late D. Thamnok Lamkang. Information was sent to all neighboring villages by village Authority of Challeng where about the coffin which contains the mortal remain of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang. Villagers of Challeng has been searching missing coffin of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang since then. As where about, the coffin of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang could not be trace and -found, his wife Sk. Shomlun lodged an FIR on 19th June 2019 at Tegnoupal Police station.

The June 15, 2019, incident at Challeng cemetery was also reported to Lamkang Naga Kver Kunpun (LNKK) which is the apex body of Lamkang and its frontal organizations. The District administration and SP of Chandel has been approached to initiate immediate action and book the culprits as per law of the land. The dormant attitude of Police personal of Chandel and Tegnoupal Police station had compels the Lamkang Chiefs' Association (LCA) to call indefinite chakka bandh along Pallet 'Chandel road and Pallet Moreh highway. The indefinite chakka bandh shall be imposed until and unless, the perpetrators of the heinous crime who desecrated and dismantled the grave of Late D. Thamnok Lamkang is arrested and book in accordance with Indian law and as per Lamkang Customary law. The indefinite Chakka bandh is call in protest against the heinous crime, it

is in protest against the violation of Humans Rights, in protest against infringement of Religion freedom, in protest against those perpetrators who show disrespect to the dead body and against Police inability to arrest the culprits. The agitation of Lamkang Chiefs' Association (LCA) Should be a message to every tribes/ Communities of Chandel and Tegnoupal "to respect the dead body". Our agitation is not against any individuals or communities but it is against the heinous act in our society. The Lamakang Chiefs' Association, Chandel demand immediate arrest of those perpetrators who committed the heinous crime at Challeng cemetery. The Lamkang Chiefs' Association (LCA) said that it will stop complete movement of any vehicles along (Pallet-Chandel road and Pallet Moreh Highway) "Until and unless" The perpetrators are book under Indian and Lamkang Customary Law.

## Rally staged in connection with international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

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Officials and personnel of Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) and Narcotics and central Bureau (NCB), Imphal today staged a rally in connection with International Day against Drug abuse and illicit trafficking. The rally was organized under the theme Lets Developed our lives, our communities our identities without drug. The rally started from NAB office proceeding towards

governors office and further marched up to khuyathong. The rally was flagged off by Superintendent of police NAB W. Basu. Speaking to media persons W. Basu said that they have started campaigning against drug abuse and illicit from first week of June by displaying banners, distributing pamphlets at school college and other various public places. "As we all know that drug has the potential to destroy the whole society and even the

country, we should stay away from drugs. Before drug kills us, let's kill the drugs", Basu appealed. He further said that they have achieved to a great extent in hampering drug abuse and trafficking because of being with a great team he had and added that their team achieved the greatest and have break all records in every aspect regarding seizure, arrest or submitting of charge sheets. Answering on the question regarding the drug trafficking which is still going on he said

that they needed public support though they have done their best and added that being a border state has a role to play in drug trafficking where many drugs were traffic from Myanmar to India through Manipur. Similarly poster campaign and pamphlets were distributed by Imphal west police narcotic cell at Kanglea western gate, Keishamthong, and Khwairamband keithel. The campaign was led by SDPO Imphal west Joyraj under the supervision of SP Imphal West.

## Manipur Maoists bans private banks from snatching people's homes

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Armed rebel group Maoists Communist Party Manipur has declared ban of private banks and microfinance firms from snatching people's homes. A statement by the Manipur Maoists said that, private banks and microfinance firms now take heavy interest rates for money people borrow from them. Later in the name of recovering

money which people have borrowed and the interest, they even snatched people's homes. This cruel practice has become a norm, according to the Maoists, as it has been going on for a long time. The practices of snatching land and paddy fields entirely from people by these private firms must be stopped immediately. Instead, both the parties should come to an agreement and land and paddy field equivalent to the sum

borrowed and interest due to the firms must only be exchanged while settling. The outfit threatens the firms and banks with dire consequences if they advantage of people taking their entire land and paddy fields as they cannot pay the interest and the sum back. People should join hands with the Maoists in this matter. Moreover, the party stated that houses and lands where people are livings should not be taken away from

them. The banks should never give loans with lands where people are currently living as guarantee. It should only take as security lands where people are not currently residing, shops or vehicles. Manipur Maoists who are waging a revolution for a communist society taking forward the flame ignited by Lamyamba Irabot bans the private banks and firms from taking away people's homes in the name of recovering loans immediately.