

'Hasty and premature assumption makes Manipur Govt. a mockery; degrades Governor's office'

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In today's fast changing world truth cannot be kept under the carpet for long as mass communication has reached its peak with the invention of high speed internet plus 24x7 news channels.

The much publicised celebration by pro N. Biren Singh government following the announcement by a National TV Channel India Today as the 3rd best Chief Minister based on a survey conducted in collaboration with Axis My India, an independent body turns out to be another hasty publicity stunt which has even defamed the Governor of the state, when it comes to displaying how seriously the government is monitoring the responses to its activities from both the media and general people. Talking to Imphal Times, veteran politician Okram Joy the kind of announcement is nothing but a game played by the Narendra Modi led government to this small part of the country, popularly called "THOKLEELA", which literally mean 'Cheating Drama'.

Reacting to a news report appeared in Imphal Free Press, the veteran politician who represented Langthabal Assembly Constituency as

MLA for 5 terms also said that he did not expect the governor of the state to be involved in such games before conducting proper verification.

"The Governor is expected not to get involved in such cases until and unless it was properly verified", O. Joy said. As for the BJP organization it is left to their decision.

O Joy also stated that one can fool some people for some time but not all the people for all the time.

"Statement of the Chief Minister is the statement of the government, it should be very careful that there are possibility that some people be fool some section of the society, but it is not possible to mislead the whole people", O Joy said.

Congress Spokesperson Hareshwar Goshwami while speaking to Imphal Times said that the immature decision without proper verification has brought down the level of credibility of the Governor's office.

"The premature felicitation of Shri N. Biren Singh as 3rd best CM of India and best CM among BJP CMs by the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur and supporters of BJP degrades the office of the Governor and shows the immaturity of Shri Biren Singh and his supporters. It shows the quality of BJP Government India in general and Manipur in particular", Hareshwar Goshwami said.

Kshetrimayum Santa , Secretary CPI-M talking to Imphal Times said that his party don't believe in the publicity stunt of the news channel on the popularity of Indian Chief Ministers but think that the vested interest groups and individuals organised premature felicitation programs as a mark of congratulations and to send a message to the people that N Biren Singh's popularity doesn't fall even his government could not give a solution to the 4 months long

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MU impasse. He further said that the High Court of Manipur's intervention helped the returning of normalcy in the University . Santa opined that N Biren Singh's popularity rate may be downward after the respected channel's grand finale which may be telecast within a short period.

As per "Imphal Free Press" report, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is not even among the top 5 best Chief Ministers when the survey has been completed for 23 states.

"The popularity level of Biren Singh has gone down in the graph as the India Today popularity assessment programme continue across

the country with chief ministers of more states being added in", the newspaper report.

The Imphal Free Press report was published after confirmation from Rajdeep Sardesai, the India Today journalist who co-hosted the show "Political Stock Exchange" which declared Biren Singh as the 3rd best CM.

"The most popular CM as per the survey figure is Odisha's Naveen Patnaik at 59 percent, Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee at the second spot at 53 percent, Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani at 3rd with 48 percent and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal at 4th spot at 47 percent. Out of the four

CMs, three are non BJP CMs. Out of the 25 states covered, CM Biren no longer figures in the top three positions and there are more states to go", the report added.

Man arrested with huge quantity of drugs from Moreh



Moreh, Oct 25.

Tengnoupal police team arrested a person with huge quantity of drug today morning.

Report reaching here said that a team of Moreh CDO led by Thomas Thokhom, DSP CDO/oreh and Y. Shakti Shen Singh, OC CDO/Moreh under the command of Addl. SP Tengnoupal Robinsun Khannam and overall supervision of SP Tengnoupal Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh conducted a raid at the house of one Yumnam James Meitei (27) s/o Yumnam Joy Meitei of Moreh ward no.7, Turel Wangma, Tengnoupal District at around 4 am today morning. The police team recovered 10(ten) plastic soap cases containing Heroin powder weighing about 133 grams, worth approximately Rs 13,30,000 (thirteen lakhs thirty thousands) in the international market in the raid.

No changes in the leadership of NSCN-K'

Courtesy :TNT
Kohima, Oct. 25,

The Yung Aung-led NSCN (Khaplang) on Wednesday denied reports that the outfit's self-styled general Niki Sumi has been elevated to the post of "commander-in-chief".

In a statement, the NSCN (K) termed the report "false" and "malicious", aimed at creating disunity by adversaries. It said Sumi is still the "deputy commander-in-chief" of the outfit and there had been no change or promotion as yet. The group further appealed to the Nagas not to be swayed by developments taking place in the ousted Khango group but to have faith in the militant group's leadership.

Sumi, who hails from Surrumi village in Zunheboto district of Nagaland, was, along with NSCN (K) leader Starson Lamkang and "major general" Neymlang, named by New Delhi as a key figure in the Manipur ambush of June 4, 2015 that killed 18 soldiers. He features in the most-wanted list of the NIA, which has announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh to anyone providing information about Sumi's whereabouts. The agency had issued a red corner notice against Sumi in 2015. The NIA, in its website on October 21 had reportedly mentioned the names of 258

fugitives that included 57 who carry a bounty on their heads. Names of various leaders belonging to the NSCN (K), NSCN (I-M) and other Northeast insurgent groups have also figured in the agency's list of "most wanted".

