

Citizen Committee to put up Manipur's Blockade issues to UN body

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Imphal, Jan 23: Citizen Committee Manipur is all set to put the matter of UNC's prolonged economic blockade at the platform of United Nations. Talking to this reporter Ksh. Shanta, a member of the committee said that the committee urged the UN body to play third party role to find lasting solution to the ongoing economic blockade in Manipur.

PM salutes Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, on his birth anniversary

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New Delhi, Jan 23: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has saluted Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, on his birth anniversary. "I salute Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary. His valour played a major role in freeing India from colonialism. Netaji Bose was a great intellectual who always thought about the interests & wellbeing of the marginalised sections of society. Honoured that our Government got the opportunity to declassify files relating to Netaji Bose & fulfil a popular demand pending for decades. Files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available on <http://www.netajipapers.gov.in>", the Prime Minister said.

Rajnath Singh's Son, to contest election

Lucknow, Jan 23: New imports and relatives of senior politicians continue to feature among the BJP's candidates for the Uttar Pradesh elections despite heartburn in party ranks and even protests against the party fielding "outsiders" earlier this week. A second list of 155 candidates announced today includes Pankaj Singh, the son of union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, the daughter of party MP from Uttar Pradesh, Hukum Singh. The new list also names Rita Bahuguna Joshi as the candidate from Lucknow Cantt. (Contd. on page 2)

Nemcha Kipgen, Vunzagin Vaite and S. Achouba resign from Congress

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Imphal, Jan 23: Congress MLAs Nemcha Kipgen and Vunzagin Vaite along with Vice President of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee today tender resignation from the congress party membership to President of MPCC TN Haokip. Some councilors of Wangoi Municipal Council also tender resignation to the congress president joining hands to MPC Vice President S Achouba. Nemcha Kipgen got elected as MSCP candidate from Kangpokpi Assembly constituency and later joined

the Congress Party along with 5 other MSCP MLAs. Vunzagin Vaite got elected as congress MLA from Thanlon Assembly constituency in 10th Manipur legislative Assembly. Both are expected to join BJP but as of the moment both denied to give any comment on which party they are going to join. On the other hand Vice President of MPCC S Achouba while speaking to media persons said that he resigned from the congress party as people of his constituency desire him to do so. He said that he have no apprehension of MPCC

denying party ticket to him as he had been contesting as congress candidates in the last many terms. He said it is not the party that will serve the people but it is the person who will serve the people. Source said that the Congress party may announce the list of candidates for contesting in the upcoming assembly poll before January 31. As of today a total of 94 intending candidates had taken candidates form for contesting as contesting the upcoming election and among this 76 had submitted the form to the party office.

BJP officially announces first phase lists of 31 candidates to contest in Manipur Poll

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Imphal, Jan 23: Central election Committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today officially announced

NE rebels ambush AR; 2 died

Imphal, Jan 23: Two soldiers of the Assam Rifles were killed and two others injured yesterday when militants ambushed a convoy near Jairampur on the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border, police said. The security forces launched a counter-insurgency operation immediately in the area and killed two of the militants involved in the ambush and also recovered two weapons from their possession. According to reports, the attackers belonged to the United Liberation Front of South East Asia, a joint platform of most of the North Eastern militant outfits, including the antitalk faction of the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Socialist Council of Nagaland led by Khaplang (NSCN-K) and Coordination Committee (CoRCom) of Manipur. Tinsukia Superintendent of Police Mugdhajyoti Mahanta said that 15 to 20 militants carried out the ambush. Meanwhile, a joint statement by the CoRCom and the ULFA faction claimed responsibility for the attack named "Operation BARAK".

the list of 31 candidates that will contest in the upcoming Manipur Legislative Assembly Election. As per official release, the list of candidates was prepared and finalized during a meeting of the Central Election Committee of the BJP held on January 19 under the Presidentship of BJP National President Amit Shah, who is

also the convener of the BJP Election Committee. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and other members of the Central Election Committee. The list of BJP candidates released is provided in the table:

