

## Y. Erabot tenders resignation from both MLA and Congress Party; joins BJP

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** The veteran congress MLA from Wangkhei Assembly constituency, who had singlehandedly brought 100s trucks stranded along Imphal-Jiribam road during marathon economic blockade called by Hill base civil society in 2011, Yumkham Erabot has tendered resignation from the Manipur Legislative Assembly unable to bear the corrupt administration of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh. Y. Erabot, who is a critic of the Ibobi government, despite being in the same party, also submitted resignation from the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) and officially joined the BJP today.

The entry of Y. Erabot, the veteran politicians has upset some of the JP political workers who aspire to contest election in the coming legislative Assembly election scheduled in the early part of 2017, but state BJP leaders applaud the



joining of the veteran politician and organised a grand reception ceremony at its party head office located at Keshampat Nitapat Chuthek.

K. Bhabananda, President BJP Manipur Pradesh, Th Chaoba, convener of state election Management committee, Leader of the Legislature's Wing MLA KH Joykishan Singh, State General Secretary (adm) MLA Th. Bishwajit Singh, and State vice president M. Ansumkar Singh, State Vice President MD. A.R Khan, State General

Secy. Media N. Nimbus Singh, State Spokesperson N. Mangi Singh and Rk. Shivachandra Singh offered warm reception to the former Congress MLA, who had newly enrolled to the BJP.

Speaking on the occasion state BJP President K. Bhabananda Singh lauded Erabot on his sincerity, courage and honesty.

"If you tell me to name a politician who is honest, sincere and courageous then Yumkham Erabot is the only person", Bhabananda said. Indirectly hitting to Chief

Minister Okram Ibobi Singh for his unabated support to his nephew O Henerly, Bhabananda said that the veteran politician who had dedicated whole his life for the cause of politics has been victimized in the last 15 years, despite the fact that he got elected in Congress party.

"By joining the BJP after resigning from congress party, Y Erabot has proved that there is no place for honest person in the Congress party", Bhabananda added.

Y Erabot Singh, in his speech said that he chose BJP as the general public wants the government to bring a progressive change to the existing corrupt system and highly incapable congress ruled government in the state. On the matter of submitting resignation from the Manipur Legislative Assembly, it is being told that Y Erabot wanted to remain clean in politics and he does not want to continue as MLA as he was

elected from the party ticket. The corrupt and scandals in the Congress led government had made him decided to resign from the post and the decision was taken in consultation with his supporters of his constituency.

Yumkham Erabot Singh has been elected 6 times as MLA from Wangkhei Assembly Constituency as Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the year 1980,1984,1995,2002,2007 and 2012. He had served as Minister of State in charge of FCS and local self Government in 1980-1981, Cabinet minister in charges of FCS in 1981-1983, Minister in Charge of Public Health Engineering Department in 1995-97, Minister in Charge of Education, Social Welfare, Art and Culture in 1997-98, Minister in Charge of Co-operation and Commerce and Industries (2007-2012) and Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution (2007-09).

## MLA deceived public, only 2 of 37 rural roads black-topped so far -DYDF

**IT News**  
**Thoubal Sept. 12:** Reacting to a recent statement during a public meeting by the MLA of Wangjing Tenth Kendra that almost all rural roads within Wangjing area have been widened upto 20 feet and are black-topped, Dynamic Youth Development Front-(DYDF)-an association of youths from Wangjing and Kairembikhok have strongly denied the claim, cautioning the MLA to refrain from deceiving the public as the association claims that so far only 2 out of 37 rural roads have been black-topped.

During a press meet organized by Dynamic Youth Development Front-(DYDF)Wangjing yesterday, Secretary Chongtham Suranjoy disclosed that Wangjing Tenth Kendra MLA Panom Brojen recently claimed that almost all the roads and lanes around Wangjing have been widened upto 20 feet and are black-topped, adding that those lanes which is not ready to be widened will not be developed. Suranjoy also states that except for Wangjing Laikol leirak in which the residence of the MLA is located and another lane, none of the rural roads or lanes has been black-topped so far. Terming the statement of the representative of the people as deceiving and unfortunate, the spokesperson urged the immediate implementation of

the claim made by the MLA so that the long-suffered public of the area can find relief.

