

CMHT enrolment

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Medical Officer in Charge of Moreh PHC has begun enrolment of beneficiaries under the ambitious Chief Minister's Health Scheme (CMHT) from today morning. Enrolment of beneficiaries under the CMHT began from 7 am today. Cards of beneficiaries already enrolled have also been distributed today.

Polling held for Karnataka assembly elections

Agency
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Polling for the high-stakes Karnataka assembly elections begins this morning under a thick security blanket. In what is projected as a tight race, voting is being held in 222 out of 224 seats in a three-cornered contest among the ruling Congress, the BJP and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda's JD(S). The Election Commission yesterday deferred the polls for the Rajarajeshwari Nagar constituency to May 28 after a massive row erupted over a large number of voter ID cards being found in an apartment. Election for the Jayanagara seat in Bengaluru was countermanded following the death of BJP candidate and sitting MLAB N Vijaykumar. Over 2,600 candidates are in the fray—more than 2400 men and over 200 women.

The total voters including service electors according to the 2018 final rolls are 5,06,90,538, of whom 2,56,75,579 male voters, 2,50,09,904 female and 5,055 transgender voters. Officials said 58,008 polling stations have been set up across the state, of which 12002 have been designated as "critical", with over 3,50,000 polling personnel on duty. Police have made elaborate security arrangements for the smooth conduct of polls that will go on till 6 pm. Counting of votes will take place on May 15. "82,157 people have been deployed for poll duty that include DSPs, home guards and civil defence, and forest guards and watchers, Karnataka DGP Neelamani N Raju said.

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MPSC conundrum: Public discussion urges to respect judiciary decision

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A one day public discussion on the crisis of Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) and of the fate of the Manipuri youths today urges the commission to respect the decision of the judiciary for making democracy meaningful. The public meeting also urges the judiciary to act with courage by suggesting all sort of action necessary for contempt of court.

The one day public discussion was organised by the Parents Forum, Group of Aspirant MPSC and was moderated by Dr. Dhanabir Laisharam. Resource persons attended in today's discussion were S. Kunjabihari, Retd. IAS, Advocate Ch. Momon, RTI Activist Wahengbam Joykumar and Convenor of the Joint Students' Committee Ng. Millan. L. Henthobiba, Spokespersons of the MPSC Aspirant candidates also spoke on the occasion and deliberated on the issues arising in the proceeding of the MPSC examination which he alleged series of irregularities being traced out. He also produced documents which prove the irregularities being committed to the conduct of the examination.

Today's discussion mainly focuses on how to correct the wrong in the MPSC. After thorough discussion 3 resolutions were adopted. The resolution urges concern authorities of the MPSC starting from the peon till the Chairman to follow the rules which gives complete autonomy to the MPSC under Article 315 of the Constitution of India. The second resolution urged the MPSC to respect the decision of the Judiciary to uphold the democratic practice in the country as well as urged the Judiciary to have the courage in doing the needful which any authority fails to follow its ruling. The third resolution urged the Enquiry Committee formed



under the directives of the Judiciary to sincerely conduct the enquiry without any biasness. It may be mentioned that the Groups of Aspirant Candidates of MPSC (Main) Exam 2016 filed a petition to the Supreme Court of India regarding the irregularities and following that the Supreme Court 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 examine by the enquiry committee.

Earlier, 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. Some 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. 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.

The 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.

However, as of now the directives of the Supreme Court has not been converted into action.

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.

MPPDU, SSUM, POFM handed over 3 more Looms to 3 members of EEVFAM

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As promised on May Day, Manipur Proletariats' People Democratic Union, (MPPDU), Socialist Students' Union Manipur (SSUM) and Proletariat Feminists Movement (PoFM) today distributed three looms to three member of the EEVFAM.

Earlier the three bodies had handed over two Looms to two members of the widows of the victims of the fake encounter. With today's



distribution the three bodies had already rendered its support to five widows whose husband were killed in alleged fake encounter.

The Looms were handed over by the volunteers of the three

organisation to Thangjam Leinou of Waikhong Awang leikai in Kaching district, R.K. Chaoba of Thanga in Bishnupur district and Akongbam Tombi of Langol Housing Complex.

