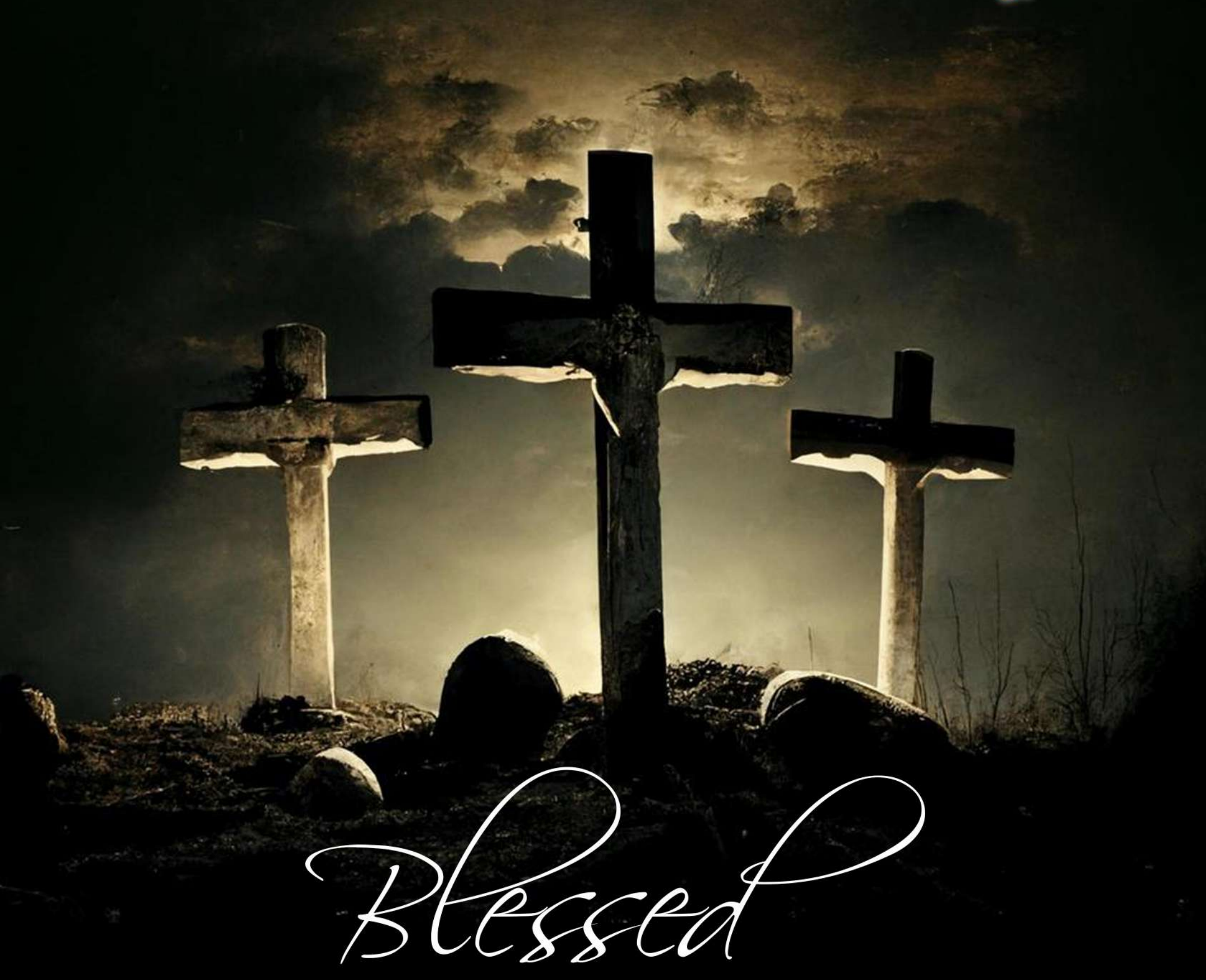


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KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.03.2024



167
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli): A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

EC DIRECTS OFFICIALS TO SET UP SPECIAL POLLING STATIONS FOR DISPLACED VOTERS IN MANIPUR

The Election Commission has directed the authorities in Manipur to make arrangements to ensure and facilitate all Internally Displaced People (IDPs) to cast their votes for the Lok Sabha elections at the special polling stations without any difficulty.