Suranjoy also said that the ongoing road-repairing work around Wangjing Lamding Municipal Council Area after PDA sanctioned Rs16.66 crore should be looked into as the number of roads mentioned in the plan differed greatly with the actual number of lanes and rural roads in the area with additional roads being added to the list, saying that the money sanctioned for the additional roads be utilized for the benefit of the public.

The Secretary of DYDF also disclosed that the MLA has indulged in unfair practices while dealing with distribution of food grains under NFSA. The scheme which was launched to ensure availability of 5kgs of rice for every members of a household above the age of 5 has been disregarded, instead distributing the allotted rice according to the Voter list. The Govt appointed Agents were not allowed to carry out the distribution work, instead handing over the job to the dear and near ones of the MLA. The spokesperson concluded that if the distribution of rice is not carried out according to the norms of the NFSA, DYDF will take up various forms of agitation with the support of the public.

## Erabot expelled from INC

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** Even as Y. Erabot had announced his resignation from the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee by submitting a resignation letter to the party office, the MPCC in an official notification has expelled Y. Erabot from the membership of Indian National Congress as well as from the membership of PCC member of Wangkhei Assembly Constituency for a period of 6 six) years today.

## Anand approved as PCC member

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 11:** MLAR K Anand who represent Naoriya Pakhang Lakpa Assembly Constituency has been appointed as the PCC member of the Naoriya Pakhanglakpa Assembly Constituency. An order in the regard has been issued by the Secretary (Adm) of the MPCC

## ID-UL-ZUHA greetings

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** Manipur Chief Minister O Ibobi greets the people of the state on the eve of ID-UL-ZUHA, highlighting the supreme sacrifice made by Prophet Ibrahim for the sake of mankind. He also urged everyone to be inspired by such sacrifices and work for the betterment of mankind and to spread the message of love, kindness and forgiveness for a peaceful and prosperous Manipur. Deputy CM

Gaikhangam also greets the people of the state on the auspicious occasion and wishes for a better Manipur. Major General VS Sreenivas, VSM\*\*, IG AR (South) and all Ranks of the Assam Rifles also extend EID MUBARAK with warm greetings and sincere goodwill to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of "Id-Ul-Zuha (Bakr-Id)". IG AR (South) described the festival as one of the most important festivals for Muslims

which is observed and celebrated as a festival of sacrifice and said that the festival may strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among the people. He also conveys his earnest message of peace, harmony and unity on this joyous occasion and wishes that the goodwill and harmony will bring everyone together for ushering in a peaceful and prosperous era. The state government have declared the day as a public holiday.

## Hunger strike enter 3 days

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** The fast-unto-death protest being underway by 5 members of the Manipur Plice Constable (Male) recruitment appeared candidates at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community hall has entered 3 days today.

## Had talked to Assam CM on border dispute: Sangma

**PTI**  
**Shillong, Sep 12:** Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma today said he had taken up with his Assam counterpart Sarbananda Sonowal the issue of resolving the inter-state boundary problem. "I have taken up with my counterparts on the sidelines of our meetings. I have also written a letter drawing his attention on the need for resumption of dialogue," Sangma told the Assembly during question hour. He said Meghalaya's stand on the claims of ownership of the

disputed areas along the inter-state borders has been very strong backed by proper documents. The chief minister was replying to a query posed by Hill State Peoples' Democratic Party (HSPDP) legislator P Pangniang who sought to know the latest status of the talks with Assam. Sangma narrated the steps taken by his government in the past which included a resolution unanimously passed in 2011 on the need to have a border commission. The resolution was countered

by the then Congress government led by Tarun Gogoi in Assam following which a new strategy was adopted, he said. Leader of Opposition Donkupar Roy said certain areas known as Block I and Block II were transferred to Assam in the 1970s. "We want them back. We do not need documents," he said. Meghalaya and Assam have at least 12 disputed pockets including the two Blocks in Ri-Bhoi and Jaintia Hills districts and the areas at Langpoh in West Khasi Hills district.

