

Selection procedure for MCPCR members irked Child Rights Activists

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Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) is once more in the news for another alleged act of foul play. Earlier, Child Rights activists were surprised to the wisdom of Government for selecting a Music Graduate lady as the chairperson of the MCPCR and appointment of her own husband as advisor at her own capacity. There were instances of complaints of eve teaching and humiliation of girl intern students by staffers of the MCPCR which was denied by the Chairperson, whose qualification is Music graduate. Many Child Rights Activists appreciated the state government for its initiative to fill the vacant post of members if the MCPCR, which remain vacant for the last seven months. However the selection procedure adopted for selection of the members has irked many child rights activists of the state. The Selection Committee comprises Minister Concerned, Principal Secretary (SW) and Director Social Welfare. The selection meeting of the members took place on November 23, at 11 A.M., however final notification

transpired in social media only on November 28, casting a possible hassle over finalizing the final list. Reliable sources implied that few top legislators of the State endorsed either with DO letters or pressure as to select their near and dear candidates. Wonderfully, a recommendation letter from the incumbent Chairperson of MCPCR, Ms Shumatibala Ningthoujam addressed to the concerned Minister dated 12/6/2019, has been leaked out to the press and social media. The letter contains the names of six persons. Interestingly out of the six proposed persons recommended by Ms Shumatibala, altogether five persons got selected by the selection committee. Is it ethical and appropriate to write such a big inducing letter containing all six persons to fill up the six vacant seats by a serving Chairperson of MCPCR to its concerned Minister or how did the three wise men Selection Committee precisely approve all five candidates out of six persons mentioned in the letter? - remains a big question mark. One unselected candidate, while keeping his identity anonymously expressed that "the incident could not be treated as a mere coincidence, since the very result triggers a big

contemptuous conjecture upon the wisdom and fairness of whole selection procedure". He further added " Selection of 5 out of 6 proposed persons in a single letter, is nothing, but only to fulfill the individual or political desire of the said recommending person and it is highly objectionable ". Amongst the six selected persons included the Vice President Mahila Morcha BJP, a superintendent of a Child Care Institute, Member of CDRF Thoubal, a person working in SASO, a lecturer of IGNOU Thoubal College. It may be mentioned that, the selection was done under Section 18 of Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 by a notification vide No. 9/25/2005-S (SW) Pt. 1 Imphal dated, the 23rd November, 2019. Section 17(b) of CPCRA Act, 2015 mandated the Government to appoint six members, which at least two shall be women, from amongst persons of imminence, ability, integrity, standing and experience in education, child health, welfare of or child development, juvenile justice or care of neglect or marginalized children or children with disabilities, elimination of child labour or child in distress, child psychology or sociology and laws related to children.

International Campaign on 16 Days Activism on Gender Based Violence

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Integrated Rural Development Service Organisation (IRDSO) and WinG (Women in Governance) Thoubal Organised the Observation as part of the International campaign on 16 Days Activism on Gender Based Violence held today at the Conference Hall of IRDSO, Wanging in Thoubal District. The 2019 Campaign Theme is "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape". Salam Imocha, Judge Family Court Thoubal and Rakesh Meihoubam Executive Director Human Right Law Network attended the programme as Function President and Moderator. WinG Member Mamta Begam delivered the welcome address. Nonibala Narengbam Convenor WinG Thoubal Said About the Campaign. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an International campaign organising from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership In 1991. Participants chose the dates, November 25, International Day Against Violence Against

Women and December 10, International Human Rights Day. In order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights. Thus isday period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. During the Programme,

Superintendent of Police Kakching Victoria Yengkhom spoke on the topic "Role of Police in ending Gender Based Violence, Practical Challenges", Thokchom Premrata Assistant Director of Human Right Law Network Spoke on "Democratic Violence- Status of Justice Delivery, Practical Challenges" and Aribam Gopeshwar Sharma Public Prosecutor of Session Court Thoubal Spoke on the topic "Sexual Violence- Status of Justice Delivery, Practical Challenges".

Football match adds flavour to Sangai Festival

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh graced the 3rd Women Football exhibition match played between India (Manipur) and Myanmar (Mandalay) as Chief Guest at Mapal Kangeibung today. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that Manipur Sangai Festival has now become an International Festival as it attracts

various foreign entrepreneurs and tourists to participate in the festival. Highlighting that Manipur Sangai Festival is not just a mere festival but showcases the unique 'beauty' of the State, he appealed to the people of the State to make the festival a successful one. He maintained that after considering the public demand for the Sangai festival, the State Cabinet decided to extend the festival for two days.

Uddhav Thackeray wins a trust vote

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Nov 30

Uddhav Thackeray led Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress coalition government (Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) won a trust vote and proved its majority in a two-day special assembly session held at Vidhan Bhawan in South Mumbai on Saturday. The Protem Speaker Dilip Walse Patil tabled the motion of trust vote and called for head count at 02.36 PM as per the directions of the Supreme Court. In the head count, 169 members voted in favour of the motion, while 4 MLAs (2 MIM, 1 CPI and 1 MNS) remained neutral. None opposed the motion in 288 member assembly. The head count ended at 2.55 PM. 115 members including 105 BJP staged a walk out saying that the two day special session was unconstitutional since the session basically organised on 27 November, was concluded with recitation of national anthem and the new session could be convened only with Governor's consent. Former CM Devendra Fadnavis through a point of order objected to the session saying that unless Speaker and leader of the Opposition were appointed no trust vote can be conducted.

The proceedings were conducted by Pro tem Speaker Dilip Walse Patil (NCP), since BJP's Kalidas Kolambkar named by Maharashtra Governor as the temporary Speaker, was replaced with Patil by the MVA, the action which opposition BJP termed as illegal. On Tuesday, it was the BJP-nominated, Speaker Kalidas Kolambkar, who had administered the oath to all the MLAs during the

swearing-in ceremony. BJP objected to his replacement with Dilip Walse Patil as a Pro tem speaker. The BJP claimed that Kolambkar was replaced since the ruling party was afraid of secret ballot. Usually the election of the Speaker is held by a secret ballot. However Pro tem Speaker Dilip Walse Patil told the assembly that the cabinet had powers to replace the pro tem Speaker.



The artistes of the Regional Outreach Bureau, Imphal, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India has performed the creative dance of Tamil Nadu " TAINA TAINA " at BOAT during the cultural programme of Sangai Tourism Festival in Imphal on 29.11.2019

Condolence

Asem Gulchandra Singh, a resident of Liwa Lambi, Imphal West, who has been associating with the Imphal Times Daily evening newspaper at different capacity since its launching as Manipuri Language news paper in 1997 and its relaunching in January 9, 2013 as English Language newspaper, has left us all on Sunday, the November 24, 2019 for heavenly abode. He was popularly known to media fraternity as Bang.



He served as the Joint Editor in 1997 when Imphal Times was a Manipuri language newspaper and he has been associating as editorial consultant when Imphal Times was re-launched in January 9, 2013. His departure has left a vacuum to this newspaper. We in the Imphal Times share the pain and sorrow of his family members. And we in the Imphal Times pray the almighty to let him rest in peace in heaven.

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The Festival, on popular demand, has been extended for two more days

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