

## Manipur High Court summon T. Bimolchand for “Criminal Contempt”; directs to appear at Court on November 15

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Division Bench of the Manipur High Court comprising of Justice L.S. Jamir and Justice Kh. Nobin has taken up a suo motu criminal contempt case against Tongbram Bimolchand (35 years) son of

T. Jugin Singh of Keirenphabi, Bishnupur District for his criticism against the integrity of the judgment passed by the same bench on October 18, 2019 in connection with the quashing of the MPSC main exam 2016.

T. Bimolchand, is one of the selected candidates of the MPSC Examination, 2016. In a programme telecasted at IMPACT TV (a local Cable Network) on November 3, 2019 at 6 pm on a programme called Agenda Manipur, Bimolchand had expressed his doubts on the judgment passed by stating that the two judges did not have the idea of under what article of the constitution of India the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) was established.

In the hearing of the case the court observed that Bimolchand, who is one of the panel of the Cable TV programme said that para 22 of the judgment dated 18 October 2019 in W.A. No. 19

of 2017 etc at No. 147, passed by the High Court of Manipur, it is written that MPSC was established in terms of the provision of the Article 320 of the Constitution of India, emphasizing the article 320 only, thereby stating that MPSC was established under the provision of Article 315 not under the provision of Article 320. The Court observed that Bimolchand had expressed his doubts on the judgement passed by the judges. He also stated that the spelling of India was wrongly written as India. Bimolchand further stated that vide order dated 20/11/2018, Justice Nobin had constituted another committee comprising of Jugindro and Kol but did not explain the particulars of the member.

The Court produced the judgment and stated that it was written Article 315 in the fifth line of the relevant document (original) he had stated. And regarding his

criticism on the constitution of committee comprising of Jugindro and Kol, his allegation falls under the “Criminal Contempt” as stipulated under Section 2 (C) of the Contempt of Court Act, 1971.

“Criminal contempt” means the publication (Whether by words, spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representation or otherwise) of any matter or doing of any other act which tends to scandalize, or tends to lower the authority of, any Court; or (ii) prejudices, or interferes or tends to interfere with, the due course of any judicial proceeding; or (iii) interferences or tends to interfere with, or obstructs or tends to obstruct the administration of justice in any other manner.

The Division Bench later directed Bimolchand to personally appear before the court at 10.30 am sharp on November 15.

### ‘Demonetisation was ill planned’

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Lashing out on the BJP-led NDA government, former Silchar Lok Sabha MP Sushmita Dev on Friday said people are still suffering due to demonetization declared on November 8, 2016.

In a tweet, the president of All India Mahila Congress (AIMC) said, “#Demonetisation – The Bad, the worse and the ugly.”

“The ill-planned & hastily implemented stunt hurt the weakest sections of society the most: daily-wage labourers, small traders and businesses, farmers, women and senior citizens,” she added.

On November 8, 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes would cease to be a legal tender.

Not just Dev, but the Central government was criticized for the demonetisation on its third anniversary by several other Congress leaders as well.

Terming demonetisation as a “terror attack”, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said those behind the “vicious” assault have yet to be brought to justice.

## DC Imphal West denies information sought through RTI

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner Imphal West has denied giving information sought through Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005 to a citizen of the country. The office of the Deputy Commissioner Imphal West also degrades the Manipur Information Commission by not appearing and filing written statement over the reason for failure to provide information sought by Yengkhom Praveena Devi, daughter of Y. Shyamo Singh of Khongnam Mayai Leikai, Imphal East. Yengkhom Praveena Devi had

sought information about the procedure for mutation of land with record of Jammabandi/ Patta No. 216(Old)/397 (New) covered by C.S. Dag No. 1110 measuring 0.12920 acres situated at 47-Chingamkha Village. The applicant, who is a citizen of the country had sought information by providing a copy of the mutation petition and its procedure of the of the said land among others.

Yengkhom Praveena Devi sought the information from the (SPIO) DC Imphal West first on July 30, 2019. After the DC Office did not give any reply she again sought the information from the Revenue Commissioner on September

4, 2019 and after failure to provide the information the appellant appealed the matter to the Manipur Information Commission on October 14, 2019. The commission after hearing the matter on October 15, 2019 summoned the authority of the office DC Imphal West to appear and file a written statement today (Nov. 8, 2019) at 11.45 am.

However, without giving any proper lawful explanation, none of the authority of the DC Imphal West Office appeared before the commission. The Commission reserved the order but stated that the matter will be heard and determined in the absence of the DC office.

## Jenny Cardenas & the Bolivian Capihuaras performs Musical Night



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A Musical Concert by Jenny Cardenas & The Bolivian Capihuaras (from Bolivia) performed at Manipur Film Development Society (MFDS) Auditorium, Palace Compound, Imphal with Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla as the Chief Guest yesterday evening.

Addressing the gathering as Chief Guest, Governor said that organizing this kind of musical concert from a foreign country will help in enhancing the popularity of music. The musical concert by the renowned singers of Bolivia will help in exchanging valuable views and promote the diverse cultural activities

of the country in general and the State in particular. Music and dance are torch bearers and their studies provide not only a cultural and traditional glimpse of society but also reflect its vast image. Music brings out the traditional richness and beauty of the people through the language of common and unassuming people.

