

# Editorial

Imphal, Saturday, March 19, 2016

## Electoral Politics as we felt

With IMC election round the corner, Imphalites will once more see engaging themselves in tough assignment for ensuring success of their dear and near ones. The changes seen in the last few elections showed that the functioning of the Indian democracy largely depends to the success of well setup political party. No doubt constitution of India provides equal opportunity to all citizens of the country when it comes to make their own decision on whether she/he can contest the election, if the criteria demanded to become an elected member is fulfilled. While saying so it is critical to comment on any citizens which is stated are illegible to get elected as the electoral process practice being underway is a real contradiction. It is being stated as the electoral politics happening in the country particularly in the state of Manipur is communalism in nature.

The emerging trend in Indian politics is that any candidate willing to serve the nation will get hardly any chance to contest the election if he does not joined any established political party beside being a member of either high class community. If in case her or his personality cross beyond other contender but chose to fight without joining any political party then he will be the most frustrated representatives ever elected. Point being noted here is that the present political set up in India now needs candidates to affiliate in any of the political party existed.

Before Narendra Modi, the BJP Prime Minister won a massive victory in the last Parliamentary election - The party however, was not interested in this part of the country - Particularly in the state of Manipur.

Since the massive victory, the fact remain that the election next time will be fight between two main party - one the BJP and its alliance and the other with alliance led by Congress Party.

Making alive the democracy is the need of the hour. And functioning of a democratic government is witness only when there is a strong opposition.

No doubt Congress is in power in the state for 3 consecutive terms. There are certain factors that many people in the state will be fed up of this government. But there are also many factors that people still appreciated this govt - except in some case. BJP's ex-facto to believe that it will form govt. next year is perhaps because the NDA govt. led by BJP is in the center and the congress is also confidence of returning to power as there are no qualified contenders (as they assume). The only fear is that there is a rumour of many congress men likely to join the BJP. And if that is so BJP might form govt.

This is about the political trend of Manipur which is largely depended to the changes happening in Delhi. It is however hard to believe on the tested and to be tested any changes that people of the region are expecting. Because whoever come to power, we earnestly request to abolish the treatment of Indians as second class citizens and the first class citizens among the countrymen. Yeah! we are talking about repeal of draconian act AFSPA

## Six killed in a landslide in China

**PTI Beijing, March 19:** At least six workers have been killed after a landslide struck a rubber factory in southwest China's Yunnan province. The workers were building a wall yesterday at the foot of a 50-meter tall mound, which was part of the rugged mountains against which the rubber factory compound in

Mengla County was built, when the landslide hit the area. The mound collapsed burying seven workers under the debris. The only survivor rescued was still in a coma after brain surgery at a local hospital, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Rescuers searched for survivors throughout the night the bodies of all the victims were retrieved.

## Two killed, seven wounded in suicide bombing in Istanbul: CNN Turk

**Istanbul, March 19:** At least two people were killed and seven wounded in a suicide bombing on a major shopping and tourist district in central Istanbul on Saturday, CNN Turk reported, the fourth apparent suicide bombing to hit Turkey this year. The explosion hit Istiklal Street, a wide boulevard closed to traffic that is lined with international stores and shopping centers, just a few hundred meters from an area where police buses are usually parked, a

Reuters witness said. Armed police sealed off the main shopping street where half a dozen ambulances had gathered. Forensic teams in white suits were scouring the area for evidence. Istiklal Street, usually thronged with shoppers on weekends, was quieter than normal before the blast, as more people are staying home after a series of deadly bomb blasts.

