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Division, Imphal East District was lost in
between Khongman and Singjamei. Finders are
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Nepram Surajkumar Meitei



CM's son Okram Surajkumar with his wife coming to caste vote

Voters turn out in 2nd phase Manipur poll reaches 83%

EVM machines destroyed, voters clashed at some polling station; some candidate supporters reported kidnapped

IT News
Imphal, March 8: 2nd phase polling of the Manipur Legislative Assembly today took place at 22 assembly constituencies of the state from 7 am till 3 pm today. Preliminary report said that voters turn out rate reached around 83% even as there are incidences of EVM machines destroyed at some polling station in Thoubal district and Chandel district. There were also report of deadly clashed between voters at two polling stations at Chingai Assembly constituency of newly created Kamjong District. At Phunyar assembly constituency suspected cadres of NSCN-IM



reportedly kidnapped six workers of congress candidate Victor keishing at around 11.30 am.

Report reaching here said that clashed between workers of two rival candidate two polling stations namely 45/6 & 45/7 both at Chingajoi KL-A/B of Chingai AC play foul in the smooth conduct of the poll. The polling was forced to hold for few hours.

The report added that at around 11 am a lady voter destroyed another EVM Machine at 45/76 Chingajoi khullen polling station of Chingai Assembly Constituencies. Another EVM Machine was also reported destroyed at 45/30 Poiyo polling station however voting began after another new EVM Machine was dispatched from Ukhrul district head quarter at around 11 am. At Chandel Assembly constituency miscreants destroyed an EVM machine at 41/32 Komlathabi polling station. Following that polling was stopped for some hours. Later, after another EVM

Machine was dispatched the voting continued without further disturbances.

In Chingai Assembly constituency INC Candidate Preshaw Shimray, NPF Candidate Khasim Ruivah,

BJP candidate Sword Vashum and NEIDP candidate NK Shimray are in the fray.

Interestingly in Tamenglong Assembly constituency polling station number 53/40, 53/50, 53/92, 52/38, 53/67, 53/41 and 63/52 completed at 12 noon. In Tamenglong Assembly Constituency Jangamlung Panmei of INC, Janghemlung P of NPF and Samuel Jendai Kamei of BJP are in the fray.

Voting at 10 assembly constituencies in Thoubal and Kakching district was reported peaceful in most area except some confrontations between workers near some polling station. However, in the morning some people destroyed an EVM machine at 34/12 polling station of Wangjing Tenthia Assembly constituency.

Some of the Congress strongmen including Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, D. Karungthang and K Ranjit are contesting in the second phase election. Anti AFSPA Crusader from Chanu Sharmila, is also contesting this election at Thoubal Assembly constituency challenging the Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh who is contesting from the same. Altogether 98 candidates are in the fray among which 4 are women candidates.



Irom Chanu Sharmila Blowing Whistle, the symbol of her election



Okram Ibobi Singh Chief Minister of Manipur with wife Ex MLA Landhoni on his way to caste vote at Thoubal Assembly constituency

Widows of fake encounter victims honoured on Intl. Women Day



IT News
Imphal, March 8: Widows of the fake encounter victims and members of the Extra Judicial Execution Victim Family (EEVAM) were honoured today by Manipur Proletariate People Democratic Union (MPPDU), Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM) and Struggle Committee Manipur at Manipur Press Club today during International Women's Day Observance.

The function was attended by Takhellambam Renu, President EEVAM and presided over by President of MPPDU Meghachandra Brinda Thoujam, Social Activist and Rinku Kumukcham, Editor of this newspaper attended as presidium members. Speaking on the occasion social activist Brinda Thounoajam questioned the attitude of the Indian government towards the women of this area.

"When it is known that March 8 is the International Women Day, why the government is conducting election on the same day?" Brinda asked. She said that such an attitude is nothing but a sign of disrespect to the women community of this region. On the other hand EEVAM President Takhellambam Renu said that family remains of the victims of fake encounter has been still suffering a lot and nobody has come out to understand them. She narrated on how the victim family has been formed with support of few organisations and individuals. She also appealed the victim lady to come out and fight for their rights. Kanglei Ima Lup KIL also observed the International Women Day At Manipur Press Club. Problem faced by the women of the region were elaborated by the speakers during the function.

Dispersal of polling personnel for re-poll

DIPR
Churachandpur, March 8: In connection with 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election, 2017 Polling Personnel for Re-Poll in some polling stations of 56-Thanolon A/C, 57-Henglep A/C, 59-Saikot A/C and 60-Singhat A/C today left for their respective Polling Station at Tuibong Peace Ground, Churachandpur. Re-poll will be held on March 9, 2017 in 56-Thanolon A/C (56/2 Phaijang, 56/5 Dailon, 56/21 Thanlon A, 56/26 Songtal, 56/27 Sumtuk & 56/35 Khajang), 57-Henglep A/C (57/13 Kolhen, 57/14 Moldak, 57/15 V Munlai, 57/18 Songphu & 57/55 Tuilaphai), 59-Saikot A/C (59/64 Ngurte) and 60-Singhat A/C (60/4 Tonglon T).

