

# 'Imphal human rights orgs have not condemned May 6 incident'

Newmai News Network

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THE NAGA PEOPLES' Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) has lamented that none of the human rights organisations in the Imphal valley has condemned the killing of two students at Mao Gate by the security forces.

"NPMHR is shocked that the human rights groups from the Imphal valley, who have been campaigning against militarization, extra judicial killing, asserting the rights to self-determined future and other human rights abuses, are yet to condemn the killings of innocent Nagas. What is more shocking is that some of the so called 'human rights' organisations are actively supporting the policies of the Government of Manipur against the Nagas which has already resulted in the loss of lives and injury to many Nagas," alleged the Naga rights group.

NPMHR then calls upon all the media not to indulge in biased reporting. The rights group alleged that over the last few days, private media and even national media such as All India Radio, have been indulging in prejudiced

and twisted reporting. "For instance, some media reported that Mao residents found their houses ransacked but conveniently failed to mention that it was committed by IRB and Commandos stationed in Mao. The highest ethical requirement of newspersons is objectivity and neutrality, and we remind you to be true to your profession," it pointed out, while adding, "The ransacking, looting, and robbing of properties committed by the IRB and police commandos stationed in Mao Gate is an evidence of the lack of discipline within the forces. Witnesses have seen IRB and commandos personnel breaking and entering deserted houses, looting shops and other properties in Mao Gate. It is quite apt that the murderous IRB and Manipur police commandos would indulge in such undisciplined behaviour," it added.

The Naga rights group also calls upon all Nagas to be vigilant against the "divisive forces that are working all the time" to create confusion and chaos among the Nagas. "We further call upon all Nagas to work towards strengthening our unity and

to stand up for the rights of the Nagas", the NPMHR said.

The Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) extends our deepest heartfelt condolences to the families of Chakha Neli and Loshou Daikho who were brutally murdered by the Manipur Indian Reserved Battalion and Manipur Police Commandos stationed in Mao Gate on 6 May 2010. We honour and salute their sacrifice as national heroes. Our prayers are with their families. We also express our sincere commiseration to all the brave women and men who braved bullets to stand up for the Nagas demand for peace. The whole Naga population is also with the many who have been displaced and uprooted from their homes.

NPMHR once again call for the immediate rescinding of the Manipur Cabinet decision to bar Th. Muivah from entering his birth place, and subsequent repressive measures being adopted to ensure its decision. "Terror and violence through military action will bring no solution to the conflict, peace and security can only be achieved by respecting the wishes of the people," the rights group said.

## Women hoho laments Naga tragedies

**DIMAPUR, MAY 9 (MExN):** The Naga Women Hoho of Dimapur today condemned the Manipur state government for suppressing the fundamental rights of the people. Calling it "unconstitutional", the hoho said depriving the right of NSCN (IM) general secretary Th. Muivah, to visit his village 'despite approval of the Central Government,' is "undemocratic and unconstitutional in the Indian Legislation and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights principle." The hoho condemned the atrocity of the Manipur government on innocent Naga person on May 6. "It is highly condemnable in the eyes of law and therefore the state is absolutely liable for the offence committed. It is clear evidence that such act is sabotaging the Indo-Naga Peace talk," the hoho said in a statement today.

The hoho further condemned the rape of a 14 year old girl by three Muslims and another, the rape and murder of a woman of Wakching village, also by Muslim illegal immigrants. "In such circumstances NWHD appeals to every right-thinking citizen to ponder ourselves with these ques-

tions - what have we done in the past to our family, church, schools, unions, councils, associations and organizations? What are we doing now? What do we do for the future of our children?" the hoho queried.

The hoho urged for action, not words: "Let us think reasonably, positively and start striving for peace and solidarity by not only supporting, cooperating, condemning, contributing and consoling/condoling message but also seeking and depending on God's wisdom and knowledge - involve yourself in a positive attitude by giving your service/responsibilities to your own family, church, schools, unions, councils, associations and organizations."

The women hoho said "we have failed terribly in this area that is why such unwanted crimes are committed to our people, women and children by others who are barbarous and no better than animals." Over the sexual crimes, the hoho said "had we done our responsibilities in the past our daughter, sister, mother, aunty, teacher, etc... would not have been a victim, if they at all encounter such incident they would have been well prepared to defend themselves."

## Naga students in Guwahati conduct 'Peace Rally'

**DIMAPUR, MAY 9 (MExN):** The Naga Students' Union Guwahati (NSUG) organized a 'Peace Rally' against the unprovoked killing at Mao Gate where more than 200 students including elders and well-wishers took part in the rally. The main objective of the 'Peace Rally' was for the condemnation of killing of unarmed innocent Nagas.

A press note issued by the Students' Union informed that the rally started from Nagaland House, six mile Guwahati to Supermarket Dispur. Some of the slogans were "We condemn unprovoked killings", and "We condemn misuse of state machineries by Manipur govt". The Union further stated that the students' Peace Rally shows the sadness and expresses solidarity against the unprovoked killings at Mao Gate.

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## Displaced villagers shifted to Kisama



Displaced children from Mao area smile for the lens, unaware of the bitter realities of the adult world, at Kisama Heritage village, Sunday.

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THE DISPLACED VILLAGERS from Mao area who fled the village after the May 6 incident at Mao Gate and taking shelter at Khuzama village, have been shifted to Kisama Heritage Village on Sunday evening.

Nagaland Home minister L Imkong Imchen, Health & Family Wel-

fare minister Kuzholuzo Nienu, NK-VIB chairman Dr. Nicky Kire, MLA, and NIDC chairman Nuklotoshi, MLA, were present at the site during the shifting process. Nagaland government is extending all possible assistance to the displaced people and today the government through civil organizations, distributed blankets and mattresses to the displaced villagers.

Interacting with mediapersons,

the Home minister said that the Angami Public Organization and Southern Angami Public Organization will act as nodal agencies to oversee the distribution of relief materials. DC Kohima has been appointed as the nodal officer to coordinate with the APO, SAPO and Mao Union Kohima.

The minister also said that the state government had intimated to the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Home Affairs about the ground situation, Saturday night.

On reasons for shifting the displaced villagers from Khuzama to Kisama, a civil society member said that it would be easier to monitor the welfare of the displaced villagers if they are stationed at one place. He also said that at Khuzama the displaced villagers were put up at in school and churches and this was affecting the routine of the school as well as churches. Both the Home minister and Health & Family Welfare minister assured that the government will extend all possible help to the displaced Mao villagers. More than 1000 Mao villagers, mostly women and children, are taking shelter in the relief camp. Meanwhile, on Sunday the Manipur government relaxed curfew for 12 hours from 6am to 6.00 pm.

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MAY 10, 2010.

## THN condemns Mao Gate incident

DIMAPUR, MAY 9 (MEXN): Tangkhul Hoho Nagaland condemned in its strongest term the brutal act of Manipur Police commandos resorting to indiscriminate firing at the peaceful protestors at Mao Gate that led to the death of two youths, injuring over hundred people and displacing hundreds of peace loving Naga people.

A press note stated "THN is further enraged and shocked at the barbaric and inhuman act committed by the Manipur Police commandos with least regard to human value and also urges the government of India to intervene immediately and direct the Government of Manipur for safe journey of General Secretary Th. Muivah to his native village at Somdal and to provide adequate compensation to the family members of the deceased and the injured persons at the earliest." THN in the note further asked the government of Manipur to institute a judicial inquiry to the firing incident by Manipur police at Mao Gate and book the culprits according to the law of the land. THN also conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and speedy recovery of the injured persons and prayed that almighty God gives them strength to bear the sudden loss of precious lives.

## Protest against Muivah

IMPHAL, MAY 9 (NNN): Sit-in-protests and rallies were carried out at various places in and around Imphal by different women folk organizations on Sunday against the proposed visit of the NSCN-IM top leader Th. Muivah and supported the Manipur cabinet's decision to bar the NSCN-IM leader from entering Manipur. Nupilup, a women organization of Aiyampali Leima Maning Maram-Keithel (bazaar) carried out a protest rally and later staged a sit-in-protest at Leima bazaar under Imphal East district while women folk also staged sit-in-protests at Sagolband, Uripok and Thangmelband under Imphal West district against the visit of NSCN leader in the state.

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EASTERN MIRROR

# PC launches 'Peace in Nagaland 2015' campaign



Peace Channel members are photographed during the launching of 'Peace in Nagaland 2015' campaign at Kohima on December 6.

DIMAPUR, DEC 10 (EMN): 'Peace in Nagaland 2015' campaign, an initiative of the Peace Channel was officially launched in Kohima by Rev. Fr. CP Anto, director of the movement, on the sidelines of the Kohima district Peace Club parting social on December 6 at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kohima.

Speaking on the occasion, the director said the campaign theme aimed at reaching out to the masses,

especially the youth through a variety of means to create awareness on peace and conflict transformation.

Capacity building programmes for youth leaders, teachers, associate members, religious leaders and professionals, peace club formation in institutions and localities of all the districts of Nagaland, peace channel music band tour to the localities, formation of People's Forum for Peace, advocacy for peace education

in educational institutions, research on traditional conflict transformation methods and networking with like-minded organizations and media houses; would be the main activities under the campaign.

The campaign would also focus on creating awareness on peace through the first two years followed by forming, developing and strengthening working structures and models in the later years aimed at social trans-

formation in the year 2015. The campaign was also launched at Peren district at All Saints Higher Secondary School by Meren Imsong, EAC Peren, in an auspicious gathering participated over 85 youth from schools in Peren.

