



## Rahul Gandhi hits hard on BJP; says Modi government destroys 1 crore jobs in 2018

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President of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), Rahul Gandhi hits hard on Narendra Modi led NDA government saying that his government has destroyed 1 crore jobs in 2018.

“The BJP led NDA government has destroyed 1 crore jobs in 2018 contrary to their promises of creating 2 crore jobs”, Rahul Gandhi said. He added that before 2014 Lok Sabha election BJP had promised 2 crore jobs for the unemployed youths and now they are destroying 30,000 jobs every day in 2018.

“Youths of the country are facing job crisis and some students now started asking their parents whether they get jobs or not”, Rahul Gandhi said while speaking to an election meeting held at Hapta kangjeibung in palace compound here in Imphal today.

The AICC president who arrived here in Imphal yesterday evening also targeted the BJP as fascist saying that the party wanted to enforce their ideology to all the people across the country. He also added that the BJP always hatred among the people.

“This upcoming Parliamentary election is between two different



ideology – one which impose their idea and the other in respecting ideology of all people across the state”, Rahul said.

He added that the BJP in collaboration with the RSS has been trying to impose their ideology to all the countrymen despite the fact that every state has their own ideology and have their own unique culture and tradition. The Modi led government is trying to eradicate the culture, tradition and history of other states.

“Congress Party’s ideology is to protect, preserved the

culture, history of all states across the country” Rahul said and added that Manipur should be ruled from Imphal and not from Nagpur.

The Congress President is also critical about the removal of the special status of the state. He said Manipur is a small state and need special care, Special status should be given to the state like Manipur.

Regarding the Look East Policy Rahul Gandhi said that Manipur will served as the Bridge between India and South Asian countries and for that Manipur need to be

prepared.

On the issue of corruption the Congress President also criticize the central government of invading the institution like the Judiciary and educations.

“This BJP led government is keeping in its hand all institution which are meant to be autonomy, they think any person who wear a half Khaki pant and a lathi on one hand is eligible for the post of Vice Chancellor of University”, Rahul Gandhi said referring to the appointment of RSS back Vice Chancellor at Manipur University which spark series

of agitation in the state putting halt to the academic atmosphere in the state.

The Supreme Court Judge have come out seeking public support for delivering justice and the BJP appoint its president to a person which have murder charge.

Regarding the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) Rahul Gandhi made his party’s clear stand that they will oppose tooth and nail in any move to pass it. If Congress come to power there will be no such Bill, Rahul said.

“We will not allow CAB to become a law and we will never allow to crush the history of Manipur.

Earlier before attending the public meeting the AICC president interacted with students and professors of the state. Rahul Gandhi talks at length on the issue of Rafale scam as question by a students and also he spoke on the issue of corruption.

Regarding the GST and demonetization, Rahul Gandhi hits harder as it has affected the small business men.

“Did any of us seen Anil Ambani, Nirav Modi, or Mukhesh Ambani stand in queues outside the bank during demonetization”, Rahul question and said that the poor and middle class family are being looted and the Prime Minister Modi is giving 3500 crore rupees to Anil Ambani.

## Th. Basanta likely to be BJP Candidate for Inner PC

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Finally BJP has finalized on whom to be nominated as candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election in both the inner and outer parliamentary constituencies of Manipur. However the party has not announced the name of the candidate till today. Source with the Imphal Times said that Central leaders of the BJP had decided to field Th. Basanta, the former IPS officer and also the son of former Union Minister Th. Chaoba for the Inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency after hectic discussion. As for the outer Constituency the BJP is fielding Benjamin, the source added.

The source further said that the state BJP submitted four names to the central BJP ticket committee for the inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency and among the

four name Th. Basanta’s name was not included. Th. Chaoba who had played major role in strengthening the BJP reportedly met Ram Madhav at his New Delhi Residence and urged him to nominate his son when the meeting for selection of candidate for BJP was underway at Guwahati yesterday.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh too reportedly changed his mind during the meeting and stand in favour of Th. Chaoba, the source added.

Hectic discussion has been on regarding the pressure from two state leaders of the BJP and it is likely that the committee nominate Th. Basanta for the Inner Parliamentary constituency. The source also added that talks are surrounded to Benjamin for nominating as candidate of the BJL in the outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency.

## Chances high for O Nabakishore in getting the Congress Ticket

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Congress party is likely to announce the name of the candidates who will be fighting for the upcoming Parliamentary poll either today or tomorrow. As per source the former Chief Secretary of Manipur O Nabakishore is in the top priority as mos of the congress legislatures want him to contest the election.

