



This election is a fight for life and death- I. Hemochandra

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Defying on the agenda of CAB highlighted on the Manifesto of BJP where they intend to pass it if they come to power. Spokesperson of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) I. Hemochandra said that the 17th Lok Sabha election is a crucial election which will be a fight for the life and dead of the indigenous people. Speaking to media persons in a press meet held at Congress Bhawan Hemochandra said that the future of the people of Manipur is at stake due to the recently published manifesto of BJP on how they pushed the agendas of wiping out the indigenous minorities. Hitting hard on a BJP spokesperson at which they stated that CAB will not affect the state, Hemochandra said that such statement is a blatant lie and an insult to the people of the state. He said that even though the BJP claimed to put the nation



first they tried to demolish the indigenous minorities by sending illegal immigrants sidelining various protest and agitations by the people of the North East. He further appealed the people to let aside all the developmental works and the schemes which were manifested in the manifesto for all political parties and to focus primarily on the issue of

CAB where BJP put it in their Manifesto to implement it. Hemochandra questioned the existence of the people of North East if CAB is implemented and added that BJP only gives lip service when they said that they will protect the indigenous people by adding a clause. He said that the Congress Party stands firm and puts in black and white regarding CAB that they will stand firm and removed the contentious CAB. He further said that by putting an agenda in the manifesto of the BJP where North East burned because of it simply adds fuels to the burning fire. He added that the attitude of BJP neglecting the minorities is a very dangerous trend.

MANPAC strongly oppose BJP's manifesto regarding CAB

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Reacting on the Manifesto of BJP for the 17th Lok Sabha Election where they committed to pass the contentious CAB for the sake of the religious minority communities, Convenor of MANPAC Yumnachha Dilipkumar in a press statement said that inclusion of CAB in the manifesto is an insult and a challenge to the rights indigenous people. He said that they strongly opposed it and the whole people of the North East

stands with them. He further questioned to make it clear the base year and the communities of the North east excluding Assam regarding the manifesto of Congress (I) which they put forward that they will include all the citizens of India in the NRC. He added that the base year for the NRC of Manipur should be 1951 according to the census. He further appealed to all the people to stand against the Contentious CAB 2016 and the resolutions taken by the MANPAC along with the people.

Hemochandra questioned the BJP on why the present NDA government led by Modi which has been ruling for the past 4 years and Biren which governed the state completing its two years did not removed or repealed it. Hemochandra said that the very BJP supported AFSPA and it is clear from the statement of Defense Minister where she said that removing AFSPA will demoralized the armies. He said that on common issues like CAB and AFSPA there should not be any difference between the state party and the central leaders. He finally appealed the people to vote wisely as the upcoming election is a crucial one which will decide the future of the people and further questioned the position of Manipur if BJP comes into power.

EVM/vvpat commissioning for bishnupur district begins

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The commissioning process of EVMs and VVPAT machines for the ensuing parliamentary polls on April 18 for the district began today at Mini Secretariat complex, Bishnupur amidst tight security and in the presence

of representatives of various political parties and agents of contesting candidates. A team of officials, led by Deputy Commissioner Pawan Yadav have been engaged for the commissioning process which is being done constituency-wise, in the presence of the concerned constituency AROs.

1st phase of LS polls campaign close today

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Poll campaign for the first phase LS poll ends today. All together eight candidates are in the fray in the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency where the polling will take place on April 11 (1st Phase). Voting will take place in 91 parliamentary constituencies out of 543 across the country. Today is the last day for filing of nominations for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections. 71 constituencies in nine states, will go to polls in this phase on the 29th of this month.

Homage Paid to Battle of Imphal Warriors

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News As part of commemorating the 75th anniversary of Battle of Imphal, a historic homage was paid to the departed souls who selflessly laid down their lives during the battle, in a simple ceremony at Imphal on Sunday. Lt Gen Ravi Eipe (Retired),

Head Liason Officer India, Commonwealth Graves Commission, Lt Gen K Himalaya Singh (Retired), Deputy Commissioner Rangitabali Waikhom of Imphal East district, Major General KP Singh of Assam Rifles (South) and other officials attended the event wherein they laid wreaths at the memorial of Imphal War Cemetery. A minute's silence was also

observed after the 'last post' played by the buglers. Religious teachers and preachers read lines from Bhagavad Gita, Bible, Quran and Guru Granth Sahib to bless the souls of martyrs who were laid to rest. The Battle of Imphal which was fought between March 8 to July 3, 1944 with the Japanese aiming to capture the logistics base of the Allied forces, is referred to as one of the bloodiest battles in the

World War II. It is estimated that 5,000 soldiers belonging to Indian National Army, 5,000 to British Commonwealth Force and 30,000 Japanese Army men sacrificed their lives. The people of Manipur and Nagaland suffered greatly in these battles including aerial bombings. The Battle was the turning point of the Burma campaign.

