

## MPCC celebrates congress victory in three states



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Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) today celebrates the victory of the Congress Party in three states of the five states assembly election. The defeat of the BJP in all the five states has been term as fall of the saffron regime stating that the result is significant and it shows that Congress and it's like minded party will be coming to power in the upcoming parliamentary election.

Leader of the Congress Legislature Party Ogram Ibobi Singh while speaking on the occasion stated that after 4 and half years rule of the BJP led NDA government the people now realizing that the BJP has been fooling people by making false promises. "I already said that you can't fool the people by making false promises, the outcome of the just concluded election is the reason of the false promises", Ibobi said that. He further added that in democracy people is the supreme and false promises cannot last long. The result of the recent election is the fall out of the false promises.

On the conversion of the Look East Policy to Act East Policy and the frequent visit of the Union Ministers, the CLP leader question what changes had been done for the development of the North East region.

The problem of Manipur University which continue for over three months and the undermining of the state by the BJP leaders has also been highlighted. "Why it took so long for the government to finish the issue of the Manipur

University?", Ibobi said.

"The court intervention to the MU by the Judiciary is because of the inefficiency of the state government", he added.

The central attitude towards the state is also questioned by the CLP leader and said what have the Union Ministers who have visited the state had done for the state of the Manipur. MPCC President TN Haokip also stated that the Congress party will return back to power.

## SSUM organises torch rally at 350 different places in valley districts of Manipur

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Surprising the government, large number of people mostly women and students stage torch rally at various part of the valley districts of the state on the evening of Nupi Lan Observance Day. Imphal Times received report about such rally being staged at Imphal West district, Imphal East District, Thoubal district, Kakching district and Bishnupur district. The mass torch rally was organised by the Socialists' Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) with various demand to the government.

As per the slogans of all the rally staged at various places the demand were similar. The demands includes includes decommissioning of Thai Barrage and Maphithel Dam, Legislation for complete prohibition of alcohol and drugs, settlement of Indo-Myanmar border dispute, immediate halt of all natural resources extraction from the soil of Manipur, Protection of the sacred Kangle, preservation and protection of indigenous rituals places, Shifting of Army camp from Manipur University campus, compensation for farmers who face drought, compensation for farmers of paddy field



which have no irrigation channel and framing of a legislation for protection of the Indigenous people of the state.

General secretary of SSUM Bushan Longjam while talking to this reporter said that the mass rally was stage at 400 localities of 350 places at both urban and rural area. "This is the second Meira rally held. The first was held on Nov. 22", Bushan said. The rally organised by SSUM yesterday evening was openly supported by the All Meitei Pangal Students' Union of Manipur (AMPSUM). The AMPSUM also organised the torch rally at various area of Lilong in Thoubal district with the same demand carrying banner with portrait of Hijam Irabot.

### Demands

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- Legislation for complete prohibition of alcohol and drugs - settlement of Indo-Myanmar border dispute
- immediate halt of all natural resources extraction and oil exploration from the soil of Manipur
- Protection of the sacred Kangle,
- Preservation and protection of indigenous rituals places,
- Shifting of Army camp from Manipur University campus
- compensation for farmers who face drought,
- compensation for farmers of paddy field which have no irrigation channel and
- Framing of legislation for protection of the Indigenous people of the state.

## Manipur JJBs submits ultimatum for release of fund

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Members of Juvenile Justice Boards of Manipur JJB today submitted an ultimatum to the Director of the Social Welfare department demanding release of fund for maintenance of the office and child related expenses by December 20. "The department of Social Welfare is demanded to release the pending funds before 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 otherwise further agitation or protest will be sorted out", a memorandum submitted to the director threatens.

The Members of the Boards are taking vital role in handling the cases of Juveniles in Conflict with law as persons who are empowered by law as belonging to the body of presiding officers. As per the ultimatum submitted to the director the entitled allowances for the Members (JJBs) beginning from the month of April 2017 (90% central share) have not been released until today. Further, the 10% allowances of State Share for the JJBs have not been released from the month of April 2016 until today. Besides, the office

maintenance and child related expenses beginning from the month of April 2017 (90% central share) have not been released until today. Further, office maintenance and Child Related Expenses of 10% State Share beginning of April 2016 have not been released until today. Under this circumstance, the Members are beyond our capacity to deliver services without any penny to expense for our daily needs. The ultimatum was submitted after deliberation over the matter by the members of the Juvenile Board.

