



7699 physically challenged, 45 third genders are among the 1939244 voters which will elect 2 MPs from Manipur

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Chief Election officer of Manipur is all set gearing up all measure that has to be taken up to ensure free and fair Lok Sabha election scheduled to hold in phase for the Outer and Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituencies. All together 11 candidates are in the fray for Inner Parliamentary Constituency and 8 candidates are contesting for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. Briefing media today after at the DC Office Imphal, CEO, PK Singh said that total number of voters which will exercise franchise in both Outer and Inner Manipur is 1959429 including service voters and PWDs. Total male voter is 943426, 995773 female and 45 third gender. The total service voter is 20185 out of which 19506 are male and 679 are female.

The total number of physically challenged voter is 7699 where 4523 is for the inner PC and 3176 is for the outer.

CEO PK Singh further said that all facilities to ensure PWD voters to exercise their franchise has been taken up. The Election Commission of India has appointed 4 senior officers of the State Government as Accessibility Observers to assess the facilities at the Polling stations and to ensure proper facilities for Persons with Disabilities. The officers are Shri JC Ramthanga, IAS, Shri



M. Lakshmi Kumar, IAS, Shri Th Gopen Meetei, IAS and Shri Gyan Prakash, IAS. The CEO office for the first time will distribute a detailed 'Voter Guide' to each family recorded in the Electoral Roll in addition to proper distribution of voter slips to each elector through the Booth Level Officers.

He informed that a total number of Polling stations are 2,862 at 2,275 locations. Out of this 283 are recorded as Critical (227 in Outer and 56 in Inner) and 225 are Vulnerable (171 in Outer and 54 in Inner). The total number of P-2 Polling stations is 200 and P-3 is 26 where Polling Party will depart for the polling station 2 and 3 days before the Poll Day.

Mentioning the assured minimum facilities to the Polling stations, the CEO stated that CEO office has

released funds to MSPDCL for electrification of 1,217 polling stations which have no electricity connections. The Deputy Commissioners concerned will provide Ramps in 665 polling stations where Ramps are not there, for which Department of Education will take up construction of Ramps in School buildings. Necessary funds have been released to DCs for providing drinking water at polling stations.

He further informed that, this time, CEO office has provided proper 8x4 feet flex printed Signage mounted on an iron frame, containing all details as specified by the ECI for installation at each polling station. Funds have been released to DCs to hire furniture for 346 polling stations which have no proper furniture and construction of temporary

toilets in 236 polling stations where toilets are not available, added CEO.

A new feature added in the polling stations this time is an all new Standardized Voting Compartment, built as per exact specifications of the ECI to maintain secrecy. In addition, 5 big posters will also be put inside and outside the polling station giving proper instructions to voters as well as specifying the documents needed for voter identification.

As per directions of the Commission, the State election machinery has to provide special facilitation of all the PwDs. A total of 7,699 PwDs have been marked on the E-roll and 5 light vehicles per AC will be provided for transportation of those PwDs. 90 Coys of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) which includes 15 Coys of

IRB from within the State shall be deployed in the first phase election in Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. The Central forces include CRPF, BSF, SAP from Assam and Mizoram and RPF. Arrangement are being made for deployment of 3 Helicopters for post-poll airlifting of 124 polling parties, EVM and VVPAT which includes Tamenglong (49), Churachandpur (39), Chandel (20) and Ukhrul (16).

He further stated that one assembly segment each in Imphal East and Churachandpur district shall be manned by only Women poll personnel. This could be perhaps for the first time in any part of the country. There shall be 1 model polling station in each assembly segment as well. Online live webcasting as well as static recording is proposed to be done in about 1250 polling stations.

CEO urged all the Print and Electronic media to abide by the guidelines issued by PCI to follow for observance during the election and Guidelines for Election Broadcasts issued by NBSA. The media briefing was also attended by Additional CEO, T. Ranjit Singh, Joint CEO Ramananda Nongmeikapam and other officials of CEO office.

JSCC and Women organisations ban KAI (Ningthibi) from organising events



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Joint Students' Coordinating Committee (JSCC), a joint body of four student bodies namely AMSU, MSF, KSA, SUK and four women organisations KANGLAMEL, Poirai Leimarol Apunba Meira Paibi Lup, CHITUWA and AMKIL today declared banned to KAI and Ningthibi Collection from organising social events.

Speaking to the media person at a press meet held at AMSU Head office, Convener of JSCC Ng. Milan said that they strongly condemned Utlou incident which was organised by KAI (Ningthibi) on 22nd of March where the locals later disrupted for being inappropriate.

Highlighting the impact of such events Milan further said that not only the youths are demoralised by the event but the whole society was given a negative impact by it.

In order to find a prolonged solution the student bodies along with the women organisation have thoroughly discussed with various stakeholders and the organisers of the event. Milan said that organising such event gives negative impact to the youths and also it gives a way to fuse the imported festival Holi along with Yaoshang and the used of various liquors in the event in the state where liquors is banned is a serious issue. He further said because of such reasons which will demoralised the youth and the

society, the civil society organisations along with the student body were left with no choice but to ban the activities of the KAI (Ningthibi).

