

MPSC Row: Supreme Court orders to examine answer scripts of all candidates

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As per the petitions file by the Groups of Aspirant Candidates of MPSC (Main) Exam 2016, the Supreme Court of India in its order dated 12/04/2018 has held that the answer scripts of all the candidates who participated in the MPSC (Main) Examination be examined by the enquiry committee.

Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club,

CM's Secretariat bids farewell to Vineet Joshi

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Chief Minister's Secretariat organised a farewell programme in honour of Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Principal Secretary (Planning, Finance, Education-S), Vineet Joshi today.

Joshi has been appointed as the Director General of the National Testing Agency recently. The agency has been instituted by the Central Government to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational institutions of the country.

A 1992-batch IAS officer of the Manipur cadre, Shri Joshi has been appointed to the post for five years. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhanlian, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Principal Secretary (Tourism) PK Singh, Media Advisor to Chief Minister Irengbam Arun, Secretary to Chief Minister N. Ashok Kumar and all ranks of different sections of the Chief Minister's Secretariat took part in the farewell programme held at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat. Speaking at the programme, N. Biren Singh lauded Joshi as a dedicated, hardworking and bright officer whose absence would leave a void in the State's administrative set-up. He however expressed hope that Joshi would always keep in touch with the State Government to share his opinion and suggestion from time to time.

Later, the Chief Minister also presented gifts to the senior IAS officer and wished him for a bright professional career.

Keisam Kishan, Co-convenor Group of Aspirant Candidates said that the candidates who participated in the examination filed a petition in the High Court of Manipur after getting photocopies of their answer scripts and finding several irregularities in the conduct of the examination.

After observing prima facie evidence, High Court of Manipur constituted an enquiry committee on November 21, 2017 to look into the answer scripts in the face of several irregularities alleged by the petitioners, he added. Kishan also said that a few successful candidates filed a special leave petition in the Supreme Court of India during the process of enquiry challenging the directive of High Court and further appeal to restrict the scope of the enquiry to the petitioners, 44 candidates, who had approached the High Court. Whereas the Supreme Court issued an ex-parte interim order

on January 11, 2018 with observation that the enquiry be limited to the 44 petitioners where the petitioners with the objective for fairer and complete justice approached the Supreme Court challenging the special leave petition with the prayer to ensure the enquiry be conducted as directed by the High Court, he added. Kishan further said that during the course of hearing, Supreme Court had observed that there has been quite a few irregularities, after going through the report submitted by the enquiry committee of the 44 petitioners.

After considering the matter on April 12, 2018, the special leave petition has been disposed of as per the direction of the High Court order dated November 21, 2017.

The enquiry committee is now instructed by the Supreme Court to enquire the answer scripts of all the 1068

candidates who appeared the examination and order to complete the task within six weeks and settled the matter at the earliest by the High Court, he added.

Kishan mention that the petitioners have challenged the said examination with the hope to quash the whole examination and further to fix accountability to those who are responsible for the inflicting illegalities and irregularities in the conduct of examination to punish those responsible persons as per the provision of law.

"We won't approach to the government anymore, they are not only dumb but also blind to see the facts and truth", Kishan said.

Until the exam is quash and criminal proceeding is put upon those responsible persons, the petitions will fight for their rights even if they have to approach supreme court, Kishan asserts.

Rights group decries interference to police investigation on 'Thanga gang rape' case

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) condemned politician interference to the proceeding of the investigation Thanga gang rape case.

A statement of the Human Rights group said that one political influential person from Thanga has been interfering the case by giving pressure to Special Investigation Team (SIT), Bishnupur police and members of Juvenile Justice Board, Bishnupur against the arrest of any of his relatives. The person taking advantage of being close with the ruling BJP even threaten to transfer suspend police personnel if they arrest any of his relatives, the statement added.

Special Investigation Team (SIT), Bishnupur police and

members of Juvenile Justice Board, Bishnupur are investigating over the Thanga Gang Rape case at which a minor girl was kidnapped by four persons and rape on February 13 this year.

The statement said that one among the four culprit who is yet to be arrested and the vehicle used in kidnapping the minor girl happened to be the brother-in-law of the politically influential person from Thanga. The victim minor girl had already identified the culprit before the SIT and the Bishnupur Police.

The Human Rights group appealed the SIT, Bishnupur Police and JJB, Bishnupur to act accordingly in the best interest of the public at this point of aggressive sentimental uproar of the people across the state demanding for a Manipur State Anti Rape Law due to

increase in cases of rape and other form of crime against women and children.

"We expect that the JJB Bishnupur will come out with a positive response or landmark Judgement on the next sitting of the board in the best interest of the public", the statement said.

