

Editorial

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Anti Corruption cell; a good move But nobody is a fool, introduce Lok Ayukta

Nongthombam Biren Singh led government decision to establish an Anti Corruption Cell is perhaps an appreciative move which showed his government interest to wiping out the corruption. The motive of the new government is worth praising, but one thing skeptical to the public is on the modus operandi of this so called anti corruption cell. The new cell to check corruption is rather like an imitation famous Bollywood movie "Nayak" at which Superstar Anil Kapoor play a role of Chief Minister for one day. If the Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren and his colleagues are no lesser than the God, then perhaps the so called anti corruption cell could work.

Another thing which is more concern is that, this so called anti corruption cell will be no difference from the toothless tiger as there are no laws for taking up appropriate action if in case the legislators and higher bureaucrats who are influential to Ministers or any political party, as it will be rather a one man decision. After all the Nongthombam Biren led government is a coalition government.

The matter is being brought to the notice so as make the legislators, particularly to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh aware that there is a legislation to check corruption in the country popularly known as 'Lok Ayukta' 'Lok Pal'.

It is a known fact that The Lok Ayukta is an anti-corruption authority ombudsman (an ombudsman is an official, appointed by the government or by parliament to represent the interests of the public). It deals with abuse of administrative discretion, misuse of power, mal-administrative, inefficiency, administrative corruption, nepotism, discourtesy etc. Any citizen can make his/her complaints of corruption directly to the Lok Ayukta against any government official or elected representative. The Lok Ayukta investigates allegations of corruption and mal-administration against public servants and is tasked with speedy redressal of public grievances. The Lok Ayukta is usually a former High Court Chief Justice or former Supreme Court judge and has a fixed tenure.

The vision document of the BJP produced before the election had clearly mentioned about eradicating corruption from the soil of the state. And opening a cell for checking corruption instead of making a move to introduce lok ayukta seems like an act to just show that the BJP has taken up measures to fulfill its promises. But it would be wrong to consider all the people of the state as fools if not all as everyone is aware of the anti corruption bill which the state government has not introduce till today.

To recall on the move to introduce the Lok Ayukta as per directives of the central government the Manipur Legislative Assembly passed the 'Manipur Lok Ayukta Bill, 2014', it received the assent of the President of India on 23rd October 2014 and it became an Act - 'Lok Ayukta Act, 2014'.

The Manipur Lok Ayukta should consist of a Chairman and two members of whom one should be a Judicial Member. They have to be appointed by the Governor on the recommendations of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee consists of 1) the Chief Minister, 2) the Speaker, 3) the Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly, 4) the Chief Justice of High Court or a Judge of the High Court nominated by him and 5) an eminent Jurist recommended by the Chairman and the Members.

But unfortunately the then government killed the legislation for reason best known to them.

Admit Card lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Admit Card issued by Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur of the year 2017, bearing Roll No. 20215 on the way between Thoubal Bazar to Sabal Tongba on March 22, 2017 at around 2 pm.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.
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Thoubal Sabal Tongba
Contact No. 7308430467

Mark Sheet & Certificate lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my original mark sheet and certificate for my class XII passed examination bearing Roll No. 3633257 of 2013 issued by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and also my certificate for Secondary School Examination (2011) passed examination bearing Roll No. 3138223 issued by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on the way between Bishnupur to Yaikul on 25th December, 2016.

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Brahmacharimayum Ankush Sarma

Bank pass book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my pass book for State Bank of India (SBI) bearing account no. 20048148852, on the way between Canchipur to Singjamei on February 28, 2017.

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Towards ENSURING quality Education

By : Ghanshyam Goel

The mechanism of School Education & Literacy is taking several steps to make school education job-oriented and qualitative. The Department is implementing a component of Vocationalisation of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education under Centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) with an aim to prepare educated, employable and competitive youth for various sectors of the economy and global market. It also envisages to fill the gap between educated and employable, reduce the dropout rate at the secondary level and decrease the pressure on academic higher education. The scheme involves introduction of job-oriented vocational subjects in sectors like Retail, Automobile, Agriculture, Telecommunication, Healthcare, Beauty & Wellness, IT-ITES, Electronics, Security, Media & Entertainment, etc. along with the general education subjects from class IX to class XII.

For granting academic equivalence to students of Industrial training Institutes (ITIs) affiliated with National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT), Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), an autonomous organisation of Ministry of Human Resource Development with the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship on 15th July,

2016. The MoU provides a mechanism for grant of Secondary and Senior Secondary certificate to ITI students/passouts who have pursued two years of ITI course, after class 8th and 10th respectively. In order to provide quality education to students at the secondary level, various interventions are funded under RMSA. These include provisions for:

- (i) additional Teachers to improve Pupil Teacher ratio,
- (ii) induction and In-service training for Teachers and Principals including leadership training
- (iii) Maths and Science kits
- (iv) ICT facilities in school,
- (v) Lab equipments
- (vi) Special teaching for learning enhancement.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the State Governments and UT Administrations are supported on several interventions to improve teaching standards, including regular in-service teachers' training, induction training for newly recruited teachers, training of untrained teachers to acquire professional qualifications, additional teachers for improving pupil-teacher ratio, academic support for teachers through block and cluster resource centres, continuous and comprehensive evaluation to equip the teacher to measure pupil performance and provide remedial action wherever required, and teacher and school grants for development of appropriate teaching-learning

materials, etc. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 specifies statutory duties and responsibilities of teachers and lays down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in elementary schools. Under SSA, textbooks are provided to all children in Government/Local Body and Government aided schools, including Madarsas desirous of introducing the State curriculum, within an upper ceiling of Rs. 150/- per child at primary level and Rs. 250/- per child at upper primary level. The SSA norms also provide for 2 Sets of uniforms to children from the deprived community viz. all girls, SC, ST and BPL boys, @ Rs. 400 per head. It also supports States/UTs on early grade reading, writing & Mathematics programmes through a sub-programme namely 'Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat' (PBBB) in classes I and II. Further the Government has launched Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan (RAA) programme on 09.07.2015, inter alia, as a sub-component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and RMSA to motivate and engage children of the age group of 6-18 years in Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building, etc. both through inside and outside classroom activities.

