



Governor leads the state in celebrating International Women's Day

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Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma A Heptulla lauded the womenfolk or 'Imas' of Manipur for their genuine courage in times of challenging state issues adding that Ima market which comprises of about 5000 women is a symbol of economic empowerment of women. Empowerment of women means a state in which a woman's opinion is taken seriously- be it at home or office or politics or public space and when she is free from discrimination and has a voice in the society. She expressed this at the International Women's Day Celebration held at Sangai Conference Hall, Hotel Imphal today. The event was jointly observed by the Manipur State Commission for Women with the State Social Welfare Department on the theme 'Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'.

Speaking at the occasion as the Chief Guest, she also stated that she has always been a great supporter of women's rights and cause of women empowerment. I move the resolution for 33% reservation of women in the Parliament as early as 1995. Let us be strong and judge ourselves on our own balances, she also said. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh; Minister (Social Welfare) Smt. Nemcha Kipgen; Chairperson, Manipur State Commission for Women, Prof. Binota Meinam; Chairperson, Manipur State Development Corporation, Smt. S.Satyabhama Devi and Chairperson, Manipur State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Smt. Sumatibala Ningthoujam also attended the function as Special Guest, President and Guests of Honour respectively. Highlighting that women will have no problem if there is conscious leadership, Governor Najma Heptulla appreciated CM N Biren for

rendering social work in empowering the marginalised women population of the State. Stating that the present Government has stepped down at micro level for promoting the welfare of women, Chief Minister N Biren mentioned that loans were given to the women weavers and around more than 2500 free looms are also provided by the Industry Department. About 6-7 Ima markets are almost constructed in the hill districts, he added. He also stated that special courts are set up to deal crime against women and various schemes initiated by the Prime Minister like the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and widow schemes have been launched to better the situation of women in Manipur. Delivering the presidential address, Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen expressed that women empowerment is the key to strengthen their participation in the decision-making which is

the most important key to socio-economic development. She further said that the International Women's Day is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings. "Gender equality is the first step to women empowerment", she also stated. As a Social Welfare Minister, she also appealed the women-folks of Manipur to avail all the opportunities under the various programmes and schemes undertaken by the department for empowering women such as training programmes like tailoring, embroidery etc. apart from other schemes for protecting women facing violence both in public and private sphere lives. In her welcome note, Prof. Binota Meinam appealed the Government to frame a separate policy and act for the welfare of women who are victims of various atrocities.

Pravish Chanam's Death Case Disposed By The CJM, Gautam Budha Nagar

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) regret to learn that the death of Pravish Chanam's case have been disposed without any probe of the death by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gautam Budha Nagar after the I.O of the case Mr. Manish Saxena submitted its **FINAL REPORT (FR) or FINAL FORM/ REPROT Bearing FR No: 535/18 on the 23rd of July, 2018** mentioning that none of the perpetrators could be booked or arrested till date. One cannot deny the fact that just after two months from the date of disposal of the case by the CJM, the Superintendent of Police, CBI SCB, Lucknow issued a letter addressing to the President of Kanglei Ima Lup on the 20th of September, 2018 mentioning that "the State Police is well equipped and has professionally trained STF, CBCID and other specialized branch to either

assist or undertake the investigation of better professional management of Investigation. Hence, this case was not found suitable to be taken up for the investigation by CBI and the decision of Govt. of India has also been communicated to the Chief Secretary, Government of UP". On the other hand the Mr. Bhagwan Swarup, Secretary of Home, Government of UP issued a notification bearing its reference no. 326(2)/VI-P-3-2018-4(36)/17 dated 29th of January, 2018 mentioning that the matter has been recommended for CBI Investigation of the case crime no. 1023/2017 U/s. 302, 201 IPC. The CBI PROFORMA submitted by the Department of Home further mentioned in the CBI PROFORMA Point no. 6 that "There is a probability that persons from native state of deceased or neighboring state like Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan etc may be behind the crime hence it may be difficult for

local police to unearth such conspiracy." Here lies the dilemma that Who is investigating the disposed case of Pravish Chanam by the CJM, Gautam Budha Nagar? Is STF, CBCID mentioned by the CBI Lucknow Branch investigating the disposed case where the Final Report have been submitted by Mr. Manish Saxena, Inspector, Sector-20 Noida on the 23rd July, 2018? Why Chief Minister of Manipur is silent when being fooled by the Government of UP and Central Government? All these circumstances clearly reveal that the death of Pravish Chanam is a high level serious political crime. YFPHR, therefore, appeal the government of Manipur to pray before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to transfer the matter of Pravish Chanam's murder case to the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur immediately and the trial be conducted in Manipur.

