



CM N. Biren Singh clarification on media report about supporting a specific person as candidate for inner Manipur talks volumes

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Reaction to media report about the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh on the matter of his inclination to a specific person and his support to make sure that the person he backed is nominated as the BJP candidate of the upcoming Lok Sabha poll talk volume about the internal politics of BJP. The report appeared at some of the newspaper was based on source and was speculative as anything is possible in

politics. It seems that the battle for candidacy of BJP is left between 2 persons - Th. Bashanta and Kh. Loken. March 12 edition of this newspaper had reported that almost all BJP workers had set their on Th. Bashanta for the Inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency. The report was based on source from the BJP functionaries which establish logical explanation. RK Ranjan who had contested as BJP candidate in last parliamentary election in the

inner Manipur have been promised the post of Manipur Public Service Commission member recently and Haobam Borababu another contender is likely to sent at NEC as members. This means that the only contender left is Th. Basanta, son of former Union Minister Th. Chaoba who had played a major role in building and strengthening of the BJP of today in Manipur. The report received feedback, which bring one former MLA Kh Loken from Sagolband Assembly constituency. This was expected as this

newspaper also reported that any new face may also come up under the influence of RSS. A source said that the Chief Minister in consultation with few party leaders recommended and added to the list of probable candidates name, the name of ex-MLA and ex-minister Sagolband constituency with the opinions from RSS karyalaya Manipur Prant, Seva Bharati Nagampal. The Sagolband constituency is a very important and powerful assembly segment at the moment (with the high probability of a major news in the coming days based on high command and RSS approvals before or prior to the Lok Sabha Election). The BJP Manipur Pradesh Gen. Secretaries Org. and Admin are in the loop.

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In its strategy to make sure that congress retain its seat in the two parliamentary constituency of the state, the Congress party is likely to nominate new candidate by

Sit-in-protest staged

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Protesting against the brutal murder of Angom Ingocha who was an assistant professor for the college of Agricultural and Post Harvest Technology, Ranippol Sikkim, women folks of Koutruk today staged sit-in-protest at Koutruk Community Hall. The protest was organized by Koutruk Nupi Lup. Speaking to media persons Chief Advisor of Koutruk Nupi Lup Leiphrakpam Manirei strongly condemned such brutal murder. She added that the organization will support various protest until the criminal is given severe punishment.

Secretary of Koutruk Nupi Lup Thangjam Leima warned that if the authorities' doesn't look into the issue or not assured to deliver justice than the people of Koutruk will not participate in the upcoming Lok Sabha Election.

Congress may nominate new candidate for lok sabha poll; name likely to announce on March 20

replacing both the seating MPs. Dr. Th. Meinya and Thangso Baite may not be the party candidate this time, said a highly place source. The source however did not disclosed on who will be the candidate.

"It is up to the AICC to chose the candidate for contesting in both the parliamentary constituency but as desire by the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, it is likely that the AICC might nominate new face from among the party ticket seeker", said a source. However, another source said that as for the inner

constituency Dr. Meinya still have high probability of contesting the MP election as congress candidate as he is being supported by many AICC leaders.

The source confirms that the party will announce who will contest in the upcoming parliamentary election on March 20 or a day after. AICC president Rahul Gandhi is coming to the state to kick start campaign for the congress party. A public meeting is likely to organised on March 20, but state congress authority still did not announced on where the meeting will be conducted.

Mamta's Manipur women Leaders their storyline released



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A Book title "Manipuri Women Leaders their storyline" penned by MAMTA Lukram was released today by Administrator of Manipur University Jarnail Singh at the library hall of Centre for Manipur Studies (CMS), Manipur University. The release function was attended by Administrator of

MU Jarnail Singh, Editor of Imphal Free Press Pradip Phanjoubam and Professor of Economics Department of MU Amar Yumnam. Speaking as the chief Guest Jarnail Singh recalled the articles written by MK Binodini where he was struck in awe on how beautifully she had written and added that he have read three times. He further added that such book like Mamta's Manipur

women Leaders their storyline will inspire others to write more in the future. The book is about the biographical accounts of some selected women leaders of Manipur who have been involve in the Meira Paibi movement which has been taking frontal roles in all spheres of social life. The book was reviewed by Editor of Imphal Free Press Pradip Phanjoubam

Congress names candidates for LS, Aonglenden seats

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The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee has named former chief minister of Nagaland, KL Chishi as their candidate for the Lok Sabha seat and has picked Alemjongshi Longkumer for Aonglenden assembly constituency.

Chishi will lock horns with incumbent NDPP's Lok Sabha MP, Tokheho Yephthomi. Meanwhile, Longkumer will face NDPP's Sharingiam Longkumers for the Aonglenden seat.

9th Annual Conference of Medical Society of RIMS held

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The 9th Annual Conference of Medical Society of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal MESOCON 2019 was held today at Jubilee Hall of the Institution. The theme of this year is "Translational medicine need of the hour". The annual event is being organised to update the knowledge on current trends in medical sciences for teaching staffs and post graduate students of various

departments of RIMS. More than 370 delegates have registered for the conferences. Prof Pallab Ray, Department of Microbiology, PGI Chandigarh has delivered the theme talk on "Translational Medicine: need of the hour". Prof Huber Hutchin Robinson, secretary General North American Institute of Oriental and classical studies has delivered a talk on "Science, Psyche and spirituality". A panel discussion on "Hapatitis: An update" was also organised with Prof. Ng. Taruni Devi Prof

& HOD of Medicine as a moderator and Prof Kh. Sulochana Devi, Prof. N. Nabakishore Singh and Dr R.K. Rosie were panel members. Prof. AK Brogen Singh talked on "Addressing Ethical issues in writing proposals and Prof Th. Suraj Singh delivered talk on "Multidisciplinary Research Unit: An avenue for medical research ". Certificate and Mementos were distributed to the winners of PG, Award session 2019 of the society held on 19th January, 2019.

