

Govt committed to protect indigenous people- CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the government is committed to protect the indigenous population of the State. This was stated by him at the 45th Foundation Day of the Manipur Press Club held at its complex at Majorkhul Imphal on Monday. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister stated that there is a provision in the Inner Line Permit system (ILPS) that gives the State government an inherent power to relax any of the guidelines at its discretion. He also mentioned that it also provides a power to any doubt or issues not addressed in the guidelines be vested with the Home Department whose decision shall be final. Clarifying the apprehensions of the people, Chief Minister mentioned that the

registration counters for providing ILP to non-locals have been opened at various areas and police stations. He mentioned that various camps will be organised in hill districts of the State soon. Computerized registration system for ILPS would be introduced soon to overcome any hassle, he added. The government welcomes any positive suggestion and advice from the people for proper implementation of ILPS in the State, he added.

Chief Minister appealed to the Civil Societies not to indulge in the implementation process of ILPS rather they should inform the government authorities or law enforcing agencies like

police for smooth implementation of the system. He urged the people to extend their support and cooperation for smooth implementation of ILPS in the State.

Highlighting the genealogy of the Inner Line Permit system in the North-Eastern States, Chief Minister said that unlike previous governments, the present Central government has transformed the dreams into reality of the people of Manipur by extending ILP system in the State.

Addressing various issues faced the media fraternity, Chief Minister mentioned that journalists, newspaper hawkers are covered under

CHMT scheme and the State Cabinet has also approved to increase the pension amount from Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 8000/- per month for retired journalists of the State.

Minister for Information & Public Relations, Shri Th. Biswajit said that media must play a constructive role towards bringing development in the region. Media, the fourth pillar of democracy, has the responsibility to act as a watchdog to protect public interests against injustice, unfairness and corruption in our society, he added. Speaking about the fake news in the age of new media, the Minister mentioned that

journalists and media houses must uphold their accountability and credibility. During the occasion, Chief Minister launched the official website of All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) www.amwju.org and also released a Souvenir.

Former Secretaries of Manipur Press Club were also felicitated on the occasion.

Member of Parliament Dr. R.K. Ranjan, Director IPR H. Balkrishna, President Editors Guild Khogendra Khomdram, President AMWJU Bijoy Kakchinglabam, members of Manipur Press Club and others also attended the function.

Manipur Legislative Assembly adopts resolution to ratify the Constitution (126th) Amendment Bill, 2019

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The Ninth Session (Part-II) of the Eleventh Manipur Legislative Assembly held yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution on Ratification of Amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clause (d) of proviso to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the

Houses of Parliament.

The motion was moved by Leader of the House and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. Prior to the motion the Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly relayed the message from Rajya Sabha Secretariat for ratification of amendments to the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 and laid the message on the Table of the House along with the copy of the Bill as passed by both Houses of Parliament.

Alumni and various other Students stage protest demonstrations condemning the attack on JNU

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Police today dispersed the protestors which hold peaceful protest demonstrations condemning the attack on the Jawaharlal Nehru University Community on 5th January at Manipur University.

Alumnus of Jawaharlal Nehru University and various other students participated in the protest demonstration. They also showed solidarity with all the campuses all over the country which have been victims of violence unleashed on the University community.

HOD of Political Science Department, Indira Gandhi Tribal University who is also an alumni of JNU Dr. Homen Thangjam stressed that resistance shall be with them and will stand by with the Alma mater of JN University. "Times are dangerous today and Winds of Change seemingly is blowing to tumble down even the walls of learning and centres of wisdom and knowledge," said Homen.

He stressed that during such times, domain of knowledge can never be captured by the fascist. Homen further added that

they will stand together and resist the menace which will eat us up together.

Placards like "Down with state sponsored Goindamism", "Shame on Delhi Police", "Save Public Education" were held by the protestors.

The JNU alumni, Manipur stressed that they were alarmed at the happenings in various universities and other campuses which have been subjected to violence and terror in an effort to subdue and discipline the democratic right of all to freely debate and dissent from the majoritarian opinion. It also added that the

midnight raid by state security forces at MU have laid bare the anti-intellectual, anti-student, anti-education spirit of the present dispensation and reaffirmed a commitment to democracy, dissent and debate.

Slogans were also raised, protest song was also sung during the protest demonstration.

Last night Manipur University Students Union also staged a candlelight vigil showing solidarity with the JNU community and condemned against assault unleashed on the University community

Fierce Gun battle at Sajik Tampak

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Heavy gun battle between armed insurgent group and Indian security force was reported near Indo-Myanmar in Sajik Tampak at around 6 am. Source said that the armed troop while coming on duty at Kongtang Village at Sajik

Tampak in Chandel district near the Indo Myanmar Border come across a group of Indian security force who were again patrolling the site. Both engaged in fierce gun battle which reportedly lasted for around half an hour. The source however fails to confirm any casualty on both side.

