



Court Revokes NSA, Manipur Journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem To Be Released From Jail



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Jailed Manipur journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem was released today from jail after CJM Imphal West revoked the charges against him under the National Security Act (NSA), more than four months after he was imprisoned for criticising chief minister N. Biren Singh on social media. Kishorechandra, 39, has been in the Sajiwa Central Jail in Imphal East since November 27 last year. The journalist had condemned the chief minister for organising a function to commemorate the Queen of Jhansi battle against the British and linking it to the freedom movement of Manipur. Earlier on November 21, 2018 Wangkhem, then working as an anchor-reporter with ISTV, a local news channel, was

arrested by Imphal West Police in response to a video he had uploaded on social media, criticising the BJP-led state government. Journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem, who was detained under the National Security Act last month, has been sentenced to one year in jail under the law for targeting PM Modi in a social media post. Wangkhem's lawyer told news website Scroll that his family will challenge his sentencing on Wednesday. Wangkhem was detained on November 27. About a week before his detention, he was arrested by the Manipur Police for posting a video critical of Chief Minister N Biren Singh and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Facebook, Scroll

reported. In the video, the Chief Minister lashed out at the CM, calling him a "puppet of Modi and Hindutva" for organising a function to mark the birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmbai. Wangkhem was arrested under sections 294 and 500 of the IPC in addition to section 124 A,

which deals with sedition. On November 25, a local court released him on bail on the ground that his words were "mere expression of opinion against the public conduct of a public figure in a street language". TheWire reported. However, he was re-arrested by the police and detained under the NSA. He has since been lodged at the central jail in Sajiwa. On December 17, members of the Manipur Students Association, Delhi and Manipur Muslim Students Union staged a protest outside the Manipur Bhavan in Delhi opposing the detention of Kishorechandra. TheWire reported. The Indian Journalists Union and the Press Council of India condemned Kishorechandra's detention and demanded his release, the report said.

Lit fest Imphal 2019"

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Lit Fest Imphal 2019, an event organised by Ya... All Manipur with the support from 1 Billion Rising Campaign Revolutionary 2019 under the theme " Against Gender based Violence on Women and queer

community" at 70 mm Cafe & Restaurant, Uripok today. Some of the panelist present in the program were Mala Lisham, Child Protection Officer, Social Welfare Department, Shreema Ningombam-Asst. Professor Sanoi College Bishesh Huirem-Artist & Transgender Activist and Ms. Tilotama-General Secretary, Manipur Pradesh Congress. Most of the speaker spoke on the present scenario of women who has been facing problem. Section of third gender were also present. Film maker Meena Longjam also screened her film, "Auto Driver". Some youths also took part in spotposter making competition.

Ist Manipur National Convention on Socialism

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Ist Manipur National Convention on Socialism was held today at Iboiyama Sumang Leela Sanglen organised by the Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) in association with like minded organisation of the state. Around 2000 people attended the

convention. Representatives of the Regional political parties also attended the first convention. Editor of Imohal Times Rinku Khumukcham, Convener of the Young Communist League W. Kameshor, President of AMMOCCOS.M Jalal and Senior Journalist of Imphal Free Press Paojel Chaoba attended the convention as presidium members.

Our agenda is to save the country from BJP – D. Raja



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The present Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) regime and its family Rastriya Shwam Sevak (RSS) has been creating fear psychosis to the people of the country, so it is important that we the people of the country wipe out BJP and its alliance. This was what parliamentarian Doraisamy Raja popularly known to the people as Comrade D. Raja told this journalist at Irabot Bhavan here in Imphal. When asked about the modus operandi of how the CPI will wipe out the BJP, D. Raja said that people across the country have started realizing the fact that if BJP continue to rule the country fate of common people will be at stake. The veteran politician further said that the recent defeat of BJP in three states is a perfect example of how the people see the BJP. He also said that BJP got only 38% vote last Lok Sabha Election so it is natural that they will go down in the upcoming Lok Sabha Election and

definitely an alternative secular government will certainly replaced the present regime. Regarding pre poll alliance strategy, D. Raja stands clear that such alliance will only comes after the poll result. The veteran parliamentarian however decline to answer about the expected number of CPI MP that might get elected but said that CPI will do render all activities to protect the democracy of the Country. D. Raja also expressed confidence that the Secular Democratic Force (SDF) will defeat the BJP and its family RSS. On a question regarding free speech and the sedition act (124A CrPC), D. Raja said that Communist Party of India (CPI) is against the sedition act and the party has been demanding for scrap of the act since 2014. "I on behalf of the CPI had brought up the issue regarding the arrest of Kishorechandra Wangkhem by slapping NSA at the Rajya Sabha", D. Raja said and added that CPI has been demanding unconditional release of the Manipur Journalist.

