

## Nepotism and Favoritism exposed to the conduct of HSLC exam “Coding of answer scripts not 100% full proof” – Controller of Examination BOSEM said in his testimony

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Promises and assurances to make sure that the education system in the state reached its peak always turn out as a political gimmick by concern Minister as the truth about inability to conduct HSLC exam by the BOSEM without partiality once more comes to the public domain. Following complaints about irregularities or perhaps

negligence to the recently declared HSLC examination conducted by the BOSEM has prompted the authority to conduct an enquiry committee. The testimony of the controller of examination of the BOSEM which was leaked to this media house now stands that favoritism and nepotism still is at large and the head of the board acted to top someone of his her choice in the examination. Well in his testimony to the

enquiry committee, L. Phulchand Meitei, the Controller of Examination of the Board of Secondary Education Manipur, (BOSEM) said that the present procedure adopted in coding of the Answer scripts and its custody is not 100% full proof even though he didn't pin point the source of possible leakage. The testimony of L. Phulchand is a direct indication of possible leakage of the code. This would grant

a privilege for those in the top to act on his will. He stated that the Secretary / Chairman of the BOSEM on May 24, 2018 in his office room , in the presence of S. Kiran Singh, Additional Head Examiner (English), Under Secretary Examination forcible instructed to deduct 1 (one) mark each from Question Nos. 10 and 3(b) which was complied. As per his testimony students appearing and competing for

the position are also using means to make sure that their answer scripts are identified and he pointed out such matter however no action has been initiated. May be as a follow up action the Chairman of the BOSEM has been replaced by an government order. But the question is a replacement of the head will help little in delivering justice to all the students until a concrete system is formulated.

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## Rupee sinks to 72.91 per US Dollar

The rupee on Wednesday collapsed to a lifetime low of 72.91 against the dollar at the interbank foreign exchange market. The domestic currency was quoting 22 paise lower at a fresh record low of 72.91 against the US dollar in morning trade amid surging crude oil prices and unabated foreign fund outflows.

Escalating trade war concerns, consistent dollar demand from banks and importers, mainly

oil refiners, following higher crude oil prices, kept the rupee under pressure, dealers said. On Tuesday, after scaling a historic low of 72.74, the local unit, finally settled day at 72.69, showing a loss of 24 paise, or 0.33 per cent. Brent crude gained 0.35 per cent to quote at USD 79.34 a barrel. It had surged over 2 per cent in Tuesday's trade. Sentiment was also hurt by sustained capital outflows, they added. Meanwhile, the benchmark Sensex was up by 133.29 points, or 0.35 per cent, to 37,546.42 in the opening deals.

## Store house guttled

A Cosmetic store house was gutted in accidental fire today morning. Report said that the store house is located near Andanda Singh Higher Sec. School Crossing in Soibam Leikai, under Porompat Police station. The cosmetic store belongs to Hero Singh, the proprietor of the Iboiyama Hospital, Singjamei. Total destruction could not estimated at the moment.

## Media confuses over the existence of two VC office

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State media is now put in dilemma on which one to accept as the Manipur University have two VC office. One – open by VC AP Pandey at his official quarter located at Sanjenthong here in Imphal East and the other at the Manipur University A –Block being look after by an in charge VC Prof. Vishanath after the Registrar in

connivance with the Chancellor of the University had given leave to Prof. AP Pandey to proceed the enquiry against him which was set up by the MHRD. As of now Prof. AP Pandey had challenge the constitution of the enquiry committee as well as the validity of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) signed between the MHRD representative, Manipur govt. representative and the MU

community in the presence of the Chief Minister of Manipur and his cabinet colleagues. The case in the high court will continue hearing on September 17, but as of now the High Court of Manipur had made any interim order regarding the petition filed by the Prof. AP Pandey. Beside the fact that the incharge VC of the Manipur University Prof. W Vishwanath had replaced a new registrar as internal

arrangement for smooth conduct of the enquiry, Prof. M. Shyamkesho, the former in charge registrar , who was suspended by an order of the i/c VC keeping issuing notification mentioning that he still hold the office of the registrar in charge. In a notification , Prof. M. Shyamkesho said that Prof. W. Vishwanath has no legal authority to issue orders or notification from September 1 as Prof. AP Pandey has resumed office on that day.

## ‘The lost of tradition is the loss of identity’ - Village Chief

By – Oken  
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The age old traditions existed among the various community of the state is a clear picture of the identity of each community. But if the tradition is extinct it is the end of the community.

This was stated by Ningthoujam Toyai Chakpa, Village Chief of Phayeng, in Imphal West district while speaking during the 4<sup>th</sup> Loinasillon Khongchat of the Kangleipak Kangleipak Loinasillon Apunba Marup. The programme which also include recitation of poem by 22 different poets of the state was held at the Yoga Hall of Phayeng Makha Leikai. Highlighting the importance



of the writers, the Village Chief of Phayeng said that whatever learnt be him today are from the writings of the scholars . “It is time that each of us

recognised the role of the writers to introduce our society through our traditions and culture to the world community”, Toyai Chakpa

who also attended the chief guest of the programme said. Elaborating on the Chakpa Community, Toyai Chakpa said that the community have

a long history with unique traditions, culture, religion and had one time ruled the Kangla. He expressed apprehension about the deterioration of the culture, traditions and religion of the Chakpa community as they have been scattered at many place.

