

MANPAC reiterated stands to oppose CAB; endorses NEFIP resolution to launch protest from Oct. 3

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A one day meeting of the Social organizations organised by the Manipur People Against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, (MANPAC) at Iboiyima Sumang Lila Shangle, Palace Compound Imphal today reiterated its stand to oppose the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and resolved to endorse with the resolution of the meeting of the first Central Executive Council (CEC) of (North East Forum for Indigenous People) NEFIP held at Kohima on September 25.

The Central Executive Council (CEC) of NEFIP had resolved to launch mass agitation from October 3 across the north eastern states. The meeting of the Social organizations held today at Iboiyima Shangle also resolved to launch mass protest from October 3 across the state.

Various representatives from different civil society organizations and intellectuals attended today's social organisation's meeting. Speakers on today's meeting expressed strong resentment over the India Government attitude towards the

people of the North Eastern States. The Government of India has time and again stated that the government will introduce CAB soon. Today's meeting also 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.

Speakers on today's meeting demanded 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.

Smaller communities needs to fight one nation, one language and one religion theory unitedly - L.Kangleinganba

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Smaller communities need to fight unitedly the one nation, one language and one religion theory as such act will affect the smaller communities.

This was said by General Secretary of International Sanamahism Students' Association (ISSA) Lourembam Kangleinganba during the 6th Foundation day celebration of ISSA held today at Lamyamba Sanglen, Konung Lampak.



Addressing the keynote speech Kangleinganba further stressed that such one nation one language is a frightful act for the smaller communities like Meetei and others.

Reminding the formation of their students' Association he said that it was formed by the like minded students with the will to safeguard the indigenous aged old religion of the Meetei, Sanamahi religion. Kangleinganba continued that the several acts and laws were there to protect and safeguard land, plants and animals but unfortunately there is no laws to protect the people believing in Sanamahi and added that in order to identify a community there is a relationship of the religion and its culture.

He also said there is a need to conserve and protect the indigenous religion like Sanamahi religion.

Guest of Honour of the function who is the former president of REFORM Dr N Birschandra said that the revivalist wave of Sanamahi religion is increasing and added that 30 percent of the total population of the Meeteis believed in the indigenous religion.

He also said that in the court of Manipur the court doesn't use any

holy book of the Meetei to swear even though Meetei has its own custom and its holybook.

Registrar in charge of Manipur University Prof W Chandrabu in his chief guest speech urged the need to groom knowledge about the various cultures and traditions of the small communities and also the system, ethics and moral values of the communities.

He added that several research, discussions about the contemporary relevance of the indigenous religion is a must. President of ISSA Khaidem Kangleingakpa said that the main objective of the Association is to occupy a space in international platform for the unique indigenous religion of the Meetei. He added that there is no enmity with any other religion and the Association moves forward in a progressive way.

Later Prizes were also distributed for the written quiz competition which was organised by ISSA on 22nd September 2019 under the theme 'know your Kangleipak'.

State gears up for Hijam Irabot & Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary

IMC Drive against Buildings & Shops Guidelines violaters soon

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In view of the 123rd birth anniversary observance of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot tomorrow and 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, a cleanliness drive was held in and around the Khwairamband Ima Keithel with an aim to keep the area neat and clean. The drive was jointly organised by the Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development (MAHUD) and Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) along with the Manipur Police Department, Manipur Fire Service, women vendors of Ima Keithel and different Civil Society Organisations.

Addressing the media persons at Khwairamband Ima Keithel, MAHUD Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar said the task of keeping the Asia's largest women's market neat and clean is impossible without the support of all the stakeholders, including the women vendors and customers. Stating that cleanliness is next to godliness, he hoped that a clean Manipur will put the State in the tourist map of the world which can create more opportunities.

He further said the MAHUD and IMC are also carrying out the Swachhata Hi Seva (cleanliness is true service) campaign to create

awareness on the nationwide ban of single-use plastics from the 2nd October, 2019. The campaign has been carried out across the State by the concerned District Administration, he added.

Stating that plastic has toxic pollutants that damage the environment and cause land, water, and air pollution, he said burning of the plastics in open air causes environmental pollution and releases poisonous chemicals causing deadly diseases like cancer. Appealing the citizens of the State to replace plastic by biodegradable items, he said the plastic pollution is a major cause of concern for the world that is why mass campaign on the ban is being held across the globe. He also appealed everyone to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

Replying to a query on the building and shop guidelines of the IMC, he said a survey on the buildings constructed in and around the Khwairamband Keithel will be soon over and drive will start after 2nd October, 2019 to check whether shops and buildings are properly following the guidelines and building bye-laws of the IMC. Legal action will be taken on the shops and buildings which are found violating the guidelines, he added.

