



Releasing function of Audio album in Meitei and Maring language at MDU

## Question leakage in nurses' recruitment test at RIMS : 'We have enough Prima facie evidences'

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 22:** The present crisis at RIMS over the alleged leakage of question papers in the written test for recruitment of 116 staff nurses of RIMS is once more haunting the premiere institute, with more truth supporting the allegations coming on the light. An organization called Clean Politics Mission today said that they have enough *Prima facie* evidences to prove that the question papers for the said examination was intentionally leaked by some top officials of the RIMS. Former member of the Manipur State Human

Rights Commission Yambem Laba is the co-convenor of the organisation.

In a press meet, held today at Manipur Press Club, convenor of the Clean Politics Mission, Chongtham Bijoy said that the present authorities of RIMS had shrewdly leaked the question papers and then conducted the examination to make sure that those candidates of their choice got selected in the test.

During the press meet Chongtham Bijoy said that after the recent written test a set of 150 multiple choice questions surfaced in the public domain. Out of these 150, 121 questions were

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actually asked in the written test. All correct answers were also tick marked correctly. He said the question papers were sent from Kokata by Indigo flight no. 6E 523(ccu) and arrived at Imphal on December 8, 2015. He questioned on why question papers were kept for one night at Imphal airport, which should not have happened for confidentially printed material. The question papers box was addressed to Dr. AK Joy, RIMS and he took it in his possession December 9 and kept it in their custody for three and a half days.

Earlier, it was assured by RIMS authority that the question papers will be kept in the nearest police station. Bijoy further said that the question papers were of 4 sets, set A, B, C&D. It should have been distributed at random at the exam centers so that nobody including the RIMS authority knew what set of question papers they favoured candidates got. But it was all pre-determined by RIMS that every candidates got only a particular set. He questioned the reason for postponing the written test.

## Manipur losses over 2,895 crore 8 months due to bandh and blockade

IT News

**Imphal, Dec.22:** Manipur losses huge amount of Rs 2895.72, 40000 this year till October due to bandh and general strikes imposed in the State for one or another reason. While a sum of Rs 5972,43,07500 was the total loss for last year. This was stated Serto Tondana Kom, a social worker from Hermonthlang under Samulamlan Block, Churachandpur while speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today. He said side by side, in 2014, Manipur lost Rs 58.71 crore and Rs 74.16 crore for the

current year, 2015 till October due to economic blockade. Serto Tondana Kom, also produced the estimated lost in a press meet regarding the common effects or loss of bandhs and blockades during 2014 and 2015.

In the data produced collected from various reliable sources, in 2014 out of 365 days, Manipur had 165 days imposed of either bands or blockades and 19 days of economic blockade. While in this year till October, the State had 80 days imposed of Bandhs or blockade and 24 days of Economic blockade.

Talking to media persons, Tondana said he was influenced to do so after Honourable Chief Minister, during inauguration of Sanjenthong Bridge comment to calculate the economic loss due to bandhs and blockades in the state while referring his calculation on economic loss due to untimely completion of the bridge construction. Concerning about the huge lost of the state because of such forms of agitations, Tondana appealed Manipur Government to tackle up any social problem or issue at the earliest.

## Audio album in Meitei and Maring language released

IT News

**Imphal, Dec 22:** An audio song album called "Momonidi Nokli Maithongna" was released today held at Manipur Dramatic Union organized by ARTISTE Training Cum Educational Research Centre (ATEREC). The audio (CD) album releasing function was attended by Minister of Commerce and industry, Govindas Konthoujam, Angom Kamei, social worker Chongtham Bashanta, Chairman of Manipur Apex Co-Operation marketing society, Y. Ranjit as chief guest, president and guest of honor respectively. The Audio CD has 12 songs in Meitei and Maring language. All the songs are written byricist Okendro Khundongbam and produced by MC Yaima Maring and Laxmi.

## BJP workers protest outside Delhi Assembly

PTI

**New Delhi, Dec 22:** Scores of Delhi BJP workers staged a protest outside the Assembly today just before the House met for a special session, accusing the AAP government of trying to rake up the DDCA issue to suppress the charges faced by Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal's principal secretary. The Delhi government has called the special session of Assembly to discuss alleged irregularities in Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) and the last week's CBI raid at the Delhi Secretariat. Raising slogans against the AAP government and Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal, the BJP workers marched to the entrance of the Assembly where they were stopped by security personnel. Later, they were detained by the police

## Salai donates monetary assistant to scribes

IT News

**Imphal, Dec.22:** As a mark of encouragement to media fraternity of Manipur, Salai Holdings Pvt. Lt, a business organization head office at Sagolband Tera Loukrakpam Leikai donated an amount of Rs 30,000 to AMWJU. The cash amount was handed over by Khelendra Wahengbam, secretary to Chairman and Managing Director and Brojendro Yumlembam, Secretary Social and Public Relations of the establishment.

## Premson Das bagged silver medal Junior Mr India Championship

IT News

**Imphal, Dec.22:** Premson Das of ASK GYM Kakching bagged silver medal in the 54<sup>th</sup> Junior Mr India Championship in 75 kilo weight category held at Calcutta on 21 December. Earlier he has bagged medals in several state and district level body building championships too.

