



2018 multi crores drug seizure case: 2 convicted, former ADC Chairman Lhukhosei Zou and 6 others acquitted

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Special court (ND & PS), Manipur today convicted to accused in the multi-crores drug seizure case of 2018 from the official quarter of the former Chairman of Chandel ADC at Lamphel. The former ADC chairman, Lhukhosei Zou and 6 others who were arrested in connection with the drug seizure case were found not guilty and thus order to release by the Judge of the Special Court (ND and PS), Manipur. Sentence hearing of the two convicts has been fixed on December 21.

The two persons convicted today in connection with the multi crore drug seizure case are Tung Khan Mung Zou @ Mung Zou @ Aric (19) son of Ginzaman of Moreh Ward No. 2, Gamnon Veng,

Tengnoupal district Manipur presently residing at Mantripukhuri, Lamlongei Veiphei Veng, Imphal West and Thangminlung Zou (30) years son of Chinsuanlam Zou of Lunmual Village, Singhat, Sub-Division, Churachandpur District, Manipur presently residing at Game Village Zone 1, Langol, Manipur.

"The accused No.4 Thangminlung Zou is hereby convicted under section 21(c)/22(c)/29 of the ND PS Act, 1985

and at the same time, the accused No.2 Tung Khan Mung Zou @Mung @ Aric is also hereby convicted under section 29 read with section 21(c)/22(c) of the ND PS Act, 1985", the order by Justice W. Tonen Meitei said. On the other hand, all the remaining accused persons including Lhukhosei Zou have been acquitted from the case as the prosecution has totally failed to prove the charges leveled against them.

War on Drugs is a joke

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Reacting against the release of Lhukhosei Zou by the Special Court (ND&PS) today Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) in a statement urged the government to appeal the order to a higher court. Contraband drugs (Herion, WY Tablets) worth over rupees 27 crores were seized from the official quarter of the Chandel district ADC, Lhukhosei at Lamphel on June 29, 2018. The CADA said that people now suspect on how the main accused has been released after being acquitted.

The CADA also highlighted the series of events that took place in connection with the drug seizure case from the official quarter of Lhukhosei Zou. It even said that the former additional SP of NAB, who took main role in the investigation of the case has been transferred without any appropriate reason. The CADA also stated on how government had tried to close the case using its machineries by interfering the judiciary. The way things are going on makes a mockery of the War on Drugs, CADA said while questioning on how could the drug seized from the residence of the persons w/could be let free.

"Tourism Awareness Programme for Tourist Service Providers at Loktak Lake"



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Indiatourism Imphal, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India in Collaboration with K.B.Enterprises organized a "Tourism awareness programme" for Tourist Service Providers of ARICA Club Thanga Chingkhia at Loktak Lake, Manipur on 16/12/2020. We have briefed about the digital programme-Incredible India Tourist Facilitator Certification (IITFC) course of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India. We also explained them about the safety, rules and etiquette to the tourist and also advise them to strictly follow the government's SOP of Covid -19 pandemic.

Dr. K. Romeo Meetei, Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education, Manipur University and Shri.Kunjabihari, Proprietor, K.B.Enterprises attended the programme as resource person. They have given the speech on the promotion of tourism industry in the state as well as the promotion of water sports at Loktak Lake. A total of 40 participants including boatman and local club members attended the programme. As a part of the programme, we have distributed T-Shirts, Caps, and Mask to the participants. The programme was organized by obeying the Government's SOP of Covid-19.