It is worth mentioning here, that Manipur will join the nation in

banning six items made of plastics in an attempt to scrap single-use plastic in the State from October 2, 2019 to coincide with the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has set the goal to make India free of single-use plastics by 2022, had appealed to the nation to stop the use of single-use plastic in his speech on India's Independence Day this year.

The banned items include plastic bags, cups, plates, small bottles, straws and certain types of sachets. The ban on the first six items of single-use plastics will clip 5-10 percent from India's annual consumption of about 14 million tonnes of plastic. Single-use plastics, often also referred to as disposable plastics, are commonly used for packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled.

Today's cleanliness drive was also attended by Corporator Ward No. 25 Sujata Phomei, Corporator Ward No. 18, Laimayum Inungnganbi Devi, MAHUD Commissioner M. Joy Singh, IMC Commissioner K. Chandrakumar Singh, IMC Administrator Ksh. Lemba Singh, IMC workers, women vendors of Ima Keithel and officials of Police and Fire Service.

Suicide

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A personnel of the CRPF posted at 32 Battalion at Loktak Lake Bishnupur was found dead at his room at around 8 am today morning. Source said that the CRPF Jawan identified as Surrender Singh committed suicide by shooting himself using his service weapon - carbine. Reason behind the suicide is still not known.

Chief Minister wishes people on occasion of Irabot Day

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Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh wished the people of the state on occasion of the 123rd Birth Anniversary of Hijam Irabot.

In his message, the Chief Minister said that Lamyamba Hijam Irabot was a towering figure and multi-faceted personality.

"He was a freedom Fighter, politician and social activist par excellence, a versatile personality, a gifted poet and an accomplished scholar", the CM said.

He further said that studies continue to unravel the sterling qualities of Lamyamba Irabot. His effort towards maintaining oneness and emotional integrity among the people of different communities are still fondly remembered. N. Biren Singh said and appealed the people to follow the ideals of Lamyamba Irabot, who envisioned a united and new Manipur.

Manipuri Youth Monika Ingudum conferred with prestigious "National Youth Icon Award 2019"

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Monika Devi Ingudum from Manipur was conferred the prestigious "National Youth Icon Award 2019" by the International Youth Committee at the World Youth Summit 2019, held at New Delhi.

Monika is among the 79 young leaders from across the globe were honoured National youth icon award 2019 by International Youth Committee, New Delhi on 27th Sept. 2019. She was conferred the award in recognition of her contribution towards attaining UN SDGs in India.

The National Youth Icon Award is the premiere and the highest youth award in India for Excellence in Development Work aim to raise the profile of young people and highlight the contribution they are making towards developing a fairer,



sustainable, peaceful, and prosperous future for the nation. The National Youth Icon Award give international, regional and national recognition and support to those young men and women who have demonstrated young people's capacity and potential to make positive contributions to their

communities, nations and the world at large.

Monika is a development professional, currently working at ActionAid India. She is an agriculturist by training, since the last 4 years, she has been working with more than 10,000 farmers in the country to promote sustainable

agriculture and entrepreneurship. Prior to joining ActionAid India, she was associated with ICCO corporation the Netherlands, Ministry of DoNER, and many other CSOs in promoting SDGs and supported many Agripreneurs by providing hand holding incubation support to Agri startups. She also went to the **Founder school (Innovation & Entrepreneurship) StartAD, at New York University Abu Dhabi.**

Monika has represented India at many international youth platforms as a youth delegate - namely IYC World Youth conference 2016, UNESCO World Youth conference on kindness 2019, Global Changemakers |Global youth summit 2018, commonwealth model conference 2017, SRCC global sustainability summit 2017, Asia's Livelihood Summit 2017, South Asian Young Women Leadership Conclave 2018 etc.

Gunachandra felicitated

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Irabot Foundation Manipur lauded that Rotary Club of Polo City Imphal (Rotary India Literary Mission) for honouring Kakchingtabam Gunachandra with the 'Nation Builder Award. A felicitation programme was held today as a mark of respect to K. Gunachandra. Members of the Irabot Foundation Manipur honoured him by presenting gifts and indigenous tree sapling.

Kakchingtabam Gunachandra is presently working as a teacher in the Pettigrew High School. From 2007 to 2012, Gunachandra served as Information and Publicity Secretary of Irabot Foundation Manipur and has been associating with the activities of the Foundation till today. Under the Foundation Gunachandra had work for the welfare of the farmers community at different capacity.

He had research the life of Hijam Irabot and so far he had published five (5) books on the life and works of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot. His first book "Leingaklonia Hijam Irabot" was published in 2013.