

## MLA Robindro Assures Justice to Thanga Gangrape Victim

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MLA of Thanga Assembly Constituency Tongbram Robindro Singh today assured to deliver justice to the victim of Thanga gangrape victim and book those culprits as per the law of the land for their heinous crime if prove guilty.

MLA also clarify that no intervention or fault play were carried out from his end to protect the culprits. Speaking to media persons at his office chamber, MLA Robindro Singh said that



news report appeared at some newspapers about his involvement in protecting the culprits involved in the

rape crime is totally baseless as he himself have open doors to any group or organization to extend all form of assistance to extend justice to the victim of rape. "The truth is there is no intervention or relation with the culprits who have committed the heinous crime with me or my family", MLA Robindro said.

No hindrance will be given to SSUM or any civil society organization while trying to find out the truth to serve justice to the rape victim instead full support will be given from his side, Robindro added. Robindro also appealed not to feel any doubt while

serving the truth to the public by SSUM or any society organization of the state regarding any anti-human, anti-social, crimes or for any issues occurred in the state rather than criticizing that can hurt the sentiments and not to quote his name in any issues without any proof in the near future.

Being an MLA of the BJP lead government, no political pressure were given to the police personnel or SIT from his side during the investigation of the rape case.

Those culprits responsible for the heinous crimes will be booked and serve severe punishment as per the law of the land, he added. Robindro appeals the general public to trust and believe in the rule of law as there is no divide and rule policy in the eyes of the law and assured to give full support to the victim serve justice at the earliest and SSUM to clarify the truth for including his name with the case by calling a press conference.

## Folktales can make school attractive to children: Th. Radheshyam

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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam said that telling the tales of folktales to the students can intrigue their interest towards school. He asserted that the folktales are the treasures of moral values and lessons that need to be instilled to the young minds to enhance their conduct.

The Minister was speaking at the inauguration of the 7 - Day Workshop on Folktales & Its Educative Values for Elementary School Teachers, organised by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Government of Manipur, held at the Nambol Higher Secondary School, Nambol. He urged that all of the 50 participating teachers should tell a folktale to each other during the training session so that they could imbibe themselves the art of telling stories for sake of the students.

He said, the workshop would help in reinstating the old age tradition of telling stories from folktales (Phunga-wari) to the children and generations to come, if not at home but at school. Teachers, he asserted, have a very important role to play in shaping the society. Every trade that every individual practice, he added, is because of a teacher. He stressed that the children are always in one way or the other talented, it is the teacher who should discover such innate qualities in children, to make them a successful educated citizen.

He appealed the entire teaching fraternity to carry out their duty with interest and love and insisted that the school must be made a place for attraction for children. He asked the teachers to be innovative to mentor and guide the young mind to make the learning and teaching motivating to encourage the student to come to school and



attend their class. He asked the teachers to apply visual teaching to make learning fascinating.

Zonal Education Officer Bishnupur Nepram Tikendrajit Singh speaking as Guest of Honour said that the workshop on the importance of folktales is a relevant topic to re-establish the moral lessons filling the void of moral science that was once a subject.

The first session of the workshop is being conducted

by Prof. H Bihari as resource person. The inaugural programme was attended by dignitaries, principal of the school, concern officials, teachers and students.

It may be mentioned that the workshop on Folktales & Its Educative Values is being carried out to revive the traditions and significances of folktales, a wealth of lessons to be learnt that would help in grooming the young children in becoming a more refined.

## SSUM continues protest; visit Thanga gang rape victim



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With the increasing rates of crime against women in the state, students of Manipur Standard English School, Singjamei, Kakwa Asem Leikai today stage a standing protest at the school campus demanding immediate arrest of rapists, BJP MLA of Sekmai A/C and Thanga goons.

The protest was organised by Socialist Students Union of Manipur (SSUM) and Proletariat Feminist Movement Manipur (POFM). Large number of students of the school took part in the protest.

Meanwhile a team of Socialist Students Union Manipur (SSUM) today visited the residence of the Thanga Gang Rape case. During the meeting Members of Proletariat Feminist Movement Manipur also attended. The SSUM volunteers assured to provide all support to deliver justice for the rape victim.

### Kangleipak Calendar Board to observe 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

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Kangleipak Calendar Board is observing its 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on May 20, 11 am at Manipur Press Club Imphal Major Khul. A statement said that since the establishment of the Board differences and confusion of the Meitei lunar date has been sorted out through scientific findings. The Board appealed people to attend the foundation irrespective of getting formal invitation or not. It also appealed CSOs or any other organisations not to call bandh or blockade on the day.

## 7th Pay Demand Protest enters 56 days

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The on-going protest staged by various employees of state government departments demanding implementation of 7th pay commission in Manipur has entered 56 days today while employees and staffs continue to stage sit-in-protest at their respective office premises. Likewise, employees of All Manipur Transport Department stage sit-in-protest at the office premises demanding implementation of 7th Pay Commission in the state, organised by All Manipur Transport Department Employees Union (AMTDEU).

