

Police fails to take action on hate mongering video that went viral on Social Networking Site

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Imphal, July 15: A hate mongering video which went viral on social networking site Facebook and WhatsApp is likely to breach bondage of brotherhood between majority Meitei and the minority Muslim community in the state. The video was seen uploaded some few months back but no government authority including the Cyber Crime Unit of the state government has taken up any suo motto case despite knowing that such video has the tendency to incite communal enmity between the two communities. This was confirmed by Imphal Times reporter, when inquired



to the officials of the Cyber Crime Unit Imphal West as well as to the Officer-in-Charge of Lilong police station.

The video is suspected to have been uploaded from an area which is suspected to have been under the jurisdiction of Lilong Police Station. In the 6 minutes, 2 Second long video, a muslim (Meitei Pangaal) girl who had eloped with a boy belonging to another community (probably) Meitei community was seen brutally assaulted using a cane by a cleric of Muslim belonging to civil body ANJUMAN. The video also showed the

muslim cleric rebuking the girl terming the act of eloping with a Meitei Kafir by overlooking 'the beautiful Islam religion' terming it as for her 'sinful'. The muslim cleric, who donned a loincloth and banyan, also said that as per the doctrines of Islam she could be killed for eloping with her lover who allegedly belongs to Meitei community of Manipur.

After delivering some religious values to the girls, he demanded apology from the girl and she was beaten up while other males were seen seating around her inside a room.

In this connection, Imphal Times contacted Cyber Crime Branch Department of Manipur Police enquiring about any investigation about the video. However, it has been informed that no case has been registered till today, said In-charge of Cyber Crime Branch of Manipur Police, Imphal West District, Ibomcha. Meanwhile, social activist Neken Seram, in a facebook post reacted that Manipur Police acted very swift, and even bypassed legal procedure in the case of JCILPS Convenor Khondram

Ratan. On the basis of a photograph uploaded in Social Media, the State Police not only filed an FIR, but also announced cash rewards for a person who was not absconding at the moment. Now, in this video, a woman is being harassed for eloping to a Meitei.

"The video mangers communal ideas, undemocratic, violates human right and amounts to cruelty to woman, said the activist while adding that it is likely to create enmity between religious groups and against Constitution of India", Neken, a member of CWC Imphal East and former editor of Hueiyen Lanpao English Daily wrote. He also demanded that why the Manipur Government does not take up a suo-moto case against the perpetrators on the basis of this video?

Other commenter's condemn the act and some even started targeting the Muslim brethren after witnessing the inhuman assault. Imphal Times had earlier brought up the issue through our editorial column under the title "Macabre Messiah" on June 24, 2016.

HAC fails to submit administrative report for 5 years

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Imphal, July 15: State government has asked the Hill Area Committee of Manipur (HAC) to submit annual report to the President of India through the Governor of Manipur. In a letter, to the Chairman, HAC, Chief Secretary of Manipur stated that as according to the clause (2) Article 371 © of the Constitution of India, the administration in Hill Areas of State has to be submitted to the President of India through the Governor of the Manipur. Official source said that the HAC Maniur has not furnished the administration report for the last five years, that is from 2011-12 till 2015-16. It said that as the report is pending several queries have been raised at several forum including the floor of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. The Tribal Affairs and Hill Department for Administration in the Hill Areas.

KSA calls for change of norms for recruitment of SSA and RMSA teachers

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Imphal, July 15: Kangleipak Students Union (KSA) organised a one day public discussion on recruitment process of Primary, Upper Primary and Graduate Teachers under SSA and RMSA at Manipur Dramatic Union Hall. The public discussion also adopted 3 resolutions which are:- the recruitment process of SSA and RMSA teachers should not be through academic performance and interview, the recruitment should be through written, academic performance (aggregate) and practical (class room) performance; and a long term recruitment policy should be made by the concern authority. The discussion was moderated by Prof N Mohendro, Former director of College Development Council, MU. HOD of Education Department of MU Dr. Premlata Meisnam, Retd. Associate Prof. Imphal College Dr S Gunadhor, Sr Asst

Prof Economics department MU Dr Chinglen Meisnam, Assistant Prof. of Manipuri Department MU Dr. N Sanatomba Singh, Secy. of FEGOCTA Dr.N Somorendro Singh, former Editor Ahongshangbam Mubi and Secy. General Editors Guild Manipur Yumnam Rupachandra expressed their views as resource persons of the discussion program. The resource persons suggested that the recruitment process should be conducted through written test instead of the state government's present process of recruiting based on mark-sheets without written tests.

