

## SDC inaugurated at Chandel

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A skill development center (SDC) called as Namastasye Special Project Training Center was established at the premise 18th Assam Rifles, Chandel by Namastasye Services Private Ltd. today. The skill development center was inaugurated by Former Captain of Indian Football team and President of Football Players Association of India (FPAI), Potsangbam Rency Singh. CO of 18th Assam Rifles Chandel, Ajit Khatri; Operational Head of Namastasye Services Private Ltd., Manojkumar, Manager of Skill Development Center Chandel, S Sushilkumar Singh; General Manager of KP Lubs, Ningthoujam Johankumar; Human Rights Activist, Meena Chothe and Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation, Wahngbam Rorrikychand attended the inaugural function as presidium members.

## Total shut down called by major rebel groups in NE affects normalcy in Manipur

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Total shut down called by major rebel groups operating in the north Eastern states of India has severely affected normalcy in the state of Manipur putting life to a complete stand still. The total shut down is called against the merger of Manipur along with other North East states including Tripura to the Indian Union on this day of 1949. Government offices in the state capital of Imphal and other district head quarters were seen opened for name shake. Recorded attendance of major offices like the Secretariat, State Assembly and District administration are reported normal but the reality that no staffs were seen in their respective rooms and almost all employees restrained themselves from doing their duty. No official visitors were present at any of the important office, but police station was opened without any intervention. Traffic police on duty were seen relieved with

no pressures as vehicular movement was near to nil. Except some government vehicles and emergency and rituals related vehicles no commercial and private vehicles were seen in the street of major district head quarters in the state of Manipur. Schools, colleges and other private establishment had been shut down. The major three Khwairambhandh Ima Keithel here in the heart of the Imphal city bore deserted looks. Shops and business establishment in both Paona and Thangal Keithel remained shut during the total shut down called by the rebel groups. It may be mentioned Coordination Committee (CorCom), National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT) and the Alliance for Socialist Unity, Kangleipak (ASUK) called the total shut down today in protest against 'forced merger' of Tripura and Manipur into the Indian Union. While NLFT and ASUK have

called for a 12-hour bandh from 5 am to 5 pm, CorCom has called for statewide bandh for 18 hours, starting from Monday midnight till Tuesday. NLFT president H Uastwng Borok and ASUK chairman N Oken have stated about the proposed shutdown through a statement released to the media. The Coordination Committee, a conglomerate of PREPAK, UNLF, PREPAK (PRO) and the RPF in its statement, had stated that October 15 as 'National Black Day' since the past years in order to protest against the Manipur Merger Agreement signed between Maharaja Bodhachandra of Manipur and the Government of India in Shillong. The agreement dates back to October 15, 1949. During the total shut down religious, medical, media and emergency services were refrained during total shut down. NLFT and ASUK have termed the day as dark period in the history of Tripura and Manipur.

## Government initiative to legalize Cannabis plantation gets support from one CSO

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh first mooted legalization to the plantation of cannabis (locally known as Ganja) on September 1 after he come across the medicinal importance of the plant. The matter was discussed during state cabinet meeting held on September 27 but without arriving at any conclusion invited opinion from the people of the state. Many civil body particularly anti drug organization 'Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol' criticized government plan termed it as anti thesis to the 'War on drugs' which was initiated by the Government of India in Shillong. The agreement dates back to October 15, 1949. During the total shut down religious, medical, media and emergency services were refrained during total shut down. NLFT and ASUK have termed the day as dark period in the history of Tripura and Manipur.

of Cannabis for medicinal purpose, and only one Civil Society from Imphal East comes up supporting the idea of the state government. Co-Ordinating Body, Khurai - a body of local clubs, Meia Paibis and working class of Khurai area in Imphal East today said that government plan to legalise plantation of Cannabis is a good move. In a statement, the body said that Ganja was never treated as intoxicants in the state of Manipur and that it was premature acceptance to the definition of the USA which categorized Cannabis as an intoxicant. Justifying its support to the government's plan for legalization of Ganja (Cannabis) the co-ordinating body said that such step would reduce the plantation of Poppy plant and will be able to save many youths from falling as a prey of the Heroine No. 4. After Ganja plantation has been prohibited many had replaced it with Poppy plantation. Earlier, not many people knew that the Manipur

soil is also fit for Poppy crops. As many started poppy plantation in the state the state of Manipur is today becoming the 2<sup>nd</sup> Golden Triangle, the statement added. The statement further said that when civil bodies of the state prohibited Alcohol in the state Ganja (Cannabis) was not an alternative to the alcoholics. The body said that Ganja was never used as an intoxicant in the region. The Co-ordinating body also said that, what people have to understand is that the government was planning to legalize plantation of Cannabis through proper channel. It also said that when there were cannabis plants growing in the state, it had not affected to the people of the state and that it will not affect in the future. Chief Minister N. Biren had stated that his government is looking forward for legalization to the plantation of the Cannabis as the plant has high medicinal values which cure many dangerous diseases

