

Financial irregularity in revenue collection of parking fees by IMC reflected in RTI queries

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A total of Rs. 70,05,230/- which is supposed to be collected as revenue for the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) seems to be misappropriated by authority of the IMC. The misappropriation of the huge amount of public money came to notice after the IMC authority provided information regarding the revenue collected from the vehicle parking fee from 18 authorized agents. The information was provided as reply to information sought by one Khumanthem Dhanachandra Singh of Naoremthong through RTI

Act.

As per the information total revenue collected from the 18 agents approved for vehicle parking fees for the year 2016, 2017, and till June 12 of 2018 is Rs. 19,21,700/-. As per the information provided by the Assistant Municipal Commissioner (Revenue), a total of Rs. 15,800/- has been collected per day from the 18 authorised agents. However, the IMC could collect only for 180 days from all the agent. In 2017 the IMC collected the revenue for 272 days and for the year 2018, from January till June 12 the revenue collection was for 113 days only. The information also stated that the total revenue collected in 2016-2017 is Rs. 8,90370/- and

for 2017-2018 is Rs. 10,31,400/- . Total revenue comes at 19, 21,770/-. As the IMC has stated that the total amount collected per day from all the 18 authorised agent is Rs. 15,800/-, the total amount that the IMC should have collected was Rs. 28,44,000/-. This is as per calculation from the information of the IMC authority as they had revealed that number of days collected in 2016 was 180. So Rs. 15,800 x 180 days comes Rs. 28,44,000/-. Similarly the IMC stated to have collected revenue from the parking agent was Rs. 272. Then the total amount that the IMC should have collected was Rs.

42,97,600/-. As for the current year 2018, total number of days that parking revenue collected was 113. That means the total amount collected from January to June 12 of 2018 should be Rs. 17,85,400/-. Thus the total revenue collected for the year 2016,2017 and till June 12 of 2018 should be Rs. 89,27,000/-. But the IMC authority stated that the number of amount collected for the said year is Rs. 19,21,770/-. As the number days that parking revenue were collected has been recorded and provided, how come such a large discrepancy. A total of Rs. 70,05,230/- has been misappropriated.

Education Minister inspects earmarked infrastructure development areas of DMU

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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam today inspected the Dhanamajuri College campus, upgraded to Dhanamajuri University (DMU) along with the areas allotted for infrastructure development. The sites assigned for the construction of new library, canteen and academic necessities were inspected by the Ministerial team in accordance to the recommendations of the Government.

The Minister stated that developmental work will begin soon to meet the deadline set under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme. During the construction of the infrastructure, he stressed that focus will also be made to safeguard the already existing structure of the college. He said that all necessary, precautionary and preventive measures will be taken up to avoid disturbance in the academic curriculums. Th. Radheshyam said that library and canteen are two basic needs for the students. Looking into the existing library building, he added that a library for the University will be developed as per the

guidance under the RUSA. He said that the library will be equipped with facilities that would help in meeting the academic and research needs of the students and academicians. He said that canteen is another key area which will be prioritized as cafeterias should maintain hygiene, providing healthy diets to the students.

The Minister highlighted that as per RUSA guidelines a Cluster University must consist of three to five colleges with an exception of two to three colleges in the North East region. However, for Manipur, it was urged to increase the number of cluster colleges from three to five as a special case.

The Manipur Legislative Assembly passed the Dhanamajuri University Bill, 2017 on August 3, 2017. The Minister said that Dhanamajuri University comprises of 5 institutions viz, Dhanamajuri College of Science, Dhanamajuri College of Arts, Dhanamajuri College of Commerce, LMS Law College and GP Women's College, which occupy common, adjoining or neighbouring physical spaces within 10 km range.

Th. Radheshyam said that seat intake of the Manipur University is low in

comparison to the number of students graduating from the colleges of Manipur. He stressed that many financially sound students leave the State to pursue higher education. However many are unable to pursue due to financial restraint and limited seat intake in Manipur University. The introduction of the Dhanamajuri University, he added has come as an option for the students for admission to higher studies besides the Manipur University. This in return will also increase the number of student's enrolment in Master's Degree course in the State, he stated. The Minister stated that the people of Manipur have huge inclination towards education. He said that the credit for Dhanamajuri University is due to the commitment and dedication of every stakeholder of the higher education especially the faculties of the five colleges. He added that from the efforts and guidance of the present Government the education sector in Manipur is now moving towards a positive direction. He also appealed to all the concern faculties, students and public to render support and treat the properties of the institution as their own belonging.

NAB and Police destroy Marijuana plants

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Combined team of Narcotic Affairs and Border (NAB) Thoubal District Police team today destroyed Marijuana plants at Kairembikhok and burnt it at Kairembikhok Maning paddy field. As per police source that the Marijuana plants were destroyed as a part of the drive against drugs which was launched jointly by Thoubal Police and Nab since the last 5 days. DSP of Thoubal Police K. Dhananjay said that the drive was conducted from house to house and destroyed any plantation found by the team.

