

## CM clarifies on CAB

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A seemingly desperate move to the series of criticisms from section of people to the BJP party over the inclusion of contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) . Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today personally clarified that the CAB will not affect the indigenous people of the state as the manifesto clearly mention that the BJP will make all effort to clarify the issues to the section of population from the North Eastern States who have expressed apprehension regarding the legislation that is CAB.

The BJP in its manifesto committed to reintroduce CAB in its point 12 of the manifesto.

N. Biren Singh said that there are provision in the manifesto which promises to ensure that the unique linguistic, cultural and social identity of the Northeastern States be adequately protected.

The Chief Minister also stated that there are also provision to implement National Register of Citizenship in a phase manner and this will identify the illegal immigrants. He added that when there are promises to protect the identity culture and the language of the people there is no need to worry about the CAB.

## EGM to confer award to journalists

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Editors' Guild Manipur invites application for Media coverage award of the recently concluded 'Know your MP Candidate' program for both our and inner Manipur constituencies. Altogether 16 cash awards in 2 categories (Print & Electronics) for two events on 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 will be given out. Four special awards for the best coverage will be given to the editors of the media houses. In case of print media, three copies of the news paper must be submitted on or before 1 PM of 12 April 2019 at the office of Secretary of General Editors' Guild Manipur at Impact TV, Paona Bazar. In case of other dialect, a translation in English or Manipuri must be accompanied along with the original publication. In case of electronic, one clippings of the news report must be submitted in a soft copy, preferably in flash drive, within the above stipulated time. In case of outstation publication, pdf copy of the news paper may be submitted to the email id [yunmamrupa@gmail.com](mailto:yunmamrupa@gmail.com).

## Finally Kishorechandra walks out free from Prison; thanks his wife for her stand for justice



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After over four months in custody, Imphal based journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem finally walked out of the Sajiva Central Jail today afternoon. Tears rolls down as he saw his wife Ranjita waiting in front of the Sajiva Jail who had been fighting all the way to get justice.

"I thank my wife and all those friends from media, rights bodies and activist who have been fighting for me", Kishorechandra said while talking to media. Manipur High Court ordered

the release of journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem, who was detained under the National Security Act on Monday. He was arrested on sedition charges on November 21 for posting a Facebook video critical of Chief Minister N Biren Singh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He was booked under the National Security Act on November 27, and on December 13, a board set up to decide on such detentions approved a 12-month jail term for him. On December 20, Kishorechandra Wangkhem moved the High Court against

his detention. Speaking to media person he said that he had expressed his disappointment to the observation of Rani Jhansi as he felt that the state need to be focus more on the freedom fighters of the state who had laid down their life fighting for freedom, as there are demand from sections of people that such should be included in the curriculum in education. He however apologise the people for using obscene words while expressing his disappointment through social media. But said that the whatever he expressed is for the people of the state.

## ATRPFM appeals all to elect a competent candidate

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All Tribal Rights' Protection Forum (ATRPFM) has appealed to all voters of Outer Manipur to elect a person with clean records and educated person and vibrant personality. "We need to elect candidate who is educated and young", a statement by ATRPFM said. It added that the functions performed by legislators are vital to democracy and there is no reason why they should be held to lower standards than Grade IV employees. Illiterate persons are not employed even as Grade IV employees and certainly would not be

considered at all. A MP is to make laws and amend the Constitution. If a person, who is going to make laws and amend the Constitution, is not educated enough to understand the "pros and cons of the laws", then it would be "disastrous".

"It is true that even if a person went through higher education, he can still be unsuitable to be a legislator, but to have a legislator who didn't even go to college or university in the 21st Century is unfathomable. We, as a State, do not wish to be represented by a dumbfounded persona that can't find the exit or well-

speak and expressed figure that can handle any situation that arise at the moment like CAB", the statement said adding that he must not only be efficient but also honest and who can be trusted with confidence that he won't abuse his position and would be strictly impartial among communities and ready to faithfully carry out his duties as a MP. He should be able to talk and represent the issues and wishes of the people of the tribal communities and the State as a whole fearlessly regardless of his affiliation to a political party, the statement of the ATRPFM said.

## CPI vows to grant greater autonomy for the state

This election is a battle between Secular Democratic forces and the Hindu Fascist -Sotinkumar

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Communist Party of India (CPI) today released its election manifesto promising greater autonomy of the state as well as restoring the special category status of Manipur. "Promises made in the manifesto of the CPI to grant greater autonomy and to restore the special category status of the state will be converted into action if CPI candidate Dr. M. Nara has been elected", CPI Manipur State Council's secretary Sotinkumar assured during a press meet held today at state CPI office here in Imphal.

Sotinkumar said that The 17th Lok Sabha election which is at the door step is a battle between secular democratic forces and Hindu Fascism. Highlighting the points of the manifesto which dealt with the state issue, he said that they will stand firm and

fight against the contentious CAB until it is scrapped. He further said that they will also focus on the border pillar issue and will resurvey it. He said that to protect the territorial integrity of the state they will amend Article 3 of the Indian constitution and will never allowed to disintegrate the state.

He also said that they will try to increase the number of seats in the parliament thereby giving the people of some areas where they have the right to vote but doesn't have the right to contest and added that they will try to increase one more seat in the parliament.

