

## Manipur Governor wishes people on Cheiraoba and Good Friday



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**Imphal, April 13:** Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla greets the people of Manipur particularly the Meitei Hindu community on occasion of the Cheiraoba, which is celebrating tomorrow.

In her message the governor said that, for the Meitei Hindu, Cheiraoba symbolizes the coming of a new year and it is a festival celebrated by every household with great enthusiasm and gaiety. The festival represent the transition where the old give way to the new with the rival of spring which makes the landscape green and rekindles hopes for a better life. The governor also wish all rededicate to strive towards the goal for bringing peace, prosperity and progress in every household of the state. She also wishes this coming year dispel the dark and bring light to State for a better future. Dr. Nazma Heptulla also wishes the Christian brethren of the state on occasion of the Good Friday.

She said good Friday, among other thing is a reminder of the compassion and supreme sacrifices of Jesus Christ for all sins of mankind. His message of love, forgiveness, truth and renunciation of violence, fanaticism or revenge should always be remembered by one and all, the governor added. She further wish to rededicate ourselves to the noble ideals of peace harmony and brotherhood espoused by HIM for better world, devoid of all evils.

## SC relieves SIT chief R K Raghavan to probe 2002 Gujarat riots

**New Delhi, April 13:** The Supreme Court today allowed the request of Special Investigation Team, SIT Chief R K Raghavan to be relieved from duty of heading the team probing Gujarat riots cases. Appreciating work done by the SIT, the court also allowed another SIT member K Venkatesam to leave the team.

## Skill Development is a must to empower the youths: CM

“Churachandpur JAC now demand Lamka district”

### DIPR

**Imphal, April 13:** Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh has said that skill development is a must to empower the youths of the State.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of a PMKVY Training Centre at Thangmeiband DM College Road (opposite ABC Godown) today.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is a flagship scheme of the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

The Chief Minister said that as per the records provided by different Employment Exchanges, the State now has more than 7 lakh unemployed youths.

Conveying that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has a dream to provide employment to every Indian, Shri Biren informed that the State Cabinet had decided to operationalise Manipur Skill Development Mission under Labour and Employment Department to make Shri Modi's dream a reality. He said that even private firms would provide jobs to many youths if the Government takes up the onus to give them skill training.

In order to promote entrepreneurship, the State Government would issue an order to all the Departments to effect the maximum use of



‘Make-in-Manipur’ products in their offices, he added.

Regarding State Government's initiative to check corruption, the Chief Minister said that the Anti-Corruption Cell set up by the Government had started receiving many complaints. Stating that some of the cases had been forwarded to DCs and SPs concerned for further action, the Chief Minister said that a Monitoring Committee would be formed to assess the activities of the Anti-Corruption Cell.

Speaking on Churachandpur issue, the Chief Minister said that the State Government is not in a position to fulfil the demand for Lamka district as raised by JAC Against Anti-Tribal Bills for the time being. He said that the State Government had told the JAC that the demand can be considered after the District Boundary Commission submits its report.

He assured that the government will not promised anything to appease some section of the

people simply by saying yes to them.

Education and Labour and Employment Minister Shri Th. Radheshyam and PMKVY National Co-ordinator Shri Hemanta Larma attended the function as the guests of honour and Manipur Medical Council President Prof. Sinam Rajendra as the president at the function.

Speaking at the occasion, Shri Th. Radheshyam observed that there is a need to give emphasis to train the youths as per industry requirements/demands. Organising skill development programmes for youths would not serve any purpose if they are not trained according to the requirements of the companies/firms, he said.

During his speech, he also mentioned about the importance of using ‘Make-in-Manipur’ products in order to promote entrepreneurship in the State. He further said that there is a need to impart awareness on various welfare schemes being taken up by the Government.

## Fitting tributes paid to slain PLA cadres

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**Imphal, April 13:** Fitting tribute was paid to the slain cadres of proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) and its armed wing People's Liberation Army (PLA) here in Imphal on the occasion of ‘Athoubashingi Numit’ here today.

Thousands of people in mourning clothes, including family members and friends of those killed in encounters with security forces, paid floral tributes at the memorial site located at Cheiraoching on the outskirts of Imphal city as well as at Kodompokpi and Tekcham.

The outfit observes April 13 as ‘Athoubashingi Numit’ (Martyrs’ Day) every year to pay homage to its slain cadres killed during encounters with security forces in a fierce battle at Kodompokpi in 1982 on this day.

Nine PLA cadres were killed by security forces during an encounter at Kodompokpi in Imphal West.

The Families Committee for Observation of 13th April organised the event after seeking permission from the authorities through a writ petition filed in the Manipur High Court to allow people to offer floral tributes to the PLA cadres at the memorial site at



Cheiraoching, Chingmeirong. Since last few years the authorities permitted the committee to perform the ceremony in a specific time. Personnel of Manipur Police took up adequate security measures at Cheiraoching to prevent any untoward incident during the event. All visitors were frisked by the

police and later allowed them to pay homage at the memorial complex.

