

## State level Teacher's Day observed Development cannot be achieved without discipline: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that development cannot be achieved without discipline in any society. This was stated by him at the State Level Teacher's Day Celebration 2019 held at Manipur State Film Development Society, Palace Compound, Imphal. Speaking as Chief Guest of the evening, Chief Minister said that what we are today is because of the teachers. The true essence of celebrating Teacher's Day is to show gratitude, respect and recognition for their selfless sacrifice to nurture the pillars of the Nation, he added. He appealed the teachers to restrict the influence of unknown people/groups to the students for taking part in agitations/rallies/protests. He maintained that teachers should not encourage their students for agitations as the learning period for students are limited. He said that the government will not hesitate to be at the forefront in dealing with issues which affects the common interest of the State. Stating that the government is committed to improve government schools and provide quality education to the children, he stated that the present government has initiated 'School Fagathansi' and 'Lairik Tamhanlasi' mission. This year, government schools have recorded highest pass percentage above 74.6 percent



in the Board exam till now. The number of position holders from the government schools is increasing in the last two years. Such result shows the commitment of the government to improve education sector in the State, he added. There are lot of families who cannot afford private schools, that's why the government is committed to improve the government schools, he added. He maintained that students are under continuous parental and exam pressure so we need to provide more space to foster their creativity and extracurricular activities. Elaborating the 'Lairik Tamhanlasi' mission, he stated that around 1000 drop-out students were readmitted to the government schools till now. Under the School Fagathansi mission, pre-nursery classes will be opened in the identified 60 schools across the State. Hostels, Residential schools etc. would be constructed in various hill areas such as Chingai, Churachandpur, Mao etc, he added. To improve the school

infrastructures, a sum of Rs. 17.50 crores has been earmarked in the budget, he added. Around 19 transit accommodation for teachers is being constructed in hill areas of the State. Chief Minister opined that if we want to serve the people then we need to reach out to the grassroots. Various initiatives and schemes of the present government such as GTV, GTH, CMHT etc. has transformed the lives of the people of the State. To regulate establishment and management of private schools and coaching centres in the state, the government had passed The Manipur Private School (Registration and Regulation) Bill and Manipur Coaching Institute (Control and Regulation) Bill, he added. Addressing the gathering, Minister for Education Shri Th. Radheshyam said that teachers play a vital role in nation building and fulfilling the dreams and destiny of the students. He maintained that there is no other noble profession than teaching profession. It is due to the

hard work of the teachers that we could see positive change in education sector in the State, he added. Minister stated that every school will have No School Bag day every Saturday to ensure that students shall be taught extracurricular activities, games and sports etc. to the students studying in classes I-VIII. On the occasion, Chief Minister presented State Teacher's Award to eight teachers. The Awardees are Waikhom Ritabai Chanu, Arambam Rajmata Devi, Smt. Ayeekpam Sangeeta Devi, Smt. Aribam Indubala Devi, Longjam Manglembi Devi, Hemam Rajen Singh, Hena Singsit and Mayanglambam Manglem Singh. Commissioner (SCERT) H. Gyan Prakash, Commissioner (Higher and Technical Education) Kh. Raghunani Singh, Commissioner (School Education) T. Ranjit Singh, Director (Schools) Th. Kirankumar, Director (Higher and Technical) W. Malemnganba, officials of Education Department and students attended the function.

## Oppression of expression in Myanmar continues

By NJ Thakuria  
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The right to freedom of expression in Myanmar has been declining during the term of present regime, which was otherwise unexpected as Nobel laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy is leading the Union government in NayPieTaw. Progressive Voice, participatory rights-based policy research and advocacy organization based in Mae Sot of Thailand alleged in its latest weekly highlights (26 August to 1 September 2019) that in respect of criticisms against the government and its security forces of the country, the new quasi-democratic regime has shown intolerances. "Over the past few days a prominent filmmaker and human rights activist Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi was sentenced to one year in prison for criticizing the Myanmar military in his facebook posts. Meanwhile in Kachin State, a military commander has filed a lawsuit

against a Kachin ethnic (Baptist) leader for his comments made to the USA President about persecution of Christians by the military," said the organization. Similarly, the NLD government in Karenni State has charged six Karenni youths for calling the Karenni State chief minister a traitor over his attempt to place General Aung San's statue in its capital Loikaw against the people's will as they believe it 'a symbol of the dominant role of Bamar majority, neglecting the leaders and history of Karenni people, added the weekly highlights. Even though the Myanmar military is known for its decades-long oppression against the civilians and violations of the human rights of Myanmar people, especially ethnic and religious minorities, it was expected to get changed once the NLD government took charge after 2015 elections with the promise of democratic transitions. "Though the first term of NLD government is slowly coming to an end, improved

protection of the right to freedom of expression, alongside the right to freedom of assembly is yet to be seen. On the contrary, the military and government have increasingly become intolerant of any criticism against them", asserted Progressive Voice. Mentionable is that Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi has been charged under 505(a) of the Penal Code for his facebook posts criticizing the military which could have been avoided 'if Myanmar protects the people's right to freedom of expression'. Moreover, he is suffering from liver cancer and according to his lawyer Robert San Aung, he continues to be deprived of proper treatments during the detention period. Despite his concerning health condition, the court on 28 August sentenced him to one year in prison with hard labor. Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi did not bow down and commented that 'the military should leave politics and that the 2008 Constitution should be amended'.

