

Corrigendum

Regarding the news report published in Imphal Times, Saturday (the 16th November, 2019) issue under the heading "Police Inspector who went viral on social media post for pulling girl's hair suspended on drug case", we do hereby tender our apology that the said Police Officer, Inspector Lethkohao Vaiphei, who is posted as the Officer in Charge of Moreh Police and is under suspension in connection with drug seized related case is not the one and is not related with the photo of pulling a girl's hair in August 2015. The same was inadvertently and erroneously uploaded in our Facebook page and web site www.imphaltimes.com along with a photo that is on social media, but removed the moment we realized that the photo has nothing to do with the Police officer mention in the news.

We regret the error and apologize for any embarrassment caused to the police Officer and to our readers.

With regard
Editor

Burning Manipur likely to be fueled by Government agenda to pass CAB; MANPAC calls 18 hours total shut down

**T News
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June-July syndrome of pre BJP led government in the state has been resumed in another avatar, perhaps due to the exotic climate change. Manipur is likely to face an extreme form of uncertainty in the later part of this month as the government of India is all set to table and pass the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) in the upcoming Parliamentary session that will begin from November 18. Manipur People Against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (MANPAC) an organization which has been spearheading the agitation against the introduction of CAB is all set to re-launch the agitation against it by calling 18 hours total shut down in the state.

November usually was a clam session with Sangai Festival offering joy to the people of the state, but this year it seems the prevailing situation is not going to

give any chance to celebrate the most significant festival that bring peace and harmony to the state. It appeared rather as a shrewd revenge to the integrity of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who had dedicated for restoration of the peaceful atmosphere between various communities of the state. But, by whom? Democratic protest and voice of dissent is an essential part in the functioning of democracy. The legitimacy of the people's democratic protest need to be acknowledge over the issue for settlement of the vex Naga issue. But if this very issue is purportedly used for free passage of CAB in the parliament then it is wrong.

The Manipur People Against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (MANPAC) today announced 18 hours total shutdown starting from midnight of November 18 till 6 pm of November 19 against the passing of the

contentious CAB. A statement by MNPAC said that people of the state will gather at Khwairamband Ima Keithel here in Imphal and shout slogans against the passing of the CAB. The statement also urged the 4 MPs of the state to understand the feeling of the people of the state through the state government instead of putting the blame to the general public.

A statement by the North East Forum for Indigenous People (NEFIP), a federation of civil society bodies from the North Eastern states, said that they have been opposing the Bill since its introduction on January 8, 2019 as it challenges the very existence of the Indigenous People of the North Eastern Region.

On August 9, 2019, a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister had been submitted through the Head of the States followed by another submission of the same to the Chief Minister of the region on October 3, 2019 appraising therein the possible devastative effects

it may cause, if the CAB has been enacted to the entire North East region.

The MANPAC said that recognizing the illegal immigrants as 'Natural Persons' who can acquire Indian Citizenship on the basis of religious identity runs antithetical to the Constitution of India. The NEFIP also stated that the eligibility criterion to grant citizenship to these illegal migrants besides being unreasonable and unlawful is genocidal for Indigenous of the entire NE region.

Giving shelter and providing citizenship to the so called religiously persecuted migrants who are in fact Economic labour shall adversely prosecute the Indigenous population of the entire North East region.

"Hence, the NEFIP is affirmed of the fact that accepting the legalization of CAB and submitting to Genocidal Act is suicidal and will lead total extinction of the Indigenous population of the entire North East", the statement of the NEFIP said.

Congress delegation, Manipur MLAs meet Sonia Gandhi over CAB and NRC

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A delegation of Congress leaders met the party's interim president Sonia Gandhi and submitted a ground report on the issue of National Register of Citizens (NRC) and Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB).