The campaign would also be launched at Dimapur on December 10 at Holy Cross Auditorium by Toshinaro Longchar during the Peace Club members annual get-together.

# Kohima Village Peace Club inaugurated



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Kohima Village Peace Channel members and invitees during the inauguration programme on Wednesday.

**DIMAPUR, OCT 6 (EMN):** Kohima Village Peace Club conducted its inauguration cum induction programme on October 4 at Kohima Village in the presence of Atulole Mephu-o, Chairman, Kohima Village Council.

The chairman in his message said every one deserves peace and the Peace Channel with its initiatives on their endeavor to usher in peace will prove significant in the present scenario of a confused society.

He thanked the concerned founders of the Peace Channel Movement for introducing such a platform for youths to march forward towards peace. He also people should not ex-

pect sudden changes in an issue like peace, but rather should anticipate on positive changes and developments in the long run. He also urged the members and the concerned leaders of the club to work on the principles of honesty and discipline and said these are the key principles for achieving greater heights.

Victor Kevihouthle Yhome, Coordinator, Kohima District Peace Channel presented the concept, vision and objectives of the Peace Channel Movement to the gathering. He said peace should be cultivated within oneself and transcend beyond oneself, tribes, race, religion, soci-

ety etc.

Chairperson of Awakening Bells Centre, Mrs. Neidonuo in her message maintained that one needs to understand the worth of one's life and stressed that unless one values his/her own life, he/she cannot value and respect other person's life. She also felt that introducing Peace Channel sign in bringing the youths together to work for peace.

She also asked all the members to live an exemplary life for others. An institution like Peace Channel has a great importance because it teaches certain disciplinary codes and life coping skills, she added.

Sister Biya, Medical Mission Sisters' exhorted on "Inner Peace" elaborated on techniques and techniques of healing oneself. Medoitseinu Whuorie gave a message on "What is Peace to me". Medochilie Pienyi, Associate Pastor Baptist Revival Church invoked God's blessings over the programme. The programme also featured songs and choreography.

On the occasion, 22 youths took the peace pledge with promise to believe in peace and spread the message of peace everyday and be always as a peace builder. The programme concluded with the Peace Channel Anthem.

# North East youth peace festival culminates

## 6 HONOURED WITH PEACE CHANNEL 2010 AWARD

**DIMAPUR, SEPTEMBER 20 (MExN):** The North East Youth Peace Festival 2010 organised by Peace Channel culminated in Dimapur today. Taku Longkumer, Convener of Nagaland GB Association, Aküm Longchari, Managing Director of The Morung Express and social activist Neidonuo Angami received the Peace Channel Award 2010, for their sacrifices for peace building and services to humanity. The recipients were awarded a citation, certificate and cash reward. Three journalists from the north east: Daniel from Tripura, Victor Angami from Nagaland and Sarah from Diphu were also awarded the Journalism Peace Award 2010. The valedictory function was graced by Lt. Gen. NK Singh, AVSM VSM, Rangapahar as chief guest.

In his address, Lt. Gen. Singh said all over the world, the quest for peace continues. He said peace is not just the absence of war; rather, all common issues like kidnapping, extortions, etc, which deprive people of happiness reflect the absence of peace in a society. Peace, development, happiness and prosperity all go hand in hand, Singh said.

He believed that that the ongoing ceasefire between the gov-



Akangjungla Longchar of The Morung Express (right) accepts the Peace Channel Award on behalf of Aküm Longchari, Managing Director of The Morung Express, at the Peace Award function in Dimapur on Monday, September 20. (Morung Photo)

ernment of India and the Naga underground groups is a result of peoples' desire to have peace. He said the ceasefire has drastically reduced violence in the State and

has created a conducive atmosphere for people. Singh urged the youths to move in the direction to endure lasting peace in the State. Reverend Fr. Carlous Neisal-

hou, Vicar General, Diocese of Kohima was the guest of honour. He emphasized that peace building is one of the activities of the church. He added that everyone yearns

for peace and therefore, many organisations around the world are working collectively to achieve peace. However, he said, peace remains elusive as is evident from the activities happening around the world. He said the only way to achieve lasting peace is to befriend the 'giver of peace Jesus Christ.' He said that peace cannot be found outside but within a person, and encouraged the youths to maintain a close relationship with the peace giver.

Earlier, Reverend Fr. PC Anto, Director of Peace Channel pointed out that the historic 'September Summit' between different Naga underground groups signifies that peace in Nagaland is possible. He called upon the youths to work hand in hand to bring peace and development in Nagaland and the entire north east. He also expressed pride in presenting the Peace Channel Award and Journalism Peace Award to this year's recipients.

Other highlights of the programme included a welcome song by students of Christian Higher Secondary School, a Sumi dance by students of St. Paul Higher Secondary School and a bhagradance performed by the boys of Assam Rifles Training Centre School.

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# NE youth peace festival culminates

Staff Reporter

**DIMAPUR, SEP 20 (NPN):** The North East Regional Youth Peace festival ended on a colorful note with mesmerizing Sumi and Bhangra dance and a special number by students of Christian Hr. Sec. School here at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur with Lt. General N.K Singh AVSM VSM, 3 Corp Rangapahar as the chief guest and Rev. Fr. Carlous Neisalhou, vicar general, Diocese of Kohima as the guest of honour on Monday.

Lt. Gen N.K Singh speaking on the occasion said though the quest for peace elsewhere started centuries ago, in Nagaland it started when ceasefire came into force 13 years ago between various undergrounds factions and the government of India.

While alleging the process of ceasefire was disturbed sporadically, he however acknowledged the ceasefire rules were sustained by the parties concerned.

The general urged the young peace channel group to keep up the good work in maintaining peaceful atmosphere in the state, adding such small act by various groups would yield positive result.

Rev. Fr. Carlous Neisalhou, vicar general, Diocese of Kohima, who was the guest of honour and the patron for the occasion conveyed the Catholic Church concept of peace in Nagaland.

Outlining the Catholic Church aims and objectives in Nagaland, he said bringing peaceful atmosphere in the state through proclaiming of the word of God, celebrating the mercy and compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ along with activities such as inculcating Christian ethics, education, solving social problems, healthcare etc., has been roped in to comprehend the meaning of peace which the state is really in dire need.

He said, "Peace has to come from within".

Without attaining the inner peace in oneself, one cannot attain or create peaceful atmosphere around, he equipped.

Quoting from the scripture John: 14, he said, "Jesus is the lone giver of peace" and without that close as-



**A. Taku Longkumer GB receiving peace award from Lt. General N.K Singh AVSM VSM, 3 Corp Rangapahar on Monday at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur. (NP)**

sociation with Him, none can attain that peace which people so yearn for.

He further urged the youth to build up a close relationship with God so peace would reign in Nagaland as well as the world.

Extending greetings to the dignitaries present at the function, Rev. Fr. CP Anto, Director Peace Channel said peace is possible in Nagaland.

Recalling the 'September Summit' convened by the Forum of Naga Reconciliation (FNR) where all the three highest level

leaders came together to discuss and pledge to work towards peace, the Director radiated with confidence stating that such steps by the leaders would encourage peace and yield lasting peaceful solution among the Nagas.

Stressing on the activities of the peace channel youth he said, "youth is equal to peace and peace is equal to development".

The North East Regional Youth Peace festival also recognizes and give awards to outstanding individuals who have contribute to-

wards peace in the region.

This year's awardees included A. Taku Longkumer GB, Akum Longchari, MD Morung Express, Dimapur, Neidonuo Angami founder of Naga Mother Association. The awardees received `10, 000, certificate and a memento each presented by the chief guest and some dignitaries.

The journalist peace awards went to Daniel of Tripura, Peter Angami from Kohima and Sarah of Diphu, Assam. They were awarded with certificates and mementos each.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to express our gratitude to all who stood by us spiritually, physically materially and financially, during the illness and sad demise of our beloved **Lt. Mr. Kikheto Chopy**, who left us for his heavenly abode on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2010.

We convey our special thanks to:

1. Mr. Kihoto Chopy, G.B. President T/Island.
2. Mr. Z. Vikiye Chopy, D.B. T/Island.
3. Mr. Shetivi Achumi, G.B. Akhakhu Village.
4. Mr. Xutovi Yeptho, Ex-Pastor.
5. Mr. Khehovi Yeptho, B.D.O.
6. Aghunato Village Baptist Church.
7. Asuto Area Union Dimapur.
8. SBAK Nito Mount.

We deeply regret our inability to mention and thank each and every individual but it is our humble prayer that our Almighty God bless you abundantly.

**Loving wife, sons, daughter, in-laws, grand-children & grand children.**



Born in 1913  
Died on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2010

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# Peace Channel induction programme

DIMAPUR: Peace Channel, the youth movement for peace and development has reached another milestone with its inauguration and induction programme at Bethel Higher Secondary School, Kohima on September 21 at the school auditorium.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, Kevi, vice principal, Baptist High Hr. Sec. School Kohima said, life has become chaotic as people are occupied with a lot of things, which he believed was at times, unconstructive and unfriendly to a person's over all growth.

He opined that peace was a practical issue and said every individual should contribute in their own capacity beginning from oneself for which he challenged the students to set aside time in the morning for prayer/meditation to begin the day with a peaceful mind.

He also said the essence of peace was lacking in society and urged the gathering to be at peace with God and oneself to transcend peace to others.

Victor Kevilhouthie Yhome, coordinator of peace channel Kohima district expressed gratitude to the principal and authorities for realizing the need of peace and welcoming Peace Channel movement in the school, at the same time,



Students of Bethel Higher Secondary School, Kohima at the induction of Peace Channel.

welcomed all the peace club members to the family of Peace Channel.