“To save the culture, traditions and religion of the Chakpa Community writers should play their role”, Toyai Chakpa added. Sahitya Academy award winner Shratchand Thiyam while speaking on the occasion appreciated the work culture of the village youths. He said that it is the youths of the village that keep the traditions alive.

## SC extends house arrest of rights activists till September 17

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The wife of lawyer Surendra Gadling, arrested in June in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence, accused the Maharashtra government of treating him like a “third-rate criminal.” Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta took offence to the allegation, saying such “pedestrian” language should not be used in the highest court in the country. Senior advocate Anand Grover, for Minal Gadling, submitted that Mr. Gadling’s basic rights are violated in custody. He is not allowed to argue his own bail. “He is a lawyer for 25 years and an expert in bail matters. He has represented Sai Baba and is treated like a third rate criminal... He wants to argue

his case, but he cannot come out.” Mr. Grover submitted on Wednesday. Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta reacted that “he (Gadling) is a lawyer... we should know our responsibilities.” The exchange happened when a petition filed by noted historian Romila Thapar and four others, challenging the raids and arrests of rights activists, came up for hearing before a Bench of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra, Justices A.M. Khanwilkar and D.Y. Chandrachud. The petition termed the arrests as the quelling of voices of dissent. The Bench cut the exchange and adjourned the case to September 17 as senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, for Ms. Thapar and her co-petitioners, was

engaged in another court. The Bench meanwhile extended the house arrest of five rights activists arrested on August 28 till September 17. These five are poet Vara Vara Rao, lawyer Sudha Bhardwaj, activists Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves and Gautam Navlakha. The brief session saw the petitioners and the Maharashtra government spar over whether arrested persons could intervene in the top court directly. Some of the arrested activists and their family, like in the case of Mr. Gadling, have intervened in Ms. Thapar’s petition, citing their right to be heard. Mr. Mehta however said that activists have already moved the courts within their respective jurisdictions and cannot simultaneously

approach the apex court. This would amount to seeking the same relief in multiple forums. Mr. Gadling was arrested on June 6 along with Head of English Department of Nagpur University Shoma Sen, Dalit activist Sudhir Dhawale, activists Mahesh Raut and Rona Wilson. Ms. Minal has alleged that her husband has been framed by the police. “It is stated that all the five persons hold significant position in the society and have dedicated their lives for fighting social injustices. They are being targeted in this case for being voice of dissent, and for taking up battles against forces perpetrating injustice,” her plea said. She has accused the police of harassment, due to which her husband was

hospitalised. Senior advocate Indira Jaising had submitted that the police officers were deliberately prejudicing the case against the activists by handing out “fabricated letters” to the media. Earlier, Mr. Mehta had raised a “preliminary objection” against third parties like historian Romila Thapar and four others coming to the Supreme Court seeking relief for the five activists. Mr. Mehta and senior advocate Harish Salve had persisted that the court should first examine whether “strangers” to the criminal proceedings against the five activists can challenge the State’s action performed in consonance with the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

## KSA appeals not to interfere to the transfer or stay of transfer order of teachers

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Kangleipak Students’ Association (KSA) has appealed all concerns not to interfere to the stay of transfer order of a teacher of Jiribam Higher Secondary School. A statement issue by the KSA Jiribam District Council said that some vested interested persons are missing the name of the KSA through media to the transfer or stay of the transfer order of the teacher. KSA appealed not to repeat such act. It also

added all concerns not to call boycott of classes as it would amount deterioration of the students’ career . Students are the pillar of the future and any disturbances while grooming the students should be called off, the KSA statement added. The KSA Jiribam District Council further appealed all authority to use student community as tool for their agitation. It said that students should be protected at any cost and KSA will stand always for the welfare of the students.

## Earthquake rocks Kokrajhar and some parts of Assam

Guwahati, Sept 12,

An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit parts of Assam, Meghalaya, Bihar and West Bengal today, an India Meteorological Department official said. The quake lasted around 15 to 20 seconds and was felt around 10.20 am. The magnitude of the quake was recorded at 5.5 on the

Richter scale, according to a report of the Central Seismological Observatory in Shillong. The report said the epicentre of the quake was two km north of Kokrajhar town in Assam and at a depth of 10 km. Tremors were also felt in different parts of Bihar and West Bengal. No casualty has been reported.

## First ever bus services between Bihar and Nepal flagged off

Patna, Sept 12,

For the first time, bus services between Bihar and Nepal have started from today. After flagging off the bus from Patna, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said the relations between Nepal and Bihar will be strengthened. The bus services have been commissioned following the agreement between India and Nepal.

The Chief said four buses will ply from Bodhgaya to Kathmandu. Similarly four buses will ply from Patna to Janakpur. The Kathmandu bound bus will go via Patna, Raxaul and Beerganj. The Janakpur bound bus will go via Muzaffarpur and Sitamarhi. Mr Nitish Kumar said bus services from Kathmandu to Bodhgaya will be started by the Government of Nepal on the 13th of Sept.