



## Re-poll in 12 polling stations of Inner Manipur PC concluded; Poll related violence reported

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Re-poll in 12 polling stations of 4 Assembly Constituencies of the Inner Manipur Parliamentary election today concludes at 4 pm, however polling at some station continues even after 4 pm as voters were on queue inside the complex at the final hour. As per report at 3 pm, voter turnout is recorded to be 73.8% which is relatively higher than the last polling. The voter turnout is expected to cross 80% after the completion of the polling as many are seen waiting on queue at around 3.30 pm. There were reports of poll related violence outside the polling station at Yambem area in Andro Assembly constituency. A vehicle (EECO Van) of CPI was vandalized by a group of people near 7/32-Yambem(C) polling station of 7-Andro/A/C. Talking to reporters a CPI workers said that they touring the polling sites where the re-poll took place today, however when they were on their way at Yambem (C) polling station some goons alleged to be worker of Th. Shyamkumar



stopped them near the polling station. The goons started blaming them for trying to disturb the polling which they are not and started vandalizing their vehicles. Back Shield Glass of the van was destroyed in the goons

attacked, said Lairenjam Ongbi Shantibala. Even though there are reports of minor scuffles between workers of Political party at one or two polling stations, polling was reported peaceful as it was conducted under

strict security surveillance. Total number of voters in the 12 Polling Stations is 9006. Out of this 4353 are male while 4642 are female voter. There is a transgender voter in the 7/32 - Yambem Upper Primary School Polling station.

## BJP workers assaulted CPI workers and damaged a van



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Even though the re-poll was conducted in 12 polling stations of the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, free and fair election seemed to be marred as poll related violence occurred at various places. Today around 10.45 in the morning BJP workers allegedly assaulted CPI

workers and even vandalised a van they were traveling. The incident reportedly occurred at Yambem polling station 7/32 of Andro Assembly constituency. Speaking to Imphal times the victim said that he along with four others including two men and two elder women went to Yambem polling station to observe the condition of the polling. He said that around 200 metres away from polling

station they were then asked by many people about their identities and accused them that they have come to disturb the election. Later, he said that the key of the van was taken by them and people started assaulting him and also people threw stones damaging the van. He said that it was an undemocratic act promoting gundaism. Similar incident also took place at Kiyamei where polling agent of CPI were again threatened. Meanwhile CPI candidate Dr. M Nara said to media person that re-poll has benefited a lot. He also said that instead of feeling ashamed for conducting re-poll because of various misdeeds and booth capturing, act of gundaism still took place at various places where their workers were again assaulted. He assured that the re-poll will evidently increased his votes and decrease the votes of others.

## Manipur Government makes Khongjom Day meaningless

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Observance of Khongjom Day in commemoration to the 1891 Anglo-Manipuri War has been made meaningless this year as the government seems to be diluting the history of Khongjom war by publishing a booklet called "Go to Village Mission" in connection with the day by the DIPR. This was stated by the President of the Khongjom War Memorial Trust (KWMT), M. Hemanta while talking to reporters today. "Is the government trying to conceal the history of the Khongjom War from the future generation by publishing a booklet called "Go to Village Mission"?" asked M. Hemanta adding that from next year the government might publish Booklet called "Go to School" on Khongjom day. "We have missed Manipur Today's Special issue of Manipur Today on Khongjom Day this year", Hemanta said and added that every year DIPR publish special issue of Manipur Today which content articles related to Khongjom War and those who had laid down their life fighting for the freedom of the nation in 1891. Reacting to Imphal Times news story published yesterday



under the heading "People unhappy with DIPR Journal on Khongjom Day" at which this newspaper highlighted that the booklet or the journal published in connection with the Khongjom day has no relevance with the Khongjom War of 1891. Hemanta said that it is a matter of shame for the state government to publish booklet which content no article related to Khongjom Day with cover of the Chief Minister and Prime Minister highlighting about "Go to Village Mission". It is nothing but an attempt to mislead the observance of Khongjom day, said the President of Khongjom War Memorial Trust, H.Biren Singh, Secretary, Th.Surendra Singh and joint secretary S.Sangkar Singh were also present during the meeting with the media person today.

commemorate the battle of Khongjom and booklet related to Khongjom Day used to publish to pass on the history of the Khongjom Day to the future generation. The booklet with cover page "Go to Village Mission" with articles related to the achievement of the government should have been published on other function as publication of such booklet made meaningless to the observance of Khongjom Day. Hemanta also questioned if the government is planning to sabotage the history of the state. Vice President of Khongjom War Memorial Trust, H.Biren Singh, Secretary, Th.Surendra Singh and joint secretary S.Sangkar Singh were also present during the meeting with the media person today.