He said peace was a challenging issue and urged all the students irrespective of the peace club to cooperate and support

Asalie, teacher in-charge, Peace Club, BHSS presided over the peace pledge where 28 students pledged to believe in peace always and everywhere as a peace channel member.

## 'Violence is not about stopping it'

**DIMAPUR, NOVEMBER 27 (MExN):** 'Violence is not about stopping it; it's understanding what feeds it' was the stress point of the one day training programme held at Peace Channel training hall on November 27. The training was on Peace Building games animated by Paula Ramirez, a Peace trainer from Columbia. A press note issued by the Peace Channel desk stated that it was an enriching session for the

participants where they got a better understanding of the term 'Peace' and ways to demonstrate it to the youths through different types of games.

Paula, the trainer said that we need to identify the root, trunk and the branches of conflict that arises to have a better understanding of the situation and coping. Through different peace-games, she described the feelings of the people who

might be victims of different situations. She also stressed on how peace builders should adapt to the different situation that arises. The key element for achieving peace is to learn to work together, and use the differences we have as strength and not as weakness. The workshop will continue on 3rd of December, with more techniques and games for peace building with the volunteers of the movement.

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### Fundraising workshop through local resources

**DIMAPUR:** A one day workshop on fundraising techniques will be conducted on December 2 at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur, from 9:30 am to 3pm. Govert Daniel Van Oord, special consultant on fundraising, Cordaid- Netherlands, will be animating the sessions.

In this regard, interested individuals and NGOs have been invited to be a part of the workshop. Registration fee for the workshop would be ₹500 per person.

For further details, one may contact the office of Peace Channel at 03862-233435, 9856744984.

### Workshop on peace with trainer from Columbia

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ings of people who might be victims of different situations.

She also stressed on how peace builders should adapt to different situation that arises. The key element for achieving peace was to learn to work together, and use differences one has, as strength and not weakness.

The workshop would continue on December 3 with more techniques and games for peace building with the volunteers of peace channel movement.



Nagaland Post 22 Aug 2010  
**Nominations for Peace awards**

**DIMAPUR:** Peace Channel- A youth peace movement would commemorate International Day of Peace on September 18 and 19 at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur with a north-east youth peace and cultural fest and peace awards.

The event would be participated by youth from all over Nagaland and North East.

To mark the occasion, the Peace Channel would honor three individuals from Nagaland who have contributed towards peace building and conflict resolution in their communi-

ties, work place and the society at grassroots level.

The movement will be felicitating and conferring the awards to 3 individuals - a male and a female above the age of 25 and a youth below 25 years of age.

The awards is opened to all people regardless of religion and tribe, all nominations should be sent with complete details of both the nominator and the nominee, details must include background information, field of activity, research and other achievements of the nominee.

The information pro-

vided must be duly supported with adequate verifiable evidence and signed by the nominator, a person can be nominated by more than one nominator.

The decision of the awards committee would be final and binding in all circumstances and nominations should reach the Peace channel office latest by September 10 at following addresses, Director, Peace Channel, Bishop's House, Post Box - 03, Dimapur: Nagaland - 797112, contact: 9436260435, 03862-233435 or email [www.peacechannel.in](http://www.peacechannel.in), [cpanto@gmail.com](mailto:cpanto@gmail.com)

Morning Express 22 Aug 10  
**Nomination invited for Peace Channel Awards**

**DIMAPUR, AUGUST 21 (MEXN):** Peace Channel- A youth peace movement of the third millennium is calling for nominations for Peace Awards. Individuals who have contributed in promoting peace and social harmony can submit their details to the Peace Channel.

To mark the occasion, the Peace Channel will be honouring three individuals from Nagaland who have contributed towards peace building and conflict resolution in their communities, work place and the society at grassroots level. The movement will be felicitating and conferring the awards to 3 individuals - a male and a female above the age of 25 and a youth below 35 years of age.

The eligibility criteria are as follows: the Awards is open to all people regardless of religion and tribe, all nominations should be sent

with complete details of both the nominator and the nominee. The details must include background information, field of activity, research and other achievements of the nominee, the information provided must be duly supported with adequate verifiable evidence and signed by the nominator, a person can be nominated by more than one nominator, the decision of the awards committee shall be final and binding in all circumstances and nominations should reach the Peace channel office latest by September 10, 2010.

The details can be submitted to the Director, Peace Channel, Post Box - 03, Dimapur: Nagaland - 797112 or call at: 9862703648, 9856104200. Office No: 03862-233435 and email: [www.peacechannel.in](http://www.peacechannel.in), [cpanto@gmail.com](mailto:cpanto@gmail.com), [peacechannel05@gmail.com](mailto:peacechannel05@gmail.com).

## Peace Channel inaugurated at Phek Meluri



Members of Peace Channel, a youth movement with school children.

**DIMAPUR:** Peace Channel, a youth movement for peace and development was inaugurated on August 21 at St. Xavier School auditorium. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Peter Liremo, ADC, Meluri exhorted the youth to experience peace within oneself to give peace to others. In his message, he asked the students to relive the traditional values of respect and obedience to the elders. Peace Channel members could be a catalyst for change in the family, school and society. He appreciated the innovativeness and the initiative of Peace Channel in empowering and enabling the youth to be the sincere leaders who promotes peace and

peace activities. Robert Solo, a prominent and dynamic youth leader of the diocese gave a message that, Peace Channel was the right and the best platform for the club members to showcase their talents and potentials. He appreciated the club members for taking the initiative to be peace channel members and also encouraged them to work for peace in their own capacities.

Rev. C.P. Anto, Director, Peace Channel also spoke on the occasion. He welcomed the members to the family of Peace Channel. While interacting with the youth he requested them to be proactive rather than reactive. Victor Kevilhouthie Yhome, Coordinator Peace Chan-

nel, Kohima District chaired the induction ceremony. 93 members took the pledge to carry the message of peace everywhere and always as a peace activist. Rev. Fr. Matthew Keematam, Principal of St. Xavier School, Meluri invoked God's blessing. Mr. Füsatho, a peace club member gave a message on peace. The programme featured dances, choreography and skit performed by the club members.

Chinotho, in his vote of thanks, congratulated and thanked Sr. Judith, headmistress, the school coordinators, Thomas, Jenny and Awan. The program concluded with the Peace Channel Anthem sung by the Peace Club members.

# North East youth peace festival begins

A Staff Reporter | EMN

**DIMAPUR, SEPT 19:** The North East Regional Youth Peace Festival 2010 began today on the theme "Youth for peace and development" at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur. Participants from various schools of the region are taking part in the two day meet organised by Peace Channel.

The festival has been marked by cultural fiesta and peace rally and concert, interactive group discussions and panel discussion. The inaugural function was graced by Maongwati Aier, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, as the chief guest and Geoffrey Yaden, Editor, Nagaland Post, as the guest of honour.

Addressing the inaugural speech, Maongwati Aier said this is the generation of young people with children below the age of 15 years making up most of the population. He said the cry of the young is for peace which is the ultimate aim of every human society.

"Lasting peace can be attained through fellowship with God", he asserted, while stating that peace that comes from God which surpasses all understanding and is eternal.

Citing the parable of the prodigal son, Aier stressed that repentance can lead to reconciliation through which peace will come about. Stressing in this global age where connectivity is possible throughout the world, he called upon the youth of the region to convey the message of peace and to propagate peace that brings progress and prosperity.

Addressing the youth, Geoffrey Yaden has applauded the initiatives of Peace Channel describing it as worth supporting. With the fast pace of development, where people have become more conscious of



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Maongwati Aier, DC Dimapur, lighting the ceremonial lamp as Geoffrey Yaden and CP Anto look on during the inauguration of the NER youth peace festival at Dimapur on Sunday.

peace, he has encouraged the youth to be responsive and responsible.

In referring to media report where North East has been portrayed as a region full of problems, he said such views were exaggerated. On the other hand while emphasising on the social

conditions of the people of the region, he said it better when compared to other places.

He also exhorted the youth on the importance of making the right choices in life and to learn to acknowledge and appreciate others.

The inaugural pro-

gramme was marked by lighting of lamp and cultural presentation of songs and dances by students from various schools and young cultural troupes. The festival will culminate on September 20 with Nikhil Kumar, Governor of Nagaland as the chief guest.



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## Youths urged to carry the message of peace forward



Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Maongwati Aier lights the ceremonial lamp at the North East youth peace festival in Dimapur on September 19. (Morung photo)

**DIMAPUR, SEPTEMBER 19 (MExN):** Celebrating the International Day of Peace and Peace Channel foundation day, Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Maongwati Aier called on the youth of the north east states to propagate peace throughout the world. He said at a time when the whole world is crying for peace, youths must carry the message forward. He encouraged the youths to apply modern technology to spread the message of peace. Aier was speak-

ing at the north east youth peace festival organised by Peace Channel in Dimapur this afternoon.

Aier, who graced the opening ceremony as chief guest said the aim of every human society is lasting peace. He said eternal peace can only be achieved through Jesus Christ and added all other forms of peace are temporary. He added that only reconciliation can bring lasting peace and therefore, encouraged the youths to reconcile and foster peace among

themselves. "Today is the day of the young...let the cry of the young generation be heard," Aier said.

Editor of Nagaland Post, Geoffrey Yaden was the guest of honour. In his address, Yaden said the world is changing at a faster pace today. He said people are more aware of the word 'peace' and everyone has dreams about leading peaceful lives. Every society wants peace, he said, while adding it is the youth that can foster peace among people. He urged the youths of the north east states to support one another; lay aside differences and work to make the difference.

