

Editorial

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Why state govt. remain silent on the Issue of Manipur College?

State government's silence to the issue of Manipur College seems to be intentional for reason best known to them. The college had stopped receiving aids from the University Grant Commission (UGC) since 2014. It was blacklisted, after the then in-charge principal of that time had misappropriated UGC's fund. On pressure from the UGC the State Education department of Higher Education had forced the in-charge Principal of that time to return the amount misappropriated by him along with interest. But other than recovering the amount, no punitive action was taken up against the in-charge principal. This was seriously taken by the UGC and as a result the College is still blacklisted and request from the State Higher Education department to lift the ban has not been considered.

The denial by the UGC for lifting of ban requested by the State Higher Education department is an insult not only to the department but also to the whole of the state government. It is a direct insult to the credibility of the state government which is committed to eradicate all form of corruption from the state. With the ban still on, the college had stopped receiving any sort of financial aids from the UGC. Developmental works which were supposed to be taken up for the welfare of the students of this college could not be taken up, even though the teaching community of this college continues to get their monthly salary. The then in-charge principal which had ruined the fate of this college continues as a professor and still enjoys the salary provided by the state government.

With the new government under the chief minister N. Biren Singh working for a change, much appreciations is received to his government particularly the State Education Minister Th. Radheshyam for his effort to clean the mess in the education sector. Almost all sections of people who want to see change and improve the education sector applaud the kind of good work taken up by the School Education department Director. The tracing of fraud teachers and immediate punitive action against such teachers once more implanted some hopes to the people of the state who desperately wanted to improve the education sector in the state. Saying so there are still many things left to be done to correct and streamline the education sector at both primary and secondary level.

When things seem to be going on the right direction for primary and higher secondary education, the college education sector seems to be left out. The issue of the Manipur College should be taken seriously. It is about the fate of many students who are studying in this college. Without proper aids from the UGC, there is no means that the college could take up measures for improvement of the students.

Imphal Times in its January 11, 2018 issue had tried to draw the attention of the state government as well as the state education Minister by reporting on how and why the college has been blacklisted. To the surprise instead of getting response from the concern state government authority, one student body called Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) staged protest on January 22, 2018, urging the state authority to approach the UGC for lifting of the ban.

For reason best known, the State Education Department is ignoring this very issue of the Manipur College. Imphal Times now question the state government authority about the reason for ignoring the issue of this college? What force protects the in-charge principal from taking up any action for the misappropriation of fund? Why no word comes out from the government on this issue? Or is the government trying to close down the one time premier college of the state.

More state News

1st Singngat Cup (Jr) Inter School Football tournament begins

Imphal, Jan. 24: To celebrate the auspicious 69th Republic Day of India, 2 Assam Rifles in conjunction with Singngat Football Club organized a Four Day at Singngat Football Ground. The aim of this Tournament is to bring peace, prosperity, harmony and friendship between the Assam Rifles and the local populace. The Tournament begin on 23 Jan 2018 and is scheduled to culminate on 26 Jan 2018 which will be witnessed by various dignitaries of the area. The opening day begins with speech by Commandant 2 Assam

Rifles followed by Battalion Pipe Band giving their performance. A total of 8 teams from 6 different Schools namely Ray Burn School (Singngat), St Mary High School (Beheng), Suangdo High School (Suangdo), Hill Model High School (Singngat), Standard High School (Singngat), and St Joseph High School (Singngat) are taking part in the event. The opening day match took place between Hill Model High School (HMHS), Singngat and St Mary High School, Behang in which HMHS beat the later 3-0.

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Regional News

India Open to form basis for boxers' 2018 CWG selection

New Delhi: The \$100,000 India Open International Boxing Championship beginning in New Delhi next week provides a perfect platform for the Indian contingent to gear themselves for the 2018 Commonwealth Games by testing their mettle against the best in the sport.

Close to 80 Indian male and female boxers will be participating in the five-day event that also features pugilists from 25 countries including Cuba, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia, at the Thyagaraj Stadium from January 28. The focus will be on 2010 Asian Games gold medalist Vikas Krishan, 2010 Commonwealth Games gold winner Manoj Kumar, bantamweight star Shiva Thapa, World Youth Champion Sachin Sewach and Manish Panwar as the Indian pugilists will not only look to do well in the India Open but also impress the selection committee and the coaching panel ahead of the Australia trip in April. Santiago Nieve, the Performance Director and Chief Coach for the Indian Elite Men's Team, made it clear in no uncertain terms. "The India Open is the perfect stage for the Commonwealth Games preparation as they will be competing against world class boxers and their performance can be judged," he said.

"We will be shortlisting the best India boxers here for the final team trial for the Commonwealth Games," Nieve added. Olympic bronze medalist and five-time World and Asian champion Mary Kom will be leading the Indian women's challenge along with the seasoned Sarita Devi, Seema Poonia and Sonia Lather and the promising Pwila Basumatary, Sarjubala Devi and Pooja Rani who won gold medals at the recently concluded National Championship. More than 40 women boxers will be turning out at the India Open and it will also enable Head Coach of the Indian Elite Women's Boxing, Shiv Singh to assess his wards. "For the women's team, the India Open is of utmost importance as it's the last opportunity for them to catch the attention of the selectors before the Commonwealth Games. Besides, it also provides the younger boxers a great platform to match their skills against the international fighters and gain experience."

