

Angry mob attack police, vandalized vehicles at Moreh; District administration clamp curfew; CSOs shut down Imphal-Moreh route

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Tension gripped border town Moreh in Tengnoupal district after a large number of people started attacking police personnel by vandalizing vehicles for allegedly assaulting two civilians without giving proper reason. The incident happened yesterday afternoon.

Condemning the incident and demanding termination of the police personnel involved in the incident, various CSOs including Hill Tribal Council, Kuki Women Union and Human Rights, Kuki Students' Organisation, Moreh Youth Club and Kuki Chief's Association Moreh Block has called total shut down of Moreh town today and indefinite bandh along the Imphal Moreh Route.

In view of the prevailing situation, District administration of Tengnoupal has clamped curfew at Moreh town by imposing prohibition under the sub-section 2 of Section 144 of CrPC for a period of one month starting from yesterday.

According to report, two persons from Leijangphai village, were rushed to Moreh hospital after they were allegedly thrashed by a team of police led by SI Intijisah at around 11 am yesterday.

The two persons were brothers and identified as Mangminlen Touthang (24) and Khaijamang Touthang (26), s/o (L) Ngamjapao Touthang Leijangphai village, near Moreh.

The report said that at around 10:30 am yesterday when they were on their way to Moreh from Leijangphai in a Swift Car for hair cut and to pick up students from a school, the Police team who were on duty along L Phungchong and Khonomphai signal them to stop. He could not stop immediately as there is one

Shaktiman Truck and one auto rickshaw are also at the spot. So he drives few metres away and stopped his vehicle.

The report alleged that the commando personnel rushed to him and before he spoke any words the police commando pointed a pistol on his head and began to thrash him. When one of the duo intervene and tried to reason with the commando personnel the police officer abused him with racial remarks and derogatory words and thrashed him too.

A scuffled reportedly occurred

between the police team and those in the car. The injured were rushed to Moreh Hospital and later referred to Imphal.

Latter in the evening confrontation broke out between police and mob when some youths from the mob throws stones and wooden rods towards the police personnel where one of the wooden rods hits SP Tengnoupal who was among the police team at the spot. In retaliation the police team fired tear gas and bullets in the air and the mob were dispersed.

We were attack by a mob while performing duty – Police

Police have a different story in connection with yesterday incident. A statement by the PRO, Manipur Police said that the incident happened after those in the car started attacking them while performing their duty. The clarification said that at around 11.00 am, while a team of police was on duty for checking illegal activities along the Indo Myanmar border as per instruction of the state Home department, a suspicious car with tinted glass (Maruti Swift bearing

registration number WB)2AF3805 coming from Hohenphai village side was stopped for verification. However the car instead of cooperating the police tried to fled. The police team however chase the vehicle and stopped them, but when asked for verification those inside the car started attacking them even by trying to snatch their service weapon. And while the confrontation was taking place more people gathered forcing the police team to leave the spot. As the police personnel were injured they were later

admitted at Moreh Hospital for treatment. However, at around 12 noon around 150 to 200 numbers of people with deadly weapon like iron rods, sticks, stones etc, came to the Moreh Hospital and started attacking the police. The large number of mob vandalized the police vehicle and some windows of the hospital. After additional police force rushed to the spot and rescued those police personnel undergoing treatment in the hospital by dispersing the mob.

CSOs appeal Leishemba Sanajaoba to abdicate his position before going to Rajya Sabha



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Various civil societies of the state comprising of United Peoples' Front (UPF), National Identity Protection Council (NIPCO), All Manipur Tammi Chingmi Apunba Lup, AMKIL, EECHAL, MAPI Council and Nupi Samaj while condemning the decision of the titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba to join the Indian politics appealed the titular king to abdicate his position first before joining the Indian Political system. Speaking to a group of media persons at the office of the UPF at Keishampat here in

