

Manipur observes National Cleanliness Day commemorating the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi



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National Cleanliness Day 2019 was today observed at Gandhi Memorial Hall, Imphal to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Speaking at the function as Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla said that every year, the 2nd of October is observed as National Cleanliness Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The observance assumes greater significance this year because it is the 150th Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation. Gandhi was an apostle of peace and he led India's freedom struggle against the British by using 'Ahimsa' as his most powerful weapon. He was an equally strong advocate of the cleanliness of mind and body or the environment.

The Governor reminded the gathering that Mahatma Gandhi stands tall in the gallery of great world leaders and thinkers. He belongs to the whole world and to all generations. His profound humanism is his message. A symbol of indomitable human soul power, Gandhi firmly stood for the cause of the downtrodden and oppressed not only in India but also in other parts of the world. He lived and died for peace and welfare of mankind. His philosophy of non violent agitation and civil disobedience not only led his own country to independence but also influenced political activists throughout the world. Gandhi novel mode of mass mobilization and non violent action brought down colonialism, strengthened the roots of popular sovereignty including civil, political and economic rights, and greatly influenced many a freedom struggle leaders far and wide. He won affection and love of millions of people all over the world and from both friends and foes alike. He will be remembered as one of the greatest souls that ever walked on earth, She added.

She stated that, Gandhi was vehemently against hatred between man and man. He once observed that he could

not live when the atmosphere was marred with violence and hatred. What he wanted was the bridge that connects and not walls that divide man from man. Transcending the social barriers of caste, creed, colour, language and religion, Gandhiji preached universal peace, brotherhood and friendship. Peaceful co existence was his perennial message. The Governor also said that, for Gandhiji, political independence of India was not the end. It was the beginning of real freedom - economic freedom of the country. He was the champion of "Swadeshi" or home economy. He wanted to work for an India in which the poorest should feel that it was their country. To him, the spirit and soul of India rested in the village communities. He also wanted an India in which all communities live in perfect harmony. Mahatma Gandhi always emphasized cleanliness for a healthy living and healthy people make a healthy nation. He also believed in the spiritual purification of body, mind and soul.

Speaking about the Swachh Bharat Mission, The Governor said that, Our present Prime Minister has added a new vigour to the cleanliness drive and made it more impactful and meaningful when he launched the Mission on 2nd October, 2014. He declared the day as a non holiday to the Government workers and staffs and urged them to take cleanliness to their offices and work places. He also urged all the Indians to devote at least 2 hours per week to clean their surroundings. In the 2-year long celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, new schemes have been launched and awareness campaigns have been intensified to promote a clean and healthy environment all around. Such a step is the development of Swachh Campus and Jal Shakti Campus and Jal Shakti Gram under Higher Education as initiated by the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education in areas of sanitation, hygiene and water conservation.

Expressing confidence in connection with the launching of two Manuals on Swachh Campus and Jal Shakti Campus and Jal Shakti Gram as part of this State Level Programme, The Governor said that these will certainly help the Higher Educational Institutions

including Universities, Colleges and Polytechnics in keeping the campus clean and in developing strategies, action plans and implementation plans for water conservation within the campus and in the villages. She also mentioned that, the state of cleanliness which we maintain during the observance of the National Cleanliness Day should be made a regular way of life. It should not be just a normal observance but a wakeup call for all of us to maintain high standards of cleanliness in our homes, work places, roads, streets and public places. She also appealed the gathering that while celebrating the National Cleanliness Day, we should all remember the lofty thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi and it would, indeed, be paying true homage to the Father of the Nation if we strive to keep our body, mind and soul clean.

As part of National Cleanliness Day 2019, Manipur Secretariat organized a special cleanliness drive in all the sections. An evaluation team of senior officers have ranked the Section based in specific 4(four) criteria, the winner for Cleanliness of floor, cupboards, fans and walls of North Block, New Secretariat are 1st Art and Culture Section, 2nd Sports section, 3rd Water Resources Section, the winner for Proper arrangement of furniture items in neat and clean of Western Block New Secretariat are 1st Finance Budget Section, 2nd Finance PIC Section, 3rd Finance Expenditure and PHED Section, the winner for Systematic arrangement in keeping and stored files within available cupboard/shelves (weeding old files) of Annexe Building, New Secretariat are 1st Horticulture Section, 2nd Hill Section 3rd Education-S Section also the winner for No unnecessary hanging/papers on walls of South Block, Old Secretariat are 1st Commerce and Industries Section, 2nd Dept of Personnel (Wing-1) 3rd GAD (Establishment). Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh grace the function as President, Revenue, Karam Shyam, MAHUR Minister Th. Shyam Kumar and other top officials of the state government attended the observance.