He added youngsters today are being influenced by all kinds of negative images/media and cautioned them to make wise decisions in life. He said north east youths are second to none; therefore, youngster must redeem their lives and live healthy. Yaden added that it is the duty of the youths to break down all barriers that has caused people of the north east to remain separated from the rest of the country. He also lauded the works of Peace Channel and said it has been instrumental in reaching out to people and spreading the language of peace.

The north east youth peace festival is a mega event hosted by the Diocese of Kohima. The two day event includes interactive group session, panel discussions, cultural fiesta, peace rally and peace concerto. Governor Nikhil Kumar will grace the valedictory function at Holy Cross School Dimapur.

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# Peace Channel inaugurated at Meluri



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Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Peter Liremo, ADC, Meluri exhorted the youth to experience peace within oneself to give peace to others. In his message, he asked the students to revive the traditional values of respect and obedience to the elders. Peace Channel members could be a catalyst for change in the family, school and society. He appreciated the innovativeness and the initiative of Peace Channel in empowering and enabling the youth to be the sincere leaders who promotes peace and peace activities.

Addressing the gathering, Robert Solo, a prominent and dynamic youth leader of the diocese gave a message that, Peace Channel is the right and the best platform for the club mem-

bers to showcase their talents and potentials. He appreciated the club members for taking the initiative to be peace channel members and also encouraged them to work for peace in their own capacities.

Rev. CP Anto, Director, Peace Channel also spoke on the occasion. He began with a peace meditation where he led the participants to a deep relaxation and self introspection. He welcomed the members to the family of Peace Channel. While interacting with the youth he requested them to be pro-active rather than reactive.

This year being dedicated to the youth by UN as International year of youth, with the official slogan "Our year, Our voice", he reminded the teachers and the participants that we have a great task to accomplish. It is very important to invest our time, energy and resources in youth and youth activities. Today, what the youth needs is exemplary life, encouragement and

support from the elders, not much of advice, he added.

Victor Kevilhouthie Yhome, Coordinator Peace Channel, Kohima District chaired the induction ceremony. Ninety three members took the pledge to carry the message of peace everywhere and always as a peace activist. Rev. Fr. Matthew Keematam, Principal of St. Xavier School, Meluri invoked God's blessing. Fuisatho, a peace club member gave a message on peace. The programme featured dances, choreography and skit performed by the club members.

Chinotho, in his vote of thanks, congratulated and thanked Sr. Judith, headmistress, the school coordinators, Thomas, Jenny and Awan. The programme concluded with the Peace Channel Anthem sung by the Peace Club members. This has been informed here in a release issued by Victor Kevilhouthie Yhome, Coordinator Peace Channel.

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## Kohima Peace Channel organizes trekking



Participant trekkers to Mount Pulie Badze which was organized by Kohima Peace Channel on August 28.

### KOHIMA, SEPTEMBER 2 (MEXN):

The Kohima Peace Channel had organized a trekking to Mount Pulie Badze under the theme "Adventure for Peace" on August 28 last. Victor Kevilhouthe Yhomé, coordinator, Peace Channel coordinated the whole event. He was optimistic that the trekking will be a life time memory for all the participants to cherish and a source of encouragement. He also hoped that despite the discomforts, pains and struggles on our way towards peace, "peace is possible if we unite together as one and walked together the miles forgetting all our differences."

Commenting on the cultural presentation by participants, he said that it was a time for them to remind themselves of their own culture and identity where they participated in the programme.

have come from and moreover, it is an opportunity for them to share and made known their beautiful culture to others. Expressing sadness to see the traditional and cultural values diminishing in the lives of the modern youths of today, he urged upon the students that it is never too late to start to preserve, maintain and showcase our culture again.

The trekking featured a cultural presentation where students from 17 different communities presented their cultures in terms of folk song, folk dance, traditional plays and through messages. Besides, there was a time for interaction, thereby building new friendship. Altogether, 102 students from 11 different schools and colleges including some teacher's incharge participated in the programme.

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## Nominations for Peace awards

**DIMAPUR:** Peace Channel, a youth movement, will be launching a campaign to mark the International Day of Peace on September 18 and 19 at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur with a north-east youth peace awards ceremony.

The event would be participated by youth from all over Nagaland and North East.

To mark the occasion, the Peace Channel would honor three individuals from Nagaland who have contributed towards peace building and conflict resolution in their community.

The awards must be duly supported with a verified photo and signed nomination form. The nominator, a person can be nominated by more than one nominator.

The decision of the awards committee would be final and there will be no appeals.

Interested persons should reach the Peace Channel office latest by September 10 at following addresses, Director, Peace Channel, Block 6, Diphu, Dimapur, Nagaland. Contact: Mr. N. P. Anto, Post Box - 797112, contact: 9436260435, 03862-233435 or email [www.peacechannel.in](mailto:www.peacechannel.in), [cpanto@gmail.com](mailto:cpanto@gmail.com).

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The movement will be felicitating and conferring the awards to 3 individuals (2 males and a female above the age of 18 and below 35 years of age).

The eligibility criteria are as follows: the Awards is open to all people regardless of religion and tribe, all nominations should be sent to the nominator and the nominator, the decision of the awards committee shall be final and binding in all circumstances and nominations should reach the Peace Channel office latest by September 10, 2010.

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## Student leaders urged to act with a difference

**DIMAPUR:** Peace Channel, Kohima District organized "Passion for excellence cum leadership programme on March 26 at Don Bosco Youth centre under the theme "Leaders to be students with a difference".

In the first session, Gerry Meyase, assistant professor, department of Mathematics, Science College, Jotsoma spoke on "Passion for Excellence".

Meyase urged students to act with a difference and attributed failure of oneself to expose to new challenges, as one of the main factors causing unemployment problem in this competitive world.

He said one has to introspect oneself and identify one's weakness and transform in order to make a difference.

Stressing on identification and sign of students as a leader, he pointed that a leader should build a healthy relationship and must discontinue anything that is not enriching. He challenged students to develop work culture with self esteem, sincerity and honesty to achieve success.

Peace channel coordinator, Kohima district, Victor Kev-illhouthie Yhome spoke on "Leadership".

According to Victor, a leader was someone who leads, guides and serves its people with truth, respect, equality and non-violence.

He explained on two kinds of leaders - hereditary leaders and acquired leaders, as well as two kinds of leadership i.e. good will leadership and dictatorial leadership.

He urged leaders to realize their responsibilities as leaders elected by people and to contribute for any positive changes. He pointed out that the world demands "effectiveness" in every profession and added that being a leader alone was not enough without being effective.

He also interacted with participants, conducted leadership games, peace celebration, and seven step process, where students irrespective of tribe, culture, religion, denomination came together as a family.

The programme activities included evaluation hour where students shared their learning of the day.

The programme was attended by 60 students.

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## International Literacy Day' observed

**DIMAPUR:** 'International Literacy Day' was observed the world over on September 8, which was adopted in 1965 by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Literacy day is proclaimed for disseminating literacy awareness amongst world's illiterate community.

"Literacy and women's empowerment" is the theme of International Literacy Day 2010, while women's empowerment is at the core of the global development agenda, girls still account for more than half of the 57.4 million out-of-school children in the world, and two-thirds of the 796 million adult illiterates are female.

FPA India, Nagaland branch in a small and simple function observed 'International Literacy Day' at its Reproductive Health & Family Planning Clinic (RHFPCL).

The branch manager speaking on the occasion

explained literacy as the ability to read and write a short statement relevant to routine life with understanding.

Other highlights of the day included school visit at Mt. Sinia School through classroom interaction; and the launching of 'Spoken English' program for the key population under the Japan Trust Funded project.

The branch manager also conveyed gratitude to Sali of Sisterhood Network, Kohima for the support extended in regard to 'Spoken English' which was open for enrollment.

**Peace Channel:** Peace Channel in collaboration with North East Zonal Cultural Centre commemorated international Literacy Day on September 8 by organizing inter-school literary competition at Holy Cross Campus, Dimapur.

72 participants from 17 schools in Dimapur competed in speech, recitation and

story telling competitions.

Earlier, a gathering of over 300 students and invitees were welcomed by Talinokcha, director, NEZCC. He said such event was held in order to create awareness on importance of literacy among the general population. Delivering keynote address, guest speaker, Dr. Hashito Chishi, director, NICC, Dimapur threw light on the various issues related to literacy and need for people's participation in eradicating illiteracy.

He enumerated various schemes and programmes carried out by the central and state governments in order to reach education to each and every citizen.

In speech competition, Paulene Das of St. Patil HSS won the first prize, Angelina Ao of SPHSS bagged second position, while Akalu H Shohe of Hebron HSS and Neha Mech of St. Mary's HSS shared the third prize.

In the recitation competition, Dhriti Chakraborti of CHSS Dimapur, Renathung Tsanglo of Eden HSS and Kinitoli Rochill of LFHSS Dimapur bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively. The laurels of the story telling competition were shared by Sharanika Chakraborty of SPHSS coming first, Otimenla Lemtor of ARTC Model School coming second and Richard Kithan of St. Edmund School bagging the third.

Other highlights of the programme included a recitation by Janice of Hebron HSS, Rajasthani dance by ARTC Model School and bamboo dance from SPHSS Dimapur. Kishor Dass, PRO, Peace Channel thanked the invitees and the participants. The event came to a close by the Peace Channel Band live performance.

