

Manipur HC quashes MPSC – 2016 main examination; directs CBI to investigate

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In a landmark ruling by a divisional bench of the Manipur High Court, comprising of Justice Lanusungum Jamir and Justice Kh. Nobin Singh, the controversial MCSCCE 2016 Examination for selection to 62 posts of MCS, MPS, SDC, EO conducted by the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) had

been quashed and the consequential orders for the appointment of those declared recruited had also been quashed. The divisional bench's ruling also directed the Central Bureau of Investigation, (CBI) New Delhi to investigate into the conduct of the Main Examination, 2016 by the MPSC within a period of 3 (three) months beginning today. The order of the divisional bench also quashed and set

aside the judgment order dated 28/02/2017 by a single judge bench. Extract of today's court order read – "The writ petitions being WP(C) No. 606 of 2017; WP(C) No. 725 of 2017 and WP(C) No. 313 of 2018 are allowed and consequently, the Main Examination, 2016 initiated and conducted pursuant to the Notification dated 07-04-2016 issued by the MPSC is quashed and set aside and further, the consequential orders dated

22-06-2017; 26-06-2017 issued by the Deputy Secretary (DP), Government of Manipur and the order dated 23-06-2017 issued by the Deputy Secretary (Revenue), Government of Manipur are quashed and set aside. However, it is open to the MPSC to conduct the Main Examination, 2016 afresh after due notice being given to the candidates. "The Central Bureau of Investigation, New Delhi is directed to investigate into

the conduct of the Main Examination, 2016 by the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment and order and take appropriate action thereafter in accordance with law. A certified copy of this judgment and order shall be sent to the CBI, New Delhi, at the earliest possible, for doing the needful in time".

CCSK commemorates the first session of the Manipur Legislative Council

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In commemoration to the First session of the Manipur Legislative Council, Committee of Civil Societies Kangleipak (CCSK) today observed the day as "Manipur gi Puwarida Meeyangi Ahanba Leingak Leikhiba Numit" (The first day of peoples' government in the history of Manipur) at GM Hall today. In 1948, October 18 after the British Paramountcy left the erstwhile Kingdom on the midnight of August 14, 1947, the first adult franchise of the government of Manipur was held during July of 1948 and the first sitting of the state Legislative Council was held on October 18 of 1948. The commemoration function was attended by Dr. T. Lunikim, Chairman, The Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust, KS. Rathing,

Headman, Wunghon Village, Ukhrul district, Abdul Hakim Shah, Asst. Professor, GP Women College, Filson Y. Lunghar, Social Activists and Jeetendra Ningombam, president CCSK as presidium Members. Manipur was the 2nd Asiatic Country to hold adult franchise to run democratic form of government and to have a constitution of its own. Philippine is the first country to hold adult franchise to form a peoples' government. Speakers on the occasion recalled the democratic characteristic of the Manipur Nation in 1948 before merger to the Indian Union. The Manipur government was abolished in October 15, 1949 after the then King of Manipur, the Nominal head of the state was forced to signed the Controversial merger agreement with the dominion of India on September 21, 1949.

State Congress activists burnt effigy of Manohar Lal This is a totalitarian regime, we are not allowed to stage democratic protest - Gaikhangam

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Head Office of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) located at BT road here in Imphal witnessed a war-scene-like situation today afternoon as large number of state police force cordoned the main entry gate of the Congress office trying to prevent the congress activists from staging protest or burning effigy of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal. Large number of congress party members including CLP leader Okram Ibohi, MPCC President Gaikhangam, MLA K. Ranjit, MLA Mirabai, MLA Th. Lokeshore, Moirangthem Okendro, Victor Keishing among others along with congress activists stage a sit-in – protest demanding unconditional apology from Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal for his derogatory statement to AICC president Sonia Gandhi. Addressing a BJP rally, Sonipat in Haryana, CM Manohar Lal had humiliated the Congress president by mocking at her and the

congress party about 5 days back. "After the defeat in the Lok Sabha election, Rahul (Gandhi) quit as party president and said the new Congress chief would not be from the Gandhi family. It welcomed his decision. It is good to end dynasty politics. Then, these people started searching (for a new president)... After three months, they made Sonia Gandhi the Congress chief. It was like *khoda pahaad, nikli chuihya, woh bhi mari hui...* (like digging up a mountain to find a mouse, that too a dead one)", this statement delivered by the chief Minister was termed as irresponsible by almost all members of the Congress party including the leaders of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, Gaikhangam and Ibohi among others. At around noon, the congress activist while staging a protest demonstration tried to burn the effigy of the Haryana Chief Minister, however, large number of police team who were already on the site

