

SSUM celebrates its 4th foundation day



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Socialist students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) today celebrated its 4th Foundation day at Manipur Hindi Parishad, Imphal. As a part of the 4th foundation day, a blood donation camp was organised at JNIMS hospital and free books and monetary help were also distributed to the deprived students who were not able to admit in the schools. Speaking as a Presidium member President of SSUM Soraisam Yaima declared that the organisation will establish memorial hall at various places of the state remembering Lamyamba Irabot to bring consciousness and spreading

the ideas of the leader to the hoi polloi of the state. He added that the weaker class the poor section of the society especially the students will be allowed to study free education in the said memorial hall. Yaima also declared that a quarterly journal will be also produce from April this year. "We have a dream. A dream of an egalitarian society, a classless society where there is no difference between the class of the rich and the poor. For such a society to take place we should forward with a strong dedication", Yaima added. He said that a new motto was also change from today stating "Study for struggle and unity for socialism" and

added that the previous letterhead will not be used any further. Convenor of young communist league Wahengbam Rameshwar said that students play a vital role in the society. They are the future pillars of the nation he added. He further said that they should mould the students in manufacturing the leaders of the nation. He concluded that they need to develop an inclusive society building integrity. President of SSUM Soraisam Yaima, Convenor of Young Communist League Wahengbam Rameshwar and Executive Committee of MPPDU were the Presidium members of the function.

Are media Houses in Assam glorifying terror activities?

By Our Correspondent
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Sympathetic to the cause of community but soon turned out to be a vivid supporter of insurgency- that is how few Assam media outlets can be described and the trend continued for decades. However everything has not gone well for the Guwahati based media groups as the matter is brought to the notice of Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi, which has reciprocated with official communiques for necessary actions.

"With utmost concern and sadness I wrote the letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi describing suspicious behaviour of few print and electronic media outlets of Assam. They seem to be pursuing a mission to derail the sincere initiative by the Centre for all round developments of northeast India in general and Assam in particular," said Biswajit Nath, a Guwahati based concerned citizen. The letter dated 26 November 2018 asserted that a section of Assam media used to glorify the act of insurgents during 1985 to 1992, when the State was put in turmoil by the banned United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).



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As the militancy erupted two major anti-insurgency operations namely Operation Bajrang and Operation Rhino (between November 1990 and May 1992) were launched. "That was the darkest chapter of Assam's long cherished history when our very own boys (also girls) with guns on their hands started killing own people for logics best known to them only. We the Assamese people had to suffer most from both the State and non-State actors as the counter insurgency operations launched. Thousands got killed, many women were raped, families ruined during those black days," added the letter. Slowly the region has marched for peace and

developments, but Biswajit pointed out that few journalists and intellectuals of Assam maintained their ill-designs against the country where common people have to suffer but those conspirators continue successfully camouflaging themselves. Their strategy remains the same as to instigate the local sentiments and take advantage of the situation. Biswajit disclosed an example of motivated news contents spread by Guwahati based satellite news channel 'Pratidin Time' and daily newspaper 'Asomiya Pratidin' last year when the regional channel aired a prime time interview with Paresh Barua (a face of terror, who leads ULFA-Independent) on 20

November. Next morning the interview was seen printed on the front page of the highest circulated Assamese daily. "This is in clear violation of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, section 39 of which describes the offence relating to supports given to a terrorist organization, where the term support is not restricted to provide only money or other property but also instigating the terror outfit for further disruptive activities," asserted Biswajit adding that soon a well-orchestrated media hype was created and few other news channels namely NewsLive, DY365 and PragNews followed it (interviewing the fugitive militant leader from an undisclosed location). Meanwhile, the Union government in a letter (dated New Delhi 22 February 2019) to the commissioner & secretary (Home and Political) of Assam government (also copied to Biswajit) directed to take appropriate actions over the matter. Biswajit, who also lodged an FIR at Basistha police station in the city over the same matter, now keeps waiting for some meaningful measures from the concerned authorities.

AMMSO elect new office bearers

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All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) has reconstituted its new office bearers in a meeting held today at its head quarter as per report submitted by the Founder Constituent Body and High Level Advisory of the organization. Shah Nawaz is the new president while Yunush Ali Khullakpam is the new General Secretary. Umar Masood has been elected as the Finance secretary. Together there are 8 new office bearers have been elected today. The term of the new team is for 2019-2020. A 33 member team for Academic session for the year 2019-2020 have also been elected.