**Rotary Club:** Rotary Club of Dimapur celebrated world literacy day on Sep-

tember 8 at Soyamsevi Sanskrit Vidyalaya Purana Bazar. In its continued effort to eradicate illiteracy, free textbooks and stationeries were distributed to the students of school and also provided water filter to the school under safe drinking water project.

The Vidyalaya is run through donors, patron and well wishers. The students also presented dance items that enthralled the audience. Rtn. Sanjay Kumar Jain president of Rotary Club of Dimapur highlighted about club activities and world literacy day and further assured that students of Vidyalaya would be insured under Rotary Child Insurance Project. Rtn R.S. Panesar and Rtn. Tikaram Dhaka also spoke on occasion. Prasad Panday, co-ordinator of vidyalaya expressed gratitude to Rotary Club of Dimapur for their love and concern towards the downtrodden children.

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"Promotion of Naga culture is the need of the hour"



Students of St. Joseph's High School, Longleng who showcased a fashion show to promote indigenous culture during a day long cultural fest in the school premises on August 7.

**DIMAPUR, AUGUST 8 (ME&N):** St. Joseph's High School, Longleng organised a day long cultural fest in the school premises on August 7, 2010 to promote the indigenous culture of the people in the state.

A press note informed that Rev. Fr. John Poji, the principal of the school welcomed the gathering. He highlighted the importance and objectives of the Cultural Fest. Rev. Fr. C. P. Anto the Director, Youth Commission and Peace Channel in his message appreciated the noble initiative of the school authority and the Longleng community. Addressing the gathering, he stressed

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27/07/10 EASTERN MIRROR

# 'Budgeting for peace building is an urgent need'



Participants poses for lens during the one-day capacity building programme organized by Peace Channel for the locality peace club leaders of Dimapur region.

**DIMA PUR, JUL 26 (EM):** Rev Fr C P Anto, the Director of the Peace Channel said a proper budgeting for peace building is an urgent need of the hour. We spend a huge allotment for the war and security reasons, however he lamented that not even a penny is allotted for the peace building initiatives.

Addressing the one-day capacity building programme for the locality peace club leaders of Dimapur region organised by the Peace Channel, Rev Anto also stressed that peace education and human rights education should be promoted hand in hand in our educational institutions. Thus we all may respect each other and live in peace and harmony with each other.

Dorothy while addressing the youth emphasized that peace building begins from forgiveness. She also invited the youth leaders to begin the peace building starting from their own home and their immediate neighbours. Only then, she pointed that will we be able to experience peace harmony and justice in our society. She also spoke on the fundamentals of peace building.

Victor Yhrome has urged that youth today needs to develop the skills of being sociable and optimistic. We need to develop an attitude which is accommodative and proactive approach to build peace in the multi tribal and community based

society of ours' he added.

The programme ended with a group discussion, sharing by the youth leaders and action plan. During the group discussion the leaders suggested that the national and state governments should set apart certain budget allotment for the promotion of peace initiatives in the region. The programme was attended by 34 youths from different locality club in Dimapur.

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### Who will wink?

A man of strong vision, clear vision, Mao nonsense on the matter of internal security. P Chidambaram was recently in news because of his statements in public: "Limited mandate on internal security", his own colleagues, Penab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh have also not taken his statement well. Despite having all odds against him when he spoke in the parliament, he may have made himself crystal clear that there will be no talk with any insurgent group in Nagaland, Manipur or in Assam until they lay down their arms and leave the demand of sovereignty".

Addressing the unified command meeting, he replied to the various queries and asked state CMs to decide on behalf of the people of their respective states with any group. When he was asked about situation at Mao-Gate and suffering Manipur people, he did not comment anything but said, "Situation is improving". He wants to resolve the issue through state CMs. Current stalemate and deadlock at Mao-Gate (due to which people of Manipur including Nagaland are suffering) and the leadership of the Mao-Gate is creating rift between two states and communities. Many organizations including Congress party led delegation from Nagaland had gone to Manipur to resolve the crisis and find reasonable solution but to no avail.

Muiyuh who is adamant on his part to go to Somdal, only by doing total show is ready to allow him to visit blaming Muiyuh's visit has got hidden agenda. The situation has come where people of Manipur are left at the mercy of God. Restoration of supplies through NH-53 to Manipur is like a "drop in the ocean". Though, as per Home Minister, Situation is improving in Manipur. O

Bobbi Singh has regained his popularity despite his government being able to contain insurgency, closure of schools, killings and extortion in last few years. Mao-Gate incident has become "blessing in disguise" for him.

In Nagaland, Muiyuh who earlier did not enjoy the support of other tribes like Angami and Ao, is believed to have got their extended support. Naga tribe which support Mao-Gate (which is not the case in the state) has openly been in support of NSCN (IM) and gone overboard to criticize NSCN (K) the rival faction of NSCN (I-M). Though, later they tried to resolve but their on and off statement given in support of NSCN (IM) has linked NSCN (K). Media has been reporting that indirect support of Nephlu Rio is vested of Muiyuh. On the basis of above, it can be said from government have been criticizing CM of Nagaland about his calling on to Muiyuh, who is branded as UG leader in the state and country as well. They said, "Why Rio has made this move as a political head (CM) of the state? Many people have also criticized his statement that, Exhortation in the state to Muiyuh and cadres of IUGs and in monthly stipend" and also about Mao-Gate. "Govt of India (MHA) should apologize Muiyuh for not fulfilling its promise for visit of Muiyuh to his village Somdal". Going through all these developments one could easily be convinced that Muiyuh clearly enjoys the direct or indirect support of Nephlu Rio, CM of Nagaland and his government.

As per political and security experts, Muiyuh has regained his loosing ground in Nagaland but "cannot be given such liberties to hold the people of other state at a ransom and play with their lives and humanity". They say, Govt of Nagaland in its own capacity must convince Muiyuh to withdraw from Mao Gate and let the people of Manipur (which includes Nagas) to have their right to live. He can postpone his visit to Somdal for his political gain. Another point of contention by the people in and around Mao-Gate; there has been concentration of NSCN (IM) cadres for whom poor villagers of the area reportedly been cooking food and gear. Earlier the food and gear were being (families) are also finding difficult to carry on with daily routine due to the presence and behaviour of armed cadres of the outfit. Children too are mentally scared.

In Manipur, section of the people has been raising their voices and asking that why can't govt make NH-53 as NH-39? Why only during such crisis repair and maintenance of NH-53 is not done? Why can't the govt try to repair road in Manipur or increase the trade or increase the trade with Myanmar by including the items like, Petroleum products, medicines and essential items other than the permitted items being traded (40 items from Myanmar). This is the time and opportunity when Okram Bobbi Singh should make an effort through Central Government to get the road repaired and try to provide relief to the people.

Reports of living condition of Nagas in Manipur are also disturbing. It has been reported that in last few days all the supplies from Imphal to Chandel, Ukhrul and Senapati have been stopped by the people of particular community. If so, then, one would say, this is very serious matter and govt must not take place of his activities. In the context of Muiyuh's visit, readers of Peace Channel must ponder upon the question: "What are the prospects of peace and humanity in Nagaland? Muiyuh will not look anything but definitely gain more support. His status in the Nagas of Manipur and Nagaland will be regarded as high as ever. Now, he should not push the situation to go to the extent from where there is no point of return."

Resentment among the Manipuris is increasing day by day, shortage of supplies has been observed in the everyday. Vehicles are being held up, public transports have gone off the road, housewives are blaming their husbands for their incapability, since they are not able to provide LPG cylinders timely, reserve stock of food grains have also exhausted. Prices of vegetables are soaring sky high. Many students are troubled that school buses have stopplying and parents are not able to drop them to the school because they are not getting enough petrol or diesel. In total, situation in Manipur is alarming.

People are confused and troubled. They don't know how long this situation is going to remain? Anger is rising for each other could increase day by day. Blame game is on both the states as well. In both the states are adamant. Muiyuh's attitude is reluctant. Humnity is under crisis: no one knows what's going to happen? So many speculations are there but no one knows. "Who will wink first?"

Robert Lanky

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## Peace Channel responds to news article

The Peace Channel would like to clarify to the article by Robert Lanky published in a local daily dated 31st May '10. It stated that the author has met a senior member of Peace Channel who expressed the opinion that "Muvah must consider postponing his visit in the name of people's lives and humanity. They say by withdrawing from Viswema, Muvah will not lose anything but definitely gain more support. His status in the Nagas of Manipur and Nagaland will be regarded as high as ever. Now, he should not push the situation to go to the extent from where, there is no point of return". I would like to inform the public that the Peace Channel has not authorized to anyone to speak on its behalf. If any member has expressed his/her opinion it should be considered purely as a personal opinion. The peace Channel regrets any misunderstanding caused in this regard.

The national seminar on Peace and Development North East India was not organized by Peace Channel but North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF) Guwahati as stated in the newspaper.

Director, Peace Channel

29<sup>th</sup> July 2010.



Peace Channel Club, Don Bosco School, Zubza was inaugurated on July 26 in the presence of Neiketu Iralu, (Trustee Initiatives of Change India) chief guest of the day, Fr. Athili Martin, Headmaster, Fr. N.J. Joseph, Alenuo Zatsu, co-ordinator of Peace Club DBS Zubza, Victor (co-ordinator of Peace Channel, Kohima) the teaching staff and students of the school.

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# Cultural fest at SJHS Longleng



Students of St. Joseph's High School, Longleng in traditional attires at cultural fest.