For improving the quality of school education, the School Standards & Evaluation framework, known as 'Shaala Siddhi' has been developed by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), to enable schools to evaluate their performance in a more focused and strategic manner and to facilitate them to make professional judgments for improvement.

In order to improve quality of education, the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) conducts periodic national surveys of learning achievement of children in grade III, V, VIII and X. Four rounds of National Achievement Survey (NAS) have been conducted so far for grade V and three rounds for classes III & VIII. These reveal improvement in learning achievement levels of pupils, in identified subjects from first round to fourth round. From the current year onwards, the Government has decided to conduct annual National Achievement Surveys covering all students from class 1-8 in all Government and Government aided schools. The students learning assessment will be according to the Learning Outcomes developed by NCERT for all subjects covering all classes in the elementary cycle.

Author is Director General (M&C), posted at PIB, New Delhi. The article is based on the inputs received from Mo/ Human Resource Development.

National & International News

India asks US to provide details of 271 illegal immigrants

AN New Delhi, March 25: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday said India has urged the United States to provide details of the cases of 271 illegal immigrants whom Washington wants New Delhi to take back.

"This is an ongoing matter. The U.S. authorities had conveyed to us sometime back that out of certain statistics provided to them

earlier, 271 cases remained to be addressed. However, no details of these cases were provided. We have asked for the same," MEA official spokesperson Gopal Baglay said.

The Trump administration recently informed India that it is targeting for deportation more than 270 Indian nationals living in the United States illegally, the Washington Post reported.

External Affairs Minister Sushma

Swaraj during a question period in Rajya Sabha yesterday said that the Indian Government has asked for further information from Washington before allowing deportations.

There is growing concern in India over treatment of its citizens in the United States after a high-profile shooting of an Indian computer engineer in Olathe, Kan., in February, and other suspected hate crimes.

The revised ban was announced this month and would have banned people from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen from entering the U.S. for 90 days and all refugees for 120 days.

Unlike the previous executive order, the revised one removed Iraq from the list of banned countries, exempted those with green cards and visas, and removed a provision that arguably prioritizes certain religious minorities.

Myanmar rejects UN probe of crimes against Rohingya Muslims

AFP Yangon, March 25: Myanmar on Saturday rejected the UN rights council's decision to investigate allegations that security officers have murdered, raped and tortured Rohingya Muslims, saying the probe would only "inflammate" the conflict.

The Geneva-based body agreed on Friday to "urgently" dispatch a fact-finding mission to the Southeast Asian country, focusing on claims that police and soldiers have carried out violations against the Rohingya in Rakhine state. The army crackdown, launched in October after militants killed nine

policemen, has sent tens of thousands of Rohingya fleeing across the border to Bangladesh. Escapees have given UN investigators gruesome accounts of security officers stabbing babies to death, burning people alive and committing widespread gang rape.

The allegations have heaped enormous pressure on Myanmar's one-year-old civilian government, which has vigorously swatted back calls for an international investigation. Myanmar's foreign affairs ministry on Saturday stopped short of saying it would block the UN-

backed probe but said it "has dissociated itself from the resolution as a whole". "The establishment of an international fact-finding mission would do more to inflame, rather than resolve the issues at this time," it added.

Myanmar is carrying out its own domestic inquiry into possible crimes in Rakhine. But rights groups and the UN have dismissed the body, which is led by retired general turned Vice President Myint Swe, as toothless. The recent crackdown is only the

latest conflict to beleagueer the stateless Rohingya, who are denied citizenship and face brutal discrimination in the Buddhist-majority country.

More than 120,000 Rohingya have languished in grim displacement camps ever since bouts of religious violence between Muslims and Buddhists ripped through Rakhine state in 2012.

Most are not allowed to leave the squalid encampments, where they live in piecemeal shelters with little access to food, education and healthcare.

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CBI files supplementary charge sheet in coal scam case against Naveen Jindal

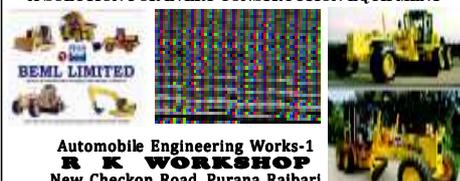
New Delhi, Mar 25: CBI has filed a supplementary charge sheet naming five more persons as accused in a coal scam case against Congress leader and industrialist Naveen Jindal and others. Special CBI Judge Bharat Parashar yesterday took cognizance of the final report and summoned all the new accused named in it on the 10th of next month. In its final report, the probe agency has named as accused Jindal Steel's adviser Anand Goel, Gurgaon-based Green Infra's Vice-President Siddharth Madra, Mumbai's Essar Power Limited Executive Vice-Chairman Sushil Kumar Maroo among others. The court had earlier directed the agency to expeditiously file its further probe report as sufficient time has already been granted to it. The case also involved ex-Minister

of State for Coal Dasari Narayan Rao and ex-Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda as accused.

Over 100 Policemen Suspended In Uttar Pradesh Since Yogi Adityanath Took Charge

LUCKNOW, March 24: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath means business when he says restoring law and order in the state is his top priority. Over 100 policemen have been suspended by state police, as per a PTI report, since Adityanath took charge as Chief Minister. Most of these suspensions are said to have taken place in Ghaziabad, Meerut and Noida, while seven inspectors from Lucknow have met with the same fate.

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