

State Govt. writes MHA to initiate tripartite talk

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Imphal, Jan 7: Manipur government has urged the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to initiate tripartite talk between the Government of India, Government of Manipur and the UNC which is imposing the prolonged economic blockade along the National High Ways Manipur's Chief Secretary O. Nabakishore Singh has written a letter in the regard to the Union Home Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs.

42nd Press Club day celebrated

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Imphal, Jan 7: All Manipur Working Journalists' Union has celebrated the 42nd foundation day of Manipur Press Club yesterday. Chief Secretary of Manipur O Nabakishore, DGP Khoute, Commissioner of IPR, Radhakanta and President of AMWJU W. Shamjai graced the occasion as dignitaries. On the occasion veteran journalists' who had struggled in the establishment of Manipur Press Club were honored. Those honoured includes K. Modhumango, AK Sanatan, L. Sharatchandra, Iboiyama and Deven. On the occasion, AMWJU team which had participated the North East Sports festival were also honoured.

Condolence

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can erase". - and so we bid farewell to Hoinu Haokip (Associate Professor, DM College of Arts) - a friend who will remain in our hearts forever even though death has snatched her before her time, and share in the grief and sorrow of her bereaved family and relatives; and with God, her joy is eternally sealed. We stand with our heads bowed in remembrance and a prayer on our lips for her soul to find eternal peace.

- Friends of 1989 batch, Little Flower School.

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Has the recruitments order issued overriding model code of conduct?

CM's Nephew becomes Civil Supply Inspector along with Superstar Gokul

Gautam Sharma

Imphal, Jan 6: In yet suspected case of over ridding the model Code of Conduct, that has been asked to effect stringently in the view of coming 11th Manipur general assembly election, some of the major departments under state government have issued recruitments notification violating the "model code of conduct" and such thing is only prevalent in Manipur which corruption, nepotism and favouritism has become an open secret lying with dearth of accurate evidence.

The first being the Directorate of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public District (CAF & PD) which was look after by Minister Ksh Biren of Lamlai AC, in which the department issued notification of 3rd January for list of candidates selected for the post of 'Civil Supply Inspector' (21post) and Store keepers (3 post) which the interview was held on 3rd January itself. However, reports also said interview were carried out till late afternoon till Jan 4 for Chowkidar and Peon, which the result yet to be declared. Interesting, among the

selected list of persons for the post of Civil Supply Inspector, the first person to top the list is said to be Chief Minister Okram Iboibi Singh's nephew John Okram and Manipur film superstar Atokpam Gokulchandra Singh. And what attracts public attention is that the recruitment examination of the said posts of the department was preponed on 28 December ahead of scheduled examination dated 31st December 2015, and the announcement for said examinations venues were made at 7:30 pm of 30 December 2015 in public broadcast.

Meanwhile, in a reports yet to be confirmed also says that 'Rural Development and Panchayati Raj' have also issued date back appointment orders to candidates for the post of 'Village Level Workers' (VLW) in covert manner keeping digression from public view and the said major department was look after by Minister M Okendro.

It is not known whether such violation, which cannot be termed as a mistake, were committed through minister power or influences or by the

officials head of department overriding the prescribes guidelines issued by Election Commission of India.

In the meantime, with the announcement of poll for five states yesterday afternoon by Chief Election Commission of India Nasim Zaidi in national Capital, the Chief Electoral Officer of Manipur Vivek Kumar Dewangan in an order have notified on Jan 4 have already asked all the administrative secretaries and all the Head of Dept of the state government to put ban on recruitments process initiated by different Department/Organisation under the control of state government.

The order also stated that stringent action will be taken against defaulting officials trying to resort to issue backdate appointment orders, which also said "it has been reported that certain Department/HODs (including Revenue, Forest and Environment, Education, RD & PR, Works, Health & FW, Labour, Employment Exchange, CAF & PD) are trying to resort to issuing the backdate appointment orders which is clearly a violation of Model Code of Conduct".