The special polling stations would be set up in all the relief camps in different districts so that the voters among the IDPs could cast their votes in the two phases of Lok Sabha elections on April 19 and 26.

A 6-member Election Commission team led by Dharmendra Sharma, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner arrived in Imphal on Thursday and conducted a thorough review of the election preparedness. The ECI team also reviewed the preparedness of elections with the District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police of all 16 districts. Officials of ECI team also undertook field visits to Imphal West and Kangpokpi districts.

Joint Chief Electoral officer Ramananda Nongmeikapam said that it was emphasised in the review meeting that adequate and wide campaigns would be done for voting at the special polling stations so that no eligible voter is left behind.

“District Election Officers have also been advised to take utmost care and ensure that all protocols as stipulated by Commission should be complied in letter and spirit,” he said.

The Manipur government is currently operating around 320 relief camps with more than 59,000 men, women and children staying there.

The ECI delegation interacted with Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi, Director General of Police Rajiv Kumar.

The Election Commission team also reviewed the activities of various enforcement agencies including state Police, Assam Rifles, Airport Authority of India, Civil Aviation, State Level Bankers Committee, CBIS and Customs, Excise, BCAS, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Enforcement Directorate, taxation, forest,



income tax, Narcotics Control Bureau, CISF, Postal Department and Reserve Bank of India.

The enforcement agencies were directed to have a strict vigil on movement of cash, liquor, drugs and put-up effective enforcement mechanisms so as to ensure inducement free elections. The need to coordinate among the enforcement agencies was reiterated.

Recently ten tribal MLAs of Manipur belonging to the Kuki-Zomi-Hmar ethnic community have urged the Election Commission to make special arrangements of voting for the displaced tribals scattered in different parts of the country after the ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3 last year.

In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner (Rajiv Kumar), the ten MLAs said that the eligible voters among some 50,000 displaced Kuki-Zomi-Hmar people living outside Manipur should be allowed to cast their votes using Aadhaar cards and other valid documents as many of them would have lost their voter identity cards.

The letter said that after the communal conflict broke out on May 3 last year in Manipur, many people have fled Imphal valley after their houses, properties and churches have been looted, burnt and destroyed.

“The communal violence has resulted so far in deaths of over 160 innocent civilians of our

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community, burning and destruction of over 360 churches, over 205 villages and over 7,000 houses in the Imphal valley and different hill districts.

As solution to the conflict remains elusive and with the situation still volatile, none of our displaced people are in a position to return to the Imphal valley and their villages compelling them to take shelter in different parts of the country, including Mizoram, Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Delhi and several other cities.”

This suffering of ours, which is among the few human tragedies witnessed by independent India, should not be allowed to turn into a classic case of denial of universal adult franchise guaranteed under Article 326 of the Indian constitution, the MLAs’ letter to CEC said.

It said that if suitable arrangements are not made for the displaced people taking shelter in different parts of the country, many genuine voters would be deprived of their constitutional rights to exercise their franchise as provided under the constitution.

Manipur Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pradeep Kumar Jha earlier said that the Election Commission has decided to set up special polling stations in relief camps in Manipur to facilitate voters living in the camps.

The Election Commission’s plan to set up special polling stations in relief camps is limited to the state’s territorial jurisdiction only, the CEO had said in Imphal.

MANIPUR NPP MLAs LIKELY TO MERGE WITH STATE BJP: SOURCES

Recent political shifts are taking place in Manipur ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Reliable sources suggest that National People’s Party (NPP) MLAs from Manipur are considering merging with the state BJP.

Notably, Thongam Shanti Singh, the working president and MLA of NPP, has been spotted at the BJP Manipur office along with other BJP MLAs.