On the issue of Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) 2016, Raja said that the BJP don't seem to understand what actually a citizen is. Moreover the content in the bill is unconstitutional. The uproar against the Bill clearly indicate that people have more understanding of what a citizen should be. On being asked the reason behind the AGP going in hand with the BJP even after the President of BJP Amit Shah had announced that they will bring CAB if they come to power, Raja reply that AGP is an opportunist political party with no commitment. "BJP and its family including RSS is becoming aggressive, sectarian and using divisive policy among the people of the country as they are getting desperate", D. Raja said. Raja also added that the BJP at present have no answers to questions from political parties. Dissent are treated as anti national and many have been kept behind bar for speaking or questioning the government. D. Raja is campaigning in the state for CPI candidate in the inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency.

CADA Pays Condolence Death Of Former JCILPS Convener

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Former convener of JCILPS and also president of CSK Arjun Telheiba passed away today morning due to an illness. His last rite was performed at his birth place Kakching Paji Leikai. CADA pays condolences to the sudden death of Former JCILPS convener Pukhrbambam Arjun @Arjun Telheiba of Uripok Bachaspati Leikai. CADA added that he was man of sacrifice, courage a virtue of a leadership quality. He wants to save the indigenous people of Manipur from extinction. And also he was a Former President of Committee on Civil Society Kangleipak (CCSK).

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Biju Kumar Deka (News18)
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Ahead of Lok Sabha elections, village heads of Manipur are being threatened by the Kuki National Army to ensure that 90% votes are cast for the BJP, otherwise they will be summoned and held responsible, then punished. Thangboi Haokip, the Commander of the KNA has issued the diktat at a gathering in D Muonnaphai village, Moreh where the village chiefs were present. Referring to BJP candidate for outer Manipur, HS Benjamin Mate, he warned that if required violence will be resorted to. The KNA commander said that despite a lack of active female police or force within the group, a special force comprising 200 women has



already been assigned for the polling day (April 11). "Whether men or women, nobody will be spared if they the diktat is not followed," he said. Haokip further claimed to have informed the 'Gaon Bura' or the head of the village that he needs free

movement and may even open fire on the day of polling. There are 21 polling stations in Moreh area and they will check the poll percentage and requires a minimum 90% votes. The Kuki National Organisation and its arm –



G-series, M-series and 60mm mortar. The main objectives of the KNA is to bring all the Kuki-inhabited areas separated by the artificial boundary created in 1935 (specifically in the Kabaw valley of Myanmar) under one administrative unit called 'Zalengam' (Land of freedom). In case the integration is not realised, the KNA aims at the creation of two Kuki states: one within Burma, 'Eastern Zalengam' and the other within India, 'Western Zalengam'. The KNA has avoided a confrontation with the security forces, but made appeals and sent petitions to the Government of India and other high-level officials in New Delhi for fulfilling their objectives. A

Memoranda was also submitted to the Government of India in 1995. On September 22, 2005, then Union Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee announced that at least eight militant outfits (including the KNA) in Manipur have declared informal ceasefires with the Centre. Moreover, two Manipur insurgent groups have also requested the ruling BJP to give tickets to their favoured candidate for the Outer Manipur parliamentary seat. In separate letters to BJP party president Amit Shah, the Zomi Re-unification Organisation (ZRO) and Kuki National Organisation (KNO) had sought BJP's ticket for HS Benjamin Mate who is the vice president of BJP's Manipur unit.

Ensure 90% Votes for BJP, Else Face Violence: Manipur Insurgents Threaten Village Heads