



## Chief Minister N. Biren blow hard to Congress; says Congress only provide lip service with no action

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today highlighted the various developmental changes made after the coming of his government. Speaking during the flag hoisting ceremony of Dr. RK Ranjan - the Inner Manipur candidate of the BJP, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that fear psychosis of the people of the state due to failure in the law and order situation of the state has been lifted.

"Many parents have no worry about their sons or daughter when they go out at night as the law and order problem have been improved", N. Biren Singh said. Attacking the Congress Party,



Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the party serves only lip service they talk but take no action.

Over the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill, the Chief Minister still owned credit for not passing it in the Rajya Sabha. He said it was the love and blessing of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the Bill has not been passed in the Rajya Sabha after understanding the sentiment of the people of the state.

Biren Singh also blow hard to the Congress party saying that the Congress Party will not come back to power in the next 20 to 30 years. He also talks about the development project being taken up at

Lilong. The government has already taken up project to build 2200 houses for people at Lilong, he said. He added that Imphal to Jiribam highway has been improved a lot.

"Everybody knows the condition of the Imphal Jiribam Road now and then", Biren said. The Chief Minister also blames the Congress Party tagging it as communal party. Works Minister Bishwajit in his speech elaborated on the reason for people joining politics.

"People joined Politics to bring development and welfare of the people", Bishwajit said. He added that without connectivity there will be no development in the state.

The BJP leader also stressed on the needs for empowerment of women.

"Without empowering the women there will be no change in the society", he said and added that the BJP fight for the development and empowerment of women.

Bishwajit also discredited the Congress Party over its inability to take up developmental works. Bishwajit also slammed the Congress Party over misappropriation to the implementation of Ujjala Scheme. During Congress time only few people gets the LPG connection under the scheme but today almost all people across the country are getting LPG connection under the scheme.

BJP inner candidate Dr.RK. Ranjan singh said that he will serve for the people. He said that he will urge all the demands claims by the people voice to the centre government.

Leaders of the BJP party including Ksh. Bhavananda, Th. Chaoba, Kh. Loken etc were attended in the flag hoisting ceremony. Lone member of the LJP Karam Shyam and President of NPP which are going in hands with the BJP also attended.

## Arrested illegal drug traffickers released on bailed but BJP claims War on Drugs - Meghachandra

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Accusing the present BJP led government for the release of a drug kingpin, spokesperson of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee K. Meghachandra said that the present government had set free many illegal drug traffickers after being arrested but the BJP still claimed to waged War on drugs.

Speaking to reporters in a press meet held today at Congress Bhawan, Meghachandra said that the released of drug kingpin Lukhosei Zou being related with the present government becomes clearer day by day. He said that the government should know that it was not the business of the then SP of IW Jogeshchandra and the then AMBA President H. Chandrajit to delay the submission of charge sheet.

He further said that the government should hand over the case to CBI immediately and all the government machineries that are responsible for the release should be booked by law including SP of IE Jogeshchandra and ex president of AMBA H Chandrajit.

Meghachandra highlighted that during the time of Congress government every person connected to drug business were arrested and handed the case over CBI irrespective of their positions. Regarding the case of Yamthang Haokip where BJP brought up about the drug issue Meghachandra clarified that the case of was taken over by the CBI and added that it was funny to make reference on Haokip. He further said that allowing to bail or not for the case taken up by CBI is completely on the hands of CBI and not on the state government. He claimed that the BJP spokesperson who brought the reference about Haokip as person who lacked the knowledge of legal procedures. He further claimed that the

recent case of Lukhosei Zou releasing through bailed proved that pressure of government hinders the function of the judiciary. And he added that the present government should not bail a person who was caught with huge amount of drugs if they thought about the people of the state.

Meghachandra accused that Nando who was an under trial prisoner for the murder of Luningla Elizabeth was released during the election time. He questioned whether Nando will campaign for BJP and whether he is campaigning through underground.

Focusing on the custodial death of Md Manjoor, he said that Manjoor was previously suspended before Nando escaped. He added that Manjoor will probably not be a part in the released of Nando. Meghachandra further questioned BJP whether they can bring back Manjoor. He demanded that all the persons who are involved in releasing Nando should all be terminated from their services.

Meghachandra also

questioned the role of BJP in the upcoming Parliamentary election with the release of Nando as well as Lukhosei Zou and added that it was very unfortunate for the people of Manipur

Highlighting on the mission of Go to hills and Go to village, he added that what has been done for the hills where the cost of rice which was rationed by the government under NAFSA mounted up to ten rupees at Churachandpur where actually it should be only three rupees. They haven't even control the prices of essential commodities, he added.

Meghachandra stressed that the government using their powers

arrested Kishorechand Wangkhem under NSA for his facebook post even when the court declared his statement as not seditious violating the human rights but released those persons who even can't be released under bail.

He further demanded the present government to release Kishorechand immediately and to arrest those who are taking part in illegal drugs and guns business.

## Governor addresses the 32<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of Ignou Regional Centre, Imphal

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Imphal, April 3,

Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla, today, addressed the 32<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of Indra Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre, Imphal at Asha Hall, Asha-Jina Complex, North A.O.C., Imphal. The main Convocation of the University is also held today at Delhi campus with Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu addressing the Convocation. An exhibition was also inaugurated by the Governor as part of the Convocation organized by the Regional Centre, Imphal.

