



Voter turnout high in Outer PC Manipur; poll percentage reaches 68 + at 3pm

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Voters turn out rate is high in outer Manipur Assembly constituency with the figure reaching 68.16% at 3 pm. Voting in the outer Manipur PC started at 7 am and will be concluded at 4 pm. Except some few report of unwanted incidents the polling is reported peaceful. Minor incidents like malfunction of EVM were reported at many polling stations.

To ensure smooth polling tight security arrangement are being made in and around all polling stations. Indo-Myanmar border along the Manipur sector has been sealed to check infiltration of anti-social elements across the border.

Apart from 10 companies of state armed police, 90 companies of Central paramilitary forces have been deployed across the parliamentary constituency for smooth conduct of the polling.

The voting took place at 1562 polling station in 28 Assembly constituencies. Of these, 227 have been categorised as critical, 171 as



Tension erupts at Khangabok between BJP and Congress Workers

vulnerable while there would be 32 model polling stations and 198 polling stations which would be exclusively manned by women personnel.

Of the 28 assembly constituencies, voters turn out rate cross over 50% at 3 pm at the 7 Assembly constituencies of Thoubal and Kakching district, where they have no right to contest the election. This is unexpectedly high as people of the 7 assembly constituencies of both Thoubal and Kakching districts have been demanding right to contest election. The assembly constituencies are Hierok,

Wangjing Tenta, Khangabok, Hiyanglam, Kakching, Wabagai and Sugunu. Total electors in the seven assembly segment is 2,107,48. Total voters in the outer constituency is 10,10,618 and the voters of the seven constituencies played major role in sending this election. Altogether eight candidates are in the fray. They are NCP's Angam Karung Kom, INC's K James, NPP's Thangminlien Kipgen, NPP's Lorho S Pfoze, BJP's Houlim Shokhopao Mate alias Benjamin, NEIDP's Ashang Kasar, JD-U's Hangkhanpau Taiثيل and independent candidate Leikhan Kaipu. In Thoubal district, Tension



erupted at 35/15 Polling station in Khangabok AC after BJP workers allegedly snatch paper of the congress agent and drive out from the polling booth. Congress supporters also alleged that they were not allowed to cast their vote by the BJP goons at the polling station. Congress leader of Khangabok AC MLA Surjakumar Okram and BJP leader Thokchom Jadumani rushed that spot. The scene nearly turn ugly but timely intervention of the SDO prevented from happening any untoward incident. More security forces were reinforced and the SDO himself stayed at the polling

station and resume voting at 2.30 pm.

Except 35/15 polling station of Khangabok Polling Station voting at other polling station of Thoubal district was reported peaceful.

Voting at the polling stations of Heirok and Wangjing Tenta was also reported peaceful. However, there were report of EVM machine failure at 32/29 Heirok Khunku Polling Station, 33/6 Shikhong and 33/2 Ningel polling stations in the district. Voting began a bit late but poll percentage this time is high in the district. Voters turn out reaches over 35% at noon in Thoubal district and with more people



coming out the voters turn out rate is expected to reach over 60 percent.

Voting was reported peaceful in Chandel district but at some polling station voters expressed anger after presiding officers told them to limit voting at 80 percent. The voters were told by Presiding officer to limit the polling percentage at 80 percent for Polling station at Japhou Bazar, Chandel.

Angered over such statement ex MLA of Chandel St. Victor Nunghlung said to media persons that it was very unfortunate for the people of Chandel district and added that there is a loss of 20 percent of voters where an

election is won even by a single voter.

Speaking to media persons, Presiding officer of the Polling station 41/16, 41/17, 41/18, Chandel AC said that they have been contacted through phone call and instructed not to exceed the poll percentage from 80%. If exceed then there will be re-poll, he said. Another official said that they were instructed by sector magistrate.

The election was held peacefully in other various parts of the district.

Unconfirmed report said that armed militants had disrupted polling at Chakpikarong area. In Senapati district, 24 EVMs problem halt up polling in many polling stations in the District.

Unconfirmed report reaching here said that polling was halt for hours in various polling stations in many villages in Senapati District as EVMs were not working. However, sources said EVMs were replaced and repaired by technicians and polling resume.

According to report from Herald Today in Karong A/C, 2 EVMs had malfunction at Maiba village, 1 at Thingba khullen, 1 EVM at Khabung, 1 EVM at Koide, 2 EVMs at Senapati, 1 EVMs at Lakhama, 1 EVM at Makhrelui. At 49-Tadubi A/C 1 EVM fails at Makhhan centre another each at Makhhan khullen, Makhhan khuman, Mao Marafii and Tadubi village. The Senapati based Newspaper also reported that 8 EVMs malfunction at Tungegam Khullen, Liyai, EVMs, Chilo Liyai and Tungjoy of 48-Mao Assembly constituency.

There were however no report of any unwanted incidents during the election.

'Bloody Phanek' to Have Its French Premiere at the Ethnografilm Paris Film Festival

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'Bloody Phanek', a documentary film directed and produced by Sonia Nepram will be screened at the Ethnografilm Paris Film Festival, which will be held in France next week. Sonia will attend the screening at the festival scheduled from 16th-20th April at the Ciné 13 Théâtre, 1 Avenue Junot in Paris. Ninety-three films are expected to be screened at the festival co-sponsored by the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). The Ethnografilm festival is focussed on celebrating the art and science of non-fiction filmmaking and it promotes the field of video ethnography, serving as a showcase for work and forum for dialog between independent and academic documentary filmmakers. It aims as well to promote the examination of cultures as well as social issues, describing "patterns of living" throughout the world to educate and entertain.

