

No action taken up on re-engaged officials; AE continues to hold office in MI after superannuation

IT News
Imphal, May 16: Cabinet decision of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led Government to discontinue re-engagement of retired Government employees in different departments, with the exception of some technical posts turn out to be another joke as no action is being initiated to any of the re-engaged officials. The cabinet decision was adopted on April 3 and as of today there are no official reports of any re-engaged staffs being removed from their post. The decision was taken considering opposition from different sections including Government employee associations on the ground that re-engagement of retired officials blocks promotion line of deserving junior officials. This was stated by

the state government spokesperson Th. Bishwajit while replying to media query on April 3 evening. On Imphal Times special investigation to find out the credential of the new government on their promises, it has been found out that various officers who were re-engaged after their superannuation are found occupying the office and government is still yet to initiate any action against them. Among those officials re-engaged, one Assistant Engineer of the Minor Irrigation Department, Govt. of Manipur who has been assigned as in-charge Executive Engineer of the Minor Irrigation Department Division No. IV, who was supposed to retire from service on February 28, 2017 after attaining superannuation still

continue to hold the office till today and as per document available with the Imphal Times the said person will continue to hold the office till February 28, 2018. As per document with the Imphal Times, three Assistant Engineers of the Minor Irrigation Department L. Sharatchandra Singh, Kh. Jotin Singh and A. Hemochandra Singh were officially retired from their services on February 28, 2017, on attainment of Superannuation. Principal Secretary of Minor Irrigation department of the Government of Manipur issued an ordered regarding the matter. Source, with the Imphal Times further said that before the issuance of the order for retirement of the 3 officers, the Chief Engineer of the Minor Irrigation Department L.G.

Singh requested the Principal Secretary to extend the service of K. Jotin Singh on the ground that there are no qualified officers to replace him. In consideration to the request made by the Chief Engineer MI Department, Deputy Secretary, Minor Irrigation, Government of Manipur extended the service of K. Jotin for a period of 1 year, in an order dated December 22, 2016. (from 1/32017 to 8/2/2018) With the strength of this order, K Jotin still continue to hold the office as in-charge Executive Engineer depriving the rights of other junior officers in their promotion line. Imphal Times is revealing this one particular case and is preparing to expose more depending upon the action of the government.

Sovakiran ousted from MPP for misusing party fund

IT News
Imphal, May 16: President of Manipur People's Party Nongmeikapam Sovakiran has been ousted from his post and his party membership terminated today on charges of misuse of funds and administrative power. According to reliable sources, Sovakiran also tried to secretly postpone the central committee meeting of the party scheduled to be held today. The decision to oust him was

passed unanimously by the central committee. Earlier, the members of the central committee of the oldest regional party of Manipur were greeted with a shock when they arrived at the office to attend the meeting as they found a notice pasted at the gate notifying the cancellation of the meeting. However, disregarding the president's notice, the committee members went ahead with the meeting where

his reprehensible actions were discussed. Thereafter, Sovakiran was dragged from his office and forced to participate in the meeting. The committee charged him of misusing Rs 50 lakhs meant to be utilized during the state Assembly elections. He was further accused of not casting his own vote. The central committee resolved against allocation of the funds misused during the elections.

Ministers, officials, tourists and locals braves torrential rains; celebrates Shirui Festival

IT News
Imphal, May 16: Despite heavy rains and chill breeze, people from across the state including the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh and his Ministerial team today inaugurated the much awaited fan fare celebration of the Shirui Festival. Reporters who went for coverage of the inaugural

function braves the rains and the chilly winds capturing every event using tarpaulins. Minutes before the inaugural function, festival organizers were worried of the torrential rains, but as more and more people brave the rains to enjoy the inaugural function, festive atmosphere returns to the face of each people gathering at the Vangayan

Ground of Shirui Village. Many tourists today throng in at Ukhrul town to enjoy the festival. Some rides bicycles, some travel all the way from Imphal and Senapati in their respective vehicles today morning to join the festival. Chief Minister N Biren was thrilled to see youngster riding bicycles in group all the way to Ukhrul to take part the festival.

