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Complete draft NRC published for Assam

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The completed draft of the National Register of Citizens, NRC, has been published bearing the names of 2 crore 89 lakh 83 thousand 677 citizens of Assam. A total of 3 crore 29 lakh 91 thousand and 384 persons had applied in the NRC updation process. Names of 40 lakh 7 thousand 707 people did not appear in the NRC draft.

Addressing a joint press meet in Guwahati today, Registrar General of India Mr Sailesh said, it was a historic day for the country and Assam. He informed that persons whose names are not included in the list will be informed individually about the reasons for non-inclusion. Joint Secretary of the Home Ministry Satyendra Garg said, no one will be sent to detention camp or Foreigners Tribunal as already declared by the Home Ministry. State NRC Coordinator Prateek Hajela said, persons who do not find their names in the draft have the legal right to apply again by filing claims from the 30th of August to 28th of September this year. Mr. Hajela said that names of 2.48 lakh Doubtful Voters and their descendants and persons whose references are pending in Foreigner Tribunals and their descendants - are not included in the draft. Nearly, 6.56 crores supporting documents were received along with applications.

Sour with the present day crisis of Manipur, Veteran politician O. Joy quits BJP

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Five time legislature of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, Okram Joy, who had joined the BJP with hopes to bring good days of the Manipuri people today announced that he quit the party as the regime which he believe is turning the state into a war like situation by provoking multiple issues. The veteran politician was not the only person who left the BJP but all his colleague from the Langthabal Assembly constituency joined him and announced that the BJP Langthabal Mandal has been abolished from today, announce H. Somorendra who was the General Secretary of the Mandal in the presence of the Mandal President H. Brajamani. The decision was taken after convening a meeting yesterday, Somorendra said in a press meet held today at the residence of O Joy at Kakwa. Speaking to media persons Joy said that the BJP of today is different from the BJP of Vajpay days. Today's BJP is the BJP of Narendra Modi and Amid Shah who has been spending more times in spreading religion than taking

'I joined the BJP having trust to the Ache Din of Prime Minister Narendra Modi but the Ache Din now is a turning Manipur to a war like situation, I QUIT to struggle with the people' – O Joy

up developmental works. "Sharma Prasad, the onetime BJP leader had give up his life fighting the special status granted to the Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution. He was jailed for agitating against the so called special status. Why today's BJP is working

out for a special status by extending the Article 370 (A) to all the part of the North Eastern states where Nagas inhabited", O Joy said reacting the Frame Work agreement adding that now he believed the British prediction that India will never be free even though they left.

The veteran politics is also serious to the present impasse at Manipur University which put halt all academic activities for 2 months.

"Why the government only acknowledge the issue of the Manipur University after 48 days of impasse?, Joy asked and said that even though the Manipur University is a central university every one knows that almost all the colleges under the Manipur Government have been affiliated to the University and a problem in the Manipur University will jeopardise the career of all students.

Termining the 35 member delegates headed by the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as a timid team, Joy question Why can't they boldly pursue the matter demanding proper investigating against the VC as it is burning the state.

"IS the VC mor important than the students of the state, Is the seat of the chief Minister more than the people of the state. Is the BJP more important than the people of the?" O Joy asked and said that as he consider the people more important and as he lost faith in the present BJP regime he quit the party.

CBI Director Alok Kumar Verma appears before SC over Manipur fake encounter case; SIT files charge sheet against 10 Police personnel

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In a significant move, the Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Kumar Verma appeared before the court sought his presence before it in the previous day of hearing on July 27 in connection with the Manipur Fake encounter case.

Hearing on the fake encounter case is being on after an organisation formed by group victim families of fake encounter victims called Extrajudicial Execution Victims Family Association (EEVAM) filed a writ petition of over 1528 cases

The court has earlier directed the CBI to submit report of some selected fake encounter case and with the delay and alleged intentional time consumption by the CBI in following the Sc directives EAVAM had recently expressed dissatisfaction and had question on why the CBI is not following the SC order.

The appearance of the CBI Director Alok Kumar Verma at the Supreme Court shows the seriousness of the country's highest court to the Fake encounter case.

Meanwhile, source said that the CBI had file charge sheet against 10 police personnel in connection with two fake encounter killing case which the SC has directed to investigate. The SIT of the CBI filed a charge sheet against a Sub Inspector of Manipur Police who was at that time in Iriblung Police Station in connection with a custodial death of a person.

The Special Investigation team of CBI has also filed charge sheet against 9 Manipur Police personnel including the than DSP L. Deven in connection with a case of January 12, 2018 at which two persons were killed in alleged encounter.

MU Community still stand firm with their demand even after 60 days

'Now the country has to make a choice between saving Education or saving AP Pandey'

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A joint statement of MUSU, MUTA and MUSA today said that there is no turning back to the demand for removal of the VC AP Pandey. The agitation by the Manipur University Community to remove the present VC, Prof A P Pandey, has now entered the third month.

