

ACC/SIT credibility: Corruption free Manipur or free to corruption in Manipur?

IT News
Imphal, Dec 24: The hopes of the people, after the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government set up Anti Corruption Cell (ACC) and Special Investigation Team (SIT) to flush out corruption and to check any irregularities to the recruitments that took place before election in a hasty manner by the previous government now seems to be lost with the activities of both the bodies fail to satisfy the common people.

A lady candidate who had appeared in recruitment test for appointment of Grade-VI post in the Department of health Services in 2016 had complaint to the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh stating that as she was not satisfied with the report of the SIT after receiving details of the selection process through Right to Information Act. Chief Minister's silence to the matter prompted the lady to tell her story to this reporter asking the government about the real meaning of corruption free Manipur. The name of the lady, who

complaints to the Chief Minister is withheld here as it could danger her life. The selection test for recruitment of Grade IV posts in the department of Health Services was held on August 20 to September 9 of 2016 and from November 18 to November 19, 2016, 378 candidates have been selected when the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election was knocking at the door even as the code of conduct did not come into force. SIT formed to check any discrepancy in the recruitment process approved the selection of these 378 candidates as genuine. How the SIT submitted report of the selection of the test as genuine is a matter need to be pondered upon as per the disclosures of the selection process revealed by the department through RTI. The selection test was top by a candidate from the assembly constituency of the former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, who had passed her class X exam in 3rd Division Compartmental. And the lady who filed the RTI after she was

SIT inquiry says recruitment of paramedics staffs in Health Dept. in 2016 is genuine when one third are from the constituency of the then CM, Minister of Health and Health Director

not selected passed her class X examination in first division. The selection test was declared on December 20, 2016 and 378 candidates were selected. 43 persons were put in waiting list (Selection Committee vide order No. G/paramedics/2016-HD (pt) dated 20.12.2016). As per information from the Directorate health Services, it is also learnt that of the 378 persons selected 254 are general/OBC. Of these 254 selected candidate 112 are from Thoubal district where the then Chief Minister Okram Ibobi and the then Director of

Health Services, Dr. O Ibomcha was held. Sl. 1 to Sl. 37 in order of merit published as selected are also from Thoubal district. Okram Ibobi, the then Chief Minister was elected as represented from Thoubal Assembly Constituency and his wife O Landhoni was that time the MLA from Khangabok Assembly constituency. On the selected candidates under Schedule Tribe, the information provided under RTI also reveals that most of the reserved seat selected are from the constituency of the then Minister of health in

Chandel district. The lady who complaint about the matter is not satisfied with the way of selection. But this reporter finds hard to believe that candidates from the locality and district of Chief Minister, Health Minister and Health Director would have the maximum qualified candidate for the post of paramedics in health department. This newspaper would like to leave the decision on whether, the SIT is doing its duty for the people of the state or to protect the wrongs by using any means for reason best known to the members of the SIT.

RPF wishes on Christmas, says RSS have no respect for other religion

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Imphal, Dec 24: Proscribed group Revolutionary People's front today wish the people of the state on occasion of the Christmas Day celebration. "Merry Christmas and let this occasion strengthen the bondage of love by bringing peace, harmony and tranquillity in the region", Y. Shyam, Secretary of the Minority Affairs of the rebel group said in a press statement issued by Bangkim, Assistant Secretary, Publicity, Revolutionary People's Front. "As per the instruction of the supreme lord, Lord Jesus Christ came to earth and born as human being to lead the people to the right path and to teach the human being on what are wrong and what is right. The message of Christ is to bring peace in the world, love among one another and to live together. In love there is no fear, ego and cheating so the only way to bring peace in the world is love among one another is the message of Christ (John 13:34)", the RPF statement said. Christ teaching is to forgive the wrong and to live together

harmoniously (Ephesians 4: 32). The RPF statement criticise the Indian community attitude towards various other religion other than Hindu, when there are various religion followed by various people in the region without making any discriminatory attitude. The statement also recalled the statement of the RSS Chief Mohan Bhagat, at which he stated that India is for Hindu during a meeting held at Tripura on December 17, 2017. This statement showed that the RSS had no respect for any other religion other than Hindu in the country. The RPF wish peace be restored in the region with the coming of the Christmas.

Man found hung to death

IT News
Imphal, Dec 24: A 22 years old man was found hung to death nearby a paddy field located at Pungdombam area under Lamlai Police station at around 11 am today. The deceased is identified as Loutongbam Nganthoi Singh age (22) son of (Late) L. Ngouba Singh of Karamga of Jirbam. According to report he works at a motor workshop at Pungdongbam. Police had picked up the dead body for post mortem. Reason of the death could not be established at the moment even as it looks more like a suicide.

Solar Lamps distributed

IT News
Imphal, Dec 24: 2 Assam Rifles of 27 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) distributed Solar Lamps to villagers of Phojiang and Pakmaul village as Christmas gift. A function on the occasion was organised since yesterday and concluded today. Phojiang and Pakmaul are two such villages in the border area adjoining Myanmar where there is no electric connection. A total of 20 solar lamps were distributed.

Manipur Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers wishes on Christmas Festival

Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur



"I convey my warm greetings to the people of Manipur, especially to our Christian brethren, on the sacred occasion of Christmas, 2017. Lord Jesus was a true messenger of the Almighty sent with the objective to bring a new world order based on truth, humility, sacrifice, equality, compassion, and peace. Lord Jesus was a giant among humans and His preaching of peaceful co-existence and love for the neighbours has withstood the test of time. The noble ideals of peace, harmony and brotherhood espoused by him for a better world devoid of all should always be the guiding light and upheld by all irrespective of caste, creed or religion. Let this

sacred day be observed in its true spirit. I also join the celebration and wish the people of Manipur a very Merry Christmas".

