



## BJP District Council members, workers joins Congress

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In a major boost to the Congress party ahead of crucial Lok Sabha election 2019, as many as 24 influential BJP workers, including ex-MLA & ex-president of BJP CCpur District joined the INC today afternoon. Almost all the BJP members as well as the district Council members are from the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. K. James is the candidate of the Congress Party in the Outer Constituency. Speaking on the reception function of the newly enrolled

members, CLP leader O.Ibobi said that Congress is the only party that can save the nation, Manipur, Democracy, Constitution and also other various institutions such as Supreme Court, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Universities etc. He added that the present government has been misusing institutions according to its will. Ibobi further said that the present government has been taking loans of more than 2000 crores in just two years of governance which will easily exceeds the 30-40 years of accumulated sum of about 8000 crores in just one term. The CLP leader also questioned the kind of development being taken up by the present government



under by go to hill mission and added that they just simply inaugurate the work done during congress government.

Clarifying the statement about the criminal charges by BJP to Congress, Ibobi asked the BJP led government to take up proper legal actions against the said criminal they alleged.

He also claimed that out of the 78 union minister of BJP 28 of them were under trial relating to criminal cases.

Ex BJP MDC of Thalon Assembly constituency Langkhanpau Guite, who joined the Congress Party today said that the BJP party is a bias and discriminatory party. No appointment was given to the hill people

representatives by the leaders of the BJP he said adding that he was not satisfied with the BJP on the issue of the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). Former General Secretary of BJP Imphal Central District Mahila of Singjamei Ningthoujam Kavita said that the future of the state cannot be saved by taking up developmental works only. If the government wants to save Manipur, it should have the guts to protect, she added. She also said that Congress is the only party that can save Manipur. The reception programme of the newly enrolled members was held at Congress Bhawan in here in Imphal.

### RPF clarifies

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Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) today clarifies that Laishram Romen @ Tomba @ Naocha Meetei (40) son of L. Ibochou Meetei of Uchol Makha Leikai, Imphal East and Nahakpam Manglemba (45) son of (late) N Manihal of Yairipok Yambem Mayai Leikai and Takhellambam Brojen, son of T Nimai of Huiakp Awang Leikai, who were reported arrested by combined team of Imphal West District Police Commando and 26 AR on March 7 and 18 were not related with the RPF and its armed wing PLA.

### MSAD' prize distribution

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A statement of the Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) said that the Prize Distribution Ceremony of the State Level Mathematics and Science Competition 2018 scheduled on March 31 has been rescheduled on April 14. Exact venue and time of the ceremony will be made known through media, the statement said.

### OPD timing change in RIMS hospital

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OPD timing for RIMS has been changed from 8.30 am to 1 pm for the month from April to September a statement by Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh, Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital said. It added that OPD and investigation token dispenser will start functioning at 8:00 am till 11 am. General OPD counter will start issuing tickets as per token number from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm. However, the timing of evening clinic will remain the same, the statement added.

## MUTA condemn DR. RK Ranjan's statement regarding enquiry committee report on Prof. AP Padey

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The Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) expressed strong condemnation to the statement made by the spokesperson and MP candidate of BJP, Dr. RK Ranjan on a local TV channel on 20th March 2019 regarding Report of the Inquiry committee against Prof A.P. Pandey.

A statement by MUTA said that it has learned that the Inquiry Committee has submitted the report to the Manipur High Court under seal and therefore the report remains under seal till date in the High Court. Moreover, the case regarding Prof A.P. Pandey

is pending in the High Court of Manipur.

However, Dr. RK Ranjan has said in public that he knew the findings of the report and he claimed that according to the inquiry committee report, Prof A.P. Pandey is innocent, the statement added.

The Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) has also demanded an apology from Dr. RK Ranjan on the issue before the public. However, Dr. RK Ranjan has not apologised to Manipur University Community till date. Some members of the Association participated in the academic discussion with Rahul Gandhi on 20th March 2019 after receiving the invitation. In the

discussion, MUTA members put questions to Rahul Gandhi on the issues of improvement of the Higher Education in Manipur, and Economy of the Country and North East Region in particular. The Association will participate in such academic discussion in future with any person or party if invited in the interest of the general public.

The statement made by the MP candidate of BJP has caused apprehension in the public that the Government is doing all means to save Prof AP Pandey. Therefore, the Association demands Dr. RK Ranjan to clarify within three days how he knows the report of the Inquiry Committee which is still under seal in the High Court.

## Manipur may become the first Malaria Free State in India – Dr. Thangpa Serto

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Dr Thangpa Serto, State malaria officer of NVBDCP, Manipur has appealed the people not to miss the opportunity of becoming Manipur - the first Malaria Free State in India. Speaking in a one day advocacy meeting of media personnel on prevention and control of vector borne diseases organised by State health society and National Vector borne disease Control Program at the mini conference hall of India Medical Association, Thangpa said that there is a drastic decrease of malaria cases in the state because of various initiatives and programs taken up by the authority. He said that the advocacy meeting was held annually to spread awareness about Malaria and other vector borne diseases. Serto highlighted that in previous year only 12 cases

was found in the state out of which 6 were indigenous which occurred from the land and 6 were imported where people get infected from other state or country.

