

Gigantic protest rally staged for the inclusion of Meetei/Meitei in ST list

IT News
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Thousands of people from all walks of life today staged a protest rally demanding for the inclusion of Meetei/Meitei on the Schedule Tribe list. The massive rally which started from Thangmeiband THAU ground passing Kekrupat, Khurai, Nongmeibung and concluded at Hapta Kangjeibung, Palace Compound. The massive protest rally was organised by Schedule Tribe Demand



Committee Manipur. Later a public meeting was also held there. Speaking on the meeting, Manipur's Titular king Leishemba Sanajaoba said that the Meeteis has been struggling for their survival. And the easiest way to survive for the time being is through the inclusion of Meetei in the ST list as the central government has already given its signal for the Meetei to be included in the ST list. He added that all the other movements like Manipur Peoples Bill, Inner Line Permit and protection against CAB needs an assent or request from the government but the ST demand movement which the central government had already signalled for inclusion. He further appealed the government to send recommendation to the central government and also requested other communities who hindered their demand as it is their only way to get constitutional safeguard which will help in the survival of the emerging Meeteis. Senior journalist and former member of Manipur Human

Rights Commission Yambem Laba spoke on the meeting telling that if the request to send recommendation doesn't bother the government than they will grab it from their hands. He added that as a matter of fact if the government doesn't send recommendations to include Meetei in the ST list before the code of conduct of the upcoming Lok Sabha election than they will boycott the political parties who are against their demand. He warned that the movement is a one which can haul up the government. He questioned the previous Congress led government why they haven't send the recommendation and faced the consequences. He said that if the present government think for the future of the people than they should call an emergency cabinet meeting and let the Meetei/Meitei be included in the schedule tribe. General Secretary of STDCM K. Bhogendrajit recalled that they have been protesting democratically for the last seven years to include the

Meetei/Meitei on the ST list leading to constitutional safeguard for the submerging Meetei. He added that both the previous government as well as the present government agreed with the idea that the Meetei community should be included in the ST list but none of them have even send recommendation to the central government. He further said that if there isn't any constitutional safeguard for the Meetei than the fate of Jiribam will take place similarly in Imphal and other valley area too where a non indigenous contest in the election and even get elected. He also said that Meetei is the only indigenous tribe in the entire North East who isn't included in the ST list. If the Meetei was included in the ST list than the land and both its culture and language can get protected, he added. He further warned that if the recommendation is not sent before the code of conduct of the upcoming election than series of intense agitation will be organised along with the people. As requested by the STDC to stop all daily works during the

rally hours and to support the rally, almost all business transaction were closed, the Ima Keithels wore a deserted look and all shops in Imphal and surrounding areas were closed. Public transport weren't functioning except for private vehicles.

Class 11 student allegedly raped by 40-yr-old, arrested

Agency
Agartala March 3,

In a shocking incident, a man was arrested by the police on charges of raping a class 11 student on January 8 in Agartala's Kanchanpur. The accused has been identified as Panna Lal Das, 40-years-old and is a group-D employee of a school in Kanchanpur. Following the incident, the victim's father had registered a case against Panna, where, in an FIR it was mentioned that the accused had taken the girl to his house with an assurance of giving her medicine for her illness and committed the crime. He had also threatened of expelling the girl from the hostel if she discloses the matter to anyone. The girl had informed the school authority about the incident but no strict action was taken. Panna was arrested after the victim's father registered an FIR in the police station. He has been booked under POSCO Act and has been sent to judicial custody.

Ajgar & Musthafa Score A Hat-trick In JK Tyre Himalayan Drive

IT News
Siliguri, March 3,

After four days of cross-country rallying, the formidable team of Ajgar Ali and Mohammed Musthafa successfully defended their JK Tyre Himalayan Drive 7 crown. Hailing from the small port town of Haldia in West Bengal, Ajgar Ali, along with Erode's Mohammed Musthafa, achieved the rare feat of winning their third successive title in the country's only international TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) rally.

In the national category, Ajgar Ali and Mohammed Musthafa ended with a final tally of 1110 penalty points to emerge victorious. Securing the second position were the team of Gagan Sethi and Rajkumar Mundra with 1847 penalty points while Jogendra Jaiswal and Nagarajan Thangaraj ended their campaign in third position with 2035 penalty points.

In the open category, the team of Govind Dalmia and Anand Agarwal edged past category leader Rohit Agarwal and Kunal Joshi to finish with 9149 penalty points. The Agarwal-Joshi team scored 9691 penalty points. Finishing third in this category were the team of Suyash Raj and Mohammad Sharif with 10796 penalty points.

This year's title battle saw a nail-biting finish. The team of Jogendra Jaiswal and Nagarajan Thangaraj who started the final day (Day 4, Saturday) as championship leaders lost their bid to the crown in the very final moments by missing the penultimate time control and suffering a 900-penalty points blow.

"We made a big mistake (by missing the second-last time

control) and we handed the championship title to them (Ajgar and Musthafa). It is a disappointment for us, but the winners deserve the title," Nagarajan Thangaraj said.

