

Reception function of 39 elected members of WMC and CCpur ADC at BJP Manipur Pradesh office



## Guv' greets people on Khongjom Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 22:** Manipur Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla greets the people of the state on occasion of Khongjom Day to be celebrated tomorrow.

In her message, the governor said that Khongjom Day is celebrated on April 23 every year in Manipur remembering the supreme sacrifices made by our forefathers who died for the freedom of their motherland. Displaying tremendous courage and immense patriotism for their motherland, they fought against the British, the then mightiest military power of the world without even a thought of surrender, she added.

"On the occasion, while paying homage to the valiant heroes who felt at the battle of Khongjom and other fronts in the Anglo-Manipuri War of 1891, we must renew our vow to preserve and defend the sovereignty of our country and prepare to face any challenge and might come to our way. Let us forget differences and re-dedicate ourselves to the task of nation building. Let us strive for bringing understanding, peace and harmony amongst ourselves so that every citizen is free from wants", the Governor stated in her message.

## CM leaves for Delhi today

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 22:** Chief Minister N Biren will be leaving for New Delhi tomorrow around noon. Details of his schedule at the national capital are not available yet. However, sources said Biren is likely to hold meetings with BJP national leaders and apprise them of the changes in political scenario of the state in the aftermath of more MLAs and local body members from the Congress joining the party.

# 25 ADC members of Churachandpur, 14 Wangoi Municipal Councilors join BJP N. Biren led coalition Govt. sees hope of solving JAC –

**IT News**

**Imphal April 22:** The prolonged crisis in Churachandpur district over misunderstanding or miscommunication between the Government of Manipur and the JAC ATB CCpur finally sees light at the end of the tunnel with 25 elected members of the Churachandpur ADC today joined the BJP showing their trust to the BJP led Manipur Government. 8 bodies out of 9 which lost their lives during anti-ILPS bill protest in Churachandpur district headquarter on August 31, 2015 are still keeping without performing the last rite over loss of trust between the government and protestors. In a reception ceremony held today at BJP Manipur Pradesh Office complex, welcoming the 25 ADC members along with

14 Wangoi Municipal members, Chief Minister N Biren said that the new coalition government led by BJP is just one month and few days old. Within these short spans the government has taken up various programme for the welfare of the people and because of the kind of work seen without making any differences among the various communities of the state, more and more people particularly the elected representatives have joined the party. "If someone wanted to leave the smoky room to breathe fresh air, what is wrong in that", N Biren said pointing to those who criticize such joining. "Peoples trust to this government make us happy as well as worried, because I fear lost of this trust if one among us committed a little mistake",

## ATB CCpur soon

the Chief Minister said. N. Biren further said that the motto of the BJP led coalition government is to serve humanity with love by taking up developmental works. This government will not have any differences in caste, creed and religion. Of the 25 ADC members, who joined the BJP with a grand reception today, Khaipao Haokip has been elected as the Chairman while V. Khaikhanmung the vice chairman. Other members joined today are Langkhanpu Guite, Lal Hossan, Lalhmangpui, Selengmang Khongsai, C.T.Lian, M. Gouzamang, Puntulthang Lenzaw, K. Chonsei, Paotal Haokip, T. Paukhanlian, Grace

Zamneiching, Thangkhosuanmung, Hausuanthang, P. Kamkhohal, Ngamhao Touthang, Lalhrillein (Hrila) Hmar, Laldisang, Holjang Haokip, M. Chungpa Kom, Genneikhup Vaihei, G. Suanchinpu, Khaikhomang and Jamchinthang. The Chief Minister expressed hope that the newly enrolled elected members of the ADC will work together to built better trust with the people of Churachandpur and appealed them to break the trust deficit factors between the government and those agitating by keeping the dead bodies for over 2 years. He appealed the ADC members to talk with the ADC for bringing a solution and

also appealed to talk with the families of departed soul so that last rite of the 8 bodies could be performed to make them rest in peace. On various rumours spreading around about the stability of the government Biren assures that the government is running with full coordination with the coalition partners and there is no way that the MLAs from the ruling party will join the opposition. "MLAs of ruling party leaving the party are next to impossible", a confident N. Biren Singh said. On the matter of some criticism talking around about the package of Ukhrul district, N. Biren said that the package is very small and if someone thinks that it is more than we are ready to spend more for our downtrodden region. The Wangoi Municipal Council, Councillors joined today are Kh. Mema, L. Babita, Th. Inaoton, Ch. Priyobarta, Md. Iviyash Khan, Kh. Nilkomol, Ch. Minakumari, O.Jiten, Th. Hemabati, Ch. Thanil, Th. Brajamani, Th. Ibetombi, Ch. Yaima and Th. Ranjit.