The India Open is an extension of the Boxing Federation of India's vision to raise the stature of the sport in the country by conducting a series of international events in India to provide the nation's top pugilists the experience and exposure to triumph at the highest level. With every gold-medallist pocketing USD 2500, the silver and bronze medallists in each event bagging USD 1000 and USD 500, there is a



lot at stake during the India Open. **About Boxing Federation of India (BFI)**

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) is recognised by AIBA and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India (GOI) as the nodal body responsible for the development and promotion of Olympic-style boxing in India. BFI has hosted six national tournaments in last one year, attracting over 300 boxers in each of the championships. It has hosted the AIBA 1-star course R&J certification course and seminar as well as the AIBA Cutman course this year. BFI, in association with AIBA and SAI, is also setting up a world-class boxing academy at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. It also plans to start 8 satellite academies across the country. BFI successfully organised the AIBA World Youth Women Boxing Championship last November. BFI will also host the prestigious AIBA Women's World Championship in 2018 and the AIBA Men's World Championship in 2021. BFI is also organizing the India Open, the first ever International Open Championship from January 28 in New Delhi. The federation is also participating in the World Series Boxing (WSB) for the first time and will be hosting the Indian leg of WSB in the month of March and April, 2018.

Honoris Causa for IBSD Director, Prof. Sahoo

IT News

Imphal, Jan. 24: Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo, Director of Institute of Bioreresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), a National Institute of Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, will be conferred the Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) Honoris Causa by Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University, deemed University during the 14th Annual Convocation of KIIT University, for his scientific achievements and contributions in the field of bioreresources and sustainable development. Honoris Causa is usually conferred on an individual for their outstanding contribution in any field. Prof. Sahoo has the distinction of being the first Indian student to visit Antarctica in the year 1987-88, as part of the team which laid the foundation for India's permanent station, Maitri, which is still standing tall, even after 30 years in extreme climatic conditions where the temperature can go down to -89 degrees Celsius. He also has the distinction of travelling to all 7 continents and 5 oceans within a record time of 18 months way back in 1987-88. During his long standing career spanning over three decades, he has travelled to over 50 countries and has also worked at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA as an INSA-JSPS Fellow. He has also been instrumental in launching India's First Cherry Blossom Festival for Peace, Prosperity and Sustainable Development. Besides publishing several high quality papers in international journals, he has published 11 books and produced 2 documentary films. Three months back, he was also



elected fellow of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences-India (NASI) and he was also elected honorary fellow of the Biotech Research Society of India (BRSI). He has also received the India Sustainability Leadership Award in the field of Sustainable Development and has been featured amongst India's 20 social entrepreneurs in the best selling book 'I Have a Dream', which has been translated into several Indian languages.

The honorary D.Sc. Honoris Causa degree will be conferred upon him in the presence of several eminent personalities, including Nobel laureates from abroad.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, who is the founder of KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, and who is also the General President of the Indian Science Congress, has also congratulated Prof. Sahoo for this achievement. It is important to mention that the 105th Indian Science Congress will be held in Manipur during March 2018, under the Presidentship of Prof. Samanta. Prof. Sahoo dedicated his award to the people of North East India for their cooperation and help.

Naga Students to Conduct Mock Test

IT News

Chandel, Jan. 24: Naga Students Union Chandel (NSUC) will conduct MOCK TEST for students appearing HSLC & HSSLC examinations 2018 on 31st January 2018 at 11am. Announcing this in a statement NSUC said test will be conducted at Maha Union Govt Hr Secondary School & M.G. Evergreen from 11 am in the morning. Schools of District H/Q will take Maha Union higher and the latter is allotted for schools from Pallel,

Liwachangning & Komlathabi. All concerned principals / headmasters are informed to kindly depute their students to the venues as stated above on time. The Mock test is being conducted to prepare the students to write better in the forthcoming Board & Council examinations. Detail instructions of the Mock Test shall be put up on the concerned school notice board. Prize distribution ceremony for the mock test will be held alongwith Career counselling on

February 12 at Mini Indoor Stadium Chandel. Meanwhile, Naga Students Union Chandel (NSUC) appeals all communities to avoid organizing events with loud noises, such may be a hindrance for students to study. Restriction is also imposed on the candidates of HSLC & HSSLC examinations 2018 to avoid moving around at night. The union extends its warm wishes to all students to write well in the upcoming examination.

Badminton Tournament at Yairipok

IT News

Yairipok, Jan. 24: Yairipok Badminton Association (YBA) is organising Non-state Open Badminton Tournament, 2018 from January 18 till February 4 at the indoor stadium of Yairipok Badminton Association at Bishnunaha under the supervision of the Manipur Badminton

Association (MBA). There will be six category in the tournament a statement by the Association said. In category - single open double open, category 2 - under -19 single open double open, category 3 - 35 years plus single open double open, category 4 - 40 years plus Single open double open, category

5 - 45 years plus Single open double open, category 6 - 50 years plus Single open double open. Players interested in taking part in the tournament can get the form from the DM College Canteen or from the office of the Manipur Badminton Association or Yairipok Badminton Association. Last date for form submission is January 19.

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