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## National and International News

# 2 Indians among 62 killed in Russian plane crash

**Agencies Moscow, March 19:** Two Indians are among the 62 people killed after a Dubai airliner crashed and caught fire early on Saturday while landing in strong winds in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don. Giving out the details about nationalities of those killed in crash of a FlyDubai Boeing 737-800, the Dubai Media Office said there were 44 Russians, eight Ukrainians, two Indians and one person from

Uzbekistan. The media office offered condolences on behalf of the entire United Arab Emirates for those who lost loved ones. On Twitter, the office said the entire UAE, a federation of seven emirates, offered "its deepest condolences to the families of the victims & to the Russian government & people." A list published by the Russia's emergencies ministry showed the Boeing 737-800 operated by

FlyDubai was carrying 55 passengers, most of them Russian, and seven crew members when it crashed. It was the budget carrier's first crash since it began operations in 2009. In a statement, FlyDubai confirmed that Flight 981 crashed on landing and there were no survivors. Four children were among those killed, it said. Vasily Golubev, the governor of the Rostov region some 950 kilometres (600 miles) south of Moscow, was

quoted by Russian news agencies as telling local journalists that the plane crashed about 250 metres (800 feet) short of the runway. The cause of the crash was not immediately determined, but Golubev said: "By all appearances, the cause of the air crash was the strongly gusting wind, approaching a hurricane level." The Russian emergencies ministry said the plane clipped the ground with its wing and caught fire.

# Jammu-Srinagar National Highway closed for third day

**PTI Jammu, March 19:** The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed for traffic for the third consecutive day today even as operations have started to clear the debris from landslides. "The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, which was closed on Thursday due to massive landslides triggered by heavy rains at several places along the highway, continues to remain closed for the third consecutive day today," SSP Traffic, National Highway, Sanjay Kotwal said. He said around 600 vehicles,

including 550 trucks, were stranded at different places on the 300-km long highway. "Some stranded passenger vehicles were cleared yesterday but around 550 Jammu-bound trucks and 50 passenger vehicles were still stranded at different places on the highway," Kotwal said. He said with the improvement in the weather condition, the operation to clear the debris from the highway has started. But no movement of fresh vehicles would be allowed today. "Our men and machineries are busy clearing the debris from the



highway. No new vehicles would be allowed to ply on the highway until the entire stretch is cleared and becomes safe for traffic," he said.

Kotwal said the Batote-Doda National Highway has also been closed for vehicular traffic due to landslides at two places.

# U'khand my priority, will resign if I lose majority: Harish Rawat

**ANI Dehradun, March 19:** With the Congress government in crisis in Uttarakhand after nine party MLAs, including a minister, joined hands with the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party overnight, Chief Minister Harish Rawat on Saturday asserted that the welfare of the state was his priority and added that he would tender his resignation if he was not able to prove majority. Speaking to the media here, the Chief Minister stated that the rebel MLAs should have spoken to the Speaker or the Governor separately before taking such a colossal step but added that he was ready to give time to the defecting MLAs to accept their mistake and apologise for their actions. "Around four to five rebel MLAs are in touch with us now and I am giving them a chance to accept their

mistakes. Their conduct was wrong and if they won't accept it then action will be taken. So far, five of them have contacted me," Rawat said. Adding that the Congress in the state was ready to prove majority in the House, he said that the ruckus created by the BJP after the adjournment was completely wrong and those who supported it were equally guilty. Lashing out at the BJP leaders for "misusing the central machinery," he stated that the Opposition was making desperate attempts to get rid of the Congress government in the state. "Their schemes will fail for sure. I will prove my majority on the floor of the House. I am a democratic individual and the moment I lose my majority, I will offer my resignation. The BJP is flustered right now

keeping 2019 in mind, which is why they are attacking our government," Rawat said. Issuing a challenge to the rebel MLAs, he dared them to prove their majority in the House and not 'run' to New Delhi. Meanwhile, following the massive upheaval, the Congress alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief Amit Shah, who are drunk with power, are using sinister means to destabilise elected governments. Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala told ANI that the duo of Prime Minister Modi and the BJP president have now become infamous for forcible evacuation of elected governments in this country. "First, elected governments are destabilised by a sinister conspiracy and then they are sought to be unseated without the will of people.

