

## No fresh violence in Kohima as prohibitory orders continue

**Kohima, Feb. 03:** Prohibitory orders promulgated by the Kohima district administration under section 144 CrPC in certain areas continued to be in force with no reports of untoward incident on Friday, after a day of violent protests in parts of Nagaland. Prohibitory orders were in force in areas including Raj Bhavan, chief minister's official residence and civil secretariat. Nagaland director general of police L.L. Douglé said the Police, CRPF and Assam Rifles have secured the Raj Bhavan, Chief Minister's official residence and the Civil Secretariat. A mob went on a rampage yesterday to vent their anger against the killing of two protesting youths in police action on Tuesday and their opposition to the ongoing elections to urban local bodies. Meanwhile, the Nagaland Tribes Action Committee (NTAC), representing different tribal organisations, has decided to proceed with the burial of the two bodies today. Earlier in the day the people from all walks of life participated in a peaceful prayer service in the heart of the state capital for the two protesting youths who were killed in police firing at Dimapur on Tuesday.

**Fire breaks out in accounts branch of Rashtrapati Bhavan**

**PTI New Delhi, Feb. 03:** A fire broke out on Friday morning in the accounts branch of Rashtrapati Bhavan but it was doused within minutes. No one was hurt in the blaze though some furniture was damaged. A call was received today at 8.45 AM about a fire in Rashtrapati Bhavan's accounts branch, said an official from Delhi Fire Services. Six firetenders were rushed to the spot and the fire was doused within 10 minutes. An inverter, a chair and a table were gutted in the fire. The cause of fire is suspected to be a short-circuit and further probe is underway, he said. A few days back a minor fire in the server room of Parliament House had caused panic ahead of the Budget session.

## State Congress announces candidates list for upcoming election

**ITNews Imphal, Feb 3:** Congress Central Election Committee today announced the list of candidates for contesting in the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly Election scheduled to hold on March 4 and March 8 this year. The committee announced all the candidates of the Congress to be contested in the 60 assembly constituencies. Interestingly, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh will be contesting from Thoubal Assembly Constituency while his son Surjakumar Okram will be contesting from Khangabok Assembly constituency where her mother was elected in the last assembly election. Another close relative of Okram Ibobi Singh field in this election is Okram Henry. He is the nephew of the Chief Minister and will be contesting from Wangkhei Assembly constituency. Earlier Y. Erabot was the congress candidate from the constituency until he resigned and joined the BJP last year. After N Biren resigned from the Congress Party and joined

**CM Ibobi to contest from Thoubal AC, his son Surjakumar Okram and nephew Okram Henry to contest from Khangabok and Khurai ACs respectively**

the BJP, N. Ratan Meetei aka Kappu will be contesting from Heingang Assembly Constituency. Some of the new entry that hurt the old time congress workers are Lishom Ibomcha of Keishamthong Assembly constituency, Khumukcham Joykishan of Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency, O. Lukhohi of Wangoi Assembly Constituency and K Sarat of Konthoujam Assembly Constituency. MPCC president TN Haokip will be contesting from Saikot Assembly Constituency while deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam will be contesting from Nungba Assembly Constituency. There are not much changes to the candidates of other constituencies.

**Newly enrolled Congress member L. Ibomcha to contest from Keishamthong AC; Kh. Joykishan from Thangmeiband AC; O. Lukhohi from Wangoi AC; K. Sarat from Konthoujam AC**

## Home Guard suspends agitation

**ITNews Imphal, Feb 3:** Manipur home guard has suspended its agitation to launch non-cooperation movement with the government of Manipur from this month following High Court order which directed the state government to implement the demands of the Home Guard within 3

months period starting from January 12 this year. Speaking to media persons, spokesperson of Manipur Home Guard Employees Welfare Association said that the announcement to restrain from election duty by the home guard has been suspended after the Manipur High Court had passed an

order on January 12 this year to fulfill the demand of the Home guard within three months time. At present there are 2158 Home Guards personnel are being deployed. They have been demanding increment of their salary and also to form a separate battalion for Home Guard.

## Maoist lambasts state govt. for not taking action against group responsible for killing workers

**ITNews Imphal, Feb 3:** While condemning the silence of civil society and human rights organizations over the killing of two workers in the state by armed group ensuing suspension of operation, rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur today said that the state government is protecting the armed group involved in the killing of the two workers. In a statement, the outfit said

that even as two persons belonging to the outfit has been announced wanted, the group where they belong to is being let free without taking up any action. It said the other armed group ensuing SoO with the government who allegedly killed the two workers is also let free without taking up any action. The statement further said that the state government has been blaming the center over its failure to act on the prolonged

economic blockade as NSCN-IM is presently ensuing peace talk with the government of India. However, even after knowing that the killing of two workers is being taken place in the nose of the state government by a group ensuing SoO with the government of Manipur, no action has been taken place. Te outfit appealed the people to award punishment to the group responsible for the killing of the workers.

## Nagaland violence: Centre sensitive about North-East, says MoS Defence

**ANI New Delhi, Feb 3:** Asserting that the Centre is extremely sensitive about the security of the north-eastern states, Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhamre on Friday said that the ruling dispensation has taken all steps to combat the ongoing violence in Kohima. Retorting to the insurgence of violence in Nagaland's capital city, Bhamre said that the Centre has provided all arrangements to pacify the situation. "We are well aware about the situation in the north-east, the Prime Minister and Defence Minister are very sensitive regarding all problems of the

north-east whether it concerns the security of the north-east area, the border area as well as the overall developmental work of the north-east," Bhamre told ANI. "So, we are well aware of that and we have taken due precaution and I assure from the Defence Ministry to the people of north-east that we are very sensitive about their security and we have provided all arrangements like the Army and the Air Force," he added. Echoing similar sentiments, Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju urged the agitators to make peace and share their grievances with the government.