Minister Biswajit reviews ongoing NHIDCL Projects

Instructs NHIDCL for early completion of projects

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Works Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh today chaired an overall review meeting of ongoing highway projects taken up by the National Highway Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (NHIDCL) in the conference hall of his New Secretariat Office. During the review meeting, Biswajit strictly instructed the officials to maintain quality in their road construction and said work on Package 2 along NH 2 (upto Lokchao) which is already complete is quite satisfactory. The issues pertaining to land acquisition was also deliberated upon

with the DC, Thoubal. Officials of NHIDCL presented status reports of ongoing projects. The Minister said that the NHIDCL should ensure that work under Package 1 and 3 are also accomplished as far as possible before the start of the monsoon season. Further ensuring all possible cooperation to the company, he also pointed out the need for them to expedite work on Makru and Barak bridges and complete them by February next year. He stressed that all road developmental projects in the State are taken up under the initiative of the Chief Minister to improve connectivity. Better connectivity will ensure more

effective logistics enhancing economic activities in the State. Regarding shifting of electricity poles during construction work, the Minister directed the NHIDCL officials to communicate and cooperate with the concerned authorities of the Manipur State Power Distribution Company Ltd (MSPDCL) and ensure public safety during shifting of poles and electric wire. On their part, the NHIDCL officials highlighted their issues including forest clearance works and land acquisition before the Minister. He said NHIDCL should also check that the developmental works

minimise negative impacts on the environment. Further elaborating that major and important projects need to be completed at the earliest, the Minister said that NHIDCL should also lay emphasis on road improvement works of already completed projects. The meeting was also attended by Additional Chief Secretary Works P Vaiphei, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal, officials of Public Works Department among others. NHIDCL was represented by General Manager, RO, Imphal Col.RK. Swain (red), Senior Project Manager, GR Infra Ltd. Imphal Iswar Singh Arya.

SC dismisses Republic TV's plea against Mumbai Police

**IT Correspondent
 New Delhi, Dec. 17:**

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to entertain a writ petition filed by Arnab Goswami-led Republic TV against the FIR registered by Mumbai Police naming its editors and reporters for allegedly trying to cause "disaffection" among

members of the police personnel. The Mumbai Police had in October registered an FIR against four senior journalists and several other staffers of the news channel Republic TV against the FIR registered by Mumbai Police naming its editors and reporters for allegedly trying to cause "disaffection" among

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'No Reason To Act Against Bajrang Dal':

Facebook India Chief

**IT Correspondent
 New Delhi, Dec 17:**

Facebook India head Ajit Mohan on Wednesday told the parliamentary panel, that the social media giant had found no reason to act against the Bajrang Dal - a right-wing outfit with ties to the ruling BJP, despite an internal security team tagging it as dangerous for inciting violence against minorities. Mohan was originally summoned by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology to discuss the security and safety of user data. During the hearing Congress MP Karti Chidambaram cited a report by

"The Wall Street Journal" that mentioned Facebook had permitted Bajrang Dal to increase its presence on the social media platform because "cracking down... might endanger both the company's business prospects and its staff in India". Mohan told the panel members that the company's fact-checking team had not found any content posted by Bajrang Dal that violated its social media policies. The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) report had referred to a video in which the Bajrang Dal claimed responsibility for an attack on a church outside Delhi in June. "Besides risking infuriating India's ruling Hindu nationalist politicians,

banning Bajrang Dal might precipitate physical attacks against Facebook...", the Journal mentioned. "A group of Facebook's employees said in an internal letter and posts on Facebook discussion groups that the presence of Bajrang Dal on its platform, among other organisations, casts doubt on the company's commitment to tackle hate speech in India" it said. In August, the WSJ had reported on an alleged bias in Facebook's policies that supported the ruling BJP. Citing business reasons, Facebook's top official in India 'opposed applying hate-speech rules' to individuals and groups linked with the

BJP. The journal alleged that former Facebook executive Ankhi Das came out in support of a leader of the BJP who made anti-Muslim comments. According to the report, Das had told the staff members that "punishing violations by BJP politicians would damage the company's business prospects in the country, Facebook's biggest global market by a number of users." Facebook, however, denied all charges and defended itself in front of a parliamentary committee against allegations of bias and concerns about the safety of user data. Soon after, Das also resigned from the company.

