

Villagers protesting inclusion of Singda and Leimakhong area to Kangpokpi district



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## Home Ministry's report to ECI says situation not favourable for election in Manipur President's Rule in Manipur on the card

IT News

**Imphal, Jan 3:** Union Home Ministry's report to Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding the law and order condition of the 5 states for conduct of assembly election says that situation in Manipur is not favourable for free and fair conduct of election. A highly reliable source said that the report of the Union Home Ministry was submitted to the ECI on Dec. 31, 2016. The source added that law and order conditions of the 4 states (Goa, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab) is okay for free and fair conduct of state assembly elections

however, conditions of law and order in Manipur is volatile, with state government unable to put under control – the prolong economic blockade and various form of agitation by the United Naga Council. The report also suggested that two parallel government exist in Manipur with UNC taking the control in various part of Hill districts including Senapati and Ukhrul.

The report of the Home Ministry was forwarded to the Manipur government on January 1, 2017. Following that an urgent meet of the Congress Legislature Party

was convened by Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh. The meeting unanimously agreed to pursue the ECI and President of India to conduct the 11th Manipur Legislative Election on time.

Not to be surprised, a team of congress legislatures along with Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today left Imphal for New Delhi on different flights. Source close to the Chief Minister's office said that the Congress Legislatures will meet leaders of the All India Congress Committee to urge the ECI to conduct election on schedule time. The team will also meet the

President of India as well as the Chief Election Commissioner of India. It is likely that the CLP might urge the ECI to conduct election for Manipur in two phases- one for Hill districts and the other for the Valley districts, the source added.

Another source said that the Union Home Ministry may impose President's Rule any time in the state if the ongoing crises initiated by the UNC in hill area is not contain. Constitutional expert suggested that if PR is imposed in the state, state assembly election might be delayed for 3 to four month.

## ILPS agitation resumed; effigies of CM, HM burnt

IT News

**Imphal, Jan 3:** Students' Wing of the Joint Committee of Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) today resumes agitation demanding introduction of ILPS in the state. Socialists Students' Union Manipur also joined the agitations for introduction of ILPS at Moriing area in Bishnupur district.

Women's Wing of JCILPS also gherao at the residence of MLA RK Anand of Noariya Pakhang Lakpa Assembly Constituency, MLA Lishom Ibomcha of Keishamthong Assembly Constituency and MLA Th. Lokeshwar, also the Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly at his Keishampat residence.

At CC Higher Secondary School large number of students today gathered in front of the school and shouted slogans demanding



implementation of ILPS in the state. Banners demanding immediate state assembly session to pass Bills for introduction of ILPS were displayed. Later at around 12.45 pm the students burn the effigies of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and Home Minister Gaikhangam.

At GP Women's College too large number students under the aegis of the JCILPS staged protest and burnt effigy of Chief Minister okram

Ibobi Singh. The students condemn the sidelining of the ILPS issue. It warned serious consequences to the state government if it fails to introduce the ILPS Bill before the commencement of the Election Code of Conduct. At Kwakeithel too large number of JCILPS volunteers staged protest demanding ILPS in the state at around 2.30 pm. Effigy of Chief Minister Okram Ibobi was burnt during the protest.

## One KCP cadre arrested

IT News

**Imphal, Jan 3:** A team of Imphal West police under the supervision of Additional SP (Ops) Imphal East, K. Meghachandra arrested a cadre of KCP M from Bamon Kampu Mayai leikai at around 11 am yesterday. Three hand grenades, four detonators and a .32 pistol along with 2 live round were recovered from his possession. The KCP cadre has been identified as Akoijam Khamba Singh (45 years) S/o (L) Ak. Mani Singh of Bamon Kampu Mayai leikai. According to police he joined the outfit in 2008. He had earlier threaten a person by placing a hand grenade for misappropriation of KCP -MC's fund.

## Arunachal Pradesh: Two Congress MLAs join BJP

**Itanagar, Jan. 3:** Two Congress MLAs have joined BJP, reducing the strength of the party to one in the House of 60 members Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. State assembly secretariat has accepted the defection of MLAs Wanglin Sawin representing Khonsa East and Gabriel Denwang Wangshu from Kanubari constituency from Congress to BJP and has accordingly published it in its bulletin.

With the joining of the two Congress MLAs, BJP's strength in the assembly has gone up to 49, while the Congress now is being represented only by former Chief Minister Nabam Tuki. The Peoples' Party of Arunachal has ten MLAs.

## UNC's agitation: 7 including 3 women injured in police action at Senapati

IT News

**Imphal, Jan 3:** At least 7 protestors including 3 women were injured in police action at Senapati district head quarter in front of Mini Secretariat at around 11 am today.

The protestors were storming to the Mini Secretariat Senapati district to shut down the office as a part of the agitation called by United Naga Council. The UNC had called picketing of government offices in all the Naga Inhabited area from Midnight of December 31 in protest against the creation of new districts in the state by Government of Manipur. Following the announcement for picketing of offices, district administration of Senapati and Ukhrul as well as Kangpokpi had issued an order under CrPC 144 to prohibit gathering of people



at the area.

Early today morning large number people gathered at Senapati district under the aegis of the UNC and later thronged to the Mini Secretariat office. The agitators were prevented from entering the mini secretariat office by a strong team of central police. As the situation goes out of hand,

the police team fire several round of tear gas shells and mock bomb. In the police action 7 persons including 3 women sustained injury after being hurt by the tear gas shell. All were rushed to district hospital.

