



AR trooper abandons truck driver with Rs. 100 note after beating him black and blue

IT News
Imphal, April 4: A truck driver was reportedly assaulted severely by security troops of Assam Rifles and left him with a hundred rupees note at Heirok area. The excess atrocity was committed on April 3 on wee hour. Local club members of Heirok while condemning the inhuman act of the AR trooper urges the authority to clarify over the matter within three days failing which it said the club in collaboration with other civil society organisation will launch serious form of agitation and will forbidden



entry of any paramilitary forces in Heirok area in Thoubal district. In a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club, Secretary of Nongpoknganba Youth Development Association, Kishan Laishram said that troopers of Assam rifles who came in two gypsy vehicles forcibly entered the house of truck driver Boynoa Laishram who is around 20 years old at Heirok Part 2 at around 3 am of April 3. The AR then pulled him up without even letting him change his pant and took him along with them.

The victim Boynoa who was also present during the press meet said that he was beaten inhumanly by the AR troops asking him about the whereabouts of the weapon he had hide. When he answer that he did not understand anything that they were asking as he neither hid any weapons nor have any relations with any of the underground outfit, the AR troops took him at various place. Later he was abandon at Litan Wangma in Heirok Part 3 by giving him a 100 rupee note at around 5 pm. Kishan, the local club

secretary while taking to media persons said that the AR while pulling up Boynoa had not provided any arrest warrant and asked the authority on whether the security troop are empowered to pick up and torture civilian at any time at their will. He said the AR should clarify over the matter within three days times and if they failed to clarify the club along with the people of Heirok as well as other civil society will launch serious form of agitation beside banning of entry to the Para military troop in the village.

Voting begins for first phase of Assembly polls in Assam, WB

ANI
Guwahati, April 4: The first of the two-phase Assam assembly polls began today at 7 a.m. amid strict security in 65 constituencies. A total of 539 candidates, including 43 women, are in the fray. More than 95 lakh voters will decide the fate of Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and BJP Chief Ministerial candidate Sarbananda Sonowal. As many as 1,241 polling stations have been identified as 'critical' polling stations, 1,992 as 'hypersensitive' and 3,739 as 'sensitive'. The Congress Party has fielded a total of 65 candidates; the BJP has put up 52, and AIUDF 27. The second phase of the polling will take place on April 11. In West Bengal, voting has begun for the first phase of assembly elections in 18 constituencies amid tight

security. These constituencies include six seats in Paschim Medinipur, nine in Purulia and three in Bankura districts. 4,940 polling stations have been set-up for over 40 lakh voters, who will decide the fate of 133 candidates. 39 candidates are in the fray in Paschim Medinipur, 72 in Purulia and 22 in Bankura. 11 of the candidates are women. Voters at most of the booths were seen queuing up well before the start of voting at 7 a.m. As most parts of about 13 of the 18 constituencies are in Left Wing Extremist affected areas, the Election Commission has put up very tight security measures. The other six polling dates in the state are April 11, 17, 21, 25, 30 and May 5.

Villagers boycott election; turnout rate high at other places

Agency
Kolkata, April 4: More than 300 villagers boycott assembly elections protesting against unavailability of electricity and water in village Purulia, West Bengal. "We will not vote. Despite promises being made, our village has not received electricity and water. When nobody thinks about

us, why should we cast our votes?" asks a villager. According to Hindustani newspaper voters turn out in Assam recorded at 2 pm in 51%. In West Bengal until 1 pm voters turn out in West Bengal is recorded 62.15% in Bankura, 65.45% in West Midnapore and 61.95% in Purulia. The average turnout is 63.3%.

Free Health camp

IT News
Thoubal, April 4: District Health Society Thoubal in hands Democratic Students Alliance of Manipur Thoubal Council conducted a one day free health camp at the community hall of Thoubal Wangmataba Thong Makhong. The free health camp conducted under the theme Healthy Life Style was attended by Gynae and medicine doctors from District Hospital Thoubal. During the camp around 400 patient were provided treatment. Medicines were distributed to the needy.