SSUM stages protest demanding punishment of rapists politicians



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Socialist Students' Union of Manipur, (SSUM) today organised protest demanding punishment of rapist MLA and politicians who were trying to protect rapist in the state.

Large number of student today shouted slogans at various schools in Imphal West district. Students of Imphal Valley Academy and International Modernised Academy today staged protest in their respective school campus by displaying banner demanding punishment of the MLA or politicians.

A student leader said that Prime Minister's ambitious campaign - Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, which was launched on January 22, 2015 is being made a mockery in today's Manipur.

Secretary of SSUM said that as per the clause 4, section 375 of the Indian Penal Code rape is defined in an appropriate ways no matter it is as per her consent or not. The clause 4 of the section said that "With her consent, when the man

knows that he is not her husband, and that her consent is given because she believes that he is another man to whom she is or believes herself to be lawfully married". As per the definition provided in the clause 4 of the IPC it stands true that the case of Sekamai Assembly constituency is a case of rape, the SSUM added.

Moreover after the 2012 New delhi Rape case, both the houses of Parliament have amended the Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding to all clauses and sections related to sexual harassment case.

The SSUM Secretary said that the way the government is protecting the Sekamai Assembly Constituency MLA will not be tolerated.

The SSUM Secretary also expressed serious concerns to the Tanga Gang rape case. It said that the rapist involved are being protected by high level politicians. SSUM leader said that they will continue protest until the rapists are punished as per law of the land.

Nursing community has vital role in keeping India healthy: President Kovind

New Delhi, May 12,

President Ram Nath Kovind has said that the nursing community has a vital role in keeping India healthy.

Addressing International Nurses Day function at Rashtrapati Bhavan today, Mr Kovind said, a nurse who is helping a patient, in a remote village, in fighting a serious illness is a nation-builder. He said, the nursing community serves the people with devotion and commitment

and the entire nation is grateful for this.

The President noted that at present, there are 1.7 nurses per 1,000 people in India, but the world average is 2.5 nurses.

He stated that in the past few years, the number of institutions for nursing education has increased and as a result, the number of registered nurses and other health workers had crossed 27 lakh till March last year.

Young entrepreneur find ways to recycle plastic and e-waste

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When the state government authority is organising various programme for management of plastic and electronic waste, a young entrepreneur from Patsoi area have already find ways to recycle the waste and have been successfully running an industry by providing jobs to as many as 15 persons. The Plastic industry however face difficulties in selling the recycled plastic granule due to lack of buyers in the state which is being use for black topping and purposes besides, failure to get support and co-ordination from MAHUD due to administrative jurisdiction cover up.

M/S Debchand Plastic Industry located at Patsoi Part 4 in Imphal West have set up all machineries for scraping of plastic waste as well as electronic waste and have been earning income by producing pipe after recycling the waste. As the Industry is located at Rural area which is beyond the jurisdiction of the MAHUD, the industry still have to find ways from other MAHUD like department set up especially for Rural area to get assistance of any form like collecting of plastic waste or financial support. Proprietor of the M/S Debchand Plastic Industry, Debeshwar from, while talking to this writer said that after getting a loan from Allahabad Bank, he procured 2 Scrape Grinder machines which



can scraped one ton of plastic waste per hour be each machine. He also procured one Hydraulic Compressor Machine which has the capacity of scraping 400 kg of plastic bottles per hour.

As there are no buyers of the plastic granules recycled from the waste plastic, they procured 2 numbers of 100 mm Extruder Plastic Recycling Machine- which they produced Polythene Pipe.

"The income from selling the product manage to sustain our industry, but as we have to sent many scrape waste plastic

Lack of buyers of the recycled plastic granule which can be used at blacktopping and other purpose force them to sent it outside the state

outside the state, we are not reaching the target", Debeshwar said.

"Moreover we are facing problem in buying plastic waste from wreck pickers and NGOs like creed and others who are being engaged by the IMC for collecting garbage, as they do not co-operate us voluntarily, we are buying the plastic waste from Rs. 5 to Rs. 12 per Kg of waste plastic", Debeshwar surprises this writer as the state authority especially the MAHUD and Environment department have been working out to find solution of the plastic waste since a very long time.

Recently the Chief Engineer of the MSRRDA, of the Govt. of Manipur during a press conference stated that lack of suppliers fails the department in using plastic granule in black topping.

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