



Voters exercising franchise during IMC election held today at 27 wards in Imphal



IMC Election concludes Sitting MLA confronts former MLA over proxy voting

IT News

Imphal, June 2: Sitting MLA of Sagolband Assembly Constituency RK Imo today had a heated argument with former MLA Khwairakpam Loken Singh at TG Higher Secondary School over alleged proxy voting reported to have been taken place at polling booth 24/2. The incident happen at around 10.30am.

Three candidates (G Bino of INC, Mitchellu Gangmei of BJP and Independent candidate Kalamchonglu Gangmei) are contesting in ward number 24 which comes under Sagolband Assembly constituency. Video footage broadcasted in local TV show MLA RK Imo confronting former MLA Kh Loken with their escorts and

Voting for the Imphal Municipality Corporation election was concluded peacefully today amidst general strike called by a rebel group. The election was reported peaceful at all polling booths of the 27 wards except for some minor poll related incidents. Voting took place at 189 polling stations. A total of 86 candidates are in the fray for 27 councillor seats and 129 candidates are in the fray for 53 wards members.

workers supporting them side by side. Police which rushed the spot faced hard time putting the situation under control. MLA RK Imo was heard shouting to former MLA Khwairakpam Loken about

one of his worker pushing at him. Former MLA Loken too charged the MLA of being pushed by one of his workers. Report said that even escorts provided to both the politicians sided with their respective VIP. Later, police drive them out of the campus and allowed only the voters inside the school campus. Independent candidate Kalamchonglu Gangmei and BJP Candidate Mitchellu Gangmei while speaking to media alleged proxy voting by congress candidate G. Bino. Both the candidates urged authority to conduct re-poll in the polling station. However, voting continues without any interruption after the incident.

ILPS demands protest underway

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Imphal, June 2: With the impose of 24 hours general strike by proscribe group KCP Poirei and Public curfew by JCILPS women wings, agitation demanding implementation of ILPS in the state, local club members, meira paibi organization and other supporters of the ILPS movement today also staged protest at various places here in the state. The kind of protest varies from place to place but demand is the same – “Implement inner line permit

system in the state”. At Imphal-Ukhrul road women volunteers of Khurai Lamlong Meira Paibi Lup and Yeingangkopi Meira Paibi Lup staged protest by blocking the road at Khurai Lamlong and Yeingangkopi area. Urging the government for implementations of ILPS in the state, protestors warned the MLAs of the All Political Party to understand the sentiment of the people. A large number of women Meira paibi of Sekmai, Lalong Bazar and Keirao also staged

a sti-in-protest at their local places with placards demanding the implementation of ILPS in the state. Shops and business establishment at almost all places including Khwairamband Keithel, Kwakeithel, Thangal Keithel, Paona keithel, Lamlong Keithel, Chingmeirong, Singajamei, Thoubal etc. remain close as a part of the protest. Most commercial vehicles stay off the road.

JAC against Anti-Tribal Bills resume campaign

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Imphal May 2: A public awareness campaign is being organized by the JAC against anti-tribal bills at Thanlon against the marginalization, subjugation and exclusion policies of the Manipur Government against the Indigenous Tribal populace. According to a press release of the JAC, a 15-member team will be leaving Lamka tomorrow morning to oversee the set-up for the same. Reiterating that the three bills-Protection of Manipur Peoples Bill 2015, Manipur Land Revenue & Land Reforms (seventh amendment) Bill 2015, and

Manipur Shops & Establishment (second amendment) Bill 2015 have nothing to do with the Inner Line Permit Systems (ILPS) which is currently enforced in the tribal states of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland to regulate entry of outsiders into these states with the intention of protecting the tribal lands and their unique way of life, the release states that the three anti-tribal Bills directly infringe on tribal identity, tribal land rights and tribal livelihood and are mere tactics to grab tribal lands by the state government, alleging them to be a tactic to take over the rights and entitlements of the hill tribes. The release concluded with an

appeal to all the tribals of the state to support the ongoing movement which is being carried out for the identity, land rights and livelihood as well as the very survival of the tribal people and not be swayed by the divisive policies and tactics of the communal government and its cohorts.