In the meantime, former NSCN (K) chairman Khango Konyak has reportedly arrived at Yongkhao village in Tobu sub-division of Mon district in Nagaland. Reports said a welcome programme was accorded to him in the village on October 16 where representatives from civil societies and NGOs from eastern Nagaland were present. Konyak, a western Naga and an Indian national, was removed as the chairman of the NSCN (K) in August. He was replaced by Aung, a nephew of NSCN (K)'s founder S.S. Khaplang.

The NSCN (K) is now divided into two groups — one led by Aung and the other by Konyak. Konyak was appointed chairman of the outfit on June 20, 2017, after Khaplang's death. According to reports, he is not averse to signing a ceasefire with the Centre and is in touch with Naga civil society organisations in this regard.

CM attends to around 400 complaints

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Hundreds of people turned up to highlight their grievances to Chief Minister

N. Biren Singh on the combined Meeyamgi Numit and Hill Leaders' Day held at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The Chief Minister personally attended to around 400 complaints and met nearly 1200 people from 8:30 am to 1:20 pm. Huge number of people were seen gathered at the gate of CM's Secretariat since early morning to obtain entry pass. Officials of Health Department and JNIMS were there to attend to the people, who seek medical assistance, reimbursement and health care in Government medical

hospitals. Other Departments including Minority, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes, Social Welfare, Education (S), Information and Public Relations, Manipur State Cooperative Bank Ltd. and Police were also deputed at the Chief Minister's Secretariat to help the visitors.

Youva Puraskar awards and Writers' Meet

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Sahitya Akademi is organizing award ceremony to present the awards to its Yuva Puraskar 2018 awardees at 4.30 pm on October 26, 2018 at Tribal Research Institute Auditorium Chingmeirong, Imphal, Manipur. Vice President, Madhav Kaushik, will present the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2018 to 22 awardees in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at the special function.

On 27 October 2018 Writers' Meet will be held at 09.30am at Tribal Research Institute Auditorium Conference Hall, Chingmeirong, Imphal, Manipur where the award winning authors will speak about their works and experience.

Handloom Expo

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National Handloom Expo-2018 organised by Directorate of Handlooms and Textile, Govt. of Manipur, sponsored by the Office of the development Commissioner for Handloom, Ministry of Textile, gov. of India begins today at trade and expo centre Lamboi Khongnangkhang Imphal West. The Expo will continue till November 8. Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgen and other eminent personalities promoting the handloom product attended the expo.

PREPAK refutes claimed by Police

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One thingbaijam Sumila devi (30) daughter of Th. Nimai Singh of Pungdongbam, which was reported by an English news paper to have been arrested by combined team of 9 Sector Assam Rifle Mantri Pukhri and Imphal East Police Commando on October 22 from Lamlai area and reported to have been remanded in police custody is in no way related with the PREPAK and have nothing to do with its armed wing the Red Army. This was stated by a statement of Achouba, Publicity officer, Department of Publicity and propaganda, PREPAK.

Reacting to the news report base on police statement, the statement of the PREPAK stated that there is no shelter or base camp of the PREPAK in Myanmar as reported by the IO of the police which he stated was the statement of Sumila. It said that such a propaganda is nothing but an attempt to malign the image of the PREPAK and the kind of propaganda is not new at all.

Workshop on Faith based leaders meet on climate policy begins

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In a move to work together and find issues and solutions, a two day workshop on Faith based leaders meet on climate policy was formally inaugurated at the Diocesan social service society (DSSS) hall at Mantripukhuri in Imphal.

The workshop was organised by state climate change, environment department in association with the Manipur forum for sustainable mountain development. The inaugural function of the workshop was addressed by Prof N Mohendro Singh (retd), advisor, state climate change, Manipur and former member steering committee,NER vision 2020,DoNER, government of India and Director Dr Y Nabachandra Singh of

environment department, state government.

In his speech, Prof Mohendro suggested to develop a model village with physical, knowledge, technology and market connectivity besides reiterating the idea of 'think globally and act locally' in dealing matter relating to climate change issues. On the other hand Environment Director Nabachandra sought help and cooperation from the participants in framing a better and comprehensive version II of the state action plan on climate change. Fr Anthony director DSSS and Rev T Karang Maram of Manipur Baptist Convention also spoke on the occasion. More than 50 faith based leaders representing different Christian inter-denominations based in hills and plains of Manipur

participated the two day workshop. In his inaugural note, Deputy Director Dr T Brajakumar Singh said, the main objective of the workshop is to work to gather and deliberate on the existing policies on climate change and environment in one platform in order to integrate it into Manipur state action plan on climate change version II. In the technical session, Dr Brajakumar made a presentation on climate change in Manipur while Fr Anthony director DSSS and Rev T Karang Maram of MBC attended as panelists. Later a group exercise on climate change vulnerability assessment, setting of priority and indicator by project Scientists and state climate cell Manipur was also held. The workshop will conclude tomorrow.