

NRC final list out, excludes over 19 lakh people

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Over 19 lakh people in Assam have been left out of the final list of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), which was released on Saturday morning. Some 19,06,657 people have been excluded from the final list, which names 3,11,21,004 people as Indian citizens. The citizens' registry was released online around 10 a.m., ending six years of speculation over the exercise that identifies illegal foreigners living in the Assam.

The NRC has immense significance for the people of

Assam as the state witnessed a six-year-long movement between 1979 to 1985 seeking detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshis.

The NRC updation process was started in the state on orders of the Supreme Court in 2013. It is being carried out by the Registrar General of India and is being monitored by the apex court.

The process of NRC updation in Assam differs from the rest of the country and is governed by Rule 4A and the corresponding Schedule of the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003.

"These rules have been framed as per the cut-off date of March 24 (midnight), 1971 decided as per the Assam Accord. The process of receipt of NRC application forms started at the end of May 2015 and ended on

August 31, 2015. A total of 3,30,27,661 people applied for it through 68,37,660 applications," said a statement issued by the NRC authorities on Saturday.

"The particulars submitted by the applicants were taken up for scrutiny to determine eligibility of their inclusion in the NRC."

"The NRC update is a mammoth exercise with around 52,000 state government officials working on it over a prolonged period. All decisions of inclusion and exclusion in the list are taken by these statutory officers. The entire process has been meticulously carried out in an objective and transparent manner," it said.

The draft NRC, which was published last year, found 2,89,83,677 persons eligible for inclusion in the list. "Thereafter, claims were

received from 36,26,630 people against their exclusion," the statement said, adding that a verification was also carried out of the persons included in the Draft NRC under Clause 4(3) of the Schedule of the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003.

"Objections were received against inclusion of 1,87,633 persons, whose names had appeared in the Complete Draft. Another Additional Draft Exclusions List, which was published on June 26, 2019, had 1,02,462 names," it said.

"Taking into account all the persons already included and after disposal of all the claims and objections and proceedings under Clause 4(3), it has been found that a total of 3,11,21,004 persons are eligible for inclusion in the Final NRC leaving out

19,06,657 persons, including those who did not submit their claims," said the statement. The government has assured that the people left out of the Final NRC will not be detained and they can appeal against their exclusion in the Foreigners' Tribunals (FT) and subsequently move higher courts.

"These people can first approach the Foreigners' Tribunals (FT) and subsequently move to higher courts if not satisfied with the FT ruling," said Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Additional Chief Secretary (Home & Political). The Assam government will establish 400 Foreigners' Tribunals in the state to deal with such appeals.

Krishna added that legal aid will also be made available to those excluded from the Final NRC through the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA).

Police search for Babysana's father; Meira Paibis irked by police action

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After a total of 18 leaders of the JAC formed against the mysterious death of Babysana have been arrested, police today searched for Babysana's father

Ningthoujam Tomchou in the morning but was not found. So far 15 members of the JAC including one woman are still in jail.

Earlier, Tomchou had informed the media persons that he will give statement only to CBI as he had already given his statement to the state police.

The JAC warned 48 hours statewide general strike from September 2, if the case is not handed over to CBI by

August 31.

Condemning the searched of the JAC members and the family of Babysana a press meet was held today at Thangmeiband Meisnam Leikai.

Speaking to media persons President of Thangmeiband Kabrabam Leikai, Lourung purel Leikai Meira Paibi Mayanglambam Ibechaobi strongly condemned the Police action.

She further said that the police action is intimidation to not only the family members but also to the locals of the area.

Ibechaobi further appealed the police to arrest the culprits instead of searching for JAC members and her families.

CM to urges Center for NRC in State

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As the final publication of NRC in Assam is concluding, Chief Minister N Biren said that the state government will highlight the issue to central government and added that he will further urge the central government to start the NRC in the state.

Speaking on the sideline of an event of cheque distribution for 'Eco-Clubs School' at the Darbar Hall of CM Secretariat on Saturday, CM N. Biren said that the NRC process is carried out with strict monitoring from Supreme Court & the state government has earlier also appraise the center for its implementation.

He further said that the same NRC agenda will also be raised during NE CM Summit, which ministry of home affairs is joining, that will be held on 8th & 9th of September at Guwahati.

Tribal Affairs Minister releases Manipur ST Commission's Book

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Tribal Affairs & Hills Minister N. Kayisii released a book titled "Manipur State Commission for the Schedule Tribes Act and Rules of Procedure" at his official chamber at the New Secretariat today. The book was published by the Manipur State Commission for the Scheduled Tribes.

Speaking at the releasing function, TA & Hills Minister Kayisii said that the book will facilitate in safeguarding and promoting the interest of the Scheduled Tribes of the State. Maintaining that Manipur State Commission for the Scheduled Tribes (MSCST) is the right platform for addressing deprivations and safeguards of the Scheduled Tribe community of the State, Minister Kayisii applauded the

Chairperson and members of MSCST for bringing out with such a long due publication which would be of immense help. Kayisii also encouraged members of the MSCST to wholeheartedly dedicate themselves towards the larger interest of the tribal populace as well as the public at large.

The three year term of office for the existing three-member commission officially ends on 31st August 2019. Kayisii requested the existing incumbents of MSCST to continue with their position during the interim period until a fresh Commission has been constituted.

Dr. Simpson Soreo, a member of MSCST, said that the book released by TAH Minister today will empower the Scheduled Tribe community on the constitutional rights and several other provisions

incorporated in the constitution for safeguarding and promoting their interest to enable them in joining national mainstream.

