

All Political Parties meet agreed to stand united in fighting crime against women

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All Political Parties meet organised by the Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM), Manipur Proletariat Peoples' Democratic Union (MPDDU) and Proletariat Feminist Movement (POFM) at Manipur Press Club today afternoon has agreed to stand together while fighting for the right of the rape victims as well as against any sort of crime against women.

While crime against women such as incident of rape has been on the rise some specific incident at which powerful politicians were involved are left uncared in the state of Manipur.

State Unit President of the Bahujan Samaj Party, Kavita while expressing her view said that some alleged rapists who are now elected as representatives of the people are being protected in the state of Manipur while, even Ministers or MLAs of the same political party which is in power at the center had expelled or dropped the Ministerial berth for their alleged role in committing rape crime. She also questioned on why the people are silent on such issue where their

representatives are involved in crime against women.

Congress representative Nameirakpam Jayentakumar, who is also the member of the State Legal department of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee said that the Congress Party has been voicing against any form of crime against women since the very long time. He said Youth Congress had staged protest demonstration on April 2 this year demanding punishment of rapists. On April 13, a candle lighting cum peace rally was demonstrated against the brutal crime against minor girls. On April 23 too the Congress Party had staged protest demanding punitive action against all rapists even though the rapist is elected MLA.

Lairenlakpam Bimola, General Secretary (Adm) of the Manipur Peoples' Party (MPP) said that the political Party she belongs to has always been associating to any movement against any form of crime against women.

"Our Party may not have MLA in the state Assembly but our party will always stand for the cause of the common people", she added.

Another member of the MPP Chanura Marup, Sanahanbi,

while expressing her view said that political interference to any investigation on rape crime should be condemn by one and all.

Advisor of SSUM, N. Luwang Meitei said that the case regarding the involvement of an MLA of Sekmai Assembly constituency has been suppressing using every possible force as the said MLA belong to the ruling party. He said that even though there has been complaint and the victim girl had petitioned to the High Court, the police still failed to file charge sheet.

Regarding the case of Thanga Gang Rape case which occurred on February 13, this year at which one 14 years old minor girl was allegedly rape by 4 youths, the SSUM advisor expressed serious concerned as there are report of intervention by misusing police force in the course of the investigation. Even though no concrete resolution on what to follow up has been adopted all members of the political party agreed to stand together while fighting any case of crime against women.

SSUM is organising to convene another meeting of all political party to discuss on what to take up by inviting members of other civil society organisation.

Congress readies to make way for Dalit as CM of Karnataka if gets majority

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Even as he exuded confidence in securing absolute majority in the new Assembly, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said he was ready to make way for a Dalit to take his place in the government if Congress leadership wished so.

Siddaramaiah said he will welcome the Congress leadership's decision to appoint a Dalit Chief Minister in Karnataka.

The statement is seen as a step to work out a compromise with former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's JD(S) if the exit polls, which have predicted a hung assembly, come true. Siddaramaiah, who was once in the JD(S), has repeatedly mocked the party as a B-team of the BJP. He was sacked by Deve Gowda in 2005 after which he had joined the Congress. While JD(S) had once formed a coalition government with the BJP in the past, this time Deve Gowda has said that such

possibility does not arise. Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president G Parameshwara has also said that he would welcome the party's decision on a Dalit CM.

If the Congress forms government in the state and appoints a Dalit Chief Minister, party's leader in the Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge would be one of the top contenders for the post.

Polling was held on Saturday in 222 constituencies following the countermanding of election for the Jayanagara seat due to the death of BJP candidate B N Vijaykumar, and deferment of voting for R R Nagar seat after a massive row erupted over a large number of voter ID cards being found in a Bengaluru apartment.

Most exit polls for the Karnataka Assembly elections forecast a hung assembly but gave the saffron party an edge with a possibility of the JD(S) emerging as the kingmaker. Siddaramaiah today mocked the exit polls, calling them

"entertainment for the next 2 days" as he asked party workers to "relax and enjoy your weekend."

"Exit opinion polls are entertainment for the next 2 days. Relying on poll of polls is like a person who can't swim crossing a river on foot relying on a statistician who told him the average depth of the river is 4 feet. Please note average of 6+4+2 is 4. At 6 feet you drown," he said.