He also added that endemic district of malaria disease were Churachandpur and Pherzawl. The targeted year for the complete elimination of Malaria for the state of Manipur is 2021 while that of the nation is 2030, he added. He further said that only one cases of imported patient of malaria was found till now for this year. Reminding of the case of malaria in India in the year 1965 where no dead case was found but drastically increased in the year 1977 due to the complacency of the government because of the previous status which eventually neglected and the resources for it were all minimized. He appealed not to repeat such complacency where disease like malaria can be widespread exponentially.

Focusing on how to eliminate Malaria from the state Thangpa Serto said that clean environment proper sanitation and using of mosquito net can help in the elimination of Malaria. He also appealed to not throw tyres and bottles as they are the favorable for laying mosquito eggs. He also added that early detection and treatment can save the life of the patient.

Thangpa said that all the treatment and detection of malaria were free of cost at every ASHA and PHC. So he appealed the people of the state to test their blood for the detection of malaria when fever occurred. It can be mention that for one person died due to malaria for the year 2018 and three cases of chikungunya were found for the first time in the state from Kangpokpi and Tamenglong. During the advocacy meeting consultant IEC/BCC of NVBDCP N. Gopakishore also spoke as resource person.

## Special Handloom Expo begins at GM Hall, Imphal



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A sixteen day Special Handloom Expo-2018-19 was inaugurated today at Gandhi Memorial Hall, Imphal West under the sponsorship of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India with Manipur Apex Handloom, Weavers and Handicrafts Artisans C.S Ltd (AWAS) Paona Bazar, Impha. The inaugural function was attended by Langpoklakpam Subdani Padmashree Sant kabir Naenel Awarde K. Indira Devi ,President of the Manipur Apex Handlooms Weavers and Handicrafts Artisans C.S. Ltd; N.Nilabantajit Singh, Project Manager ,District Handloom & Textiles Imphal West Govt of Manipur ;C.Rajsekaran ,Assistant Director (Design),Weaver's Service Center(WSC),Porompat ,Imphal East and Y. Shantikumar Singh, Officer in-charge(Marketing ),National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. (NHDC) porompat ,Imphal East as the Chief Guest ,the president and the Guest of Honour respectively .

S.Bhubol ,Board director of the Manipur Apex Handloom Weavers and Handicrafts Artisans C.S.Ltd. while delivering welcome address and the key note speech said that the handloom expo and exhibition at the right time and right venues is giving opportunity of marketing of the state's handloom products. The reason for organizing the

special handloom expo at this time is because of the upcoming Sajibu Cheiraoba festival - an Indigenous new year and the venue has been chosen at GM Hall as it is the most appropriate venue, Bhubon.

M.Priyomala Devi in her speech said that the participants as the Chief Guest of the inaugural function highlighted that the state's weaver and artisans have been taking huge responsibilities in maintenance of family expenses by taking up weaving up weaving and craft activities but this important roles of women are, though having high values ,have not often been understood which is yet to be corrected . She added that the present government has been taking many development and welfare schemes for betterment of the society and the benefits of these developmental programme shall have to be taken by the stakeholders with property implementing clear understanding of the project to be applied for and applying the same in right time with submitting all required documents including a well equipped project is the basis for getting a right project and any habit of indulging into corrupt practice to get a project or programme should never be encouraged as any act of nuisance will not last long she added.

K. Indira Devi the president of the inaugural function assured the participants in the special handloom that the Manipur Apex handloom

weavers and handicraft artisans C.S Ltd. as it is the sole apex society of the state's primary weavers cooperative societies shall continue to work for the welfare and development of the state's weavers and artisans by organizing such melas, exhibitions and other state as well as centrally sponsored schemes she said that the former Board of Director of this Apex society did not properly implementing the projects and schemes there are still having for the present Board to clear off obstacles including some difficult ones and improperly handing over thing to succeeding management is the reason for slowing the progress of activities . she future appealed the state's weavers to come to Apex Handloom for any grievances in respects of weaving related works and door is always opened for giving counseling to weavers and artisans of the state.

Y.Shantikumar , Officer-in-Charge of the National Handloom Development Corporation (nhdc) spoke clearly on the subsidized yarn schemes; N.Nilabantajit ,Project Manager (Handlooms), District Handloom sector . C.Raasekaran ,Asst. Director (Design) Weavers service Center (wsc) spoke on the centrally sponsored in Handloom and he appreciated the works of Manipur apex handlooms .The Weavers service Centre, Imphal is always ready to extend helps to the state's weavers in any weaving related works. Cheeng Tam Luwang , Chief Functionary of Handloom promotion Council Manipur said he with an expert committee is trying Leirumpee to get G.I. Registration . L. Ojit Singh Business Manager of the Apex Handloom giving the vote of thanks appealed the state's weavers to come to the offices of the apex Handloom or Directorate of Handlooms & Textiles, Govt. of Manipur to District Handloom officers for getting details information of the present handloom related projects and Welfare Schemes