



Krishna followers offering prayers on Janmasthami Day at ISKON

State government breaks silence on cancellation of the Police Recruitment DPC - 2013 'Irregularities and foul play reason behind the cancellation- says Gaikhangam

IT News
Imphal, Aug 25: State government today breaks silence over the controversies arises out of the cancellation of the Manipur Police constable recruitment DPC - 2013 saying that irregularities and foul play compelled the government to cancel the DPC which was reported complete in May 2016.

Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam, who is also in-charge of Home department, talking to reporters at the sideline of the Janmasthami Function held at ISKON Mani temple here in Imphal, said that the government had cancelled the DPC as according to the findings of a high level enquiry committee which found out lot of irregularities and foul play during the selection process. Yesterday both the Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh as well as the Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam refused to give any comment regarding the development which keep normal life in the state to a complete halt due to general strike called by the constable appeared candidates.

"The whole fish curry could be

spoil by a single rotten piece", Gaikhangam replied to reporters when asked if the process for selection of all the candidates were found to be cooked up.

On a question on whether the government will take action to those government machineries who were responsible for conducting the selection test, the home Minister shrewdly answered that it is too early to make any such comment and the law will take its own course.

It may be mentioned that the Home department of the state government in 3rd January 2013 had conveyed approval to the then Director General of Police for filling up of 2000 vacant posts of Constable (Male) by direct recruitment with the approval of the State Cabinet. Following that the then DGP Manipur made requisition for filling of the 2000 male constable by issuing a notification on February 6. State government by an order, had appointed Th. Radhesyam, the then SP of Bishnupur District on February 6, 2013.

After the results of the written examination was declared, a



writ petition was filed before the Manipur high Court Challenging the result on the ground the misappropriate numbers of candidates were called for viva voce against the ratio fixed by a ruling of the Supreme Court.

The Manipur High Court then passed an interim order on October 10, 2015 directing the state government not to declare the result without the leave of the Court.

Deputy Chief Minister

Gaikhangam further said that along the same time the state government also received a number of complaints alleging serious irregularities in the selection process.

"In cognizance of the complaints and the interim order passed by the High Court, the Govt. on October 19, 2015 ordered to stop the ongoing selection process and hold an enquiry into the allegations. The State Government appointed J.C

Ramthanga, IAs, Principal Secretary to the government of Manipur as the enquiry officer", a clarification statement of the state home department said.

As according to the report submitted by the enquiry committee headed by J. C Ramthanga the procedure of selecting the male police constable was conducted with full of irregularities and foul play.

As according to the report ;

while conducting the Physical Efficiency Test, results column for assessing the marks scored by the candidates in all events were found not entered in the score sheets of almost all candidates; Among the qualified candidates, marks for each event were found not entered and further disqualified candidates were found declared as qualified.

In the process of conducting the Written Examination no minimum qualifying cut-off mark has been set for clearing the written examination leading to candidates securing lesser marks as low as '0' or '2' being declared successful and candidates securing marks as high as '21' being unsuccessful.

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Proceedings/ tabulations sheets for declaration of PET and Written examination results were found not signed by DPC members,

Number of candidates selected for interview was found to exceed 5 times the number of vacancies.

Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam further said that a notification has already been served to reappear in the fresh recruitment to all the candidates. The recruitment will be conducted as per the same eligibility criteria which were there in 2013, he said. The notification for the fresh conduct of the written and physical tests, and viva-voce was served only after thorough discussion on the demand put forward by the constable candidates. He appealed to the constable candidates to co-operate in what the Government is arranging for them.

He further said, there will be no use of any new political party formed by any vested interest people. There is no such issue of joining or parting from or in Congress party as party members. Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam enthusiastically stated that peoples' faith and trust towards the Congress party have been gradually increasing to a great extent.

Hand grenade found

IT News
Imphal, Aug 25: Locals of Thangmeiband area today found a hand grenade at THAU Ground

Thangmeiband under Imphal West Police Station at around 11 am today. Police which were informed rushed the spot and retrieve the grenade at around noon. Later the grenade was detonated at around 1 pm at Lamphel area.

Mentioned may be made that THAU ground, where the grenade was found today was just few hundred meters from the State Assembly Complex. The 14th session of the state Assembly is also scheduled on September 2 this year.

English Language Competition held

IT News
Thoubal, Aug 25: Library and Information Centre Kakchingna will organize English language Competition on September 4 from 7 am at the auditorium of Library and Information Centre Kakching.

The competition will be organized in three category - 1) students below class V, 2) student studying between Class VI to VIII and 3) students of class IX and X. Details can be contacted to the Secretary Ksh.Joykumar.

Constable appeared candidates continue agitation; 48 hours strike called in Senapati district from August 26 midnight

IT News
Imphal, Aug 25: Even as the Home department of the state government had clarified the reason for cancellation of the Constable recruitment DPC - 2013 for recruitment of 2000 police constable, the recruitment appeared candidates continue its agitation by continuing the economic blockade at Imphal Jir road and Imphal Dimapur road.

The DPC appeared candidates of Manipur Police recruitment 2013 batch and their respective parents/guardians had also announced 48hrs strike from midnight of August 26 in Senapati district.

Report reaching here said that

around 200 goods ferrying trucks including oil tanker were stranded at leinang Pokpi area near Jirban.

On the other hand a joint meeting held yesterday at Senapati Mini Stadium Ground attended by well wishers, ADC members and leaders representing frontal organizations had deliberated on various steps to be taken up in the coming days in protest against the cancellation of police constable recruitment. A parents' body was also formed during the meeting.