Earlier this month, the National People’s Party, led by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, announced that it would support the Lok Sabha candidate of the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) in Nagaland and the Naga People’s Front (NPF) nominee in Manipur.

The NPP would also support NPF candidate Kachui Timothy Zimik in the Outer Manipur seat, Sangma told the media. His party, he added, would support BJP nominees in two Lok Sabha seats in Arunachal Pradesh -- Union Minister Kiren Rijiju (Arunachal West) and Tapir Gao (Arunachal East).

The NPF fielded Mr Zimik, replacing its sitting MP Lorho S. Pfoze.



The NPP, NPF, and NDPP are the allies of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Sangma said the NDA partners are supporting each other’s candidates in different northeastern states.

The BJP had earlier announced support to the candidates of the NPP in the two parliamentary seats in Meghalaya, the NPF nominee in the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha seat, and the NDPP contender in Nagaland’s lone Lok Sabha seat.

Source: [India Today NE](#)

POLLS OFFER NO RELIEF FOR DISPLACED KUKI STUDENTS FLEEING MANIPUR VIOLENCE

Since the eruption of violence in Manipur, Kerala has emerged as a sanctuary for displaced Kuki students whose academic pursuits were abruptly disrupted by the ethnic cleansing campaign orchestrated by the Meiteis in collusion with the State Government.

Over 100 Manipuri students have sought refuge in various educational institutions across Kerala in the wake of the unrest in their home state.

Recently, a group of 50 displaced Kuki children has been relocated to Kerala to resume their studies, facilitated by the sponsorship of the Sathyam Service Trust, an NGO based in Kerala. The students were bid farewell by the KSO Churachandpur on March 27 at Tuibong before embarking on their journey.

And amid the ongoing unrest, many of them are concerned about the transparency of the election process in the northeastern state. During an interaction with TNIE, Goulungmon Haokip, an LLB student on the Manjeshwar campus of the School of Legal Studies, said the situation in Manipur is dire.

“Peace remains elusive for both the Kuki and Meitei communities. Our state is witnessing state-sponsored ethnic cleansing. How can there be peace when the state government itself is involved in the violence?” he asked.

On the difference in the election campaigns in Manipur and Kerala, Goulungmon said, “They are vastly different. In Kerala, where the population is literate, candidates can conduct peaceful campaigns. However, in our state, candidates often face challenges in campaigning peacefully. Recently, a Congress candidate was attacked in Ukhrul district. Public struggle to exercise their choice freely; their votes are sometimes manipulated through hooliganism and political manoeuvring.”



“It’s very hard to predict the results. The arrest of the Delhi CM and freezing of Congress’ bank accounts made me realise that democracy is fading in our country,” he added. In a recent event, Vadakara LDF candidate K K Shailaja interacted with some Manipuri students studying in Kannur. Offering the full backing of the state government, Shailaja said, “Our minorities should be protected. Our state and our government will be with you always. If I become MP, I will definitely raise the Manipur issue in Parliament.”

Jangminthang Khongsai, a student of the School of Legal Studies in Palayad, Kannur, said he was very happy to meet Shailaja and wished her success. “The ‘Young Kuki’ group, representing youth of the community, has announced a boycott of the election. Consequently, many Manipuri students in Kerala have opted not to travel to cast their votes. However, we are aware of the electoral fervour in Kerala. We are receiving moral support from the Kerala government. Shailaja teacher was on hand to welcome a batch of Manipur students on their arrival at Kannur airport,” Jangminthang said.

MEITEI MAN, MASTERMIND BEHIND SEX RACKET; ARRESTED IN DELHI

The mastermind behind the sex racket in Vasant Kunj has been arrested by the Delhi Police. The accused individual, identified as Prem Chandra Meetei alias Amit (36), resident of New Punjabi Dhaba, Kishangarh, was arrested following a PCR call received at the Vasant Kunj Police Station.

