



Seized Liquor displayed; some destroyed and burnt; many distributed among policemen

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Huge quantity of seized liquors seized ahead of the 17th Lok Sabha Election during drive conducted by different police team of Thoubal district under the directive of Election Commission of India were displayed in front of media persons today at Excise Office Thoubal.

The seized liquors were then burnt in the presence of media persons. However, police personnel present on the scene collected the beer cans and some IMFL for their own use. The whole episode of how the police personnel collected has been caught at video camera and Imphal Times have the copy of the video clip. It cannot be sure whether the police personnel are trying to destroy the collected liquors to some other places but it was caught in the camera that some police personnel had collected many IMFL bottle and cans



beer from the displayed site. The seized liquors displayed today include local country brew, bear cans, Indian made Foreign Liquors etc. Deputy Superintendent of Excise Thoubal district estimated the seized liquors to have worth around Rs. 2,54,000/- . Talking to media persons Dy. SP Excise Th. Ingo said that the liquor displayed today were seized during series of drive conducted ahead of the

17th Lok Sabha Election as per directives of the Election Expenditure Monitoring System (EEMS) under the ECI from various places of Thoubal district. It may be mention that polling of the 3 assembly constituencies viz., Wangjing Tenta, Heirok and Kangabok Thoubal district was held on April 11 (first phase) and the polling at the remaining

assembly constituencies – Thoubal, Lillong and Wangkhem was held on second phase that is on April 18. Liquors seized during the said drive as per record appeared in newspaper was much more than those displayed today. May be the Excise authority is planning for another display in the following days to destroy it.

State BJP sought action against Congress MLA K. Meghachandra and MLA K Ranjit

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State BJP today lodged complaint to the ECI seeking action against Congress MLA K. Meghachandra and MLA K Ranjit for threatening to a police constable who was on election duty on the polling day of Phase II 17th Lok Sabha Election at a polling station Nongpok Keithel Maning Primary School in Thoubal district. The BJP Manipur Pradesh alleged that the Congress MLA K Meghachandra and

MLA K Ranjit had threaten a police constable on election duty in front of Public using un-parliamentary language. In a press conference held today at Nityapat Chuthek Keishampat, former General Secretary of the BJP Manipur Pradesh K. Saratkumar said that the BJP Manipur Pradesh strongly condemn the act of the two representatives of the people – MLA K Meghachandra and MLA K Ranjit at which a policeman on election duty was victimize in front of public. "Even after knowing that the

Police constable was assigned on duty by the Election Commission the two MLAs threaten the constable in public", K Saratkumar said and added that such an attitude of the MLAs is strongly condemn by the BJP Manipur Pradesh. He further said that an MLA or an MP cannot move out of his constituency during polling days. As a result of it the BJP Manipur Pradesh had lodged complaint to the CEO Manipur and ECI to take up appropriate legal against the two MLA, Sharatkumar added.

Meghachandra clarifies that he just questioned the police personnel

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Spokesperson of MPCC K Meghachandra clarified that the recent viral video regarding him questioning one police personnel is not a humiliation to the police individually.

Meghachandra said that he just questioned the police constable in a slightly higher tone as he was quite furious after INC inner candidate O. Nabakeshore and his polling agents and election agent were not allowed to enter the polling station. He said, he along with his team went to the polling station to lodge complaint to the Presiding Officer regarding the matter however his anger was fuel in seeing the police personnel standing idly. He added that the incident occurred at polling station 7/40 Nongpok Keithelmanbi. "I simply questioned the police personnel why he hasn't complained to the higher authority if the situation can't be controlled", Meghachandra

said. The Congress MLA further stressed that in almost all the polling stations of Andro Assembly Constituency, proxy voting was done and by means of ragging. He added that the agents of Congress were not allowed to sit in at least 16 polling station by the BJP workers in Andro Assembly Constituency. Recalling the day of the incident Meghachandra said that as he was selected as an observer for Congress of Andro assembly constituency by the high command and he was informed that their agent could not sit in the polling rooms. He added that the Polling agent was found at his home as he was not able to sit in the polling station after being threatened by the BJP workers. "As we went to complaint regarding the matter to the presiding officer large number of womenfolk blocked us, Surprisingly a police personnel was found standing as a mute spectator

idly instead of controlling the situation he just questioned him why has he not done his duty", Meghachandra added. He said that even though the tune might be a little high there isn't any humiliation to the police individually. He also appealed the people to look on both sides of the story. "There have been no election conducted in Andro Assembly Constituency as 40/50 goons threatened and push out the Congress agents from any of the polling station in the constituency", Meghachandra added. "It was a total violation of political rights for the people", he said and appealed to conduct free and fair election and asked the number of voters that Shyamkumar can get, if election was conducted free and fair. Meghachandra also accused the BJP workers of assaulting an aged person and blamed the BJP government for not taking up any case against them. The Congress MLA finally appealed the people to let them exercise the voting rights.