The meeting resolved to vehemently oppose the government's move to conduct fresh recruitment and urged the government to

revoke the cancellation order. To this end, there will be 48 hours general strike starting from midnight of Aug 26 till midnight of Aug 28. The indefinite economic blockade underway has also been intensified from today.

Furthermore, All Senapati District Candidates Parents Body of Manipur Police Constable 2013 Batch warned that no DPC appeared candidates will participate in the fresh recruitment slated to conduct on September first week.

While condemning the high handedness of the district SP, ADC member like P.A. Thekko, said that it is unconstitutional for a guardian of laws to take laws

into his own hands.

"It is the court that will decide the course of action and the quantum of punishment, not the men in uniform. Instead, Senapati police SP K. Kabib (IPS) took matters into his own hand and 3 protestors were brutally beaten by him in the office of Officer-in-Charge, Senapati police," Thekko said.

"Police of any rank cannot execute any action at one's own will without law to execute them," he added.

Joining the parents' body, well wishers and leaders representing frontal organizations also condemned the unconstitutional and deplorable action of Superintendent of Police K. Kabib (IPS) Senapati Police Division.

IPAK condemns disruption of Indigenous peoples' rally by Bangladeshi refugees

IT News
Imphal, Aug 25: Indigenous Peoples of Kangleipak (IPAK) today relayed strong condemnation to yesterday clashed at Tripura where around 20 indigenous people of the state were left with serious injury after Bangladeshi refugees attacked them while organising a peaceful demonstration.

Speaking to the media person at its office of Wahengleikai here in Imphal today, chairman of IPAK Sapamcha Jadumani said that Tripura was a sovereign nation like Manipur before it merged to the Indian union. However, after merger to the Indian Union, Tripura was

dominated by the Bangladeshi refugee and the indigenous people of the state become minority.

Jadumani further said that in the rally organised by Indigenous People Front of Tripura (IPFT) demanding for the protection of indigenous people of the state of Tripura majority Bangladeshi refugees disrupted and violence broke out injuring dozens of men and women.

He further added that India union has failed to make law to protect indigenous people specially North East region and India government has remained a silent spectators when indigenous people is fading away its existence slowly.

JAC Churachandpurs lines up series of protest against passing of ILPS Bills

IT News
Imphal, Aug 25: Joint Action Committee formed against Anti-Tribal Bills is all set to observe "tribal Unity day" on August 31 to show their opposition to any move by the state government for passing of any anti-tribal Bill, stated a statement issued by the organisation.

The statement further added that the JAC will launch series of agitation from August 26 as a run up to this days.

"The JAC will organise a week long agitation ; public meeting , Torch rallies, traditional guns salute and various other form of Protest in Lamka, the epicentre of the ongoing Tribal Movement in Manipur", the statement said.

It further added that starting from August 26, each tribal home across Manipur is requested to light candles every night at 6.30 pm as a mark of the nine tribal martyrs and the sacrifices.

On August 28 all tribal churches are asked to devote a time for mass prayers during the Sunday Church service . The Tribal Unity Day observance will begin from 9 am and tribal who owned gun licence will perform traditional gun salute followed by traditional songs to show respect to the nine tribal martyrs.

The statement also announced total shut down in Churachandpur district on August 26 and August 27 till 12 noon and sit-in demonstration will be staged as various places.

Eye donation fortnight

IT News
Imphal, Aug 25: Awareness campaign on National Eye Donation Fortnight was held today at GM Hall Imphal.

The awareness camp was organized by Samadrishti Kshamata Vikash Evam Anusandhan Mandal (SAKSHAM) Manipur Prant. A rally was also organized a rally as a part of the fortnight observance.

School students including students from Blind School Takyel took part the rally. Around 400 people joined the observance.

Union Cabinet enhances compensation to civilian victims of cross border firing

New Delhi, Aug. 25: The Union Cabinet has enhanced the compensation to victims of terror and left extremism from three lakh rupees to five lakh.

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office Jitendra Singh said, for the first time, civilian victims of cross border firing along the Indo-Pak border will be given a compensation of five lakh rupees similar to those who die due to terrorism or Naxal violence. Jitendra Singh said, now onwards, any civilian who dies anywhere in the country due to terror attack, naxal violence, firing from across the border and IED explosion will be given 5 lakh rupees as compensation uniformly.

The amount will be given to the next of kin of the victim. The Minister said that five lakh will also be given to those who receive 50 per cent or

more disability or incapacitation due to the same reasons. Giving a major push to the Railways' effort to decongest busy routes, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has given its approval for nine projects worth over 24 thousand 374 crore rupees in nine states for expansion of railway network and enhanced connectivity. In Assam, second line between New Bongaigaon and Kamakhya of Northeast Frontier Railway has been approved while in Jharkhand, approval was given for the construction of third line between Kharagpur and Adityapur.

The CCEA gave its nod for the construction of third line between Rajnandgaon-Nagpur in Chattisgarh and Maharashtra along with third line between Mathura-Jhansi

and Bina- Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. It has also given its approval for construction of third line between Itarsi and Nagpur in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra along with Ballarshah and Kazipet in Telangana and Maharashtra. CCEA also gave approval for construction of third line between Vijaywada and Gudur in Andhra Pradesh and fourth line between Jharsuguda and Bilaspur in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. These projects will be completed in the next four to six years.

The move is aimed at creating a capacity to carry 1.5 billion tonne of goods by 2020. It will also faster movements of the passenger trains. The decision will also yield over 1900 kilometre long additional track capacity.