DIMAPUR: To promote indigenous culture of people in the state, St. Joseph's High School, Longleng organized a day long cultural fest in the school premises on August 7. Rev. Fr. John Poji principal of the school welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance and objective message appreciated the

noble initiative of the school authority and Longleng community.

While addressing the gathering he stressed on the urgent need to promote dying culture and tradition and it would be advisable for all educational institutions to let children come to the schools and colleges at least once in a year with traditional tribal attire. He exhorted that everyone should be proud of Naga culture as it was colorful and rich.

Other highlights of the programme include solo, duet, group song and folk dance competition. Rev. Fr. James, the chairman of Queen Mary Higher Secondary School graced the occasion with prayer; Sr. Anna Mary headmistress filled the minds of the participants with word of God and Sir. James co-ordinator of cultural fest proposed the vote of thanks.

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# Stakeholders discuss National Policy for Children



up to the age of 14 years, ensure and create health facilities, including inpatient and first-aid, ensure mid-day meals in all remote village schools on day to day basis and adoption of child-centered teaching methodologies.

Over 40 persons including 21 women representing civil society organizations like Naga Women Hobo, churches, schools, NGOs working for child welfare like Prodigal's Home, Transformation Resource Center, FVTRS, Children Home, DAN, Guardian Angel, ACD and CAD Foundation, etc, actively participated in the consultation. Peace Channel, a Youth Peace Movement, an initiative of Diocese of Kohima organized the consultation with supports from Catholic Relief Service (CRS).

The consultation began with invocation prayer by Rev. Fr. Chacko, Parish Priest Holy Cross Church. The detail of National Policy on Child Right 1974 was presented by Ms. Ella, Director Prodigal's Home, and group discussions were facilitated by Fr Chacko.

Participants are photographed during the State level consultative meet on National Policy for Children at Holy Cross Church Hall on June 21.

**DIMAPUR, JUN 21 (EMN):** A state level NGO and civil society consultative process on National Policy for Children 1974, reaffirming recognition, renewing commitment for review and recommendation 2010, was held on June 21 at Holy Cross Church Hall, Dimapur.

Director of Peace Channel, Rev. Fr. CP Anto, while underlying the objectives of the consultation in his keynote address, has described the policy as an important national initiative to examine and assess a landmark policy and to formulate recommendations which would reaffirm country's recognition and acceptance of what it must do for all children in the nation.

While stating that the policy for children had stood the test of time in its basic principles and provisions over 36 years since its adoption, he lamented that Indian State has not used it well enough for the benefit and security of children. He felt that peace education and children's right should be encouraged and made mandatory to empower the children to be the best citizens. The recommendations drawn from the consultation would be presented at National Level Consultation to be held at Delhi soon.

The chief guest Rev. Fr. Mathew John, Secretary of Education Commission Diocese of Kohima, in his message, said that child right situation in the state was pitiful and cited cases of child discrimination besides narrating his exposure to various countries in Board with representation of boy and girl child; ensure trained teachers on job in all government village schools, ensure publicity on free and compulsory education for all children

He encouraged the NGOs and civil society leaders to learn from the models existing in the world.

Mrs. Hukheli Watsa, President Naga Women Hobo, who was the guest of honor, in her message, appreciated the Policy and wished the NGO's to play an active role in the promotion of children's right.

The consultation, through group discussions and sharing, reviewed the policy paper and came up with several recommendations to address specific child rights issues in Nagaland context and for effective implementation of the policy in true spirits.

Recommendations included urgent constitution of State Child Rights Board with representation

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### PCC training on developing skills

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DIMAPUR: Founder and director, Peace Channel, Rev. C.P. Anto, while addressing the one day training of Peace Channel club (PCC) leaders on April 24 at Dimapur, said Peace Channel Clubs can be the modern 'Morung', where both young boys and girls get trained in developing the skills.

While addressing youth leaders on the theme 'Youth the catalyst for change', he said in today's society the youth has to play vital role in bringing positive change in the society adding the change makers ought to play a vital role in promoting peace in the families, educational institutions and in the society. He also animated a session on how to develop skills in peace building and conflict transformation.

Parish priest of Holy Cross School, Rev. Fr. Chacko K, graced and prayed for the success of the seminar. In his message he said youth leaders have to play the role of the prophet Moses. He also said everyone was a unique creation of God and has to be respected and accepted irrespective of cast, class, tribe, region and religion. "This should be the first step to peace building", he added.

PRO, Kishor Dass and coordinator, Peace Channel, Monica Kaisa also addressed the youth on various topics.

The Peace Channel Club leaders of various institutions shared their activities and Cynthia proposed vote of thanks. Over ninety student leaders from 22 educational institutions participated in the programme.

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### 'Peace education can resolve conflict'

DIMAPUR, MAY 7 (EMN): Peace Channel has organized a day Inter-School -Peace Channel -Club Meet at All Saints' School, Peren Town on May 5. The teachers-in-charge of the three schools with the coordinators of Peace Channel, Peren District carried out the program.

Meren Imson, EAC (Standard), gracing the occasion as the chief guest, in his address stated the work of peace is indeed a big challenge that every youth should realize and exert a concerted effort to confront the situation with today's world infested with corruption, violence, riots and chaos everywhere.

He believed that youths are change makers and they can do a lot to make a difference in the

society. Peace Education, the educational institutions can be a way to resolve individual and community conflicts, he added.

Kishore Dass, PRO of Peace Channel in his key note address briefed the purpose, progress and ongoing activities of Peace Channel in the state. He stated that the activities of Peace Channel is being felt not only in the state but also national and international.

Speaking on the essence of youths and students involvement in peace activities, coordinator Monica stressed on the role of students to promote and propagate peace in the district.

There were 31 participants consisting of students from Govt High School, Baptist High school and All Saints School.

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### Resolving conflict through peace education

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He believed that youths can be change makers and make a difference in the society. Peace education the educational institutions can be a way to resolve individual and community conflicts, he added. Kishor Dass, PRO of Peace channel gave the key note address. He briefed the purpose, progress and ongoing activities of Peace channel in the state.

Monica, the Coordinator spoke on the essence of youth and student's involvement in peace activities. She stressed on the role of students to promote and propagate Peace in the district, while Rev. Fr. Roy, Principal, All Saints School, invoked Gods blessing. There were 317 participants consisting of students from Govt. High School, Baptist High school and All Saints School.

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### Peace Channel family

The members of Peace Channel family have expressed deep grief over the demise of two students during the protest rally at Mao Town on May 6. While conveying heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families who lost their loved ones, the Peace Channel members prayed to Almighty God to provide solace from heavenly abode and give peace to the departed souls. Peace Channel family has also requested all its members, the general public and all the organizations to join in prayers that peace and harmony prevail in the society and the region in general.

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# Role of youth stressed for positive change in society

**DIMAPUR, APR 25 (EMN):** Founder and Director of Peace Channel Rev. CP Anto has described Peace Channel Clubs as a modern Morung (Naga youth dormitory), where not only young boys but also the girls get trained in developing the skills of peace and non-violence.

Rev. CP Anto said this while addressing a one day training of Peace Channel club leaders on April 24 at Dimapur on the theme 'Youth the catalyst for change. He said that in the Peace Channel Club, the members adapt good and healthy practices based on the principle of peace and nonviolence of the traditional Morung. He said that in today's society the youth have to play a vital role in bringing positive change in the society, adding that change makers have to play a vital role in promoting peace in the families, educational institutions and in the society.

He had also animated a session on how to develop skills in peace building and conflict transformation.

Rev. Fr. Chacko K, parish priest of Holy Cross School, had graced the function and prayed for the success of the seminar.



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Peace Channel Club members pose for photograph during the seminar at Holy Cross School on April 24.

In his message, he said that the youth leaders have to play the role of the prophet Moses. Stating that everyone is a unique creation of God, he urged the participants to have respect and accept each other irrespective of cast, class, tribe, region and religion. This should be the first step to peace building, he maintained.

Kishor Dass, PRO, and Ms. Monica Kaisa, coordinator of Peace Channel, had also ad-

ressed the youth on various topics. Peace Channel Club leaders of various institutions had shared their activities.

Ms. Cynthia, while proposing the vote of thanks, thanked

the principals, teacher coordinators and leaders of Clubs for their participation and in making the seminar a success.

Over ninety student leaders from 22 educational institutions participated in the programme.

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## Passion for Excellence 2010 concludes

**DIMAPUR, APRIL 17 (MExN):** Passion for Excellence programme, a special holiday package for students organized by the Youth Centre, Dimapur from April 16 to 17, concluded at Parish hall, Holy Cross Campus Dimapur on April 17 with a valedictory function.

The programme was attended by youth of from various institutions in Dimapur. The aim of the programme was to empower and help the students to develop their personality and enable them to choose a right career for their future. "Selecting a career is one of the most important decisions of life. One cannot experiment with ones' career. A career should al-

low the students to be engaged in a profession of their choice. Unfortunately, the way we select career is far from satisfactory. The basic need of the hour was communication and communication with our fellow beings as stated by the chief guest, Rev. Fr. George Angami the Principal of Holy Cross Higher Secondary School. He also stressed on the point that, one must be determined, committed, and have a purpose in life or life will be a waste.

The resource persons from various walks of life dealt with different sessions. Rev. Dr. Mathew John, of the Kohima Diocese took a session on 'public speaking and tips on how to improve our com-

munication and overcome our fears when we are faced with a crowd'. Kishor Dass, the PRO to Peace Channel spoke on 'leadership and the qualities of a good leader'. Rev. Fr. Bosco, Director to DBYS, Dimapur conducted a session on career guidance and updated the gathering on new career options available to the students. The second day's sessions included sessions from Monica, Programme Coordinator who enlightened the group on 'goal setting' and 'how to achieve our goals and aims in life'. A session on 'interview skills and mock interview' was taken by Smिता to inform the team the aspects of an interview and its requirements.

