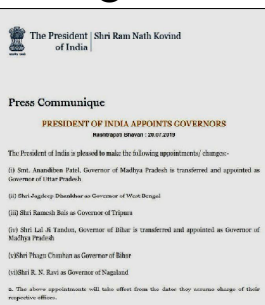


President appoints RN Ravi as the Governor of Nagaland



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President of India Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday appointed RN Ravi as the new Governor of Nagaland. RN Ravi was the chief interlocutor for the Naga peace talks. On 3rd August 2015, he has signed the historic Naga framework agreement on behalf of the

Union government with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muiwah) to end the decades-old Naga insurgency. Ravi is a 1976 batch IPS officer and retired as Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau in 2012. Apart from Ravi, Anandiben Patel has been appointed as the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Jagdeep Dhankhar as the Governor

of West Bengal, Ramesh Bais as the Governor of Tripura, Lal Ji Tandon as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Phagu Chauhan as the Governor of Bihar.

As per the statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan, "The above appointments will take effect from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices."

Why government carpeted illegal regularization of contract staffs in Horticulture department?

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It has been almost a year that Imphal Times had reported on how 18 contract staffs engaged by the MIDH has been illegally regularized as gazette officers violating government rules and regulations, but still today no enquiry has been constituted and no action has been taken up. Imphal Times once more is taking up the issue to make the people realize – How sincere is the present BJP led government.

On July 12, last year, Imphal Times filed a news report about illegal regularization of

18 contract staffs in state horticulture department, still this newspaper find no action, no enquiry on how the contract staffs had been regularized. Again in August 12 last year this paper reported the matter expecting some action to correct the wrong if any by constituting an enquiry.

A year has gone, neither the state authority had clarified regarding the matter.

This newspaper once more produces the news items. The 18 contract staffs were engaged for the Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) as Field Consultant for a period of 6 months on April 2016 have been

regularised as gazetted officers after being approved by a state cabinet meeting held on November 7, 2016, without following the procedures of Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) for recruitment of gazetted officers post.

The 18 contractual staffs for the MIDH were engaged after being selected on a walk-in-interview held on September 23, 2015.

One among the engaged Field Assistant staff was engaged on August 30, 2016 after a selected candidate resigned from the post. On November 28, 2016, all the 18 Horticulture Assistant/Consultant were

regularised following the approval of the cabinet meeting held on November 7, 2016.

As per information with the Imphal Times, the contractual staffs were directly regularised skipping all formalities which has to be followed as per the guidelines of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Under what circumstances the contractual staffs of the MIDH which is not a parent office of the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department were directly regularised to the department is a matter which people sees some fishy going on among the employee.

Rajat Sethi gets Rs. 1 lakhs as remuneration per month

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Rajat Sethi, the advisor to the Chief Minister of Manipur gets Rs. 1,00,000/- as remuneration for the month of June. The remuneration is being paid from the state government exchequer. An order by one Neeta Arambam, Joint Secretary of the department of personnel and Administrative Reform, in the name of the governor of Manipur has released the amount for the remuneration on July 5. Source said that the advisor to the Chief Minister has been enjoying Rs. 1 Lakh as remuneration per month since his appointment to the post.

Free Coaching concludes

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The 45 days free coaching class for English grammar subject for class VII, VIII, IX and X organised by Organisation for Integral Rural Development (OIRD) which began from June 6 at Mind Empowering center Patsoi Part 3 concluded today. Speaking to reporter Mutum Sanatomba said that around 95 students attended the free coaching class.

Dr. Samarjit honoured with Bharat Gourav award



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Renowned entrepreneur, Dr. Narengbam Samarjit was conferred the prestigious Bharat Gourav Award. The award was handed over to his wife Narengbam Ongbi Tilotama and his daughter and son at a function

organised by the Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha at the House of Common of the British Parliament, London on July 19. Dr. Narengbam Samarjit could not present due to occupation by some other works.

The award is being conferred in recognition to the various activities of the Salai Holding

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Joint Student Cordinating Committee (JSCC) a conglomerate of major student bodies of the state today demanded termination of the OSD Memcha Devi of Manipur Bhavan Kolkata alleging of financial irregularities.

In a press conference held today at the office of the JCC at Kwakeithel, Convenor of JSCC Manjit Sarangthem said that S. Memcha Devi Roy was appointed as government employee in 1989 under group C Category. Even as she does not fulfill the criteria she has been given charge of Deputy Resident Commissioner of the Kolkata Manipur Bhawan for some years. Manjit alleged practice of corruption by the said lady during the said period. She had appointed many non-Manipuri violating

the rule and regulations besides misusing of the public fund, Manjit said.

Instead of conducting enquiry on the various charges of corruption against her, Memcha devi has been re-engage as OSD in the General Administration Department by a government notification. The JSCC said that the government did not revoke the order for re-engagement of S. Memcha Devi, the JSCC in hands with the Manipuri Student's Association Kolkata will launch serious agitation.

