

Ban contract firm M/s SN Pavei awarded 8 PMGSY Phase XI for 2017-18

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A contract firm, M/s SN Pavei belonging to one SN Pavei Special (Special Contractor) which was banned for five (5) years by the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) of the Ministry of Road Transport and highways, Government of India, for submitting fake Bank Guarantee (BG) in bidding road construction work on NH No.102 A.

A document available with the Imphal Times revealed that the said firm M/s SN Pavei had submitted bidding for the construction work invited by the NHIDCL for Restoration /reconstruction of Tadubi to Phaihung Junction from 25 to 45 covering 20 KM Length on Tadubi -Tolloi-Ukhrul Road on NH No. 102 A in the state of Manipur. The M/s SN Pavei submitted the bid on 28-01-2016, but when checked by the NHIDCL, it came to the notice of the NHIDCL that the bank

guarantee submitted to the bidding turn out to be a fake one. The document with the Imphal Times reveals that the bid Security submitted by the firm has been confirmed as fake by the HDFC bank (The bank the firm enclosed). The NHIDCL while putting a ban to the firm for 5 years also threaten to initiate suitable action under sections of the Indian Penal Code. Well, the ban was imposed on June 20, 2016, that means the firm will not be allowed to apply for any government

contract Work for a period of 5 years starting from the date till five years, that is upto June 20, 2021. What is more interesting is that the said ban firm (M/s SN Pavei) base at Liyai Village Senapati District, Manipur, has been awarded 8 works of the PMGSY Phase XI for the year 2017-18 of the total 486 works, by the Manipur State Rural Road Development Agency of the Government of Manipur. Total value for the 8 work orders is estimated at around Rs. 7,501.68 lakhs.

Overdraft : Congress President Gaikhangam appeals high level committee headed by not less than a retired Chief Justice; demand re-election

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President of the Manipur Congress Committee Gaikhangam, who is also the member of the CWC showing serious concern of the multi crore overdraft in the state government today appealed the government to constitute a high level enquiry committee headed by not less a retired Chief Justice.

The MPCC president also demanded repoll of the 17th Lok Sabha Election as there is a concrete evidences of how the ruling party had utilized huge amount of Money during the election. "I didn't said this, it is the government which said that huge amount of fund has been withdrawn from PWD and Power department when the Election Model Code of Conduct was in force, the government has even set up enquiry for that", Gaikhangam said.

He alleged that from the fact that huge amount of money being withdrawn it is now clear that the money were used during election and the election was not free and fair. Gaikhangam terming the election as null void for violation of the code of conduct demanded re-poll of the election.

"It is now the Election



Commission of India to decide on whether the election should be declared null and void or not". Talking to media persons at his official Quarter at Babupara here in Imphal, Gaikhangam appreciated the government for constituting of an enquiry committee to find out the facts that cause such a serious debt. However, a mere constitution of a name shake enquiry will not serve its purpose, he said and added that a high level committee is the need of the hour.

Without giving any comment to the ongoing crisis in the BJP led government considering it as their family matters, Gaikhangam expressed hope that the crisis will resolved soon in the interest of the people as it has hampered all developmental works that has to be taken up in the state. "Financial year have ended

budget session has begun and this is June. At a time when development works are to be taken up such crisis is not in the interest of the state", Gaikhangam said.

"Development is only possible after there is a stable government. On the other hand this is family matter and we hope it will be resolved soon", the veteran congress leader and President of the MPCC added.

Regarding some of the counter claims and claims about the financial power among the Minister to escape from the responsibility of the overdraft, Gaikhangam said that the issue needs to be properly analyze.

"It is in complete violation of the Rules of Business and Allocation of Business Rules under article 166(3) of the Indian constitution", Gaikhangam said.

Malpractices in Veterinary Department, CM urged to replace Director

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Commissioner of Veterinary Department promoted forty grade III officers on 18th February 2014. However, out of these forty four officers were not selected by the DPC selection committee. There is no evidence that the minutes and proceedings of DPC meeting held on the 18th of February 2014 at MPSC for the promotion of these forty people were received by Commissioner Veterinary. Director of Veterinary Department has not received MPSC's concurrence letter dated 18th Feb 2014 which includes the DPC proceedings till now. Given all these malpractices, Chief Secretary filed a vigilance

case in 2014 on this matter after the direction of Manipur Governor Secretariat Office. While the vigilance case was going on, seven more grade III officers were given promotion on 28th of Feb 2015. One veterinary officer, named Dr M Dillipkumar Singh who got promoted on the 28th of Feb 2015 retired on the same day. It points that the official was given promotion to increase the benefits the person will get after his retirement.

A person who joined Veterinary Council as Assistant Livestock Development Officer, named Dr T Indumati Devi, was promoted as Deputy Director of Veterinary Department. There is no order of appointment of Dr. T Indumati Devi in the Veterinary Department. How did the Director propose a

person working in Veterinary Council for promotion in the Veterinary Department ? Vigilance Department has filed a case against this malpractice and are looking into the matter. The current government has formed a special investigation team (SIT) to look into the appointments done just before the last elections in different departments. SIT was looking into this department too. After that Director in charge of the Department ordered on the 12th of March 2018 to cancel the appointments of many people who joined the department just before the election. But after a month, he again order that there appointments are not cancelled as the due process was done before the election code of conduct. The whole

investigation done by SIT has turned into a joke. Now a high powered committee is formed to investigate the matter. In order to investigate the matter with transparency, the complaint letter states that the Dr H Chaoba Singh who is the Director of the Department should be replaced by an IAS officer. There are no regular Joint Directors also in the department. If the government again fails to look into these malpractices, the efforts to reduce corruption in the departments will become a joke. A source told Imphal Times that Chief Minister has informed the Chief Secretary that an IAS is appointed as the Director of the department on the 7th of June this year.

