

EC issues notification for 2nd phase of Lok Sabha elections

New Delhi, March 19,

Election Commission Notification for the second phase of Lok Sabha elections was issued on Tuesday. Ninety-seven constituencies, spread over 13 States including Inner Manipur PC and Union Territories, will go to polls in this phase on the 18th of next month. Elections will be held in all the 39 constituencies of Tamil Nadu.

Notification for bye-elections in 18 Assembly constituencies in the state has also been issued.

The lone seat of Puducherry will also go to polls on the same day. The other States and Union Territories where voting will take place in the second phase are 14 seats in Karnataka; 10 in Maharashtra; eight in Uttar Pradesh; five each in Assam, Bihar and Odisha; three each in Chhattisgarh and West Bengal; two in Jammu and Kashmir; and one each in Manipur, Tripura and Puducherry.

39th Senior National Archery Championship

IT News
Imphal, March 19,

39th NTPC Senior National Archery Championship was held at Cuttack, Odisha from 09 March to 18 March 2019. The Assam Rifles Archery Team (ARAT) attached with 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the Aegis of IGAR (South), comprising of eight men and four women archers, represented Manipur State Archery team and All India Police Sports Control Board (AIPSCB). The team under coach Nb Sub Satish Dubey participated in the Indian, Recurve and Compound events of Men and Women categories. The championship witnessed participation of 37 top teams of all the States.

Proving their mettle in the championship, the Assam Rifles Team performed exceedingly well by winning medals in both individual as well as team events. A total of 01 Gold, 03 Silver and 04 Bronze medals were won by the archers.

Rfn N Subhachandra represented All India Police Sports Control Board (AIPSCB) and won Bronze medal in Men's Team Event in Recurve Round.

MPCC prepares warmth reception of AICC president Rahul Gandhi

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Imphal, March 19,

Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee is all set to give a warm reception to the All India Congress Committee (AICC) President which is expected to land at Imphal Airport at 4.30 pm today.

Members of MPCC including CLP leader O. Ibobi visited the site for public meeting being prepared to be conducted at Hapta Kangjeibung where Rahul Gandhi will speak to a gathering tomorrow.

Speaking to media persons while inspecting the preparation done at Hapta Kangjeibung CLP leader O. Ibobi said that Gandhi Nehru family has a strong feeling towards North East specially

Manipur. He appealed the people of the state to attend the visit of Rahul Gandhi at Imphal. He added that the people might be eager to hear what Rahul might say about the different issues of International, National and regional especially about the state.

Ibobi claimed that Congress party has taken very seriously about the commitments and the manifesto given by the party. He appealed the people to hear about the burning issues to be delivered by Rahul Gandhi and asked the people need to judge if the party did it or not in the near future.

President of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC)

Gaikhangam said that the visit of Rahul Gandhi at Imphal is a great opportunity for the people not only for MPCC. He added that the present government has been very repressive and even greater than during the period of British colonial era. He said that the government has been silencing the voice which critique against the government and considers them as anti-national and charged under sedition. He added that the present government governed through democracy until the voice wasn't raised against them and governance through democracy came to an end if people raised voices against the government. He added that the nation has been

witnessing the dark days. Gaikhangam further stressed that the people of the nation considered that Rahul Gandhi as the saviour of the nation which will liberate from the impressive regime of the government. He concluded that the meeting is not for the party only but for state. He appealed the people to attend and participate the meeting. Clarifying the statements about BJP where they claimed that they will win by attaining more than three hundred seats. Gaikhangam said that the BJP's claimed is simply a daydream where they will not even scores 200 seats as the whole of the nation considers to uproot



the present government as they will destroy the nation. It can be mentioned that Rahul Gandhi after reaching Imphal, he will visit Shaheed Minar to pay homage to the martyrs and also is expected

to visit Ema Keithel. And he will give his speech which is considered to be a mammoth gathering according to MPCC will be tomorrow at Hapta Kangjeibung. Interaction with the youths will also be there.

WBCC Seized Bird Catching Traps



IT News
Thoubal, March 19,

Members of Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC), Thoubal District under the leadership

of its Secretary Ningthoujam Romesh Singh Yesterday picked up 14 (fourteen) nos of nets used for trapping birds from Waithou Pat, Thoubal Chingya Lairembi Maning Pat and Inganglok Heinouhoubi

Loukol.

The nets were later handed over to Range Forest Officer (RFO) HQ, Thoubal for further action.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Thoubal L. Debala Devi along with the members of WBCC urged the public to restrain from using nets for trapping, poisoning, hunting of birds etc and also sought cooperation in the conservation of these valuable birds both migratory as well as resident.

DFO Thoubal Debala Laiphrakpam asserted that any cruel act to wildlife including holding them in captivity, killing, selling or exhibition are prohibited under Section 39 of the Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

Manipur Maoist warns Catholic School

IT News
Imphal, March 19,

The unsettled dispute between the Catholic run school and an armed group is not about the denial of the school authority in admitting students but the school authority's disrespect to the agreement made between the armed group and the authority to accommodate 10 children each from the family of the victims of armed conflict as agreed earlier, said Maoist Communist party Manipur (MCPM).

A statement of the outfit said that till today the school authority had not convened any meeting with the Students'

bodies and CSOs of the state to solve the dispute, which meant that the Catholic school society neither have respect for the Armed rebel group or for the students of the states. The attitude also showed that the Catholic schools which comes from outside the state have no regards for the students' bodies as well as the CSOs of the state, the statement added.

Except for demand to implement the agreed point for reservation of the children of armed no letter as been submitted to the Catholic society, the Maoist said.