## World Earth Day observed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 22:** As observed all over the world, World Earth Day is also observed in Manipur, today. Forest and Environment Department observed the day on the theme "Environmental and Climate Literacy" at Manipur State Film Development Society

(MSFDC) of Konung Mamang in Imphal East. Speaking at the function, MLA Th Shyamkumar appeals the teachers and students to plant the provided sampling tress at their schools and home. Shyamkumar also said that discussions are going on with the officials of forest and

environment department to save water resources and to protect the forest and environment. Shyamkumar assured that the state government will take up various steps and measures to save and protect the forest and environment during the observance function of World Earth Day.

G Tomba Sharma, former principle of DM College of Science speaking as a resource person at the function, narrated about the history of world earth day. Tomba Sharma expresses to the attendee's school and college students that only human being alone can save the earth planet.

Forest and Environment officer Th Shyamkumar also distributed sampling tress to school and college students who attended the earth day observation. Minister of Parliamentary Secretary, Home and officials of forest and environment department attended the function. Earth Day is observed worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection with a message to protect the environment. The day was proposed at the UNESCO conference in 1969 and the first earth day observation took place in the year 1970. The campaign theme for this year earth day is Environmental and Climate Literacy.

## Wangjing Tenta body calls for huge attendance at Khongjom Day event

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 22:** The Dynamic Youth Development Front, Wangjing Kairemikhok has extended a heartiest welcome on the occasion of this year's Khongjom Day and called for wholehearted participation by one and all at the state level observance. In a press statement released by its president, the front observed that all the citizens of the state must honour the sacrifice made by our valiant

forefathers who laid down their lives at the battle of Khongjom in 1891 choosing a moment of freedom over life as slaves. The front also appealed to the people of Wangjing Tenta assembly constituency to participate in large number at the Khongjom Day celebration being held tomorrow. It regretted the announcement made by a certain group claiming that people of the constituency will not be taking part in the celebration, terming

the latter's decision as an unfortunate one and motivated by low level politicking. Reminding that the essence of the celebration is paying obeisance to our departed heroes who paid the ultimate price in fighting to save the freedom of Manipur, the front in the statement informed that it has made preparation and is looking forward to participating at the event and paying floral tributes to the brave soldiers.

## Karbi Youth in Assam's Diphu Stage Nude Protest

**Guwahati, April 22:** Hundreds of Karbi young men belonging to as many as 24 student and civil society organisations carried out a nude rally through the Diphu town of Assam on April 21, demanding an updated voters' list for the Karbi Anglong district as per the sixth schedule of the constitution. They demanded that the coming elections to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), which administers the district, be held after a new voters' list is put in place.

The KAAC is run by the BJP. Though the council elections, held every five years, were due on January 13, state governor Banwarilal Purohit used his powers to extend the current council's term by six months. As per a state government statement in January, the state election

commission, which conducts the polls, felt it would not be "practicable" to hold the elections before January 13 due to "unavoidable circumstances arising out of publication of the electoral roll on December 2016". On April 21, in a press note, the protesters said the nude rally was organised because "The rules for the conduct of council elections have not yet been made and the obsolete and the defective rules of 1951 are still used by the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council as well as the state government." It said, "The non tribal emigrants have taken away political power of the scheduled tribes guaranteed by the constitution of India. So the scheduled tribes who were covered with a protective law are now politically naked. Hence, this naked demonstration."

On March 29, these organisations carried out yet another massive rally, dressed in their traditional clothes, protesting the non-fulfilment of the same demand. In a memorandum submitted to the head of the KAAC, Tuliram Ronghang, the protesters reminded him of the November 15, 2016, deadline they gave to the council "for revision and correction of the voters list". The organisations demanded that the process of framing and passing the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Districts (Representation of People in Autonomous Council) Act, 2017 and the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Districts (Representation of People in Autonomous Council) Act, 2017 must begin by April 3, 2017 and end before the KAAC election process starts or by April 29, 2017, whichever is earlier.