Focusing on the agenda of the AFSPA he said that their party will try to remove it from the entire state and also will push it in the Lok Sabha to repeal such colonial act. Referring to the statement of the defence minister where he said that removing

AFSPA will demoralised the army, the BJP shows that they will continue to put in effect and support the very act, Sotinkumar said.

To protect the drivers and commuters where they faced a lot of hardships he said that highway protection force will be enforced on the two lifeline National Highways (NH 39 and NH 37).

He added that the CPI will make the Manipur People's Bill get President's assent to protect the identity and the people of Manipur and added that the party will move for Constitutional Safeguard for the indigenous people of Manipur.

Focusing on the National issue Sotinkumar said that NITI Aayog will be replaced by Planning Commission. He finally added that they will try to change the present electoral system into a better proportionate representation system.

## MPP slams National political parties; says they are control from Delhi using remote control

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Advisor of the Manipur People's Party (MPP) A Amutombi Singh today lashed both BJP and the Congress party for making the youth of the uncertain. Speaking at the sideline of Flag Hoisting ceremony of the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency candidate Oinam Jugindro at his Top Siphai Laxmi Bazar resident, Amutombi said that after Manipur has been annexed by the Indian Union in 1949, many youths are left desperate about their future. And the result was that many had felt their future uncertain and thereby chose wrong path. That was during the Congress ruled and now

after BJP government came in power in 2001 Manipur was put on fire, Amutombi said.

He said that those National Political party always wait for "Yes" from the high command and despite the fact that those party which depended on their central leadership had angered the youth more and more as they cannot make a decision on their own without the consent of their high command.

Regional party MPP was set up in 1968 and formed 11 month government under the then chief minister Alimuddin. It was during that time that Amnesty was announced to those youth who had taken arms and wage war against the

government, Amutombi said and added that one such eminent personality was late Nongmaithem Pahari who later became the Director of the All India Radio.

Amutombi further said that all the other National political party like the Congress and the BJP are control by their central leadership using remote control. He call on people of the state to sent a person who can make his own decision as per the desire of the people of the state and not under the dictate of the central leadership.

The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by President of the MPPY, Bhim Singh, Vice President S. Ibomcha and S. Brojen Singh.

## AIFUCTO vehemently criticized the Current Higher Education policy

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The National Executive Council (NEC) meeting of AIFUCTO (All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisations) and Seminar on the topic "Present Scenario of Higher Education in India and Future Prospects" was held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Swama Jayanti Hall, Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan. The two day programme was hosted by Sukhadia University Teachers' Association (SUTA) and Rajasthan University and College Teachers' Association (RUCTA), and the event was inaugurated by Prof. Indravaradhan Trivedi, former

Vice Chancellor of Mohan Lal Sukhadia (MLS) University as the Chief Guest of the seminar. NEC members from all over the country participated in the seminar. The seminar was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of MLS University, Prof. J.P.Sharma.

Federation of Central University Teachers' Associations & DUTA President, Prof. Rajiv Ray was the Keynote Speaker. Prof. Keshab Bhattacharya, President, AIFUCTO; Prof. Arun Kumar, General Secretary, AIFUCTO; Prof. Vijay Ary, General Secretary, RUCTA; Prof. Pradeep Parashar, Zonal Secretary, AIFUCTO; Dr. Devendra Singh Rathore, President, SUTA; Dr. Giriraj Singh, Joint Secretaries - Dr. Harish, Dr.

Nadeem Chisty, Dr. Praveen Pandya and delegates from other states participated in the discussions and expressed their views about the present scenario and future prospects of Higher Education of India. All the speakers vehemently criticized the Current Higher Education policy of the Central Government and cautioned that if the lacuna are not redressed, it would be disastrous for the future of India.

On Second day (07.04.2019), NEC meeting was held. The NEC of AIFUCTO expressed its grave concern on the attitude and action initiated by the Central Government to dismantle the whole set up of education, especially the higher education in favour of corporate and private players.

The NEC opined that the government, on the direction of NITI Aayog, has decided to mortgage the Higher Education of India in the hands of national and international corporations on the dictates of WTO.

The resolutions of the NEC are summarised as -

1. AIFUCTO unanimously resolved to call upon the teaching fraternity of India, especially the University & College teachers to support & vote in favour of those parties/candidates who are ready to support the following issues.
  - a) To save and strengthen public funded education system;
  - b) 10% GDP for Education;
  - c) Permanent appointments on all vacant posts;
  - d) Implementation of Old

- e) Absorption of all adhoc teachers & Implementation of service condition and pay scale for the Part-time, Guest and Block grants teachers;
- f) Withdrawal of HEFA, Graded Autonomy etc.

2. The AIFUCTO - NEC condemned the suspension and arbitrary transfer of Teacher Leaders in Tamil Nadu, who participated in the state-wide JACTTO-GEO (Joint Action Committee of Teacher Organisations & Government Employees Organisations) Indefinite Strike insisting the Implementation of Old Pension Scheme and other demands. AIFUCTO demands the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Education Minister of Tamilnadu to revoke the

transfer of TNGCTA and other Teacher Leaders immediately. 3. AIFUCTO also resolved to request the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Manipur to implement the 7th UGC Pay Scale, failing which the State Organisations of the respective states will be compelled to start campaigning against the respective governments of these states during the Lok Sabha Election and to launch movements after the Election. AIFUCTO National Executive Council calls upon the University & College teachers across the country to initiate well organized and united action during the current Lok Sabha Election for the cause of "Save Campus, Save Education, Save Nation".