AMWJU Election

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Scrutiny for the candidates contesting for the President post and the standing Committee members of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union was held today at Manipur Press Club. Wangkhem Dhamen of the Kangleipakki Meira Evening Newspaper and Bijoy Kakchingtabam of Poknapham Daily Newspaper are in the fray for the President of AMWJU post while 14 are contesting for 8 standing committee member seat. Among the 14 contesting candidates for the Standing Committee Member Arish Longjam of Poknapham is the only woman candidate while the 14 other are male. AMWJU will have 9 standing committee member and one among the 9 will be nominated by the President after election. All the candidates are reported to have cleared during scrutiny held today.

World Earth Day

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Institute of Cooperative Management, Imphal is observing the 'World Earth Day' on April 22 under the theme "Protect Our Species" at the conference Hall of the Institute. Dr Ranjana Devi Director ICM, Imphal will be attending as the Chief Guest of the observance.

Easter being celebrated across the globe with religious fervour and gaiety

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Easter is being celebrated across the globe today. It signifies the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The resurrection was announced at the stroke of midnight at churches and special prayers were held on the occasion. Special mass are being held at churches in the country and abroad to mark the day. President, Vice President and Prime Minister have greeted the people on Easter. Here in Manipur too the day is being celebrated across the state by Christian community. At langol Tarung Village large number of Christian followers pray for peace in the state.

Congress will restructure NSA Board if voted to power

AIR

New Delhi, April 21,

Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister P Chidambaram has said his party will restructure its National Security Advisory Board. He was talking to reporters in New Delhi after releasing a report on issues related to national security, drafted by retired Lt. Gen DS Hooda. Chidambaram said his party will incorporate some of the suggestions made in the report after thorough discussions and deliberations.

MACHA Leima observes 50th Foundation Day

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Manipuri Chanura Leishem Marup (MACHA Leima) today observed its 50th Foundation Day at Lamyamba Sanglen. Advisor of Macha leima H. Borkeina, Founder Secretary Khundongbam Ibetombi and life Member Yengkhom Roma grace the occasion as dignitaries on the dais. Former members and office bearers of Macha leima were honoured on the occasion. Speaking to media persons at the sideline of the function, Founder Secretary of

MACHA Leima Khundongbam Ebetombi said that MACHA leima has been fighting for the emancipation of women group in today society. "Macha leima was form to emancipate women and to face the male counterpart equally", Ibetombi said and added that the MACHA Leima has been doing various activities for the welfare of the women group of the state. RTI, has been applied on women related issues and various camp for empowering of the women have been conducted at various places.

IMA demands permanent posting for MBBS graduates, condemns mid-level practitioners

From a Correspondent
New Delhi, April 21,

Condemning the idea of bridge courses and mid-level practitioners, IMA demands an answer from the Indian Government for not generating enough posting in the wellness centres for Undergraduate medical professionals. Dr. Santanu Sen, National President of IMA declared that there is no shortage of doctors in the country. 63,250 MBBS graduates come out of 494 medical colleges of India. India has only 23,729 post graduate seats. The fact remains that the Government does not have the capacity to absorb rest of them. Every year the unemployment

amongst young medical graduates is a cause for great concern. The frustration of these youngsters with a decent undergraduate degree in medicine has to be addressed. "The Government has to answer the question why the large number of MBBS graduates who are not absorbed into Post Graduate courses every year are not given employment by the Government. Non creation of new posts, new PHCs and CHCs due to budget constraints is the sole reason. Stagnating 1.1% of GDP as expenditure on Health by successive Governments is the sole reason for the miserable status of Health Care delivery in the country.

IMA can play a crucial role in facilitating young medical graduates to the 1,50,000 wellness centres. If, on the other hand the Government insists on a half baked system converting Dentists, Nurses, Pharmacists, Optometrists Physiotherapists and Ayush practitioners into mid-level medical practitioners, IMA is left with no choice but to resist such a misadventure with all its efforts." Said Dr Santanu Sen, National President, IMA. Every allied profession to medicine have a unique identity and serves a specific purpose. Dentists, Nurses, Optometrists and Pharmacists have a role and should contribute their services in the respective fields. Every Government falling for this

myth only exposes the shallow thought process and utter disregard for human life. In a statement to press IMA condemned the idea of bridge courses and mid-level practitioners. "The Government's attempt to provide half baked medical care to the citizens through mid-level practitioners is highly dangerous. The Government should give permanent postings to MBBS Graduates in the 1,50,000 wellness centres. An Adhoc posting are unacceptable and is nothing but cruel exploitation of these hapless young graduates. To baptise them as mid-level medical practitioners through a six months bridge course is being indifferent to the needs of

patient safety and patient care." said Dr. R.V. Asokan, Honorary Secretary General of IMA. "The Bhoré committee eliminated mid-level medical practitioners and identified MBBS as the basic level of competence to practice medicine during a much more resource constrained times in 1946. There would be a nationwide agitation if the idea of mid-level practitioners and bridge course are implemented. We would like to emphasize that fragmented approach to Health Care should be eschewed and social determinants of Health should be addressed." Said Dr. A. Marthanda Pillai, Chairman of IMA Action Committee.