Keirao MLA inspects road

IT News

Imphal, June 2: The ongoing road maintenance of Yairipok to Waithou stretch of Thiyam Chingjin was inspected by MLA Karam Thamarjit of Keirao AC today along with officials of PWD around 8 am today.

Is Modi Govt. making Manipur Assembly's ILP as anti-Indian Constitution and for militia just before CM led team visits Delhi?

By : Ningombam Bupenda Meitei

Manipur's ILP (Inner Line Permit), which was passed unanimously by Manipur Assembly in the form of Manipur's 3 bills, went through a constitutional process as accepted and guaranteed under the Constitution of India. Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh is democratically elected Leader of the people of Manipur and, he is not a stooge to any other power which rejects and opposes the Constitution of India. Manipur Chief Minister with his Council of Ministers do not work for ensuring that the state of Manipur is controlled by elements which believe in destroying and replacing the Constitution of India. The democratic rights of the people of Manipur are very much inclusively vibrant and it is precisely the people of Manipur who have elected the present Congress Government led by Ibobi Singh since 2002, and it is the same people of the state who have genuinely voiced for the introduction of Inner Line Permit, which is constitutionally acceptable as it happens in other states – Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram - of India too, in Manipur so that the people of Manipur are given a constitutional protection under the same Constitution of India which is vehemently rejected by elements whose philosophy lies in rejecting the Indian Constitution only.

Just one day before the scheduled visit - as reported in Assam Tribune, **Manipur**

political parties team to meet Prez in Delhi, dated June 1st, 2016 - of all political parties of Manipur team led by Manipur Chief Minister Ibobi Singh, on June 2nd of 2016 The Indian Express carries an article - **Manipur: In frame, inner line permit campaigner with militant flag** - which claims that Manipur's ILP is not driven by the mandate of the people of Manipur through a constitutionally established Manipur Assembly but only manufactured through a controlled mechanism of institution which rejects Indian Constitution.

The article of The Indian Express has a series of illogical arguments because of the failure to maintain logical consistency in presenting the article. Its contradictions and the timing, hardly 24 hours before the scheduled visit of the all Manipur political parties team led by Manipur CM to New Delhi on Manipur's ILP, of the article being published clearly expose the nature and silently deliberate activity of the Modi government - which runs only under Narendra Modi's permission and knowledge - to destroy Manipur by blocking the ILP which is very much in existent in other states of India, and also to belittle and make a mockery of the Chief Minister of Manipur when he, and the team led by him, visits New Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Why is Prime Minister Modi silent on Manipur's 3 bills till now?

The contradictions of the write up are:
1) Can militia which rejects

Indian Constitution supports ILP which is guaranteed under Indian Constitution?

If ILP is engineered by a militant organization, then it clearly shows that that militia has begun to start accepting the Constitution of India partially, if not completely. And, if the militia has begun to accept Indian Constitution, then it shows the dawn of peace in Manipur. It is indeed a good news, particularly for New Delhi. If it is a good news for New Delhi, then how can it become such a tasteless news, just before a day of the Chief Minister led team visits New Delhi for ILP in Manipur? Why shall not Prime Minister Modi be happy to learn that ILP - which is constitutionally accepted under the Constitution of India - is engineered by elements which used to reject the same Constitution? Why is PM Modi not celebrating such a great evolutionary, not revolutionary, change - the change that militia which used to reject the Indian Constitution has now started advocating the rights of the people enshrined in the same Indian Constitution - in the approach of the militia of Manipur? Why is PM Modi not witnessing it as a clue to his office that militia too wants peace and joins India through Indian Constitution? If ILP is not manufactured by the militia, then who has manufactured and produced ILP? It is only the Manipur Assembly which has passed the 3 bills to be sent to the President of India. Manipur Assembly comprises MLAs and not militias. The people of Manipur have elected their own elected representatives to Manipur Assembly which is not a hub of militias but a temple of democracy. In democracy, to claim that what is democratically accepted and constitutionally passed in the temple of democracy - which is Manipur Assembly, in this

case - is engineered, manufactured and controlled by elements outside Manipur Assembly is exactly like saying that the people of Manipur still do not know the meaning of democracy even in 21st century and Manipur Assembly does not exist but, it does exist in mirage for New Delhi to justify the existence of India's democracy only but not for the people of Manipur who are the fundamental and foremost pillars of the justification for the vibrant democracy in India.

