

## Irregularities in the promotion of Executive Engineer in State Electricity Department

### AE promoted to EE by violating Government Notification

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 19:** State government commitment for good governance is making mockery by some top officials of the State Electricity department, as the authority doesn't bother to follow the government notification in regards to the promotion of Assistant Engineers to Executive Engineers. A source with the Imphal Times said that one Assistant Engineer of the department identified as S. Priyananda, a mechanical engineer has been

included among the 22 AE (electrical) who have been promoted to Executive Engineer. The order for promotion was issued on January 30, 2018 in the name of the Governor of Manipur by Under Secretary power. As per the government notification dated January 8, 2018, Assistant Engineers (Electrical) who have completed 10 years of regular service in the Grades of Section Officer Grade 1(Electrical) and Assistant Engineer (Electrical) taken together out of which at least 3 years regular service in the Grade of Assistant Engineer (Electrical) possessing Degree/AMIE in Electrical Engineer be promoted to Executive Engineer (Electrical) as one time measures.

The government notification also stated that – “the concerned Rules and also standing orders/ instruction bearing upon the subject and which are in force at present shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly as one time relaxation”. This means that the earlier notification of the government dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1986 remain null and void. As per source, of the 22 AE promoted to EE, 21 are electrical engineers while, the gentleman S. Priyananda possessed his degree as BE(Mechanical). Electricity department has been bifurcated as Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) and Manipur State Company Limited (MSPCL). Employees

and staffs from the Electricity department are utilized in the two bifurcated corporation on deputation and the Assistant Engineers are utilized as Managers, the Executive Engineers are utilized as Deputy General Managers. Source further added that, the Mechanical Engineer, which has not been included in the one measures for promotion was recommended by the then Managing Director of MSPCL N. Sarat Singh. Interestingly, Sharat Singh whose superannuation has been over on February 28, 2018 has been re-engaged on contract basis as MD in contrast to the state government commitment for termination of re-engaged retired government employees.

## Chief Minister launches six months free remedial coaching

**Imphal, March 19:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that there is nothing impossible to achieve if one puts in effort with a firm determination. He was speaking at the launch of a six-month free remedial coaching programme under Chief Minister's Lairik Yengminnasi Programme 2017-18 at the Durbar Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The scheme is implemented by Manipur Minorities and OBC Economic Development Society (MOBEDS) under the Department for Welfare of Minorities, OBCs and Scheduled Castes (MOBC & SC). The Chief Minister said that the remedial coaching was conducted with an objective to provide tuition facility to the students belonging to minority, OBC and SC communities. Stating that the present Government had already taken up many social security schemes for the needy and poor people, N. Biren said that the coaching programme was also part of one such scheme which would benefit the

students belonging to less privileged sections of the society. He said that youths are aptly known as the future pillars of the society, and it is the teachers who guide these future pillars to success. Informing that 83 Government teachers and 71 private sector teachers had been engaged for the said coaching programme, the Chief Minister stated that Rs. 74 lakh has been earmarked for this particular scheme, he added. Government teachers for Classes VI-X students would be given a monthly remuneration of Rs. 5000 per month while Government teachers for Classes XI-XII would get Rs. 6000 per month, he added. On the other hand, private sector teachers for Classes VI-X would be given a monthly remuneration of Rs. 8000 per month while Government teachers for Classes XI-XII would get Rs. 10,000 per month, the Chief Minister said. Principal Secretary (MOBC and SC) P.K. Singh, Director (MOBC and SC) Kh. Dineshchandra Singh and

other high ranking officials of the department were also present at the occasion. The programme aims at achieving quality education by all students regardless of poor or rich. Infrastructure of the Government schools will be utilised in running the coaching programme. Coaching will be conducted from 6 am to 8:30 am in three subjects i.e. Science, Maths and English. The classes that will be covered under this scheme are: Category A (Class VI to X) and Category B (Class XI and XII Science). Coaching for Category A will be conducted at Srivan High School, Luwangshangbam, Lilong Higher Secondary Madrasa, Lilong, Irong High Madrasa, Irong Chesaba, Kwakta High School, Kwakta Lamkhai, Bengoon Higher Secondary School, Mayang Imphal, Heingang High School, Heingang, Sangaiyupham High School, Sangaiyupham, Lalpani Government High School, Lalpani, Jiribam, Ahmedabad High School, Jiribam, Minuthong Faiza High School, Hafiz Hatta, Poiroukhongjin High School, Yairipok, Haoreibi Makha Leikai, Lilong, Kiyamegi High Madrasa, Kiyamegi, Phubala High School, Phubala, Andro High School, Andro and Azad Higher Secondary School, Yairipok. Coaching for Category B will be conducted at Bengoon Higher Secondary School, Mayang Imphal, Lilong Higher Secondary School, Lilong, Sangaiyupham High School, Sangaiyupham, Kiyamegi High Madrasa, Kiyamegi, Moirang Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Moirang, N. Tomchou Higher Secondary School, Mayang Imphal and Pravatibi College (Secondary Section), Mayang Imphal.

## Blood Donation

**Thoubal, March 19:** Association of Voluntary Blood Donor's Manipur, Thoubal district branch and People Welfare Organisation, Thoubal Wangmataba in collaboration with Blood Bank and Transfusion Unit District Hospital Thoubal a one day Voluntary blood donation awareness campaign cum donation camp at People Welfare Organisation (PWO) Thoubal Wangmataba Mayai Leikai today. The Programme was Sponsored by District Health Society Thoubal. The camp was organised with the theme "Gift Blood Save Life". Ch. Basanta DPM National Health Mission Thoubal; Ak.Sanatomba Vice-Chairperson TMC Thoubal; Dr L. Dorendro Singh, MO in charge of Blood Bank Transfusion Unit District Hospital and Association for Voluntary Blood Donor Thoubal Branch Nabakumar attended the event as dignitaries. A total of 25 people including one woman donated blood during the programme.