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Myanmar army takes NSCN-K leaders in custody; death knell for NE rebel groups reported at North East today by reknown journalist Subhir Bhumi

State Level MCMC and Media Certification Committee Constituted

DIPR
Imphal, March 14,

State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) and State Level Media Certification Committee have been constituted by an order issued by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Manipur, in respect of Manipur State for the ensuing 17th Lok Sabha Election, 2019. The State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) consist

of seven members led by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Manipur, P. K. Singh as Chairman and Addl. CEO, Manipur, T. Ranjit Singh as Member Secretary. An Observer appointed by ECI; Director (IPR), H. Balkrishna Singh; Station Director, AIR, Imphal, Dilip Mayengbam; Sr. Consultant (SEMT), Manipur, Bankimchandra Mainsam and PCINominated - Independent Journalist / Citizen are the members of the committee. The State Level Media

Certification Committee is headed by the Addl. CEO, Manipur as the Chairperson. Returning Officer, Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency (DEO - Imphal West) and Station Director, AIR, Imphal, Dilip Mayengbam are the members of the committee. Political parties, Candidates and any other interested individuals may contact the committees for any information related to media certification and other related matters.

Family of a girl harassed by a married man cry for justice

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Family of a 17 years old girl from Imphal East today cry for justice by arresting a 37 years old married man who had allegedly molested and physically assaulted her. During a press meet held today at Manipur Press club family of the victim girl said that a person identified as Waikhom Ngouba, about 37 years old from Sekta Mayai Leikai had allegedly assaulted the 17 years old girl on February 20 and the matter

was revealed to the family members by the victim girl on Feb 25. Both were sportsperson and were having illicit relationship for quit some times after the incident, the family reported the matter to Porompat Police on February 26. However police take no action against the person, said the grandfather of the victim girl. He said that the said person had threatened the family many time after they had reported the matter to the police. He urged the concern authority to take action against the said person.

Combing operation

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State police team conducted combing operation at many parts of Imphal West area. A team of Imphal East police today conducted combing operation at Mahabali area in Imphal east at around 4 pm today.

Traffic police fined violators

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Traffic police today fine traffic violators at Bishnupur today. \$ wheelers drivers without seat belt are fined Rs. 100.

China Defends Stand on Masood Azhar Amid Global Outrage, Says Needs More Time for In-depth Probe

Agency
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In its first official statement after facing global ire for blocking the UNSC move against Masood Azhar, China said it needs more time to conduct a "thorough, in-depth investigation on the matter of listing Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist".

The proposal to designate Azhar under the 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council was moved by France, the UK and the US on February 27, days after a suicide bomber of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) killed 40 CRPF soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama, leading to a flare-up in tensions between India and Pakistan. The Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee members had 10 working days to raise any objections to the proposal. Just before the deadline ended, China put a "technical hold" on the proposal seeking "more time to examine" it.

The proposal was the fourth such bid at the UN in the last 10 years to list Azhar as a global terrorist. Asked why China once again resorted to block the move, Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a media briefing here that Beijing's decision is in line with the rules of the committee. "China sincerely hopes that relevant action taken

by this committee will help relevant countries to engage in dialogue and consultation and prevent adding more complicated factors into regional peace and stability," he said.

"As to the technical hold at the 1267 Committee, our action is to make sure that the committee will have enough time to study the matter so that the relevant sides will have time for dialogue and consultation," Lu said. "Only a solution that is acceptable to all sides could fundamentally provide a chance for a lasting solution to the issue. China is ready to communicate and coordinate with all sides including India to properly handle this issue," he said.

India has expressed disappointment over China's move but said it will "pursue all available avenues" to bring to justice terrorist leaders involved in the attack on Indians. To another question on the Wuhan summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping last year to improve the bilateral relations, Lu said, "Xi and Modi met four times. Particularly Wuhan summit made great progress. China is full of sincerity and ready to work with India to build on the consensus of our leaders for greater progress in the bilateral relations."

On the Kashmir issue, Lu said China's position on it is clear and consistent. "This is an issue that is left over between

India and Pakistan. We hope that the two sides will engage in friendly dialogue consultation and solve this issue and other related issues," he said.

Several American think-tank members slammed China for its decision delaying the Azhar listing. "Today, China doubled down on a very bad bet. It blocked yet another round of UN sanctions on Pakistan-based JeM chief Masood Azhar weeks after the group claimed credit for the deadliest terror attack in Kashmir," Jeff Smith from the Heritage Foundation said.

"This one won't be undone by another romantic stroll through Wuhan," he added, indicating that such a move by Beijing would only escalate the tension between India and China.

The issue also turned into a political slugfest, with Congress chief Rahul Gandhi accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of going soft on China. Gandhi said a "weak" Modi was scared of Xi Jinping and "not a word comes out of his mouth when China acts against India". Reacting to the charges, the BJP asked how Congress could still speak a different tone even in case of a cruel killer and global terrorist like Azhar. Adding that he needed to learn that foreign policy was not run on Twitter, Prasad said Gandhi must look at his party's history vis-à-vis China.