"So, Dear party workers, supporters & well wishers, don't worry about exit polls. Relax & enjoy your weekend. We are coming back," the Chief Minister said.

At least two exit polls - Republic TV-Jan Ki Baat and ABP-C Voter - have predicted that the BJP will emerge as the single largest party by bagging 104 and 104-116 seats respectively in the 224-member House. The two news channels gave the incumbent Congress 78 and 83-94 seats and former prime minister H D Deve Gowda-led JD(S) 37 and 20-29 seats respectively.

Any party or alliance will need the support of 112 MLAs to form the new government.

India Today-Axis exit poll, however, put the Congress in a pole position and predicted its tally in the range of 106-118 seats while of the BJP between 79-92. It saw the JD(S) tally between 22-30 seats.

The Poll of Exit Polls on NDTV forecast 97, 90 and 31 seats for the BJP, the Congress and the JD(S) respectively.

The Congress had won 122 seats in the 2013 state Assembly polls following a split in the BJP, which was reduced to 40 seats while the JD(S) also got 40 seats.

Both the BJP and the Congress ran a high-decibel campaign in the state with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the saffron charge with 21 rallies while Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led their bid to ensure that it defies anti-incumbency to retain power.

The BJP has declared B S Yeddyurappa as its chief ministerial candidate.

Executive Committee Meeting of BJP Khangabok Mandal held

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Executives committee meeting of BJP Khangabok Mandal was held at M/s Sorojini Filling Station, Khangabok today. The meeting reviewed the organisational & election related works in connection with ensuing Parliament election 2019.

The meeting unanimously adopted several political resolutions for revision and to be put up to the higher authority for due consideration and necessary passing of the resolutions. The meeting was organised by BJP Khangabok Mandal.

Former Vice President of BJP Manipur Pradesh Thokchom Jadumani Singh, President of BJP Khangabok Mandal L.Tomba Khuman, Vice-President of BJP Thoubal District Rameshwar, L.Raghu, Vice-Presidents of BJP Khangabok Mandal L.Chonjon, M.Rameshwar, Mandal In-charge Md.Salaudhin and Pratinidhi M.Gouramohon attended the Meeting.

Presidium Members and BJP Khangabok Mandal members Paid floral tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay on Mandal Executives committee meeting.

In a political resolutions moved by the Mandal Secretary, N.Ramananda, the executive meeting

unanimously endorsed and supported the proposed draft political resolutions of BJP Thoubal District executive meeting held on April 29.

Th.Jadumani Former Vice-President BJP Manipur State Unit, motivated the district and unit party leaders stating that if they sincerely work hard according to the ideology of the party then the higher authority will not fail to

recognize and acknowledge the sincerity and contribution to the party.

The meeting resolved to seek approval for extension of healthy co-operations to the development works to be carried out in the coming years by the Executive Members. The meeting was also attended by Councillors, Pradhans, Members and Mandal Members of the party.

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The Northeast India Federation of Journalists (NIFIJ) has called upon the scribes of the region to unite in order to overcome the challenges faced by the media fraternity of the region.

The NIFIJ had organized the North East Journalists Conclave, the first of its kind to be held in Arunachal Pradesh, that was hosted by the Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUWJ) yesterday.

Journalists from across the region, represented by six of the eight states barring Mizoram and Sikkim, including one delegate from Gorkhaland Territorial Administration spoke about the various challenges that journalists face

in their daily working lives.

During the conclave, it was felt that many of the challenges are unique but at the same time shared by journalists all over the region.

A resolution adopted by the NIFIJ called upon "community organizations, ethnic bodies, students and youth organizations etc to respect the freedom of media and freedom of expression". It said that organizations always have the option to issue rejoinders to media organisations in case they are aggrieved by any news item published/aired in the media.

The resolution also called for better co-operation between journalist bodies to work unitedly for the upliftment and cause of the community.

The NIFIJ also expressed "great dismay" over the

growing attacks on members of the journalistic community in the region by both state and non-state actors, "thereby severely affecting the safety and security of the journalists which in turn affects the freedom of the press and freedom of expression".