## RSS to ask Modi Govt to reintroduce 'Citizenship bill'

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The right-wing Hindutva organization RSS is going to ask the Modi government to reintroduce the Citizenship Amendment Bill by December according to sources. Unhappy over the NRC results that has left out 1,906,657 people allegedly a majority of Hindus, the NRC results have

left many unhappy, furious. "We have been saying that NRCNSE 2.22% will not bear results and Assam will not be free of foreigners. The final NRC has proved this right. A large number of Hindus and other local communities have been excluded from NRC. We will insist that the Centre reintroduce the Citizenship Amendment Bill by December, immediately after the appeal at

the foreigners' tribunal is completed. This NRC cannot be final," said a senior RSS leader who did not wish to be named. The Citizenship bill is meant to give Indian citizenship to refugee Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. BJP's 2019 manifesto too said: "We are committed to enactment of Citizenship Amendment Bill for the protection of individuals of religious minority communities from neighbouring countries escaping persecution." Now the Sangh organization said it would move the Supreme Court demanding 20% sample verification of the draft NRC, published on July 2018 and "those left out after the tribunal's verdicts can be covered in the citizenship bill". He also added: "We will also press for an all-India NRC. Assam NRC updating will serve as a template. Finally we will have one nation, one NRC. We have also asked our volunteers to offer assistance to genuine Indian citizens."

## Manipur tour cum educational tour

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In an effort to expose the youths of Moreh to the society, Humanism Foundation along with Moreh Battalion of Moreh jointly organised a 3-days-long statewide tour for 84 youths from Moreh today morning. The tour was flag off by CO of Moreh Battalion, Sumit Sood today morning from gate no 2 of the Indo-Myanmar border town. During the tour, the youth delegate will visit various education institutes, historical places and interact with local people of valley districts of Manipur. Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation, Wahengbam Rorkyachand Singh said that the main objective of the tour is to study the social, economic and historical aspects of Manipur, while spreading the message of love and brotherhood among the different communities of the state.

## Babysana's father pleads authority to arrest him and his wife in exchange of the JAC members detained in custody

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JAC formed against the mysterious death of Ningthoujam Babysana still does not believe in media report including this newspaper regarding acceptance by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to handle the case on the request of the state government. The JAC today said that they will continue their protest until they see documents about the

handling of the case by CBI. Police on the other hand is being blamed for hunting of the JAC members and the family members. For reason best known the police too seem skeptical of the news report published in this paper which says that the CBI is handling the case of Babysana who was found dead in mysterious condition as they keep continue to hunt for the father of late Babysana. The Police however had earlier said that they only wanted to take statement of Babysana's

father Ningthoujam Tomchou. However, due to fear Tomchou and members of Babysana have to change location for meeting with the media persons three today. They even appealed to not disclose the place to media person while meeting with the press. Ningthoujam Tomchou father of late Babysana talking to media persons plead the state government authority to arrest him along with his wife in place of the members of the JAC currently detained in jail. Regarding the statement he

said that he is ready to give his statement on the ground that they come through a link magistrate and that his statement be recorded in the presence of a Magistrate. He appealed to release all those detained in jail in connection with the agitation demanding justice for Babysana. Both JAC members and the family said that they will continue the agitation until the case is handed over to CBI. This newspaper had yesterday reported that the CBI had accepted to handle the case

of Babysana on public interest. Special Crime Branch of CBI Kolkata is likely to take up the case. However, the state government is yet to announce the CBI's approval as the matter is still yet to be received officially by the state government. Imphal Times source said that handling of case by the CBI takes some time as they have to complete some procedure. The matter will be officially announced in the coming few days if there are no political hindrance, the source added.

## 'No clean drinking water for people of Saman Village'

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Social Welfare Educational and Cultural Association has expressed that construction of Saman Village of Keirao A/C, Imphal East, are deprived of clean drinking water as Waitouthat Water Supply has stopped distributing water. Chanam Sanayaima, Secretary, Social Welfare

Educational and Cultural Association, said that the then government of Okram Ibobi, who inaugurated the construction of the water supply in 2006, promised that this water supply would provide water to the people of Waitouthat, Waitouth Chiru, Sajin Palak, Saman Tangkhul, Thiyam Konjin, and other places of Thoubal district. The villagers had requested

for construction of proper canals since the water reservoir blocking the water supply would hinder the farming process. It was agreed upon, but was not done so. After the completion of its construction in 2010-2011, the water supply started distributing water for 1 year as trial only to some areas of Thoubal district, but skipped

the neighbouring villages. When the villagers complained, the then government responded that they did not have pipes and the water distribution will start once they had the pipes. He further said that the current Chief Minister, N. Biren, has also inaugurated the construction of another water supply in Tangjeng, Thoubal District, on August

19, 2019, using the water from Waitouthat Water Supply Scheme. The poor conditions of the canals has caused flood every year, damaging the neighbouring paddy fields. The villagers have requested the concerned departments to fix the canals and provide clean drinking water, but never been heard. Sanayaima added that if this water supply

is not opened to all and the pipeline is not constructed properly before September 30, the villagers will ban the drawing of water and other related activities from phase 2 and 3 of the water reservoir from October 1, 2019. He appealed for the concerned departments and the government to look into the matter as soon as possible.