The releasing ceremony was attended by Chairmen of MSCST Shri RH Gomei IAS (retd), the two members of the Commission- Dr. Simpson Soreo and Dr. John Pulamte, Chief Financial Adviser of MSCST, officials and staff of TA & Hills directorate.

The book released today is divided into two parts wherein the first part contains MSCST Act, 2014 (Manipur Act No. 5 of 2014) and the second part is on Rules & Procedure of MSCST. Limited copies of the book are available at MSCST office whereas the electronic version will be made available for download from the Commission's website very shortly.

Strike suspended

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Flood Victims Demand committee, Chandel has been called off agitations in between Chandel to Palled Road and Imphal to Moreh NH-102. The Committee has threatened to launch indefinite agitations from first week of September 2019.

IRB candidates protest

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A sit in protest was organised today by Demanding Committee for Speedy Completion of IRB 10/11 Recruitment (DECOSCO IRB 10/11) at Keishampat Junction. The sit in protest was staged at Keishampat Leirembi Community Hall. Later, Imphal west Police team disperse protestor. The protestor threatened bandh if their demand are not fulfilled.

Club members of Leirongthel clarify over destruction of drone plane

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Leirongthel Panthoibi Youth Club (LPYC) clarifies over the incident that happened on August 25th Sunday at Etok river, Leirongthel Village, P/S. N-Sekmai.

A statement issued by Secy. LPYC, Y.Suresh Singh said that it is very unfortunate for the club that the President, LPYC, Kiran Meitei had been exposed with false news to the media by the Thoubal River Conservation Committee. He added that the incident was happened after a drone plane tried to capture scene of female farmers while they were cleaning themselves at the river.

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female farmers chased the drone plane which finally dash to the foothill nearby. The irate locals immediately rushed to the foot hill and found some people controlling the drone plane by a remote control. As those persons tried to escaped to their four wheelers vehicle the locals overpowered them and snatched the drone plane and vandalise it along with mobile phone belonging to them, he added.

Those persons later identified themselves as members of Thoubal River Conservation Committee.

He said, after knowing them as members of the committee, they were taken to Leirongthel Panthoibi Youth Club and agreement was brought in the presence of O.C. Nabakanta

Chief Minister N. Biren distributes Rs. 1.54 crore to 3080 Eco-club schools

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh distributed Rs. 1.54 crore to 3080 District Eco-Club Schools of the State through respective Deputy Commissioners and Member Secretaries of District Implementation and Monitoring Committees (DIMC) at a function held at Darbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The function was organised by Manipur Pollution Control Board under National Green Corps (NGC) Programme, 2018-19.

Speaking at the occasion as chief guest, N. Biren Singh said that there is a pressing need for effective implementation of environment related programmes like National Green Corps (NGC) Programme considering climate change impact being witnessed across the globe. The State Government has

taken up some dedicated steps like launching of CM's Green Manipur Mission to tackle climate change and global warming, he said. The Chief Minister expressed hope that naming of nine-year-old Valentina Flangbam, an ardent tree-lover, as the Green Ambassador of Manipur by the State Government would certainly encourage and motivate people to plant more trees. He further informed that over 1400 tree saplings were distributed to those who came to meet him on Meeyangmi Numit yesterday.

N. Biren further said that that Manipur Pollution Control Board under the able Chairmanship of L. Radhakishore has also been working hard in every possible manner to tackle pollution in the State. Works related to Nambal Rejuvenation Project are underway, and DPRs for similar projects of other rivers are also being drafted for submission to the Centre, he informed.



In his speech, the Chief Minister also emphasised on the need to do every work with sincerity and dedication. In order to reduce noise and air pollution, the Chief Minister said, diesel auto-rickshaws should be phased out and replaced by e-rickshaws. Stating that rampant deforestation and large scale

poppy plantation in the hills creates excessive soil erosion, the Chief Minister urged the people to stop poppy plantation as it has become the main reason for siltation of rivers and lakes. On the other hand, the Chief Minister also expressed satisfaction that 267 villages of Ukhrul district under the

guidance of Tangkhul Naga Long had come forward to set aside 5 to 10 acres of land in every village for forest conservation under the CM's Green Manipur Mission.

Regarding Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC), the Chief Minister said that there are many discrepancies in the existing SECC database. Many

needy and deserving people were left out while many well-to-do families were found categorised as needy families in the said database, he said. As such, the Government is facing a huge difficulty in implementing schemes meant for needy people, he said. The Chief Minister cautioned that the State Government would not tolerate any irregularity in data collection and spare any wrongdoer this time. He asked enumerators and officials concerned of the ongoing Economic Census to visit each and every household to avoid discrepancies.

Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, Tribal Affairs and Hills Minister N. Kayisii, Manipur Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker K. Robindro, Manipur Pollution Control Board Chairman L. Radhakishore and Additional Chief Secretary (Forest and Environment) Dr. Suhel Akhtar also attended the

function as dignitaries. National Green Corps (NGC) Programme is being implemented in the State with Manipur Pollution Control Programme as the Nodal Agency. Under the programme, 200 Eco-Clubs were established for the first time in different schools across nine districts of the State in 2004. Every district has a District Implementation and Monitoring Committees (DIMC) to implement the programme with respective DCs as the chairman. The Member Secretaries of the committees in consultation with the Teacher In-charge of the schools having Eco-Clubs organise different programmes to impart awareness on environment protection.

The Chief Minister also extended a monetary assistance of Rs. 50,000 to ailing veteran journalist N. Deben at the function. The amount was handed over to Joint Editor of ISTV News Richard Ranjan.