

## BJP announced 3<sup>rd</sup> list of candidates

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 7:** Central Election Committee of the BJP had announced the third list of candidates for the remaining two assembly constituency today. With the announcement the BJP had fielded candidates in all the 60 assembly constituencies in the state. Interestingly, in Bishenpur Assembly constituency, the party is fielding Konthoujam Krishnakumar Singh as its candidate. K. Kumar is the younger brother of Govindas Konthoujam, who is a congress candidate from the assembly constituency. The Central Election Committee also announced Rajen Singh as the party's candidate from Lamshang Assembly constituency.

## One found hang to death



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**Imphal, Feb 7:** A 36 years old man was found hung to death inside his own room at Kongpal Kshetri leikai under Porompat Police Station today morning. The deceased has been identified as Kshetrimayum Dinakar Singh son of Ibongobi. He is survived by his wife and two children. As of now report says that the deceased might have committed suicide over failure to pay debt to others.

## Manipur Assembly election process begins today with issuance of notification

**Imphal, Feb. 7:** The process of assembly elections in Manipur begins today with the issuance of notification for the first phase. 38 seats of the 60-member assembly will go to polls in the first phase on March 4. The late date of filing of nominations is February 14, while withdrawal of candidature can be done till February 18. The two-phase polling was announced for the Manipur Assembly.

## No roll-back to economic blockade; UNC leaders remanded in police custody for 15 days

**IT News**

**Imphal, Feb 7:** Presidential Council Meeting of the United Naga Council (UNC) today resolved to continue the economic blockade during a meeting held today at Senapati district head quarter giving a thrashing blow to the media speculation about rolling back the blockade called as per statement by the representatives of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs in the aftermath of the Feb 3 tripartite talk. Meanwhile, UNC president Gaidon Kamei and S. Stephen, who were produced today at the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Imphal East has been remanded for another two weeks in police custody despite the report of state government's assurance for unconditional release. Report said that the CJM granted remand plea by state police till Feb 21.

As per report reaching here, hectic discussion was held on whether to lift the economic blockade or not during the meeting of the presidential council of UNC held today afternoon at Senapati. Ex officio members of the UNC and other office bearers of the council attended the meeting however, UNC



President Gaidon Kamei and Publicity secretary SHangkhang Stephen were not able to attend the meeting as they are in police custody. Earlier on Feb 3 tripartite talk the CJM Imphal East had allowed the two to participate in the talk. This time as the counsel of the two did not applied to the court to grant permission of the two to attend the presidential council meeting they were abstained from the meeting. Even as some opined to lift the economic blockade, majority of the council member rejected the opinion for lifting of the blockade as none of the demand put up the UNC has been considered. During the tripartite talk held at New Delhi on February 3

under the initiative of the MHA, the UNC had put up their demand for revocation of the creation of 7 new districts particularly the creating of Kangpokpi and Jiribam revenue district. Above this the UNC also demanded unconditional release of the UNC President Gaidon Kamei and S. Stephen who were arrested by the state police. State government representatives had placed their stand to the creation of the new districts however assured to consult with the Chief Minister regarding the released of the two UNC leaders.

It is again speculated that the UNC might intensify its agitation as none of the demand were considered by the state government.

## Lightning Shutdown at Senapati

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**Imphal, Feb 7:** Senapati town today witness complete shutdown for few hours beginning from 9.30 am today morning till 1 pm as UNC called total shutdown in Naga area. The shutdown has been called to protest against the election training program to be held today. It may be mentioned here that the picketing of Government Offices has been going on since the beginning of this year. Report reaching here said that large number of UNC volunteers came out at around 9.30 am and force shops and other offices to shut down till 1 pm. Similar shut down was also reported at other Naga inhabitate hill district of the state.

## Left and Democratic Front Manipur announces list of 29 candidates



**IT News**

**Imphal, Feb 7:** With BJP and Congress party gearing up to form government in the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly, Left and Democratic Front Manipur is also all set to fight the two party. The front today announced a list of 29 candidates to contest in the upcoming state assembly election. The Left and Democratic Front Manipur comprises of CPI (M), CPI, MNDF, JD(U) and NCP. Convenor of the third front Dr. M Nara while speaking to

media persons at Manipur Press Club today said that the list of 29 candidates is the first list and the front is preparing to announce more candidates in the next list.

National convenor of the left front Gautam Das speaking to media persons said that the third front is the only alternative for the people of the country. Stating that the third front will bring good to the country, he assured to wipe out corruption and non secular idealism from the country. He also assure to bring a change in the economy of the country.

## Speculation on T.R. Zeliang-BJP merger deal

**Agencies**

**Guwahati, Feb 3:** After Arunachal Pradesh episode, the BJP is getting ready to turn Nagaland saffron by merging the Nagaland Peoples' Front (NPF) led by chief minister T.R. Zeliang into the party, reports The Asian Age. NPF sources in Kohima told Asian Age that the BJP central leadership had given Zeliang

the go-ahead to merge his faction of the NPF with 42 legislators into the BJP. Zeliang is understood to have begun consultations with his legislators stranded in their respective constituencies. The BJP has four MLAs in the present 60-member Nagaland Assembly, and is also part of the government led by Zeliang. The reports said political

observers felt that in view of the mounting pressure by NTAC on Zeliang to step down, this may also prove to be the safest escape route for him so he readily agreed to the merger. Sources said it was likely to be announced in a day or two, but also said there was every possibility of a split in NPF as a large section of MLAs were opposed to it.

