

2nd Phase election: RO recommends re-poll in 9 Polling Stations of Karong Assembly Constituencies

IT News
Imphal, March 9: Returning Officers of the CEO Senapati and the Election observers had recommended re-poll in 9 polling stations in 47-Karong Assembly constituencies. A total of six candidates are in the fray at Karong Assembly constituency where election was held yesterday. Those contesting in the assembly constituency are Dr. V. Alexander Pao of the NPF, INC candidate DD Thaisi, BJP candidate RY Jonathan Tao, LJP candidate TK Savanai, Independent candidate Solomon Vaiphei and Independent candidate

Thaiba Sanii. Among those polling stations where re-poll is recommended - no polling was taken place due to threats at 47/1 Koide (A) and 47/2 (Koide (B) . Polling was interrupted by miscreants at 47/3 Koide (C) polling station, 47/31 Purul Akutpa (D) and 47/4 Koide (D) Polling station. At 47/ 19 Phaibung Khunou Polling station EVM was reportedly taken away by a group of people. At Polling 47/28, 47/ 29, 47/30 there were no polling taken place due to threats from armed gun men. Repoll for the said polling station is scheduled tomorrow along with others.

Re-poll held; no untoward incident reported

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Imphal, March 9: Repoll was held today at 34 polling station in 8 assemble constituencies of the state under tight security arrangement. Preliminary report said that over 70 percent voters caste their franchise which started from 7 am today and ended at 3 pm. State Chief Election Officer Vivek Kumar Dewangan disclosed that the repolls were being held as per directives of the Election Commission. A total of 12 companies of the central paramilitary forces and 20 companies of the strike force of Manipur were pressed into election duty. The first phase of polls in the state was held on March 4.

The polling stations where repolls were being held are among the 38 constituencies where elections were held on that day. Meanwhile Dewangan said on Thursday that electronic voting machines (EVMs) and polling and security personnel were being brought to the district headquarters using helicopters. He said that the preliminary report was that 86 per cent voters had cast their votes in 22 constituencies that went to polls on Wednesday. Dewangan said: "The poll figure will increase since reports from the remote polling stations are still awaited." Once the EVMs and officials

reach the headquarters the full figures would be known. The chief poll officer also hailed the voters who came out in large number. "It is historic and a success of democracy. The turnout was highest and polling by and large was peaceful," Dewangan said. Sources say that leaders of the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party — the major players, have started chalking out post poll alliances in case they do not secure absolute majority. There are 60 seats in the Manipur Assembly. BJP is contesting all seats while the ruling Congress fielded 59 candidates. (With addition from First post)

Tension runs high in Khangabok as post poll violence erupts



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Imphal, March 9: Tension runs high in Khangabok Assembly constituency in Thoubal District after supporters of BJP and Congress candidates were engaged in a post poll scuffle. Sources said that some workers of BJP candidate Th. Jadumani allegedly attacked the houses of the workers of Congress candidate Okram Surjakumar@ Kennedy Singh, son of Manipur chief minister Okram Ibobi Singh last night at about 9.30 pm. Following the incident, this morning, a team of Manipur police commando came to

Khangabok and started hunting for the men involved in attack on congress workers. The cops also vandalized vehicles and furniture of some selective BJP supporters in 35/9 polling station of Khangabok Makha Leikai, whom the police team suspected to have involved in last night's violence. The cops also allegedly beat up some 10-15 BJP workers in the locality. Locals alleged that the cops had looted some money and jewelry items during their raid. A public meeting held later in the evening at Khangabok condemned the incident.

Delhi HC directs Police to ensure entry of JNU VC in varsity's administrative block

New Delhi, Mar 9: Delhi High Court today directed the police to ensure that the Vice Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University and other officials are not stopped from entering or exiting the varsity's administrative block. It also directed that any 'dharna' or protest at the university shall be held peacefully but not within 100 metres of the administrative block and ordered the Delhi Police to ensure compliance of the two directions by use of its officers, if necessary. The court also issued notice to the JNU Students Union and sought presence of their office bearers on the next date to explain the reason for their agitation. The students are protesting the recent amendments made in the JNU admission policy which they claim will lead to a massive cut in M.Phil and Ph.D seats. The admission policy was framed subsequent to a University Grants Commission (UGC) notification of May 5 last year capping the number of students per supervisor in these courses.

PREAPK claims blasts at Thangal Keithel

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Imphal, March 9: Proscribed group PREPAK today claims the blast that took place at a Pharmacy near Kasturi Bridge in Thangal Keithel at around 5.30 pm yesterday. A press statement of the outfit signed by one Captain Achouba, Publicity Officer, Department of Publicity and Propaganda of PREPAK said that the Red army of the outfit triggered the blast as a reply

to the high handedness of AnilKumar Saahu, who is the proprietor of the M/S Deviya Medical Store. The blast took place in front of the pharmacy yesterday evening ,injuring 8 people including 3 women. The statement further said that the proprietor of the medical store had never given positive response to the communication made by the outfit thinking that their location is safe with security

forces around. The outfit further said that the proprietor of the Medical Store Anil Kumar Saahu (38) son of Bishwanath Sahu should contact the PREPAK to solve the issue and if failed to contact the outfit said that it would carried out more attack in the coming days. On the other hand the proscribed group extended its pain to those who sustained injury in yesterday's blast.