Meanwhile, UNC has intensified its agitation called for picketing of government offices in Naga inhabited area.

## Singda villagers protest inclusion of their land to Kangpokpi district

IT News

**Imphal, Jan 3:** Large number of people in Singda Dam area today staged protest preventing government authority from inaugurating the Kangchup Police Station under the newly created district Kangpokpi.

People of the area has been protesting inclusion of the certain area of Singda and Leimakhong either under Senapati district or Kangpokpi district. They demanded the area to be left with the Imphal West district. They also



demand to demarcate the district boundary before creation of any district in the state.

Kanchup Police station was

scheduled to inaugurate today but protest from the villager compelled the state government authority to postpone the inaugural function.

## MHA to provide 85,000 security personnel for poll duties in five states

Source PTI

**New Delhi, Jan 3:** The Union Home Ministry will provide around 85,000 security personnel for deployment in the upcoming assembly elections in five states, including politically crucial Uttar Pradesh. At a high-level meeting with the Election Commission today, top officials of the Ministry led by Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi conveyed

that it would provide around 750 companies of paramilitary forces for smooth conduct of the election process in the five states. In addition, around 100 companies, most of which are belonging to State Armed Police Forces and India Reserve Battalions, will also be drawn from different states for deployment of election duties, official sources said. A company of paramilitary

force comprises of around 100 personnel. This was conveyed to the Election Commission after the poll body asked the Home Ministry to make available one lakh personnel for deployment during the Assembly elections expected to be held in next two months. In addition to the central forces, police forces of all states will be deployed for the election duties.

A spokesperson of the Election Commission said the poll body had a detailed meeting with senior officers of Ministry of Home Affairs, CRPF and Chairman Railway Board to find tune central paramilitary forces deployment and their movement during forthcoming five states assemblies elections. Assembly elections in Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and

Manipur are expected to be held in single phase while in Uttar Pradesh it is likely to be multi-phased. The schedule for the polls is likely to be announced by the EC in next few days. Meanwhile, the Election Commission spokesperson said the poll body has conveyed a meeting of the Chief Electoral Officers of the five poll-bound states tomorrow.

banking and insurance, to assess the implementation hurdles under the new GST regime are attending the meeting. In the last meeting, the council had approved the primary drafts of Central GST and State GST laws. The council had also cleared the basic draft of compensation law. Under it, the states will be fully compensated for any loss of revenue for five years due to the implementation of new direct tax regime. The compensation to the states will be paid every two months. The Centre is keen to finalise the draft GST legislations to ensure they are tabled in Parliament and State assemblies in the ensuing Budget Sessions.

## BJP never did politics of religious polarisation: Rajnath

PTI

**New Delhi, Jan 3:** BJP never did nor will it do politics of religious polarisation, Home Minister Rajnath Singh today said, stressing that the "secular" parties need to be cautious in the wake of the Supreme Court order that candidates should not seek votes in the name of religion, caste or creed.

Asked if his party will raise the issue of Ram temple in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, Singh said the

matter is sub-judice.

"After the Supreme Court order, the so-called secular parties should be cautious," he said, adding that the court was "absolutely right" and politics should not involve caste or religion.

"BJP neither did politics of polarisation nor will it do in future. I feel if it was doing politics of polarisation, it would not have got clear majority in Parliament.

"It is for the first time that a

non-Congress party has got clear majority in Parliament. Now to accuse that political party and its workers and volunteers is not right," he said. On the Supreme Court order, he said, "Whatever Supreme Court has said is absolutely right. I fully agree with whatever the apex court has said. "Politics should not be on the lines of caste, cult or religion. Politics should be only in the name of humanity and justice.

## Karnataka minister Mahadev Prasad dies

**Bengaluru, Jan. 3:** Karnataka minister for co-operation and sugar HS Mahadeva Prasad died of heart attack on Tuesday morning at a private resort in Koppa, Chikkamagaluru district. The State government declared one day holiday for schools and offices and three-day mourning in the State.

The five-time MLA from Gundlupet Constituency in Chamarajanagar district was a close associate of chief minister Siddaramaiah and had arrived in Koppa to attend a programme. Prasad, who

retired for the night at the resort was found dead when his personal aides went to check as he failed to come out of his room even after 8 AM. The 58-year-old Prasad entered the State Assembly in 1994 and since then has been elected successively for 5 times—1994, 1999, 2004, 2008 and 2013. The soft-spoken, gentle leader was inducted into the coalition government of Dharam Singh as minister for food and civil supplies in 2004 and later he was made minister for Kannada and culture in HD

Kumaraswamy government. A staunch loyalist of chief minister Siddaramaiah, he quit Janata Dal (S) and joined the Congress along with Siddaramaiah in 2007. Born on August 5, 1958, Prasad was a post-graduate in Political Science and started his public life by setting up Sangama Trust in 1980s and actively engaged in organising mass marriages, health camps and job fairs in Gundlupet. He is survived by his wife Dr MC Mohana Kumari and son Ganesh Prasad.

## GST Council meeting underway in New Delhi

**New Delhi, Jan. 3:** The GST Council meeting headed by the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is underway in New Delhi. The key issues related

to Integrated GST and dual control will be discussed during the day long meeting. Representatives of six crucial sectors, including IT, telecom,