## Training for Presiding officers and Polling officers held

**IT News**

**Thoubal, Feb. 7:** The 1st Round of a Training programme for Presiding officers and Polling officers no.1 in respect of 10 Assembly Constituencies falling under the jurisdiction DC/DEO Thoubal District was held today at the counting hall of DC office Thoubal.

In the Training programme, the officers were told in detail about the functioning of EVM, VVPAT and web casting. A total of 332 Presiding officers and Polling officers attended the training. Training of the polling officers will also be held at the same venue tomorrow and day after tomorrow from 10:30 am.

## NPF candidates took oath

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**Thoubal, Feb. 7:** Of the 15 candidates announced to contest the upcoming Manipur Assembly election 14 had taken oath at Senapati in the presence of its leader. However, Rain the candidate from Karong Assembly Constituency did not attend the oath taking function.

## Lots of liquor seized in dry state Manipur as MCC came in force

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**Imphal, Feb 7:** Soon after the Election Commission of India has announced Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in the state of Manipur on January 5 this year, various police team and civil society bodied had been seizing large quantity of liquors from various part of the state. Surprisingly, Manipur a dry state had not witnessed such seizure of illegal liquor at such quantity before the Election Model Code of Conduct came into force.

Around 4.30 pm yesterday, a police team led by Sub Inspectors L. Amarjit and N. Baljitkumar seized around 1000 litres of country liquor while conducting frisking at Andro Ngarian road. Today too the same police team seized another 1000 liters of Distilled



Illicit Country (DIC) Liquor at around 2.30 pm while conducting frisking near Uchon Village at Andro Ngarian road. The seized liquors were handed over to excise department today. Meanwhile, anti drug body

Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) along with the Meira Paais of Bishempur Ward No 5, also seized 120 liters of Distilled Illicit Country (DIC) Liquor at around 5 am yesterday. The seized liquors were burnt in front of public today.

## North-Eastern People, in Delhi, get Electoral Card

**ANI**

**New Delhi, Feb. 7:** Delhi is truly a land of opportunities and a place of cultural diversity. Joining people from other regions looking for wider and broader platforms and performances in metropolitan cities, many people from India's landlocked northeast region too have to adapt to a shifting paradigm for better opportunities in life. There are over seven lakh people from the Northeast living in the national capital at present as the city offers a host of opportunities.

Taking a novel initiative for the people of northeast living in the city, recently, the Special Police Unit for Northeast region (SPUNER) under the command of Nodal officer IGP Robin Hibbu, IPS, in collaboration with the Delhi Election Commission, organized a two-day Special Voter's Registration camp in Delhi. The camp aimed to bring more inclusivity to people from the northeast region as a political force and to avail the facilities of the government.

"The purpose behind this for northeast people is that, most of the time, northeast people in Delhi find difficulties in applying for jobs or for other purpose as their identity is fixed and they are in Delhi. The people from northeast run from pillar to post for identity verification and most of the time, they could

not access any facilities from the government. For this purpose, we set up an electoral registration camp so that they will become hassle-free to apply for jobs and other benefits," said K Neishial, Sub-Inspector, Delhi Police NE Cell. Hundreds of northeast people living in the city turned out and enrolled for the voter cards.

"This is one of the biggest opportunities for us and the things that they have provided us are one of the essential things that we need to have outside our home towns. With this ID, we can apply for bank account as an address proof and avail ourselves from any sort of harassment and even for other official purposes", added Kaolempu Kamei, a Student from Manipur.

Besides the voter card registration, the camp also provided Cancer Screening Test by Special Police Unit for Women and Children, in collaboration with the Indian Cancer Society. With cancer specialists, the drive provided facilities for mammography x-ray, Cancer Screening test, ENT test, blood tests and many others. Many youngsters were seen lining up for the test to avail the facilities.

In addition to the North East Blood Bank Reserve at AIIMS hospital in New Delhi, which is catering to the needy patients

of the northeast region, the camp also set up a desk for Northeast Blood Bank Donor's Donation Drive initiated by Helping Hands, a non-profitable organization set up by like-minded people of the NE region.

A brimming student from the region, Margaret said "I came here for the electoral registration today and I did my cancer screening also. I think the facilities that we are getting here is really good and we feel that we are getting a lot help from mainland people. So I think it's really good".

"This is truly awesome and I completely appreciate the steps taken up by the authority because by doing this, it shows to others that India is one. Many people from the northeast have been residing here in Delhi for a long time, so by participating in all these facilities, it is a good thing. And again, they are providing health screening for free; it has become a two-in-one. We come here for one purpose and we got another facility as well", added Atan.

Over the years, there have been reports and incidents of racial discrimination to the northeast people residing in the metropolitan cities, especially in Delhi.

Such initiatives will help transform the perception of the mainland for the people of northeast and will be a drive for inclusive participation in political and socio-economic platforms.