Attempted murderer apprehended

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Imphal, Jan. 7: A person requesting shelter for the night entered a household and attempted to murder the owner's son by slitting his throat with a sickle. The harrowing incident occurred yesterday at around 10.30 pm when a person approached the house of Samom Kumar, Nat-

Sankirtan singer from Langmeidong presently residing at Thangmeiband Hijam Dewan Leikai for taking shelter for the night as it was too late to return to his home. Incidentally, the person was working as a mason at Kumar's house and belongs to Langmeidong. After gaining entry, the person bide his

time and attempted to murder Kumar's 35 year old son by slitting his throat with a sickle. The injured person has been admitted at RIMS and is undergoing medical treatment.

Meanwhile, locals caught the attempted murderer and have been handed over to the police after a good thrashing.

2 students burnt to death

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Senapati, Jan 7: A house at Makhan Centre, Senapati District of Manipur was completely burnt down to ashes at around 7 PM last night in which a brother and sister- Marine, 18 yrs, and Chamaikho, 21 yrs, were burnt to death beyond recognition. Marine has completed class

9 from St Xavier School Makhan and Late Chamaikho was studying in JNV Mao. The fire was suspected to have broken out due to short circuit. Properties worth more than Rs 12 lakh were destroyed in the fire. The deceased were son and daughter of Kapani Hekha of Makhan Centre.

Nara kicks starts campaign for CPI

Imphal, Jan 6: Veteran politician and leader of CPI Manipur state Unit, Dr. M. Nara had kicked start campaign at Wangjing Tenthia assembly constituency for CPI candidate. The CPI leaders had assured a third front government in the upcoming election.

Former Minister's son convicted in murder case

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Imphal, Jan 6: Nongthombam Ajay Singh, son of a former Manipur Minister and presently spokesperson BJP Manipur Pradesh, N Biren Singh, was convicted in the sensational Irom Roger Singh murder case by the trial court in its judgment on Friday. District & Sessions Judge, Imphal West, Maibam Manojkumar Singh announced the verdict in a packed courtroom. The court will fix the quantum of punishment on January 11. The six-year-old murder case of the teenage boy was taken up by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after the then State Cabinet took the decision on handing over the sensational murder case to the Central investigating agency. Ajay Singh was convicted under Section 304 Part II of IPC and Section 27 of Arms Act. The court remanded him to judicial custody following announcement of the

judgment.

The former irrigation and flood control minister's son Ajay, then 27, shot at Roger with his licensed pistol at Ghari, along Imphal Airport road, on March 20. Ajay and four of his friends were arrested the same day.

According to police, Ajay's car overtook the one in which Irom was travelling with his friends. When Roger's car overtook Ajay's, the ex-minister's son, apparently angered by the action, fired from his pistol, hitting Roger in the neck.

Immediately after the incident, Biren Singh took his son to Imphal police station and handed him over to the police. The Okram Iboibi Singh government handed over the case to the CBI, which named Ajay as the primary suspect in the chargesheet.

The four other accused, who were travelling with Ajay, were discharged from the case in May 2012 by an Imphal court.

The incident triggered widespread agitation by political parties and citizen organisations, forcing the Iboibi Singh government to hand over the case to the CBI. In the 2012 Assembly elections, the Congress retained power and Iboibi Singh kept the chief minister's post. However, Biren Singh was not inducted in the council of ministers and later he became a strong critic of Iboibi Singh and finally joined the BJP in October last year. Roger's relatives tried to attack Ajay when the police were taking him out of the court after the conviction. The cops foiled the attempt and soon a scuffle broke out between Irom's relatives and Ajay's family friends inside the court complex.

Irom's father I. Lokendro hailed the judgment. "We are still mourning the death of our beloved son. However, we are consoled to some extent that justice has been done in case," the father said.