Minister Biswajit releases theme based MEETAC Wall and Desk Calendar,

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Minister (Textiles, Commerce and Industries) & Chairman, Mission for Economic Empowerment of Traditional Artisans & Craftsmen, MEETAC Shri Thongam Biswajit Singh on Monday released the Wall and Desk Calendar, 2020 developed by MEETAC, at his Official Quarter in the presence of Addl. Chief Conservator of Forest, Government of Manipur and Chief Executive Officer, MEETAC Anurag Bajpai (IFS). Biswajit said the calendar, 2020 is a "Themed based Calendar"

which will help in promoting and marketing items produced under MEETAC. He said MEETAC aims to provide a market platform and economically empower artisans by developing their products to global standard. He also stated that today, Manipur has a Craft Map through which craftspeople are identified and the different types of craft across the State, development of their crafts/ arts as per global standards, training and entrepreneurship development in order to increase the market demand of their products and achieve better economic valuation. (Contd. on Page 2)

Emoinu day observes

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People across the state particularly the meitei community today celebrate Emoinu Day with cultural flavour. Emoinu is the Goddess of Wealth of Meitei people and has been worshipping since time immemorial by the Meitei people. Prayers in traditional ways were held at every household of the state. The Emoinu day is also observed in a larger way by Club members and cultural body. Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh, CAF and PD Minister Karam Shyam, Works Minister Th. Bishwajit, Cultural bodies of the state including SEACO among others wish the people of the state on occasion of Emoinu Day. South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) greets the people of Manipur on occasion of Emoinu day (the goodness of wealth) which falls on today.

The Meitei have been worshipping traditional deity Emoinu since time immemorial in their own traditional way.

The celebration of Emoinu day also signifies the rich cultural civilisation of the meitei people as the similar goodness of wealth has been worshipping at various civilised nation including Japan, Thailand, Korea, Vietnam, Rome, South Africa, in different name. The SEACO in which has been Marking for communalism of the Indigenous Meitei religion and culture of Manipur applied to culture the day with traditional Humour. The organisation also Appealed people not to mix with alien culture in celebrating Emoinu day. SEACO also wish the people of the state for a prosperous and wealthy life.

Education Minister distributes free text books

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Education Minister Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam distributed free text books to Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) of Imphal East and Kamjong as the first phase of Distribution of Free Text Books under the Samagra Shiksha Manipur on Monday. These books for academic session 2020 will be provided to the students of government and government aided schools for Classes I – VIII. Altogether, more than seven lakhs of free text book has been allocated for 17 (seventeen) ZEOs.

Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam

lauded the officials of Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BSEM) for timely completion of printing the text books. He expressed that it is one of the achievements that this year the text books are being distributed to the ZEOs on time unlike previous years. The Minister was speaking during the Distribution of Text Books for Academic Session 2020 organised by Samagra Shiksha Manipur, held at its office's Conference Hall, Babupara. He said that the education department has many issues, problems and faces many complaints as well. The department is trying its best to come up with solutions and

solve the problems one by one to make education better. He said that every year hundreds of teachers retire from service on superannuation and as a result many post are vacant. Education department cannot function without adequate teachers.

Director Education (S) Th. Kirankumar said that the timely completion of printing text books was able to achieve under strict guidance of the Education Minister. He explained that in order to achieve the target of availing text book timely, certain rules and regulations followed by BOSEM for buying of paper and issuances of order for

printing to the firms were slightly modified. The printing of text book are carried out in different local printing firms. Provision of text books to students free of cost is one of the basic necessities for children to access in school education under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009, which envisages the importance of imparting free Elementary Education to all students in Government and Government Aided Schools in the country. The Minister also flagged off the books to be delivered to the respective zones.

Countrywide protests against JNU violence

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Shaken by the attacks in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus in Delhi late on Sunday evening, hundreds of people staged protests in Mumbai and Pune late on Sunday night condemning the manner in which students and teachers were targeted.

Soon after the incident, hundreds of college students assembled at gateway of India in South Mumbai to condemn the violence. Former JNU student Umar Khalid was part of the group, which also held a candlelight vigil to show solidarity with JNU students. It was an "impromptu assembly at a short notice".

The protests continued on Monday morning, with students stringent action against the guilty, even as Delhi police lodged an FIR and claimed that they had identified the attackers. There appeared to be no breakthrough in talks between the protestors and police. The Mumbai police wanted the protestors to move to Azad Maidan, some distance away from the Gateway of India, but students refused to move from the Gateway of India. Protestors referred to the Constitution's Freedom of Expression, while police referred to the "Reasonable Restrictions". Refusing to vacate the area, protestors began to list down the volunteers who will stay put



Protest at Gateway Of India on Sunday night.

and also planned 12-hour shifts, besides chalking out a course of action. At least 28 persons, including JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) president Aishw Ghosh and General Secretary Satish Chandra Yadav, were injured as chaos reigned on the campus for over two hours

on Sunday. While the JNU administration called the police for help, the vandalism continued and reportedly after two hours the Delhi Police reached the campus and conducted a flag march inside the campus which ended at its Bab-e-Syed gate.

Registrar and Pro-VC of JNU

met Delhi L-G Anil Bajjal on Monday morning and apprised him of the situation. Later the JNU violence case was transferred to Crime Branch and Delhi police began collecting evidence. Medical examination of 35 injured students was completed both in AIIMS trauma centre and Safdarjung hospitals.

In a related development, Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Delhi Police chief Amulya Patnaik and sought a report on the violence.

The fracas began when a group of masked men and women armed with sticks, rods and acid unleashed violence on the campus. The masked goons, allegedly associated

with ABVP, went about storming the campus, rampaging through hostels and attacking students and teachers alike. Students and teachers said the attack happened at a "peaceful meeting" called by JNUTA and backed by JNUSU. However ABVP denied the charge. While the students of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) (Uttar Pradesh) took out a candlelight march on Sunday, the AMU Teachers' Association (AMUTA) released a statement urging the Chief Justice of India to take suo motu cognisance of the "unprecedented situation arising from Sunday's assault on JNU students and teachers". (Contd. on Page 2)