"Have to save the Nagaland Chief Minister. We understand people's sentiments but it is not right to attack the Cabinet. I Appeal to people to talk to the government," tweeted Rijiju. Curfew and Section 144 continues to remain imposed in Dimapur and Kohima districts after a clash between the state police and a mob broke out against the state government's decision to hold an election to urban local bodies (ULBs). Angry with the state government for deciding to hold polls on February 1 despite an earlier deal to postpone the election by two

## Y Erabot expressed concerned over tripartite talk

**ITNews Imphal, Feb 3:** Former MLA of Wangkhei Assembly Constituency Yumkham Erabot has expressed concerned that there might be disruptions in the upcoming assembly election if the tripartite talk fails, which is going to begin from today. Speaking during election campaign rally held today at Wangkhei Assembly Constituency in connection with the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly Election which falls March 4 and March 8 this year, Y Erabot said that the ongoing economic blockade is the second longest in the world. It is very unfortunate that the state government is blaming the centre rather than taking



up necessary steps to end the so long economic blockade at the earliest, he added. Urging the state government to take full advantage of the tripartite talk, Y Erabot also said that the state government should give the main priority to their public which have been facing the huge impact of the ongoing indefinite

blockade and should work on behalf of the public to end the issues. Meanwhile, the tripartite talk with the centre, representatives of Manipur Government and UNC which will held today at New Delhi to resolve the issue of economic blockade by UNC has been convened by Union Home Ministry of India looking at the misery faced by the people of Manipur State due to the indefinite economic blockade which began from November 1 of 2016. Mention may be that the economic blockade has led to the price hike of essential commodities, food items, daily needs and even limited stocks with unavailability of medical related items and materials in the market at current state.

## Lottery for broadcast time slot held

**DIPR Imphal, Feb. 3:** Lottery for reservation of time slot for broadcast timing allotted to different political parties for the ensuing 11<sup>th</sup> General Election to Manipur Legislative Assembly, 2017 by Election Commission of India was held today at Conference Hall of Old Secretariat, South Block. The lottery was conducted under the supervision of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan and attended by State Nodal Officer (Co-ordination and Observer), Shri Ngangom Uttam, representatives from DDK Imphal, AIR Imphal and representatives from 8 (Eight) recognised political parties. On the other hand, representative

of Bahujan Samaj Party skipped the lottery. The broadcast timing for DDK Imphal starts from 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 and ends at 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 from 4.30 pm to 6 pm daily (excluding Sundays). The broadcast timing for AIR Imphal starts from 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 and ends at 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 between 6.40 am till 7.30 am and 6.25 pm to 7.25 pm daily (excluding Sundays). Indian National Congress (INC) has been allotted 254 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal and AIR Imphal. All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) has been allotted 129 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal and AIR Imphal. Naga People's Front (NPF) has been allotted 82 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal

and AIR Imphal. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has been allotted 81 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal and AIR Imphal. Communist Party of India (CPI) has been allotted 74 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal and AIR Imphal. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been allotted 55 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal and AIR Imphal. Meanwhile Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), People Democratic Alliance (PDA) have been allotted 45 mins each broadcast time in DDK Imphal and AIR Imphal. The time slot has been allotted according to the performance of the political parties in last general election.

## Bike-borne assailants shoot at Bengaluru politician in open daylight

**Bengaluru, Feb. 03:** Two bike-borne assailants shot at Srinivas Kadabagere, the president of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC), Bengaluru, on Friday afternoon, at Kogilu cross, on Ballary Road, leading to Kempegowda International Airport. Initial reports suggest that while Srinivas was travelling in his official car, the attackers opened

fire at him. A total of six rounds are said to have been fired, out of which two hit Srinivas. Srinivas is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital. The hospital is yet to provide a medical status to the police. A team comprising senior

officers, including city police commissioner Praveen Sood, are on the spot. Senior police officers said that PS Harsha, deputy commissioner of police, north-east has been given charge of investigation and some special teams have been formed to nab the attackers.

## Army deployed in wake of violent protests over ongoing ULB elections in Nagaland

**Kohima, Feb. 03:** In Nagaland, five columns of army have been deployed in wake of anti-Urban Local Bodies poll agitation. Violent mobs went on the rampage in the state capital Kohima to vent their anger against ongoing elections to urban local bodies. The mobs vandalised and set on fire government offices and vehicles. Army sources said, five columns, each comprising between 50 and 70 personnel, have been pressed into service to contain the situation. Activists of several tribal groups vandalised the State Election Commission and Deputy Commissioner's office and set ablaze the Kohima

Municipal Council building. Sources said, the Regional Transport office and that of the Excise Department were also set ablaze by violent mobs demanding the resignation of Chief Minister TR Zeliang and his entire cabinet for going ahead with the polls despite opposition from powerful tribal groups that are against 33 per cent reservation for women in the municipal bodies. Meanwhile, Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang has rejected the demand for his governments resignation following the death of two persons in anti-ULB poll agitation in Dimapur and appealed to the people to stop violence and not fall prey to rumour mongers.