Bomb blast at Singjamei

IT News
Imphal, March 9: A day after PREPAK triggered a blast at Thangal keithel yesterday evening another hand grenade was exploded today at the road divider in front of Kumar Vereity store at Singjamei Super Market under Singjamei Police Station at around 4.30 today evening. Report reaching here said that no human casualty was cause in the blast.

KSA organizes mass cycle rally to promote sports spirit to the youth of the state

IT News
Imphal, March 9: With a mission to inject the spirit of sports to the youths of the state, Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) today organized a mass cycle rally here in Imphal. The cycle rally also marked the inauguration of the 6th Kanglei Mega Sports Festival, which the student body has been organizing every year. The cycle rally was flagged off by President of KSA Laksmam, who is also the convenor of the Joint Students Coordinating Committee (JSCC). Around 50 volunteers of

KSAs and its supporters took part in the cycle rally which was flagged off from the head office of KSA at Kwakeithel Konjong Hajari Leikai along the Tiddim Road. The cycle rally proceeded towards Kwakeithel, Malom, Nambol Chingmang, Lngapok, Kakyai, Meijroa, Hiyangthang, Langthabal, Heirangoithong and then ride towards Singjamei, from there they took towards Babupara then Nityapat Chuthek and later arrived at Keishampat Junction. From there the riders concluded its rally at its starting points.



CBSE Class 10, 12 board exam to begin today

IT News
Imphal, March 9: CBSE Class 10 and Class 12 Board examinations today even though re-poll is being held today at 34 polling station of 8 Assembly constituencies. Report said that a total of nearly 9 lakh students have registered for Class 10th examination which is around 16 percent more than last year's figure. Nearly 11 lakh students have enrolled for Class 12th exams which is a 3 percent increase, it added. The Class 10th exams will end on the 10th of next month, while for Class 12th, they will conclude on 29th April. CBSE has also launched a

mobile application to help students locate their exam centres. All India Radio reports said that the App, named 'Exam Locator', will help students quickly identify the exam centres on the basis of their roll numbers. There are 64 schools affiliated to the CBSE in the state of Manipur.

Jammu-Srinagar NH remained closed for second consecutive day

Ramban, March 9: Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed for vehicular traffic for the second consecutive day today following landslides and fresh snowfall. Traffic police said the incidents of landslides occurred at several places in Ramban and Diggol areas of Ramban district. Fresh snowfall has been reported at Jawhar tunnel and Banihal, and intermittent rain continued this morning at several places. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has put men and machines into service to clear the debris. However, intermittent rain and shooting stones are hampering the road clearance operation. Hundreds of vehicles are stranded at various places across the highway.

JNU officials not be blocked from admin block: HC to cops

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New Delhi, Mar 9: The Delhi High Court today directed the police to ensure that the Vice Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University and other officials are not stopped from entering or exiting the varsity's administrative block. It also directed that any 'dharna' or protest at the university shall be held peacefully but not within 100 metres of the administrative block and ordered the Delhi Police to ensure compliance of the two directions by use of its officers, if necessary. Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, however, sensitised the senior police officers present in court about the manner in which they have to deal with the students if there is any untoward incident. The court also issued notice to the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union (JNUSU) and sought presence of their office bearers on the next date to explain the reason for their agitation. The union's office bearers' presence was required as the judge was of the view that "the issue pertains to a university and the relation between the university and students" and the problem

should be resolved by dialogues and mediation and not by adjudication. "I feel, the issue instead of being strictly adjudicated should be resolved by way of dialogue, mediation and counselling," the judge said. The students are protesting the recent amendments made in the JNU admission policy which they claim will lead to a massive cut in M.Phil and Ph.D seats. The admission policy was framed subsequent to a University Grants Commission (UGC) notification of May 5 last year capping the number of students per supervisor in M.Phil and Ph.D courses. The JNU administration, which had come to court against the blocking of its administrative block by agitating students, said the "university will install CCTV cameras in and around the administrative building" to step up security. The court directed JNU to preserve 30 days footage of the cameras and to make it available to local police, if required or demanded by them.

SC asks Centre to secure India-Bangladesh border

Patwalia, March 9: The Supreme Court has asked the Centre to release funds for fencing the India-Bangladesh border to check cross-border influx of illegal Bangladesh nationals into Assam. The court perused the Centre's status report on the progress made in the works relating to securing and fencing the border and said, the task has to be completed soon. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) PS Patwalia, appearing for the Centre, said some tenders have been finalised and work

orders issued to successful bidders to undertake the exercise of border fencing. The ASG said, the Expenditure and Finance Committee will meet tomorrow to decide on the issue of releasing funds. The court posted the matter for further hearing on the 19th of next month. It was hearing the pleas of Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha, Assam Public Works and All Assam Ahom Association filed in the aftermath of large-scale riots in 2012 and 2014 resulting in the death of many people.