Meetei's method involved deceiving unsuspecting women with the promise of employment in renowned companies. As per the Police, the operation was initiated on March 19, after a distress call was received from a young woman in Mahipalpur, Delhi. This led to a swift response from the police, resulting in the discovery of the racket's operations within an apartment in Vasant Kunj.

The initial investigation revealed that Meetei lured young women from various states with promises of employment as receptionists or private secretaries, only to detain them and coerce them into sexual exploitation under the threat of leaking compromising photographs and videos of them. The diligent efforts of the Delhi Police resulted in Meetei's arrest on March 20, with technical surveillance and continuous raids aiding in the operation. Subsequent investigation has led to the rescue of three victims and the freezing of seven of Meetei's bank accounts, exposing transactions totaling Rs 22.50 lakh in just one account.



His modus operandi involved using online platforms like OLX to attract his victims to Delhi. Victims were confined in rented accommodations and forced into sexual activities. The victims were sent across Delhi and Gurugram for paid sexual activities. The police are intensifying their efforts to uncover more about the financial dimensions of the operation and to identify additional victims. This operation not only highlights the persistent issue of human trafficking and sexual exploitation in major cities but also underscores the effectiveness of prompt and coordinated police intervention in tackling such crimes.



**Democracy is not just the right to vote,
it is the right to live in dignity.**

— Naomi Klein

PM MODI AS CHIEF CAMPAIGNER FOR MANIPUR: WILL MODI FINALLY VISIT MANIPUR? FOUR KUKI-ZO AMONGST STAR CAMPAIGNERS FOR CONGRESS

While the presence of members of the Kuki community is totally absent amongst the State Campaigners of the largest political party- Bhartiya Janata Party, the Indian National Congress has included four Kuki-Zo among its star campaigners for the ensuing general elections to the Lok Sabha from Manipur.

The Indian National Congress unveiled the names of its star campaigners for the 18th Lok Sabha election for Manipur on March 27. Among the chief campaigners, T. N Haokip, Thangso Baite, T. Manga Vaiphei and Dr. Lamtinthang, are included from the Kuki-Zo community.

Other star campaigners for INC from Manipur included Keisham Meghachandra Singh, O. Ibobi Singh, K. Ranjit Singh, M. Okendro, N. Loken Singh, Th. Lokeshwar Singh, Surjakumar Okram, Thokchom Meinya, Victor Keishing, Kh. Devabarta Singh, O. Joy Singh, Kh. Ratankumar, A.K Mirabai, P. Saratchandra Singh, Md. Amin Shah, Vidyapati Senjam, L. Tilotama, Harshwar Goshwami among others.

However, the BJP has not included any Kuki-Zo amongst the party's star campaigners in Manipur. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and other BJP central leaders; State leaders such as CM N. Biren Singh, A. Sharda Devi, Th. Bishwajit Singh, Y. Khemchand Singh, Govindas Konthoujam, Th, Basanta Kumar Singh, S.Ranjan Singh, among others are chosen as BJP's star campaigners.

Notably, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not visited Manipur even though the violence in the State has extended for about 11 months. Modi has also been tight lipped about the prevailing situation in the State and has not made an appeal for peace till date even though leaders of many political parties and the public have been repeatedly questioning the reasons why he has not made any visit to the strife-torn state.



Even though Modi has been included in the list of the campaigners of Manipur, there is doubt on his visit to the northeastern state. The big question here is whether he will finally visit the State or will he still choose to remain the same as before?

If he does visit, one could expect that he will come with different assurances for the people with an intention to regain the trust of the people in Manipur and rebuild the trust deficit. Even though the BJP is ruling at the Centre and State, the BJP had a hard time in deciding and choosing its own candidates for the LS election in Manipur.

Sitting MP and Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, RK Ranjan, was dropped as the BJP candidate for the present LS election. The state's serving Education Minister, Thounaojam Basanta, was chosen and nominated as the Party's candidate just a day before the last date of filing nominations.

Even for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, the BJP could not find any willing or qualified candidates to represent the party. Instead, the Party chose to extend support for the Naga People's Front (NPF) candidate, Timothy Zimik, a retired IRS.

