

'Politics of revenge should be stopped by the government'

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Proscribe group Maoist Communist Party warned the government to stop arresting the people who are against BJP led government as a politics of revenge or else untoward incident might occur even to the workers of BJP.

Stating in a release signed by Coordinator, Standing Committee of Maoist Communist Party Manipur, Kyonghan Mangang said that the party will fight against those who obstruct in spreading the ideas and ideology of egalitarian society initiated by Lamyamba Irabot.

He said that the present government with all his might to silence the dissecting voices rose against the government arrested those persons namely Erendro, Popilal, Kishorchand, Veevon and many more. The government even arrested the leaders of various CSO like NIPCO and many meira paibis by using different false allegations, he added. Leaders of Student union RSF were arrested one after another using their allegation tactics to demolish the organisation even the Imphal Free Press faced a case of defamation for speaking out the truth, Kyonghan said.

Kyonghan further said that if the government continue to arrest the members of the organisations for raising voices against the government as politics of revenge than the party is all prepared to take revenge on the party of the government. He warned that the government cannot provide security measures to all its workers.

Kyonghan further stressed that the party will support the political parties who spread the ideas of regionalism namely MPP, PRAJA and also other groups who want to revive Sanamahi religion. He added that moral support will be given to all Left wing organisations.

He finally warned that there will be no political worker of BJP to hoist their party flag if Maoist starts avenging for silencing the voice of the people by the government. He added that Maoist is a revolutionary party which have its own unique ideology different from others.

Govt has enough money for welfare of the people: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that there would be no financial constraint for developmental works and welfare of the people. This was stated by him at the function of foundation stone laying ceremony of five bridges over Imphal River which was held at Khongnangkong Lampak, Heingang Mayai Leikai, Imphal East today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister appealed to the people of the state to avoid inter ethnic hatred or hostility towards any ethnic group rather one should support one another to bring inclusive development in the State. Mentioning that various schemes have been initiated for the welfare of the people of the State, Chief



Minister opined that the present government doesn't give false promises to the people. Chief Minister stressed that each bridge would be constructed at an estimated cost of around Rs. 6.80 crores. The work orders for the construction of the bridges

have been already given to the contractors. He urged the contractors to complete the construction of the bridges within a year.

Mentioning some of the developmental projects undertaken in the state, Chief Minister said that the land

survey for the development of Ibudhou Marjing Complex at Heingang has been completed. A total of Rs. 27 crores would be sanctioned for the said project, he added. Chief Minister mentioned that a total of Rs 15 crore has been sanctioned for the

construction of 'Imphal View' tower at Langol Hills. Ropeway service would be made available from Marjing Hill to Langol Hill to attract more tourists in the region and Rs. 360 crores would be sanctioned for the said project. A ropeway project to connect Thanga to Chaoba Hill would be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 265 crores, he added.

Speaking at the function, Minister for RD & PR, PWD, IPR Th. Biswajit Singh said that the bridges would be constructed with new and innovative design. He further mentioned that Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-II has been started which aims at improving the overall efficiency of the existing rural road network. A Detailed Project Report would

be completed within 3-4 months, he added. Minister further stated that in the last two years, we could see positive changes and inclusive development in the State. Seeking suggestions and support of the people, Minister mentioned that the government is committed to uplift the lives of the people of the State.

Chairman of Manipur Pollution Control Board L. Radhakishore Singh, Vice Chairman MIDA O. Lukhoh, MLAs Y. Surchandra, S. Bira, Shri Khasim Vashum, S. Subhaschandra, Adhakshya Imphal East Zilla Parishad Smt. P. Bimola, Addl. Chief Secretary (RD&PR) M.H. Khan, Chief Engineer of Rural Engineering Department (RED) Th. Nandakishore and others attended the function.

State BJP rolls head for selecting candidates for Inner and Outer Parliamentary constituencies

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BJP Manipur Pradesh today rolls head who should be the candidates of the party in the upcoming Lok Sabha Election for the outer and the Inner parliamentary constituencies of the state. A convention of the party was held today at Chandrakiti Auditorium with National secretary of the BJP as the chief guest. Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh, Rajya Sabha MP Bhabananda, MLAs, Ministers of the party and BJP workers of all class attended the crucial convention organised under the theme political and economic matters of the state.

Source with the Imphal Times said that state government under the leadership of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh

faced a serious crisis after BJP MLAs started demanding reshuffled of the ministry. Some of the BJP MLAs demanded withdrawal of some Ministry who are not from among the BJP MLAs and even prepared a change of the Chief Minister. The matter was however settled after Hemanta Bishwas, the BJP in charge of the North East intervened. It is likely that if reshuffled has to take place it will be either after the lok sabha election or after getting the result of the Lok Sabha Election. Matters about who will be nominated as the BJP candidates for both outer and inner parliamentary constituencies has not been name during the course of the convention, but source said that today's convention will take a final

decision on who will be BJP candidates in the two parliamentary constituencies for the upcoming parliamentary election.

Mention may be made that Dr. RK Ranjan who had contested in the last parliamentary election is unlikely to be chosen as nominee by the BJP this time in view of the changing trend in the BJP politics. Th. Basanta, son of former Union Minister during the NDA regime in 2011 is also giving pressure to the Central BJP to elect him as the candidate of the inner parliamentary election. On the other hand there are hard core BJP worker who had been serving the party with extreme dedications who also have hope that the central leadership may nominate them as the candidate of the lok sabha election.

