

Nagaland 'Logical to be in alliance with central government', says CM Rio

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed confidence that the BJP-led NDA government will retain power under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi; and urged the people to vote for the PDA consensus candidate and sitting Lok Sabha MP, Tokheho Yepthomi.

A press release from the NDPP stated that the chief minister shared the message while addressing public rallies at Noklak and Thonoknyu on Saturday. Rio said that since Nagaland has just one seat in the Lok Sabha, the lone member represents the entire people of the state. "As such, it is the people who should decide whether they want to elect an MP who can convey the voice of the people in the Lok Sabha in line with the government's ideologies and objectives in coordination with the state government; or whether they want an MP from the opposition who will not coordinate with the state government, and instead sit in the opposition benches in Parliament," it quoted the chief minister as saying. Rio was confident that the public knows better as to which option is more pragmatic and workable for the people of the state. The chief minister said that Nagaland is a small state dependent on the Centre and it will only be in the fitness of things if the state government and the central government are in an alliance. "The chief minister stated that today, people want peace and development and such an atmosphere would be all the easier if the people elect the PDA candidate so as to be in the NDA in Delhi. It is to this effect that alliance was maintained with the BJP since 2003 till date. The chief minister was optimistic and stated that even opinion polls were showing favourable outcome for the NDA at the Centre," the statement read. Rio expressed appreciation and gratitude to the BJP national leadership for reposing their faith in his leadership and entering into a pre-poll alliance with the NDPP. He explained that the BJP snapped ties with the NPF as the BJP had lost faith in the leadership of former chief minister TR Zeliang and the NPF party.

Modi to visit Imphal on April 7

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting Imphal on April 7 to campaign for the BJP in the state for the coming Lok Sabha polls, party sources said on Monday. The Bharatiya Janata Party is contesting both the Lok Sabha seats in the state. Benjamin Mate is contesting as BJP candidate in the outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency while Dr. RK Ranjan has been fielded for the Inner Parliamentary constituency. A total of 1959429 will exercise

their franchise in the state of Manipur to elect two MPs from the state. Altogether 19 candidates are in the fray for the two seat which election will be held in two phases. Voting of the Outer Constituencies will be held on April 11 while that of the inner constituency will be held on April 18. This will be Modi's second visit to the state ahead of the elections and party sources said that there were no prior plans for the April 7 trip. Authorities have already beefed up security in and around the state capital.

Training for women personnel held in Imphal East



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A training workshop for women personnel deployed as Presiding Officers and Polling Officers of Imphal East for the ensuing 17th Lok Sabha Elections 2019 was held today at the premises of the Imphal East District Complex. The training for the presiding officers was held at the SIRD Conference Hall, while Panchayat Bhavan of the same complex was the venue for the training of the Polling Officers. Today's was the

second round of the training for these women personnel. District Election Officer/DC of the district, Dr Rangitabali Waikhom monitored the training and took enquiries from the participating personnel. Shri Lokeshor Brahmacharimayum, AC to DC/IE and District Nodal Officer of Training Management conducted the training and demonstrated the usage of EVMs and VVPATs to the participants. Later, the women personnel had a hands-on trial of the equipments.

Maoist warns people wearing Mask of MPP; claims firing at Kongpal

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Maoist Communist Party Manipur, an armed rebel group operating in the state claimed responsibility of the firing incident that the party alleged to have occurred at the residential complex of Shijagurumayum Naba Sharma at Kongpal Kaideim Leikai in Imphal East on March 23 evening. The statement however said that the gun shot was not an attack to Shijagurumayum Naba Sharma but accidentally falls at his residential complex while on mission for protection of the regional party called MPP (Manipur Peoples' Party). The rebel group in a statement said that the party started attacking to protect the regional political party and not because it has any relation or connection with the party, but because the party felt it

important to protect all regional force. It said that on the day, that is on March 23, 7 cadres of the outfit in two team were on a mission to award capital punishment to a person who malign the name of the regional party with small guns at Kongpal Kaideim Leikai. While on mission a team of the party question a common man while asking about a person following which some argument occurred between the two. As a result of the argument the person was taken along with them to find the person that the cadre were looking for and asked him to identify any persons from the family members of the person that they were looking for. At the time the person shouted to run away to a person coming on the way. The person escaped towards the residence of Shijagurumayum Naba Sharma. While chasing

the person the cadres of the Maoist fire three round of gunshots and accidentally landed on the residential complex of Shijagurumayum Naba Sharma, the statement said. The firing was occurred in the mission to clean the individuals wearing marks of the MPP. The Manipur Maoist further said that they have now identified who are real workers of the MPP and who are trying to sabotage the image of the regional force. It said those who trying to malign the image of the party have been identified and the party will not spare them as appeal to surrender to the party have not been listened by them. Maoist statement however said that it will not interfere the internal affairs of the MPP but in its mission to groom the regional force Maoist now left with no choice but to clean those wearing mask of the MPP.

Congress punches hard on BJP led state government over misuse of power; says use its machineries to set free king pin drug smuggler

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Congress party today punched hard to the ruling BJP government alleging its hands in trying to set free - a drug Kingpin who has been arrested red handed.

