

## Manipuri Language day observe

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State today observed the Manipur language in commemoration to the day when Manipuri Language was included in the 8Schedule of the Indian Language. The day is observed by the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) at its Head Quarter here in Imphal DM College Campus.

Prof. N Khogendra, Prof. N. Aruna, President of AMSU, Manjit Sarangthem among others attended as dignitaries on the dais.

Speaking on the sideline of the function, AMSU President Sarangthem Manjit stated that even though the UNESCO had reported that Manipur Language has been included in the endangered language of the world, people including those in the government are not giving much important for protection of the language. He appealed all sections of people to observed the day in the following years.

## Former Minister N. Mangi and two other influential personalities join Congress Party This is just the beginning more will come – Ibobi Gaikhangan compares N Mangi with Vibhishana of Ramayana

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For the first time after the BJP led government comes to the state Congress Bhavan today witness celebration mood as three significant personality joined the congress party today. Except for former Minister Ningthoujam Mangi, who had contested last assembly election as BJP candidate, the other two Sanglakpam Presojit Sharma of Thonju Assembly Constituency and Huidrom Bikramjit Singh are new face in political spectrum even though both have reputed background with influential personality. Welcoming the three new faces, former Chief Minister and present leader of the

Congress Legislature Party, Okram Ibobi said that a new beginning of the Congress Party has begun today.

"I expect more personality including the MLAs of the ruling party are expected to join the Congress ahead of the Parliamentary election," Ibobi said with a smile.

Former deputy Chief Minister who is presently the member of the Highest decision making body of the Congress Party Congress Working Committee, Gaikhangan, while welcoming all the three said that the coming of N Mangi of Kumbi Assembly constituency like the joining of the Lord Ram party of Vibhishana in Ramayana. Gaikhangan was comparing Mangi with Vibhishana

saying the the Present government is now autocratic in nature which can be compare with that of Ravana.

N Mangi while speaking on the occasion said that it was a mistake to chose the BJP as it was totally against the people. He said it was not because of power that he join the congress party as at present too congress is an opposition party, but it was secular character of the congress party which is the only alternative to the BJP that he join the party.

Both Huidrom Bikramjit Singh and Sanglakpam Presojit Sharma are new face in political spectrum but both are influential persons having reputed status. Bikramjit Singh is a

successful industrialist. Preshojit on the other hand is a close relative of the Education Minister Th. Radheshyam of the BJP Government. He had also served as Chairperson of the Manipur Building Workers Welfare Board under the Labour department.

Earlier at Moirang while taking to reporters President of the MPCC TN Haokip has stated that in 2019 parliamentary election the UPA will return the the BJP will go.

"Modi wave has problem now due to lack of oxygen" Haokip said and added, "Modi will go and UPA will return in the 2019 parliamentary election". The MPCC president also said that when there is no Modi, there will be no BJP in the state.

## Supreme Court to hear plea of Army men challenging prosecution in AFSPA areas

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The Supreme Court today said that it will hear on September 4, a plea by over 300 Army personnel challenging registration of FIRs against them for operations in Manipur and Jammu and Kashmir where the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) is in force. The petition came up for hearing before a bench comprising Justices Madan B Lokur, S Abdul Nazeer and Deepak Gupta and the court said the matter has to be heard by the bench which had passed an order in this regard last year. "It has to go before the same bench," Justice Lokur said. Justice Lokur said that he, along with Justice U U Lalit, had passed the order last year and the matter has to go before the same bench. The court had on July 14 last year

constituted the SIT and ordered lodging of FIRs and probe into as many as 1,528 cases of alleged extra-judicial killings in Manipur. Meanwhile, the bench said that two separate petitions related to Manipur fake encounter cases will be heard on September 4. The main petition said Army personnel were being "persecuted" and proceeded against for performing duties in such disturbed areas. The filing of the plea by serving Army officers assumed significance as the CBI's SIT has recently filed charge sheets in two separate encounter cases in Manipur against armed forces in which murder charges have been slapped. The SIT was constituted by the apex court while hearing a matter related to alleged fake encounters by the Army, the Assam Rifles and the state police in Manipur.