"At this juncture, the University Community would once again reaffirm the demand for removal of Prof AP Pandey from his position coupled by an Independent Enquiry to his financial and administrative misdeeds to establish accountability and

generate lessons for posterity. The Insistence on the enquiry by the Independent Committee has become paramount as Prof. Pandey and the government continuously behaves in a manner to be the judge in one's own ease", the joint statement said.

"In this journey for restoring sanctity in and maintaining the health of higher education scenario in Manipur, the Manipur University Community would like to express extreme gratefulness to the civil Society Organisations, members of the general public and the colleagues in the colleges of Manipur for their Invaluable support the

struggle.

"Having completed the Second Month with the shared commitment to remove Prof A P Pandey, the country now needs to decide on a trade-off. The State Government led by N Biren Singh has all along played the game of ostrich claiming inability to do anything as the institution happens to be a Central University. At best, It has played as agents of Pandey or conduits of the MHRD to sabotage the movement in favour of Prof Pandey", the statement said. It further added that the non-response by both Central and State governments to the agitation implies that, come what may be, the

protection of AP Pandey overrides any other concern.

In words, the interest of one person, Prof A P Pandey, is much more significant than the absence of knowledge creation, knowledge sharing and facilitation of social advancement. The social and Intellectual advancement of society can wait if the Interest of one A P Pandey B protected.

"Now the country has to make a choice between saving Education or saving AP Pandey. For the Manipur University Community in particular and the society at large, the choice has best made amply clear in favour of Saving Education", the statement added.

Engulfing Uncertainties



By-Elangbam Johnson,

Just after 12 noon of 30th July, when the completed draft of the National Registrar of Citizenship (NRC) is published, around 30-40 lakhs of people would be rendered as stateless citizens in Assam. Again above this of the total of 3.9 applicants of NRC around 4 lakhs applications will be hold up for various reasons. In the background of all this happening Assam Govt has sought for

another 150 companies of paramilitary forces to meet the likelihood of disrupting peace & law order situation of the state. Although, Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister has ruled out for immediate deportation for the moment but many are planning to move into the neighbouring states. This has created a panicking sense of uncertainty and insecurity to all the demographically threatened states of the North East States. At this critical hour, it is so surprising that Govt of Manipur hasn't come up as of now with a contingency plan to stop this immediate influx of population from Assam in the background of all that is happening in Assam. It is high time now, that the state Govt has to sort out short and long term security policies to meet this impending threats likely to hit our state with full force. Stringent policing at the border check points and necessary deployment of police personnel must be started without any delay. And for the long term strategy Govt of India is saying that that there is going to be resettlement plan for these stateless peoples which obviously points fingers to nearby states like Manipur. So the state Govt has to prepare itself with necessary means and options to isolate Manipur from such Govt of India resettlement policy as we are already facing this acute crises of demographic imbalance where the indigenous peoples have almost become minority in our own state.

Above this there is also a great fear of another wave of population influx once the Citizenship Amendment Bill is passed by the Parliament where odd 50 lakhs of Hindu migrants will be allowed to come back into India where North East India will become a hot spot for them to settle. In view of this Govt must now try to bring forth a collective and joint understanding with all the adjoining states of Assam in meeting the challenges falling out of this new development which is going to affect the North Eastern States at large. All stakeholders including political parties cutting across party lines, Civil Societies Organisations, Community Leaders must join hand together along with the Govt to defend our state from this engulfing uncertainties altogether.

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First ever consignment of organic pineapples airlifted to Delhi

Imphal, July 30,

State and the Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department today achieved a major milestone as one metric tonne (1 MT) of organic pineapples grown in the State was airlifted today to Delhi from the Imphal International Airport. This is the first ever airlift of locally grown organic pineapples from the State. Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department had tied up with NE

Agro Products, a Gurgaon based company for selling fresh organic and chemical free pineapples (850 grams to 1.5 kilograms) for 'queen' and 'kew' varieties. The pineapples are produced by the Organic Pineapple Growers of Thayong, Andro, Waithou Chiru, where queen variety is cultivated and Bunglon and Khousabung where kew variety is cultivated under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East

Region (MOVCD-NER) implemented by the Mission Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) in the State. At present, 600 organic growers/farmers are cultivating organic pineapples covering 600 hectares of land under phase-I of the scheme and another 1,000 growers/farmers are being promoted at 1,000 hectares of land under the phase-II of the mission. The seasonal fruit is available in the State from the month of July to

October. Addressing the media persons at his New Secretariat office, Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar described the first ever airlifting of the consignment of organic pineapples to Delhi as a new dawn for the department and for the organic farmers of the State. Encouraging the organic farmers of the State, he asked them to work harder and cultivate more pineapples as the

govt. is committed to provide a suitable market for the pineapples.

Minister Shyamkumar opined that with the initiative, people outside the State can savour the unique characteristics and special refreshing taste of the varieties of pineapples grown in the State. The move will benefit the farmers as well the State and many more such initiatives will be taken up in the future to benefit all the stakeholders, he said.