MLA K Meghachandra, spokesperson of the Congress Party today alleged the present BJP led government of misusing the government machineries in its effort to set free Lhukhosei Zou, a BJP member and also the former Chairman of the Chandel Autonomous District Council. Lhukhosei Zou was arrested along with large quantity of illicit drugs by Narcotic Police. MLA K. Meghachandra said that political leader and other government machineries of the present government including SP of Imphal West Haobijam Jogeshchandra and Senior advocate H Chandrajit Sharma intentionally set free on bail - the drug kingpin Lhukhosei Zou. He further alleged that the government was involved in drug business and they should resign on moral ground. While demanding re arrest of Lhukhosei



MLA Meghachandra demanded to hand over the case to CBI or any other trustworthy institutions. Highlighting the facts that was exposed on a daily paper regarding the released of the drug kingpin, Meghachandra further said that as the outcome of the conversation from the CM Bungalow leads to bail a person which was detained on non-bailable offence. Meghachandra recalled that Lhukhosei Zou the drug kingpin who was arrested on June 20, 2018 was caught with a huge amount of heroin, cash and arms and ammunitions along with seven other persons.

ADC chairman who was caught in a 27 crores drug scandal got bailed by using government machineries. He also said that such act of the government is a mockery to the CSOs and even the government itself. He further said that the involvement of political leaders involving in drug business and also using their political powers to save the culprit of drug scandal was really disappointing and added that there is a complete failure of administration. Meghachandra recollected that during the Congress government no one was spared even persons from high ranking

family of politicians who was accused of being connected to a drug scam were all handed over to CBI. He appealed the present BJP led government to not hide the culprits but booked them under the law for those who were involved in the drug scandal and also to show the high ranking officials involved in front of the people. Meghachandra further asked the present BJP led government to make a clear clarification about it. Speaking to media persons on a question asked by reporter Meghachandra said that even though the amount of persons arrested regarding drug cases arises during the present government but unfortunately he added that the government also released many of the arrested drug case related persons and also added that the involvement of BJP in such case increases.

Was custodial death SM Manjur a scapegoat for covering high profile Security officers - Miraz Shah

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Co- Convener of JAC against the custodial killing of S.M. Manjur Ahmed, Miraz Shah questioned whether the deceased Manjur was a scapegoat in order to protect the high profile police officers to the escape of Nando. Speaking in a public meeting held by JAC against the custodial killing of S.M. Manjur Ahmed at Orient Coaching institute situated at Hatta, Miraz said that they only want justice for the deceased. He further said that no positive response to the

JAC was given from the government side regarding the memorandum submitted to CM where they appealed the government to hand over the case to CBI because they cannot trust the police department as it was a case of police personnel killing other police and also to take up an FIR against the culprits. He also said that without delivering such simple demands how can they talked with the government. Responsible steps should be taken up first he added. He also said that many cases of such extrajudicial killings happened in the past and now

also without delivering justice and asked whether justice will not be delivered to them. He added that lessons need to be taught for such government, government officials. Miraz further questioned the police colleagues why they were silent and not supporting the custodial death of their colleague. He added that the police personnel should show solidarity to them. The public meeting was attended by Salim Jalad Convener of the JAC, Jakir Hussain Advisor of the JAC, SM Jalal Convener of AMMCOC and convener of JCILPS Yumnamcha Dliip.

Various Human Right Defenders from NE strongly condemns the extrajudicial execution of Constable Md. Manjur

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Various Human Rights Defenders from various parts of North East who have participated on North East Consultation on Human Rights, Social Movements and Law strongly condemned the extrajudicial execution of Constable Md. Manjur by Manipur Police in their custody. Stating in a press released jointly signed by Director of Human Rights Alert Babloo Loitongbam, Director of Human Rights Law Network Manipur Meihoubam Rakesh and Secretary of Committee on Human Rights O. Nutankumar demanded the government of Manipur to hand over the investigation of the extrajudicial execution of constable Md. Manjur Ahmed by Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) and the escaping of

Under Trial Prisoner (UTP) Nando to Central Bureau of Investigation to ensure fair, impartial and just investigation and prosecution of those involved in the cases. The press statement briefly narrates about the deceased constable Manjur from Yairipok Ningthoumanai where he who used to be one of the police personnel guarding the UTP was put under suspension from March 12 accused for bring connected with the UTP as voice recording was found in one of the mobile phoned seized by police. It further added that UTP had escaped from JN Hospital on March 26 where he was guarded by armed security guards and was lodged in hospital being chained to his bed. They further stressed that they viewed the escaped could not be possible

without the involvement of higher up police officers and added that the interrogation of deceased constable by JIC was intentionally planned to eliminate him as JIC was not legally authorized to interrogate him. Further they believed that the extrajudicial execution of Md. Manjur Ahmed was to cover up and to prevent any disclosure of police illegal actions that helped in the escaped of UTP by taking advantage of their rank as seniors and not following protocol to avoid any interrogation or prosecution for their wrong doings. The released further highlighted that extrajudicial executions in Manipur is alarming and also reminded that one Heinsam Sharatkumar Singh of Khodrak Mayai Leikai was also died in police custody on February 17 this year.