Imphal, W Second, President of the UPF said that even as every person today have equal right to contest election or join any trade or political party of his or her choice. Leishemba Sanajaoba being the ritual head of the state and symbolic king of the erstwhile kingdom should think twice before joining politics. "The king cannot remain as the ritual head of the cultural and traditional institution as well as the member of the parliament at the same time", W Second said and added that if he have to chose for politics he should abdicate the position he hold. Leaders of the various CSOs

present today pitied the titular king's decisions which he had taken without consulting the CSOs. President of NIPCO TH. Manihar, President of Tammi Chingmi S. Momon Leima, President of AMKIL Ph Sakhi, President of EECHAL Ch. Prenita, President of MAPI Council N. Bimol also echoed the condemnation to the decision of the titular king Leishemba Sanajaoba in his decision to join Indian Politics while remaining as the head of the erstwhile kingdom to preserve our culture, tradition and history. All the leaders appealed to abdicate his position before going to Rajya Sabha.

MU: recruitment test postponed

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Written test for recruitment for the post of Junior Assistant scheduled on 15 march 2020 has been postponed until further notice due to present trend of COVID-19, said a statement by Prof. W.Chandrabu Register i/c of Manipur University

International Rivers day

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The Kangoi Khullen and Kangoi Khunnou Village Authorities, the Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur (CRA) and the Citizens Concern for Dams and Development celebrated the international Rivers Day at Kangoi Irangpham, Tengnoupal District, Manipur today on the theme "Let the Rivers Flow Free in Manipur". The celebration of International Rivers day aims to foster the importance of Rivers in sustaining the lives of communities and health of the ecosystem in Manipur.

Police personnel who announce COVID 19 confirmation using loudspeaker suspended

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One police personnel identified as Aheibam Ranjan Singh of Imphal West district has been put under suspension for creating panic to the people by shouting confirmation of COVID-19 in Manipur using

loudspeaker while trying to disperse public gathering. The incident went viral on social media site and people started enquiring about the matter. Health director in a statement yesterday stated that as of now no positive case has been detected so far in the state of Manipur.

NSF appeals to ensure precautionary measures to prevent spread of Coronavirus

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In connection with the grave danger posed by Coronavirus a global pandemic that has infected 1,31,500 in 116 countries and territories and killed more than 4900, the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has appealed to all Educational institutions in all Naga Inhabited areas to take all necessary precautionary measures in-order to ensure that the students are kept free from the deadly virus.

The federation appealed to all the institutions to strictly comply with the various preventive measures and health advisories been put forth by the departments concerned in a bid to prevent the students from contracting the disease and combat its spread. Further, the Federation also appealed to all the institutions to tie-up with their respective state governments and distribute free masks and hand-sanitizers to all the students.

District Administration prohibits mass gathering

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In view of the prevailing situation due to the spread of Coronavirus across the world and the number of affected

reaching 80 in India alone the district administrations of all district here in the state of Manipur had issued notification prohibiting mass gathering and organising of festival since yesterday

Awareness camp on Sensitization of Media Role conducted

DIPR
Tamenglong, March 14

Zeliangrong Baptist Association under the Integrated Development Project and in collaboration with Tamenglong District Working Journalist Union (TADWJU) conducted one day awareness camp on sensitization of media role at Tainingjam village, Tousem sub-division Tamenglong district. Jimmy Pamei, Editor, Tamenglong Times, Anthony Gangmei DIO i/c, DIPR Tamenglong, Ringbam Kamei, Editor, The Ganphiu Mail and Dinthuingam Pamei, Executive Editor, The Cham attended the awareness camp as a resource persons. Jimmy Pamei, Editor speaks on

the topic "Spread your wings Expand your circle, highlights the importance and the role of making and expanding your friends circles. He further talks about the importance and leadership quality skills to master and to become an effective leaders. Anthony Gangmei DIO i/c Tamenglong talk about the Social Media in a Rural Development. He said that role of social media plays a very important role in developing our society. Through this social media technology we can put up our grievances and developmental work through video and pictures since social media has the ability to reach a huge number of people in any parts of the globe added Anthony Gangmei.