Take down the videos of the Utlou incident from Youtube - SSUM

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Socialist Student's Union of Manipur (SSUM) today appealed to take down videos of Utlou incident which has been uploaded at various social networking platform like whatsapp, facebook, youtube etc., as the videos have defame the women of Manipur. The unfortunate incident happened on the 2nd day of Yaoshang Festival "The videos circulated in social media by some people immediately after the incident show clothes of women being torn, women being beaten up. And the videos are being made without the without the consent of these women. They were filmed in a horrible situation. After that a lot of people downloaded the

videos and edited them and shared in their youtube channels to increase their viewers and subscriptions. It might increase the subscriptions and viewership of the channels but it does not do any good for Manipur. It is going to create more problems for women of Manipur", the SSUM statement said. The statement added that the action of some people which have uploaded and circulated far and wide malign the image of the people. What is worrying is that since these videos depicts immoral behavior of the women of Manipur, the fear of rape, molestation and attack on modesty of women from Manipur studying and living outside Manipur will increase. Socialist Students'

Union of Manipur pleads the people of Manipur to understand this situation. On the other hand, since the government has not done anything about these videos and as it remains silent on the sharing of these videos, SSUM is left with no choice but to appealed people for protection of the modesty of women community of the state. SSUM also urges the people to stop sharing of these videos on whatsapp and other social media immediately. "Most importantly, the owners of the YOUTUBE channels who have shared the video should take down the videos pertaining to the incident showing women being beaten and clothes being torn immediately", the SSUM appealed.

BJP and Congress to form coalition Municipal body at Thoubal

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Congress Councilors and BJP Councilors of the Thoubal Municipal Council (TMC) today agreed to form a new Municipal Body cutting across party line to make functional of the Council. Differences of political party and subsequent quest for power between the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the TMC which was formed in February 2016 has failed to take up any developmental works in the Thoubal Municipal area, said Puyam Jiteshwar, Councillor of TMC Ward no.3, while talking to media. He said that of the 18 councilors of Thoubal Municipal Council (TMC), eleven councilor lead by the Chairperson are Congress team and 7 are BJP team led by the Vice Chairman. Puyam Jiteshwar, said that in view of the present crisis, 7 councilor of the team Chairman and 6 from the Vice Chairman team comes out and agreed to form a Municipal body by going together so



that pending developmental works of the Municipal area could be taken up. BJP's councillor of TMC Ward No9 Waikhom Ibochauba said that he left the previous body and joined the new coalition with aims to take up developmental works to the area under the Council which was hindered due to division between the Congress and BJP. Ibochauba also blamed the Chairperson . Th. Shyamo alleging him of thinking only for himself taking advantage

of the enmity between the Congress and the BJP. "He had paralyzed all developmental works that the council should have taken up", Ibochauba added. The crisis in the TMC was due to the court case between the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson on personnel matter, and all the 16 councilors are being force the blame of the people. He appealed the Chairperson and the Vice chairperson to resign from their respective post for the sake of the people.

Manipur, Nagaland & Meghalaya to have 9-hour voting

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Three north-eastern states of Nagaland, Manipur and Meghalaya will have 9-hour voting due to early sunrise, sunset and a few other reasons. In the other five states of the region, it will be the normal 10-hour polling. According to an Election Commission (EC) notification, the voting will start at 7 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. in the three states. In Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura polling will be conducted between 7 a.m.

and 5 p.m. Nagaland Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Abhijit Sinha said early sunrise and sunset were the main reasons for the nine-hour voting. "The 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. polling hours are being followed for many years," Sinha told IANS over phone. Other reasons, according to Sinha are remoteness of polling stations and mountainous treks. According to poll panel notification, issued last month by Sumit Mukherjee, Principal Secretary to the Election Commission, polling hours will officially end in different states at different times — 4 p.m., 5

p.m. and 6 p.m. The EC sets voting hours after considering security issues, remoteness of polling stations, volume of voters, traditional polling system, Subhash Das, a retired senior EC official, told IANS. Majority of the Lok Sabha seats will go to polls in the region in the first phase on April 11. Voting will be conducted on two other seats — one each in Tripura and Manipur — in the second phase on April 18. In the northeast, the day breaks early and sun sets 60-90 minutes ahead of the other regions of the country.