The delegation including Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, Bhawar Jitender Singh, Manickam Tagore, Ranjit Mukherjee, and Mohammed Khan met Sonia Gandhi on Saturday to submit the report. "There is a consensus among the people of North East States across all religions and castes that Citizenship Amendment Bill should not be passed which is already in the governments' agenda for this winter session," a Congress leader told Agency. A delegation of Congress MLAs from Manipur, headed by Ibobi Singh, also met Sonia Gandhi yesterday.

"All the MLAs from Manipur have come for two important issues to meet the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. Once this bill is passed, our apprehension is

that those people who are not indigenous people, who are staying in Bangladesh, Pakistan or Afghanistan will start to enter Manipur because Manipur is the extreme border of the northeast border of Myanmar," Ibobi Singh told reporters here. Ibobi Singh added, "We fear that Manipur will become a dumping ground of foreigners. That's why we have met Sonia Gandhi, we have submitted a copy of these two bills."

In Public Interest

MSPDCL in its efforts to provide reliable 24X7 power supply to the consumers requires to achieve high revenue realization by improving revenue collection and elimination of unauthorised/illegal use of electricity through meter by-passing, hooking and meter tampering etc. which lead to higher financial stress and commercial losses of the company. Theft of electricity is a cognizable offence under section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The act has provision against illegal usage of electricity according to which an offender is deemed punishable with imprisonment for a term upto three years or with fine or with both. As such MSPDCL will make public details of any individual(s) who is caught indulging in unauthorised use of electricity through media or its website(s).

In the regular activities of the company viz. conducting revenue drive and disconnection of illegal / unauthorised connection by the Raid Team of Respective Divisional office, the service line or material of such illegal consumers/connections shall be disconnected without notice and taken into custody of the concerned office as per the provision of the Electricity Act, 2003. Reconnection of such defaulted connections/consumers shall be done after due approval of competent authority. In the event of non-compliance of conditions as per the Act, any such connection/consumer shall also be debarred from getting any supply of electricity for a period not less than three (3) months but may extend up to two (2) years as per Section 135(1) of the Electricity Act 2003.

The company earnestly appeals to all esteemed consumers to extend their cooperation with the activities being undertaken to serve the public with reliable power supply.

NSCN (R), ZUF militants nabbed in Cachar

**Courtesy NEN
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The Assam Rifles and police in a joint operation on Saturday busted a makeshift militants' hideout and nabbed two rebels Ramgaizang under Jirighat police station in Assam's Cachar district. Acting on a tip off a team of Assam rifles and police carried out an operation in the area and busted the makeshift camp and nabbed an NSCN(R) rebel and a Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) militant.

The arrested NSCN (R) rebel has been identified as Pougonglong alias Lucky, 28, a resident of Nungtek in Tamenglong district of Manipur and the ZUF cadre has been identified as Sagu Rongmai, 40 of Ramgaizang in Cachar district.

The militants used the camp to carry out subversive activities in Zeliangrong area in Cachar district. One AK-56 rifle, a huge cache of ammunition, extortion slip book, mobile phones and various household items were recovered from the camp.

Police said both the rebels were involved in extortion, kidnapping and other criminal activities in Zeliangrong area for quite some time. Police said two other cadres managed to flee from the camp.

Quiz competition held at Jiribam

**Our Correspondent
Jiribam, Nov. 19**

The Zonal Education Office (ZEO), Jiribam organised a quiz competition today on the theme "Know Your State" under the sponsored of Department of Education (S) and Department of Transport, Government of Manipur. Students from VI to VIII from various schools of Jiribam participated in the competition which held at PWD Guest house, Jiribam.

Speaking on the programme, Zonal Education Officer Th. Amurasi Devi said the quiz and competition was organised to

expand knowledge of students on the theme "Know Your State".

She added, among the participants of quiz competition the best nine students will select and send for free helicopter ride on schedule date 19 along with one official of ZEO and a lady teacher guide.