The organisations then said: "If the KAAC election is held without passing Election Act and Rules under Paragraph-2, Sub-Paragraph 7 of the Sixth Schedule and if name of illegitimate persons are not deleted from voter lists, the elections and voter lists will be illegal and unconstitutional and shall be liable to be quashed." Since their demands were not fulfilled, these organisations called for a 36-hour *bandh* in the district on April 10. The Karbi Anglong District Council was constituted in June 1952, with its headquarters in Diphu, as per the sixth schedule of the constitution. Since June 1970, many development departments of the state government functioning in the state's Karbi Anglong district were placed under the council. However, the norms of the sixth schedule were regularly

violated by the district council and the state government. After a student movement against these violations, a memorandum of understanding was signed by the state government with the leaders of the movement in April 1995. Since then, the Karbi Anglong District Council has become the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC). After the change, as many as 30 other departments of the state government operating in the district were placed under it. The KAAC consists of 30 members, 26 of whom are elected and four nominated, to provide representation to minorities who comprise a considerable proportion of the total population of the district. However, the issue of a "correct" voters' list is still a contentious issue. (Courtesy: The Wire)

## One day cyber security awareness program held

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 22:** One day cyber security awareness program and e-ways management system, jointly organised by National Institute of Electronic and Information Technology (NIET), Akapat, Imphal and Manipur Police Telecom Organisation (MPTO) at the office of Manipur Police Telecom Organisation at 1st Manipur Rifles was held today. P Doungel, ADGP of Intelligence; Sh Dhijamani, DIG of Telecom of Manipur Police and Th Prameshwar Executive Director of NIET, Imphal attended the awareness program.

Speaking the awareness program, P Doungel expressed the significant of mobile phones and the use of internet in the life of people. The awareness program will somehow benefit the Manipur Police Department, he added. P Doungel also expressed that there are different types of required equipment which are needed for the department that can easily track down when a mobile phone is missing, cyber crime related issues etc. including different types of software. Officials of Manipur Police Telecom Organisation and National Institute of Electronic and Information Technology attended the awareness program.

## AR ex-servicemen rally held

**IT News**  
**Imphal, April 22:** An Assam Rifles Ex-Servicemen rally which is the second such rally taken up by the paramilitary for the entire state was organized at Mantripukhri today. According to an AR statement, the rally would cater to nearly 1000 ex-servicemen, widows, veer naris and dependents of the ex-servicemen. The event was organised with the intent to connect Assam Rifles fraternity throughout the state of Manipur in order to understand their grievances

and seek remedies. Major General Virendra Singh addressed the AR veterans and dependents and elaborated on the schemes implemented for their benefits. The event was conducted by Headquarter IGAR (South) under the aegis of the Director General Assam Rifles. The programme featured felicitation of veer naris and WWII veterans, interaction programme, open house and pension adalat and distribution of wheel chairs and hearing aids to ex-servicemen by the DG AR.

**CONDOLANCE**

Karamon Salyait,  
Secretary General,  
AFOM

We in the Indo Assam Friendship Organization Manipur are apploved with the sad news of the sudden demise of your beloved father on 17 April 2017. All the members of AFOM condole on the passing away in the meeting of 21 April 2017 under the Chairmanship of K. Babal Singh at 5 a.m. at the premises of the Vice-Chairman, Takemayam Tomba, Khual Sajor Leika, Tinsaid road, Imphal East, Manipur.

We the members of the organization shared with heavy hearts the sorrow and grief of your beloved father. All are with you during this mournful moment. Our deep sympathies are with you and your distressed family. Challenges are ahead. We know you are strong and will surely ashore.

On this rocky day, as a token of respect and honour to your gone father, we pay homage of two minutes silent standing salutation. We pray for the departed soul to rest in peace in the eternal world beyond the blue -- the heavenly abode -- forever.

May his soul rest in peace !!!

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Kironom Babal Singh,  
AFOM
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Takemayam Tomba,  
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