

## Gaikhangam honours peoples' mandate; but says it's hard to believe



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Congress President Gaikhangam, who is also a member of the Congress Working Committee Member, today expressed skepticism to the huge margin that BJP and its alliance partners get in the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election whose

result was declared yesterday. He however, said that the Congress party accepted the peoples' mandate. The Congress leader was speaking in a press meet held this morning at Congress Bhavan.

However, Gaikhangam didn't agree that election in Manipur state was held free and fair.

"If the Election was free and fair Congress could have easily won the election", a confident Gaikhangam said. The congress candidate gets a huge number of votes and it was just around 20,000 that the BJP candidate won the vote. Gaikhangam said that had there been no unfair means the congress candidate

could have won the election with huge margin. He appreciated the people of Manipur who had voted for the Congress candidate O. Nabakishore amidst all odds. "We appreciate the people of the state for their love to congress party and braves the intimidation, personnel attack and mass rigging and voted for the congress party", Gaikhangam said. "Peoples' mandate should be accepted, however, it is hard to believe this result", Gaikhangam said. He however said that even though it is hard to believe this mandate the congress party did not oppose it and rather accept it as people are supreme authority in parliamentary democracy. "BJP and alliance partners get huge margin in the poll result which is not expected by the people", Gaikhaingam said.

## Coaching Center alleged of leaking class XII question paper; DESAM and AIMS demand enquiry



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While demanding enquiry to the alleged leaking English question paper of class XII examination conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur, Student bodies DESAM and AIMS has announced boycott of Tony Coaching Centre until the truth is revealed by the committee. Speaking to media in a press meet held at its temporary office, Secretary General of DESAM Shital Oinam said that they have boycotted Tony Coaching Centre which is run by Laiphrakpam Tony who is an English teacher at Johnstone Higher Secondary School for allegedly leaking question paper of Class 12 English paper examination. He said that they have found out various questions of Advance writing skills questions similar with the Mega mock test conducted by the said Coaching Centre and the 12th examination question. He further said that such similarity of the question in the mock test with the question paper of the class XII final exam

conducted by COHSEM is a shocking. The DESAM leader also said that question given on option is also similar. The students' body demanded immediate enquiry by COHSEM and Directorate of Education (s) and added that the Coaching should be stopped until the enquiry is completed. Shital Oinam further stressed that they observed a new trend of using unfair means in the examination. He said that recent trend include leakage of questions to the students prior to the exam and leakage of questions by the teacher asking in mock test conducted by Coaching centre and in revision courses. Highlighting the reason behind the new trend of using unfair means Shital added that some unethical teachers who should be in a confidential state for being a question setter for their sole purpose of increasing their students of the Coaching centre suggest the students with questions with slight modifications. He said that similar incidents too happen in the past many years and a series of talks

were also done with question setter regarding such matters. "What worried us is that no actions were taken up by the concerned Education department and also BOSEM and COHSEM being a silent spectator", Shital added. Shital appealed the teachers to stop giving suggestion, Mock test and doing tuitions who held the responsibility for being confidential of BOSEM and COHSEM. He added that BOSEM, COHSEM and Education (S) should also order to stop government teachers in establishing Coaching Centre and teaching in Coaching centre. Shital said that BOSEM and COHSEM should deliver the documents directly to the teachers not to the school or any other third person if it is a confidential one. He added that there isn't any sign of confidentiality as many were aware of the question setters. He appealed to look into the matter regarding such issues and take appropriate steps to maintain confidentiality.

### Some fact sheets about 17th Lok Sabha poll

- \* BJP performed best in (1) Heingang (2) Thongju (3) Andro
- \* INC performed best in (1) Thoubal (2) Lilong (3) Wangkhem
- \* CPI performed best in (1) Uripok (2) Keishamthong (3) Lamlai
- \* BJP performed worst in Patsol securing only around 14.78% of the total votes cast in the AC. It is the only AC, where BJP could not even match the number of votes notched up by R.K. Kaiku, who occupied 4th position in the overall result-sheet.

