



CM launches project on 'rejuvenation and conservation of Nambul river'

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With an objective to tackle the exploitation and pollution of Nambul River, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched the "Rejuvenation and Conservation of Nambul River at Imphal in Manipur" project. The launching function was held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the rejuvenation and conservation project of Nambul River is a dream project and appealed the people to stop littering on the river banks which lead in polluting the river as well as the environment. He mentioned that such initiative would also save the Loktak Lake, the pride of the State. He encouraged the local clubs and organisations to construct concrete garbage bins in their locality. The government would provide loan or grants in constructing those garbage bins, he added. Chief Minister further appealed the people of the state especially those living in the hills to stop further deforestation so as to avoid



from self created disastrous situation like climate change, water crisis etc. in the State. Stating that the government need the support and cooperation of the people to conserve the rivers effectively, Chief Minister appealed all the stakeholders, civil societies, local clubs etc. to extend their support towards creating clean environment in the State. The project would be executed in phase manner under the National River Conservation Plan of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India. The first phase of the project would be undertaken in the polluted stretch of the Nambul river i.e. Iroisemba to Heirangoithong area. A sum of

Rs. 97.72 Crores has been approved for the project. The State government had also submitted proposals for seven rivers i.e. Imphal, Iril, Khuga, Khujairok, Lokchao, Manipur and Thoubal rivers with an estimated project cost of around 500 Crores. The project aims to control pollution of river water quality by intercepting and treating all the urban waste water outfalls by using latest technology for treatment plant known as MBBR (Moving Bed Bio Reactor) at Mongsangei (16 MLD) and Samushang (1 MLD). Under this project, a total of 56 eco-friendly crematoria and 20 units Community Toilet Complex would be



constructed at various areas along the Nambul River. Department such as Water Resources Department, PHED, MAHUD, State Pollution Control Board, etc. will be working together in this project. Minister for CAF&PD Karam Shyam, Minister for Forest and Environment Th. Shyamkumar, MLAs S. Bira, O. Lukhoi, Y. Radheshyam, S. Subhaschandra, Awangbow Newmai, K. Leishiyu, Addl. Chief Secretary Dr. Suhel Akhtar, Secretary to CM Geoffrey Ningthoujam, Secretary (Law) Smt. Nungsiotmbi Athokpam and officials of the Directorate of Environment attended the function.

Manjit calls on NE youths to unite for protecting the identity and land of the region

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AMSU team led by President participated in the 46th Annual General conference of Karbi Students' Association at Chokiwola, East Karbianglong, Assam. The programme is going on for three days, i.e., from 7 to 9 March, 2019.

Speaking as the Guest of Honour at the Students Open Session, Manjit Sarangthem, President of AMSU stressed on the issue of land and identity which is facing serious challenges especially in the context of Manipur. "My state in the ancient past was an independent Asiatic state which welcomed all comers to our land, the people of Manipur was constituted by not only the indigenous Meiteis and other tribal ethnic communities", Manjit said and added that the Asiatic kingdom even welcome Indian Brahmins who had escaped the onslaught of Muslims in India and also welcomed Islamic population since 15 & 16 centuries. "We welcomed Indians, Assamese, Bengalis, Chins, Burmese and Chinese and they were integrated in our social structure" Manjit added.



Coming to the present day context Manjit said that under new historical forces of colonial expansion, conquest of our land by aliens and outsiders. "We had become no longer masters of our land, people who did not speak our language, people who did not eat our food, and people who were strange to us had become master of our territories. They had become rulers and lawmakers and we had to survive to maintain our identity and culture in a regime where we are no longer master. The AMSU president said. This phenomenon has become extremely powerful since fifties when India became independent, Refugees & illegal migrants had created a new history. Manjit also cited the condition of Tripura today, and also that of Arunachal Pradesh. Manjit also highlighted the crisis arises at Assam due to

the citizenship Amendment Bill, which he term as very potent and dangerous phenomenon which shall challenge the very reason of our being the sons of the soil. "How shall we preserve our lands, our precious cultures which is under threat?" Manjit asked and said that the young Generation of North East India must collectively sit down together to discuss these very critical issues of contemporary times. Electoral politics of mainstream India should be understood by the youths on who are our friends or our enemies, Manjit added. Other prominent organizations from all across the North East including Hmar Students Association, All Dimas Students Union, Kuki Students' Organisation Karbianglong, Moran Students' Union, Rengmai Naga Students' Union, Manipuri Youth Front Assam also participated the programme. The session was presided by Bijoy Bey, President of Karbi Students' Association and Longsin Teron, Bharat Gaurav Awardee and President of Journalist Association For Assam (JAFA) as the Chief Guest.

MPP stages sit-in-protest against bomb threat

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Manipur People's Party strongly condemned the bomb threat to the party. Denouncing the bomb threat, Manipur People's Party which is the oldest regional party of the state today staged sit-in-protest in front of the Party office.

Speaking to media person President of MPP O. Jugindro said that yesterday around 4.25 in the evening two unknown person came at the office and handed a grenade to the party general secretary administration H. Geetajen. Jugindro expressed strong condemnation to such act and appealed not to repeat such act.

