

## MANPAC re-launches agitation against CAB; Khwairambandh Keithel ladies stage anti- CAB protest; 18 hours bandh to begin from midnight today

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Manipur People Against Citizenship Bill (MANPAC) has re-launched its agitation against the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) today. Ahead of the 18 hours bandh called by the organization Vendor ladies of the Khwairambandh Keithel today shut their stalls and stage protest in-between the two Khwairambandh Keithel market building blocking the road leading to Thangal Bazar today afternoon.

Convener of the North East Forum for Indigenous People (NEFIP), Lancha Ningthouja, speaking to reporters at Khwairambandh Keithel at the sideline of the protest said that the protest by the vendor ladies of Khwairambandh keithel is the beginning of the agitation that has been resolved by the NEFIP to launch agitation across the North East states. NEFIP a joint body of organizations against the CAB comprising of over 18 different organizations from the seven North East states including Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Lancha further said that after today's protest, 18 hours total shut down will begin from midnight today and in the later stage various form of democratic protest will follow up until the contentious CAB has been withdrawn.

Lancha further said that 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 devastating effects it may cause, if the CAB has been enacted to the entire North East region.

During the time the civil society organizations numbering around 250 had been assured of a pre legislative consultation with all stakeholders to insert clauses to ensure that the North eastern states will not be affected by the passing of the Bill. However, instead of pre-legislative consultation and other assurance, the government of India once again tried to introduce the CAB 2019, without consulting the people of the North East states.

"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of the Indigenous population of the entire North East and the NEFIP will go on with its agenda until the CAB is withdrawn", Lancha said.

Mayanglambam Ongbi RK Radhesana, President of the Kwarairambandh Nupi Keithel Nupi Semgat Sagatpa, while talking to reporters said that we have been staging various form of agitation demanding the disclosure of the Frame Work agreement. People are crossing the limit to the silence of the government. When the



people are agitating for the disclosure of the FA the government is again all set to pass the CAB. Radhesana said that various protest has been staged even

at New Delhi, demanding withdrawal of the CAB, however, the protest went in vain. CAB is an instrument to abolish the indigenous people of the state.

Former president of AMUCO P Devand Sharma, Convener of MANPAC Yumnachha Dilip among others were also present during today's protest.

## Govt. issues order to counter MANPAC's total shut down

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Government of Manipur has issued an order today to counter the total shut down call by Manipur People Against Citizenship Amendment Bill (MANPAC) starting from midnight today till 6 pm of November 19. The MANPAC called the 18 hours total shut down in the state of Manipur in protest against the attempt to pass the

Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) in the upcoming parliament session which will begin tomorrow. In the order issued by the Chief Secretary all government offices including the Education Institutions have been instructed to open and function normally. All government employees have been instructed compulsory attendance. The order also instructed the Commissioner of Education (S) to ensure normal functioning of the schools

and colleges. Heads of the Institutions are also instructed to take up necessary action against any employee fails to comply with the order. On the other hand all Deputy Commissioners are also instructed to ensure functioning of all offices in districts and ensure attendance in all offices. Stern departmental action against employees who are absent has also been instructed.

## XXII Anniversary observance of ILP Movement in Kangleipak observed

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ILP observation Committee today observed the XXII Anniversary observance of ILP Movement in Kangleipak (Manipur) at Manipur Press Club. The observance is jointly organised by IPSA, ACOAM –LUP, PANDM, IPAK, KANGLAMEI, KILL, CLK and KSA under the motto Protection Remembrance and Documentation.

Chairman of the Observation Committee H. Ibotombi Khuman, President of KANGLAMEI, Yumnachha Leima (Ima Leirik) and President of Kanglei Ima Lup (KIL) Rk. Sanahani (Ima) graced the occasion as presidium members.

In his keynote speech President of IPAK, Ksh Samerendo said that after the Kingdom of Manipur has been annexed by India on October 15, 1949, the then Chief Commissioner of that time

Himat Singh had abolished the "Inner Line Permit System on November 18, 1950. After the abolition of the pass system influx of migrants from outside the state began under the Article 19 (1) of the Indian Constitution. Even as India has Foreigners' Act, 1946, the act was not properly implemented in the state of Manipur. The then MLA Hidam Bidur in July 17, 1993 raised the issue of the influx of migrants in the state and thus is considered as the first initiative in the state assembly for protection of the Indigenous people.

In 1979-1980 people of the state launched anti-foreigner movement later in November 18, 1997, sister organization of IPSA started campaign for re-introduction of the ILPS. Still today the movement for introduction of the ILPS continues and will continue until an ILPS like legislation is passed by the state government, Samerendo said.

## Solid Waste Management workshop held

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Thoubal Municipal Council organised one day solid waste management workshop for Self Help Groups at Thoubal Municipal Council campus today.

