

## NEFIP reiterate stands against CAB; opposes imposition of Hindi as Natl. Language

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First Central Executive Council (CEC) meeting of (North East Forum for Indigenous People) NEFIP held at Kohima held on September 25 has reiterated its stand against the passing of Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). The meeting held at Kohima also resolved to begin public protest against CAB on October 3 in the entire region of Northeastern states.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Central Executive Council was chaired by Ningthouja Lancha, President of NEFIP. CEC begins with the nomination and election with the taking of oath by newly inducted office bearers of NEFIP. The meeting deliberated thread bare on the recent development in regard to the very contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016, the recent appeal by the Union Home Minister of India on Hindi

Language imposition and the issue of UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 2007) and various other issues related with the functioning of NEFIP.

A statement by Khuraijam Athouba, Secretary Media, NEFIP said that the meeting the NEFIP CEC unanimously resolved to reiterate the resolutions passed earlier against the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 which was submitted to the Prime Minister of India on August 9, 2019.

The NEFIP also demands immediate withdrawal of Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 and condemn the statement given by Mr Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Mr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Finance Minister of Assam and Convener of NEDA claiming that the Union Govt. will reintroduce the very contentious Bill on November/upcoming parliamentary session. The meeting unanimously resolve

to launch movement against CAB in the entire Northeast Region with a Public Protest on 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2019 to mark the beginning of the campaign against CAB.

The meeting also resolved to sensitize indigenous people of Northeast region on the ill effect of CAB, while strongly opposing imposition of any language to the people opposed Home Minister's appeal to use Hindi as National Language.

The NEFIP also demands to all the State Legislative Assembly of NE States to adopt a resolution in the house urging the Union Government to take necessary steps to implement UNDRIP in letter and spirit in NE Region.

The meeting resolved to request for the United Nations Organization – UN Intervention to stop continuous acts and practices asserted by the Government of India that will be Genocidal for the indigenous peoples of the region.

## Fully grown tree chopped in the heart of Imphal; Is Green Manipur Mission a joke?

By - Sh. Ajit  
Imphal, Sept. 27

At what could be termed as a thrashing blow to the Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission, a fully grown tree at the footpath adjacent to Johnston Higher Secondary School was chopped today afternoon probably for convenience in lifting of iron bars of Foot Bridge.

The tree was grown around 10 feet away from the iron pillar of Food Bridge. None of persons engaged for the construction of the work agreed to talk to this reporter, when asked if they get prior permission from the forest authority for cutting of the tree. When asked for concern government officials supervising the work to persons at the construction site gave positive reply instead told this reporter not to take photograph of the scene.

Imphal Times tried to contact the urban forestry DFO, but did not pick up the call.

In August, this year an eight years old girl Elangbam Valentina cried after she found her two Gulmohar trees cut down. A video of her uploaded through social media drew the attention of thousands and the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh was so touched that he sent District Police and other authorities to give sapling to the little girl who cried for the tree. The



Chief Minister even appointed her as the Ambassador of his Green Manipur Mission.

The tree, fully grown one, in the middle of the Imphal city just adjacent to Johnston Higher Secondary School was cut down today just for convenience of lifting iron bar for construction of the Food Bridge.

This reporter finds the tree growing about 10 feet from the pillar of the Bridge and moreover the tree was already grown at the time when the Foot Bridge was yet to be constructed.

When the world today is on Global Climate Strike, When 15 years old Greta Thunberg of Sweden sails

from Europe to USA to fight the climate change; when 8 years old Elangbam Valentina cried after she found her trees being cut down and when the Chief Minister himself showed his love for the environment and initiated Green Manipur Mission by encouraging plantation across the state, cutting of the trees, that too in the middle of Imphal city showed how serious is the Chief Minister.

The tree was not properly uprooted for re-plantation but butchered which showed that this government have no mercy for the trees and that 'Green Manipur Mission' is just slogan to get applause and not to safe the environment.

## Landhoni's bail plea rejected

IT News  
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High Court of Manipur today rejected bail plea for Ph. (O) Landhoni Devi and Ph. Romabati. Both the accused were arrested under section 305/34-IPC and Section 75 of the Juvenile and Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015 plus 420/302 IPC in connection with the death of Ningthoujam Babysana, a class VII student of Standard Robarth School run by the dou.

## Swachhata hi Campaign Held

IT News  
Thoubal, Sept. 27

The District Administration, Thoubal organised today cleanliness drive in and around the DC complex as a part of Swachhata hi Seva. The cleanliness drive was conducted in all the offices located in and outside the DC Complex. Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal N.Bandana took part in the cleanliness drive.

Cleanliness drive was also conducted in all the Police Stations and S.P office Thoubal under the supervision of SP, Thoubal Dr. S. Ibomecha Singh. In the cleanliness drive, plastic wastes were collected and placed in the proper place to be collected by the National Highway construction authority.

District Information Office, Thoubal also conducted the cleanliness drive. DIO, Thoubal and his staff conducted the cleanliness drive in the office and its premises.

It may be remembered that Swachhata hi campaign was earlier launched by the Deputy Commissioner Thoubal on the 11th of this month at the DC office Complex. The campaign will continue till the 2nd of October.

## Agitation demanding justice for Babysana resumes

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Imphal, Sept. 27

JAC formed against the mysterious death of babysana has resumed its agitation demanding justice for Babysana by handing over the case to CBI. Yesterday large number of students began black badge protest by hoisting black flag at Thangmeiband.

Today too, students wearing black badge along with the JAC members

thronged to the Chief Minister Bungalow however they were prevented from entering the CM Bungalow by security force.

The JAC has been demanding handing over of the case to CBI and the Government of Manipur had also accepted the demand and forwarded intimation to the CBI for taking up of the case. However, till today the CBI had not officially made any announcement regarding the taking over of the case.

## Government urged to repair roads at Chakpikrong Sub Division

IT News  
Chandel, Sept. 27

The inter District Road of Chakpikrong Sub Division Head Quarter, connecting Chandel District Head Quarter Via Sugu Thoubal District is in such condition that is very deplorable in condition.

The Chakpikrong road are uniformly riddled with potholes, in many places entire roads haven dug up. There are pits, ditches on the road everywhere, the condition of the road become very worse during rainy season. Moreover, these pits

on the road provides breeding ground for the mosquitoes, thus lead to outbreak of many diseases. The people of Chakpikrong need immediate attention, that the road which had been poorly repair with low quality last years has been now under deplorable condition. The Commuters, school going children and Women, day by day earners, are the worst suffers, with his dilapidated Road condition.

Social activists of the area urged the state government to maintain quality of Work while initiating the repair, so that it lasted for at least one complete year.

## ADC Chandel celebrate Swachhata Hi Sewa

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Autonomous District Council Chandel in collaboration with Manipur Government Tribals Affairs and Hills Department today celebrated Swachhata Hi Sewa by cleaning Japhou Bazar Chandel area.

Under the supervision of Swachh Bharat Mission, a cleanliness drive was organised on the theme Plastic Waste Management.

The programme was attended by ADC Chandel, Chairman, D.Ringo

Lamkang, Member of District Council Chandel, Sh.Manglem Monsang, ADC Chandel, Chief Executive Officer, Ksh.Siddharth among others.

At the programme, ADC Chandel gave shirts and boots to the workers of Solid Waste Management and also constructed the road of Indoor Stadium Chandel gate.

ADC Chandel, Chairman, D.Ringo said that we should have the habit of our surrounding clean. He added that a step is taken to provide plenty of dustbin at the earliest possible time at Chandel and Moreh Town.

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