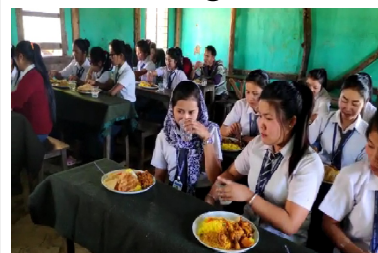
"We are very happy to score this hat-trick. It was a very exciting rally and I can say that the seventh edition of JK Tyre Himalayan Drive is the best TSD rally in the country till date. The competitive sections were superb and posed a tough challenge to drivers, navigators and our cars," said Ajgar Ali.

He was also all praise for Just Sportz, the rally organisers. "This rally is always well-organised and everything is transparent. The hospitality of the organisers is unparalleled," Ali added.

This year's victory takes the total winning tally of Ajgar Ali and Mohammed Musthafa to four titles (2013, 2017, 2018 and 2019) since the Himalayan Drive was first held in 2013. The team of Sudip Ghosh and navigator Arindam Ghosh were the only other team to have won more than one championship title at this event (2014 and 2016). Anubhav De and co-driver Chandan Sen won the title in 2015.

The last leg of the rally was flagged off from the Kalimpong stadium and started with a steep climb on the road from Mungpoo to Jorebunglow that was lined with verdant forests and offered majestic views of snow-capped peaks of the eastern Himalayas for a few kilometres. This was followed by another competitive section downhill through winding mountain roads of Rohini. The third and last competitive section was a tough drive stretching over nearly 23 kilometers through the bed of the Mechi river that forms the border between India and Nepal.

AR organised Mid Day Meal Programme


Thoubal,
Imphal March 3,

In its continuous efforts towards uplifting a good relation with society, *COB Yairpok, 26 Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 9 Sect AR organized a Mid Day Meal at Yairpok High School for Students staying in hostel from 0900h to 1100h. The social service event

started with a welcome speech by Mr Keisham Joykumar Principal, Yairpok High School. A total of 50 students in staff were provided with the mid day meal lunch. The program concluded with word of thanks and appreciation towards Assam Rifles by Mr Keisham Joykumar, Principal, Yairpok High School and Students.

SSB constable among 2 found dead in J-K's Ramban

Agency
New Delhi Banihal Mar 3,

Bodies of two people, including a constable of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), were recovered Sunday in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

SSB constable Dinesh Kumar Thakur, a resident of Chhattisgarh, was found dead with head injuries near TCP Banihal along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, SHO of the Banihal Police Station Ajaz Wani said.

According to preliminary investigation, the jawan had left Srinagar for his home on February 25.

Police have registered a case and further investigation is on to ascertain the cause of his death, the SHO said.

Another deceased was identified as Surinder Paul, an employee of the General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF).

His body was recovered from a stream in nearby Digdole area.

Paul, a resident of Pathankot in Punjab, was posted in Ramban, police said, adding that inquest proceedings have been started.

MNRF observes 4th Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, March 3,

Armed group Manipur Naga Revolutionary Front (MNRF) today observed its 4th Foundation at its Council Head Quarter and other Unit Headquarters. At the observance function

held at Council Headquarters Chairman of the Front Atai Siro, a statement issued by Rex Kashung Asst. Secretary, Information and Publicity of the Front. External Affairs Secretary S Kuilei and Army Chief Vapeimi Jimmik also attended the occasion.

The observance hoisting of the party flag by paying their honours. A two minutes silence also observed to the departed soul who had left for heavenly body for the cause of the freedom if Manipur. Fitting tribute were also paid to the revolutionary fighter.

PM Modi kick-starts NDA's campaign for Lok Sabha elections in Patna

Agency
New Delhi Mar 03,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi kick-started NDA's Lok Sabha elections campaign at Patna in Bihar today. Addressing 'Sankalp Rally' at Gandhi Maidan, Mr Modi said, the Centre and the Bihar government are working in tandem for the state's development. He said, work is being carried out on all departments, including roadways, railways and airways, adding that the NDA

government wants to ensure that all sections in Bihar gain access to the best of facilities.

On the Congress asking for the proof of the recent airstrike at Balakot in Pakistan, Mr Modi questioned why the Opposition party and its allies are demoralising the forces and giving statements that are benefiting the enemies.

Mr Modi also saluted the martyrs of Pulwama terror attack, and said that the whole nation is standing

with the families of the jawans.

The Prime Minister said, everyone is aware of what all happened in the name of fodder. He said, his government ended the culture of corruption and middlemen which had been a normal practice in the country for decades.

Addressing the rally, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar hailed Mr Modi for his developmental objective saying that the JD(U)-BJP renewed their alliance in the state for people's welfare.

Mr Kumar said, the Bihar government wants to build toilets for all houses of the state with the Centre's assistance, by 2nd October this year. He said, by this year's Gandhi Jayanti, Bihar will be open defecation free.

LJP President and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan credited the Prime Minister for presenting India with a stable and welfare oriented government at the Centre. He said, people are happy that what Mr Modi did in the last five years, Opposition failed to do in 70 years.

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