CHRISTIANS UNDER ATTACK BY 'POWERS OF DARKNESS' IN MANIPUR, NORTH INDIA: KERALA BISHOPS

Prominent bishops in Kerala mentioned attacks against the Christian community "in Manipur and elsewhere in North India" from "powers of darkness" in their Good Friday messages.

The messages come at a time when the BJP is trying to win over Christian voters in Kerala with various outreach programmes ahead of upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"Christians in Manipur and elsewhere in North India are facing brutal assault from the powers of darkness. There has been no effective intervention on the part of the authorities. It is high time we adopted a stand against the forces of evil. We should make use of the opportunity to express our opinion," said Archbishop Thomas J Netto, head of the Thiruvananthapuram Latin Catholic Archdiocese, in his message delivered at the Cathedral Church in Kerala's capital city.

The archbishop also mentioned the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, referring to it as an attempt to cultivate a narrow religion-based approach. "All Christian churches should stand united to acquire the strength for survival. Standing united is essential to protect the rights of religious minorities enshrined in the Constitution," he said.

Similarly, Mar Thomas Tharayil, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Changanassery, said in his message that minorities should be able to live in the country without fear. "If the weakest person in the country is living under fear, that should be seen as the failure of that entire nation," he said.

The BJP has been making attempts to win over Christians in Kerala, taking up initiatives such as a plan to visit all Christian households in the state.



The Thiruvananthapuram Latin Catholic Archdiocese, headed by Archbishop Netto, has a significant presence in the Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha constituency, where the BJP has fielded Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar as its candidate. The Latin Catholic community in the constituency largely comprises fisherfolk.

Last week also, in a circular to be read out in all churches under his archdiocese, Archbishop Netto had raised concerns about attacks on minorities.

Incidentally, the Manipur government's order on Wednesday to declare Easter Sunday a working day in the state, which has a significant Christian population, had created a furore in Kerala politics. The Congress in Kerala used the decision to mount a broadside on the BJP, which is in power in Manipur. Following backlash from Kerala and from Manipur itself, the order was modified on Thursday to make only Saturday (March 30) a working day while Easter Sunday will be a holiday.

AFSPA EXTENDED IN NAGALAND TO ANOTHER 6 MONTHS

In a notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on March 27, the Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA) has been once again extended for another six months within eight districts in Nagaland and covering 21 police stations while five other districts of Nagaland as “disturbed area” starting April 1.

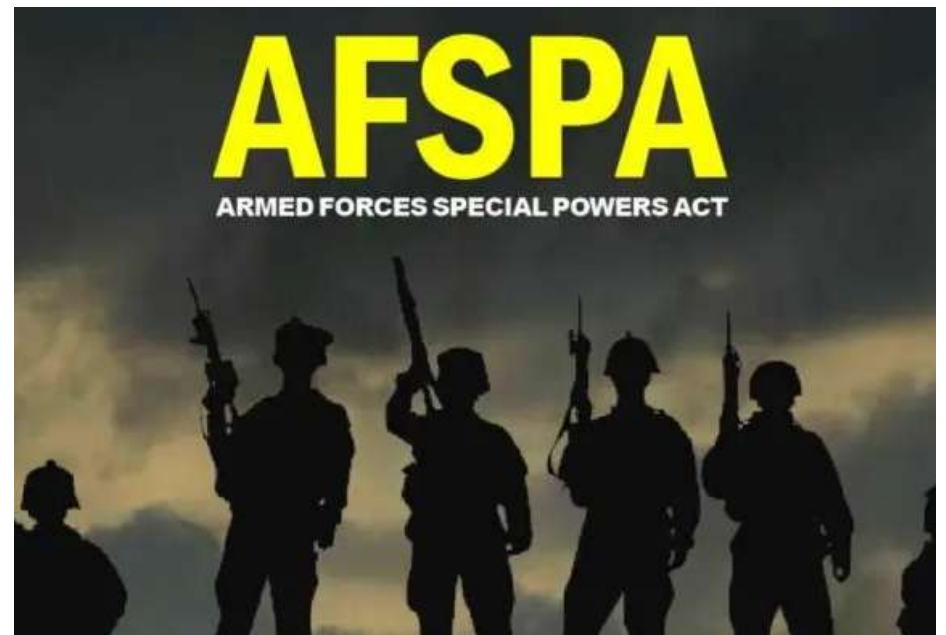
The Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA), 1958, has been extended in Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek, and Peren districts of the state.

The notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Gol, stated that the act covers areas under the jurisdiction of 21 police stations which included five under Kohima, six each under Mokokchung and Zunheboto, three in Wokha, and one in Longleng jurisdictions.

Amongst the 21 police stations included Khuzama, Kohima (North & South), Zubza, and Kezocha PS under Kohima district, Mangkolemba, Mokokchung-I, Longtho, Tuli Longchem, and Anaki ‘C’ falls under Mokokchung district, while Yanglok in Longleng, Bhandari, Champang, and Ralan, under Wokha district are also the police stations included along with Ghatashi, Pughoboto, Satakha, Suruhoto, and Aghunato police stations under Zunheboto district.

As per the notification being circulated by MoHA, Government of India, the Gol took the step following a “review” of the law and order situation in Nagaland since the enforcement of the Act in 1958.

It stated that the “controversial law” has been partially lifted in the state after decades of its enforcement



following the Oting, Mon, killing incidents on December 4, 2021, where the Indian army belonging to the 21 Para Special Force had opened fire at a truck transporting eight coal miners from Tiru on way to their home to Oting mistaken them to be cadres of the banned NSCN (Khaplang-Yung Aung).

In the MoHA’s notification, it also mentioned that the “disturbed area” notification was withdrawn from 18 police stations in eight districts of Nagaland within the year 2022-23 while also informing three districts—Tuensang, Shamator, and Tseminyu are free from the Act.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Home Affairs at the centre has also informed that it has extended the AFSPA for another six months in certain districts of Arunachal Pradesh by citing that the districts which fall under the regime included Tirap, Changlang, Longding, and certain areas falling under the jurisdiction of Namsai, Mahadevpur, and Chowkham police stations in Namsai district bordering Assam.

Source: [The Frontier Manipur](#)

**NEWS ANALYSIS****Despite Dreaming of Winning Prospects, BJP is on the Verge of Extinction from Manipur**

The ongoing Manipur mayhem arising out of hatred and prejudices against the minority Kuki community by the current dispensation and the inability of BJP-led Governments at the Centre and States to contain the violence would greatly affect the BJP's winning prospects in the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Elections in the two parliamentary seats of Manipur.

The State has been witnessing a spate of violence since the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom began on May 3, 2023 on the minority Kuki community by the majority Meiteis. The ethnic clash had erupted between two ethnic groups in the state in the aftermath of the tribals' "Solidarity Peaceful March" against the Manipur High Court's ordered directing the state government to send a recommendation to the central government on the demand for a Scheduled Tribe status by the Meitei community.

The ensuing ethnic pogrom has caused hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries including a BJP MLA belonging to the Kuki-Zo community, who was also attacked and severely injured by the radicalised Meitei mob. The violence has also caused more than 300 Churches vandalised or torched, 5000 houses burnt down and the displacement of over 50,000 people, who have had to shift to other states to escape the violence.

against the minority Kuki community taking place for more than 10 months until now, the double-engine governments of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) still gave a step-motherly treatment to the woes and cries of the affected people. The violent situation is still tense and not respite seen in the near future. It is clear that the so-called "double-engine" BJP government has failed the people of Manipur.

In the 2017 assembly elections, the BJP failed to win a majority. However, with political and financial aid from Delhi, the party cobbled together an artificial majority and ruled for five years. In the 2022 assembly elections, the BJP used its usual tactics — of division — to manage the comfortable numbers. In the ensuing 18th Lok Sabha elections, there is an imminent collapse of the national party both in the tribal hill areas, particularly among the Kuki community, and the valley areas dominated by the Meiteis.

