

With BJP's landslide victory, cracks in Manipur Coalition government almost mended

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With BJP winning a landslide victory across the country crossing 300 numbers with one from the state of Manipur, the much talk about "cracks" in the coalition government seems to be mended. Whether the N. Biren Singh led government reshuffle or not, his government is totally secure. The only problem the Chief Minister had was the threat from the NPF, to pull out from his government over non-fulfilment of the promises assured to the political party, at the time of forming the government.

Picture uploaded from reliable source at social networking site showed Chief Minister N. Biren Singh close understanding with NPF state president Awangbou Newmai and the newly elected NPF MP from outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency along with NPF Minister Kaisii posing for a shot showing smile together. The photo was reportedly taken while the



team was waiting for the National General Secretary Ram Madhav at his New Delhi Office. "NPF withdrawal is not going to give any effect to the N. Biren Singh Government when one look from the angle of numbers, but their withdrawal may be a headache for the government for reason which is known by everyone". A political analyst said while talking over phone to Imphal Times. The rumours about the NPF stand on the issue about withdrawing from the party

also remain as a mere rumour which is not going to happen, he added. The political analyst who did not want to disclose his identity said that before the parliamentary election as the air was not clean to the game plan of BJP as there was possibility of dropping the Ministerial berth of some of the Ministers of the NPF, the party too seem preparing a game plan, but with the massive victory of the BJP crossing its number above 300 seats, the NPF too makes no further discussion over the issue. Whether they

dropped the NPF MLAs to be replaced by BJP MLAs they will still continue to support the government. "This was stated by Medical Minister L. Jyentakumar during a telephonic conversation to one of the local TV news channel some days back", the analyst said. Meanwhile a source said that, even though the BJP led coalition government in the state drop out some of the NPF MLAs from their Ministerial berth, it is likely that, the government will not act anything like that to the NPF.

JCILPS ready to resume agitations

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As 17th Lok Sabha Election is over, Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) is all set to resume its agitation for protection of the Indigenous people of the region.

In a press meet held today morning at the office of the JCILPS, Convenor, Yumnamcha Dilip said that, as the Lok Sabha election is over, the JCILPS will now resume its various demand for protection of the Indigenous people of the state. Clarifying on why the JCILPS remain quiet for some times, Convenor of the JCILPS, Yumnamcha Dilip said that as there had been model code of conduct and because of that the voice or movement of the JCILPS will in no way be considered due the MCC, the JCILPS have to remain silent for some time.

"It does not mean that we have given up our demand, but we are waiting for the right time, to push our demand", Dilpi said.

He further added that the first thing that the JCILPS will demand is to urge the



government for pressing the central leadership to get presidential consent of the "Manipur Peoples Bill" which was passed by the state legislative assembly. "The ruling BJP had also assured to press the central leadership for passing of the Manipur Peoples Bill during election campaign time", Dilpi said. He also said that certain other issues for protection of the indigenous people like commissioning of the already established Population

Control Commission, introduction of NRC are also in the priority of the JCILPS. If the government did not fulfilled the demand of the JCILPS, the state will face intense form of agitation in the coming days, Dilpi said. What is more interesting is that Yumnamcha Dilip stated that the JCILPS will also stand strong opposition to Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). MANPAC, an organization which has been spearheading against CAB will continue the

movement against the passing of the Bill. Yumnamcha Dilip is also the convenor of the MANPAC. In the BJP Election Manifesto, the party promises to introduce CAB if it comes to power. Now with over 300 seats of the BJP alone the party is returning back to power. Soon after the declaration of the election result Himanta Biswas Sharma of Assam, who is considered as the architect for the success of BJP in the NE India, had stated that the party will bring CAB to the Country.

Student found dead in MU hostel room

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In an untoward incident a student of MU was found dead in his hostel room. The deceased student was identified as one Lunmilal Kipgen (23 yrs) son of Paokhomang Kipgen from L.Soungphel Saikhul sub division Kangpokpi district. He was a student pursuing 4th Semester in Bachelor of Vocational course in Tourism and Hospitality Management, Manipur University residing in room no 26 of koubru hostel (Hostel No.2), MU. The student was found hanging in his hostel room in a ceiling fan. Roomates checked and found out the body because of the



odour smell they felt and thus informed the police around 8 in the morning. Kakwa police rushed into the scene. Later Forensic team and magistrate also came to investigate the matter.

Media persons were also not allowed to see the crime scene. It was reported that some scratches were also seen on the wrist of his left hand. The death body was then moved to RIMS to perform post mortem

World leaders congratulate PM Modi for victory in Lok Sabha poll

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World leaders have congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the victory in the general election. In his message, US President Donald Trump said Mr Modi is a great man and leader. White House said Mr Trump and Mr Modi have agreed to meet at the G-20 Summit in Japan next month.

British Prime Minister Theresa May said, she is looking forward to the UK's relationship with India continuing to go from strength to strength during Mr Modi's second term. Russian President Vladimir Putin said PM Modi would further strengthen the longstanding friendship between the peoples of both countries and enhance the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership that bind the two countries.

