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Th, Bishwajit of Thongju after the victory in Thongju Bye-election

## Overwhelming victory for BJP in Thongju and Thangmeiband AC Bye-election

**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov.24:** BJP candidates Khumukcham Joykishan and Thongam Bishwajit to got a thumping victory in the bye-election of Thangmeiband and Thongju Assembly constituencies by defeating the rival congress candidate. Soon after the result was declared BJP workers today celebrates the victory in front of their party office shouting slogans about the victory of the party. Some of the workers even dance with joy.

Khumukcham Joykishan of the BJP got a total of 12,104 votes while Jyotin Waikhom of Congress got a total of 10197 votes. Dr. Gurumayum Tonsana of MDPF who had contested in both the assembly constituencies in theis bye-poll got only 55 votes in Thangmeiband Assembly constiuency. A total of 72 voters goes for NOTA (none of the candidates).

At Thongju Assembly constituencies Th. Bishwajit of BJP got a total of 14605 votes while rival candidate Bijoy Koijam of Congress got a total of 11393 . Dr. Tonsana got a total of 54 votes in this constituency. A total of 78 voters optes for NOTA. There were no reject voters in vote the assembly constituencies.

**BJP candidate Kh.Joykishan defeats Jyotin Waikhom of Congress by 1904 votes ; Th. Bishwajit of BJP defeats Bijoy Koijam of Congress by 13212 votes**

## Bishwajit workers stones UNACCO school after guards fires towards them

**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov.24:** Large number of Thongam Bishwajit's workers pelted stones to the school of UNACCO at Khongman zone 2 today after noon after a guard of the school allegedly fire a round of gun shots towards them when enjoying the victory of the BJP candidates. Following the news more workers of Bishwajit throng at the area and started vandalising the school properties.

## People of Jiribam suffer due to non availability of Speed Post service

**IT News**

**Imphal,Nov.24:** The people of Jiribam are reported of suffering a lot due to non available of Speed Post service facility at the Jiribam Post Office, which is the only post office in the sub-division under Imphal East.

In a press statement issued by one Thokchom Birachandra, General Secretary, Lamlen Evergreen Club requested the Director Postal Service, Manipur to set a Speed Post Service Centre at the Jiribam sub-division which is 222 Km far away from the District Head Quarter of Imphal East.

He further draw the Director's attention that since there is no Speed Post facility in the area, the people over there is suffering a lot of problems.

## State Level Patriotic Recitation Competition held

**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov.24:** 1st State Level Patriotic Recitation Competition organized by Patriotic Writers Forum Manipur held at Manipur Press Club.

The competition was categorized as category A and B. While 45 students studying in class III to VIII and 42 students from Class IX to College and University students took part in the competition.

## Pawan Hans chopper crash in Meluri, Nagaland

**Kohima, Nov. 24:** Another aging Pawan Hans helicopter crashed in Meluri area under Phek district, Nagaland. As per report, no fatalities have been reported, however 6 individuals have been injured.

The 6 injured are believed to be Central team (officials) from the Natural Disaster Management Authority.

## Manipuri lady Artisan's Kouna craft mesmerizes tourists at sangai fest

**IT News**

**Imphal,Nov.24:** Handicrafts of Manipur have a unique place among the various crafts of the country due to having its own aesthetic and artistic value. Among the crafts, Kauna (Scripus lecustris) craft is most widespread throughout the State because of availability of abundant raw materials and demands from both domestic as well as International buyers. This particular craft has the potential for large scale plantation, production and marketing. Cities like New Delhi and Mumbai and foreign countries, like, UK, Netherlands, Germany, France, UAE and Switzerland are major buyers.