RBI identifies cross border payments for the second leg of 'sandbox' innovation

**By Raju Vernekar
 Mumbai, Dec. 17:**

The Reserve Bank of India has identified cross-border payments as the second cohort of its regulatory sandbox (RS) program in a bid to make international remittance channels and make them more accessible and affordable. Under the program which commenced earlier this year, banks, fintech and technology companies can collaborate and run real-time experimental pilots under the supervision of a central bank team who can

then determine the efficacy of mass-market applications based on the results. "The Cohort is expected to spur innovations capable of recasting the cross-border payments landscape by leveraging new technologies to meet the needs of a low cost, secure, convenient, and transparent system in a faster manner," the RBI said in a statement on Wednesday. India is the largest recipient of inbound remittances across the globe accounting for 15% of the global share in 2019 receiving around \$83 billion. In the first half-year of 2020,

India has received \$27.4 billion, RBI said. Additionally, the daily average turnover of OTC foreign exchange instruments in India is approximately \$40 billion where technology-led solutions can ease the movement of money and facilitate convenience, the regulator added. The window for submission of applications for eligible companies willing to participate in the cohort has been set between December 21, 2020 to February 15, 2021. To this effect, RBI has also relaxed the enabling

framework by reducing minimum net worth requirement from the existing Rs 25 lakh to Rs 10 lakh to encourage more applications. Additionally, partnership firms and Limited Liability Partnership (LLPs) have also been allowed to participate in the RS. In the first cohort, two applications from fintech firms Natural Support Consultancy and Nucleus Software in the field of offline payments are currently being tested. For the third cohort, RBI has identified MSME lending as the theme of innovation.

Asem Dinesh @ ANingba already expelled - PREPAK

**IT News
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A statement by Achouba, Publicity Officer, Department of Publicity and Propaganda of the proscribed group PREPAK has said that the person arrested by Behiang and Singhat Police of Churachandpur district identified as Asem Dinesh @ Aningba (360, son of late A Inao of Sangathel Keithel has been expelled from the party after he violated the rules and regulations of the Red Army. The statement said that the person is not related with the PREPAK or its army wing Red Army.

★ Editorial

The dirty game

Is it the law of the land or the might of the neo-government functioning that people are suppressed and easily fooled? Or is it because the people have lost its courage to fight against the odd that allow the authority to play dirty tricks to fool them? Or is it because people are ignorant to what has been happening or playing by the authority. Or are the people misinterpreted the three monkeys of the Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation which one shut its mouth, one cover its eyes and another plug its ear. Something seems to be seriously wrong with the functioning of the present government and the response from the people of the present day society.

During mid 90's a heated debate was heard among scholars and activists of the countries on the question of who will judge the judge if the judgment is against justice. Criticism to any judgment by the law court is punishable as it amounts to contempt of court, and sometimes due to lack of proper evidence or say by dirty game played under the shadow of 'might', daylight offenders are often let free. Common people always think this kind of drama only happen in "Bollywood" movie. But when it happens in real life people seem to be stunned. At least in Bollywood movies some protagonists act to clean the system, but in real life it is hard to find any protagonist. And it is not difficult for the players to silence those who voice against it.

This writings appreciated the judgment of the Special Court of (ND & PS) for speedy trial of the case in connection with the seizure of huge quantity of drugs and illegal articles. The court acquitted the former ADC of Chandel, Lolkhosei Zou along with 7 others while two persons were convicted. The drug seized was worth crores of rupees and the two persons convicted are believed to be from middle class family. It may be hard for a commoner to believe that the two persons convicted today could spend crores of money to smuggle the drugs, but the court after hearing argument and after both claimed to have been the owner of the drugs have been convicted. The wisdom of the court cannot be questioned. However, sometimes it seems like a Bollywood blockbuster movie.