## Khongjom Day Observed at Bangladesh

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Bangladesh Khongjom Day Observation Committee observes Khongjom Day at Moulvibazar of Kamalganj district of Bangladesh yesterday. Paying of floral tribute to the statue of Paona Brajabashi and recitation competition for students of the poem "Khongjom Tirtha" written by Nilbir Sharma Shahtri mark the occasion. A discourse on the Khongjom Day was also held as a part of the observance ceremony.

## "Kanglei Puwari Ningsing Thouram"

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Campaign for Social Upliftment (CSU) Kangleipak is organising "Kanglei Puwari Ningsing Thouram" on April 27, 2019 at Jiribam Municipal Council(JMC) Community Centre hall. In a press statement Secretary General (CSU) M.Bimolini Leima said that for over 1000 years' independence the independent Manipur fought Anglo-Manipur war 1891 and lose to hands of the British and finally conquered the Kangla Palace and hoisted their union jack.

## Chairman N. Oken elaborates revolutionary consciousness of the people on occasion of 25<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of KYKL

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Chairman of the proscribed group Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), N. Oken pays revolutionary salute to the people of WESEA, revolutionary organization, CSOs of the region, media fraternity and intellectuals of the region on occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the party which falls on April 25. In a statement N. Oken elaborated the present revolutionary movement and the revolutionary consciousness of the people. "India, a state of states, is a nation built on an incorrect

basis which we can term as a prison of nations. It is a union of states where Hindi speaking people from the heart-land (about 45 percent of the total population) colonises and suppresses the people from the rim-land. "While we have seen resistance movement in WESEA, Kashmir and Punjab since its inception, such movements were not seen in other bigger peripheral states. But day by day, contradiction between the Hindi heartland and rim land is becoming evident more and more in Indian politics, making it clearer that the rimlands are the colonies of the former.

"These days in Indian politics, it is seen that people from heartland are supporting national parties while peripheral states like West Bengal, Punjab, Kashmir etc. are supporting regional parties. These patterns of core-periphery relation signify that India is going to be balkanized soon. "And this contradiction seems to have reached a stage where it is impossible for the rimlands to turn back. Unfortunate, our WESEA is now moving to a wrong direction completely opposite to the trend mentioned above. As often seen here our electoral politics is absolutely

determined by the mainland politics. Even now, except Mizoram, almost all NE states are ruled by political ruling at the centre or its alliance. Few years back, we have seen living examples of Kanglei Politicians switching sides to the party ruling at Delhi. "The determination of the Westian politics completely with the politics of the Indian heartland is a phenomenon quite unnatural to a land where there is an armed resistance movement. And now it is the epochal task of the people to find out the reason why things as such happen here in the region. "What we have observed

tells that we are much closer to heartland India than other Indian peripheral states. "Besides we have abundant examples showing the quantum of slave and colonial mentality we have as a people. We even have politicians who can touch the feet of Indian leaders, much younger than him. "Mayang society of India is purely based on caste system. Now we begin to think those Indians standing at the lower rung of their social ladder are lower and smaller than us. Comparing with them, we feel proud of ourselves. At the same there is also a concept creeping into our psyche that those

Mayangs from the higher rung of the society who are colonising us are much bigger and higher than us. This phenomenon is quite analogous to the very idea 'the inferior complex of the oppressed' as propounded by French psychologist, O.Mannoni. "We think that they, the Indian ruling class, are bigger than us in terms of territory and population. They are richer, more educated and more intellectual than us. As a product of this line of thinking, we accept to be under them. This is what we call the colonization of the mind". Oken stated.