Sl.	AC No.	AC Name	Phase	Name of Candidate
1.	2	Heingang	Phase-1	N. Biren Singh
2.	3	Khurai	Phase-1	L. Susindro Meitei
3.	5	Thongju	Phase-1	Th. Biswajit Singh
4.	6	Keirao	Phase-1	L. Rameshwor Meetei
5.	7	Andro	Phase-1	Dr. Nimaichand Luwang
6.	8	Lamlai	Phase-1	Kh. Ibomcha Singh
7.	11	Sagolband	Phase-1	Dr. Kh. Loken Singh
8.	12	Keisamthong	Phase-1	R.K. Shivachandra Singh
9.	14	Yaikul	Phase-1	Th. Satyabrata Singh
10.	15	Wangkhei	Phase-1	Yumkham Erabot Singh
11.	18	Konthoujam	Phase-1	Dr. S. Ranjan Singh
12.	19	Patsoi	Phase-1	S. Premananda Sharma
13.	20	Langthabal	Phase-1	O. Joy Singh
14.	22	Wangoi	Phase-1	S. Joy Singh
15.	23	Mayang Imphal	Phase-1	K. Robinod Singh
16.	24	Nambol	Phase-1	Th. Chaoba Singh
17.	25	Oinam	Phase-1	L. Radhakishor Singh
18.	27	Moirang	Phase-1	P. Sharatchandra Singh
19.	28	Thanga	Phase-1	M. Asnikumar Singh
20.	29	Kumbi	Phase-1	N. Mangi Singh
21.	30	Lilong	Phase-2	Md. Anwar Hussain
22.	31	Thoubal	Phase-2	L. Bashanta Singh (Bhim)
23.	32	Wangkhem	Phase-2	O. Hariadas Singh
24.	33	Heirok	Phase-2	Th. Radheshyam Singh
25.	34	Wanging Tentha	Phase-2	M. Hemanta Singh
26.	35	Khangabok	Phase-2	Th. Jadumani Singh
27.	36	Wabgai	Phase-2	Dr. U. Deben Singh
28.	38	Hiyanglam	Phase-2	Dr. Y Radheshyam Singh
29.	39	Sugnoo	Phase-2	Y. Jiban Singh
30.	49	Tadubi (ST)	Phase-2	Francis Ngajokpa
31.	52	Tamei (ST)	Phase-2	Z Kikhonbou Newmai

NSCN-K boycotts on R-Day celebration

IT News
Imphal, Jan 23: A press statement released by one Col. Isak Sumi, MIP, NSCN-K today said that the outfit will boycott the Republic day celebration of India in all over Naga inhabited areas. The statement said that the boycott call is a part of the people's struggle against India's illegal and forceful colonization of Naga country for three quarter of a century. It said, the crackdown on the voice of the Naga people for the last seven decades with sheer military might and violent repressions at the cost of more than half a million precious lives of the Nagas merely cannot be silenced or sentenced to oblivion.

The statement also blamed the Indian Armed Forces continues for marauding the Naga nation with abject terror saying that the Nagas and NSCN/GPRN in particular cannot allow any imposed colonial events to be hosted in the Naga soil. "Our silence and passivity only emboldens India to relegate the legitimate people's liberation struggle to a mere secessionist movement before the international community. "Therefore every patriotic Naga must have the courage to assert for the just rights and identity that has been inhumanly suppressed for too long. Let the whole world know of the suffering of the Nagas in the hands of one of the world's largest

democracy and expose the sham and hypocrisy of India's democracy tainted and concealed with one of the most excessive human rights violation since her Independence from Britain till today. Deploying lakhs of her troops in Naga country and armed with the most potent and draconian Armed Force's Special Power Act (providing immunity to Indian soldiers from legal prosecution) solely to violently crush the aspiration of the Naga people is the biggest blot on India's democracy and the world must be made known of her crimes against humanity being perpetrated in silence and isolation", said the statement of the NSCN-K.