It further claimed that Lanchenba group of KCP and the PWG along with their cadre had fired rounds of gun shot

at the gate of St. Joseph but they concealed the incident without letting it known to anyone. The Manipur Maoist had also recalled on the IED planted by PWG at the Catholic school.

The statement said that the three outfit, KCP- PWG, Lanchenba group of KCP and the Maoist are ready to respond to the attitude of the Catholic School. It said all works related with catholic School will be put to halt if fails to tender apology to the people and also to the parties. The statement however said, that it will hand on teachers, non-teaching staffs and school van, however it will not interfere the students.

LNKK Negates the Claims of AR

IT News
Imphal, March 19:

Lamkang Naga Kver Kunpun (LNKK), the apex body of Lamkang Tribe expressed displeasure over the report of Assam Rifles portraying NSCN-IM as kidnapper and alleging of kidnapping a woman on 13th March, 2019. In a press statement, the LNKK stated that based on the clarification made by the

Village Authority of Thamlakuren and family members, Mrs. Kh. Peileng was not kidnapped by the NSCN-IM cadres but picked up for interrogating in connection with her involvement in a drug peddling case.

Having received information about drug trafficking in the vicinity of Thamlakuren Village, the cadres of NSCN-IM picked up Mrs. Kh. Peileng from her residence for

interrogation.

However, before releasing her, the associates of Mrs. Kh. Peileng reported it to the Indian Security Forces and the Assam Rifles raided the spot, added the LNKK. While advocating any actions to reprimand drug traffickers for drug free society, the LNKK also expressed its displeasure over the report of Assam Rifles portraying NSCN-IM as kidnapper.

BJP Central Election Committee meet today

New Delhi, March 19,

The BJP Central Election Committee convened a meeting in New Delhi today evening to finalise the first list of candidates for Lok Sabha elections.

The list is likely to have the names of most of the candidates for the first and second phase of polling, which will be held on 11th of next month in 91

constituencies and 18th April for 97 seats.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, party president Amit Shah and other top BJP leaders will attend the meeting.

The election for 543 parliamentary seats will be held in seven phases till May 19 and the counting of votes will take place on 23rd of May. The Central Election Committee of the party had met on Saturday. The party

had released a list of 123 candidates for Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections and 54 candidates for Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections on Sunday which are being held along with the Lok Sabha polls.

The elections for 175-member Andhra Pradesh Assembly and 60-member Assembly in Arunachal Pradesh will be held on 11th of next month.

Expenditure observer inspects and interacts with Imphal east election officials

Imphal, March 19,

The Election Expenditure and Monitoring Cell of the Imphal East district today conducted a meeting with nodal officers and their staff in relation to the ensuing 17th Lok Sabha Election.

The meeting was chaired by ECI Expenditure Observer (Inner-Manipur) Shri Subodh Singh; Imphal East Deputy Commissioner Dr Rangitabali Waikhom; SP Shri Yogeshchandra Haobijam and other top administration and police officials.

It can be mentioned that the district administration has set up nine different teams under the Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell for the smooth conduct of the coming election. The teams/groups are Expenditure Observer (EO), Assistant Expenditure Observer (AEO), Video

Surveillance Team (VST), Video Viewing Team (VVT), Flying Squad Team (FST), Static Surveillance Team (SST), Accounting Team (AT), Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC), AND Complaint Monitoring Control Room & Call Centre (CMCR & CC).

Shri Subodh Singh spoke in length about the duties and responsibilities that the officials assigned for election duty should carry out for the smooth conduct of the LS election. He instructed all not to run away from the duties given to them, and to report to the respective nodal officers if any suspicious activity is seen and found. The ECI Observer specifically instructed the MCMC team to be extremely detailed in monitoring the media activities, especially of paid news and misleading advertisements.

District SP Shri Yogeshchandra appealed all to stay alert while reporting liquor-related and cash-carrying activities, as these areas invited the maximum danger to the enforcers.

District Election Officer/DC, Dr Rangitabali Waikhom requested maximum co-operation from the election officials and appealed to perform their best duties so that the district becomes an example for others to follow. Later, District Nodal Officer of EEM (Election Expenditure Monitoring) Khumukcham Renuka presented a detailed slide-show presentation of the various preparations being taken up by the team of the district administration. She also appealed all, including the public, to report any mishaps and suspected cases to the District Control Room No. 1950

FVDC Chandel demands clearance of pending compensation for natural disaster victims

IT News
Chandel, March 19,

Flood Victims Demand Committee (FVDC) Chandel appeal the state ruling government and relevant Authority for kind Information and necessary action on humanitarian ground for the Interest of sufferers. (Rural Development Housing section) Khrisna Bhavan, New Delhi has sanction for final payment on dated 12th February 2019 to the state government of

Manipur. The disaster was occurred on 2015 by the Flood and landslide occurred unnaturally. Demanding pending compensation the Chandel Flood Victims had imposed 48hrs bandh since 16 midnight October 2018 Imphal-Moreh-Chandel. It also threatens to launch indefinite agitation.

However, the bandh has been called off after representatives of FVDC and Minister Th. Bishwarjit held meeting along with Addl Chief Secretary PR & RD, Joint

Secretary PR & RD and Deputy Commissioner Chandel at the meeting the Minister assure the flood Victims that he will personally meet the Union Minister and Secretary concerned on 29th October and pursue the matter and the due amount will be arranged to be released before the coming Christmas.

Flood Victims Demand Committee along with the victims will resume democratic forms of agitations if fail to pay within March 2019.