RPF appeals people to pay floral tribute to the Martyrs

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A statement signed by Secretary Publicity, Roman Khuman of the Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) has appealed the people of the state to pay floral tributes to martyrs who had sacrificed for the freedom of the region. It said April 13th every year is observed as "Athoubasing gi Ningsing Numit" as a mark of tribute to the martyrs of RPF war group PLA. The statement also blamed some politician terming them as traitors on the role in merging the erstwhile kingdom. Since Manipur has been annexed, socio economic condition of the state has been put under the grip of Indian rulers.

Our Manipuri Political Sovereignty were forcibly taken by Delhi bandit to control and to make whatever they want and its been over 60 years suppressing our Manipur by them. RPF and war group PLA believes that for the well being of our Manipur, if we sacrifice more for the cause of the revolutionary struggle we can surely succeed. The statement also said that Indian army has trapped Manipuris through drug war to become Manipur a man less nation. From this trap we should open our eyes to save Manipur from India's regime. The outfit also paid its respect to the souls of its martyrs. The statement said that the outfit strongly believes that a united sacrifice from the

people will bring success to the fight for independence. It is time for the people to discuss the attempt of India to push the Manipuris into the web of drugs and bring a society without men, it added. The martyrs had taken the fight to a level; however certain elements who pose as revolutionaries have brought a bad name to the efforts by surrendering before the Indian security forces, it said and added that the RPF will continue to stand and fight for the people to the last. The outfit with the help of the general public had launched several successful attacks against the Indian security forces and revealed several secret war fares of the Indian security forces before the people of Manipur.

Ibobi of Congress and his goons murdered 1000s of innocents - Ashinikumar

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Talking to some selected media persons, M Asnikumar Singh, State Vice President (Publicity & Intellectual Incharge for Lok Sabha Election 2019) BJP Manipur Pradesh said that the Congress Ibobi regime and his goons murdered thousands of innocents and disappeared untold numbers during their 15 years rule. BJP promised justice to the victims and people of Manipur on this massive crime in its 2017 Manipur state Assembly election. He added that During the period from 2002-2009 only, over 1000 people were killed in fake encounters. This is only the official number. People still

do not know how much have disappeared and eliminated without claim. Hundreds of people have been booked under NSA in the name of national security, counter insurgency and what not. The Congress rule under Ibobi has been the bloodiest chapter in the history of Manipur. The rule murdered, looted and destroyed Manipur and her people like alien enemies. BJP is committed towards bringing the perpetrators of these monumental inhuman crimes to justice at any cost. After serious efforts of the prosecution High Court has heard the cases and reserved its final judgement. "Please remember that the Justices had to work under tremendous pressure from the accused people. BJP stands for justice to the families of those killed in fake encounters", the State BJP VP said.

Death Anniversary Of Maharaja Narasingh Observed

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The 169th death anniversary of Maharaja Narasingh was observed today by Manipur State Archeology Department of Art and Culture at Kangla. The observance was graced by Titular King of Manipur, Leishemba Sanajaoba, Art and Culture Director, A Shivadas Sharma, Vice President Maharaja Narasingh Memorial Committee, R.K.Rajendra Singh and Director Mutua Museum, Mutua Bahadur as Special Guest, Guest of Honour, President and Chief Guest respectively. The function began by laying Floral tribute at the cemetery of the late Maharaja Narasingh, guard of Honour, Gun Salute, reverse arms, two minutes of silence, slope arms



and order arms by the contingent of Manipur Rifle and followed by Jalakeli Pala. Speaking on the occasion Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba spoke about the importance of observing such occasion known to the future generation about the dedication and observation of the then great Kings. Maharaja Narasingh considered and valued his people much

more precious than his own throne. People of Manipur should not forget the contributions and sacrifices of our past leaders. A Shivadas Sharma as the Chief Guest of the occasion speaks about the king's determination, ideology, believe, dedication and devotion should be made known to the people. As the Guest of Honour,

Mutua Bahadur speaks about the importance of observing the historical places such as Canchipur, the most important places after Kangla traces from the history which is presently located inside the Manipur University Campus. He added that the remains should be protected and kept in the museum so as to make the people of the coming generations to know about our own history. R.K. Rajendra Singh as the president gave his opinion in preserving the sites of Arts and Culture of our state with the help of the Department to develop the culture and tradition of Manipur. He also speaks about the determination and dedication of the great Maharaja Narasingh for his people.

WBCC Releases 4 Pigeons and a Tortoise after providing treatment for one month

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Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur in association with the DFO Thoubal have released 4 pigeons and a tortoise to safe area. A statement by WBCC Secretary General Thokchom Remes said that on March 11, 4 pigeon were saved from bird hunters by Inganklok

Nongpok Ningthou Panthoibi Youth Club (INNYC) Heirok Part-3 and handed over to WBCC. WBCC treated the four pigeons for 29 days and finally handed over to Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal, L. Debal and released on safe area. Along with those pigeons, a tortoise handed over by Louriyambam Harichandra Singh of Tenta khunou Maning Leikai on April 7 the WBCC had also been release.