Guest Column

Only by providing basic facilities can schools be made ideal

By- Harkirat Kaur Sabhra

Every government runs the education department along with other departments at its own discretion and in its own way. In the days to come many plans and schemes are made but seldom come into action. On the face of it, the government's plans look great, but on closer inspection, it doesn't take long for the situation to become clear. Adarsh schools are already very open in Punjab but how much the poor children benefit from these schools is before all of us. The cost of education has risen to such an extent that it is beyond the reach of the poor. Punjab today ranks 17th in the country in terms of education. Extremely backward states like Bihar account for 50 per cent of the annual income. A / IPS are elected whereas Punjab is sometimes completely empty in terms of percentage. Our education system is infected with another disease and our governments are treating another disease. Our

schools lack teachers, lack buildings, lack furniture, lack libraries, lack laboratories, lack computers, lack electricity to run computers, lack playgrounds, read and teach. There is a lack of proper environment for the process and there are many other shortcomings. Governments need to address these shortcomings and create an environment conducive to learning in schools where students are attracted to face to face schools. Today most of the government schools in Punjab have basic facilities. Are deprived of Due to which the number of students in government schools is also less and the future of the students who come to government schools looks bright. In contrast, facilities are provided in private schools but it is difficult for the poor and some middle class people to pay their fees. The governments of the time should provide all the basic facilities in government schools so that the students who are out of reach of private schools can get a good and quality education.

Career Guidance

NTSE 2019-20 Stage 2 Re-scheduled Exam Date : On February 14, 2021

By- Vijay GarG

The second stage of the National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) 2019-20 will be now Re-scheduled held on February 14, 2021. Earlier, the exam was scheduled for 7 February 2021, but it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"all those candidates who want to seek change of exams centre due to any reason are required to submit their request to Head, Educational survey division in the prescribed format latest by 28 December 2020 through email at ntsexam.ncert@nic.in" Further information regarding the

exam will be made available on the official website, ncert.nic.in.

"The said examination was scheduled for May 10th 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. The exam is now rescheduled on 14th February 2021 (Sunday) in all the States/UTs," National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) said in a statement.

Further information regarding the exam will be made available on the official website, ncert.nic.in. Last year, 2,103 students qualified for NTSE scholarship. The NCERT, in 2019, doubled the number of NTSE scholarships. Earlier, it was given to 1,000 meritorious students.

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An Analysis of the MCSCCE 2016 fiasco: Re-exam first or a Transparent and Accountable MPSC first?

By- Pauliansaun Thouthang, New Delhi

Picture a young man in his early thirties, hopeful in life, hardworking and reasonably successful posted with a central PSU. It is the early parts of 2017 and he contemplates his career choice. Having cleared the MCSCCE 2017 he must now resign from his job if he is to take up state civil service. Having litigations against the exam by some candidates was a clear sign of risk, but finally when the case was disposed, he decided that it was worth changing his career, after all who won't want to serve his home state, and since believed that future cases will not affect genuine and innocent candidates he had little to fear, perhaps if he had some experience of the nature of civil laws he won't have been that naive. Little does he realize what lies ahead, and how his job would be subject to outcome of future litigations, ultimately leading to termination. Fast forward 4 years and now the man is a shadow of his former self, living insolvent in penury unable to meet his loan obligations and living expense. He regrets having opted to join state service, having put faith on a constitutional body, having gotten married and having taken loan for the same, having to become a father, all coming together as he is plunged into

deep distress, social stigmatization and mental trauma. A bleak future lies ahead where his age limits his scope for finding new employment, and a vacuum of nearly three years behind them. This is not a peculiar case, but typically the common fate of those unfortunate young men and women who cleared the MCSCCE 2016, but were doomed because of numerous 'misdeeds' (as noted in the judgement) of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC), a constitutional body that exist solely to conduct such recruitment exams but somehow is much incapable. No one would want to be in the shoes of these unfortunate terminated officers. Surely not only those few selected candidates who choose not to take up state service, or who eventually left the job for other services, but even those who were not in the final list of MCSCCE 2016 must be thanking their stars to have been spared such a traumatic experience.