## AMWJU to pay homage to journalist Dijamani

IT News

**Imphal, Dec.22:** AMWJU will observe 2<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary of journalist Dijamani (Nanao) who lost his life on the line of duty two years back.

AMWJU appealed all the members of media fraternity in Manipur to join the candle light condolence to be held at 4 pm tomorrow at the grave yard site at Cheirao Ching.

On the other hand AMWJU in association with Loktak Development Authority is organizing a Loktak tour on 24 December. All the media houses are requested to send a reporter each to join the tour.

## Central universities should align research priorities with contemporary national challenges: Mukherjee

ANI

**New Delhi, Dec. 22:** President Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday said central universities should align research priorities with contemporary challenges of the country while attending the 2nd Convocation of Central University of Karnataka at Kalaburagi. "Nations have from times past overcome poverty, social malaise and economic turmoil based on a robust education system. A developing country like India needs innovative solutions to challenges in renewable energy, climate change, drinking water, sanitation and urbanization. It is incumbent on our universities to align

their research priorities with these challenges. Our universities must be breeding grounds for creative pursuits and cutting-edge technology. They must inculcate in their students scientific temper and a spirit of inquiry," said President Mukherjee. Mukherjee said central universities are intended to be a vehicle for social transformation. They must reach out to people in their region by disseminating knowledge, encouraging innovation, promoting environmental conservation and developing skills. They must elicit participation of talented local youth, increasing their

employability and ushering in upward mobility of the deprived.

## Youth Congress protest

ANI

**New Delhi, Dec 22:** The Delhi Pradesh Youth Congress staged a protest against the release of the juvenile convict in the December 16 gang-rape case, and accused Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of failing to give the victim's family justice. Shouting slogans outside Mr. Kejriwal's residence, the activists demanded that the Delhi Government take action in the case and fulfill its election promise of ensuring the safety of women in the city.

## 'Country is expecting Parliament to pass Juvenile Justice Bill'

ANI

**New Delhi, Dec.22:** Union Minister of State, Commerce and Industry Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the entire country is expecting from the Parliament to pass the Juvenile Justice Bill which would allow children between 16-18 years to be tried as adults in heinous crime cases. "I hope that the Parliament will pass the Juvenile

Justice Bill. I do not want to engage in tirade of who stopped the Bill and who did not engage in passing the Bill. The citizens of this country are asking that Parliament should be responsible and committed in passing the Bill," Sitharaman told ANI here. Meanwhile, Nirbhaya's parents reached Parliament today as discussion on Juvenile Justice Bill began in Rajya Sabha.

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chief Swati Malwal's plea against the release of the juvenile convict in the Nirbhaya gangrape case. Malwal squarely blamed members of the Rajya Sabha for delaying the passing of the pending Juvenile Justice Bill, which would have ensured what she and other women wanted.

## Government considering to control price of Medical Equipments

PIB

**New Delhi, Dec. 22:** The Government is considering to control/reduce the prices of medical equipments like stent catheter and implants. A meeting of Committee of Secretaries, to discuss the mechanism for a separate price control order and a separate vertical within National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) for medical devices, was held under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. After deliberation, certain decisions were taken. In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting, the Department of Pharmaceuticals had called a

meeting with the representatives of various leading manufacturers of medical Devices. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

(i) All manufacturers of stents/ Implants will provide the information regarding 'Price to retailer' and 'Maximum Retail Price' in Form V appended to Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, to NPPA positively by 30th Nov, 2015. (ii) In the first week of December, the manufacturers will voluntarily propose a reduction in the marketing expenses of these products and consequentially on the

MRP.

(iii) The Department of Pharmaceuticals may consider issuing a letter to the Industry Associations to consider voluntary disclosure and self-regulation of marketing expenses.

(iv) The self-regulation by the industry will be reviewed on the basis of information submitted by the industry to NPPA in Form V and a decision on statutory regulation will be taken subsequently.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir in response to a question in the Lok Sabha today.

## Unnecessary to amend Juvenile Justice Bill: Ram Jethmalani

ANI

**New Delhi, Dec.22:** Former law minister Ram Jethmalani on Tuesday said that there is no need to amend the Juvenile Justice Bill, adding that it was totally 'unnecessary' to change it just because of one incident.

"I don't know if it will be passed, but according to me it shouldn't be passed," Jaithmalani told reporters.

"The Juvenile Justice Bill is completely fine and there is no need to amend it just because of one incident. It is totally unnecessary," he added.

The BJP had earlier assured disappointed Nirbhaya's parents that the Juvenile Justice Bill would be today passed in the Parliament.

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien said the Bill should be passed in the Parliament today without any further delay after having a healthy discussion.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on also stuck to their guns in opposing the Juvenile Justice Bill, saying 'lowering the age of juveniles is not in the interest of justice'. With the Supreme Court showing its inability to prohibit the release of the juvenile in the Nirbhaya gangrape case in the absence of laws, telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had yesterday said the ruling dispensation at the Centre is keen to pass the Juvenile Justice Bill and was also ready to bring supplementary agenda on it in the Parliament.

The apex court had dismissed the petition of Delhi Commission of Women (DCW) Chairperson Swati Malwal against the release of the juvenile offender in the December 16 gang rape case, saying 'there has to be a clear legislative sanction' in this regard.

Rejecting the DCW's petition, the apex court earlier said that under existing law detention cannot go beyond three years.