

O Ibobi supporters kick off election campaign at Thoubal AC

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Imphal, Feb 5: Supporters of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, who is contesting the upcoming assembly election from Thoubal Assembly Constituency, today kick start election campaign at Thoubal Athokpam Awang Leikai. Even though Chief Minister Ibobi could was not present, his supporters conducted house to house campaign at Polling Number 31/38 and 31/39. Chief organizer of Thoubal district Congress Committee Seva, Khaimed Munindro led the house campaign for the Chief Minister. Talking to media persons the Chief organizer said that the campaign is being organize to show that people of the constituency still stands and support Chief Minister Okram Ibobi.

He added that people of the constituency will keep supporting Okram Ibobi to let him take up more developmental programme of the state by becoming Chief Minister for another term.

Rebels attack AF camp at Sagolmang

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Imphal, Feb 5: Suspected rebel group yesterday fired several round to gunshot to the SF camp located at Sagolmang at around 11.30 pm yesterday. Source said that the army personnel present at the camp to retaliated gun shots towards the rebel group. The rebel group too escape from the site. Another source said that the army after the attack use search lamp whole the night and look for the cadres. No official report about the firing has been sent out.

BJP kicks start election campaign with slashing criticism to Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress Govt

Ram Madhav calls Ibobi led Congress govt. as Mr. 10% govt.

IT News
Imphal, Feb 5: National General Secretary of BJP and in charge of North East state Ram Madhav today gave slashing criticism to Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress government comparing him as Pakistani leader Asif Ali Zardari, who is known as Mr. 10%.

"There is a leader in our neighbouring country Pakistan called Asif Ali Zardari, he had a notorious reputation, he is called as Mr. 10%. The Chief Minister of Manipur also enjoyed the same dubious reputation of Mr. 10%", said Ram Madhav. Charging Okram Ibobi as the most corrupt Chief Minister, the BJP leader said that Manipur is the third least developed state in the country next to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, besides having huge resource for development. He further said that besides the enormous resources, the government of

India has been giving money to the government of Manipur, but all the money are with Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh leaving the people of Manipur as poor people.

"A continuous loot and continuous destruction of 15 years has led to esthetic human development indices in the state, highest unemployment in the state", Ram Madhav said. He further added that there were around 7 lakhs unemployed youth in the state but in the last fifteen years the figure of unemployed youth in the state has doubled.

On education sector, the BJP general secretary said that government schools in the state do not function and charged the Congress government of looting public properties in the name of teaching.

"There are teachers but no students, there are students but no teacher, everything is

a scam here", Madhav decried.

On development projects, the BJP leaders said that dams constructions here in the state of Manipur has been pending for decades. He further added that crores of rupees sanction for taking up various project in the state has not been taken up and the money has gone to the pocket of Okram Ibobi.

Ram Madhav also criticized Okram Ibobi Singh Congress government over failure to provide save drinking water to the people of the state besides having abundant water resource in the state.

"The government which is in power is not able to provide water to 85% of the people of the state in these 15 years of congress rule", BJP general secretary Ram Madhav said. Ram Madhav also questioned the Ibobi govt. on the whereabouts of Rs. 450 crore which has been sanctioned for cleaning of the

Loktak lake phumdis.

Comparing O Ibobi as Bihar Chief Minister Laloo Prasad, Ram Madhav called Ibobi as 'Phumdi Chor'.

On health care services, Mr Madhav said that if someone in the government fall sick the government gave Rupees 2 crore for treatment at America but a poor employee fall sick their medical bills remain pending.



'We are committed to absolute territorial integrity of Manipur'

IT News
Imphal, Feb 5: BJP General Secretary, also in charge of North East region, Ram Madhav today clarified that the BJP is in no way going with the NPF in the upcoming state Assembly Election. Talking to reporters the BJP leader said that there is no way that the BJP go hands in hands with the NPF.

"In fact in the hills, the main rival of NPF in many seats is going to be the BJP. At many assembly constituencies in the hills there will be straight fight between the BJP and the NPF", Ram Madhav said. He further stated that if BJP comes to power they will make blockade and bandh free Manipur. Alleging the Ibobi

Government of failing over running good administration, Ram Madhav said that in 15 years of Congress rule led by Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, the state witness a total of 600 bandhs and blockade. The BJP leader said that the BJP poll plank of the state will be Change, development and progress.

BJP blames Ibobi of smuggling narcotics

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Imphal, Feb 5: BJP general Secretary, Ram Mahav charge Chief Minister Okram Ibobi of encouraging narcotic smugglers in the state that spoils careers of thousands of youths.

Talking to reporters, Ram Madhav said that Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress

government has been encouraging smuggling of narcotic items by not implying the laws for punishment of those involved. He said that there is an allegation that one of his relative is told to be involved in narcotic smuggling and even a case remain pending against him.

ICHAM decries irregularities in petrol distribution

IT News
Imphal, Feb 5: Information Centre for Hill Areas Manipur (ICHAM) has alleged the state government that only 51% of the fuels are distributed to the public while 49% are kept reserved for the government. Speaking to the media persons at ICHAM office, North AOC, N Rajendra, President of ICHAM said

that ICHAM have been checking the stocks of the petroleum products at almost all the oil depot since January 30, 2017 to ensure regular distribution to the consumers but it is very unfortunate that only 51% are distributed to the people of the state while 49% has been reserved for the government.