What is confounding now is, right in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, the MPSC has hurriedly announced to conduct the 2016 Mains exam afresh. To a layman, the expectation was, the CBI investigation would charge sheet and penalize whoever was involved in the MPSC scam first, and thereafter with due compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court such as making

necessary amendments to its rules and regulation, adopting system of moderation and scaling etc, the main exam would be conducted afresh. The judgement notes in page 149 that 'It is the right time for the MPSC or for that matter, its staff or officials to be penalized for their misdeeds which they have been doing for the last many years and if not penalized now, they would continue to do so in future at the cost of public interest and public money.' in page 150 that MPSC 'miserably failed to discharge its duties and functions as mandated in the Constitution of India. It would like to continue holding examinations, only in name, with a half baked rules so that it could manipulate it'. Yet MPSC appears to be back to its old self and going about with the same 'business as usual' approach, like it has done nothing wrong. The disastrous fate of unfortunate candidates whose lives are irreparably damaged seems to have no bearing in the conscience of the high ranking officials of the MPSC, as it seeks to go on another uncertain and risky exam. In such circumstances MPSC exams should perhaps be notified with a warning making aspirants aware that MPSC may ruin their life and career without being accountable. Necessarily the people of Manipur deserves closure, it is not just aspirants that have suffered because of the MCSCCE

2016 fiasco, the whole state has been shamed besides suffering huge loss of public fund that has gone into the conduct of exams, training and salary of the terminated officers. Therefore the culprits must be held accountable; there would not be an offence without an offender. Interestingly the very selected candidates, who were terminated from service and rampantly vilified (with distasteful name callings like #huranba82, #corrupted, 'deserving to be spat upon' etc) are in fact voicing that the CBI investigation be allowed to be completed first, and pointing out that MPSC have not yet complied with the directions of the court. Anyone who is aware of the MCSCCE 2016 fiasco would not have expected this from the selected candidates, since they have been painted as corrupt and alleged to be beneficiary of manipulation by MPSC. People expected that those who campaigned against the MCSCCE 2016 to be much more vocal and come up in arms against the exam notice since MPSC has not yet complied with the directions of the Hon'ble Court. This appears to be a strange anomaly in the narrative. It needs to be asked whether all the campaigns were solely aimed at re-exam, or was it truly aimed at making MPSC transparent and accountable? The saga for a clean and fair MPSC continues.

Revisiting the life of late NK Sanajaoba

By- Sh Ajit

From the 1970s till the mid-1980s, the talk of town was dominated by the writings and rebellious tone of NK Sanajaoba at the Manipuri periodical, 'Lamyamba'.

He was always in a revolution mode both by practice and ideals, a revolutionary who had the vision of lucidly seeing the goal beyond the prevailing system, who took great risk without any concern for personal safety and fought war to end the contradiction and disparity between haves and have-nots.

His sole vision was oneness of Manipur free from all forms of exploitation and inequalities. He was a true lover of people of Manipur, a true believer of secularism who had looked beyond the sectarian ideology of religion, revivalism, tribalism and clannish ideologies and parochial mindset.

"EIGI DAIRIDAGI" a personal memoir of Late Nongmathem Pahari written by himself reveals that when United National Liberation Front (UNLF) which is still one of the largest and oldest revolutionary groups in Manipur was formed in November 24,

1964, he was one of the founding Central Committee members who played a key role.

He was born on 30 December 1936 in an ordinary family at the eastern bank of Imphal River at Singamei Wangma Kshetri Leikai, Imphal. No one, at that time, knew that a revolutionary had been born. He was not the son of a noble family. NK Sanajaoba was born at a time when Manipur was disturbed with storms from all directions and in the prevailing dark rainy sky he would rise as a shining star, overshadowing the clouds. He grew up amidst the political atmosphere of interlocking storm of confusion over formation of new Manipur and the continuity of feudal-colonial rule. He was known to his friends for his witty comments on the administrative and political events taking place at that time.