Manjit mocked the government to the re-engagement recalling the announcement of the state government at which they had stated that the government will stop all re-engagement of staffs.

Under Secretary of the General Administrative Department (GAD) had notified an order for

termination of oeiribi S Memcha Devi Roy along with 5 others on May 31, but

violating the service rule Memcha Devi has been re-engaged again.

Government urged to take care of the Meiteis in Myanmar

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Patriotic Writers Forum Manipur and IPAK Tours & Travel Agency have urged the government of Manipur to see the conditions of the Meitei inhabited at neighbouring country Myanmar. The two organization in a statement urged the government after a 17 member team of both the organization visited metei villages in Myanmar. The 6 day journey which kicked start on July 13 visited Saigang Bamon Leikai, Amarapura (Tatalae), Amarapura (Shrigram), Naysae, Minde and

Mandalay Bamon Khuniao. The condition of the Meitei in those villages in Myanmar is deteriorating and their identity is at stake, a release said. Many of them have now forgotten Meitei language it added.

The Meitei, known to the Myanmar as Kate still preserved thei culture by worshipping he Sanamahi, Pakhangba and Panthoibi. However, the Meitei in Myanmar do not have many to tell the legends of the Meitei God and Goddess. It is time that the Meitei will be developed only after developing their culture and traditions.

MACR calls for adopting regulatory guidelines to educational hostels and boarding

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Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) in a statement said that the body considers the absence of comprehensive regulatory guidelines is the main cause of frequent cases of suicide, sexual and physical assaults amongst students. Seeing the serious consequences of unregulated hostels, MACR called for adopting a regulatory guidelines for the educational hostels and boarding in the state since early 2014.

It added that MACR had submitted application to Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) which is the monitoring authority of RTE Act, to develop a draft guideline when the rights

body was headed by A. Nabachandra Singh for taking up necessary action. MACR has been continuously advocating with various forums such as NCPCR and UNICEF to develop such a policy document, it added.

The statement added that the NCPCR ultimately developed a "Regulatory Guidelines for Hostels of Educational Institutions for Children" in the year 2018. Among others, The Guidelines mandated mandatory "Registration of all the hostels, prescribed a staffing pattern, minimum Norms and Standard, Monitoring & Redressal of Grievances etc. As per the guidelines the Head of District education is the competent authority for registration, while District Magistrate / district collector shall constitute monitoring

committee for periodic and regular shall constitute a monitoring committee for periodic inspections of the hostels. A hostel must have Superintendent, warden, counselor, security guard, nurse, sweeper, cleaner, helper, cook, kitchen staff, clerk, office assistants etc. The suggested norms for building or accommodation in each institution with 50 children are 2 dormitories (Each 1000 Sq. ft.), 2 study rooms (300 sq. ft.), 25 children i.e. 600 Sq. ft.), sickroom (75 sq. ft.), dining hall (minimum 500 Sq. ft.), recreation room (300 Sq. ft.), library (500 sq. ft.), 5 bathrooms (25 Sq. ft. each), 8 (25 Sq. ft.) toilets (25 Sq. ft.), Counseling and Guidance room (120 sq. ft.) etc. Unfortunately, the regulatory guidelines drafted by NCPCR

is yet to be notified by the state authority, despite the fact that the state is witnessing lot of child rights violation cases, including sexual assaults, suicides, physical assaults cases now and then.

The MACR appeal the concerned authority to notify the NCPCR draft regulatory Guidelines to be enforceable in the state at the earliest. All the existing so called hostels, boarding need to follow the prescribed Infrastructural safety, Cyber safety, Water safety, Social and Emotional Safety, apart from ensuring protection against Sexual Abuse, facilities for Trauma management etc., otherwise these unregistered institutions will remain ever as Unsafe and Vulnerable places for the innocent children.

AR inaugurates Computer Lab At Moreh College

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Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) constructed a computer lab at Moreh College, Moreh, Tengenoupol District. Moreh College had full fledged labs for science department but non availability of any computer lab was effecting the professional and technical knowledge of students in this digital era. Hence Moreh college projected the need for a computer lab from Assam Rifles.

In it's efforts to help residents of border areas, the project of computer lab was conceived by Assam Rifles under the Border Areas Development Programme. The work started

expeditiously and construction of the computer lab was done within 40 days. The inauguration programme started with felicitation of Commandant Moreh Battalion, ADC and ADC member by Principal Moreh College and culminated with refreshments and Jazz band playing the popular local tunes which was enjoyed by all. Commandant Moreh Battalion and ADC gave a motivational talk to students and explained the importance of technology in today's digital era where knowledge of computer is becoming a mandatory requirement to flourish in career. The computer lab was inaugurated by Miss Sarangthem Nolini Chanu, a student of B.Sc Botany, 5th semester, Moreh College.