This is an attempt to gain political advantage in view of the coming assembly election, he alleged. Rajendra also said that representatives of ICHAM has met with the State Chief Secretary yesterday regarding the distribution of

petroleum products and to cancel the 49% reserved for the government so that consumers could get more than 51% and 10% of allocation could be increase from the present allocation as queues at oil depot has become lesser and lesser day by day compared to the last few months after the economic blockade. Later a memorandum was also submitted to the Chief Secretary and assured ICHAM to discuss the matter with minister concern. If the minister concern kept on talking advantage with the coming election instead of cancelling the reserved

percentage of the government, ICHAM has prepared to lodge complains to the Election Commission of India (ECI) in the next 2/3 days, Rajendra asserts.

Rajendra further said that the problem facing by the consumers could be solve if all the 500 oil tankers of IOC are put into service instead of 350 oil tankers. Petrol for 7 days and diesel for 8 days are remains in IOC depot, he added. Meanwhile, today also members of ICHAM made a surprise visit to some of the oil depot in the state to check the availability of petroleum products.

Mega Blood Donation Camp held

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Thoubal, Feb.5: Social Warrior Manipur (SWM), AVBD Manipur, Thoubal District Branch and Singju Yokhatpa Lup (SYOL) jointly organised a Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at MMRC Unity Park, Khangabok. The donation camp is being organised under the supervision of Dept. of IHBT, RIMS, Blood Bank Transfusion Unit JNIMS and BBTU, District Hospital Thoubal. Around 300 volunteers donated blood in the camp.



Convener of Social Warrior Manipur (SWM), Keisham Kaminikumar said that the blood donation camp is organised to spread message that donating blood do nothing harm to the body and it saves thousands live.

Tamenglong battalion apprehends NSCN(IM) cadre

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Imphal, Feb 5: Troops of Tamenglong and Tamei Battalion under Senapati Brigade of Red Shield Division apprehend a cadre of NSCN(IM) on night of Feb 3, room ward number 5 in Tamenglong during a joint operation. The apprehended cadre is identified as SS Cpl Thiungpau Panmei. The apprehended NSCN(IM) cadre was handed over to Imphal Police Station.

Assembly elections: Goa registers record 83% voter turnout; 78.6% polling in Punjab

Panaji/Chandigarh, Feb 05: Punjab and Goa went to polls yesterday while Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Manipur to go to polls later. Goa registered a record voter turnout of 83 percent in yesterday's polling for the 40-member Legislative Assembly. The state had recorded 81.8 percent polling in last assembly elections. Polling passed off peacefully in the state. The final figures may change as reports are yet to come from some polling booths. In Punjab 78.62 per cent polling was recorded, as

people cast their votes to elect the 117 member Assembly yesterday. Polling percentage was revised as polling continued at many booths hours after the designated time of 5 pm, as thousands of voters were still in queue. In last election poll percentage was around the same. By and large polling remained peaceful barring a minor clash in Tarn Taran district in which one person was injured. In Uttar Pradesh, political parties have intensified their poll campaign in the Vidhan Sabha regions of the state which are going to poll in first

two phases, on the 11th and the 15th of this month. Polling will be held in 7 phases in the state. Besides on 11th and 15th, it will also witness polling on 19th, 23rd, 27th of this month and on 4th and 8th of next month. Senior leaders of BJP, Samajwadi Party, BSP, RLD and Congress are continuously addressing the poll meeting to woo the voters in poll bound areas.

In Uttarakhand, the heat for election campaign is picking up now with the tour of different political party's star campaigners and national leaders. Senior leaders of BJP

and Congress party would hold rallies as well as road shows in various districts of the state today in regard to ensuring assembly election. Uttarakhand will go to the polls on 15th of this month. AIR correspondent reports that the Congress party will release its manifesto today in Dehradun. In Manipur polling will be held in two phase for 60 assembly seats. The first phase will be held on 4th and 2nd phase on 8th of next month. The counting of votes for all the assembly elections will be held on 11th of next month.

Penalty of equal amount for receiving cash over Rs 3 lakh: Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia

PTI
New Delhi, Feb. 5: In a bid to check generation of black money, a steep penalty awaits those accepting cash in excess of Rs 3 lakh, beginning April 1, to settle any transaction.

A ban on cash transaction of more than Rs 3 lakh has been proposed in the Budget for 2017-18.

In an interview to PTI, revenue secretary Hasmukh Adhia said the penalty for doing cash transaction will be steep and the receiver will have to pay an amount equivalent to the cash received.

"Supposing you do a transaction of Rs 4 lakh in cash, then the penalty would be Rs 4 lakh. If you do a transaction of Rs 50 lakh, penalty would be Rs 50 lakh," he said, adding that the penalty will be levied on the receiver.

So, if someone buys an expensive watch for cash, it is the shopkeeper who will have to pay the tax, he said, adding

that the provision is to deter people from doing large cash transactions.

Demonetisation brought to account the stock of black money and now the government wants to stop future generation of the same. The government, he said, will track all large cash transactions, and also curb the avenues of conspicuous consumption through cash. People with large sum of unaccounted money usually spend it on holidaying or buying luxury items like cars, watches and jewellery. The new cash curbs will mean that such spending avenues are curtailed, disincentivising people from generating black money.

Adhia said that the previously notified rule of quoting PAN for any cash transaction above Rs 2 lakh stays.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had in his Budget for 2017-18 proposed to insert Section

269ST in the Income-Tax Act to state that "no person shall receive an amount of Rs 3 lakh or more by way of cash in aggregate from a person in a day; in respect of a single transaction; or in respect of transactions relating to one event or occasion from a person".

However, the restrictions will not apply to the government, any banking company, post office savings bank or co-operative bank.

Adhia said the Budget proposes to levy penalty on a person who receives Rs 3 lakh and above.

A panel of Chief Ministers headed by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had in its interim report just days before the Budget recommended a cap on cash transactions beyond a threshold and a tax on payments of over Rs 50,000 as a way of discouraging people from using physical currency.