SVEEP Campaign



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An awareness campaign on Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) was organized by the Field Outreach Bureau,

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal at DM College of Commerce, Imphal today. A quiz competition on the topic was also held and prizes along with certificate was distributed.

CNPO comes out to rescue arrested NSCN-IM cadres arrested on charge of kidnapping a woman

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Coming to the rescue of the two NSCN-Cadre arrested by the Assam Rifle on charge of kidnapping a woman in Chandel area, Chandel Naga Peoples Organisation (CNPO) said that the woman identified as Kh. Peilin@Gracy was arrested by the NSCN-IM cadre from Thamlha Khuren for interrogation on March 13, 2019 as she was suspected to be drug trafficker.

The CNPO statement said that as per the clarification issued dated 15th march 2019 by the Thamlha Khuren Village Authority she was into this unlawful activities of drug peddling for the past many years and habitual offender against Society and humanity. It added that the woman was habitually involve in anti social activities and was repeatedly warned to distance from her wrong habit to safeguard the youths from drugs menace. She was picked due to her arrogant behaviour.

"The Civil Society Organizations of Chandel strongly disagreed to the report against NSCN(IM) cadres as kidnapper. In fact, the NSCN(IM) having received information about drug trafficker in the vicinity of Thamlha Khuren Village near

Pallel bazar arrested Kh. Peilin @ Gracy for Interrogation to exposed the involvement of influential persons harboring the unlawful Activities", the CNPO statement said.

The statement further said that before she could be release her associate had reported to the Indian Security Forces and in the ensuing circumstances, the NSCN(IM) Cadres relented to the 18 Assam Rifles without any firing incidents for respecting the agreed Ceasefire ground rules between GoI and NSCN(IM).

"That, expressing our concern to eradicate drug menace and drug abuse, appreciate the NSCN(IM) for taking measure to prevent any anti social activities in the district. In this regard the Chandel Civil Society Organizations advocate any actions to reprimand any drug trafficker for sensitizing drug free environment", the statement said.

The CNPO appeals the government of India to support any exercise to sensitize the society from drug menace. The statement also urged the authority representing GoI to advice the security agencies in the North East Region to maintain operational agreed Ceasefire ground rules.

Lost

I, the undersigned have lost my money bag containing my Central bank ATM card, Adhbar card, DIPR issue I card and Election voter card on the way between Nagamapal via Nongmeibung to Singjamei Thokchom Leikai on 15/2/2019. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Nongmaithem Jonish
Singjamei Thokchom
Leikai
Contact No. 7005611641

Arunachal Pradesh No alliance with Congress, says APCC

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On Friday, the Peoples' Party of Arunachal (PPA) dismissed claims of forging a pre-poll alliance with Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC). PPA chairman Kamen Ringu, while talking to the media at Arunachal Press Club (APC) said that the party with regional identity will go alone to contest in all the 60 assembly seats and two Lok Sabha in the April 11 simultaneous polls and will

soon announce the list of candidates. Saying the party doesn't endorse president Kahfa Bengia and secretary general Kaling Jerang's discussions with Congress, Ringu elaborated, "We have temporarily suspended them for hobnobbing with Congress on seat sharing without the knowledge of party's executive body. We will not forge any alliance with any national political parties but will contest the polls alone keeping our regional ideology

intact," Ringu said. Lashing out at the national parties like Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for neglecting the state, Ringu went on to allege that they were trying to lure potential PPA candidates. On their poll agenda, Ringu said it would be inclusive development in the interest of the indigenous people of the state. "The people of the state are fed up with the lip services of Congress as well as BJP government at the Centre," Ringu said.

"Our main efforts will be to pursue the Centre to amend Article 317 (H) of Constitution dealing with the state of Arunachal Pradesh to make it at par with Article 371 (A) dealing with the state of Nagaland and Article 371 (G) which deals with Mizoram, so that the people of the state enjoy ownership in the state's resources," he pointed out. On criteria of issuing tickets, the PPA chief informed it would be based on the clean image of the candidate. PPA had won four seats during the 2009 assembly polls, while in

2014 assembly polls the party won five seats in the state. Later all the five MLAs joined Congress. The frontier state has seen five governments under three chief ministers in the past five years. Chief minister Pema Khandu, along with 33 MLAs, switched from PPA to BJP in July 2017 to form the government with 12 BJP MLAs and independent candidates. Khandu was with Congress when he formed the government in July 2016. Before Khandu became the

CM, political uncertainty dominated the state after senior minister Kalikho Pul broke away from the Congress government of Nabam Tuki with 24 MLAs to form a PPA government in February. Pul's government was removed after a Supreme Court verdict reinstated Tuki but with most Congress MLAs backing Khandu, Tuki had to resign in July 2016. A dejected Pul committed suicide in Itanagar in August that year. Next month Khandu led Congress with 42 MLAs to join the PPA.