

Tributes paid to martyrs of August 27, 1965, on 53rd Hunger Marchers' Day

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Martyrs, who had sacrificed their lives on this day of 1965 while joining the mass uprising against the then government authority for creating artificial famine in the state, were paid fitting tributes at Chinga Mathak on occasion of the Hunger Marchers' Day. The All Manipur Students' Union- one of the oldest student body in the State observed the day as Hunger Marchers' Day ('Chaklam Khongchat'). This is 53rd years of the mass uprising. Four martyrs - Oinam Nabakumar, Waikhom Ninkai, Laishram Chouval and Nameirakpam Promoidini were martyred in police action during the uprising. The day's observation began since early morning with hymns in the name of the four martyrs who lost their lives during the movement being offered at the memorial site at Pishum (Ching Macha). Large number of people including students offered floral tributes to the portraits of the four at their memorial site.



As part of the observation, a mass rally was also staged carrying the portraits of the four Martyrs in the street of Imphal. Later, a memorial function was held at Manipur College campus. Speaking on the sideline of the event, secretary general AMSU Manjit Sarangthem

said the artificial famine like situations have been witnessed twice in the State- the first instance in 1939 before independence and the second in 1965 after independence. He said the hunger marchers' day is observed to commemorate the incident of

1965 during which four persons lost their lives. He continued, although we could have learnt from the past instances, we are yet to become self-reliant and self-dependent. The State still hasn't achieved status of being self-sufficient of food grains, he added. Whenever, there are blockades on the two national highways which are acting as lifelines of the State, we face food constraints, he said. He further added that this year too the government authority is going to create another famine by not providing fertilizers to the farmers. The farmers are buying the fertilizers at Rs. 1000 per bags and some authority are stocking the fertilizers that has to be distributed to the farmers at subsidized rate. On the other hand Manjit also stated that many paddy field are being destroyed and instead of compensating the farmers they are being left to their own. Manjit was referring to the Loktak Hydro Electric Power Project.

NEIDP ties holy alliance with BJP; sets to jointly fight the upcoming Parliamentary election



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Ruling BJP today knots holy alliance with the North East India Development Party (NEIDP) to jointly prepare for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election scheduled in 2019. The alliance was officially made public today, after the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh announced through media. President in Charge of the NEIDP Elangbam Brojendra, General Secretary Wahengbam Khelchandra and Sapam Kunjakeshore @ Keba were present at the time when Chief Minister announced the holy marriage. Speaking to media persons Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that BJP is always ready to go along with like minded committed political parties for the development of the state.

"Our BJP party is always ready to go along with political parties who act more rather than talking for publicity purposes", N. Biren Singh said. He further added that BJP is a committed political party who always keep promises. "BJP had assured that the territorial integrity of the state will be protected and as assured the BJP has been protecting the integrity of the state. N. Biren Singh also stated that The BJP has already ties knot with the NPP and after series of consultation among the likeminded political party the decision to ties knot with the NEIDP was finalized. NEIDP even though does not have any MLA, have offices at all the North Eastern Office of the Country. "We have seen the activities of the NEIDP. The party has

been working hard for promotion of the youths of the state to self sustains themselves. It was after seeing the work and its potential of building a better Manipur that we in the BJP finally decided to go along with NEIDP", Biren said. NPP representative and also Minister for health and Family Welfare department L. Jyentakumar also present during the announcement. President in Charge of NEIDP Elangbam Brojendra said that the party is serious over the various burning issues of the state and the party believes that the issues can only be faced and resolved after all political parties join hands breaking all barriers. As of now the BJP has not yet name any person on whom to be contested in the upcoming 2019 Lok Sabha Election.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma wins South Tura by-election



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Meghalaya Chief Minister and National People's Party president Conrad Sangma won the South Tura by-election by a margin of 8,421 votes after the final count. Former Congress MLA Martin M Dango, who resigned from the Assembly is the ruling NPP candidate for the Ranikor seat. In the Ranikor seat, the United Democratic Party candidate P Marwein is leading by over 3043 votes against his nearest rival Martin M Dango of the NPP after seventh rounds of counting, the CEO said. The by-elections to the two seats were held on August 23rd.