Milan also said that all the person who had attended the event should come and meet the Civil Society organisations within three days from today to discussed with them on how and why they are part of such event. He further warned that the responsibilities for those who doesn't heed will be taken by the individual itself.

President of Poirai Leimarol Memcoubi said that the event have maligned the image of the unique festival. She added that such activities is very odd and not suitable for the society and also lead to demoralised the youths. She added that the place where the event took place was also banned from organising any events.

Regarding the arrest of the locals who disrupts such events by police Memcoubi expressed strong condemnation. She also questioned the availability of huge quantity of liquors when the election code of conduct is in force. "No arrest was made from among the participants or the organisers who need to be arrested for the liquors, but instead locals who disrupted the events to protect the youths were arrested", Memcoubi added. Memcoubi also lambasted the silence of the Chief Ministers and his government regarding the issue.

Miscreants set ablaze Salungpham High School in Thoubal district

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Salungpham High School, located at Salungpham Maning Leikai Village in Thoubal district under Heirok Police station was left into ashes after unknown miscreants reportedly set ablaze around yesterday midnight. Interestingly Salungpham Mayai Leikai comes under Heirok Assembly Constituency where its MLA Thokchom Radheshyam is the Education Minister of the state government.

According to the Head Master of the School Phuritsabam Tomba, the miscreants might have burnt down the school around half past midnight of yesterday and he was informed about the incident by the Chowkidar of the school through phone. He said soon after receiving the news he along with his locality rushed the spot and tried to extinguish the fire.

In the fire, 7 class room including the Administrative block had been reduced to ashes. All important documents of the school, Computer sets and science equipments were all burnt into ashes. 6 class room of the school were however saved by Fire Service team of Thoubal and Yairipok. Estimated lost in the fire is expected to cross around Rs. 30 lakhs by the school authority. Speaking to media persons



Head Master of the School Ph. Tomba said that the act is more like an attempt to abolish the school as those miscreants collected all the important documents of the administrative block which was maintained since the beginning of the school in front of the school and burnt it into ashes. He further added that earlier too there were incident of computer sets being stolen from the room. Chowkidar of the school Amuba said that he returned home late yesterday as he had attended the last day of Lai Haroaba of his village and friends from the Laibung informed him about the burning of the school while he was trying to have his dinner. Wrath over the burning of the school locals of Salungpham and students blocked road in front of the school and

demanding immediate arrest of those responsible in the burning of the school.

Heirok Police had taken up a case and investigation is being on to find out the culprits.

'Missing' NPP candidate withdraws from by-poll race in Nagaland

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A day after the reported disappearance of NPP candidate for Aonglenden assembly by-poll, Tinujungshi Longkumer, news of the candidate withdrawing from the by-poll battle has rocked the political landscape in the state, though his decision was most likely expected.

In his letter dated March 26 (the day he was reported missing) and issued to the media on Thursday, Longkumer announced his decision to withdraw from the electoral race of 26 Aonglenden assembly

constituency.

It may be mentioned that the NPP Nagaland state unit on Wednesday filed a report with the police on the disappearance of their candidate since March 26. The Party also submitted a letter to the Election Commission of India seeking immediate enquiry into his disappearance.

"I have withdrawn my candidature through the formal and proper channel and henceforth I declare my support and cooperation to the NDPP candidate Sharingain under the leadership of chief minister Neiphiu Rio and party president Chingwang Konyak," Longkumer wrote in the letter.

Fire breaks out at FR Tower in Dhaka



By- Siam Sarower Jamil,
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A fire broke out at a multi-storied building on Kemal Ataturk Avenue in the city's Banani area on Thursday. The fire broke out at around 12:45pm at the fifth floor of the FR Tower, said an official of Fire Service and Civil Defence control room.

17 fire fighting units rushed there and have been trying to extinguish the blaze till filling of this report at around 03:15pm. However, the origin of the fire could not be known immediately. Unofficial sources said, already 3 killed in the fire.

PHC of Nongpok Sekmai locks down again by irate Meira Paibis and SSUM

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With the none functioning of Night Service of Primary Health Centre of Nongpok Sekmai irate Meira Paibis and Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) today locked down the health centre and halt the services including OPD of the centre. Speaking to media persons General Secretary of SSUM highlighted that the Health centre was also previously locked down by local by meira paibis for the non functioning of health centre but was opened again by the assurance from the authorities that the night service will function again. He further said that as the night service was functionless till

now, the irate locals and the student body locked it down again.

Later in the evening MLA of the area Th. Radheshyam without concerning the protestors broke the lock and opened the Health Centre adding fuel to the burning fire to the irate protestors. The protestors began to agitate even more and the police personnel control the mob. Minister Radheshyam escaped from the scene leaving behind the angry locals.

Soon after Chief Medical Officer of Thoubal came at the spot and assured them that they will look after the health centre and also guaranteed that they will begin the Night Service which later lifted the locking down of the PHC.