Food security at CCpur

IT News
CCpur, April 4: Chief Executive Officer of Autonomous District Council has assured to provide provide 5kgs of Dal and 1litre each of Mustard Oil to the BPL families within a short time. Speaking to media persons today morning at his residence, the Executive Officer said that the measure is being taken up to implement the National Food Security Act. He said that act will be enforce soon at both the state level as well as at the district level to ensure that no people remain hungry any more.

'Modi is another Hitler of our time'

IT News
Imphal, April 4: Newly appointed President of the Manipur Pradesh Congress, TN Haokip today compare Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Adolph Hitler – the one time Dictor who had wage war to exterminate Jews community from the surface of the world. "Narendra Modi is not less than Dictator Adolph Hitler", Haokip said while joining a protest demonstration in front of MPCC Office at BT road Imphal. The protest demonstration is being held in protest against the undemocratic and vindictive actions of the BJP government against the congress ruled states. Haokip further added that if the NDA government led by Narendra Modi continue then the status of India which the world called the largest

democracy will lost its significance. Modi government is gradually converting the governance into a dictator ship rule that was once practice by Adolph Hitler who brought 2nd world War. He strongly condemns the undemocratic and vindictive actions of the BJP government to the congress ruled states such as imposition of president rule. He further

condemn NDA as not less than of the way that Hitler had once practice to suppress the government. He said that The congress party both at the centre and the state will save the democracy of the country from the clutch of the Narendra Modi. Ministers, MLAs and volunteers of the congress party participated in today protest demonstration.



1st Manipur Industrial Expo, 2016 begins

IT News
Imphal, April 4: Commerce & Industries Minister Govindas Konhthoujam inaugurated the week long "1st Manipur Industrial Expo, 2016" at Lamboi Khongnangkhang this afternoon. Works Minister Th Ratanakumar, Uripok A/C MLA L.Nandakumar, Lamsang A/C MLA W. Brajabidhu Singh, Secy of Textiles, GoI, Rashmi Verma (IAS), Chief Secretary of the State O. Nabakishore (IAS) and D.C (Handlooms, Ministry of textiles, Alok Kumar (IAS) along with the Commerce & Industry

Minister took part in the inaugural function. While delivering his welcome address to the gathering, Commissioner of the host department VK Dewangan (IAS) said the expo is a vision of CM O Ibobi to boost employment generations in the already unemployment ridden state. He said the Expo aims to promote the Industrial products, Handicraft, Handlooms, Agro processing, Forest products, Animal husbandry and so on. It is the first of its kind to organize such combination of

Industrial Expo, National Handicrafts Fair, National Handloom Expo & National food processing Expo in the state. There are altogether 630 number of private firms, NGOs and other different organizations with another 25 Government stalls are taking part in the mega expo.

Man suspected for killing woman ostracised

IT News
Imphal, April 4: A Public meeting was organised by Western Star Club, Women Welfare Assn and Development Committee at Langjing Achouba in connection with the murder of a girl who was found dead at Hotel Venus in Churachandpur. It resolved to permanently ban Pangeijam Riken Singh from the locality and warn not to give asylum by anyone in the locality. The meeting further agreed unanimously to support in any course of action taken by the JAC formed in connection with the murder of Pamfa Rai.

JAC demands punishment against murderers

IT News
Imphal, April 4: JAC form against the death of N Sophia today demanded punishment of the accused arrested by police in connection with the dead. The JAC also threaten serious form of agitation if the two are released on bail. N Sophia Devi of Thanga Salam Leikai was found murdered on February 6 at Thanga Hameibat leikai.

Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press club, Co-convenor of the JAC S Premabati said that the JAC had got information about the attempt being made to released the two on bailed. The two accused are father in law and husband of the deceased lady. The JAC also urged the Police to file the charge sheet at the earliest possible time.

All Congress MLAs of Manipur must unitedly call on Sonia Gandhi & Rahul Gandhi. Why?