In her address as the Chief Guest, Dr. Najma Heptulla said that the occasion is a golden opportunity to share thoughts and views on higher education in a unique forum where almost all stakeholders are present - Students, Teachers, Academicians, Researchers, some policy makers both past and present and outstanding members of civil society.

She congratulated the Professors and staff of the University who are behind the success of the students in some way or the other.

The University, established by an Act of Parliament in the year 1985, with the main objective to promote open and distance education system in the country, has been constantly trying to bring about democratization in

higher education and provide quality education irrespective of age, religion, gender and region. Governor added that in recognition of its benevolent services in the field of education, the University was conferred the centre of excellence award in distance education by Commonwealth in 1993 and also been recognized by UNESCO as the world's largest higher learning institution. Apart from catering to the educational aspirations of millions of students worldwide through its 21 Schools of Studies, 67 Regional Centres and 4 Sub-regional Centres across the country, the University has a significant international presence with a networking of 12 overseas study Centres. One can have a fair idea about its popularity from the fact that in 2017-18, enrolment status of the University was above ten lakhs seventy two thousand, she added.

## Contraband seized

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Tengnoupal Battalion Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) apprehended a drug smuggler carrying Brown Sugar worth Rs. 1,87,20,000 at Khudengthabi check post yesterday at around 12 noon.

## Truck handyman assaulted to death; 1 accused arrested another on hunt

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A truck handyman was reported assaulted to death by two persons at Keimai area at Imphal- Jiri road in Tamenglong district on March 30 evening. Among the two involved in the killing of the handyman one has been arrested and another is on the hunt by a team of police led by Sub Inspector Ng. Arunkumar under the supervision of Officer in Charge of Tousem Police station Dorendra Okram.

As per report reaching here, the handyman assaulted to death has been identified as Ali Khan Choudhury (20 yrs) son of late Hauren Choudhury of Katampur, Shilchar. The report further added that the deceased handyman along with the driver of the truck bearing registration number PBIO GW/5819 were driving towards Imphal on March 30 evening. At around 6 pm the truck broke down and halted at Kaimai area. The driver left the handyman to look after the truck and went towards Jiri to call mechanic. When the

handyman was alone two person reportedly approached and demanded money from him. As he had no money the two reportedly assaulted him inhumanly later succumbed to injury.

The police team acting tough on the incident arrested one Titus Kamei (age 23) son of Atowa of New Mau Village Tousem on the following day. On his revelation another person accompanied the accused has been identified as Kaiminglang (Age 24) of kaimai Village. Police team are in search of Kaiminglang.

## Manipur Maoist boycotts Modi's proposed visit against the escape of Rapist and Drug King - pin

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Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur has boycotted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed visit to Manipur on April 7 alleging government's hands to the escape of Rapist Th. Nando and Drug King Pin Leikhoisei Zou.

In a statement the armed rebel group said that prima facie evidences showed that there is a possibility of government hand's to the escape of the two. It said that when professors of the Manipur University were guarded by a

large number of Security Force when they were taken to the hospital, when Kishorechand Wangkhem was heavily guarded when brought for treatment at hospital how comes the drug King Pin arrested red handed along with weapon be allow to go to hospital without any security escort and why Nando the UTP was not properly guarded even after large number of extortion notes along with two mobile phones were recovered from his possession, the Maoist statement said.

The statement further said that Leikhoisei Zou, is a former

BJP Vice president and is a resident of Chandel district. As the Chandel district has been inhabited by two major communities the BJP need support from a specific community for the upcoming election. That is why support of Leikhoisei Zou is a must for the Chief Minister; the Maoist said and added that that is reason for the Chief Minister to personally advice to a Senior Advocate and an IPS officer for giving pressure to the Court. As a result for the first time in the History of Manipur Bar Association, a president resigned from the post. On

the case of Nando the Maoist said that, the person has been maligning the communist ideologue revolutionary movement. In order to suppress the communist movement by using Nando the government released the Rapist intentionally, the Maoist alleged.

To make the boycott called success, the Maoist called general strike from 5 am of April 7 till 6 pm of the same day. Electricity, water supply, medicines, religious matters and media are exempted from the purview of the general strike, the statement added.

### Total shut down postponed

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Total shut down called by the JAC formed against the custodial death of Constable MD Manjur Ahamad has called off the general strike scheduled from today evening after Chief Minister assured to hand over the case of the death to CBI besides fulfilling other demands.

### EGM initiative Know your candidate

Preparation for "Know your MP candidate" a debate cum discussion program being organised by Editors Guild Manipur for both the outer and inner Manipur constituencies. Almost all candidates have agreed to participate in the event, which will help strengthen the democracy and "people rule." Various stake holder which include eminent personalities from different professions, CSO's, NGO's, public leaders have also confirmed participation. Meanwhile venue for the Outer Manipur candidate has been changed to Imphal Hotel from Classic Grande. Date and time will remain same - 4th April 2019, 1 PM. Citizens interested in the session may come at Imphal Hotel Sangai Hall on 4th April at 1 PM. As there is limitation to the seats, participation will be on first come first basis. Session for Inner Manipur constituency will be held in Hotel Classic Grande on 8th April 2019 at 1 PM. All are welcome."