N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister



"I greet the people of Manipur especially our Christian brethren on the joyous occasion of Christmas, which is celebrated with gaiety and fervor to mark the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. It is the time now to listen and take the message of Christmas with utmost seriousness, shun involvement of oneself in any manner of evil activity and involve oneself in the work of spreading peace and bringing development in the State. Once again, I wish the people of Manipur a very Merry

Christmas and pray the Almighty that the season of love and joy ushers in an era of peace, harmony and prosperity in this beautiful State".

Yunnam Joykumar Singh, IPS Deputy CM

"I extend my best wishes to the people of Manipur especially to the Christian brethren on the auspicious and joyous occasion of Merry Christmas. Lord Jesus spread the message of peace, love and harmony to the mankind and even the Lord himself sacrificed his life for the cause of human being. May the light of the Christmas give peace, harmony and prosperity amongst the people of Manipur".

Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister Works/RD&PR/T, C&I/Power/IPR,AR&Trg. Manipur

"I extend my wishes and warm greetings to the people of Manipur particularly our Christian

Brethren on the auspicious and joyous occasion of Christmas Eve 2017.

Christmas, celebrated as the birthday of Lord Jesus, has now become a festival which is observed cutting across religion, caste and creed and is now a unifying event.

Christmas is a time of great joy, cheer, hope and happiness. It reminds all of us of the profound message of Lord Jesus Christ to promote peace, unity and harmony in society and amongst one another.

May this Christmas celebration spread the message of love, peace and harmony in our state and help bring trust between the communities residing together in the state.

I once again wish the state and the people a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year 2018.

Th. Shyamkumar Minister for Forest and Environment Horticulture, Soil Conservation Manipur

I take the opportunity to wish all the citizens of Manipur a joyous Christmas season and a prosperous New Year. It is a period that fills our souls with gratitude for many blessings in our lives. Christmas is a time to rejoice and reflect.

This Christmas, let us renew the spirit of hope, courage and compassion that brought us to where we stand today. Let us care for those who are less fortunate, protect those who are vulnerable, love and understand each other and upholding the high moral character that defines us a people. And finally, let us remember the lesson of Jesus's humble birth-that greatness is defined by the value of our deeds, the strength of our character and the courage to do always what is right.

I wish each and every citizens, a blessed Christmas and I further

wish all of you a renewed sense of hope, confidence and courage as we welcome a New Year, 2018".

Karam Shyam CAF & PD, Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation Manipur

"On the auspicious occasion of Christmas, I convey warm greetings and good wishes to all the citizens of Manipur. I wish everyone a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

As the world lights candles for Christmas this year, may the light of love, kindness and compassion glow in every heart and may peace and goodwill prevail in our midst.

The philosophy of Jesus is both eternal and universal. Irrespective of one's faith, we all have a sense of duty to ourselves and to one another to make a difference in the world that is genuine and lasting.

I extend my warmest greetings for a Happy Christmas full of peace and joy to all citizens".

Week Long "YDA Winter Camp 2017" begins

IT News
Thoubal, Dec. 24: 7 - Day Winter camp, 2017 under the theme to Promote Talent & Aspirant organised by Youth Development Association (YDA), Tenta began today at the premises of YDA, Tenta Khunou Awang Leikai in Thoubal district.

The winter camp which will conclude on December 30 is especially designed for students between the class II to X. Hidam Shubol Singh Commandant Sector H/Q BSF CI (OPS) Manipur, Dr. Moirangthem Nara Singh Former Minister Art & Culture and Moirangthem Surjit Singh Inspector H/Q Chandel Dept. of Co-operation Govt. of Manipur attended the



opening function as the president, chief guest and guests of honour respectively. During the winter camp will include variety of events to develop the talents of youths in the field of music dance and sports. Interaction programme with Academic Resource persons, interaction on Art & Culture, Cyber Security &

Legal Leadership, interaction on Sports and Youth Leadership and Varieties of cultural programme by campers and guest artist of Manipur on different 6 days will also be held. Students from different villages of Manipur will participate the seven-day winter camp.

Mizoram-HPC(D) talks deferred

PTI
Aizawl, Dec 24: Resumption of peace parleys between Mizoram government and Manipur-based Hmar People's Convention (Democratic), proposed to be held before Christmas has been deferred, home department officials said.

The 'framework agreement' drafted during the last round of official level talks was still with the Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla as a committee has been formed to look into the political aspects of the proposed framework agreement, the officials said. The chief minister himself is heading the committee. The official level talks, which began on August 10 last year

and ended on October 22 last, were to be elevated to a political level, after points of the framework agreement were discussed in detail and a general agreement reached between the two parties.

Giving more political and financial autonomy to the Sinlung Hills Development Council (SHDC), proposed to be rechristened as 'Sinlung Hills Council', was among the main points of the agreement. The SHDC was created comprising areas adjoining Manipur in accordance with the accord signed in 1994 between the erstwhile underground HPC and the Mizoram government. The HPC was demanding a separate autonomous district

council under the sixth schedule of the Constitution for the Hmar community concentrated in the north eastern part of the state adjoining Manipur, before the accord was signed.

The HPC (D) was formed after the surrender of the HPC cadres to the authorities, by some leaders who were not satisfied with the terms of the agreement and continued to demand a separate autonomous district council under the Sixth schedule of the Constitution. The outfit, which had revived the demand for autonomy since 1995, had recently agreed to drop the demand paving the way for a solution to the Hmar imbroglio.

SSUM wishes people on Christmas

IT News
Imphal, Dec 24: Students' body Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) wished the people of the region on the coming of the Christmas. Christmas is the biggest festival for Christian people and with the coming of the festival all people of the region irrespective of their religion unite and celebrate together the joy of Christmas, the SSUM statement said.