

Kiren Rijiju predicts victory for BJP



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Predicting a thumping victory for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the ensuing [Manipur](#) State Legislative Assembly elections, Union Minister of State for [Home](#) Affairs Kiren Rijiju has said that the party is all set to win the polls with a sweeping two-third majority.

"The coming election will be a watershed election in the political history of [Manipur](#) and the BJP is going to win a two-third majority to form the next government in the [state](#)," a confident Rijiju said while addressing a 2200-strong crowd during a campaign programme of 45-Chingai AC BJP candidate Sword Vashum at Talui village public ground on Monday.

Upon arriving, Rijiju was accorded a rousing welcome by candidate Sword Vashum, 44- Ukhrul AC BJP candidate Somatai Shaiza, local village headman Shimkhayai Sangjam, Chingai mandal BJP [leaders](#), party [workers](#), social [leaders](#) and public. [As](#) a gesture of welcoming and entertaining the Union minister, Guru Shimkhayei Vashum blew the traditional horn while Talui Reisang Youth club presented a Tangkhul folk [dance](#).

Vouching victory for the party with a record margin in the Chingai constituency, he urged the gathering to vote for Vashum and not waste their valuable votes.

Underscoring the party's commitment to resolve the Naga political issue, Rijiju asserted that BJP is the party that has understood the unique identity and political issue of the Nagas. "Accordingly, a peace process was initiated to pave the way for final settlement of the Naga political issue during the tenure of former prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee in 1997," he recounted.

Now with our prime minister [Narendra Modi](#) having committed to solve the existing problems and bring about inclusive development in the

Northeast region, I assure you the BJP has clearly charted a roadmap for progress, he conveyed.

Keeping in view the ensuing polls, Rijiju urged all the armed outfits operating in the region not to disrupt activities of the BJP [as](#) the same will be akin to closing the door on themselves and their future because BJP is the only party capable of resolving their issues. If they(armed outfits) would ever attempt to strike the BJP, where else will they turn to for their justice,? " he noted with caution.

He also came down on the [Congress](#) for harbouring anti Christian sentiments and said that [Congress](#) has an infamous history of its former prime minister Indira [Gandhi](#) forbidding St Mother Teresa from visiting [Arunachal](#) Pradesh to preach the Gospel.

Back in [Manipur](#), the [Ibobi](#) led [Congress](#) government in [Manipur](#) is instigating economic blockade by creating seven new districts only to gain political advantage while inciting communal hatred among the different ethnic groups in the [state](#).

Describing his first visit to Talui, the birthplace of candidate Sword Vashum, [as](#) a beautiful experience, Rijiju poured out his sentiments of being connected with the Tangkhul brethren.

In his speech, Hakeqat Jamal stressed on the need to oust [Manipur Congress](#) government, which he termed is depriving all basic amenities to the public.

Former minister Dr. Khashim said that the villagers are fortune to have centre [leader](#) Rijiju amidst them, adding it's an opportunity for villagers to highlight their problems. Vehemently reiterating that BJP is not anti Naga, but for their development, he said BJP govt on the contrary, is doing its best to free Nagas from political bondage.

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