Later, Titto J. Kannatt, Programme Officer to Mother Teresa Educational Services, Bangalore informed the youth with career guidance and its technicality.

The students showcased their talents with public speaking and talent show from each youth present for the programme. They were awarded with a certificate for participation in "Passion For Excellence 2010". Thus, Passion for Excellence successfully concluded with a request for more programmes from the students to help them gain knowledge. And have a purpose in life, stated a press note issued by Dorothy, Assistant Coordinator of Peace Channel.

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### Peace Channel conducts teachers' orientation

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# Peace stressed for positive change



Students of MGM Higher Secondary are seen during the induction ceremony of Peace Channel, Peace Club members, on April 8. (Inset) Rev. Fr. Joshi Varghese gives away scarf and badge to Peace Club member.

**DIMAPUR, APR 10 (EMN):** Dwelling on the imperative need for peace in the society, Rev. Fr. Joshi Varghese, Principal, MGM Higher Secondary School, said peace could be a reality when we learn to accept and love all irrespective of cast, creed and religion.

The Rev. Fr. Joshi Varghese said this while exhorting the

induction ceremony of Peace Channel, Peace Club members at the school premises on April 8 as the chief guest. He said that Peace Club members are the messengers of hope, love and forgiveness and could be the positive change makers in the society.

In his message, he said peace is an all round development,

touching the spiritual, economic, social, cultural and religious aspects of society. He said that Peace Club members have to be the instruments of peace in every given situation.

Later, the chief guest conferred the members with a scarf, badge and woggle as the member's identity and reminder for

the members to be a torch bearers of Peace and reconciliation.

The induction programme officially ended with a peace pledge and peace anthem.

Peter, teacher in charge of the school, introduced and inducted over 100 students as peace activists, who would be the forerunners and a force for change.

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Peace Channel students of St. Paul Higher Secondary School along with the Principal Rev. Mother Jessina, Sr. Joyce, Kiran and Rosalia at the Dimapur District Hospital on March 14.

**DIMAPUR, MARCH 16 (MFN):** The Peace Channel students of St. Paul Higher Secondary School along with the Principal Rev. Mother Jessina, Sr. Joyce, Kiran and Rosalia visited the Dimapur District Hospital on March 14 last.

A press note stated that the students showed their concern by extending help with kind and deeds to the needy patients by making them feel loved and cared. Moreover, Dr. James and the assistant Matron welcomed the young students and accompanied them to all the wards. The students also expressed great appreciation for the dedicated service of the doctors and the staffs rendered to the patients.

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# Peace Channel organises teachers orientation prog



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Participating teachers are photographed during the one-day orientation programme organised by the Peace Channel at Holy Cross School on March 27.

**DIMAPUR, MAR 27 (EMN):** Peace Channel had organised a one-day teachers' orientation programme on the theme "Let the children and youth be the messengers of peace and hope in our society" on March 27 at Christ hall Holy Cross campus Dimapur.

Altogether 57 teachers from various government and private educational institutions of Di-

mapur and Peren district participated in the programme.

Rev Fr CP Anto, Director Peace Channel in his keynote address has given an insight on various aspects of peace building, peace education and conflict transformation, while Kishor Dass, PRO and Trainer of Peace Channel, enlightened the participants about the movement and its activities. Later the partici-

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During the training many teachers opined that the movement has catered to the need of very many youth and also very good platform for the students and youth to be formed as future leaders of our society. Some

teachers also suggested that the movement should cover all the districts in the state so that the children and the youth will be protected and formed to be the catalyst for change before they get in to the evils of the society.

The programme concluded with an evaluation and plan of action and vote of thanks proposed by Michael, coordinator Wokha district.

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**Career guidance prog at St. Xavier**

DIMAPUR, MAR 3 (EMIN): Youth Center, Dimapur, had organized career guidance training on March 1 for the BA III batch of St. Xavier College, Jalukie.

Rev. Fr. Anto, Director of Youth Center, animated the different sessions of the training programme who also gave insight into career choice and career planning to the Arts students. The students were taken to the realm of great avenues in store for them and were given direction as to make right choice to the individual personality, aptitude, resources and likings.

Change of career happens with ongoing education. Openness to change and a challenging outlook towards life should be the basic characteristics of every individual who aims high," said Fr. Anto. Stating that for most people, career once chosen

is adopted, remained a life long compassion, he has, therefore, urged the students to make a proper choice of career to give them a sense of confidence, happiness, thrill and stability.

He also enlightened on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats with regard to selection of career and SMART principles that would have an impact in the rest of their lives.

The various factors that contributed to making the right choice made by the youth have been the root cause of unemployment prevalent in Nagaland, Fr Anto opined. He stated 60% from the group would be placed in different jobs and professions.

The Programme concluded with the vote of thanks from Rev. Fr. Jose Lukose, College Principal.

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**Career guidance training at St. Xavier, Jalukie**

DIMAPUR: Youth Center, Dimapur organized career guidance training on March 1 for BA 3rd year students of St. Xavier College, Jalukie where Rev. Fr. Jose Lukose Principal of the College welcomed the team. Rev. Fr. Anto, director, Youth Center animated different sessions of training programme and gave insight into career choice and career planning to art students. The students were given direction on how to make right choice to the individual's personality, aptitude, resources and likings. Fr. Anto also enlightened on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats with regard to selection of career. SMART principles that would have an impact on the rest of their lives.



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## Peace Channel holds youth consultative meet



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Resource person exhorts the gathering during the youth consultative meet on 'Changes and challenges of youth today' organised by the Peace Channel at Christ Hall, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School on February 27.

**DIMAPUR, FEB 27 (EMIN):** In the interest of the youth and public of Nagaland, Peace Channel - a growing youth movement - had organized a day consultative meeting on the theme "Changes and Challenges of Youth Today - a Social Concern" on February 27 at Christ Hall, Dimapur.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Rev. Fr. CP Anto, Director Peace Channel. He explained the objectives and the rationale behind conducting the consultative meeting.

Rev. Dr. MD Thomas, Secretary to the Commission for Inter-

religious Dialogue CBCI, Delhi, delivered the key note address. In his message, Inomas exhorted that "it is the responsibility and duty of the elders to guide and help the youths." He also enlightened the participants on the integrated and inclusive approach on peace building which could bring fast development in the region.

After the keynote address, Rev. Fr. Chacko, parish priest Holy Cross church Dimapur, moderated the panel discussion. Shouka Khakhtio, SPDO Dimapur, Dr. Insong, counselor and convener DABA, Alok, stu-

dent of Hindu philosophy (vedas); Fr. George, Angami principal Holy Cross Hr. Sec. School Dimapur, and Joyce Angami, social activist, were the panelists.

Ms. Monica, coordinator, Peace Channel, had proposed the vote of thanks while Ms. Smita C was the MC for the programme.

The consultative meeting was attended by various NGOs, social activists, media personnel, religious and community leaders, youth representatives from various youth organizations etc. The conclave concluded with an action plan.

NAGALAND POST, 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010.

#### Consultative meet of people's forum for peace

DIMAPUR: Peace Channel, the emerging youth peace movement of the third millennium would be organizing a consultative meeting of people's forum for peace on February 27 at 10 am at Christ Hall, Holy Cross Campus, Rev. Fr. M.D. Thomas, Secretary to CBCI Commission for Inter-Religious dialogue, Delhi would deliver the key note address. All civil society and religious leaders of Dimapur have been requested to participate in the meeting and be part of this novel initiative to help our youth of the region.

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#### Consultative meeting of People's Forum For Peace

DIMAPUR, FEBRUARY 26 (MEXN): Peace Channel, the emerging Youth Peace Movement of the third millennium is organizing a consultative meeting of People's Forum for Peace with the religious, civil society and community leaders of Dimapur on February 27 at 10:00 am at Christ Hall, Holy Cross Campus, Rev. Fr. M.D. Thomas, Secretary to CBCI Commission for Inter-Religious dialogue, Delhi has consented to give a key note address. The consultative meeting will discuss on "Challenges and Changes of Youth Today: A Social Concern". "The decline of morality, prevailing lawlessness, tension and corruption of all sorts and outright practices of injustice and violence are the order of the day. We realize our individual role and moral obligation to intervene to prevent and initiate possible measures to redirect the trends and generate peace through voluntary welfare service wherever it demands", stated a press note issued by Peace Channel Desk Dimapur. The Peace Channel has invited all the Civil Society and religious leaders of Dimapur, to participate in the meeting and be part of this novel initiative to help our youth of the region.

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## “Changes, Challenges of Youth Today - A Social Concern” Peace Channel conducts consultative meeting of ‘People’s Forum for Peace’

**DIMAPUR, FEBRUARY 27 (MEXN):** A consultative meeting of ‘People’s Forum for Peace’ on the topic: “Changes and Challenges of Youth Today - A Social Concern” took place on Saturday, February 27. The meeting courtesy ‘Peace Channel’ was held at Christ Hall, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School campus, Dimapur.

The meeting in the form of a panel discussion had in the panel Shouka Kakhetu, SDPO Dimapur; Dr Moa Imsong, counsellor & convenor DABA; Alok, a student of Hindu philosophy (Vedas); Fr George Angami, principal of

HCHSS and Joyce Angami, a social activist.

The vision of Peoples’ Forum For Peace is to enable people from all walks of life to come together and work jointly for a harmonious living.

