



## Manipur CM Biren Singh can be termed 'a true chowkidar', says Amit Shah



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Hitting out at the Congress, BJP national president Amit Shah Friday said prices of essential items had skyrocketed under the Congress rule due to repeated bandhs

and strikes, but the BJP-led government has made the state "blockade-free". Heaping praise on the party government in Manipur for its development work, Shah said Chief Minister Biren Singh can be termed "a true chowkidar" (watchman) as he has served in the Border Security Force. "During the Congress rule, there were frequent bandhs, one of which lasted for 160 days. It led to escalation in the price of essential commodities. However, under Birenji, Manipur has become blockade-free," he said while addressing a rally here.

Highlighting the achievements of the NDA government in Manipur, he said five helpalads have been constructed under the Udan scheme, and highway spanning 300 km has been built in the state over the past five years.

"If you compare the 13th

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Finance Commission, under the UPA, and 14th Finance Commission, under the NDA, you will find the Modi-led government has allotted 238% more funds for the development of the northeast," he claimed. Hailing boxing champion Mary Kom, who belongs to the state, Shah said Manipur is a "land of athletes and players." "The BJP-led government is building India's first national sports university in Manipur," he added. Election to Manipur Lok Sabha seats will be held on April 11 and 18.

## Tough words, tough response:

### Why can't the CM summoned or picked up James Gangte after receiving the letter?

— Joykishan

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Responding tough to the Chief Minister's office over their complaint to ECI in connection with the press conference on how the brother of Chief Minister took brief from one James Gangte, Congress MLA Joykishan today question the CMO on why James Gangte could not be summoned or picked up to clarify the matter after receiving the complaint letter.

Talking to a group of media persons at his residence, Congress MLA Joykishan said that as the Chief Minister fails to listen to the grievances of James Gangte who hailed from Churachandpur district, he only acted to deliver justice to James Gangte as it is also a role of the opposition MLA.

"The matter was addressed to me by James and as an opposition MLA I took it up as it is a serious breach of trust between the Hill and plain people", Joykishan said and questioned the Chief Minister about the



significance of his ambitious "Go to Hill" mission if a grievance of a single person from hill cannot be listened. Joykishan further said that during a press meet held earlier he had stated that if the statement of James Gangte is wrong let him be punished and if his brother took the brief than take action as per his commitment to eradicate corruption instead of going to the Election Commission. James Gangte who also present during today's press meet with MLA Joykishan also expressed surprised to the clarification made by brother of N. Biren Singh, N. Rajendro @ Boy, at which he stated that

he stated that he don't know James Gangte. "I myself and N. Rajendro @ Boy work together in ICHAM in the year 2010-2011", James said and added that he was appointed as the Vice President of ICHAM. James Gangte further added that after his grievances was brought to the public platform by MLA Joykishan, Rajendro @ Boy sent three person namely Yomee (President ICHAM), Jinjoy (a friend of Rajendro) and Thangminlien (in charge of ICHAM for Churachandpur district) on April 1 and tried to had over Rs. 5 lakhs. As the amount he paid to Rajendro was Rs. 12

lakhs and that too after collecting from other desperate contractor he denied to receive the money unless it is fully cleared, James said and asked if Rajendro do not know me how come he sent people to me for clearing Rs. 5 lakhs. .

"During our tenure I even brought four students who are outstanding in the hill districts of district of Manipur in an award distribution ceremony of meritorious students organised by ICHAM at Manipur Press Club", James said.

"It was during the that time that he told me to give money as percentage for early clearance of our pending Bill", James added.

"All this year I tried to meet him and the Chief Minister by taking help of BJP MLA to address my grievances but all goes in vain, then I sent letters and reminders through speed post time and again the last being on March 21", James said.

He added that as he was left with no choice he approach to congress MLA for help.

## UPRFM Boycott PM Narendra Modi's visit to Imphal

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United People's Revolutionary Front of Manipur (UPRFM) also boycotted Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit at Imphal on April 7. A statement signed by the L.Rolin@Thoungamba (Info. & Publicity Secretary of the outfit called total shutdown for 12 hours April 7 morning 6am to evening 6pm.

The statement added that India forcibly occupied the Manipur and people were suppressed under India's regime. India's Prime Minister Strategy to erase the indigenous people of Manipur and introduce

Citizenship Amendment Bill-2016 is to wipe out the people of the entire North eastern part.

"Today, we lose our freedom and came under India's regime", the statement said. Talking about 18 November 1950, the statement said that it was during this time the Chief Commissioner Mr. Himmat Singh withdraw Manipur permit system inviting outsiders to come freely. With difference in identity, culture, tradition and history of more than 2000 years were split and mixed. In 1952, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru gifted our

Kabaw Valley to Burma(Myanmar) and a policy of divide and rule was utilise between hills and plains. An act called Armed Forces Special Power Act(AFSPA) which was not accepted by the people was charge to the people of Manipur with other black law. Brutal killing, torture were done to the people. Arm forces camp were built inside the education zone University and military exercise were occurred in this zone.

India's Prime Minister often came to our land with fake promises and tamping the people of Manipur by jokes like Sport University project.

## Hailstorm injured 3 in CCpur, destroyed 70 houses

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Three persons were injured and at least 70 houses damaged in a hailstorm, which hit Churachandpur district of Manipur on Tuesday, an officer said.

Mata, Tangmual, Bohlui, Sekhen and its adjoining areas were struck by the hailstorm, that lasted for about an hour. The injured were admitted to the district hospital at Churachandpur, the officer said.

The severe windstorm at around 2.30 pm also damaged power supply lines and uprooted trees.

Detail information about the extent of losses caused by the hailstorm was being prepared

## Guv', CM and others wishes people on Nongma Panba cheiroaba

T News Imphal, April 5,

Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister of Manipur among others wishes the people of Manipur on occasion of Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba

## Delegation from European Union explores areas of collaboration in research & innovation at RGU

From a Correspondent Itanagar, April 5,

The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) today hosted a delegation from the European Union for an interaction on areas of possible collaboration in research and innovation. The EU delegation comprised of Ms. Tania Friederichs (Head of EU delegation), Dr. Vivek Dham (Member, EU delegation), Ms. Inger Midtkandal (Royal Norwegian Embassy), Dr. Srinivas Kaveri (Director, CNRS, Paris), Mr. Alain Ghislain Baetens (Embassy of Belgium), Dr. Massimo Spandoni (Embassy of Italy) and Dr. Jakob Williams



Oerberg (Royal Danish Embassy), The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University organized the interaction programme.

In his opening remarks, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha, while introducing the University to the visiting dignitaries,

said that the RGU has been striving to serve its mandate of providing access to higher education as well as contributing to research in the

border state of Arunachal Pradesh. Expressing his gratitude to the EU delegation for its initiative to reach out the RGU, he said that the University and its entire fraternity are enthused at the possibilities of affiliation and collaboration and congratulated each of the departments in working together to formalize the presentations that were made by the University. "The presence of the entire Team RGU, comprising of former Vice-Chancellor Prof Tamo Mibang, Registrar Prof Tomo Riba, officers of the administration, all Deans, HoDs and the large number

of faculty members, research scholars and PG students only reflects the tremendous interest that this visit has generated", he said.

Kick starting the series of presentations, IQAC Director Prof. Amitav Mitra, outlined the history of the RGU and shared about the mandate of the University, which was not only to "educate and train manpower for the development of the State of Arunachal Pradesh, but also to pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of the State, their intellectual, academic and cultural development".

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