

Editorial

Imphal, Tuesday, November 24, 2015

The peoples' mandate

Both the candidates of BJP today got overwhelming victory in the bye-election of Thongju and Thangmeiband Assembly constituency which declared today. The peoples' mandate is significant for BJP. Opening account at two assembly constituencies in the state proves that the BJP is slowing winning the heart of many people in the state. Earlier, it was believed that BJP, the right saffron political party is not suited with the soil of Manipur. But the popularity of the party across the nation and its historic victory in the last parliamentary election under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi does have impact in the state. If one assess the political theatre of the state, the victory of the BJP in both the assembly constituencies of the state is not all surprising. It was expected but as the state is under congress government people at first assume a little bit skeptical of BJP winning in the seats. Media report during the poll campaign also suggested that the Congress party under the leadership of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi and Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam had put all their effort for their candidates in both the assembly election. But the result declare today showed that the mindset of the people have change. People wanted a change in the political party and people also wanted a test to the BJP. Having said so, both the BJP candidates who got thumping victory in the bye-election are all tested MLAs of their respective constituencies. They were disqualified under the tenth scheduled of the Indian constitution. Voters of their constituencies know them very well. Their popularity is one factor that lead their winning in the bye-election. Plus the political party they chose is also additional gains for their victory as personality plus political party is a major factor that people has been waiting. People want to teach a lesson to the Ibobi lead congress government for many reasons. Not because the Congress led government at the state has not done anything but because the discriminatory attitude and high level of corruption is not accepted by the people. But then there is still two years, the two BJP MLAs will be powerless in the house 60 with congress party having absolute majority. And before the 2017 general election come, the congress need to clean their hands if they really fill that they have to come to power again.

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National & International News

PM Modi invites Singapore firms to invest in Navratna PSUs

PTI Singapore, Nov 24: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday invited investors to participate in the proposed divestment of Navratna PSUs and sought the Singaporean government's help in building at least 20 smart cities. In wide-ranging discussions with Singapore leaders, including its Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and President Tony Tan Keng, Modi stressed on the idea to 'create many Singapores' within India. He also pitched for issuance of rupee bonds and infrastructure bonds in Singapore. Besides, Modi sought faster completion of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) to create a new economic block within Asia. The Prime Minister also invited his Singaporean counterpart to visit India, especially Gujarat to see with his entire family the Asiatic lion, which forms part of the symbol of Singapore. Singapore sought doubling of flights to India while Modi wanted the city-state to play a key role in upgradation of railway stations in India. At the media briefing about Modi's meetings, Secretary (East) at the Ministry of External Affairs Anil Wadhwa said there were broadly 14-15 key issues including skills development, urban development, tourism, civil aviation and financial services, that were discussed in the meetings the Prime Minister has had here.

based on financial criteria to give them greater operational autonomy. Wadhwa further said: "The talks covered a wide range of areas including defence and services, culture, economic cooperation and financial services. Singapore also returned a statue of Uma Parmeshwari, which belonged to India." According to him, Prime Minister said that if 'Make in India' is to succeed then skills upgradation is very important. "Prime Minister also said that Singapore can contribute a lot in urban development in India. The government has announced plans to build 100 smart cities and Singapore can work on building at least 20 of them," he said. At the briefing, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Vikas Swarup said the Prime Minister was asked last night by his Singaporean counterpart to come for an 'impromptu dinner' to a restaurant in Little India and to see the Diwali lights in that area. Wadhwa said the restaurant is frequented by the common man and Singapore PM said he had visited that restaurant 30 years ago and said it remembered that. "He enjoyed the dinner with our Prime Minister. Both the leaders enjoyed the spicy South Indian meal," Wadhwa said.