Speaking to media persons, General Secretary AMTDEU, Th. Bijoykumar Singh expressed disappointment over state government for failure to implement the 7th Pay Commission in Manipur while most of the states in India the commission has been implemented by their respective government.

Even in North-East states like Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, implementation of the commission has already been announced but no sign of the commission can be seen in Manipur which is a big disappointment for the state employees, he added.

Bijoykumar said that the demand made by the employees is genuine and it's

their rights that the commission should implement in the state.

Unfortunately, no positive response or initiative has been taken up by the state government despite the demand protest has reached 56 days, he added.

On behalf of the employees, Bijoykumar appeals the state government to implement the 7th Pay commission at the earliest and also to urge the central government for implementation of the commission in the state.

The employees will give full support to any decision taken up by the JAC AMTUC and AMGEO until and unless their demand is fulfill.

## 3rd Go To Village Mission launched in Churachandpur

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The third phase of Go to Village Mission was launched for Lamka TD block, as a Part of an initiative of the Government of Manipur, comprising of Tanguam, Pangzawl, Nghathal, Lanva and Kawnpui villages at Lanva Village, Churachandpur district yesterday. Speaking as Chief Guest Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian said that to give awareness to the hill people to make known the Schemes taken up by the government to them, to go to every village and find out eligible beneficiaries to be included in the list and queries the one who was left out for beneficiaries and their problems, to deliver appliances or help them to get the benefits entitle to them at their door steps are some of



the aims and missions of 'Go to Village'.

He further said that the various line departments will approach every village one after another to enquire about their problems and necessities. He also appealed village authorities and leaders to prepare and sort out the priorities, tell the officials about their grievances, prepare AADHAAR cards, keep data of villages and

submit to the visiting staff of different department if and when they access to their villages.

The function was graced by Agriculture, Veterinary and Animals Husbandry Minister V. Hangkhanlian, Principal Secretary, JC Ramthanga, Deputy Commissioner, Churachandpur Shyamal Poonia, IAS as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Functional President

respectively.

Under PMUY, Bungmual Indane has distributed new gas connection books to five BPL families. Social Welfare departments has distributed Aids and Appliances to five handicapped persons and as Care Given Allowances Rupees six thousand each was handover to four persons and ZEO, Ccpur also aids material for dropout students.

The Minister, handover old age pension money as in the form of cheque to old age persons, Wheel chairs, Cp Chairs and MR kids were handover to disable beneficiaries in yesterday function. Different departments open stall for delivery of complaints and registration.

Large number of beneficiaries and villagers besides line department officials Village authorities and leaders are present in yesterday function.

Courtesy-FirstPost  
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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 36.2 percent of the votes in the Karnataka election—its highest ever since the party first contested state elections in 1983.

However, the Janata Dal-Secular (JDS) with 18.3 percent vote share and the Indian National Congress (38 percent)—a combined vote share of 56.3 percent—may get to form the government in the state.

The JD(S) vote-share of 18.3 percent, according to leads and results, was its lowest in nearly two decades since 1999 when it had a vote-share of 10.4 percent.

The Congress vote-share of 38 percent is the highest among the three parties and the highest the party got since the 1999 elections when it had a vote-share of 40.8 percent. Although the BJP vote share was 1.8 percentage points lower than the Congress', the former is 26 seats ahead of the incumbent Congress in this election, according to leads and results. This is because elections in India follow the first-past-the-post system: The candidate with the highest number of votes wins the seat.

In keeping with a 33-year-old trend, Kannadigas voted against the incumbent government in the 2018 elections as well, according to an IndiaSpend analysis of election data. From winning 122 seats to emerge as the single-largest party in 2013, the Congress lost 26 seats in the 2018 election, mainly to the BJP, according to leads. In states where the BJP is in power, such as Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar

Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, the party, in its ascent to power, made inroads into the strongholds of regional parties, IndiaSpend previously reported ([here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). Going against this trend, in Karnataka, the JD(S) has largely retained its influence, winning 37 seats—three fewer than the 40 it won in 2013. This is, as we said, despite the party recording a vote-share of 18.3 percent in the 2018 elections, down from 20.2 percent in the 2013 elections.

The outcome of the 2018 Assembly elections in Karnataka is similar to the results of 2004, when the BJP emerged as the single largest party but the Congress and the JD(S) formed a coalition government. The BJP, at the time, had recorded a vote-share of 28.3 percent—seven percentage points lower than the Congress.

Since 1985, whenever the Congress came to power with a full majority in the Karnataka assembly elections—in 1989, 1999 and 2013—the party had won the highest vote-share, which was at least 16 percentage points higher than the runners-up.

This does not appear to be the case with other parties. In 2008, when the BJP won a majority and formed the government, it won 110 seats with the second-highest vote-share.

When the JD(S) had formed the government with a full majority after winning the state elections in 1994 with 115 seats, the party could do so with a vote-share of 33 percent—six percentage points higher than the Congress (27 percent).