The visitors also paid floral tributes to the statues of Manipuri heroes Bir Tikendrajit, Thangal general, Paona Brajabashi and revolutionary leader Hijam Irabot located inside the memorial complex.

## BJP wins Assembly by-polls in Delhi, HP, MP and Assam

### AIR

**New Delhi, April 13:** Counting of votes for the by-polls to ten Assembly constituencies across eight states was held today.

In Delhi, BJP-SAD alliance has won the bypoll to Rajouri Garden Assembly seat. Manjinder Singh Sirsa. He defeated Congress candidate Meenakshi Chandel by over 14,000 votes.

In Himachal Pradesh, BJP has won the Bhoranj assembly constituency by-election in Hamirpur district by a margin of 8,290 votes. Its candidate Anil Dhiman defeated his nearest rival of Congress, Parnila Devi.

In Madhya Pradesh, BJP candidate Shivanarayan Singh has Bandhavgarh assembly segment by-election in Umaria district by over 25 thousand votes. He defeated Savitri Singh of Congress. Hemant Katore of Congress is leading by 1241 votes over his nearest rival Arvind Bhadoria of the BJP in Ater after completion of ten rounds of the counting. Result is likely to come by evening as counting will be completed in 21 rounds.

In Assam, BJP has won the Dhemajai assembly bypoll. BJP candidate Ranaj Pegu defeated his nearest rival Congress candidate by over

nine thousand votes. In West Bengal, Trinamool Congress has won the Kanthi Dakshin Assembly bye-election. Its candidate Chandrima Bhattacharya defeated her nearest BJP rival Sourindra Mohan Jana by over 44 thousand votes.

In Karnataka, Congress has won both, the Gundlupet as well as Nanjangud assembly constituency seats which went to by-polls on Sunday. Both the seats were held by Congress.

Re-polling is underway in 38 polling stations of the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat. Our correspondent reports, polling is peaceful so far.

## Bhavananda, Ashab among others greets people on Cheiraoba

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**Jiribam, April 13:** BJP Manipur Pradesh President Ksh Bhavananda today greets the people of the state on occasion of the Meitei Hindu Cheiraoba. In his message to the people the BJP President appealed all community to live in peace and prosperity. He also wished prosperous life with the coming of

Cheiraoba.

Jiribam MLA as well as Parliamentary Secretary of N. Biren Singh led BJP Government of Manipur, Ashab Uddin also extended his warm greetings to the people of Jiribam on the occasion of Cheiraoba. In a greeting message, he wished Cheiraoba festival brings in love, affection and peace among different

communities of Jiribam.

Ashab message to all “Let us work together towards achieving better life and all sphere development of Jiribam in the coming year”. May this joyous festival of Cheiraoba guide us towards success and reinforce the message of fundamental unity among the diversities, Ashab added. (With input from JNN)

## Telangana Government to increase quota for Muslims, STs in state

**Telangana, April 13:** Telangana Government has decided to increase the reservations to backward Muslim population and Scheduled Tribes in the state. State Cabinet that met in Hyderabad last evening has approved raising quota to socially and economically backward Muslim population who will be referred as BC-E in the state, besides raising the

existing 7.5 per cent quota of the STs to 12 per cent in line with their population.

Announcing the cabinet decisions, Chief Minister Chandrasekhara Rao said the cabinet will meet again on 15th of this month to determine the percentage of quota to BC-E and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly has been requested to convene a special session to consider

the proposed New Telangana Reservation Act. Presently the BC-E category enjoys 4 per cent quota in education and employment in the state. The Chief Minister further said the new legislation will ensure reservations beyond 50 per cent in the state in line with Tamil Nadu. Increasing quota to BC-E and STs was a poll promise of the Telangana Rastra Samithi.

## Centre, ECI to reply on plea against use of EVMs without VVPAT

**New Delhi, April 13:** The Supreme Court today sought responses from the Centre and the Election Commission of India, ECI on a plea filed by the BSP challenging the use of EVMs without paper trail. A bench headed by Justice J Chelameswar issued notices to the government and the ECI and asked them to respond to the plea by 8th May, the next date of hearing. During the hearing, senior advocate P Chidambaram, appearing for the BSP, told the bench that use of EVMs without voter-verifiable paper audit trail, VVPAT in the elections creates a serious doubt about the accuracy of voting and paper trail was required

so that a voter can get a feedback of the vote cast by him.

He said, there were chances of tampering with EVMs as there were reports that both the hardware and software of these machines are vulnerable.

Intervening in the matter on Congress party's behalf, Senior advocate Kapil Sibal told the apex court that nowhere in the world, except in one country, these EVMs are being used, adding that every technology can be hacked.

## Amazon India Gets RBI Nod For Mobile Wallet

**New Delhi, April 13:** Online marketplace Amazon India has secured a licence to operate prepaid payment instrument (PPI) or mobile wallet in the country as it tries to compete more aggressively against rivals Snapdeal and Paytm. The approval will help the US-based giant to cash in on the

booming digital payments market in India. “We are pleased to receive our PPI license from the RBI (Reserve Bank of India). Our focus is providing customers a convenient and trusted cashless payments experience,” Amazon India said in a statement yesterday.