One person shot dead; UNLF claims, says he was awarded capital punishment

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A person identified as Soraisam Modhuchandra @ SM Meitei (age about 45) son of S. Dinamani of Thangmeiband Yumnang Leikai, Imphal West was shot dead by unknown persons today morning near the foothill of Cheiraachong in Thangmeiband. Armed rebel group in a press communiqué claimed the killing saying that the person was awarded capital punishment by the group after he absconded and surrendered to the Chief Minister along with arms on June 19, 2017.

Clarifying the punishment awarded to the deceased, the UNLF statement said that there is nothing wrong when revolutionary discharged due to hardship and live a normal

life. Many had left revolutionary organization and live a life of a common man unable to bear the hardship and UNLF has always accepted and considered them as common people. However, if a revolutionary surrendered and started acting against the party and continue committing crimes to malign the image of the revolutionary organization then the party will not tolerate. Modhuchandra was awarded the capital punishment for his anti party activities after surrendering to the government. The deceased surrendered

along with 2 arms of the UNLF and started committing activities against the UNLF and revolutionary movement. Stating that he had many times committed activities against the revolutionary movement by arranging surrender drama but as his anti revolutionary activities intensified in the last few months, the UNLF statement said and added that as the UNLF is left with no choice he was awarded capital punishment.

The UNLF appealed the people and surrendered revolutionary not to continue activities against the revolutionary movement.

NEFIS condemns the arrest of Manipur journalist wangkhem under sedition charges

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today condemned the recent arrest of Manipur journalist, Kishorechandra Wangkhem.

In a statement the NEFIS terms it a draconian measure aimed at suppressing dissent and instilling fear in those opposed to the ruling dispensation. Wangkhem was arrested on November 27 on charges of sedition under the National Security Act (NSA) and sent to jail.

"It should be known that the day before he was granted bail in the case by a CJM court in West Imphal, which had maintained that the remarks were an "expression of opinion against the Prime Minister of India and Chief Minister of Manipur" and couldn't be termed as seditious", the statement said.

NEFIS however said that they did not support the indecent language used by the journalist. NEFIS unequivocally stands by his

right to freedom of expression. The detention order used to arrest Wangkhem which stated that he was arrested 'with a view to prevent him from acting in any matter prejudicial to the security of the state and to the maintenance of the public order', is unsustainable jurisprudentially. The arrest unambiguously laid it down that dissent of whatsoever nature would not be tolerated by the powers that be and it should be seen against the backdrop of incidents of curbing of dissent by the central and state governments across the country.

NEFIS further demands that the arrested journalist be immediately released and sedition charges under NSA against him be dropped. NEFIS also urges each and every journalist to rise to the occasion to defend the right to speech and dissent.

Meanwhile, candle light protest planned by the MSAD at Western Kangle Gate today evening has been foiled after the district authority prohibited such protest.

“Kasa Koso Football Tournament-2018 “concluded



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After exhilarating over 04 days high voltage "Kasa Koso Football Tournament-2018" involving 10 teams of different villages and sports club came to an end today i.e. on 08/12/18. The tournament was kicked off on 05/12/2018 in play ground of Pudunamei village, Mao. 109 BN CRPF is organizing such event with an objective to extend the hands of friendship and to encourage the youth to honour the diversity of our society and to promote game spirit. 109 Bn CRPF sponsored this football tournament under the aegis of Shri. Rajesh Kumar, IPS, IGP, M&N Sector CRPF under

Civic Action Programme 2018 Vinod Kumar, Commandant, 109 BN, CRPF welcomed the chief guest Mr. L. Daikho honorable minister, PHED, Manipur Govt. and other dignitaries, invitees and spectators. This colorful closing ceremony was attended by police/ administrative officials of Mao and huge gathering of people from surrounding villages. On the occasion, Chief Guest Sh. L. Daikho praised the initiative of 109BN CRPF to promote games by organizing such tournament. He also said that this kind of work will accelerate the feeling of indelible brotherhoodship between CRPF and people of Mao. Honorable chief guest felicitated with trophies to the

winner and runners-up teams. He also gave cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 5,000/- respectively to the Winner & Runner-up team. In this tournament sports dresses and Medals were distributed to all the players of winners and runners up teams by 109 Bn CRPF. The Motto of the tournament was to promote harmony among different community and to encourage sportsmanship. In the final match, Song Song youth and student organisation clinched the trophy by defeating Fiishufii (Pudunamei) by 4 - 0. The chairman and villagers of surrounding areas appreciated the excellent work done by CRPF for their community in the remote areas of Manipur.

3 persons arrested with contraband drugs



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Kakching district commando comprising Jem Ksh. Prakash Singh and Insp N. Tikendra, CDO in-charge, led by Addl SP (Ops), N. Netrajit, MPS under the supervision of SP, Victoria Yengkhom, MPS arrested 3 persons from Pallei area at around 4 PM yesterday with contraband items number 4 (Heroin) contained in 10 soap cases and Burmese currency 500 kyats. As per their disclosure, the

contraband items were brought from Moreh to be delivered at Sora. The arrested persons are identified as M. Martha Nengekim Haokip (33), D/O M. Janglet Haokip of Moreh Ward number 9, M Chinneilhang Haokip (31), D/ O.M. Janglet Haokip of Moreh Ward number 9, and Md. Najir (40), S/O Md. Gaffar of Sora Karanchi Leikai. The arrested persons and the heroin number 4 contraband items have been handed over to Kakching PS after registering a case.