Director of IGNOU, Arunachal found dead inside hotel room

IT News
Imphal, May 16: Director of IGNOU, Arunachal Pradesh, Dr Joseph Kuba Daniel was found dead in his room at Tampha Hotel here last night. The cause of death has not been established and the body was taken for post mortem. Dr Joseph is from Maram in Senapati district and is around 50 years of age. He was reportedly on a vacation and intended to utilize the time to visit friends. He had returned from Churachandpur via Moirang after meeting former JNU colleagues there and rented a room at the hotel, according to sources.

IT News
Imphal, May 16: A member of the special investigation team that had probed the BT Road firing incident of July 27, 2009 has testified in his disposition that none of the staff of Tehelka including editor Tarun Tejpal and correspondent Teresa Rehman provided any detailed information regarding the photographs of police personnel escorting Sanjit into a shop among others which were published by the magazine in its August 8 and August 15 issues of the same year. In his disposition submitted today before the, inspector Konjengbam

Chandrasekhar of Moirang Patlou Leikai stated that he accompanied IGP Clay Khonsai who was then the SP of Bishnupur to Delhi to record the statements of Tejpal and chief executive officer of the magazine Shoma Chowdhuri in connection with case. Chandrasekhar said he recorded the statements of the two persons and then worked in tandem with IGP Khongsai in putting up the questions. He stated that he interviewed correspondent Teresa Rehman too in Guahati but maintained that none of three gave any details about the photographs.

Chandrasekhar was one of the SIT team originally handed over task of investigating into the incident. The team was led by additional SP, S Chaoba, and co-opted inspector Babuyaima. The CBI took over the case from the SIT later. The recording of the interviews were handed over to the CBI at the time of transferring of the case, he informed.

Tahelka cautious about revealing details of photographs: SIT cop

Suspicious death of cop at police station

IT News
Imphal, May 16: A personnel of Manipur Police was found dead in his bed at Chalwa police station in IT Road in Kangpokpi district today. Sources identified the personnel as Letginlen Hanging alias Lelen from Taphou village. The body was taken for post mortem examination.

IED attack at UNLF den in Tamu

IT News
Imphal, May 16: Two IED exploded inside a house in Tamu ward no 9, about four kilometers from Moreh, in the wee hours today. Fortunately, nobody was injured in the

blasts that took place at 1.30 in the morning. The owner of the house was not staying there at the time of the incident and it was used by cadres of the UNLF as their hideouts for some time. Details are awaited.

Foundation stone for nursing college at Ukhrul

IT News
Imphal, May 16: Secy. NEC Ram Muivah, IAS today laid the foundation stone for construction of School of Nursing (GNM) with Hostel at Leishiphung Christian

Hospital, Meisailung Phungrei Ukhrul today morning. The foundation stone laying function was attended by MH Khan, IAS, Principal Secy. MOBC, Dr. Karam Lokendro,

Director Health Services &HMS and Dr. Luthuk Zimik, MD (USA), founder president LCH (Ukhrul) as dignitaries. The Nursing college is funded by North Eastern Council (NEC) Shillong.

First Gastrointestinal Bleeding Embolisation in Manipur by Shija Hospitals

Imphal, May 16: A landmark breakthrough in the history of medical science of Manipur was achieved when an acutely severe bleeding from the gastrointestinal tract was treated by using a non-operative procedure, known as gastrointestinal bleeding embolisation. This ultra modern pioneering treatment was performed successfully for the first time in Manipur by Dr. Thangjam Gautam Singh, Consultant Interventional Radiologist in two patients when conventional treatment was

not possible. Due to excessive bleeding, both the patients were not fit for endoscopic as well as open surgeries, as their hemoglobin levels were below normal levels. The bleeding arteries in both the patients were embolised (occluded or blocked) under the guidance of a DSA Cathlab machine without open surgery. The patients were fully conscious and oriented during the procedure as it was done using a pin hole entry into the artery under local anaesthesia. Subsequently conditions of both the patients improved

without any complication (normal haemoglobin) and were discharged after few days. Interventional radiology is an independent speciality of radiology utilizing minimally invasive image guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every organ system without open surgery. This life saving procedure has the advantages of faster recovery, immediate cessation of the bleeding, painless, no scars and can be done on high risk patients on whom open surgery is not feasible.