First Arunachal and now Uttarakhand. Modi ji and Amit Shah ji are trying to destabilise Opposition's government, particularly Congress Party's government," Surjewala said. As many as 26 BJP MLAs and nine rebel Congress legislators arrived in the national capital last night in their bid to topple the Harish Rawat-led Congress Government in Uttarakhand. A three-member delegation, comprising senior BJP leader Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Uttarakhand in-charge Shyam Jaju and party general secretary Kailash Vijayarajya met Uttarakhand Governor K. K. Paul last night and demanded the dismissal of the Harish Rawat-led government while stating that it was in a minority. The BJP staked claim to form the government with the support of the rebel Congress MLAs.

# Indian Professor appointed 56th President of ISA

**PTI Washington, March 19:** An Indian Professor has become the president of a scholarly group in the US dedicated to international studies. Prof T V Paul took over as the 56th president of International Studies Association (ISA), at its annual convention at Atlanta, Georgia this

week. In his address, which among others was attended by former Canadian Prime Minister, Joe Clarke, Paul called on international relations scholars to explicitly deal with grand strategies of peaceful change more effectively, especially in the context of the rise of new powers such as

China and India. Born in Kerala, Paul in his speech encouraged scholars with historical understanding to offer ideas for policy makers about which strategy produced conflict and which strategy generated unnecessary violence. The James McGill Professor of International Relations at McGill University, Montreal, Canada he is a leading scholar of international security, nuclear proliferation, and South Asia. In his speech he called upon the International Relations discipline to become the lead source of ideas for peaceful change and not to leave strategy to a narrow group of

politicians, their advisors and diplomats who sometimes lack deep vision or historical understanding. "The need for strategies for peaceful change is growing in a complex, globalised world, and with the rise of China, India and the resurgent Russia along with several other pivotal centers of power and transnational forces challenging peace, Paul said. He was ISA's Vice-President during 2013-14, founding Director of the McGill/University of Montreal Center for international Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) and founding Editor of the Georgetown University Press book series: South Asia in World Affairs.

# UNSC condemns North Korea for firing ballistic missiles

**ANI London, March 19:** Strongly condemning North Korea for test-firing ballistic missiles, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has ordered Pyongyang to refrain from actions which violate the UN resolutions. The council backed by Pyongyang's ally China in a unanimous statement said that all these launches were unacceptable and constituted a clear violation of UNSC resolutions. The statement in this regard was issued after the United States yesterday called a meeting following North Korea's move to test-fire two medium-range ballistic missiles. The Security Council had earlier two weeks ago imposed strictest sanctions to North Korea after it carried out its fourth nuclear test in January and fired a rocket in February. Samantha Power, the United States ambassador to the United Nations, said North Korea's latest launches underscore the importance of sanctions imposed which mainly

target's Pyongyang's mining, trade and financial sectors. "If anybody on the council needed a reminder of why that resolution is so important ... the North Korean regime just provided another one," the Guardian quoted Power as saying. North Korea's launches came a day after US President Barack Obama signed an order implementing tougher sanctions unilaterally by Washington outlined in the recent UN sanctions. Obama earlier imposed new sanctions on Pyongyang after its recent 'illicit' nuclear test and satellite launch. Meanwhile, UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon cited that the firing of two missiles were deeply troubling and urged Pyongyang to halt such actions, said his spokesman. Ban also called on North Korea to comply with the UN resolutions. Kim Jong-Un, the supreme leader of North Korea, had earlier this week ordered multiple ballistic missile launches and a nuclear warhead test drawing concerns about the regime's relentless move.

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES NOTICE**

Imphal, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

No. HL-286/C&I/2015: Last date for submission of application forms and online registration for participation in the First "Manipur Industrial Expo, 2016" to be organized from 4<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at Lamboi Khongnangkong, Imphal under the theme of "Make in Manipur Campaign for Employment Generation" is hereby extended upto 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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