IMA Manipur supports all India strike on Monday

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The Indian Medical Association (IMA) Manipur State Branch today announced that it will take part in the all India strike called by Indian Medical Association on Monday next. Shyamkumar Laishram, President IMA, Manipur State Branch said the recent brutal attack on Dr Paribaha Mukherjee of NRS Medical College and the West Bengal Government's reluctance to assure the striking doctors has led to an all wide condemnation and protests all across India.

During the nation wide 24 hrs strike there will no non-essential services, (closure of OPD services and routine operation). Emergency and indoor services will remain unaffected and continue to function.

He further said the Indian Medical Association has been demanding a national law against hospital violence. World Medical Association has also passed a resolution against violence on healthcare establishments and urged to bring stronger legislation against this menace.

VDF utilized for digging of 1000 pits inside Kangla



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Village Defence Force popularly known as the VDF, who are currently utilized to assist police in conducting various operation for maintenance of law and order situation with a mere remuneration of around Rs. 6000 has been now utilized for digging 1000 pit inside the Kangla fort.

"We are ordered to dig 1000 pits inside various areas of Kangla Fort without any extra payment", a VDF personnel who did not want to disclose his identity said to Imphal

Times Reporter. He said that it has been 3 months that we haven't received our remuneration and we are now treated as labour instead of utilizing for maintenance of the law and order situation. The VDF personnel who were engaged for digging of the pit have no idea of why they have been utilized for the labour work. "We started digging the pit since today, around 50/60 pit have been completed", the VDF said and added that they are ordered to continue their work till the completion of 1000 pits.

Multi-purpose Community Hall inaugurated Mukuilongdi village, Senapati

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A Multi-purpose Community Hall constructed under the Army Civic Action Plan was inaugurated today by Mr. GK Mahindra, Commanding Officer (CO) 34-Assam Rifles, Maram presided by Mr. Athuan Abuanmai, President, Zeliangrong Baudi, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland at Mukuilongdi village, Senapati District, Manipur in the presence of leaders of Zeliangrong Civil Organizations i.e. Zeliangrong Baudi, Zeliangrong Youth Front, Zeliangrong Student's Union, senior social leaders, Chairman and other members of the Village Authority, elders, Women's society and villagers.

The Commanding Officer speaking on the programme as the Chief Guest said peace and development is a must for social progress for which the social leaders and general public should extend necessary cooperation and support and have confidence to armies who are discharging their duties for the security of the people and appealed to Zeliangrong people to maintain unity and harmony for social progress. He also

said that the armies are ready to extend necessary assistance for the welfare of the people under the army Civil Action Plan. The President of Zeliangrong Baudi, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland on behalf of the Zeliangrong people expressed immense appreciation and gratitude to authority of the Army and to Commanding Officer of Assam Rifles and his team for doing the needful of the people and understanding the problem and inconveniences of the people. He also said the Multi-purpose Community Hall will be very much helpful and relief the difficulties of the people in the days to come.

It may be worthwhile to note that the leaders of Zeliangrong Civil Organizations have been pressurizing the State Government to create one administrative block in Makuilongdi village and requesting the armies and Assam Rifles to construct the said Multi-purpose Community Hall and a Guest House at Makuilongdi village at the earliest under any available scheme of army considering the urgent need of the villagers in particular and Zeliangrong people in

general. As Makuilongdi village is the cradle of the Zeliangrong people living in the state of Assam, Manipur and Nagaland and elsewhere, the descendants of Makuilongdi village frequently visited the village. But due to the absence of such Hall and Guest House in the village, the villagers have been facing hardship to provide accommodation to the visiting teams. Many successive Governments in

the past had failed to feel the pulse and sentiment of the Zeliangrong people who are living in Makuilongdi village which is one of the oldest village in the North eastern region whose descendants have scattered in large and wide in the different states. The Zeliangrong Civil Organizations have high hope that the State and Central Government will prioritize the under-development of Makuilongdi village.

Discourse on the problem of Manipur held

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S.R. Institute of Manipur Studies today organised a one day discussion meeting on the problems of Manipur at The Ideal Club, Sagolband Tera Keithel Imphal. Speaking on the occasion Director of S.R. Institute of Manipur Studies Salam Bheigya said that the meeting will give ideas about the benefits of National Registrar of Citizens and will also discuss the issues of ILP system. He added that the discussion

will also talk about the problems of the hills situated in valley areas and in the nearby areas.

Ex President of UCM Sapamcha Jadumani talk solely on the topic regarding the benefit of NRC and ILP system.

Retd. Director of Settlement and land records, Manipur give lecture on Hills situated in valley areas and in nearby areas and also on Manipur Land Reforms Act1960.

The session was moderated by Prof Wangkhem Nabakumar of Department of Anthropology, Manipur