

## It is not 'Imphal Times' but the PRO, Manipur Legislative Assembly that is misleading the people

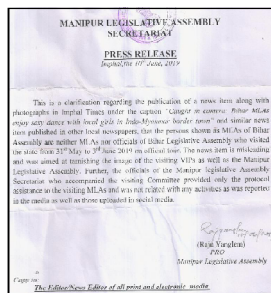
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Press clarification made by PRO of the Manipur Legislative Assembly in connection with the **Imphal Times** news report published on June 9, 2019 issue under the caption "Caught in Camera: Bihar MLAs enjoy sexy dance with local girls in Indo-Myanmar border town" terming it as misleading and attempt to tarnish the image of the visiting VIPs as well as Manipur Legislative Assembly is unfortunate as the Imphal Times was only delivering its duty. In the statement by the PRO it is stated that "..... The persons shown as MLAs of Bihar Assembly are neither MLAs nor officials of Bihar Legislative Assembly who visited the state from 31st May to 3rd June 2019 on official tour". This statement is confusing the general public as this newspaper have evidences of all the people shown on video posing for an official photo session at the Manipur Legislative Assembly house. Above all the Bihar Legislative Assembly also confirmed that the official team of the Committee on Internal Resource and Central Assistance did visit the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly, Vijay Kumar Chaudhary had also issued a show cause notice to all the members of the committee who are involved in the incident. Interestingly, instead of

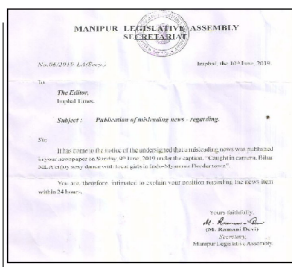
conducting a probe over the reported news, the Secretary of the Manipur Legislative Assembly in a letter sent to Editor, Imphal Times, also coined the word "misleading news" without conducting any short of enquiry and order to explain Imphal Times position regarding the news item within "24 hours". Which law of the country permits a Secretary of the State Assembly to summon editor of a newspaper which is registered under the Registrar for Newspaper of India, is a matter which this newspaper fails to understand. Had it been from the Speaker or from the privilege Committee, then this newspaper would honour. As for the Imphal Times, the report was published on Sunday, 9th June, 2019 after maintaining high professional standards and verification of correctness. It is free from misleading, distortion and confusion. Now, if the Manipur State Assembly said that those in the video are neither MLAs nor officials of Bihar Legislative Assembly then the PRO should clarify the people about the identities of the Committee members entering the State Assembly House and pose for official photo session. If in case the people in the photo are not the members of the committee or not related with the study tour then the PRO should clarify under which rules of the State Assembly, does persons not related are allowed to enter the temple of democracy.



Can the Assembly authority tell who are these persons?



The Press Clarification from State Assembly regarding Imphal Times report



The explanation served to Imphal Times, without conducting any probe. Imphal Times consider this notice as an intimidation to the freedom of Press

When the PRO of the Manipur Legislative Assembly has been trying hard to protect the people in the video (JDU) MLA Rajkumar Rai, one among the member has suspended his PA after getting the news report. In message sent to Republic

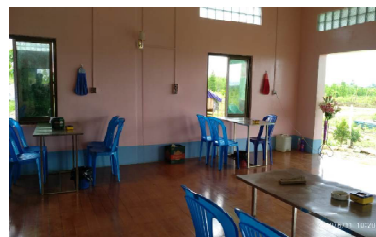
TV by MLA Rajkumar Rai reads, "As soon I got to know that my PA was involved in the activity I have given in written to suspend him with immediate effect".

From the action of the Bihar Legislative Assembly it is now clear that those are the

team of the Bihar MLAs shown in the picture. The Imphal Times also stands with the report of MLAs being present when the dancing took place.

On that day, that is June 2, 2019, some of the committee members visited that Hotel

Yes the MLAs were there in the dancing room, and those seen in the videos are officials accompanying the Committee on Internal Resource and Central Assistance of the Bihar Legislative Assembly who are here in the state on study tour



The hotel room that those officials and MLAs visited

and some civil dress local persons (security) also accompanied them. Following the news report of official visitors dancing in hotel room in Mayanagar Border town, Mayanagar Police had given verbal instruction to all the hotel runners to prohibit customers or tourist from taking video inside the hotel room.

In the news report published by Imphal Times under the heading Caught in Camera: Bihar MLAs enjoy sexy

dance with local girls in Indo-Myanmar border town" Imphal Times intention is to open the eye of the state government regarding things that are happening. It also aims to highlights on how the elected representatives and their staffs are spending public money in the name of study tour. It is natural that the committee members be guided by State Assembly staff and record shows that 2 staffs of the Manipur Legislative Assembly accompanied them.

