

## More irregularities on MCSCCE (Main) 2016 exam unfolds Forensic report raised doubts over the genuineness of examiner signature

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**Imphal, Jan 12:** Group of aspirants sent only 5(five) samples (Photocopy of the answer scripts) of the signature of the examiner of essay subject for the MCSCCE (Main) 2016, to the "Truth Labs : Forensic Services" on 1/12/2017 for verifying whether the signatures are of the same examiner. The said report was received on dated 8/01/2018. It can be mentioned that, The Truth Labs: Forensic Services is India's first independent



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forensic science laboratory whose advisory board has former Chief Justice of India, former chairman Law Commission of India, former Vigilance Commissioner etc. The candidates who got their RTI copies of the answer scripts observed that there is a wide variation in the signature of the examiner of the essay paper which according to the MPSC was evaluated by only one expert/examiner. On suspicion of forged signatures by different persons other than the assigned examiner, the candidates pursued on their independent capacity to verify the alleged matter. The forensic report proves the contention of the candidates. The forensic report is of the view that out of the 5(five) signatures that had been examined, only 3(three)

signatures (Q1 [candidate with code 62938], Q2 [candidate with code 93686] & Q5 [candidate with code 50950]) are of the same person while for the remaining 2(two), the report raised serious doubts whether they are of the same person or not. For Q3 [candidate with code 61384], the signature could not be analyzed as the signature shows some discontinuity. And one important finding of a report is that, the signature Q4 [candidate with code 86815] is done slowly and is a defective reproduction. It may be noted that the signatures which are done slowly usually leads to case of forged signature. Upon consulting the experts of the lab regarding whether they could give a definite opinion whether the signature Q4 belonged to a different person

other than the examiner, they told that they can give a definite opinion only when the specimen/original signature of the examiner is provided to them. Moreover, the expert(s) of the lab is/are willing to testify their findings in any court of law if summoned during the course of legal proceedings. It is important to point out here that the Group of Aspirants could afford to send and verify only 5(five) signatures due to financial constraints. We are of the opinion that if appropriate authority directs to conduct a thorough investigation into the said matter, many more cases of such forgery will unearth. Nevertheless, now the onus lies on the MPSC to explain why there was a need to engage other person(s) other than the examiner for evaluation.

## India's top court not in order, democracy at stake:

### SC judges' alarming charge against CJI Dipak Misra

Courtesy Times Now

**New Delhi, Jan 12:** In an extremely unprecedented development, four sitting judges of the Supreme Court, the second senior most judge Justice J Chelameswar along with Justice Ranjan Gogoi, M B Lokur and Kurian Joseph, held a press conference. Addressing the media from his residence at Delhi's Tughlaq Road, Justice Chelameswar stated that they were 'compelled' to address the nation through the media since their repeated requests on a particular matter were not heeded by Chief Justice of India, Dipak Misra.

"With no pleasure, we are compelled take the decision to call a press conference. The administration of the SC is not in order and many things which are less than desirable have happened in last few months," Justice Chelameswar said, beginning his address stating that this was an extraordinary event in the history of this nation and the Judiciary as an institution. "We met the Chief Justice of India with a specific request which unfortunately couldn't convince him that we were right, therefore, we were left with no choice except to communicate it to the nation that please take care of the institution," Justice Chelameswar.

The judges stated that they had jointly submitted a letter raising an issue of an assignment of a case. The matter pertains to the plea seeking an independent probe into the death of special CBI judge B H Loya, who was hearing the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case. Reportedly, a particular bench was to hear the case but then the case was moved to a different bench at the last moment.

When asked if the press conference came after the developments in the hearing of the Justice Loya case, Justice Gogoi said "yes." In a letter addressed to the CJI, the four judges had raised

their objection to a particular issue and how it was being handled by the judiciary. A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices AM Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud had taken note of the submission seeking an urgent hearing on the plea for a probe into Loya's death on December 1, 2014. The plea was filed by Maharashtra-based journalist B R Lone. He submitted that a fair probe was needed into the mysterious death of Loya, who was hearing the sensitive Sohrabuddin encounter case in which various police officers and BJP president Amit Shah were named as parties.

### The contents of the letter:

"It is with great anguish and concern that we thought it proper to highlight certain judicial orders passed by this Court that adversely affected the functioning of justice delivery system & independence of HC's besides impacting the administrative functioning of CJI's office."  
"It is too well settled in the jurisprudence of this country that the Chief Justice is only first amongst the equals - nothing more or nothing less: Supreme Court Judges in letter to Chief Justice of India"  
"There have been instances where case having far-reaching consequences for nation and the institution had been assigned by Chief Justice of this court selectively to benches 'of their preference' without rationale basis. This must be guarded against at all costs"  
"We are not mentioning details only to avoid embarrassing the institution but note that such departures have already damaged the image of this institution to some extent"

## Strong quake hits central Myanmar

Agency

**Imphal, Jan 12:** Five days after a strong quake with magnitude 5.5 shook Manipur and its neighbouring area another strong 6 point magnitude earthquake hit a remote region of central Myanmar early today morning. The US Geological Survey said, the shallow quake struck some 40 kilometres west of the town of Pyu. It was followed by three weaker tremors in the region, of magnitudes 5.3. The USGS said, there is a low likelihood of casualties and damage, but noted that residential structures in the region are typically vulnerable to earthquake shaking.