Today's programme was attended by G. Manglem Sharma, Principal, Borobekra Higher Secondary School; Th. Amurashi Devi, Zonal Education Officer, Jiribam and S. Lalmani Singh, AL, ZEO, Jiribam as a Chief, President and Guest of honour respectively.

Winter session of Assam Legislative Assembly from Nov 28

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The winter session of the Assam Legislative Assembly will begin from November 28 next.

As per the calendar for the meetings of the said session, issued by the principal secretary of Assam Legislative Assembly the first day of the session will have government business beginning with oath of affirmation by the newly elected members.

This would be followed by the Question Hour.

This would be followed by the Speaker announcing the report of the Business Advisory

Committee setting the business for the winter session of the Assembly.

This will be followed by the Speaker announcing the names of the members constituting the panel of chairmen under Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

Laying of ordinances, laying of reports, rules etc, presentation of reports of various assembly committees will be followed thereafter.

This will be followed by motion for election of members to various government committees, boards etc, presentation of the list of supplementary demand for grants and supplementary

appropriation for the year 2019-2020, introduction of government bills, and obituary references.

The second day that is on November 29, there will be question hour and private member's business with bills, resolutions, special motion and motions.

The third day on November 30 will have government business starting with Question Hour, followed by voting and passing of supplementary demand and supplementary appropriation for 2019-2020, followed by introduction, consideration and passing of Assam Appropriation Bill, 2019.

Assam Rifle inaugurates vocational training centre and distributes solar power systems

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In yet another initiative by Assam Rifles, a new Vocational Training Centre at Hiyanglam was inaugurated on 16 November 2019. The Chief Guest for the event was Major General KP Singh, YSM, IGAR(S) and other dignitaries including Brig Neelash Bhanot, SM, Commander 28 Sector Assam Rifles. This new centre is an augmentation of success of Vocational Training Centre at Sugnu and will impart training to women on stitching, handloom weaving and embroidery. The skill development initiative is part of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY), for recognition and

standardisation of skills. To mark the successful handloom training undergone by 250 women at Vocational Training Centre Sugnu, certificates were distributed to sixty beneficiaries. Kakching Sector was able to get accreditation to the Vocational Training Centre with provisional certification from National Skill Development Centre. These acquired skills will equip the beneficiaries to showcase their talent to the best of their abilities.

As part of Infrastructure Development and with an aim to provide electricity to far flung villages, Shelon battalion under the aegis of Kakching Sector took initiative and carried out liaison with Luminous Company in Delhi. Following

the success of first phase, in the second phase, 60 solar power systems were distributed to six villages namely Pholien, Gammon, Bobjoi, Gelmol, Sejang, and S Bobjoi on 16 November at Hiyanglam. This initiative of Assam Rifles will bring the underdeveloped regions of Chandel District at par with the rest of the state which in turn will provide the coming generations a better standard of living and propel them to a path of self-determination in times to come. Infrastructure development and Capacity Building leading to Avenues of employment are the Focal Areas for Development for the Assam Rifles.

The ceremony summed up with Major General KP Singh, YSM conveying his message

to the gathering that "Together, we will progress further into the realms of eternal bond of camaraderie tomorrow".

On the other hand, Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) also organised a lecture on precautionary and preventive measures against Malaria and Dengue at village H Mongjiang in Chandel District on 16th November 2019.

The Nursing assistant from Moreh Battalion delivered an interactive lecture on Malaria precautionary and preventive measures at village H Mongjiang. A total of 70 villagers including children's benefited from the lecture and shared their views as well. Nursing

Assistant shared the awareness on various methods of preventing Malaria at very initial stage. The Battalion has always made an endeavour to spread awareness on lifestyle as well as seasonal diseases by organising lectures at various locations. The villagers pledged to take all precautionary measures against Malaria / Dengue and help spreading the awareness among other neighbouring villages also. The village Chief and villagers expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Moreh Battalion for such initiatives and requested for more events in future. The event culminated with distribution of refreshments and group photograph.