The workshop was attended by Thoubal Municipal Council, Chairperson, Th. Shyam Singh, Executive Officer, Salvador T. Baite and Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, Deputy Programme Manager,

Dr. Sonia Henam as presidium members. Dr. Sonia Henam as a resource person of the Workshop said about how to keep clean the environment and its good measures. She added that the responsibility of the municipal council and its work. She further answered the question which was asked by the workshop attendees.

Self help groups members and Councilor which are under the jurisdiction of Thoubal municipal council were also attended the workshop.

## Rally on "Childline Se Dosti Campaign" at Wangjing



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Childline Thoubal in collaboration with District Administration staged a rally on "Childline Se Dosti Campaign" at Wangjing today. Various school students were participated at the rally. The rally was flag off by DC Thoubal, N. Bandana from Wangjing Sports Complex and ended at River View Park. An Interaction programme also organised on Childline and Toll free no. 1098.

The rally was based on promoting the Toll free no. Childline 1098. "Children Want to learn, Not to Earn Stop Child Labourer", "Bring Back our Childhood", "Children Are the Future", "Stop Child Abuse" and "Protect Children" were used as placard.

The rally was participated SP Thoubal, Dr. S. Ibomcha, Wangjing Laming Municipal Council, Ward no. 5, Councillor, N. Binoy and Staffs of District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Thoubal.

## Alert protest continues

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Various meira paibis of the state today continue alert protest under the aegis of COCOMI today. The Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee also continue relay hunger strike in front of its Office at BT road.

## Police lathi charge students protestors

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A group of students who were staging rally against the passing of the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill organised by All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) under the aegis of North East Students' Organisation (NESO) were today lathi charged by police and para

military troops deployed at Keishampat Junction today afternoon. According to report reaching here the students first staged a sit-in-protest at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai and later at around noon the students stage a protest rally towards Governor's Bungalow, with slogans defying any attempt to pass the contentious CAB, to submit memorandum. As

the large number of students reached Keishampat Junction, they were stopped by a large number of police team. The students confronted the police team for sometimes. Later, CRPF personnel deployed at the junction joined the police team and this reporter show the CRPF and police personnel started beating the students with their baton to disperse them. At least 2 students

sustained minor injury in the police action. A representative of the NESO talking to Imphal Times said that the protest is a part of the NE wide protest initiated by the NESO. Later, the students gathered again and the police team allowed some of the representative to meet the governor and submit their memorandum.

## Skill certificates and trade licenses distributed to PMKVY trainees

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Loktak Brigade of Red Shield Division in partnership with Humanism Foundation has organised a Felicitation Cum Certificate distribution function of successful trained and pass-out trainees under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) at Kiyamba Sanglen here today.

The function was graced by Commander Loktak Brigade, Brigadier Sanjeevkumar; DC of Bishnupur district, Neeta Arambam; Chairman of Bishnupur Municipal Council, L. Maniyama Singh; Chairman of Humanism Foundation, Wahengbam Shanti Devi and representatives of banks.

As part of the ceremony, students were felicitated with certificates as well as Trade and Shop Licenses were distributed by the dignitaries. It may be mentioned here that the trainees had undergone skill development training (PMKVY) in Field Technician: Computing & Peripherals at Loktak Skill Development Centre, Bishnupur being run under the aegis of Army in collaboration with Humanism Foundation.

A total of 240 students were enrolled about six months back to undergo this skill development training. Another batch of 240 students is undergoing training in Retail Sales Associate at the same co-

existed with Loktak Brigade. They will be trained over a period of six months before they are exposed to placement and self employment. The felicitation ceremony was organised to present qualification certificates to the candidates who had undergone this training. These youth are now eligible to undertake suitable jobs and self employment to start a professional career. The Chairman of Bishnupur Municipal Council distributed free trade and shop licenses to the 77 candidates who were keen to start their own business and shops. Director, SBI RSETI, also present at the ceremony announced that the 70 qualified candidates will

undergo a 13 days Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) at the Skill Development Centre, from which will enable the candidates to start their employment with understanding of loan facilities by the banks. Branch Managers of various banks were also present to guide the candidates about loan facilities. While addressing the gathering, Commander of the Loktak Brigade brought out the importance of skill development for the youth of Manipur and also announced that a new skill development centre has been started at Kumbi to further the cause and give opportunity to the

local residents of the area. DC, Bishnupur hailed the initiatives taken by the Army to extend Government's policies to the people and offered her full support to enhance the opportunities of giving self employment. She also assured to provide all possible support from the side of district administration in giving placement opportunities to the trained and successfully pass-out trainees under PMKVY. The residents of Bishnupur expressed their heartfelt gratitude and appreciated the efforts of Indian Army and Humanism Foundation for facilitating job opportunities for the youth and women of the district.