Ringbam Kamei, Editor, The Ganphiu Mail highlighted about the Role of the Fourth Estate in Democratic Society. Though Judiciary, Legislative and Executive plays a very important role in a democratic society media plays as a watchdog (fourth pillars) in checking cheques and bounce of all the three pillars. He further stated that the people/the district who gives importance and knows the power of media is quite advance and develop in different ways. Dinthuingam Pamei, Executive Editor, The Cham, express about importance of Press and Media in a nutshell. He explained the gathering the details about how to run the newspapers. In this

awareness camp he further urged the public how to use the media effectively in developing our society and he also request the parents and the youth of Tainingjam village to take up journalism course since this profession has a very good scope to get job in govt and private organisation. Village chairman, church leaders, CSO as well as women's and youth attended the awareness program. After the formal session was over an interactive session and plan of Action was discussed with the public. And during the interactive session many villagers share their grievances of not getting any government benefits, schemes and projects

Monika Ingudam launched Campaign #VOLUNTEER4HEALTH at Delhi

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New Delhi, March 14

Monika Ingudam, National Ambassador of India Volunteers Mission of, IVN launched Campaign #VOLUNTEER4HEALTH together with Tech Mahindra SMART Academy for Healthcare, GURUKUL, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi TB Association and members from CSOs at Harjan Sevak Sangh, Gandhi Ashram, New Delhi on March 11. About the Campaign

#Volunteer4Health - An Initiative for securing a sustainable future in Health & Care Volunteer4Health is an initiative by IVN members constituting a group of NGOs/Trusts, to Identify, Integrate & Intensify the volunteer Power of Delhi towards sustainable engagement in 3D (Disease, Development & Disaster) aspects of Health & Healthcare opportunities. This initiative envisions bringing 33 organisations from 11 districts of Delhi, who are working in the Health sector or are interested

to explore opportunities in Disease, Development & Disaster aspects of health and its care. The agenda aims to connect 330 volunteer on roster from Delhi urban communities through identified NGOs to work together towards family based health care solutions, disease solutions, disaster preparedness, disaster response, livelihood skill, adequate knowledge and hands on practice to drive the change. Volunteering with this mission will provide leadership to the

organization and the volunteer in Health sector. The roster of skilled volunteers available will get engaged in different initiatives taken up in the urban community to support and supplement the efforts of Government, Corporate, Civil society, Academia and philanthropist in promoting health resilience programs. This initiative is being supported by likeminded voluntary organizations and volunteers, who are Committed with their experience and expertise to serve the list mile communities.

Editorial

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Politically right; but Leishemba should also act politically

Nominating the titular king of Manipur, Leishemba Sanajaoba, as the candidate of the lone Rajya Sabha seat of Manipur, is perhaps an act of a matured and far sighted political party. Yes, BJP has picked the right person, and the very act of choosing the symbolic head of the state to represent the people of the state at the upper house of the parliament showed that, the central leaderships of the BJP are fully committed with their mission of making a new India. May be the man who gave a clear understanding of the state's political scenario and to recognize the titular king's significant role in bridging the sense of alienation by the people of the region, was Chief Minister N. Biren Singh; but never before in the history of India after it became republic had ever realized the important of giving respect to our symbolic king. Politically it is a correct decision to bridge the sense of alienation between Manipuri people and the Mainland India but, it is also important for titular king Leishemba Sanajaoba to realize that the institution of our kingship is also equally important.

Leaving aside all critical comments on his being accepting the seat for the lone Rajya Sabha seat, Leishemba Sanajaoba should also think that he will be occupied with various tasks once he was elected as member of Rajya Sabha and he may find less time to attend at cultural and traditional rituals which cannot be done without him. March 26 is the date of Election of the lone seat and before that it will be best for all if he renounce his present position and hand over it to his son or to his next kin as it has been a tradition to replace the king by his son or next kin.

India today is a democratic country and no one like to restore the Monarch or feudal rule. Leishemba Sanajaoba is no doubt a citizen of the country and he had every right to contest the election. But saying so, he needs to preserve the cultural and historical pride of the state by keeping alive the traditional institution. And the best way to do it will be handing over of his position to his son.