snatch the effigy and dismantle the sets for protest. Former Chief Minister and CLP leader Okram Ibohi and MPCC president Gaikhangam along with other congress legislatures were left with no choice but to stand in surprise as the congress activists confronted the police team. Later, the Congress leaders and the workers went inside the MPCC office complex and burnt the effigy of the Haryana Chief Minister shouting slogans demanding immediate apology for his derogatory statement. "This a totalitarian regime, we are not allowed to stage democratic protest", MPCC president Gaikhangam told media persons. On being asked why the main gate of the MPCC office had to be closed during the protest that too inside the office premises, Gaikhangam said that the congress workers had already experienced excess and brutalities of the state force under the command of the present government. "They had fired tear gas shells, mock bomb inside the office complex of the MPCC



during a protest demonstration earlier, many workers sustained injury and many had to be hospitalized. As we do not want our workers to get injured by their drastic action our workers might have closed the gate", Gaikhangam said. The MPCC president further lambasted the present BJP led regime for their humiliation to the constitution of India. "Lamdamshe Yom lebak orakadome" (The is becoming a land of Yumraj)", Gaikhangam said showing serious concern to the present BJP regime terming it as a Totalitarian regime. Citizens or political parties are not allowed to raise their voice against their policy and programme and the voice of the dissent had never been listened by them, Gaikhangam added.

Weavers wishes to include Handlooms and Handicrafts in school curriculums

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The Ningol Chakkouba Handloom & Handicraft Expo. 2019 organised by the Manipur Apex Handloom Weavers & handicraft Artisans Ltd. is underway at GM Hall here in Imphal. The Expo was inaugurated yesterday by P. Vaiphei IAS, Principal Secretary Textile, Commerce and Industry. Indira Devi President AWAS, C. Rajisakaran, Asst. Director (design), Weaver Service Center Imphal, Th. Rajn Singh Asst. Director Handicraft Service Center Imphal and Y. Shantikumar Singh Asst. Manager (Commercial)

Imphal attended as dignitaries on the date. S. Bhubol, Bord of Directors Apex Handloom while delivering the key note address said that handloom products and handicrafts items should be used as gifts of Ningol Chakkouba and State Knowledge of handlooms and Handicrafts should be included in the school curriculum to sustain aged old tradition and work culture to the youths. P Vaiphei in his speech expressed happiness in organizing the handlooms and handicrafts expo, celebrating the Ningol Chakkouba, the biggest festival of Manipur.

Training programme on Childhood Prevention Early Detection Intervention for Children with Intellectual Disabilities held

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A 'training programme on Childhood Prevention Early Detection Intervention for Children with Intellectual Disabilities' for female ASHA, Anagwadi Worker was held at Utonglok Village Saikhul district today. National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in association with State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Relief Centre for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons Manipur & All Tribal Disabled Union, Manipur organised the event. National Institute for the

Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) Secunderabad Dr G Mary Anurupa, Lecturer in Occupational Therapy NIEPID Hyderabad Mughesh Thulasikantham and Lecturer in Special Education NIEPID Regional Centre Navi Mumbai Ravi Prakash Singh attended training programme as resource persons. Local Manipuri Translation by Ph. Victoria Devi, Women d Child Welfare Officer, Relief Centre. Dr. Mary Anurupa, (Resource Persons) had explained NIEPID as an autonomous body that operates under ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and its headquarter is located at

Manovikas Nagar Secunderabad. She said that with the objective of empowering person with mental retardation NIEPID is extending various training programmes and services in many part of India from the past 34 years. As a part of it the services are reaching in all North East States. The hardest thing for any parent to hear is that their child has a physical or mental disability. It may come as a complete shock; you may have thought that your child was just a little slower than others their age. After the fear subsides and you realize you are not alone and your talk it out in counselling and with your partner, the guilt

and confusion is likely to set in. You wonder if it's caused by something you did while you were pregnant and you wonder why on earth this has happened to your child. Mughesh Thulasikantha, (Resource Persons) Occupational Therapy, NIEPID, Hyderabad, Talking to other parents who have children with disabilities and joining a support group is the easiest way to deal with the news. These are great places to find out about programs you can enrol your child into and how to care for someone with a disability. The three sessions went with audio and video presentations with interactive sessions in between and the programme.

philanthropic organizations, civic groups and many others stage events to bring the limelight to various disabilities. Mughesh Thulasikantha, (Resource Persons) Occupational Therapy, NIEPID, Hyderabad, Talking to other parents who have children with disabilities and joining a support group is the easiest way to deal with the news. These are great places to find out about programs you can enrol your child into and how to care for someone with a disability. The three sessions went with audio and video presentations with interactive sessions in between and the programme.

450 women of Wangjing Tenta will be provided with benefits in weaving - Hemanta

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450 women from 12 villages of Wangjing Tenta will be provided with benefits under Ministry of MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises), said Moirangthem Hemanta in a one-day awareness programme on Traditional Embroidery Cluster. In the event organised by Wangjing Tenta Farmers Development Association (WATEFADEAS), he further

said that the scheme has a total amount of Rs. 1 crore 32 lakh, out of which 90% is from Indian government and 10% from WATEFADEAS, for the raw materials, marketing, and production of traditional products. The government of India has already granted Rs 28 lakh for this scheme and permission for the Common Facility Centre in Khongim, which will have machines with foreign technology by November, he added.