Manipur Maoist warns CAF& PD over irregularities in recruitment

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Imphal, Jan 6: Maoist Communist Party Manipur has warned the CAF & PD Minister of the Government of Manipur over mass irregularities to the recruitment of various post in the department. In a press statement the outfit said that they received various complaints of mass corruption to the appointment of the said post. It said that after looking into the matter there are

possibilities of corruption to the recruitment process, the outfit said and added that even candidates who did not appeared in the written test examination were declared selected. The Maoist further said that even the son of Chief Minister is in the top of the selected candidates besides there are also relatives of the Ministers and MLAs. The selection of maximum number of candidates from the assembly constituency of the

Minister also proves that there are possibilities of corruption to the recruitment process.

The Maoist further said that when the interview of the recruitment was held on Jan 4 the result was declared on Jan 3 which mean that the government of Manipur considered the people of the state as a mere fool.

The Maoist said that it will conduct an inquiry to the issue and those found responsible will face the music.

Absconding Meghalaya MLA arrested for 'raping' minor girl

TNN | SHILLONG:

Meghalaya Independent legislator Julius K Dorphang, wanted in a case of sexual exploitation of a 14-year-old girl, was arrested in Guwahati on Friday night. Dorphang has been brought to Shillong after his arrest. The Meghalaya Police had issued a look out notice to nab the absconding legislator in the case. The police have also requested their counterparts in

neighbouring states to share information as a man-hunt has begun to nab the legislator who supports the ruling Congress. "We have issued a look out notice and we have also conducted raids in many places frequented by the man," SP City Vivek Syiem had said. A joint raid was conducted Thursday evening by the state police along with Assam Police in Hatigaon area where the legislator frequented, but they

did not find him there, a police officer who was part of the raid, said. Dorphang, who previously founded a militant organisation and surrendered in 2007, went into hiding after the police booked him under section 366 (A) of the IPC and registered a case with section 3(a)/4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and under section 5 of the Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act.

Union budget has nothing to do with state polls: MoS Finance Santosh Kumar Gangwar

ANI

New Delhi, Jan 7: Minister of State for Finance Santosh Kumar Gangwar on Saturday said the Union Budget has nothing to do with the state polls, adding that the Centre is trying to pass the budget by March 31 for the systematic flow of the work.

"Earlier the entire process to pass the budget used to last until May and June and therefore in the first three months no new work could be started. Therefore, we are trying to make it

systematic so that the budget can be passed by March 31 and we can work according to the new budget," Gangwar said. He further said the Election Commission of India (ECI) understands the long process of passing the budget and therefore has declared the elections date keeping the same in view. The ECI, earlier in the day, wrote to Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha, seeking Centre's stand on the opposition's plea to postpone the budget

presentation to a day after March 8, the last date of polling in Uttar Pradesh. As per the ECI sources, this has been done by the Election Commission as per normal procedure.

The ECI's decision comes a day after a delegation of the opposition parties met all three Election Commissioners, Naseem Zaidi, OP Rawat and AK Joti demanding the date for budget presentation be shifted till after the elections get over. The Congress, Trinamool

Congress (TMC) and others said they were not in favour of February 1 as the start of the budget session. Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said the negotiation has been put forward as it would lead to biased elections, which are against the constitution and democracy, adding further that they have no problem with any date post elections. TMC leader Derek O'Brien resonated the same, saying the Centre can present the budget after March 8, once the elections get over.

Many condole demise of prof. Ganmumei

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Imphal, Jan 7: Various civil Society organisations has condole the demise of prof. Ganmumei Kamei. Center for Women Development in a press statement said that the loss of Prof. Ganmumei will create a vacuum to the state of manipur. It said that Ganmumei had served the state both as politician and scholar.

The sex racket came to light after an employee of a guest house owned by senior Congress leader and state Home Minister H D R Lyngdoh's son was arrested for pimping the victim last month. The victim was rescued from near the guest house and brought to the police station where she named all those involved in the racket. Five of the eight people, including four women named in separate FIRs, have been arrested till date. On January 4, a local court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Dorphang, following which the man hunt began. Meanwhile, women activists here have demanded that the Chief Minister drop Lyngdoh from his cabinet to allow a free and fair trial.