"The disinvestment of Navratna PSUs also was discussed and Modi invited Singapore companies to take part in the disinvestment of these companies," he said. India is looking at selling stakes in Public Sector Undertakings to raise around Rs 70,000 crore in the current fiscal. PSUs are classified into three categories - Maharatna, Navratna and Miniratna - mainly

5 Odisha men to hang for gangrape and murder of minor

Agency Odisha, Nov 24: A local court in Odisha's Keonjhar district on Tuesday pronounced death sentence to five accused in the rape and murder of a minor girl in Beklundi village in the district in 2012. Pronouncing the quantum of sentence, Champua Additional District and Sessions Judge court awarded death sentence to the five accused. On the day of the crime, the victim did not return home from morning tuition at Barbil basti. Following this, the family members launched a frantic search and found her body with injury marks about one kilometer from the village. According to reports, the deceased, a Class VIII student of a high school in Barbil, was attacked by some persons earlier also but her family had not taken the matter seriously. While five of the accused were awarded death sentence, two others accused in the case are yet to be apprehended by the police. The convicted are Mata Munda, Mangal Prusty, Jiten Munda, Harjit Singh and Biswanath Munda.

The communities in the region seem to be caught in a trap set by India, alleged the UNLF. According to the UNLF's perspective, the contesting tension between different nationalities and people in the region can be resolved through a collective liberation struggle which is the only way towards the future. Meanwhile, those who are fighting for the restoration of the independent status of their countries have also not been able to bring the unity of all the peasants, workers and oppressed classes under an ideology that could consolidate the ongoing revolutionary struggle. Due to this failure, there are incidents in which some people from within the revolutionary groups leaving the struggle as they possessed the characters of middle class serving their own interests, stated UNLF. There is the now the necessity of rectifying and strengthening the weakness of both the types of struggles apart from consolidating the pivotal relationship with the people. This is why, now there is also the need to adopt a guiding ideology

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Public appreciates AR Pavilion in Sangai Festival



IT News Imphal, Nov 24: 40 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) has established an Assam Rifles pavilion in the ongoing Sangai festival 2015, for enhancing Rifles awareness about the force among local populace. The pavilion showcases the history and contribution of gallant soldiers of Assam Rifles in Manipur. Being the oldest Para Military force of the nation, Assam Rifles has been assigned with dual role of internal security as well as border guarding along Indo-Myanmar border. The Force has also been executing numerous civic action and development activities in the State. The Assam Rifles Pavilion aims to impart knowledge to youth regarding the various avenues

available to them to join Assam Rifles and Army. Since, the initial days of the Sangai festival, large number of youth have shown keen interest in the stall and have got themselves registered for further recruitment into the Assam Rifles. All visitors have appreciated and lauded the well laid out Assam Rifles stall. As a token of appreciation, memento - pens inscribed with "Assam Rifles - Friends of Manipur", and brochures providing information regarding recruitment are being distributed by the Assam Rifles authorities. The Assam Rifles cordially invites all visitors of Sangai Festival to its pavilion and especially the vibrant youth to know about the immense employment opportunities available to them.

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UNLF observes 51st Foundation Day



revolutionary organisation. A humble appeal were also make to all the group inhabited in Manipur irrespective of small or big to support the struggle for regained of our sovereignty in a collective and co-operative ways describing the economy condition of the state were India made live us on captive economy the younger generation of our should aware the diplomacy played by Indian Govt. to continued their colonial rule and the future of the state also lies on our younger generation to make violence state. Last but no lease, UNLF had also pay the tribute to all those who sacrifice their live during their ongoing revolutionary struggle and asked to all CORCOM member to joined hands while framing a new policies to make a long run of struggle against the Indian government with these coming foundation day the central committee of UNLF, Manipur honoured to all the cadre those who lived their live in physically worst condition and taking part the revolutionary struggle with hand to hand on the bond of brotherhood with western south-east Asia (WESEA) based

based on the forces of historical experience of liberation struggles, stated UNLF. UNLF said that the annual statement has been released based on UNLF's perspectives on ideology, the foundation of revolutionary struggle and other related issues. Since, the UNLF were established on 1964 had meet different kind of challenges in the form of physically and psychologically the organisation will stand for sovereignty until their last breath, their will be no changes on their ideology and principle/motto. UNLF has also request for collective efforts to all the arm-struggling group for their same goal. Here , the organisation clearly mentioned that the proposal of public referendum was made on 2005 to central Govt to conduct a plebiscite, but there was no any official reply to the organisational and also blame the central Govt. were cowardice/ timid to conduct such democratic means of conflict solution. Further , the UNLF will continued the struggle with hand to hand on the bond of brotherhood with western south-east Asia (WESEA) based

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