State Govt. have no regards for Modi's promises to electrified all part of the country



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After analysing the works of two Power Companies of Manipur namely MSPCL & MSPDCL -The Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for providing Electricity to the interior Villages of India before the month of December 2018 will be fail in Manipur, particularly in Tengenpoul District. More than 38 months the villages named as Border Bongjiang Village, Kwatha Khunou Village, N. Satang, L. Molphei and some other villages which lies at Indo-Myanmar Border in Tengenpoul District has not been getting Electricity. The villagers approach to the Power Sub-station at Moreh and also to the Office of MSPDCL which is at Moreh Town for several times since from 2015's July, there is no positive response given by the Electricity Department to

the villagers for new installation of Transformer of the Villages. This was learnt after a team of reporter including our correspondent Lucky Singh visited the village yesterday. As learnt by the media team, Villager have complained many times to the concerned Departments, But still complaint and request of the villagers to the concern Department for several times has not been converted into action by the staff of the MSPDCL. The Transformer was reported to have been blasted on July, 2015. The 11th Assam Rifle which is at Moreh had help them by providing Solar Lamps to the villagers as to prevent from darkness in their houses and villages. On June 4 that since the State Power Minister Thongam Bishwajit Singh have inaugurated the 132/33KV power Sub-station at Chikim Village, Moreh as to provide Electricity to all the

nearby Villages of Moreh and also to fulfill the vision of the Prime Minister for providing Electricity to the Villages. But still the staffs of two companies MSPCL & MSPDCL had not started providing electricity and also installation of new transformer of various villages of Tengenpoul District particularly in Moreh Block. B. Bongjang, Kwatha Khunou, N. Satang, L. Molphei are the Villages along the Indo-Myanmar Border near BPNo. 80, 81 and 82 and also 15Km Far from Moreh Town. The Villagers had been facing incontinences due to negligence from the part of the concern Department. The Chief of B. Bongjang Village Ngamson Baite request the Government of Manipur and also to the Government of India for new installation of Transformer for their Villages to provide Electricity to the Villages.

EC holds meeting with political parties on various electoral reforms

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The Election Commission is holding a meeting of all recognized national and state political parties on various electoral reforms in New Delhi today. The Commission has been periodically holding consultation meetings with all recognized political parties to elicit their views on various important issues. The agenda for the meeting includes discussion on the fidelity of electoral rolls. ECI has invited the views of all parties on measures to improve the accuracy, transparency and inclusivity of electoral rolls in view of the upcoming elections to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies. The EC has always been keen to

strengthen the democratic system of the country by improving its existing electoral system and practices. Discussion on enforcement measures to ensure timely submission of annual audited reports, election expenditure reports is on the agenda. Issues related to Expenditure Ceiling for Legislative Council Elections and Limiting Political Party Expenditure will be discussed in the meeting. On gender representation in political parties, the Commission will invite views on measures that political parties can undertake to encourage enhanced representation of women within the organizational structure of the political party. Another issue that will come

up in the meeting relates to election campaign silence period. The discussion on this topic will cover inclusion of print media within the ambit of the provisions of the Representation of the People Act and the issue of online canvassing to promote or prejudice the electoral prospects of a party or candidate on social media during the last 48 hours before the conclusion of polling. Important issues like alternative modes of voting for domestic migrants and absentee voters will also be taken. The views and feedback of political parties regarding efforts to encourage electoral participation of Voters With Disabilities will also be discussed.

Popular Front hails High Court order revoking ban in Jharkhand

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Popular Front of India chairman E. Abu backer has welcomed the Jharkhand High Court order which revoked the Jharkhand government decision of banning the activities of the organization in the state. He stated that the observations made by the High Court expose communal and fascist agenda of BJP government in Jharkhand

which imposed ban on the organization. The court brought to light the undemocratic motives of state government by noting that it didn't follow the procedures to ban an organization u/s 16 of the CLAA Act. The court also observed that the ban notice of the government violated the principles of natural justice and Article 19 of Constitution of India. The court also pointed out that the government failed to produce any evidence material to

justify its decision. The Jharkhand High Court judgment is a major setback to the authoritarian measures the state government has adopted against people's movements and voices of dissent. The order by the bench led by Rongon Mukhopadhyay upholds the spirit of the constitution and will undoubtedly serve as warning against the attempts to undermine democratic values and freedom of association in the country.