Budget on February 1, no delay, says SC

New Delhi, Jan. 23: The government's annual budget will not be moved from February 1 to after the elections in states like Uttar Pradesh, the Supreme Court ruled today. The petitioner, an advocate named ML Sharma, had argued that the centre could seek to influence the outcome of the polls with populist spending promises. Election rules do not allow governments to offer giveaways or make any announcements that could

skew voters towards the party in power at the centre or in states. But the court today said that the union budget has "nothing to do with states" and stressed that elections in states are held so often that they cannot impede the work of the centre. "Throughout the year, there may be elections in different states, so should the centre not present the budget?" judges asked. The Finance Ministry began printing the budget

documents last week. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government announced last autumn that it would deliver its budget a month earlier than usual for the 2017/18 financial year. The budget session of parliament will start on January 31 when the government is expected to present the Economic Survey, which sets the scene for Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's fourth annual budget. The cabinet decided last September to merge the

railway budget with the annual budget, ending a nearly century-long practice. It also advanced the date of the general budget, usually the last working day in February, to ensure proposals take effect from April 1. The five state elections begin on February 4 in Punjab and Goa on February 4, followed by Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh (which votes on seven days) and Manipur. Results for all will be announced on March 11.

83 crores cash, 7 lakh litre of liquor seized in poll-bound states

PTI
New Delhi: Over Rs. 83 crore cash, 7 lakh litres of liquor worth Rs. 12.65 crore and narcotics valued at Rs. 10.30 crore have been seized, mostly from Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, by Election Commission-appointed surveillance and expenditure monitoring teams in the five poll-bound states. As per official data compiled since the announcement of polls early this year till yesterday, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed the maximum seizure of Rs. 79.13 crore (Rs. 31.65 lakh in old notes) followed by Rs. 4.05 crore from Punjab, Rs. 33.27 lakh in Uttarakhand and Rs. 6.95 lakh

in Manipur. In other illegal incentives suspected to be used to lure voters in these states, a whopping 7.36 lakh litres of liquor and over 500 bottles of canned beer worth Rs. 12.65 crore has been seized by Election Commission-appointed police and state excise teams in these states. In UP, these seizures were recorded at 3.95 lakh litres worth Rs. 10.7 crore followed by 3,09,351 litres spirits worth Rs. 1.14 crore seized in Punjab, over 25,907 litres worth Rs. 72.91 lakh in Uttarakhand, 4,605 litres worth Rs. 7.5 lakh in Manipur and beer and other hard spirits worth Rs. 1.35 lakh in Goa.

Appoint National Human Rights Commission Director General within a week: Supreme Court to Centre

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New Delhi, Jan. 23: The Supreme Court today directed the Centre to appoint Director General in the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) within a week. A bench headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar also asked the central government to appoint the members of the human rights body within four weeks. "You (Centre) will be in trouble if we start hearing this matter and pass some order. We are granting you four weeks to appoint the members. We hope and expect that the process of appointment of members can be concluded in four weeks," the bench said. At the outset of the hearing, the bench said, "Why don't you (Centre) appoint somebody? You have to do it. We are not going to grant you so much time." "We will give you three weeks for appointing the members and

you appoint the DG in a week," the bench, also comprising Justices N V Ramana and D Y Chandrachud said. Later, the apex court granted four weeks time for appointing the members of the human rights body after the Centre requested for some more time. The apex court had on December 2 last year expressed displeasure over inordinate delay in filling up vacant positions in the NHRC including that of the Director General of investigation and a member while directing the Centre to enumerate reasons for the delay. It had asked the Centre to make these appointments as soon as possible, saying, "How long do you want to drag on? Right from March 2014, there has been vacancy in the commission." "As regards appointment of Director General (investigation) when was the recommendation for appointment of a suitable officer made and by whom was it approved. The cause for delay

in making of the selection/recommendation may also be explained," the bench had said. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by advocate Radhakanta Tripathy who had said that the "commission cannot function without its chairperson, member and director general of investigation. It has become handicapped due to inaction of the government." He had contended that due to vacant posts in NHRC for a long time, the pendency of cases has been increasing. Tripathy had said that under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, NHRC is supposed to comprise a chairperson, who has been a Chief Justice of India, one member who is or has been a judge of the Supreme Court, one member who is, or has been, the chief justice of a high court and two members from amongst persons having knowledge of, or practical experience in matters relating to human rights.