The epicenter was located in a sparsely populated region between the capital Naypyidaw to the north and commercial hub Yangon to the south.

## Local liquors seized

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**Imphal, Jan 12:** Bishnupur police team today seized around 70 litres of local liquors while checking an auto rickshaw inbetween Bishnupur Chothe and Nachoa area. The registration number of the auto transporting the liquor is MN05-B-4741. The owner of the liquor identified as L. Satrajit Singh of Naochou Maning Leikai was paraded along with the seized liquors.

## Workers' programme concludes

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**Imphal, Jan 12:** 2 day special programme for unorganized workers organized by Youth Welfare Club Patsoi Part-1 concludes yesterday. The closing function was presided by Wahengbam Lily, Member of Patsoi GP. Around 40 unorganized workers attended the 2 days programme.

## Manipur Maoist greets Drivers' Day

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**Imphal, Jan 12:** Rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM) today greets the workers of the region on occasion of the Drivers' Day which falls on January 14. In a statement the rebel group which paying respect to the role of the drivers stated that observing Drivers' Day shows that Communist movement in the state is marching ahead. The party also extended its

gratitude to the publishers of Calendar for inclusion of Drivers' Day. The statement further said that changes have been seen to the state of the farmers and labours of the state. It said that the Maoist has been standing for the poor farmers and the labours at time of suppression. On the issue problem being faced by the driver's community the Maoist said that there was not even a case at which the outfit remain quite when

attack or threats came to drivers' community. The Maoist further added that the authority still fails to deliver PDS items to the poor and needy. It also added that some people are also hijacking the rice issued for mid day meals. It said that the Maoist will not continue to voice against the non-distribution of PDS items instead it will start taking action against those responsible.

## National Women's Boxing Championships: Sarita Devi, Sonia Lather advance to finals

IT News

**Imphal, Jan 12:** Former world champion Shashi Chopra, who edged past Andhra Pradesh's Sonia. Former world silver-medallist Sarjuba Devi (48kg) also entered the

up against reigning youth world champion Shashi Chopra, who edged past Andhra Pradesh's Sonia. Former world silver-medallist Sarjuba Devi (48kg) also entered the

finals, beating RSPB's Meenakshi. However, it was curtains for former junior world champion Nikhat Zareen (48kg), who lost to Haryana-girl Ritu in a split verdict.

## 65 people died of drug abuse in Mizoram in 2017

**Aizawl, Jan 12 (PTI)** At least 65 people, including 12 women, died from substance abuse in Mizoram last year, according to the records of the state Excise and Narcotics department. Of the 65 drug-related deaths last year, 28 people died from heroin overdose while the rest

died due to abuse of other narcotics, the records show. An official of the Excise and Narcotics department said around 6.035 kilogramme of heroin, 13,400 Methamphetamine tablets and 1,59,471 tablets of Pseudo-ephedrine were

seized during raids in 2017. The department also seized 392 kilogramme of ganja (cannabis) and destroyed 4,127 ganja plants. This year, one person has died due to drug abuse in the first week of January, the official said.

The state recorded maximum number of drug-related deaths in 2004 with 143 people succumbing to addiction. The excise and narcotics department records show at least 1,468 people have died from substance abuse in the state since 1984.

## Niti Aayog to provide rankings to 115 aspirational districts

AIR

**New Delhi, Jan 12:** Niti Aayog will provide rankings to the 115 aspirational districts. In its presentation at the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' conference which was held earlier this month, the Aayog said the ranking will be on 10 parameters which will include nutrition, education and health among others. It will also set up a mechanism for real-time monitoring of government's development programmes by April 2018. The government think-tank said it will create a dashboard which will reflect the change in ranking of districts on continuous basis by the end of March this year. In its website NITI Aayog said that government targets to sanction over 12 lakh houses in 115 backward

districts identified for development in 18 months under a housing scheme. Currently, 6.32 lakh houses have been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) for these districts. Last week, while participating at a conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked collectors and officers-in-charge of the 115 aspirational districts to come up with pioneering innovations to achieve visible results for development by April 14, the birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar. Prime Minister had said he would like to personally visit one such well-performing district in April, adding those 115 districts could become the foundation for developing New India.

## "Threat of use of CBRN weapons becoming reality"

AIR

**New Delhi, Jan 12:** Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has said the threat of the use of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear, CBRN weapons is becoming a reality, particularly from the non-state actors. Addressing a workshop on CBRN Technologies organized by Defence Research Development Organisation, DRDO in New Delhi today, Mr Rawat expressed confidence that DRDO's long term perspective plan and integrated perspective plan of the services must envision development of technologies against such CBRN threats. He said, technologies to counter such threats are the need of the hour.

## Holiday for Family Court

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**Imphal, Jan 12:** Family Court, Manipur will remain close on January 22, January 23 and September 26 on account of Saraswati Puja, Netaji Subashchandra Bose's Birthday and Tarpon Houba respectively, as statement of S. Tara Devi, Judge Family Court said.