India's improving journo-murder index

By Nava Thakuria

As we witness two months passed in the year 2020, India is yet to report any murder of scribes across the huge (also populous) country. Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) indicates that eight journalists have been killed till date this year on the line of their duties. Highest number of casualties are reported from Iraq (3) followed by Syria (2), Somalia (1), Nigeria (1) and Paraguay (1).

India witnessed only one casualty last year improving in its journo-murder index where 49 scribes lost their lives on the duty hours around the world. Except Pakistan and Bangladesh, India's other neighbours namely Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Tibet (under China), and Bhutan evaded any incident of scribe's murder in 2019.

According to International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Mexico tops the list with 10 incidents of journalist's killings, followed by Afghanistan (5), Syria (5), Pakistan (4), Somalia (3), Yemen (2), Philippines (2), Brazil (2), Haiti (2), Honduras (2), Iraq (1), Haiti (1), Nigeria (1), Northern Ireland (1), the Philippines (1) etc.

Pakistan reported the murders of Aman Ullah Gharro, Ali Sher Rajper,

Mirza Waseem Baig and Zafar Abbas, where Afghanistan lost Javid Noori, Shafiq Arya, Rahimullah Rahmani, Sultan Mohammad Kairkhab and Nader Shah Shebzad to besieged assailants. Bangladesh witnessed the suspected murder of online journalist Ihsan Ibn Reza Fagun in 2019.

India as a whole witnessed the incidents of nine journo-killings in 2019, but only one incident emerged as a case of targeted murder. Andhra Pradesh based journalist K Satyanarayana (45) faced the fate because of his performances as a working journalist. The committed reporter of Telugu newspaper Andhra Jyothy was hacked to death by miscreants at Annavaram village of East Godavari district on the night of 15 October. Local scribes informed that Satyanarayana was targeted in an earlier occasion too.

Others who were killed this year include Jobanpreet Singh (Punjab's online journalist was killed in police firings on 19 December), Vijay Gupta (Kanpur-based scribe shot dead by close relatives on 29 October), Radheshyam Sharma (Kushinagar-based journalist murdered by his neighbours on 10 October), Ashish Dhiman (Saharanpur-based photojournalist shot dead along with his brother by neighbours on

18 August), Chakresh Jain (Shahgarh-based freelance journalist died of serious burn injuries on 19 June), Anand Narayan (news channel contributor of Mumbai murdered by miscreants on 4 June), Nityanand Pandey (magazine editor in Thane killed by an employee on 17 March).

Kerala-based journalist K Muhammed Basheer lost his life on 3 August as a government officer driven vehicle mowed down him. Bihar's scribe Pradeep Mandal was targeted by miscreants on 28 July, but he survived luckily. He contributed a number of news items against the local liquor mafia for Dainik Jagaran and invited enmities from the goons.

Guwahati-based scribe named Naresh Mitra died on 9 December aftersustaining head injuries in a mysterious accident inside the city. Otherwise, the trouble-torn northeastern region has once again evaded murder of any journalist in two consecutive years. Tripura reported the murder of five media persons in 2013 and 2017, whereas Assam and Manipur witnessed the last killing of media persons (Dwijamani Nanao Singh from Imphal and Raihanul Nayum from Dhubri) in 2012.

Till the recent time, the region was a breeding ground for insurgents

fighting against New Delhi with demands for self-rule to sovereignty. Both the States were once severely affected by the militancy, where over 30 separatist armed outfits went on with disruptive activities including extortion, kidnapping, and killings. The year 2017 was recognized as a deadliest year for working journalists in Bharat, as 12 scribes (Hari Prakash, Brajesh Kumar Singh, Shyam Sharma, Kamlesh Jain, Surender Singh Rana, Gauri Lankesh, Shantanu Bhowmik, KJ Singh, Rajesh Mishra, Sudip Datta Bhaumik, Naveen Gupta and Rajesh Sheoran) were either murdered or killed in suspicious situations. Among the casualties, Tripura reported two incidents of journo-murder (Shantanu and Sudip Datta) that year. Earlier 2013 emerged a dangerous year for scribes with 11 casualties including three media employees (Sujit Bhattacharya, Ranjit Chowdhury and Balaram Ghosh) from Tripura. Various national and international media rights bodies like RSF, IFJ, New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), etc came out with separate reports on journo-murders in 2019 and rightly continue raising voices for due probes and punishments to the culprits.