Pan Manipuri Youth League (PANMYL) was founded by progressive and radical youths of Manipur at Guwahati University in the month of December 1968. NK Sanajaoba was one of vital key actors in the establishment of PANMYL. He became the first editor of PANMYL's mouthpiece monthly publication;

Lamyamba in 1969. He was the driving force behind this publication. His publication stood out for its critical observation on Manipur's administration, which was a Part C State with Territorial Assembly after she lost her sovereign status in 1949. Why did NK Sanajaoba take so many risks in his life?

Lamyamba Journal brought out the corruption, nepotism and the malpractices that went on in post-merger Manipur tirelessly. His keen observations on corrupt practices of political leaders, administrators and bureaucrats of Manipur created a bunch of enemies against him. Still he wanted to show the people of Manipur that corruption became an inherent quality of the political system which the people suffered. He was hated by those who were toeing the line of the political system which was based on inequalities and which generated further inequalities. His fearless expression of truth became a model for the educated youths of his day. But the government, unsurprisingly, tried to suppress his views in Lamyamba. His home was raided by the police.

The talk of town

The language of well educated literary persons is not strong enough to fight corruption in the political and administrative circles. He saw that people needed a new language to fight haabiabis thok-mok, youkhalmarum of the men in power and the system which legitimize haabiabis.

Young generations are still inspired by his words and works; new generations still hear the historical echoes of the great Aouh Lichaheppa, Thayang Konda Loubasing, Pathou Minglen Hanmoibasing, Porei Ta Fathibasing, Nakhoi Mar K h o n g u l b u , Ningna Tanna Lejjarakap. Lamyamba NK Sanajaoba struggle for justice and national liberation found a medium of expression, without any fear, in the monthly publication of Pan Manipuri Youth League (PANMYL) mouthpiece Lamyamba. And he is the first investigative journalist in the North East India during that time who by his deeds had shown the magnanimity and courage to fight for free Manipur from all forms of inequalities and to fight back all the injustices done on the people of Manipur.

Love who you are!

without walk away from your side and left you hurt? Why would people changes in a just a span of time and ignore you for the rest of their lives? 'Why' is the only question that questioned all our questions. No one gives you an answer. No one understand your pains. None would never noticed what you go through but deep down you're filled with depression, anxiety, loneliness, hopelessness, and what not! It is obvious that people never tend to attend to you until you address your situation to them. The most painful one, they wouldn't hear your cries and pains; they leave as a stranger when you wouldn't be forgetting, and not even for a day shall passed without them being remembered by you. But who truly stays with you when you're into such miserable and heartbreaking moments of your life? In the end no one really cares except

yourself. YOU are the sole hero of your life. People would come and go, make your life happy for a day, a week, a month, a year and so on but remember they are leaving you one day, for a reason and maybe with no reason at all. People never seem to be loved to be. So, never expect too much from someone when there is nothing to be expected. Expectations always hurts and only makes you feel worthless when it does not turn the way you imagine and wants it to be. Some will stay, some will go but they don't define who you are. But never stop for anyone! Never beg someone to stay with you when they are running away from your side. They wouldn't be hurting you if they truly loves and cares. So, let them be. Never cry for those who does not deserve you- your loyalty and the real you. Life is what you make of it. It's the fire in your soul. So, if you keep hiding from the world you'll never

know. All you've to do is keep shining bright like stars. And those who love the real you are meant for you. Above all, you have to love who you are- the real you. You were born to stand up and fight your fights. You know what is best for you. It's time to be the real you and find out who you are. Take your own paths and see who walk with you. The real ones will never leave you. Life goes on. Keep living! Yesterday is history tomorrow is mystery but today is a gift of God, which is why it is called present. So, forget about what is in the past, people who might have abandoned you when you're weeping and going through the worst part of your life. They only teach you to be stronger. Not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path. Life itself is the greatest gift of God to mankind. Life, your life at your best; never to regret someday.