To term 3 bills passed unanimously by Manipur Assembly as engineered by militia will be as equal as saying that the entire MLAs - all 60 MLAs of Manipur are not Meiteis - including Manipur Chief Minister are nothing but subjects of the militia, and in turn it also shows that the people of the state are the subject of the subjects of the militia. But, the question is - are the people of Manipur subjects of militia? If yes, how come it has been throughout since 1949? Has the philosophy of India's democracy failed in Manipur? But, the reality is since 1949, there have been elections in Manipur consistently and that is a sign of a vibrant democratic system in Manipur and, it also justifies that the people of Manipur are very much with the philosophy of India's democracy. But, how come all of a sudden, just one day before the state CM with his team visits New Delhi for ILP, the people of Manipur have been made to become subject of the subjects of the militia by claiming that the 3 bills - supported and demanded by the people of Manipur, and later passed unanimously by Manipur Assembly - are nothing but “of the militia, by the militia and for the militia”? But, the reality is - the Manipur's 3 bills are “of the people, by the people and for the people of Manipur”.

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Manipur has the Highest concentration of Weavers in the country

DIPR

Imphal, June 2: Manipur has the highest concentration of weavers as well as the possession of loom in the country. The Handloom Census 2009-10 reported that Manipur has 2.04 lakh handloom workers (sharing 5.30% of all India) and 1.90 lakh loom (sharing 8.02% of all India), according to a press release of Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Manipur. The Handlooms & Textiles Section under the Department of Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Manipur

aims to promote the socio-economic conditions of the handloom weavers and to work for the harmonious growth of this sector, having implemented various promotional, development and welfare schemes for the better earning and wellbeing of weavers of Manipur, some of which are:

Margin Money: a form of financial assistance provided to weavers to avail credit facilities from FI/Banks. The amount so provided to weavers deposited in the bank account of the agency or SHG.

Youth hang to death

IT News

Imphal, June 2: A Nepali youth of aged around 22 was found hung on a rope inside a building today at Leimakhong around 5 am. The deceased has been identified as one L Gourav s/o (Late) L Rai of Leimakhong, Army Camp under Sapermeina Police Station of Sadar Hills. Gourav body was found by the locals hanging inside a building near his residence which is under construction. After conducting post mortem at INIMS, Gourav body was taken by family members.

Manipur Maoist appeals people to be cautious from propaganda to suppress ILPS movement

IT News

Imphal, June 2: Armed group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM) today appealed the people of the state not to be confused by the news story published by national media to suppress the peoples' movement for implementation of Inner Line Permit System (ILPS). In a press statement, the outfit said that since the beginning of the peoples' agitation to protect the indigenous

people of the region, government agents have been trying every effort to sabotage the peoples' movement. It said first intoxicated youths were sent out to sabotage the democratic protest and then later those agents utilized even senior journalist to convince the people that the ILPS demand will be impossible without another demand. The Maoist statement highlighted the number of

criminals who were elected in the parliament in 2014 parliamentary election. It said that these politicians are utilizing all their criminal mindset to end the indigenous people of the region. The so called politicians are playing dirty games to mix the peoples' movement with a group of people whom they declared as rebels so that the genuine cause could be diverted. Maoist warns the general public to stay away

from such tactful game and also asked to remain aware from the writings of paid journalists. The statement further said that in the so called democratic country of India the journalist and the media house are being asked to provide source of news. As it remain true that the indigenous peoples' are being targeted people should stand together to protect the indigenous people of the region, the Maoist statement added.

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