Extra News

AR presents Water storage tank for rain water harvesting at Rimpam Village

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Continuing its endeavours towards the relationship with the local administration and populace, including a number of social organizations and the village communities, 26 Assam Rifles (Thoubal Bn) of HQ 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQs IGAR (South) handed over a Water Storage Tank for Rain Water Harvesting at Rimpam Village today. The project was undertaken under

Assam Rifles Civic Action Programme for the FY 2019-20. The programme was held at Rimpam Village wherein village Chairman and locals were also present. Conveying best wishes to the villagers, the Company Commander said that Assam Rifles is committed towards the infrastructural development of the remote villages. The village Chairman and the villagers have appreciated the project and lauded the efforts of Assam Rifles towards redressal of grievances of the people.

COVID-19: Possible agent to the end of Economic Globalisation

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Adam Smith, Father of Economics, propagated necessarily of specialisation across the nations in the world. According to him all countries need to specialise in the production of unique goods which results in exchange of wide range of goods among countries. This concept hatched the concept of economic globalisation and was very popular among the capitalist countries since post Second World War. In this tune many communist as well as socialist countries started globalising their economies during 1970s and 1990s. When special reference is given to China, it started globalising its economy 1978 allowing foreign firms to set production plants in wide ranging manufactured goods. Nowadays China has been main hub for production of cheap manufactured goods which are exported to the whole world. The reasons behind production hub are the cheap labour, factors of production and well protection of foreign firms. This makes China specialising in manufactured goods as mentioned by Adam Smith. The present world is in such a situation where countries across the world entirely depends their existence on manufactured goods. Even the USA which has been economic super power has been reported to depend its pharmaceutical drugs on cheap supply from China. However, there are pros and cons of economic globalisation which was not

mentioned by Adam Smith. He focussed only on benefits of globalisation but never mentioned the ill effects correlated with benefits. The present article focuses mainly on the ill effects of economic globalisation. The foremost ill effect of globalisation is such that countries are abandoning their own productions since their productions are costlier than the production in China. Secondly any economic disease suffered by major economic power is transmitted to the whole world through the medium of bilateral export and import. Recently, one of the Chinese provinces suffered from deadly disease, COVID-19 killing thousands of people and affecting thousands of civilians. Despite the installation of many quarantine medical facilities, transmission of disease is found across the whole provinces with minimal death rate. Here the economic impact of the disease is economic shut down of manufacturing plants in the worst affected province. Here the popular economist, Keynes can be referred to with his remark of human psychology on economic activities. With psychological fear, Chinese authorities shut down many production plants which reduces supply of manufactured goods. Since the shutting production plants, demand for labours and material inputs from across the world have also been closed. Most of the economic problems can be checked as long as it is kept in

centrifugal manner which states that problems have to be checked within their own sector i.e. manufacturing problems should be solved within the manufacturing sector itself. However, economic problems tend to be centripetal by nature. With the fall of Chinese manufacturing plants, the problem is transmitted to other sectors such as the primary sector in or outside the country. Mining of minerals inside China fails due to lack of demand from manufacturing plants. In similar fashion, the tertiary sector also collapsed since there has been no supply from the manufacturing sector. There is no transport of manufacturing goods. Moreover, travel, tourism, business summits, shopping, e-business have been shut down. As a multiplier effect, airlines industries collapse with unemployment of its workers. Back to COVID-19, it is transmitted across all the countries by native persons who had visited China (especially students, businessmen, tourists, etc.). Now, there are reports of this disease across all the continents. South Korea, Iran, Italy, U.K., USA, India are the reported countries where maximum surveillance has been taken up. In Italy, the government has denounced not only shutting down of its business activities but also confining citizens into their homes till further improvements. In many countries people have phobia while going to shopping centres, offices and public gathering places. Schools are