Failing to find its own probable candidate for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, the BJP had extended its regional alliance partner- the Naga People's Front (NPF). After much limbo over

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Despite the devastating and unprecedented riots



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ticket distribution, the Party chose a State's Cabinet Minister, Th. Bashanta Singh who has little prospect of winning the Inner Manipur Parliamentary seat. The current trend shows the BJP on the verge of extinction both in Manipur hills and valley as the people accused the "double-engine" governments sole responsible for the mess and chaos in the State.

However, the Party's National Spokesperson Shazia Ilmi has reportedly said the current situation in Manipur is unlikely to affect the Bharatiya Janata Party's winning prospects in the Northeast in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "Even if you look at the previous elections, BJP has done very well," she said while further accusing critics of politicising the issue for vote-bank politics.

"When you politicise every issue and just not see the real intent of what the party is doing and confuse

judicial decisions and politicise them only because of vote-bank politics, it's very unfair," Ilmi stated, while speaking in the Guwahati podcast, hosted by GPlus CEO Siddharth Bedu Verma.

Time will tell whether the BJP wrests control over the Inner Parliamentary seat and its alliance partner NPF wins the ST reserved seat in Outer Manipur. The current wave, however, speaks otherwise.

Notably, the Supreme Court of India had stated earlier that the state underwent "absolute breakdown of the constitutional machinery," even as the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi was widely criticized by opponents for his silence on the situation.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



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"Churachand Maharaj" was not even born at that time!

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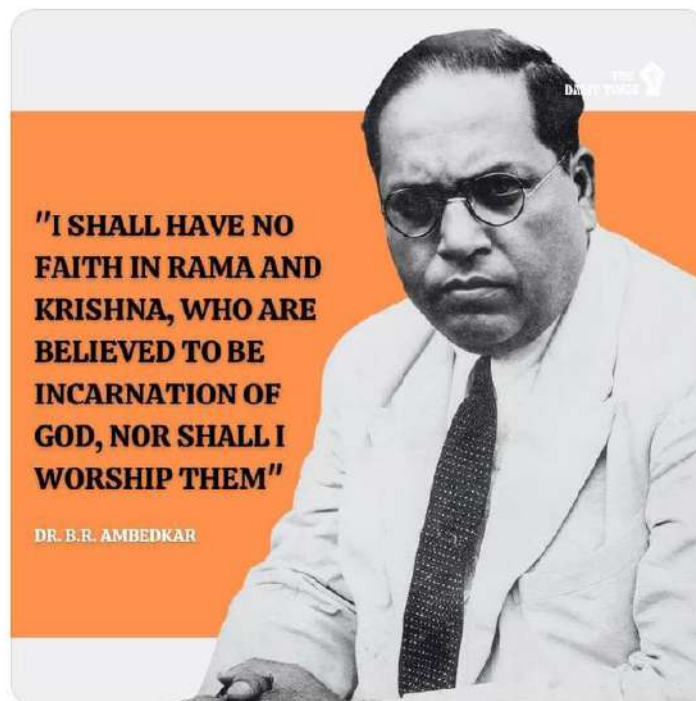


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NEWS ANALYSIS

The Rise of AT Chief – Korounganba Khuman, a De-Facto Ruler of Meiteis

One of the first names (organizations) that comes up when violence-related Manipur is searched in a Google search engine is the Meitei radical group 'Arambai Tenggol.' Though the organisational existence is relatively short, dating back to only 2020, the group has gained prominence and influence during this conflict for their role in successfully enacting as guardians of the Meiteis.

Arambai Tenggol (Meitei dialect for "dart wielding cavalry") is a Meitei radical organisation, often described as a radical organisation, or as a radicalised armed militia. It is also a revivalist organisation that aims to reestablish the pre-Hindu, native Sanamahis religion among the Meiteis. It enjoys the patronage of Manipur's titular king and parliamentarian Leishemba Sanajaoba as well as the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

However, for the rise of this radical organization as an influential body, one man has all the credits to him who is the Chief of Arambai Tenggol – Mr Korounganba Khuman. His leadership quality is unmatched and none amongst the Meitei people has the ability to command more than 60,000 armed radicals without proper training, who are deeply involved in various atrocities against the Kukis.