D. Jaisankar is the new AG of Manipur

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Imphal, July 15: D. Jaisankar, IA & AS is now the new AG (Audit) of Manipur. He had taken charge as Accountant General (Audit), Manipur on the forenoon of 1st July, 2016.

D. Jaisankar belongs to the Indian Audit & Accounts Service. He is a Post Graduate in Agricultural Sciences from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. He started his career as Scientist in ICAR in 1996 and joined the Civil Services in the year 2000. He had served in various capacities under the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and Government of India for the past twenty years covering wide range of fields like audit of Defence Sector, Defence Production Sector, State Finance, Expenditure and Revenue, Local Bodies and Autonomous Bodies, State Public Sector Undertakings, Emigration Service and Overseas Indian Affairs. He is also a Graduate of Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington and a Global Fellow of Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley, USA. He has been on foreign assignments for Audit of UN Bodies in the recent past.

PM condemns attack in Nice

New Delhi, July 15: Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has strongly condemned the horrific attack in Nice, France. "Appalled by the horrific attack in Nice. I strongly condemn such mindless acts of violence. My thoughts are with the families of deceased. I hope the injured recover soon. India shares the pain & stands firmly with our French sisters & brothers in this hour of immense sadness," the Prime Minister said.

MCPR clarifies, says 21 Meitei Pangaal students were held back for verification purpose

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Imphal, July 15: Convenor of Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Pradipkumar today said that the 21 Meitei pangaal students who were allegedly going for studying Moulubi were not actually detained but were held back for some verification purpose. Talking to the media persons, Pradipkumar further said that the step was taken up after the CISF authority at the Imphal International airport registered a complaint on the child line. According to a ruling of the Supreme Court, no child under the age of 12 should be sent outside state for studies or any other purpose without the company of either of the parents or one of the elders of the family. If a child has to be sent for studies, the parents should at least have the necessary verification done by a body of

the Child Welfare Committee in the district from where the child belongs. Therefore, the step taken up by the Commission yesterday was according to the guidelines of the Supreme Court said Keisham Pradipkumar. He further added that the students will be allowed

to leave for their studies only after the Commission has identified the institute where the students were being taken for studies. The step is being taken up as a measure not only to prevent child from trafficking but also to protect children from other unwanted incident, he added.

VDFs appeals state government to reconsider welfare measures

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Imphal, July 15: All Manipur VDF Welfare Association appeals to the state government to reconsider for the welfare of the VDF in the upcoming state legislative assembly at a press meet held at Manipur Press Club today. Speaking to the media persons, General Secretary of the association S. Lalingen Vaiphei said that the state government has failed to

provide Rs 1000 as increment which was passed by a cabinet meeting on 29 September 2015. He further added that a VDF personal has been getting Rs 4000 as honorarium which is not a sufficient amount to survive today and beside this VDF has not provided any insurance allowance. He further appeals to the state government to reconsider in the coming state legislative assembly for welfare of VDF.

KCP Poirai Meitei Lup demand white paper on how Dr. Deben was regularised from being contract prof.

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Imphal, July 15: A day after JNIMS Director, Dr. L Deben had clarified that there is no anomaly to his appointment as Director of JNIMS, armed group KCP Poirai Meitei Lup once more throw more allegation saying that no proper procedure was followed on his regularization as Professor at JNIMS. The outfit said that Dr. L Deben along with another Doctor Mutum Angouba Singh (Dental) were regularised without proper sitting of the Departmental Promotion Committee. In a press statement, the outfit

said that if Dr. Deben, Director of JNIMS fails to produced white paper on how his post as professor has been regularised within three days, the armed group will called general strike in the state from 5 am of July 20 till 5 pm of July 21. The outfit also alleged that Dr. Deben was regularised without proper DPC and demanded immediate resignation from the post of JNIMS Director. The press statement further stated that some of the Associate Professor who had been promoted as Regular Professors through proper

DPC procedure like Dr. Ng. Indrakumar, Dr. T Rajen Singh, Dr. H Lokendro Singh and Dr. H Shyamo Singh etc. had been demoted as contract professor. The outfit further said that during the course of investigation it has been found that Dr. M Shyamo had served as Regular Professor at RIMS before joining the JNIMS. The outfit further said that if JNIMS Director Dr. L Deben fails to provide white paper on how he become regular professor the outfit will take up intense action beside the general strike.