Angon Ongbi Kamala Devi, 47 years wife of Angom Dilip from Kongba Nandeibam Leikai is a success kouna craftsperson who had won state award for master craftsperson 2012 conferred by state commerce and Industries department for her Kouna craft " Phingarook". She along with her sister Oinam Chandani Devi, 40 years wife of Oinam Surendro of Tera Sapam Leirak are showcasing the various products of kouna craft under the banner "Yaiphabi development Association" at the ongoing Manipur Sangai festival 2015 at Hapta Kangjeibung at stall no. 59.

Various kouna made items on display include Lady's bag, Lukmai, Mat, cushion, Flower Basket, Mattress, Lady's purse, Jewellery box, Mora (tool). One of the attractive items on display at the stall is Sangai, the blow antlered deer, artistically designed with Kouna.

Kamala said that she had trained more than 20 people in the craft and is now providing employment to at least 10 persons of her locality.

Among the kouna craft items, she receives high demand for Mat, a much needed domestic item in every household of Manipur. She had popularized the artistic skill of Manipur in kouna craft in various craft exhibitions held at Kolkata, Mumbai, Assam, Delhi, Bangalore etc.

"Kouna craft has been a thriving businss for me as I can earn more than 10,000 per month. Kouna which is a main raw material for making various craft items is mainly procured from Nongpok Sekmai," she said.

## Transgender wants seperate treatment for them at Sangai Festival

**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov.24:** Transgender in Manipur face mental as well as physical harassment at the entry gates and washrooms at the venues of the ongoing Saingai Festival. They request the Tourism Department to provide separate entry gates and washrooms at the event sites.

While interacting with media persons at Manipur Press Club, Sandra Nandeibam, Brand Ambassador, Sana Ebemma, told media that they are facing social dilemma while visiting the ongoing Sangai Festival. Sandra said they are being harassed while they stand at the queue on ladies side at the entry gate. Security personals deployed over their send away not to stand among ladies using abusing languages, again if they stand at Gents' side they are facing inconveniences.

Moreover while using washroom in Gent's are being both mentally and physically harassed, complained Sandra.

Sandra further said regarding separate entry gate and washroom they the transgender had already submitted a memorandum to the Director, Department of Tourism with each copy to Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, GOM, Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East, SP of Police, Imphal East but there were no positive response. So, viewing the inconveniences, Sandra requested the concern authorities to make arrangements in the remaining 7 days of the mega extravaganza as well as in any social gathering events in future too.

## UNLF observes 51st Foundation Day

**IT News**

**Imphal, Nov 24:** Proscribed UNLF today celebrates 51st Foundation Day. On the occasion the Central Committee of the rebel group greets the people of the state and presents the group's annual report.

In the introduction of the annual report the rebel group stated the necessities of co-operation among each ethnic communities residing in the Western South East Asia (WESEA). It stated that it is on this believed that the UNLF has been working whole heartedly to strengthen the relationship between revolutionary groups of the region. Stating about the present state of the movement the Central Committee statement said that on one way revolutionary movement base on ethnic line has been crumbling down and those struggling for sovereignty of all the region too cannot march ahead.

On one hand, there is the degeneration of armed movements based on ethno exclusive character and on the other hand, there is also stagnancy in the struggle based on national liberation objectives.

Both the forms of revolutionary struggle have witnessed their weaknesses over the years.

The UNLF pointed out that the weakness of ethno exclusivist struggles has been the process of forging a new identity based on mobilization of villages and tribes which eventually ends up with leadership crisis based on tribal lines.

Another character of such struggles have been the consolidation of their own tribal unity and identity based on generation of tension with neigbouring communities in an effort to acquire territorial expansion. This has impacted on collective unity, said UNLF and added that the struggles based on such exclusivist model have ended with talks and agreement with the colonial power and their numbers have increased the recent past.

Even if all the nationalities in the region acknowledged the fact that a collective fight could liberate the region from the yoke of colonial power, the struggles based on community based identity have created a hurdle in the process of a unified collective struggle, stated UNLF.

The outfit added that instead of a unified struggle, the conflict between the India and WESEA has been treated as secondary contradiction and the conflict between the communities have been considered as the primary contradiction.

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