The ascent of Arambai Tenggol in Manipur, headed by its Chief Korounganba marks a significant chapter in the state's political landscape, reflecting the emergence

of new power dynamics. For his assertive stance and purported influence in shaping local affairs, he has been often hailed by his sub-ordinates as 'Pathou' meaning 'revered leader.'

His style of operation is unique and influential in a way that only one social media post can harbor many reactions and the sub-ordinates immediately obey his instructions.

At present, his influence is unmatched by none within the Meitei community. He effectively managed to blend all the elected representatives' dance to his tune under the watchful gaze of his illegal organisation- the Arambai Tenggol.

He mostly relied on the Social Media platform for conveying ideas, providing direction, and fostering collaboration among his team members. One good aspect of his leadership quality is the 'integrity' he possesses; he has never compromised when it comes to his organization, thereby earning the trust of his team members. When Federation of Civil Society Organizations (FOCS) summoned them to tender an apology, he nonchalantly replied to them on his Social Media account without tendering any apology.

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For this, he becomes more of an astute leader to his followers who cannot be reprimanded and threatened.

On January 24, Arambai Tenggol summoned 39 Meitei lawmakers in Imphal and administered an “oath”, among others, to protect “Manipur’s territorial integrity”. They were made to sign a six-point charter of demands, which was then sent to the Union government with an implementation deadline of 15 days. This incident depicts the influence of the Arambai Tenggol’s command over to state machineries, elected representatives, law and enforcement agencies. The rapturous cheering he receives after the Oath ceremony was a testament to his caliber in convincing the people that he was the only guardian the Meitei community has at the moment. How he skillfully managed to utilize the Kangla Meeting despite the deployment of heavy security forces before them also proves that he was the only capable leader among the Meiteis to defy various governmental notices to carry out his irrational ideology purportedly for the interest of his community.

His presence on Social media in full combat gear at Frontline areas has served as an inspiration for many gullible young minds of the Meiteis to get involved in the violence. He artistically uses social media to convince

many young minds to follow his path. Many have fallen to his deceptive tactics, thereby many Meitei youths have chosen to get themselves enrolled in the Arambai Tenggol. Korounganba’s ascent has been facilitated to the vacuum created by the perceived inadequacies of the Meiteis’ CSOs leaders in addressing the aspirations and grievances of their community. The group’s appeal lies in its ability to mobilize support from within the Meitei community, capitalizing on vexed propaganda shared to them by their leaders. His militant tactics and uncompromising stance have emboldened his team members in polarizing his own community, exacerbating existing fault lines and undermining efforts towards peace and reconciliation.

In conclusion, the rise of Korounganba as Arambai Tenggol’s Chief in Manipur reflects the incompetent leadership of the present dispensation in ruling the State. He now becomes a de-facto ruler among the Meitei populace, notwithstanding the negative impact for the future. His stubborn leadership qualities on ideological integrity, uncompromised principles and assertiveness will someday give way to disunity amongst the Meitei populace.



THE PRIVATE AGREEMENT





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You are a shadow that refuses to be left behind.
A constant echo in the corridor of my thoughts,
An ever present whisper in the symphony of my mind.
To leave you behind, and a peace of mind I sought.

I hearkened to an old man cry, but what was I to do?
My state at such a downfall!
How was I to leave the familiar tree,
That provided shelter and comfort.

“Run for your life”, still rings in my ears.
I saw in some, the demon's cackle,
Craving for innocent blood and soul.
A lamb yet to be borne, unjustifiably dispatched.

“Who'll unravel the truth?” I asked,
“We are just mere citizens”, said a man .
The lamb yearns for the delayed justice till date,
For justice delayed is justice denied!

~Khomneireng Kilong