Experts mull over disaster risk reduction in northeast

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Kohima, July 15: A workshop-cum-seminar on disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change was recently held in Kohima, where experts discussed measures to deal with natural disaster. The need to strengthen disaster preparedness in the Northeast along with mass involvement of the public and allied departments was stressed at the recently held workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Dimapur. Nagaland Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang graced the event and asked the people and authorities concerned to remain prepared to deal with any disaster. He also expressed concern over increasing frequency and intensity of natural disaster due to climate change. The workshop was also aimed at creating awareness and promoting peoples' action to ensure that natural hazards do

not take the shape of disasters. "Nagaland is one of the most proactive states in Northeast India. The quality of the boys and manpower is worthy. I rate them as best because if you give them any direction, they learned it very quickly. In that sense, introducing technology and get prepared for the risk in disaster, I think Nagaland will be the best," said Sanjiv Nair, Director General, NECTAR. "There are four Cs that we need to think of. i.e. Community, Coordination, Collaboration, Capital because without capital there is no talking," P.D. Rai, Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim. Mass awareness and participation of people will be a game changer in disaster risk reduction. Climate Change remains a global concern and prevention will help to reduce the risk of disasters like floods, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Maoist claims bomb at JNIMS director's residence

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Imphal, July 15: Maoist Communist Party Manipur had claimed the hand grenade that was found at the residence of JNIMS Director Dr. L Deben at his residence at Kakwa Ashem Leikai under Singjamei Police Station. In a press statement, the outfit said that the placing of the hand grenade at Dr. Deben's residence is the last warning to the director. It said that earlier too the outfit had placed a lethod shell at his residence on January 4, 2016. The second bomb is being placed as the outfit found no

change to the functioning of the director. It said instead of following the directives of the outfit to correct the wrong, the JNIMS director is trying to conceal by providing some treatment to one or two people and highlighting it to media. The Maoist also blamed some Civil Society organisation for allowing the director to use them for some contract works. The outfit warned serious consequences if Dr. Deben showed high handedness to the outfit instead of following what has been told to him to provide better facilities to the poor people.

Manipur girl's football team enter final in National championship

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Imphal, July 15: Manipur's Junior Girls Football Team enters final by defeating Tamil Nadu in Semi Final match in the Jr. National Football Championship which is being underway at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack. The championship is organised by the Football Association of Orissa under the aegis of All India Football Manipur girls' team defeated Tamil Nadu team by 6 goals to zero in the first semi final match today. N. Ratanabala scored 2 goals, Premi Chiru, S Ranjana Chanu, H Dhaya and Kashmina scored 1 goal each. Premi Chiru scored the first goal in the first six minutes of the match. In the second semi-finals Haryana beat Orissa by 1-0 goal which paved their way to the finals which will be played against Manipur on July 17.

Nagaland's Sumi tribe celebrates Tuluni festival

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Dimapur, July 15: A festival of feast and merry-making to mark the end of dry season and the beginning of new fruits, known as the Tuluni festival in Nagaland, is celebrated by different clans of Sumi tribe across the state on July 8. Organised by the Highway Area Sumi Public Organisation, the festival was celebrated with pomp and grandeur at NER Agri Expo site in Dimapur. The festival was marked by prayers and offerings to Litsaba - the deity of fruitfulness who gives life and protection to the crops. Originally celebrated for seven days, the Tuluni festival is celebrated to rejoice the most abundant and fruitful season of the year in Nagaland. Thousands of Sumis in their traditional fineries joined the celebrations, which was marked with folk songs and a Tuluni feast. Besides this, youths also participated enthusiastically in the indigenous games and cultural dances. Nagas as a whole.