She expressed her confidence that the ICCR's endeavor to keep performing various Musical Concerts will disseminate message to the people of the country as a whole for bringing peace and harmony in the society. She also congratulated Indian Council for Cultural Relations for hosting Latin America Festival in different parts of

the country and for presenting the concert in Manipur with collaboration with the Department of Art and Culture, Government of Manipur. Such kind of cultural exchange programmes will strengthen the relationship between India and rest of the globe, she added.

The musical event was presented by Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Regional Office, Shillong in collaboration with Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Manipur.

Padmashree Dr Elam Indira Devi attended the function as Guest of honour, while Regional Director, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Shillong N. Munish Singh, also attended among others.

## NSCN (IM) appeals to Naga groups to be on board the bus of Framework Agreement

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The NSCN(IM) on Thursday urged different Naga groups to be on board for the Framework Agreement and be part of the final solution to the Naga political issue. This assumes significance in the aftermath of the October 31 decision by the Centre to continue dialogues with all stakeholders including the states of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh before bringing the seven-decades-old Naga political issue to its final conclusion. A ‘Declaration’ issued by its MIP, appealed and invited all “Naga brothers and sisters in different groups with open heart to get on board the bus of Framework Agreement and be a part of the final solution in the greater interests of the people and peace and progress in the land”.

The NSCN (IM) urged all the Nagas to be equally prepared when the Government of India is prepared to make the final agreement with the NSCN on the basis of the Framework Agreement. “We reiterate our stand that we have forgiven the past mistakes of our brothers and sisters in different camps and that they should also forgive our past mistakes and be reconciled in the gracious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” the declaration said adding, “Let this message of peace and unity among the Nagas be acceptable to all the Nagas, far and near.” The NSCN(IM) claimed that political leaders of the country and army officials have agreed that the Naga problem is political and not a military one, which opened the door for negotiations for solution to the decades-long issue.

Consequently the Centre and NSCN(IM) embarked on political negotiations from 1997 and after series of intensive negotiations signed the historic Framework Agreement on August 3, 2015 based on the “recognized unique history” of the Nagas, it said. Taking account of the commitment and assurance of the GoI on the issues of Naga national flag and Constitution to resolving them at the earliest time, the two parties have mutually agreed upon to go for final touch on the agreed competencies for conclusion, the NSCN(IM) declaration said. “Now therefore, when the Government of India is prepared to make the final agreement with the NSCN(IM) on the basis of the Framework Agreement all Nagas should also be equally prepared,” it said.

## MP Dr. Ranjan emphasis the significance of celebrating Ningol Chakkouba

Our Jiri Correspondent  
Jiribam, Nov. 8

MP of the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency Dr. RK Ranjan stressed on the significance of Ningol Chakkouba Festival today. Ningol Chakkouba – is the festival of reunion of Family members, Dr. Ranjan said while attending the celebration at Gokhal of Borobekra Sub Division of Jiribam District. Ningols (Married sisters) of Bishnupriya and Meetei attended to the programme organised by Gokhal Farmers’ Club. Speaking at the programme, MP Dr. RK Ranjan Singh said one of the Maharaja’s of Manipur invited their Married Sisters and relatives for feast



at their parental family but nowadays many communities also have started to celebrate it as it emphasizes the importance of happiness and reunion of family. He added, the Ningols have brought many things which showed the unity strength of Manipur. He also sought the blessing of Ningol so that it will

encourage and help to protect and also to keep intact the State. Thereafter, the women who were attended the celebration were served with lunch and presented gifts. The celebration also acts as a platform for increasing mutual trust and confidence among the communities.

Local MLA Md, Ashab Uddin, Adhyakshya Jiribam K. Janaki Devi, Ex- Minister, Jiribam A. Biren Singh, Mayanglambam Rajkumar Singh, DC, Jiribam, M. Mubi Singh, SP, Jiribam District Police and L. Veerjeet Singh, BJP Protocol officer and Media Advisor to President graced the programme as dignitaries.

## National Scholarship Portal(NSP) training conducted in Tamenlong

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To Ensure timely disbursement of Scholarships to students and to provide a common portal for various Scholarships schemes of Central and State Governments a training programme of National Scholarship Portal(NSP) for pre-matric and post-matric scholarship scheme for S/T students 2019-2020 was conducted at Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) conference hall in Tamenlong Headquarters.

The program is jointly organised by Department of Tribal affairs and hills and District Administration of Tamenlong. Kakai Singhsit, ATSUM, Education Secretary, stated that since many students avail more than two scholarship from the state and central government this national scholarship portal (online registration) has been started to check availing for more than two scholarship. Rocky Pebam, IT expert MOBC demonstrate power point

presentation of national scholarship portal online registration in details of do’s and don’ts and the documents requirements for the scholarship registration. School headmasters, college principals, ZEO Education staff and staff of private schools and colleges also attended the program. It may be mentioned that NSP will single integrated application for all scholarships and will also reduced duplicates maximum to the extent.