Warmly felicitating the Prime Minister, Sri Lankan President Sirisena noted the enhanced

engagements between the two neighbours and expressed his desire to further deepen the ties between the two countries.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina extended heartfelt congratulations to Mr Modi on his party's landslide victory.

Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani in a tweet congratulated Prime Minister on a strong mandate from the people of India.

Pakistan Prime Minister Inran Khan in a tweet said, he is looking forward to work with Mr Modi for peace, progress and prosperity in South Asia. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai have also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his poll victory.

Earlier, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander

of the UAE Armed Forces had called up Prime Minister Modi to congratulate him on his historic victory in the general elections.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he and Mr Modi will keep working together to improve the lives of Canadians and Indians through education and innovation, investing in trade and fighting climate change. International Monetary Fund, IMF has said it is looking forward to working with the new government of Prime Minister Modi. IMF spokesperson Gerry Rice said India's reforms and future direction should continue to focus on achieving faster and more inclusive growth with low inflation.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, President of the European Union Jean-Claude Juncker and President of the European Council Donald Tusk have joined a growing list of international heads who have extended their greetings to Mr Modi.

NDA set for RS majority next year

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Lok Sabha elections won, it's now mission Rajya Sabha for the Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP and the National Democratic Alliance led by it are looking to overcome a minority status in the upper house of parliament — something that scotched the previous NDA government's efforts to push through key laws.

The NDA's majority in the Rajya Sabha would help in easy passage of legislations in Parliament, something that has proved to be a major hurdle in recent years. Key bills on issues such as Triple Talaq, the motor vehicles act or amendments to the citizenship act could not be passed as the NDA couldn't get the requisite numbers. Unlike Lok Sabha MPs who are elected directly by the people, lawmakers in the Upper House are elected by the MLAs of a state. The more the number of MLAs a party has, the brighter its chances to send more MPs to the

upper house. A Rajya Sabha MP has a term of six years while his counterpart in the Lok Sabha faces election every five years. But not everyone in the Rajya Sabha is elected at the same time. Last year, the BJP overtook the Congress for the first time in the history of the Upper House; the total number of NDA MPs in the upper house stands at 101 in the 245 seat House. It also enjoys the support of three nominated members, Swapna Dasgupta, Mary Kom and Narendra Jadhav and at least three independent MPs, taking the total tally to 107.

KTS Tuls, a UPA-nominated member, will also retire early next year, giving the NDA a chance to appoint a nominee of its choice. By November 2020, the NDA government will secure another 19 seats from as many as 14 states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, helping it go past the halfway mark of 123 and get 125 seats, making it the first government to reach

majority in the upper house in nearly 15 years. Most of its seats will come from Uttar Pradesh where it has 310 MLAs in the 403-member assembly. It will also gain 6 seats in Tamil Nadu thanks to its new ally the AIADMK, three in Assam, two in Rajasthan and perhaps one in Odisha — the last one with the help of a friendly party, the BJD.

It will also gain one seat each in Karnataka, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand while it will lose seats in states such as Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. A big victory in the Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand assembly polls later this year can further bolster the BJP-led NDA's lead in the Upper House of Parliament by November 2020. If the NDA reaches the majority mark in 2020, it will get nearly four years in the Rajya Sabha to further its legislative agenda.

Between now and November 2020, 75 Rajya Sabha seats will be up for election.

Arms Dealer Nabbed

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In a successful operation conducted by Assam Rifles Battalions of IGAR (South), one suspected arms dealer was arrested along with an accomplice in general area Kachhing.

Based on input received regarding a weapons deal, taking place in the general area of Kakching Garden, troops established multiple Mobile Vehicle Check Posts in the area. A Maruti 800 car was stopped for checking, the accused, Kn Angdum, age 43

years s/o D Tomba t/o village Khudei Khunou rushed out of the car pointing a loaded pistol at Assam Rifle troops and tried to flee. The troops of Assam Rifles pursued the individual and nabbed him after a brief scuffle. The accomplice, D Madun (25) s/o D Tomba t/o village Khudei Khunou was caught inside the car only.

On interrogation, the individuals provided information regarding a cache of weapons hidden beneath a nearby culvert. A detailed search of the area led to the recovery of three AK-

56 rifles with magazines, one 9 mm Pistol with a magazine and five rounds. One Maruti 800 car and FZ Yamaha motor cycle involved in the gun running racket have also been seized.

On questioning, the individual revealed that he was an ex cadre of NSCN (IM) and had served in the outfit from 1992 to 2011, and he has been helping the outfit with regards to their various logistic issues. Both the individuals have been booked and handed over to the Kachhing police for further action.

NOTA voter reaches 5345 in Manipur

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As many as 2570 voter voters exercised the "None of The Above" option in the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha polls. As for the outer the total NOTA voters is 2775. Total NOTA voters if the state is 5345.