## There is no turning back for Kaiku: will continue politics says the film star turn politician

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Independent candidate for the 17th Lok Sabha election RK. Somedro popularly known as Kaiku to the people of the state seems to have more confident with the result of his election. "I loss in the election but it is my moral victory", Kaiku said adding that he will keep focusing on politics to contest in the next term as MP candidate. First timer inner MP candidate Kaiku stood fourth in the election by obtaining 81634 votes.



Thanking the voters Kaiku in a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club said that even though he lost the election it was a moral victory for him as the votes he gets were genuine votes. He said that many people were

still on the right side as shown by the sum total of votes obtained by him and Dr Nara. And assured that he doesn't buy votes using money power. Kaiku stressed that he have some loop holes in the election for being an independent candidate and added such loop holes will not be face if he contest from a political party. He desired to be in a political party and have favoured more in regional ones though he doesn't decide which political party to join. Kaiku further added that he will still go on in his acting career also.

## Governor presented Unit Citation Award and Appreciation Certificate to AR

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Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla presented the Unit Citation Award to 15 Assam Rifles and Appreciation Certificate to 19 Assam Rifles today at Raj Bhavan. The Unit Citation Award mentioned that 15 Assam Rifles arrived in Manipur in December, 2017 and is deployed at Mantripukhri, Imphal to assist in stabilizing volatile security situation in the state while at the same time contributing in society building. The Unit has ensured implementation of its mandate in the face of challenges posed by intense counter insurgency or counter terrorism scenario and has preserved the decorum of law and



maintained empathy with the local populace in a praiseworthy manner. It was written in the Certificate of Appreciation 19 Assam Rifles that the Governor is pleased to put on record her Appreciation for the outstanding service rendered by 19 Assam Rifles at Samtal Salient in Chandel

District of Manipur. The Battalion has made immense contributions in safeguarding peace and tranquility in an extremely remote area. It has maintained its conduct par military excellence during the three years of its tenure in a very sensitive location. The devotion of the

Battalion towards its efforts to bring inclusive growth for the villagers residing in the far flung areas along Indo-Myanmar border particularly through civic action programmes merits special mention. It also wished all ranks of the Unit the very best in all their future endeavours towards the cause.

## Lok Sabha Election: Learning lessons from setback, Strive to build an inclusive India

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The Central Secretariat meeting of Popular Front of India, in a statement issued in the context of the Lok Sabha election result trends, has said that the victory of BJP led alliance does not reflect the ultimate defeat of secular politics in India. Rather it has only proved the success of vehement communal propaganda and the failure of secular parties in taking appropriate steps to counter RSS-BJP strategies, a statement said. It added that the meeting pointed out that in spite of these failures, the idea of India as an all inclusive secular democratic socialist republic will survive. "The victory of BJP, despite leading a government that was a failure in all fronts, demands close scrutiny. The fact that the BJP managed to win the support of a considerable

section of Indian society even after five years of anti-people rule shows the triumph of communal hate over developmental issues in India. It must be acknowledged that the secular parties repeated the mistake they had committed in 2014 by not leading a joint fight leaving aside differences, selfishness and petty ego clashes among leaders. On the other hand, along with communalization campaign at the grassroots level, NDA has tried to take all available regional parties into their fold. In states like UP and Delhi, instead of fighting each other, if opposition parties joined hands, the result would have been different. Ironically, they step to form a broad alliance by declaring a new 'Secular Democratic Front' came only after the conclusion of polling. Once again the responsibility of defeating

BJP has been given to minorities only, while the secular forces, by fighting each other in many constituencies, has put even the minorities in a difficult situation. "The meeting reminded that the election should serve as an eye opener to all. Democracy can survive only with an accountable government and a responsible opposition. Both groups are duty bound to protect people's rights and guard the constitutional and democratic values. "Those sections of the society that have always been at receiving end of the communal politics and have cherished a regime change doesn't have to fall into despair. The marginalized and victimized sections have to continue their efforts of empowering themselves by aligning with all positive elements in the country", the statement added.