Now the JAC formed against the death of school girl is convinced that she was sexually assaulted before murdered

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Anguish over the mysterious death of 14 years old girl at her hostel room on July 17 midnight still made sleepless night to the members of the JAC formed against the death as their demand for handing over the case to the CBI has not been fulfilled even after 2 and half months. The JAC was formed terming the death as mysterious one but later after finding clue of possible murder, the JAC was renamed as against murder of the class VII girl student, said the convenor of the JAC L. Gyaneshwari, while talking to this reporter. She said that the JAC has been suspecting foul game to the heinous incident and today after an armed organization claimed the murder to have been committed after being sexually assaulted, the JAC now is convinced that the 14 years old girl has been murdered after being sexually assaulted. "We are not simply guessing it on the claimed of the armed rebel group, but we do have photographs which showed sign of physical assault at one of her knee", a JAC member told this journalist showing the photograph they had taken on July 18 before conducting post mortem at RIMS.

"At first we suspect foul play but could not spell it out, but as the armed group had said that they have evidence of sexual assault before she was

hanged to death, we are now



Bruish marks notice at her right knee

convinced", the JAC member said in the presence of their convenor L. Gyaneshwari. Earlier, in a press meet held at the Library of THAU at Thangmeiband, Convenor of the JAC L. Gyaneshwari said that as there have been prima facie evidences of sexual assault, POCSO act should also be incorporated in addition to the Section 302 while investigating the said case. Gyaneshwari said that the JAC do not have any confidence to the state police that has been investigating the case as the Investigating officer (IO) submitted foul report to the law court. That is why we have been demanding for handing of the case to CBI, she said.

"We want the culprits responsible for the killing be

book under 302 of the IPC and not under 420 of the IPC", Gyaneshwari said.

She warned the authority of serious consequences if the two detained in custody in connection with the death of the school girl is released on bail. Bail hearing of the two - Landhoni and Romita is scheduled on October 4 at lower court after the Manipur High Court had rejected the plea some days back. The JAC warned serious agitation if the two are released on bail. When asked about the programme Gyaneshwari said that as of now the JAC has been offering prayers for justice to the victim girl by hoisting black flag. In addition to this the JAC has been meeting the MLAs of both opposition and ruling for helping the JAC in delivering

justice to the deceased girl by giving pressure to the government for handing of the case to the CBI.

"So far we have met MLA Khumukcham Joykishan and MLA Th. Lokeshwar. We tried to meet Works Minister Th. Bishwajit but could not as he seems to be occupied with some other works. We have also sought appointment for the governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla but as of now we are not getting it", Gyaneshwari said.

The JAC had met the Governor of Manipur on September 11. During the meeting the Dr. Najma Heptulla had assured the JAC members to provide all possible help in handing over the case to the CBI. The JAC is meeting the governor once more to remind her assurance.

Manipuri Library & Research Centre opens at Bhanubil in Bangladesh

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With aims to promote Manipuri Language and Culture in Bangladesh, 'Manipuri Library and Research Centre' was inaugurated at Bhanubil in Bhanughash of Bangladesh. Bhanughash has maximum Manipuri population in Bangladesh. Founder and Chief Executive of the Library is Ayeekpam Anju, the first Manipuri lady

writer in Bangladesh. The inaugural function of the Library held yesterday was attended by Yaikul Khwairakpam, President Patriotic Writer Forum, Manipur, Rakesh Naorem, Secretary Patriotic Writer Forum, Manipur, Khoiram Indrajit, President, Integrated Manipuri Association and Hamom Tonubabu, Cultural Activist as dignitaries. President of the Manipuri Library Association Kangjam Chaoba delivered speech on



the benefits given by public Library in a society.

On the occasion, two books 'Punshi Ichellakiet' (a poetry

collection written by Yaikul Khwairakpam) and 'Nangsu Nupini' authored by Jilla Leishanthe were released.

National Cleanliness Day at RIMS

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The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal in association with National Medicos Organisation (NAMO), Manipur Unit and My Home India Foundation observed National Cleanliness day at RIMS Hospital, Imphal. During the observation, the team led by Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director, RIMS, Imphal cleaned the OPD Block and nearby areas of the hospital. Prof. Th. Naranbabu Singh, Vice President, NAMO and

Prof. Th. Sachin Deba, Secretary, NAMO along with volunteers of the NAMO and My Home India took part in the cleanliness drive. On the other hand, Gandhi Jayanti was also observed in the office of Nursing Superintendent, RIMS Hospital, Imphal. Sh. Lata Devi, Nursing Superintendent, RIMS hospital, Senior Nursing officials and nursing staff paid floral tributes to the Father of Nation. Hospital wards were also cleaned by the nursing and other staff.

CRPF celebrates 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

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G C CRPF celebrates 150th Birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. On the occasion, GC CRPF, Imphal organized on "Swachhata hi Sewa (SHS)" and during which a series of events organized on awareness of cleanliness drive. GC CRPF Imphal had also taken active part in the "Swachh Sankalp se Swachh Siddhi" campaign from 17/09/

2017. GC, CRPF, Imphal always help local populace to clean their areas and take part in the Swachh Bharat Mission. Ashok Kumar S. DIG (Medical), composite hospital, Imphal who was the Chief guest of the function has administered the oath on Swachh Bharat Mission. I. Lokendro Singh, DIG GC, CRPF, Imphal motivated all officers, SOs and Jawan to keep the group center, CRPF, Clean and Green.