

Manipur College still blacklisted by UGC over state authority failures to initiate appropriate action against former in-charge Principal for Financial irregularities

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Imphal, Jan 11: The one time premier college of the state – Manipur College, located at Singjamei Chinga Makhong, has stop receiving any aids from the University Grant Commission (UGC) since 2013, as the college has been black listed after the UGC found financial irregularities by the in-charge principal of that time. Source with the Imphal Times said that request for lifting of the ban by the state authority has been denied by the UGC and the ban continues till today. As per source, a wrongful payment by mistake from the UGC was transacted to the Manipur College account when Dr. Kh Jayantakumar Singh, presently serving as

Associate Professor in the Economics department, Manipur College was in-charge Principal of the college. The source added the wrongful payment was refunded with interest only after conducting an inquiry by the Directorate of University and Higher Education, Govt. of Manipur on the pressure from the UGC. Even as the wrongful payment was refunded, the Standing Committee on Vigilance of UGC decline to lift the blacklisting on the ground that the wrongful payment was refunded only after the UGC directed to do so.

The Deputy Secretary (Hr. & Tech. Education), Govt. of Manipur in a letter to the Joint

Secretary (UGC, (HERO) Guwahati on Nov. 16, 2015, had urged to lift the black listing of the college in the interest of the students as the matter for financial irregularities by the then in charge Principal Dr. Kh Jayantakumar Singh was being underway by both Directorate of University and Higher Education and Administrative Department of Higher Education Govt. of Manipur. The Deputy Secretary also assured appropriate necessary action against the former principal subject to the outcome of the enquiry.

The UGC further denied to lift the ban and denied any assistance to Manipur college as they are not

satisfied on the state government authority in taking up appropriate action against the in-charge principal.

As of now, Directorate of University and Higher Education and Administrative Department of Higher Education Govt. of Manipur have not initiated any initiative to lift the ban on the college by the UGC. The then in charge Principal Dr. Kh Jayantakumar Singh still serves as Associate Professor at the Department of Economics of Manipur College.

Source said that the UGC want the state authority to intimate appropriate action against him failing which the ban will continue.

File procedure in finance department will be shortened: Chief Minister



DIPR

Imphal, Jan 11: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the State Government has taken up necessary measures to make release of funds by the Finance Department simpler and easier. The Chief Minister disclosed it while speaking as the Chief Guest at a Mega Credit Camp organised by Manipur Rural Bank at Sangai Hall of Hotel Imphal today.

N. Biren said that the Government had already issued an office memorandum to shorten file procedures to enable prompt release of funds.

The Chief Minister also asked the authorities of different banks to devise methods of making the procedures of providing funds to the public easier. On the other hand, N. Biren also exhorted the public to develop better relationship with banks by properly utilising the loan amounts and repaying it on time.

During his speech, he also directed the authority of Manipur Rural Bank to study together with the officials of Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) to find out whether there is any feasibility of extending financial assistance to street

vendors of Khwairamband Bazaar so that they may start their own business at their own localities.

Once an extensive survey is made, the street vendors can also be extended assistance through various schemes introduced by the Government under the supervision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, he added.

Informing that the State has more than 7.5 lakh unemployed youths as per the reports gathered from different Employment Exchanges, the Chief Minister said that the present Government is seriously trying to find out a means to provide them employment in a time-bound manner.

As such, the State Budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 will give thrust to self employment through skill development, he said while adding that the Government would also help educated youths to start their own business through StartUp project, for which Rs. 35 crore had been earmarked.

On the other hand, the Chief Minister also expressed concern that there are some groups of individuals who intentionally try to discredit the present Government by uploading fake and fabricated

videos on the social media. Speaking at the occasion as the Guest of Honour, Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar said that it is a matter of delight for the people of Manipur that the present Government had started providing loans to deserving loanees without any hassle under the strict directive of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. It is a clear testimony that the Chief Minister is concerned about the welfare of the people, he opined.

Manipur Rural Bank Chairman Dr. Prasanna Kumar Bal was the president of the function.

The Chief Minister and other dignitaries distributed loans amounting to Rs. 709.54 lakh to 961 persons and SHGs, out of which 626 (Rs. 561 lakhs) were Mudra loans. Manipur Rural Bank was established on May 28, 1981 as a joint undertaking of Government of India, Government of Manipur and United Bank of India by contributing its share capital at the ratio of 50:15:35 under Regional Rural Bank Act, 1976. The bank currently has 22 branches across the State. During the fiscal year 2017-18 up to December 31, 2017, the bank has disbursed 6201 loans amounting to Rs. 3853.51 lakhs.

Myanmarese intrudes at No-Man Land again

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Imphal, Jan 11: For the second time the Myanmarese people tried to intrude at no man land along the Indo-Myanmar border at Moreh. Report said some Myanmarese people came inside the no man land and started fencing the area after getting permission from the Myanmar government authority. However, Moreh Police along with Meitei Council Moreh however, stopped them as the portion of land is no man-land. Mention may be made that on December 30, 2017, the Myanmar authority had started leveling the no-man's land located inbetween Namphalong and Moreh Premngar in Tengnoupal district using JCB vehicle. A team of Indian authority led by the DC Tengnoupal District had intervened and stopped them from continuing the leveling work.

