

ECI announces poll dates for Manipur along with 4 other states Manipur to go on poll in 2 phases; 38 ACs on March 4 and 22 ACs on March 8

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Imphal, Jan 4: Election Commission of India today announced the poll date for five states including Manipur. As per the announcement 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly will go on poll in phases. Of the 60 Assembly constituencies, 38 will go on poll in the first phase and voting is scheduled on March 4, 2017. The second phase voting will be held on March 8, 2017 in 22 assembly constituencies. Date of notification for Manipur's first phase election is on February 8, 2017, last date for making of nominations is on February 15, 2017; scrutiny for nominations is on February 16, 2017; withdrawal of the candidature is on February 18, 2017 and the polling date is on

March 4, 2017.

As for the second phase Manipur Election, date of notification is on February 11, 2017; last date of making nominations is on February 18, 2017; scrutiny of the nominations will be held on February 20, 2017; withdrawal of candidature is on February 22, 2017 and the polling date is on March 8, 2017. Counting of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election will be held on March 11, 2017 and the whole election process will be completed by March 15, 2017. Total number of seats in Manipur Legislative Assembly is 60. Out of these 1 is reserved for Scheduled Caste and the remaining 19 are reserved for the Scheduled Tribes. A total of 18,07,843 electors as per the

final electoral roll will exercise their franchise to elect the 60 members.

Voting will be conducted in 2794 polling stations across the state. In 10th Manipur Legislative Assembly election the number of polling stations was 2325.

Assembly election for Goa and Punjab will take place on February 4 and Uttarakhand will vote on February 15.

Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state, will go to the polls in seven phases: February 11, 15, 19, 23 and 27 and March 4 and 8. This will be the single biggest electoral exercise since the 2014 Lok Sabha polls and will involve a total of 690 constituencies, 403 of them in Uttar Pradesh alone. Briefing media persons at New Delhi today afternoon Chief

Election Commissioner Dr. Nasim Zaidi announced that there will be Voter Assistance Booths (VAB) at every polling station location, having a team of officials with the objective of facilitating the voter to locate his/her polling booth number and serial number of that voter in the electoral roll of that concerned polling booth. The VABs will be set up with prominent signage and in such a manner that it will be conspicuous to the voters as they approach the polling premise/building to enable them to seek required facilitation on the poll day.

To maintain the secrecy of vote at the time of poll and uniformity in use of voting compartments, the Commission has issued revised instructions to

increase the height of the Voting Compartments to 30 inches. It is also directed that the Voting Compartment be placed on a table whose height shall be 30 inches and only corrugated plastic sheet (flex-board) of steel-grey colour, which is completely opaque and reusable. The CEC said that special arrangement for women and differently-abled voters will be taken up. The 38 assembly

constituencies that will hold the first phase election on March 4, 2017 are 1-Kundrakpam, 2-Heingang, 3-Khurai, 4-Khetrigao, 5-Thongju, 6-Keirao, 7-Andro, 8-Lamlai, 9-Thangmeiband, 10-Uripok, 11-Sagolband, 12-Keisamthong, 13-Singjamei, 14-Yaiskul, 15-Wangkhei, 16-Sekmai(SC), 17-Lamsang, 18-Konthoujam, 19-Patsoi, 20-Langthabal, 21-Naoriya Pakhanglakpa, 22-Wangoi, 23-Mayang Imphal, 24-Nambol, 25-Oinam, 26-Bishenpur, 27-Moirang, 28-Thanga, 29-Kumbi, 46-Saikul(ST), 50-Kangpokpi, 51-Saitu(ST), 55-Tipaimukh(ST), 56-Thantlon(ST), 57-Henglep(ST), 58-Churachandpur(ST), 59-Saikot(ST) and 60-Singhat(ST) assembly constituencies.

Below are the 22 assembly constituencies of Manipur that will hold second phase election on March 8, 2017. Those are - 30-Lilong, 31-Thoubal, 32-Wangkhem, 33-Heirok, 34-Wangjing Tenthla, 35-Khangabao, 36-Wabgai, 37-Kachching, 38-Hiyanglam, 39-Sugnoo, 40-Jiribam, 41-Chandel(ST), 42-Tengnouppla(ST), 43-Phungyar(ST), 44-Ukhrul(ST), 45-Chingai(ST), 47-Karong(ST), 48-Mao(ST), 49-Tadubi(ST), 52-Tamei(ST), 53-Tamenglong(ST) and 54-Nungba(ST) assembly constituencies.