Wreckage of the AN 32 aircraft of Indian Air Force (IAF), which went missing on June 3, has been found. The IAF on Tuesday confirmed through a Twitter message that a MI 17 helicopter, which was engaged in the search and rescue operation, detected debris of the AN 32 aircraft.

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the Government is planning to set up a Logistics Park in the State to enhance trade, commerce and investment between India and Myanmar. This was stated by

him at the inauguration of the conference on "Connecting India's Northeast with North West region of Myanmar: Roadmap for all-round Prosperity held at Classic Grande, Imphal today. Speaking at the function, Chief Minister said that India's Act East Policy is a reflection to deepen ties with the ASEAN region, and more importantly with Myanmar. There has been a renewed effort to ensure the

early completion of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and to extend the same to Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, he added. Chief Minister stressed that feasibility survey has been made to extend the rail line from Imphal upto Moreh. A study has also been conducted on possibility of rail connectivity with Myanmar, he added. He highlighted that the Trans Asian Railway Link has

immense potential to uplift the socio-economic condition of the peoples further. He mentioned that the formalities for starting the Mandalay-Imphal Bus service are at its final stages. Chief Minister stated that such conference will facilitate in shaping a way forward towards a shared all-round prosperity of the North-East region of India and the North-West region of Myanmar.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister of Magway Region, Myanmar Dr. Aung Moe Nyo narrated the good relationship and friendly ties between India and Myanmar. He emphasised that Manipur has huge potential in the areas like of medical tourism. He stressed on the importance of strengthening the relationship between the countries in future. Ambassador, Embassy of the

Union of Myanmar, Delhi Moe Kyaw Aung, Consul General of India, Mandalay Nandan Singh Bhaishora, Chief Secretary of Manipur Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Director, India Foundation Capt. Alok Bansel, delegates from Myanmar and India attended the conference. The conference is jointly organised by India Foundation, Ministry of External Affairs and Government of Manipur.

## Manipur civil engineer listed in 'Facebook Hall of Fame 2019'

Agency  
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Manipur civil engineer Zonel Sougajam has been added in the 'Facebook Hall of Fame 2019' for detecting and reporting a Whatsapp bug found to be violating the privacy of a user. The 22-year-old youth found that the bug allows a caller to upgrade a voice call into a video call without the authorization and knowledge of the receiver. It then allowed the caller to know what the receiver is doing. After Sougajam discovered the feature which violates the

privacy of an individual, he reported the technical fault to the Bug Bounty Program of Facebook in March. The Bug Bounty Program deals with fixing of security vulnerabilities. The security team of Facebook acknowledged his report the very next day after it was reported and its technical department fixed the bug within 15 to 20 days. Facebook decided to honour Sougajam by presenting him with a cash award of \$5000. Sougajam was also listed in the 16th position in the 'Facebook Hall of Fame 2019' that currently has a list of 94 names.

## AMMSO terminates its President and General Secy

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Convenor of the The All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) Salim Azad, Founder, the Constituent Body, AMMSO, H/Q Hattia, today terminated the President Shah Nawaz and General Secy. AMMSO, Yunush Ali Khulakpam from their respective post after the student body found them to be fake. President, Shah Nawaz, submitted his nomination identifying his qualification as M.A (Edn) from Sangai

International University, Churchandpur and General Secy. Yunush Ali khulakpam was also submitted his nomination as a student of B.Sc. 6th semester (Botany Hons.) at Lilong Haoreibi College. When the committee of the AMMSO investigated both were found to be submitting fake documents and also found out that both never studied at the respective University colleges. A meeting of the Students' body took the decision to terminate both the persons from AMMSO permanently

## Popular Front welcomes Kathua case judgment

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Popular Front of India Chairman E. Abubacker in a statement has welcomed the judgment of the Pathankot fast track court in Kathua case, the brutal incident of rape, torture and murder of a young girl after keeping her sedated for days in village temple in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir. The court found six of the 7 accused guilty and awarded life sentence to three and the other three, who are police

officers who were found guilty of sabotaging the case, were sentenced to five years. It is a collective victory of the family, the lawyers, conscientious individuals and groups who came in support of the family in their battle for justice and people who voiced for justice across the country. The crime became peculiar not only because of the brutality committed on a young girl but by the fact that it was prompted by racial hatred. There was strong resistance and even public

protests against the legal proceedings from the community of the accused, which shocked the nation. The apex court had to move the case out of the state because lawyers in Kathua prevented Crime Branch officials from filing a charge sheet in the sensational case. That is why this initial victory comes as a relief to all justice loving people. At the same time we have to be alert that there can still be further attempts to sabotage the justice and more relentless battle will be required to retain it.