It said that state governments should enact laws in the model of the Maharashtra Journalists Safety Act encouraging safety and security and other relevant aspects of journalists. One of the key issues discussed during the conclave was the low standard of working atmosphere provided to journalists in the region, especially those of small media houses.

"Journalists of this region are not getting a decent salary and perks. The newspaper managements have not

implemented mandatory Wage board Awards. The plight of the journalists of electronic media is worse. They are not covered under the Working Journalists Act," the NIFIJ said. The NIFIJ urged the management of media houses to abide by the mandatory provisions of the labour laws such as the issuance of appointment letters, provident fund, gratuity, leaves and due promotion to the scribes.

"Since journalists of Northeast are working in hostile environment risking their lives, insurance and compensation should be made mandatory," a declaration by the NIFIJ said. It expressed happiness that some state governments have started a pension scheme for journalists.

'Go to Village' – a boon to people at grassroots level

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The third session of the State Government's 'Khungang Chate – Go to Village' mission will be held at various villages across the State on May 15.

The noble initiative of the new State Government gives special focus to schemes for social benefit, health and education and identification of left out beneficiaries for inclusion in Government programmes of housing and pension etc.

The 'Go to Village' mission, a brainchild of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, is specifically designed to reach out to the citizens at their doorsteps, explain Government programmes and its benefits to the people and ensure timely delivery of services to eligible beneficiaries, redress their

problems and queries in a citizen-friendly manner and provide on the spot solutions, on the same day without delay wherever possible.

To assist the villagers, officials of different Government Departments are deputed at the camps organised on every Tuesday at selected villages of all the 60 Assembly Constituencies. The mission will cover all the villages and urban or semi-urban localities one after another.

Under the mission, the Government provides an array of services that include Aadhar service, animal vaccination and treatment, health check up, opening of bank account/ PMJDY and other banking services, issuance of birth/ death/marriage certificates, electoral rolls enrolment/ correction, distribution of school supplies, distribution

of seedlings and samplings/ tree plantation, financial assistance to poor and needy widows, pension under IGNDP/IGNOAP/MOAP/IGNWP for old age, disabled, widows, assistance to farmers under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture Department, soil testing and issuance of soil Health Cards and advise by Agriculture Department/Horticulture Department/RKVY officials.

And more importantly, facilities for on the spot verification and application submission for Chief Minister's noble initiatives like Chief Minister's Hakselgi Tenggabang (CMHT), Chief Minister's Sotharabasingi Tenggabang (CMST), and enrolment of drop out students under 'Lairik Tamhansi - No Child Left Behind', are also provided to villagers at the camp venues.

Moreover, applications for Central Government sponsored schemes like Housing under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and getting LED bulb free of cost or at subsidised rate under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana etc. are also available at these camps.

Apart from it, applications related to land measurements and other land related matters, Ration Card under NFSP, weaver/artisan card and Yarn Passbook under Textile Promotion Scheme, skill development training under MOBC, TA and Hills, Commerce and Industries, Social Welfare, MAHUD, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, skill development training for border villages under BADP, new connection for electrified household under

Saubhagya, assistance under RKVY, MIDH, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation, PMKSY for agricultural inputs like certified seeds, green house, poly house, sprayer, pump sets, etc.(Agri/Horti), seedling/samplings for tree plantation, fish feeds, construction of toilets under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, PMEGP Loan, JSY/ JSSK/ RBSE are also made available at different stalls of these camps.

The Government officials also attended to community grievances/ suggestions/ demands such as infrastructure development like water supply/ roads/school building/ health facility/ micro irrigation etc. Delivery of beneficiary schemes is done on the spot for identified/already selected beneficiaries of the previous year, which could not be

distributed last year. For the current year, benefits will be given after verification of forms/ documents, and selection of beneficiaries.

People's turn-up and participation in this mission is encouraging and immense with the first day (launching day) alone witnessing a total of 60,339 applications. After he launched the mission at Laphapat Tera in Imphal West district on May 1, the Chief Minister also attended another 'Go to Village' camp at Mongjam village in Imphal East district last Tuesday (May 8).

(***Views expressed here is purely of the DIPR Imphal Times have different opinion regarding 'Go to Village' Mission. Time and again we had written that the mission lack vision as it is crossing to the activities of the PRI)