Three accused have been arrested in connection with this particular gang rape case are seeking for bail on the ground of education.

YFPHR, had submitted a complaint to the DGP of Manipur to arrest the person influencing the investigation and threatening the police of transferring and suspending them. Also have written to the JJB, Bishnupur to transfer the matter to the adult court as the two among the three are eligible for trial at an adult court, the statement added.

Deputy Chief Minister inaugurates National Mathematics Day celebration

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Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh today inaugurated National Mathematics Day Celebration 2017 at Indoor Stadium of Oriental College at Takyel in Imphal. The four days programme will focus on mathematics model competition, mathematics quiz, mathematics puzzle and hands on science.

Addressing the inaugural function, Deputy Chief Minister said, although mathematics is supposed to be a tough subject by the students, it will become easier if thinking process continues in solving problems. Pure mathematics is an essential component in applied mathematics because in most of the technical and other disciplines of science, applied mathematics is required. He said, basic concepts in four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division should be taught clearly to the students as it is the base through which all applied mathematics will be operated.

Asking teachers to arouse the interest of students in learning mathematics, Joykumar Singh



further said that students in the valley have become interested in mathematics but it has to be improved in the hills. He said, improving science and mathematics education among the students will definitely help them to develop innovative ideas and it will be an asset in the development of technologies in the state. It will also enhance competitiveness among students.

Director of Manipur Science and Technology Council (MASTEC) Th. Surendranath Singh said, the Council has been trying to popularise science and

mathematics to the students in the state. Highlighting ongoing and upcoming programmes on science popularisation he said, "SCI Connect 2018" - a programme under Vignyan Prasara, New Delhi is being opened for students in class VIII and IX. This programme is exclusively for students in North East and therefore students in the category can apply through the website of the Council. Beside this, Science Meet and Science Exhibition are also in the pipeline, he added.

Director (Science & Technology) E. Ibocha Singh also spoke on the importance

of science and mathematics popularisation among students in the state. He said, Science Planetarium has been opened at Manipur Science Centre at Takyel in Imphal and it will be helpful to students to make aware about solar system easily. Principal of Oriental College Dr. S. Ranjit Singh also spoke on the occasion. Different mathematics models are being displayed by students from across the state in the four days celebration which are jointly organised by MASTEC and Department of Mathematics, Oriental College (Autonomous), Imphal.

3 Students' bodies staged silent protest rally against the appointment of non-native IAS as CS

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Three students' bodies of the state – the All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM), Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) and Apunba Ireipak Maheirai

Singlup (AIMS) today staged a protest rally against the ignorant of the state government in appointing the senior most native officer to the post of Chief Secretary.

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however the state government appointed a junior IAS officer as Chief Secretary.

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at around 11.30 am. The students then march till THAU ground along the North AOC and Khuyathong. A meeting was later held at THAU Ground Thangmeiband. This is perhaps the first rally that students' group from Hill and Valley join hand for a common protest.

AMSU Observes 38th Realization Day; tribute paid to Martyred Students

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As done every year, All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) today observe 38th Realization Day "Mikap Thokpa Nunit" at Pishum Chingamacha, Hao Ground, Singjamet.

Paying floral tributes to the two student martyrs who were killed by police during the "Go Back Foreigner" movement of April 17, 1980, the event was attended by various civil society groups, community

leaders and students.

The government needs to study the agreement signed for the foreign act which was revoke on November 18, 1950 in-order to implement the inner line permit system which can be agreed by both hills and valley, Manjit Sarangthem

A mass procession was taken out by the participants from the hillock of Pishum Chingamacha.

Later, a public meeting at Multipurpose Hall of Manipur College was also held.

ECI issues notification for Karnataka Assembly elections

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Notification for Karnataka state assembly election was issued today by the Election Commission for the Assembly election to be held on May 12th. This has cleared the way for the filing of the nominations by the candidates.

The last day to file nominations is April 24th. Scrutiny of the nominations will be held next day and the last day to withdraw the nomination is April 27. BJP has announced the names of 154 candidates and Congress has declared the names of 218 candidates while JD(S) has already announced its 126 candidates for the forthcoming assembly election.

The election will be held for 224 Assembly constituencies and counting will be done on

May 15th.

After notification by the Election Commission, parties are issuing B forms to their candidates. The filing of nominations may start from tomorrow.

The interesting contest is seen in Varuna assembly constituency where BJP Chief Minister candidate Yeddyurappa's son Vijendra is likely to be pitted against present Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra from Congress. BJP is yet to announce their candidate from Varuna.

Siddaramaiah who was elected MLA twice from Varuna has moved to Chamundeshwari, where he is running against GT Deve Gowda of the JD(S) who won the last election from here. The CM has already won from Chamundeshwari five times earlier.