State Tourism dept. clarifies

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Imphal, Jan 11: In connection with media report published on Jan 8, 2018 at some electronic and print media the newly appointed director of Tourism Department Govt. of Manipur today clarified that officers and project staffs who are dealing with different Projects and Schemes were attending a meeting convened by the Principal Secretary (Tourism) at 11 am of the same day at his office chamber to review the progress of projects and schemes.

Alleged extortionist goon nabbed with illegal arms

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Imphal, Jan 11: A team of State Police led by Lamphel Police OC K. Dinesh arrested a person who reportedly extorts money using an illegal arms. The arrested goon is identified as Kaiyenpaibam Sanjit@ Apui (39) s/o Late Kaiyenpaibam Lalmani Singh of Sagolband tera loukrakpam leikai.

Report said the arrested person carried out illegal activities like threatening and extortion, disturbing general public in the adjoining areas of sagolband Tera under lamphel police station. On receiving the information the Lamphel Police OC team rushed to the site and conducted search operation

for the said person at around 9.30 am yesterday morning. Police source said that the person was arrested from his residence at around 10.30 am yesterday. From his possession the police team recovered one 0.32 revolver bearing number FG255 00 loaded with 6 live rounds, 1 double barrel rifle bearing number 7258611, 18 numbers of 0.32 live ammunitions, one M 20 pistol bearing number N010418 loaded with one live round, 1 gun licence bearing number 5018/iw issued in his name, one iPhone 8 plus with Airtel sim and 1 Samsung Galaxy 8 with Vodafone SIM card.

Kaiyenpaibam Sanjit told the police that the weapons he possessed- 0.32 revolver and double barrel rifle were

in respect of his particular gun licence. However he failed to produce any relevant documents in respect of the M20 pistol which clearly indicates that the said weapon is in his or unauthorised position he further admitted that he sometimes knows himself is a police personnel showing off his handguns to others to carry out illegal activities like threatening others.

He was arrested on the spot at around 11.05 a.m. from his house along with the fire arms on the charge of unauthorised possession of firearms.

A case has been registered against him and the handed over to the concern Imphal police station for necessary legal action.

TSA calls 36 hours bandh on January 16

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Imphal, Jan 11: Thadou Students' Association has announced 36 hour bandh on January 16 at Imphal-Moreh, Imphal-Dimapur, Imphal-Jiribam and Imphal-Churachandpur roads.

A statement of the Union said that the 36-hours bandh will start from 6 am of January 16 and continue till 6 pm of January 17 and is being called over the failure of the State government to bring justice in the 5th May 2017 Sugnu double murder case, the brutal murder of Mr Thongkhogin Haokip, an Assistant Teacher at Molnom Junior High School, Tengnoupal district, on February 29, 2016, and the non-introduction of Thadou Kuki (MIL) subjects at Higher Secondary Schools in the valley.

The statement signed by Michael Lamjathang Haokip, Secretary General, Thadou Students' Association said that 21-year-old private school teacher Miss Nengkhokim Haokip alias Cicilia/Shila from Moltinchang village in Chandel district was allegedly gang-raped and brutally murdered and her dead body found near Sugnu. Mr Kaikhohlen Tuboi was also found brutally murdered, it added.

Despite repeated appeals to the authorities concerned for justice, the culprits have not been brought to justice to date. A team of TSA met with the Superintendent of Police, Kakching District, Investigating Officer (SDPO Kakching) of this case and ADGP (L&O) in this regards. TSA has on December 22,

2017 served an ultimatum to the Home department, to bring justice in the case on or before January 10, 2018, but no satisfactory action has been taken up to date.

On the matter for introduction of Thadou-Kuki (MIL) Subjects in the higher secondary schools in the valley, the statement of TSA said that the State government has in 2016 already issued an order for introduction of the same. But, the order still remains a mere piece of paper and it has not been implemented till now. TSA considers this as a deprivation of the rights of the Thadou tribal students to their language.

The student body also threatens further agitation if the government fails to listen to their demand..

AR saves two precious lives

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Imphal, Jan. 11: 29 Assam Rifles of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) yet again served as last resort in remote area of Joupri wherein unit's hospital saved two precious lives on 09 Jan 2018. At around 1900 hours,

one Kunda Gaadi toppled into the nalla near at Joupri village, Chandel District, grievously injuring Mr Gangin Beite, aged 21 years, resident of Thangphai and Mr Anthony Jingthang, aged 29 years resident of HL Chhangangphay, Churachandpur. These

individuals were immediately rushed to the unit hospital. Unit's medical team sensing the urgency, sprung into action and provided life saving treatment to the individuals in crucial initial hours of injury. Unit hospital referred them to Imphal for further treatment.

AR conducts skill development seminar

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Imphal, Jan. 11: A seminar on 'Skill Development' was conducted by 39 Assam Rifles of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) on 09 Jan 2018 at Chakpikarong community hall, Chakpikarong, Chandel District and Sugnu, Kakching District. A team of 06 members under Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna addressed the youth of both the

subdivisions. The seminar started with opening address by Commandant, 39 Assam Rifles and then gathering was addressed by the 06 member team which focused on skill development scheme of Government of India for recognition and standardization of skills. A total of 60 young boys and girls attended the seminar in Chakpikarong and Sugnu respectively. The main aim

behind the event was to provide awareness to the local youth about various employment schemes of government. The seminar was well received by the local youth who showed enthusiasm to know about various programmes under Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna. The gesture by 39 Assam Rifles was appreciated by the local of Chakpikarong and Sugnu divisions.