CBI raids premises of P Chidambaram and son Karti over Indrani-Peter Mukerjea firm

TNN
New Delhi, May 16: Former finance minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram and his son Karti Chidambaram were on Tuesday raided by Central Bureau of Investigation after the agency registered a case against Karti, Peter Mukerjea and Indrani Mukerjea, two private companies and unknown officials of ministry of finance for alleged corruption and criminal conspiracy for FDI approval (Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) approval) for INX Media Pvt Ltd. The agency teams swooped in at the residence of P Chidambaram and Karti Chidambaram in Chennai, and office and residences of other named accused persons in Delhi, Mumbai and Gurugram. CBI has booked Karti Chidambaram, INX Media (P) Limited and its former Director Indrani Mukerjea, INX News (P) Limited and its former Director Peter Mukerjea (the couple accused in Sheena Bora murder case as well), M/s Chess Management Services (P) Limited, a company owned by Karti Chidambaram. M/s Advantage Strategic Consulting (P) Limited and its Director Padma Vishwanathan and unknown officials of ministry of finance for alleged "criminal conspiracy",

cheating and prevention of corruption act. CBI has alleged that recommendation for FIPB proposal of INX Media was approved" by P Chidambaram, who was finance minister at that time. The agency also says that INX Media, in order to wriggle out the situation without any punitive action by the FIPB, entered into a criminal conspiracy with Karti Chidambaram, son of former finance minister P Chidambaram, and promoter of Chess Management so as to get the issues amicably resolved by influencing the public servants of the FIPB unit of the ministry of finance "by virtue of his relationship with the then finance minister (P Chidambaram)". Sources say that even though P Chidambaram has not been named in the FIR and only unknown officials of finance ministry have been mentioned, the senior Congress leader, who served as finance minister during the UPA regime, is "very much under the CBI scanner". The agency has received an information that M/s INX Media P Limited, incorporated on August 8, 2006, was having its registered office at Phoenix Mills compound, approached the Chairman of FIPB, which comes under the Department of Economic Affairs of ministry of

finance seeking approval of the FIPB for permission to issue by way of a preferential allotment, in one or more tranches - a) up to 1498995 equity shares of Rs 10 each and b) up to 3122605 convertible, non-cumulative, redeemable preference shares of Rs 10 each collectively representing approximately 46.215 percent of the issued Equity Share Capital of INX Media P Ltd on an as converted" basis to three non-resident investors under the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) route. The foreign investors named by INX were Duneam Investment (Mauritius) Pte Ltd, NSR PE Mauritius LLC and New Vernon Pvt Equity Ltd. INX Media sought this approval for engaging in the business of creating, operating, managing and broadcasting of bouquet of television channels including Hindi entertainment channel, multiple vernacular entertainment channels. In its application, CBI says, it sought permission for issuing the shares at its face value of Rs 10 each and its intention, subject to provisions of applicable laws, to make a downstream financial investment to the extent of 26% of the issued and outstanding equity share capital of M/s INX News P Ltd. The company's application was received and

acknowledged by FIPB unit through its letter dated March 15, 2007. The comments of various departments was sought on the same. CBI says that the FIPB unit, while sending the brief of proposal, which was to be put to the FIPB for its meeting scheduled on May 18, 2007 had clearly mentioned the inflow of FDI to the extent of Rs 4.62,16,000 (Rs 4.62 crore) taking the proposed issue at its face value. The FIPB unit also clearly stated that for downstream investment in INX News, a separate FIPB approval will be required. In its meeting, FIPB recommended the proposal of INX Media for consideration and approval of the finance minister (P Chidambaram at that time). However, in the meeting, the board didn't approve the downstream investment by INX Media in INX News. Accordingly the recommendations were approved by the then finance minister, says CBI. CBI says it was further disclosed that in the press release dated May 30, 2007, issued by FIPB unit indicating the details of proposals approved in the FIPB meeting the quantum of FDI/NRI inflow against INX Media was shown as Rs 4.62 crores.

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