Poll related violence: MPP workers clashes BJP workers at Heirok Assembly constituency



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Imphal, Jan 4: Poll related violence erupted in Heirok Assembly Constituency today after workers of Manipur Peoples' Party's intending candidate N Sovairan disrupted a grand feast organised by workers of BJP's intending candidate Th. Radheshyam.

According to report reaching here the fierce clashed occurred between the two groups at Ukhongshang area in Heirok assembly constituency at around 6 am today morning.

The MPP workers accompanied by security escort of Sovakiran, who is also the president of the oldest regional political party of Manipur vandalised four vehicles if the BJP workers by turning upside down besides firing rounds of gunshots in the air.

BJP workers reportedly organised a grand feast at the residence of one Radheshyam at Ukhongshang to discuss the election strategy of Th. Radheshyam. The MPP workers disrupted the grand feast dictating that no such grand feast related to election can be organised at Ukhongshang area.

The report added that Sovakiran along with his escorts came along with the supporters.

Later at around 10 pm large

number of BJP's intending candidate's supporters throng at the residence of Sovakiran at Ukhongshang. However, a strong team of police led by Thoubal district SP timely intervened the situation and prevented things from going worst.

Police team fired 2 / 3 rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the BJP supporters.

Talking to reporters, Th Radheshyam, the BJP's intending candidates sought apology from Sovakiran terming the incident as unfortunate. He said that the kind of act at which 5 workers were brutally assaulted even by misusing the security escort is a direct insult to the democracy. He said that in democracy set up there should be room for conducting meeting and discussion among the voters.

Following the clashed a meeting was organised by BJP workers at Ukhongshang Makha Leikai. The meeting while condemning the incident demanded suspension of the escort party within 24 hours and also to boycott N. Sovakiran at Ukhongshang and heirok Assembly constituency.

On the other hand President of MPP Sovakiran said that the people of Ukhongshang had already adopted resolution to prohibit grand feast in relation to election.

IED found

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Imphal, Jan 4: A team of JK Light Infantry (JCLI) found an IED planted near a culvert of Ningthoukhong Kha Khunou at around 10:30pm yesterday. The security force informed the matter to police and following that a Police bomb disposal squad recovered the bomb around 02:30 am today and disposed it at Tera Urak around 0740 hours today morning. The bomb disposal squad recovered 16 packets gelatin sticks, 13 packets ball bearing, 08 detonator & 10m wire. Following the finding of IED security has been beefed up different part of the state as a part of precautionary measures ahead of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election scheduled to be held on March 4 and March 8.

Certificate and Mark sheet lost

I have lost my Original Certificate & Mark sheet of HSLC Examination 2011 bearing Roll No.5394 issued by the BOSEM on the way between Thoubal to Imphal on Jan 2. Finders are requested to handover the same to the undersigned.
Sansham Okendra Singh

Expenditure limits for candidates in Manipur Election fixed at Rs. 20 lakh

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Imphal, Jan 4: The Election Commission set the campaign expenses limit per candidate at between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 28 lakh in the five states where assembly polls will be held during February to March this year.

Announcing the limit, Nasim Zaidi said: "In Goa and Manipur the limit on election expenses per candidate is Rs 20lakh."

"In Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand the election

expenses limit per candidate is Rs 28 lakh," the CEC said.

On the other hand, the demonetisation of high value Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency notes has severely hit the Assembly elections in five states.

Announcing the poll schedule for five poll-bound states today, Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi said his office will monitor the election expenditure closely in order to check any possible inflow of black money.

"There will be strict

expenditure monitoring mechanism to curb black money during the election," Zaidi told reporters in New Delhi.

"All expenses above Rs 20,000 have to be out of bank accounts to be set up by candidates and the payment has to be through cheques," he added.

Zaidi further said that all kiosks in favour of a candidate will be deemed to be set up by the candidates only and will be included in their election expenditure.

Model code of conduct came into force

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Imphal Jan. 4: With announcement of the poll date for five states including state of Manipur, the election model code of conduct has come into force in the entire state of Manipur. Following this all recruitment process which remains pending in various department of the state government will be suspended. "The Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately from now onwards. All the provisions of the Model Code will apply to the whole of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh and will be applicable to all candidates, political parties and, the State Governments of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union

Government insofar as announcements/policy decisions pertaining to/for these States are concerned" said CEC Dr. Nasim Zaidi.