## CNPO opposes observance of Anglo-Kuki war at Chandel district

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The Naga Civil Organisations of Chandel strongly oppose the proposed plan to observe the centenary celebration of Anglo-Kuki war (1917-19) to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 by erecting monuments at Langching Village Chakpikarong Block and Maohang Village (Machi Block). A statement said that the plan to celebrate the Anglo Kuki war is to claim Chandel District as their ancestral land. The press statement signed by President, CNPO, Paulhring Langhu and Gen. Secy. CNPO, Alexander Hutten stated that the Kukis entered into Chandel District, Manipur in the year 1845 and settled at Khangbarol. The so called Kuki Rebellion (1917-19) against the British Labour Corps recruitment was started on 19/12/1917 and ended on 20/5/1919. Their settlement in Chandel during all these years was conditional with payment of lousal (Field Tax) to the Naga Land

Owners according to the standing orders passed by the President of Manipur State Durban which were challenged in the Civil Court several times during the years 1929-50 and 2015 in which all Kuki appellants were dismissed as refugees. This is the documentary proof and evidence that there is no ancestral land of Kukis in Chandel District. "That, the proposed site of memorial stone for centenary celebration of Anglo-Kuki War (1917-19) at Langching Village in Chakpikarong Block is also not an ancestral land of Kukis but formerly it was known as Sugu Chingthai and thereby inhabited by the Lamkangs from Haikha. When Lamkangs move to Tangcheng, the present Kuki inhabitants settled at this Langching village where memorialstone has been erected to claim it as Kuki ancestral land. The second proposed site of the memorial stone at Maohang village in Machi Block is also not an ancestral land of Kuki but given

permission to settled by the Khoibu Khunjab Village" the statement claimed. The statement further said that the land of present Kuki villages namely Phalbung, Chelip, Samukom, Sia and Simang were allowed to settle by Khudei Khullen (Maring) and Narum(Maring) villages. Few prominent villages like Saivom, Tenguoupal, Khudengthabi, Lokchao and many Kuki hamlet/villages too were allowed to settle with the permission of the Naga Villages namely: Aimol Khullen, Leibi Maring and Khongkhang Chothe Villages. The border town Moreh was also the land of the Aimol Naga Tribe until the people migrated to the present Aimol Khullen in 1907, the statement claimed. The statement of the CNPO also appreciated the State Government of Manipur for ordering removal of inscribed Kuki Ancestral land from Memorial Stone so as to avoid the outbreak communal conflicts in the Districts.

## AICU responses to the RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Mob Lynching concoction

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After the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) had responded slashing criticism to content of speech made by the RSS Chief, Mohan Bhagwat regarding his speech delivered on Rashtriya Seva Sangh's Foundation Day held at its Headquarters in Nagpur, M. S., on Tuesday, the All India Catholic Union (AICU), also came down heavily to the RSS Chief. Responding to the RSS Chief's contention that mob lynching did not originate in India but came from outside India and that it originated with Jesus Christ in that according

to news report ([www.indiatoday.in](http://www.indiatoday.in)), the All India Catholic Union (AICU) said that "The word 'lynching' or 'lynch' was never used by Jesus though its meaning is to 'put to death, hang, kill, murder, slay'" (The Concise Oxford Thesaurus, OUP, eighteenth impression, 2002), and more precise, "to kill by mob action without legal sanction." In his speech delivered on the Foundation day of RSS, Mohan Bhagwat Chief had stated that the word lynching comes from an incident in the Bible where Jesus Christ told people to hit a woman with stones only if they had never committed any sin in their pasts.

The AICU statement said that Jesus' answer to the people who had brought the woman allegedly found having committed adultery, was not to endorse their almost unanimous decision to stone her but in effect, it was to put a stop to the supposedly emotional crowd by saying, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 08: 07) and after Jesus had thus said, "... they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest and Jesus was left with the woman standing before him." (John 08: 09) Actually, Jesus' reply was an anti-thesis, an rhetoric to the common understanding of the day.



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