“Creating peoples’ platform for safe and open sharing in all districts of Nagaland, Networking with groups and institutions and facilitating dialogue and advocacy on issues of peace and good governance” is the mission of the forum.

“For the interest of the youths and general public of Nagaland, Peace Channel a growing youth

movement”, organized the meeting a note from ‘Peace Channel Desk’ stated.

Today’s theme concerned with the youth of the present generation – “the difficulties and the challenges they face” as Rev Dr. MD Thomas put in his keynote address. The reverend, secretary to the commission for inter- religious dialogue, CBCL, Delhi said that the older generation is losing its hold over the younger generation in

the society. This widening gap between the old and the young is observed in all sections of the society irrespective of religious

or communal denominations, the reverend said.

To bridge this gap Rev Thomas said, the older generation has to take the initiative to sort out the problem together with the young. He observed that the negative tendencies which are observed amongst the youth is matter of concern though he added “There problem is our problem as well”.

He said that the elder generation should need to update themselves with regard to the changes of the modern day imbibing new ideas in the

process, to try to bring about a solution. Rev Thomas said that the ever present “monopolizing attitude” of the older generation must be replaced with an “inclusive attitude” or in short facilitating.

“The past and future are not contradictory but are complementary and the present the bridge”, Rev Thomas said.

The conclave was attended by representatives from various NGOs, social activists, religious and community leaders, youth representatives from various youth organizations etc. It concluded with an action plan.

# Workshop to empower peace builders



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Director Peace channel, Fr. CP Anto briefing the participants during a three-day workshop cum training programme.

**DIMAPUR, FEB 4 (MNS):** A three-day workshop cum training programme with an objective to empower the peace builders and volunteers in the region was organized by Peace Channel at DAN training centre, 4th mile, Dimapur from February 1 to 3.

The programme held under the theme "Let children and youth be the messengers of peace" was attended by 50 participants including students, church members, and youth, highlighting the importance of involving children and youth in peace building activities.

The resource persons were Sr. Rupa of Imbimukhamsi from Raja Yoga Centre, Kohima, Dr. Biben Sharma, Peace Activist and convenor, Peace core team, Manipal, Fr. Saji Director DAN, Fr. CP Anto, Director Peace Channel and Rev. Sr. Bina of NIMS Kohima.

Fr. Saji Director DAN has urged the participants to be committed and involved in peace building activities. He also gave a brief insight on concept of peace building and conflict transformation.

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# 'Have faith as peace builders'

**DIMAPUR, FEBRUARY 4 (MEN):** A three day workshop cum training programme with an objective to empower the peace builders and volunteers in the region was organized by Peace Channel at DAN training centre 4th mile, Dimapur from February 1-3.

The programme began with input session by Fr. Saiji Director DAN, who inspired the participants to be confident and have "faith as peace builders in order to achieve holistic and everlasting peace". Later Fr. C.P. Anto highlighted the vision and mission, objectives of peace channel. He also gave a brief insight on concept of peace building and conflict transformation.

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In this image released to the press, Director of Peace Channel interacting with the participants at the three day workshop cum training programme held at DAN training centre, 4th Mile, Dimapur.

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MORNING EXPRESS, MAY 9, 2010

## Economic blockade, bandhs add to price hike

**IMPHAL, MAY 8 (NNN):** Prolonging economic blockade and series of bandhs taking place from time to time in Manipur have seriously affected day-to-day affairs of common people affecting mostly the capital city, Imphal. Prices of essential commodities are escalating at unreachable and unmanageable rates in Imphal. Traffic in the heart of the city has tremendously reduced owing to sky-rocketing prices of fuel added with non-availability in almost all the filling stations.

Shortage of petrol and diesel is a blow for the office goers and transporters with petrol pricing between Rs.130-150 per litre in black markets while a litre of diesel is sold for Rs.70-100 in the grey market. The LPG of cooking gas cylinder is between Rs.900-1200. People could not get fuel in some areas due to the shortage of supply.

Inter-state passenger buses plying on the roads were very few and these few transporters charged the fare almost doubled compared to the earlier normal tariff on the ground that the fuel prices has increased.

## Organisations criticize Manipur government

**DIMAPUR, MAY 8 (MEXN):** Different organisations while condemning the May 6 incident, have appealed upon the Centre to intervene and restore normal situation. Expressing its discontentment over the excess actions committed by the Manipur Police Commandos and the "Manipur Police Forces", the Dimapur Parliamentary Union has appealed to the Government of Manipur to restrain and not to commit any excessive action to the innocent people. It has also extended its condolence to the bereaved families of those innocent public who were killed during the peace rally on May 6 at Mao-Gate area.

Moreover, it has expressed thankfulness to the Naga society for extending their kindness to the Meitei community so that so they can live "peacefully and safely". In another separate note, the Nationalist Congress Party, Nagaland has strongly condemned the Manipuri commandos. The note issued by its General Secretary Mithoun Krose stated that it is the primary duty of any government to maintain law and order and also to protect the lives of people within its jurisdiction.

It also added that the public cannot be blamed for expressing their opinions by staging a peaceful demonstration. Moreover, it has accused the Government of Manipur that instead of safeguarding its citizens, it went out to suppress their democratic rights with brute force. It further stated that it is unfortunate that such incident took place when the GOI and the "Naga underground groups" are trying to find a solution to the long-

gest terms by all right thinking citizens of the Nation and the world.

"Through their treacherous acts of human rights violation, shooting deaths of three innocent precious Naga students and injuring scores of unarmed civilians, mostly harmless women, the perpetrators have only exposed themselves of their uncivilized, illegal and provocative attitude to the world while confining themselves only within the four walls of the Imphal valley," it stated.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha Nagaland, affirming its support to the victims of May 6 incident has flayed the Manipur Police. It stated in a note issued by its General Secretary Tenjen Ao and President Limalong, that the Central Government is solely blamed for the untoward incident and called upon all peace loving citizens of the state to step forward against the ban imposed on a genuine citizen of India in visiting his village.

Moreover, the Tenyimi Union Dimapur (TUUD) in its emergency meeting held on May 7 at the residence of its Vice President K. Koza has condemned the May 6 incident. Related to the incident, it has questioned the Manipur State Government: "If Nagas cannot live and move freely in their own land, how the Manipuris should move freely in others' land?"

It has also stated that it supports the TPO's stand over the issue.

The Zehangrong Welfare Committee Chennai has expressed resentment over the "unwarranted firing" by the security force and has appealed the Centre to control the situation by "directly intervening into the matter immediately". It has also conveyed its sincere condolence to the bereaved families.

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# 'Stop Shedding Innocent Blood' Naga women express solidarity; demands peace



Emilo Khuvung  
Khuzama-Mao Border | May 8  
Hundreds of Naga women converged at Khuzama-Mao border on Saturday for a peace rally and to protest against the violence perpetuated on women and children by Manipur security forces. Organized by the Naga Mothers Association (NMA), the rally was held to extend solidarity to those were killed and injured in the May 6 rally at Mao gate, demanding lifting of 144 CrP and vacating of Manipur command posts from Mao gate.

The rallyists held placards, some of which read "We want solidarity," "Stop shedding innocent blood," "We condemn shedding innocent blood, we want peace" and "Set us free."  
Former NMA president and advisor NMA Khesheji Chishi, in her speech stressed on the futility of killings and bloodshed. "Life is so precious and God's greatest gift, life is not made of stone or wood, but without realizing that the Manipur police have shortened the lives of our children. Every mother gave birth to her children to make them someone in life, but they killed our children," the NMA advisor said.

Questioning the Manipur government why Nagas cannot be at peace in their own home or sleep peacefully, she also reminded that the police are supposed to be peacekeepers.

She also called upon the Manipur Police personnel to have second thought before carrying out orders if they have any respect for their mothers. Stating that for a mother, whether Manipur or Naga, all are one and that the Manipuris in Nagaland are not restrained from anything, she added, "We treat the Manipuris in Nagaland as our brothers and sisters but we are treated as enemies in Manipur."

Alluding to the Mothers' Day, which falls on Sunday, Khesheji could not restrain her tears as she said, "Tomorrow is Mothers' Day and what kind of gift have they (commanders) presented us - the dead bodies of our sons."

Calling upon Naga women folk to work together and learn to share what they have in common, she also said that Nagas are known for their bravery and so they should defend their rights. "As you celebrate Mothers' Day with a heavy heart, we also share your sorrows and solidarity," she said in a poignant condolence message to family members of the deceased.

NMA advisor Rosemary Dzuvichu in her keynote address said that the May 6 incident has brought tension and traumatized the Naga women. Expressing dismay over the act of Manipur police, she said that women and children are always victimized whenever there is any conflict. "We are against bloodshed and we want security and protection of our women and children," Rosemary said. While conveying condolences to the family members of the deceased family and speedy recovery to the injured, she also conveyed a message to the Manipur government that "Naga women from both the state want peace."

Tripartite Naga women holding a placard in a rally for peace and solidarity at Nagaland-Manipur border, some 32 kms away from Kohima, the capital city of India's north-eastern state, Nagaland on Saturday, May 8. Thousands of tribal ethnic Naga rally against the killing of 3 Naga students and injuring scores of people on May 6 when Manipur police fire at the tribal people in a peaceful rally against the deployment of Manipur police personnel at the Mao Gate, the border town of Manipur and Nagaland. The Manipur police personnel are camping at the border to prevent the entry of NSCN-IM General Secretary TH Muivah into his ancestral village. (Photo/Caisii Mao)

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