Election Commission of India's Model Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India for conduct of political parties and candidates during elections mainly with respect to speeches, polling day, polling booths, election manifestos, processions and general conduct. These set of norms has been evolved with the consensus of political parties who have consented to abide by the principles embodied in the said code in its letter and spirit. The Model Code of Conduct comes into force immediately on announcement of the election schedule by the commission for the need of ensuring free and fair elections.^[1] Much of

it is designed to avert communal clashes and corrupt practices. For example, politicians should not make hate speeches, putting one community against another or make promises about new projects that may sway a voter.

Manipur CM responsible for blockade, says Ram Madhav

Courtesy: The Hindu

New Delhi, Jan 4: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) general secretary in charge of north eastern States, Ram Madhav, has accused Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh of causing the economic blockade of the State by the United Naga Council by announcing the formation of seven new districts for purely political reasons. In an exclusive interview to *The Hindu*, Mr Ram Madhav said while Chief Minister Singh was well within his rights as the head of the government to carve out

new districts, he had a "very political objective" behind the move, one that has created a crisis in Manipur.

"State governments have the right to carve out new districts but in this case, the Chief Minister had a very political objective behind this move. The Chief Minister is simply not interested in the other implications of his move, as the suffering of the Meiteis suited him. It is a mobilising factor, politically for him. By creating a divide between the hills and the valley, he wanted to benefit politically; in the process he has created a volatile situation in the State and put the people of the valley through utmost suffering," Mr Madhav said.

'Pre-poll exercise'
"He was in power for 15 years and it never occurred to him to declare the formation of new districts, and he comes up with it two months before the elections. He should have known the implications of the move and the chain of events this would set off and exercised control. Now that the blockade

has happened, he throws up his hands and asks that it be handled by others," he said.

On being asked whether he was in favour of Central rule in the State, he said it was a matter to be decided by the State and central governments but that it was "of the utmost importance for normalcy to be restored in the state in order for the conduct of peaceful elections." "It is the responsibility of Ibobi Singh, having created a situation where his people in the State, both in the Valley and the hills are suffering due to the blockade to take measures to have it lifted. As the head of the state government has to find a way to do this. From day one, the government of India has been ready to help, but it cannot directly intervene as law and order is a State subject," he said. The other northeastern State under his charge, Arunachal Pradesh, recently became the 18th State to be ruled by the BJP after 33 MLAs of the People's Party of Arunachal (PPA), including Chief Minister Pema Khandu

crossed over to the BJP. Mr Ram Madhav denied that there was "any inducement" for the cross over.

'Unstable arrangement'
"For the last many months there has been a sort of unstable arrangement in the State. Initially a large number of MLAs had deserted the Congress and formed a government under (late) Mr Kalikho Pul. A Supreme Court (SC) judgement restored the previous government, under the Congress. At that time itself I had said that the SC judgement had left more questions than answers. So even after the SC judgement, the instability continued. This group then joined a local party called People's Party of Arunachal (PPA), and formed a government with the BJP. Then majority of the MLAs felt they should join BJP and the national leadership gave the green signal. It's completely voluntary and we made no efforts to influence this move," he said.

Locals threatens to block road at Chingmeirong Maning Leikai

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Imphal, Jan 4: Locals of Chingmeirong Maning Leikai today threaten to blocked roads leading to Chingmeirong Maning Leikai protesting non-repairing of the roads for more than six (6) months.

Speaking to the media persons at Shinam Shyama Devi Town Hall of Chingmeirong Maning Leikai, one of the local identified

as Elangbam Memma said that on February 23 of 2016 the four side of the road passing through Chingmeirong Maning Leikai was repaired as pacca road by the locals contributing from their own finances as the road became non-moveable for any kind of vehicles.

Unfortunately, on July of 2016, some contractor began to

destruct the roads which have been repaired just 5 months back without any concern from the locals, she added.

Memma also said that the new process to repair the road made them think that it will harden and make the road stronger but that does not turn out the way the locals have thought off as the process halt up with just pebbles with red soils for more

than 6 months.

Since the road has remained unrepaired, locals have been facing lots of problem, even accident have occurred along the road as the road became slippery during rainy season from the red soils and scattered pebbles, even the contractor didn't even turn up when the locals called up to hold a meeting, she added.