Jugindro further said that the party has been witnessing several death of the party members. At least seven leaders of the party were killed including chief minister Yangmaso Shaiza, their advisor Ch. Akaba. But unfortunately he added that no culprits were caught. He also said that killing the leaders of the party has hurled the development of the party. Such act has led the people afraid in joining the party and participate in the politics by joining it. He further appealed not to repeat such an inhuman act and such act is considered as a challenge to the people of Manipur.

Since the inception of MPP, the party has been focusing on various issues of the state especially in safeguarding the territorial integrity, he added. He asserted that the party has been working for the welfare of the people and for the state even risking their



lives. Jugindro further questioned who will be the next to be killed from the party. He also asked the people to think the consequences of the state if the oldest regional party of the state vanishes. He also said that the party always respects the feedback and the grievances for their work. But such a threat is highly condemnable, he added. Jugindro also said that the security given to the party isn't adequate; he appealed the government to provide more security personnel. Finally he concluded to not repeat such an act which threatened and discouraged the party.

Manipur Maoist claims Bomb threat at MPP office

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Maoist Communist Party today claimed the Bomb threat to the Manipur Peoples' Party (MPP) office yesterday evening. A Hand grenade wrapped in a black plastic polythene bag was reportedly gifted to the General secretary of the MPP by two unidentified persons, while he was in his office room. The Maoist statement said that the bomb was placed as a last warning to the leaders and workers of the MPP. The statement warned leaders and workers who committed irregularities to the party functioning and also who stood up against the party of dire consequences. It said the cadres of the party will directly

attack to the residence of all violators who are defaming the oldest regional party. The Maoist also stated that they know the trouble maker in the functioning of the MPP and stated that if those person continue their activities the party is prepared to award capital punishment. The Manipur Maoist however said that solution to the crisis of the MPP is not the Maoist goal but will take up all works to strengthen the regional force. It said that the MPP should submit the all related financial statement of the MPP. The statement further throws the ball to the court of the President of MPP and the Secretary administration. The president, Jugindro should also submit his financial statement within 3

weeks and any manipulation will not be taken lightly. On the other hand the problem in the MPP over leadership crisis will be sorted out after the result of the MP election. Maoist said that no property of the MPP should be sold without the permission of the Maoist. It further added that MPP leaders and workers should work for the party in the upcoming election and the decision on who will lead the party will be decided by the number of vote they get in their respective constituencies. Leaders ad office bearers of each assembly constituencies who fail to get not less than 4000 voters will be reconstituted, the statement added.

RPF decries atrocities to innocent Kashmiris in the aftermath of Feb 14 Pulwama terror attack

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Proscribed Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) decried various form of atrocities committed to Kashmiri Students, businessmen and employees at various part of the Northern Indian states in the post Pulwama terror attack of February 14, by a terror group called Jaish-e-Mohamade. A suicide bomber killed at least 40 CRPF personnel on the terror attack. A release signed by secretary publicity, Roben Khuman stated that during the backlash following the terrorist attack, many Kashmiri students were expelled from educational institutions across 10 states in India. Many businessmen and traders had to abandon their work and flee towards home, it said. Since their very lives were at stake, they had to endure many threats in trying to reach Kashmir, it added. Above all, many person including women were arrested and put to jail for giving their opinions on social media about the Pulwama incident, it said. No Indian leaders, politicians and mainland Indians spoke out against the reactions carried out against the innocent Kashmiris, it further said. However, when the matter finally reached Supreme Court and an order was released that Kashmiris should be protected, the government

clarified that there is no war against Kashmiris, it said. The release further said that the recent backlash meted out against Kashmiris following the Pulwama incident has shown that mainland Indians including its leaders do not consider Kashmiris as Indians or have affection towards them. It has rather shown that Indians are racists, and they have affection only for the geographical area of Kashmir for the interest of larger Hindustan, it stated. In the year 1947, Kashmir was merged into India by the Hindu King, Hari Singh much against the wishes of the general public which consisted of Muslim majority, it said. Ever since then, the state had been facing endless turmoil and violence, it further said. Kashmir was recognised by United Nations on August 14, 1947, it further said adding more than one lakh Kashmiris have given their lives in its struggle to regain independence. However, India has not given any consideration to the political stand of the Kashmiris who are the stakeholders of the whole situation, regarding their wish to remain independent. Kashmiri people's struggle for Independence escalated right after the murder of Burhan Wani, the 22 year old leader of Hizbul Mujahiddin by the Indian Army on July 8, 2016, it

said. With the news of the death of Burhan Wani, thousands of protestors took to the streets breaking the curfew and pelted stones against Indian Army. To suppress the Kashmiri movement, Indian army started using pellet guns in the year 2010. With the use of pellet guns, out of the 1314 people injured by pellet guns from the year 2016 to April, 2018, 1253 person have lost their eyesight, it said. Many have been left disfigured. Among the wounded, they received injuries while staying at homes as bullets were fired into their houses from outside, it said. Considering the numbers of patients injured at the face and eyes, it has been known that they have been targeted not below their waist but on to their chests and faces, the release further informed. Resolutions have been also taken by the Amnesty International that India should also stop using pellet guns. As per a report by Amnesty International, for seven months after the death of Wani, around 6000 persons were injured by pellet guns. A 283 page report 'Kashmir-Scars of Pellet Gun' written by Human rights activist, Mannan Bukhari has informed that from 2010 to July 26, 2016, 10 people have been killed by pellet guns while more than 1800 injured.