## Mizoram 36 out of 40 newly-elected MLAs are crorepatists: ADR

Agency  
Aizawl, Dec 13,

As many as 36 out of 40 newly-elected MLAs in Mizoram are crorepatists, while the average asset of the assembly members has risen from Rs 3 crore to nearly Rs 5 crore, a study showed said on Wednesday. However, the new assembly does not have a single woman MLA. The maximum 22 crorepati MLAs are from Mizo National Front, which has won the majority with 26 seats as per the election results announced on Tuesday. Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) said in its report. The outgoing assembly had 30

crorepati legislators. The crorepati-club in the new assembly also includes five from Congress, eight independents and the lone BJP legislator, each of whom have declared assets valued more than Rs one crore, the ADR said. "The average of assets per MLA in the Mizoram 2018 assembly elections is Rs 4.84 crores. In 2013, the average assets per MLA was Rs 3.10 crore," the report said. There are nine MLAs with assets valued over Rs 5 crore, while two have declared assets between Rs 10-50 lakh, the ADR said citing their self-declared election affidavits. It put the average asset of

the 26 MLAs from the MNF at Rs 4.97 crores and at Rs 5.13 crores for the five winning candidates from Congress. The average asset for the eight independent MLAs is Rs 4.39 crores, while the lone BJP MLA has declared assets worth Rs 3.31 crores. Regarding criminal records, the ADR said only two MLAs (both from the MNF) have declared cases against them, as against none in the outgoing assembly. Ten MLAs have declared their educational qualification to be between 5th and 12th class, while 29 elected MLAs have an educational qualification of graduate or above.

## Computerised OPD and Casualty Service inaugurated

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Thoubal, Dec.13:

A Patient friendly computerized OPD and casualty center at Nongpok Sekmai today. CMO/ District Mission Director Dr. N. Jayantakumar Singh inaugurated the computerized OPD and Casualty center. District Health Society Thoubal Ch. Basanta Singh, Dr. M. Rakesh Meetei M.O. in Charge PHC Nongpok Sekmai and Dr. Md. Jahangir Shah, M.O. in Charge PHC Wangjing also attended the inaugural function.

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New Delhi, Dec 13,

Congress president Rahul Gandhi Thursday held one-on-one meetings with Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot, the two chief ministerial aspirants in Rajasthan, before taking a final call on who would head government in the desert state. Gandhi also held deliberations with the party's central observer K C Venugopal and party in-charge of Rajasthan Avinash Pande and took inputs from them to ascertain the views of the Congress'

newly elected legislators on the matter, sources said. The Congress president gave separate hearings to both Pilot and Gehlot, one representing the young face of the party and the other, the old guard. The individual meetings lasted around 10-15 minutes each and neither Gehlot nor Pilot talked to the media after the meeting. There has been hectic lobbying for the top post and both leaders have staked their claims for the post of chief minister, sources said. Pilot's supporters raised

slogans outside Gandhi's office. They vociferously voiced their demand on Wednesday evening too when state legislators were meeting in the Rajasthan capital. Gandhi sought the views of party workers through an internal messaging system with a pre-recorded message asking them to send their views directly to him through the application. A decision on the post of chief minister will be taken by this evening to enable the oath-taking soon. The Congress has already staked its claim for

government formation in Rajasthan, even though it fell slightly short of the simple majority mark. Meanwhile TRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao, who led his party to a massive victory in the December 7 assembly elections, was sworn-in Thursday as the chief minister of Telangana for a second straight term. KCR, as Rao is popularly known, was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor E S L Narasimhan at a simple ceremony on the laws of Raj Bhavan here.

Along with Rao, party MLC Mohammed Mehmood Ali, who was deputy chief minister in the previous TRS government, took oath as a minister. Rao was unanimously elected leader of the TRS Legislature Party by the newly-elected MLAs Wednesday. In the December 7 elections, the TRS won 88 seats in the 119-member assembly, trouncing the Congress-led 'Praja Kutami', which ended up with a tally of 21. The BJP won just one seat in the state.

## Assam Panchayat polls

Guwahati, Dec 13,

The ruling BJP is leading in the Panchayat polls in Assam as counting of ballot papers continued for the second day today. The main Opposition party, Congress, is emerging as the second major winner while the BJP's ruling ally in the state, Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) contending with the third position. As per latest official statement from the Assam State Election Commission, BJP has won 1684 Gaon Panchayat Ward seats, followed by Congress with 1050 seats and AGP with 339 seats.