closed; restaurants are reluctant to open; sports and entertainment activities have been stopped. Economists have opined that the present economic meltdown in correlation with COVID-19 has been more severe than economic collapse during 1930s and 2008. In a few days ago, OPEC countries decided to cut down their petroleum production and price of crude petroleum has fallen down \$30s per barrel which is less than price prevailed during Gulf war in 1990s. This leads to crashing of currencies in stock exchange and discourages investors in many countries. As a chain reaction, it affects production of goods in many manufacturing sectors and hence collapses of economies across all countries. Here, we can think of what kind of initiatives can be taken up in a small state like Manipur. Our state is highly globalised and integrated with the rest of the world since we are highly dependent on consumer goods on imports from other states and countries. It is high time to stand on our own leg which is possible through innovation of indigenous skills of production. In nutshell, we should try to attain self sufficiency in food grain production; promote indigenous weaving crafts for clothing; and start production of medicines using locally available medicinal plants. Government should also encourage local innovation by channelizing respectable funds and at the same time it should organise craft fairs for many sectors regularly. These policies would help our state in attaining self sufficiency to certain extent in many sectors.

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND&PS), MANIPUR, Lamphelpat

Special Trial No.: 42 of 2014/ old S.T. No. 36 of 2014
NCB Case No.15 (5) 2013/NAB PS
US: 21 (c), 29 & 60(3) of the NDPS Act

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82)

WHEREAS, complaint has been made before me that **SRI MD. WAHAB @ FERAZ KHAN, AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS, S/O. MD NARRIRUDDIN OF MOIRANG PALLI, P.O. & P.S. THOUBAL, DISTRICT MANIPUR** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of the ABOVE SAID substance Under Section 22(c), 29 & 60(3) of ND & PS Act 1985 and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said above accused cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said above accused has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant;

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **SRI MD. WAHAB @ FERAZ KHAN, AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS, S/O. MD NARRIRUDDIN OF MOIRANG PALLI, P.O. & P.S. THOUBAL, DISTRICT MANIPUR** is required to appear at the SPECIAL COURT (ND & PS), MANIPUR, LAMPHELPA before this Court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on the 24th day of March, 2020. Dated, this 29th of January, 2020.

Sd/-
Special Court (NDPS), Manipur
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2nd Round Table Conference on Emerging Issues in Indian Politics post 2014 General Election held at Testo College Dimapur

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In continuation of Round Table Conference Series, conceptualized by the Department of Political Science, Testo College, Dimapur with a purpose to inculcate a spirit of inquiry, research and critical thinking among undergraduate and post-graduate students, a 2nd Round Table Conference with a theme "Emerging Issues in Indian Politics" post 2014 General Election" was organized at undergraduate level yesterday at College Auditorium with Five Students Presenters from different Academic

Departments of the College. The Conference was chaired by Dr. P. Kapasa and the Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Rimmei Longmei, Head of the Department. Welcome Note was given by Dr. Sabur Ali M, Coordinator of the Conference, a special address was delivered by Prof. (Dr). P.S. Lorin, Principal, Testo College. The Conference concluded with a word of thanks and concluding remarks from Dr. Aniruddha Babar. The Principal, Vice Principal, Dean, learned professors and students from different academic departments graced the event.



Keneisedu Mezhu presented a paper on "Critical Study of the CAA, 2019"
Chemy Konyak presented a paper on "Emerging Issues in Educational Policy"
Ani Khing presented a paper on "Gender Inequality in North East

India"
Mosa Sangtam presented a paper on "CAA and Its Relevance to Nagaland"
Nourhechulie Rhuilho presented a paper on "Emerging Issues in Constitutionalism and Human Rights"