NIA reaches Bhopal to look into train blast case

New Delhi, March 8: A team of National Investigation Agency, NIA today reached Bhopal to look into the train blast case in Madhya Pradesh, over suspicion of a terror attack. The team will visit the site of the blast near Jabri railway station under Shajapur district, about 60 kms from Bhopal, official sources said. The NIA officials will interact with State police personnel and verify leads available with them to ascertain whether the explosion was a terror attack. At least nine people were injured, three of them seriously, in the blast on Bhopal-Ujjain passenger train.

India offers to temporarily give up veto power if granted permanent UNSC membership

United Nations, March 8: India and other members of the G4 have offered to initially forgo veto powers as permanent members in a reformed Security Council as a bargaining chip to get the reform process moving. "The issue of veto is important, but we should not allow it to have a veto over the process of Council reform itself," said India's Permanent Representative Syed Akbaruddin, who was speaking on Tuesday on behalf of the G4 at the Inter-Governmental Negotiations

(IGN) on Council reforms. While the new permanent members would in principle have veto powers that the current five have, Akbaruddin said, "they shall not exercise the veto until a decision on the matter has been taken during a review". India, Brazil, Germany and Japan constitute the G4, which lobbies for Council reforms and they mutually support each other's candidatures for permanent seats on an expanded body. The G4 group rejected suggestions to create a

category of longer-term elected members of the Council as a ploy to block adding new permanent members. Expanding only the non-permanent categories would only worsen "the imbalance of influence" in the Council and "tilt the scales" in favour of an outdated set-up, he said. Akbaruddin was responding to Italy's Permanent Representative Sebastiano Cardi, who opposed expanding the permanent membership and instead suggested creating a new

category of elected membership with longer terms than the current two years. Cardi made the proposal on behalf of Uniting for Consensus (UfC), a 13-member group that includes Pakistan. The group has been waging a decades-long battle against expanding permanent membership and blocking the reform process. Approaching reforms from a narrow national perspective of ensuring that certain countries do not get permanent membership - for example, Pakistan's

opposition to India - through the reform process, the UfC suggested adding 11 seats to the Council, with nine of them having longer terms. Deriding the UfC proposal as "old hat", Akbaruddin said that the 1944 Dumbarton Oaks conference held in Washington to negotiate the shape of the UN had rejected suggestions for the longer-term Council membership. Any proposal for Council reforms without an expansion of the number of the permanent seats does "grave injustice to Africa's

aspirations for equality", he said. The G4 also pointed out that the number and allocation of non-permanent seats have outlived their relevance since the UN was formed and the reform in 1965 when the number of non-permanent members was increased from six to 10. Akbaruddin said that 53 members of the Asia-Pacific group of nations have only two elected seats on the council, while the 26-member Western Europe group also get two.

Members received death, rape threats: NMA

Kohima, March 6: The Naga Mothers Association today came into the open with serious allegations that protesters against women's reservation in civic polls last month had made rape and death threats to NMA members. NMA president, Abie Meru and Advisor, Rosemary Dzuvichit said today in a press conference that during the recent protests over 33 percent women's reservation in civic polls, Naga women received the worst threats ever. They said anti-women reservation activists threatened the members of NMA and pro-women reservation supporters with death and rape threats. The anti-women reservation activists even threatened women candidates to parade them naked if they defy the diktat and file their nominations, the NMA has alleged. "It was total disrespect to Naga women" they lamented. "People thought we are fighting men but it is not so. We are fighting for our rights," said Meru. She said the way some tribal bodies and youths reacted was beyond imagination.

"We feel ashamed to call ourselves Christians" she added. Nagas are going back to headhunter days instead of changing with time, she said. But if a section of patriarchal men think this is the end, NMA feels otherwise. NMA members said they will not lose hope and will continue to strive for peace and rights of women. "NMA will stand and stay strong and not like some people thought," said Dzuvichit. The NMA leaders said they would continue to have dialogue with the state government to resolve the issue. The two women leaders said they were not anti-Nagas but have been fighting for the rights of Naga women. They said therewas no intention of going against Article 371(A) of the Constitution. Despite threats from some tribal bodies Naga women's voice will remain the same when time comes, the NMA leaders affirmed. They said their effort was to open doors for Naga women to overcome the customs discriminatory to women.

"The whole world is watching us. We can't live in a cocoon," said Dzuvichit. She said in the process of disagreement over the issue, NMA was caught in the vortex of political gimmickry of some people who wanted to change the government. She said NMA has been made a scapegoat. However, Dzuvichit was grateful to various organisations from abroad and the country which supported the Naga mothers. She said several organisations have written letters to President and Prime Minister of India for their intervention. Dzuvichit said tribal bodies have agreed for even up to 50 percent nomination for Naga women in the urban local bodies but NMA was apprehensive that some third party might move court. While NMA was not only unconvinced by the explanation of tribal bodies but also perplexed that tribal bodies were against women's reservation but not nomination. The agitators have also failed to explain how nomination and reservation would affect Article 371A of the Constitution, the NMA said. (Page News Service)