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Janata Dal United today declared former minister who is also the present president of JDU Manipur State Unit Hangkhanpau Taithul as the candidate for Outer Manipur parliamentary constituency in the upcoming MP election. Speaking to media persons at the Head-office of JDU which is situated at New Checkon Hangkhanpau Taithui said that the National executive meet of JDU held in Patna on 4th of March has decided to contest only the Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency in the approaching 17th Lok Sabha election even though they have alliance at the centre

with the NDA. He added that regarding the Inner Manipur parliamentary Constituency the party will not contest it but will support to other party which will be decided in due course of time. He further said that they will support the inner constituency candidate not only by looking at his party but also his/her individual quality. Taithui recalled that the party has been campaigning for the last one and half month at various segments. He added that at this point in time JDU will surely win the election with BJP or Congress claiming 2nd place. He stressed that the people of the state really disliked both Congress and BJP. He said that both the two

parties i.e. BJP and Congress can't be trusted for their deeds. Taithui claimed that a drastic change will be seen in the state if their party won the election. He also said that JDU plans to form government of Manipur by 2022. He added that their party will mainly focus on development and eradicating corruption. Remarking the government of Bihar under Nitish Kumar as his ideal government making drastic positive changes in a short span of 14 years, he claimed that the state will see a positive change in such manner. Taithui concluded that the party will focus on the development of both the hill and valley equally.

Student body lodges FIR against Assam excise

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An FIR has been lodged by the All Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association (AATSA) against the Jorhat district officials of the excise department for their alleged failure to check illicit liquor trade. The complaint comes days after the Assam hooch tragedy which claimed several lives, out of which 62 were from Jorhat.

AATSA assistant general secretary Dhiraj Gowala said that police have already lodged an FIR against the superintendent of excise, excise inspector and excise sub-inspector for their failures to control illicit liquor trade in Jorhat district.

He added that it is due to failures on the part of the district excise department that 62 people had to die after consuming spurious liquor in Jorhat. Those who

are guilty should be punished as per provisions of the law, he said.

According to *The Times of India report*, the Jorhat police officer had confirmed that an FIR has been lodged against excise department. The official said, "We have received the FIR and have registered a case against the excise department officials in Jorhat district. We have booked them under Section 119 (public servant concealing design to commit offence which it is his duty to prevent) of the Indian Penal Code and our investigation is on."

The police and excise department officials in both Jorhat and Golaghat after the Hooch tragedy have launched massive drives against spurious liquor trade.

At least 50 people have been arrested from different parts of Jorhat and Golaghat for being involved in trading illegal alcohol.

Rahul Gandhi to address rally in state on March 20

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Agartala March 6,

The Congress chief and AICC president Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to hold a rally in Tripura on March 20 next in the run-up to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Tripura Pradesh Congress Committee officials said here today. This will be the first Tripura visit of Gandhi after being elected as AICC president.

He has recently appointed Tripura royal scion Pradyot Kishore Debbarman as the state chief of Congress party replacing senior party leader and former minister Birjit Sinha to rejuvenate the party and stimulate Congress rank and file.

According to schedule, Gandhi will have a separate meeting with Pradyot Kishore and Tripura Pradesh Congress committee leaders followed by addressing a mass rally in Agartala to kick off the campaign for upcoming

Lok Sabha election. With the appointment of new state chief, Congress has got a boost and several senior leaders including former chief minister and incumbent health minister of BJP Samir Ranjan Barman have joined in the party and many more will join soon.

BJP will face a real election this time in Tripura, said TPCC leader Rahul Saha. He, however, stated that regional tribal parties have also been facing the erosion after Maharaja Pradyot became Pradesh Congress committee president.

A sizable number of supports of BJP's electoral partner in the government Indigenous Peoples' Front of Tripura (IPFT) are now ready to join in Congress under the leadership of Maharaja.

A wave of happiness has been sweeping across hills of Tripura, as the indigenous people got the real leader now and hundreds of tribals

cutting across party affiliation have joined the rallies so far Maharaja addressed in last few days, Saha stated.

The sources in Congress party informed that Rahul Gandhi has accepted the invitation of Maharaja and agreed to address a rally here to further boost up the morale of the workers and local leaders ahead of Lok Sabha poll.

The party has also decided to bring AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi in the state to address similar rally after Rahul Gandhi's visit. TPCC leaders, however, claimed that party has already initiated the process of selecting candidates for both the Lok Sabha seats in Tripura considering their popularity, acceptance, commitment and win-ability.

Moreover, a group of influential tribal leaders of other parties including BJP would soon be joined in Congress, they added.

Meanwhile, there has been an impressive gathering since this morning in tribal autonomous district council (ADC) headquarter Khumlung where Maharaja Pradyot Kishore is scheduled to address a rally in order to keep the issue alive the United Indigenous Peoples Forum (UIPF) of Tripura, a conglomerate of regional parties, which has been fighting Citizenship Amendment Bill.

The rally will open the two-day conference of UIPF where former ULFA leader Arvind Rajkhowa is scheduled to join. The leaders from all tribal based regional parties in the state will attend the conference to discuss on the contentious citizenship amendment bill. The UIPF has also invited Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Jishnu Dev Varma and CPI(M) MP in Lok Sabha Jiten Chowdhury and Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga for the conference.