## Manipur Maoist extends support to Kuki Black Day Observance

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** Rebel group Maoist Communist Party has extended its support to the observance of the 13 SAHNIT-NI (Kuki Black Day) in commemoration to the deadly ethnic clash occurred in 192-1993 at which over 900 Kuki people including women and children were slaughtered. In a press communiqué, the

outfit said obstruction to the observance of the historic event by some UGs is most unfortunate. The butchering of nearly 100 Kuki people will ever be remembered to all the Kuki Patriots. The statement also said that till today justice has never been delivered to all those Kuki victim of the deadly clash and this proves that the genocide mission was

committed under the influence of the Indian regime. The Maoist statement also recalled the incident of September 13, 1993 at which 88 Kuki civilian who were on their way towards Taphou were slaughtered mercilessly. It also appealed the people of the region to jointly fight until justice is delivered to the victims of the deadly massacre of 1992-1993.

## Nine LBIs, one in each Districts have been established

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Sept. 12:** To support processing and hands on training, nine Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) one in each districts of the State have been established. These nine LBIs are going to play a crucial role in Make in Manipur initiative. Out of 22 Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) sanctioned by Government of India under ASPIRE (A Scheme for Promoting innovation, rural industry and entrepreneurship) Scheme, nine LBIs that is about 41% have been sanctioned in the tiny State of Manipur at a total cost of Rs. 792.48 lakh. Out of sanctioning 22 LBIs for the country, the tiny State of Manipur got the nine LBIs and about 41% have also been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 792.48 lakh. In addition, one rapid Incubation Centre is being set up by National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) in Imphal. By availing the facilities provided by these Incubators, people can get themselves trained in their chosen trades and become successful entrepreneurs. Moreover, the Commerce and Industry Department, Government of Manipur is all setting up one Common

Facility Centre (CFC) at a cost of Rs 15 crore each in every district for providing manpower training to the farmers and other related infrastructures. Farmers can avail these opportunities for manufacturing their own products. Diagnostic Study Reports have already been accepted by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India and Commerce and Industries Department has submitted necessary Detailed Project Reports. These CFCs will be area specific, that is, will basically be based on the availability of raw materials in the respective district. The proposed CFCs are as Floriculture (Dry Flowers, Cut Flowers, Aromatic & medicinal Plants, etc.), Senapati; Bamboo Processing (bamboo shoot manufacturing and other bamboo-based handicraft items), Chandel; Spices processing, Churachandpur; Fruit Processing, Tamenglong; Food Processing (lemon, orange, passion fruit, spices, chili, etc), Ukhrul; Pineapple Processing, Imphal East; Plastic Processing, Imphal West; Fish Processing and Fish Processing, Thoubal. In handloom sector, as per National Handloom Census

Report 2010 Manipur has 2.04 lakh handloom workers and 1.90 lakh looms. Taking the ratio of population with handloom weavers of the country, Manipur has highest concentration of both looms and weavers in the country with 7% and 7.5% respectively. The State has 6 working powerlooms and 5 training powerlooms. However, handloom has tremendous potential and advantages over powerloom due to domination of womenfolk in the handloom weaving in Manipur. Therefore, it is required to continue to give some more interventions in this sector for providing basic inputs and other allied supports of Government for handloom weavers. These measures would specially be warranted for some years more while observing the impact in the handloom sector from the Central Govt. schemes. The scheme was newly introduced in 2015-16 by merging all other general handloom schemes. Under this scheme, Clusters will be set up at Block level, having concentration of handlooms at the cost of Rs.2.00 crore each. In a Block, more than one cluster may also be taken up depending upon need-base with respect to the number of handlooms. The National Handloom Development Programme

(NHDP) has many sub-components, like, baseline survey/diagnostic study, consortium building, raw material, design development, product diversification, infrastructure (CFC), publicity & marketing, basic input, skill upgradation, construction of worksheds, solar lighting system, engagement of Cluster Development, Textile Designer-Cum-Marketing Executive and project management. The objectives of NHDP are to follow need based approach for integrated and holistic development of handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers, to support weavers, both within and outside the cooperative fold including self help groups, NGOs etc. towards raw material, design inputs, technology upgradation, marketing support through exhibitions, to create permanent infrastructure in the form of Urban Haats, marketing complexes, setting up of Weavers Service Centre (WSCs) and development of web portal for e-marketing of handloom products etc. Govt. of India has also approved and sanctioned 10 Nos. of Block Level Handloom Clusters in each district of Manipur in 2015-16 at a total project cost of Rs.16 crore to cover a target of 18500 weavers of Manipur.