By: Ningombam Bupenda Meitei
Manipur's 47 Congress MLAs must collectively, and not separately in small groups, call on Sonia Gandhi, the President of Indian National Congress, and Rahul Gandhi, the party's Vice President as soon as possible to deliberate and exchange views and opinions, which could also be quite contrary to each other, inside a closed door's meeting instead of giving public statements which appear to be at opposite poles to each other. Some public statements of the Congress members of Manipur, in the last few days, have not only made the common people of Manipur more confused but also helped very much in presenting the Congress party in Manipur in a more ridiculing state of affairs in public's perceptual minds. Even in Kerala, the party's high command under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi with Rahul Gandhi is intervening, not interfering per se, between the state's Chief Minister Oommen Chandy and the President of KPCC (Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee) so that the party led UDF (United Democratic Front) comes again in Kerala for a much better governance. The question is - Who will initiate and make a formal request to Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi for the entire CLP (Congress Legislature Party) members of Manipur, or the 47 INC (Indian National Congress) MLAs of Manipur, to call

on the Gandhis? Such initiative has to be responsibly taken up by none other than the newly appointed MPCC (Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee) President T. N. Haokip, along with the Chairman of CLP who is the Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh. Why should the Chairman of CLP and the President of MPCC collectively make the aforementioned formal request to the Gandhis? - is essentially to ensure that both the Manipur government led by the CLP Chairman, who is also the Chief Minister, and the party as a whole led by the MPCC President seriously desire, in the interests of the people of Manipur, to again form the Congress government in Manipur in 2017. But, understanding the views, which have already been distinctly displayed as contrary to each other in public, are of paramount significance as both the opposing views not only reflect the vibrant internal democracy of the Congress but also the logical and ethical questions of a principled politics in the political journeys of the Chief Minister, who promised but could not deliver his own publicly known promise on the 2.5 (or 2 & 1/2) years formula by his own MLAs, and the remaining ministers and Congress MLAs who pose logical arguments and counter arguments on both why such resignation is vehemently unappreciable and why Cabinet reshuffle should unflinchingly take place.

Logic and Ethics, which are the essentials of Philosophy, can resolve the conflicts of today's political dilemma of Manipur's Indian National Congress party which is unprecedentedly historic in modern Manipuri politics. Philosophy usually gives no singular answer, which perhaps could lead to diversified pluralistic answers and that unresolved grand solution may not be aptly pragmatic in concrete 'electoral' politics, and it also inquires further to question the questions to logically counter, as raised by some Ministers of Okram Ibobi Singh's Cabinet, on why they should resign or be replaced a few months before the election as that could give a public impression that either they, the ministers, were not performing or corrupt or could be both corrupted and underperforming. The counter arguments, logically posited by the Ministers, are questioning the question - Why should not the Ministers resign or be replaced, if not resign on their own, to fulfill the Ibobi Singh's historic promise to the Congress MLAs? - of the 25 Congress MLAs, who raised their voices to follow one man - one post principle in the party in Manipur and execute Ibobi's promise on 2.5 years of Ministers' tenure. While the Ministers and the 25 MLAs in the Congress argue logically, as both their views are logically interesting and politically significant as they further question the

morality and ethics of a principled politics of a political leadership of Okram Ibobi Singh, who is not only the Chief Minister of Manipur but who also has become more significantly influential as he has become a peacemaker between the two opposing, as publicly perceived today, groups - the group of Ministers and the other congregation of 25 MLAs. Ibobi Singh's rise as a peacemaker, negotiating between the two blocs, could be seen as his own fading political strength and charisma in 2016's Manipur, but it could also be understood as his further rising of concentrative political influence as he becomes a source and point of unifying of all the 47 Congress MLAs, whether dissenting MLAs or the Ministers, of Manipur before 2017, thereby marking himself as an undoubtedly unique, unrivalled and unitedly acceptable as one and only leader of the Congress, and indeed the *sine qua non* of the Congress in Manipur. The question is - Why has Ibobi Singh, a politician, failed to accomplish his own promise, political and not administrative in nature, to his own MLAs, of the same party to which Ibobi Singh also belongs, after 2.5 (or 2 & 1/2) years? The larger question is also - Can 'not fulfilling' a political promise amongst the political friends of the same party be a ground to question the ethics and moral principles of that promisor who also is in the same party?