## Children's Science Congress concludes

**Imphal, March 19:** Children's Science Congress on the theme "Reaching the Unreached Through Science and Technology" concludes today at the Academic building, MIT, MU. Children's science congress was inaugurated on Saturday, March 17 by the Governor of Nagaland. Prof. Aday Prasad Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University, Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh, Organising Secretary, 105<sup>th</sup> ISC, MU, Prof. P.P.Mathur, General Secretary (Scientific Activities) ISCA, Arun K Pandey, Asst. Executive Secretary, ISCA and Prof. Ranjit Kumar Verma, Treasurer, ISCA graced the function as the president members of the occasion. In his key note address, Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University said the young students are the future scientists of the country. Stating he pays more emphasis of the importance of



the Children's Science Congress, VC said that it is an important event to realise how sharp the minds of young children. We should provide opportunities for them in whatever possible way we, said Pandey since they will contribute more for a better India. He also lauded the organising committee for organising the programme in such a grand way and efficient manner. Prizes and certificate were distributed to the participants of the Indian Science Congress Model Exhibition competition. Winners of the

poster painting competition and NSCTC Project Presenters were also awarded. Cash prizes of rupees 5000,3000 and 2000 along with certificates were distributed to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position holders of the Local Model Exhibition Competition respectively. Consolation prize of rupees 1000 each with certificates and kits were awarded to the rest of the participants as an encouragement. The function concludes with Vote of thanks was proposed by Arun K. Pandey, Executive Secretary, ISCA.

## All India Mahaveer Award for Imphal-based Rural Health Organization

**Imphal, March 19:** Rural Health Organisation (RHO), Naoremthong Laishram Leirak Urupok, Imphal West, Manipur has been chosen for 21st All India Mahaveer Awards under 'Community & Social Service' category. RHO's welfare services, especially in the remote hilly

areas of Manipur, have largely benefitted the tribal poor, SC & ST populations. Through awareness programme focussing on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS, it has counselled 3800 addicts, treated over 2300 addicts and created awareness among 10200 highly vulnerable groups.

## SEACO thanks people

**IT News**

**Imphal, March 19:** As the state celebrated Cheiraoba, yesterday, one of the biggest festivals of the Meitei community, it has been observed that almost all the Meitei families have celebrated the festival on the Shajibu

Month instead on the day of "Charak Puja" which is a big change that has been spotted in the state, said a press release by South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO). The organization thank the people for reviving the Meitei indigenous culture

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## Beauty Pageant and Colonial Governmentality

By: Kh. Ibomcha

Sending a non-Kanglei face to represent Kangleipak for Femina Miss India contest speaks volumes about the business of beauty pageant and colonial governmentality. From an ordinary assessment it can be inferred that the act was committed as an effort to impose the Indian notion of beauty upon the physical, cultural and political ethos of Kanglei people. It is like hunting for a good-looking fair black, or rather a big eyed Meitei nupi.

This cannot be taken as some sort of logical fallacy, for in this seemingly illogical act of hunting for a black lady with whitish complexion lies their true ends. As they have chosen a *mayang nupi* as Miss India Manipur, the pageant in no sense can be taken as mere selection of beautiful girls primarily focussing on commonly accepted universal aesthetic criteria.

This is one of the many ways of imposing Indian aesthetic notions heavily based on Indic values by transfiguring our phenotypic assets by Aryan physical composition. This falls nowhere near the idea of India as land of heterogeneous culture. Instead, it evidently reflects the stubborn Aryan hegemony doing now over the people from other culture, specifically the people from the periphery.

No wonder, what they categorically long for is to sell to every contestant the idea of 'being Indian' as

'being Aryan' by deceiving the people of different racial origins into believing the 'Indian looks' as the only criteria of beauty. So their selection of a Punjabi girl to represent Kangleipak, in many sense, is no less than racial extermination.

Although India play acts to be proud of its cultural and anthropological diversity, it never accepts our face (oriental face) as typical Indian look. What they consider typical Indian look is strictly characterised by Aryan phenotypic assets.

That Nirmitt Kour Ahluwalia succeeds Soibam Kanchan as the new miss India Manipur to represent Kangleipak in Femina Miss India 2108 says that the organizers of the contest do not appreciate our face in Indian popular culture.

This clearly shows that they do not accept our face as Indian face. It thus alienates the concept of beauty from the body of Kanglei women making them feel the need of transfiguring their body to conform to Indic idea of beauty.

In such case, do we need to go for sorts of cosmetic surgery so that we can widen our eyes and lengthen the nasal bridge to look very much like the face of a typical Indian? We, of course, won't like it, if we

understand where we stand now as a people, but for those who want to racially and culturally homogenize the body population of India the answer must be "they do need it".

However, it is not possible for them to change the nose and eyes of every one of us, so what is the nearest option laying ahead is to control the population by redefining the notion of power where the idea of power is widened to include the forms of social controls in institutions such as beauty pageants.

This will self-regulate people's behaviour to conform to the values, belief and norms of the racializing subjects, producing themselves to be best suited to fulfil the government's policy. In other words, it can be taken as a strategy or a technique, subtle yet powerful, to push down the spark of freedom burning in the eyes of the people of the region and make the region governable.

Why they did so, sending a non-local to Femina miss India, is not for nothing. This act is reconstructing a new meaning, rather than simply conveying the meaning of the action as has been discussed abundantly in preceding paragraphs. Now we need to ponder on how it will change the mind of the racialised, the Kangleichas, particularly our

### Kñg Lêi Corner