BSF recovered arms and ammunitions

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Based on specific input generated by the Field G Team of Shq, BSF, CI(Ops), Manipur and G Cell of 182 BN BSF regarding the presence of suspected Hill Based UG Cadres in and around Maphou area, a team of FGT, Imphal and G Cell of 182 BN BSF pursued the input by activating the source. As a result, at around Mid-night of 08/03/19, reliable source confirmed that suspected 03 Cadres along with two sympathisers have entered the area in the evening after hiding items suspected to be weapons somewhere between Tamukhong and



TCpokpi Village along the Maphou-Imphal main Road near a Culvert which has been frequently used by these Cadres. Following which combined team of BSF led by Sh M A Shishak, DC/G along with FGT troops, Unit G Cell 182 BN BSF,

troops of A Coy 182 BN BSF under the command of Insp K S Meitei, Officiating Coy Commander of CI Post Moirangpurrel, Ex- 182 BN BSF and Maphou Police carried out search operation in the said area from 0430 hrs to 0645 Hrs. After thoroughly

searching the area, at about 06:45 Am, a suspected bag was found near culvert in which the following items have been recovered. 7.62 Amn Live Rds - 41 AK 7.56 live Rds - 22.9 MM live Rds - 01 5.56 MM Live Rds - 06 7.62 blank cartridge-01 AK blank cartridge-01 WRA 53 live rds/ M1 Carbine Amn - 05 SLR magazine- 02 Small arm country made magazine- 01 Chinese hand granade - 01. Wireless set with two antenna (Kenwood)-01 PPT-01 Opium- 70 gms. The recovered items have been handed over to the PS Maphou East and FIR has been lodged at PS Maphou-East in this regard.

International women's day held at Khwairamband Keithel

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As a part of the world wide celebration for international women's day today mothers of khwairamband EMA keithel, Women action for development, Women committee united NGOs Mission Manipur jointly organised it honouring the brave mothers of khwairamband EMA keithel at khwairamband keithel under the theme think equal build smart innovative for change.

Speaking in a key note address Thingujam Rani secretary of khwairamband keithel sinfam amadi saktam kanba lup said that the women of Manipur has been taking a vital role of the society during the monarchy era way before the women's day was declared internationally. She added that the women of Manipur has fought the mighty colonial British Empire and such events were well marked in the history. Roni also said that as a policy to curtail the

insurgency movement in the state the central government has been implementing the draconian law AFSPA killing many people. The mothers and the women has been taking a huge role in protesting against such law. Many of the important issues of the state and movements were spearheaded by the Manipuri women. She also highlighted the histories of various women uprising for equal wages and equal voting rights leading to the marking of the day as international women's day.

CorCom greets on International Women's Day

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While appreciating the commendable responsibilities shouldered by Manipuri (Kanglei) women in the socio-economic, cultural and political realms, the CorCom has greeted has greeted all women who have been reeling under alien rule on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

In a statement CorCom media coordinator Leibaak-Ngaakpa Luwang pointed out that the United Nations has been observing March 8 as the International Women's Day since 1975 and this year's theme is 'Balance for Better'. Since the days Manipur was an independent kingdom, Manipuri women shouldered many key socio-economic, cultural and political responsibilities. At the height

of the ongoing liberation movement which was responded by massive oppression, the land's womenfolk came out and fought boldly against Indian military forces in the garb of the Meira Paibi movement, it said. The Nupi Lans of 1904 and 1939 symbolise Manipur women's war against oppression and human rights violation, CorCom asserted. It also underscored the importance of sustaining and promoting the Meira Paibi movement in view of the long drawn armed and political confrontation. At the same time, it is crucial to ponder over the changes seen in the characters and mental disposition of Meitei women. It appears that alluring worldly pleasures have been bargaining with the age old traditions, culture and beliefs of Meitei women, observed CorCom. The rising incidence of marriage between Meitei women and non-local men cannot be dismissed as

private matters. There are major lapses on the part of the families concerned, it added. The situation demands initiation of corrective measures at the level of the society for it challenges the very foundation of Manipuri identity and ethos, it said. Even though Manipuri women always enjoyed a respected position in society, suppression and violence against women have been rising at an alarming rate since Manipur was taken into the political and cultural domain of India. The alien rule has been vigorously imposing cultural imperialism and invading the dignity and ideals of Manipuri women. Manipur women need to guard themselves from this cultural imperialism and steadfastly protect the identity of the land, CorCom said. It then called upon all the people to work collectively so as to put an end to all forms of crime against women and create an independent, egalitarian and progressive society.

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