9 candidate applied for the congress party ticket and all the contenders have excellent

qualification. The youngest is one Ningombam Bupendra Meitei whose age is only 31 years. Dr. N Bion, Ex MLO Joy, S Manaobi, K Saratchandra, Dr. Th Meinya, M Bishwajit and I Hemochandra have all excellent records in their political career. But source said that most of the congress legislatures are in favour of O Nabakishore as the Congress candidate for the Inner PC.

As for the outer PC top priority choice for almost all legislatures is W Laikholam Hangshing. 7 applied for the ticket.

## 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 Kha Manipur College, Kakching District, today. Shri Pukhrabam Raghu Singh, Principal, Kha Manipur College, Kakching District presided the event.

During the interaction programme, the young and new electorates were requested to download eVigil App from google playstore and be a part of the citizen vigilance for the upcoming election. An ex-tempore speech contest was held on the topic of ‘eVigil’ app. ‘SVEEP’ ‘Free and fair election’, ‘stop buying and selling vote’, ‘peaceful election’, ‘paid news’ ‘ECI’ etc. A quiz competition on the topic was also held and prizes along with certificate was distributed. The event was also attended by the members of the teaching faculty and members of the student’s union of the college.

## Present government is a looters’ govt – Iboibi

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Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Okram Iboibi, who was the Chief Minister of Manipur three consecutive terms, today said that the present BJP led government is the government of the looters. Speaking during the election campaign at hapta

Kangjeibung where, AICC President Rahul Gandhi attended as the Chief guest, Okram Iboibi said that during his time they called his government as 10% government, now until and unless 30% to 50% of the total amount of any government works has been paid no fund entitled are released.

“I can openly said that this

government takes 30% to 50% for every works”, the former Chief Minister now leader of the opposition Okram Iboibi said. He also question the government of its achievement during the two years rule and ridicule the visit of the Union Ministers frequently but return back without announcing any developmental package.

CWC member, Gaikhangam while welcoming the gathering the AICC President also lambasted the dictatorial attitude of the present government. The intrusion to the freedom of speech, arrest of student for raising voice against the government and detention of Journalist under NSA for criticism to the government was severely criticized.

## CRPF distributes sports dresses to physically challenge people

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109 Bn CRPF distributed sports dress to the inmates of All Manipur Handicapped People’s Organisation, Mongsangei today. The programme was organized on the eve of Holi festival in the fond memory of CRPF personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The function was presided over by Shri. Vinod Kumar, Commandant and attended by Officers, Subordinate Officers, Other Ranks of 109 Bn CRPF and Smt. Ibechaobi Devi, Secretary and staff and more than 50 inmates of the All Manipur Handicapped People’s Organisation.

While speaking during the function, Vinod Kumar, Commandant stated that 109 Bn, CRPF is rendering its



services to the people of the Manipur by performing highly sensitive duties like escort of IOCL and FCI vehicles through Imphal and Dimapur and area domination duties along NH-2 at Mao and Senapati area. He further stated that it is the duty of each and every responsible

citizen of the society to extend help to the specially abled children. For use of the children of the institution during this summer season sports dress were handed over to the children. He said that smile on the face of these specially abled children is the real support to us and it gives

innate satisfaction while serving the nation. Y. Ibechaobi Devi, Secretary of All Manipur Handicapped People’s Organisation thanked the Commandant and all other ranks 109 Bn, CRPF for their kind gesture and much needed help to the children of their institution.

## EEFVAM to launch intense agitation for justice to the victims of fake encounters

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“Extra Judicial Execution Victim Families Association Manipur (EEFVAM) along with different civil Society Organisations will launched an intense agitation to bring justice to fake encounters victims”, says Edina, secretary of the Association. Speaking to Imphal Times today on the sidelines of one day public meeting on silence of the government of Manipur on Prosecution Sanction in connection with Extra Judicial Execution which was organised by EEFVAM at Manipur Press Club, General Secretary of EEFVAM Edina Yaikhom said that after filing 1528 cases of fake encounter to the Supreme Court, the Supreme court told to take up 6 cases to clarify whether they were fake encounters or not. Mukun Sinha the counsel of EEFVAM fight the case and

declared that the 6 cases were not related to any criminal cases and are the case of fake encounter against innocent civilians.

After that 42 cases were investigated by CBI where 9 of the cases were charge sheeted, she added. She further said that out of the 9 cases eight cases were still going on without any prosecution sanction but one case from Thoubal can’t go further due to the lack of prosecution sanction.

Edina further asked to the authorities to either clarify that prosecution sanction is not necessary or if necessary let the authority issue the prosecution sanction.

The meeting was attended by General Secretary of EEFVAM Edina Yaikhom, President of Nupi Samaj Ema Ramani and Co-convenor of MANPAC Ningthouja Lancha as the dais member.