

Indian medical students including 4 from Manipur doing internship in hospitals run by Sichuan University discouraged from returning to India

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Indian medical graduates including 4 from Manipur doing internship in hospitals, run by the Sichuan University, China, are not being allowed to return to India, even as the Embassy of India in Beijing has taken up the issue with concerned authorities, report reaching here said.

As per the reports, despite Coronavirus outbreak, the students are being told that they will have to complete the course afresh if they return to India and there is a break in duration of the one year course.

According to reports, since more doctors are required to cater to the patients admitted to the hospitals, the doctors already working in hospitals as interns, are being discouraged from returning to India.

In response to a query by Imphal Times, Sanjeeb Chakraborty, Consul(Consular), Consulate General of India,



Guangzhou, through e mail stated that "The Consulate has already taken up the issue with the concerned authorities of Sichuan University. The University has noted our concern and has informed that they totally respect these Indian students' choice of continuing to stay or returning to India. For those who are doing the internship at the university's hospital currently, they can also choose to return to India after they finish a necessary procedure of asking-leave.

Then they can come back to the university to continue their study once the current situation is over". "The students can avail the choice of option to travel back to India via Bangkok/ Colombo/Kulampurby Thai/Srilankan/Malaysian Airlines if direct flight is not available from Sichuan". The Sichuan University recognized by Medical Council of India (MCI) offers MBBS degree course of (5 years + 1 year internship). The internship can either be

done at the university hospitals or in the home country in a hospital recognized by the Ministry of Health of the concerned country. Some Indian students for MBBS course in English medium have already been graduated from West China Medical School, Sichuan University and have excelled in the Screening Test of MCI. If the students want to do internship in the hospitals of the university they must pass HSK examination, as per regulations of Ministry of Education, China, before the 6th year internship. In addition to MBBS course, the international undergraduate Students are also engaged by different medical institutes, including Sichuan Academy of Medical Sciences & Sichuan Provincial People's Hospital, for one year course.

HSLC Exam conducted by BOSEM begins at 140 centers

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High School Leaving Certificate Examination (HSLC) conducted by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur begins today at 140 selected centers. According to BOSEM, a total of 38664 students submitted forms for appearing in the HSLC examination this year. Out of the total students, 19040 are male and 19624 are female. Only 1 disabled candidate is appearing the board examination this time. For the first time answers scripts are changed from landscape to portrait format and margins are drawn as announced by the Director of

Education (S) a few days back. Watermarks of respective subjects are embossed on science and social science answer scripts, he had stated. The first day begins with English subject. Students while interacting with this reporter after the examination said that they feel better with the answer sheets as they don't have to waste time drawing margin. "The questions are not very confusing and as for me I have done well", Merilina a student appearing the exam told this reporter while coming out after the exam. She, however, said that she was worried about finding her parents who were supposed to pick her up as the

school front portion was jammed with lots of people and vehicles parking in an unorganized manner. Brajeshwar, a parent who was waiting for his daughter said the authority should properly arrange the school entrance gate and the front portion as not only the students but we the parents and guardians feel suffocated. Moreover, a school like Keishamthong Model School and Ibotosana Girls, are located near roadsides and jammed packed of the vehicles near the school severely disturbed the traffic along the road. Authority should also take up measures to make the students more convenient.

Machi High School condition in total disgrace manner besides government promises to improve it

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A team of AMSU, while conducting inspection visits to government schools as a part of their campaign for Total Education today found Machi High School in Tengnoupal district Manipur in total disgrace manner with unsatisfactory school infrastructures besides having inadequate teachers.

A press statement, issued by the AMSU Thoubal district committee sent along with

video footage of the school campus and classroom showed unfulfillment of promises made by the government for improvement of education sectors. It said the school which has 146 students from class 1 to class 10 is being allotted with only five teachers. Among the five teachers, 4 are primary teachers and one Graduate teacher. The building of the Machi High School was inaugurated on December 4, 2006, by the then Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and Education Minister

L. Nandakumar. The condition of the school is that the first-floor portion could not be used due to any maintenance of quality. On April 8, 2018, the present Education Minister Th. Radheshyam visited the school and after inspection assured to improve the school by providing the requirement, however, nothing has been done till today. AMSU appealed to the government to act as per their assurance to improve the education sectors.

Helping Hands for People honoured with National Award

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The Helping Hands for People HHP has been honoured a National Award Utkal Raktavir Samman on a function of National Blood Donors Conclave[Utkal Raktavir Sammaan]2020 at Conference Hall of Shri Gopabandhu Ayurvedic Medical College, Puri. The function was organised by Samparan and Odisha Blood Donors Group on 10 February 2020.

While speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul today Secretary of HHP, Premjit Moirangthem said that the HHP could give any required blood to those people who

need blood out of emergency when they go aboard for further treatment. And he further said that after he suggested the inconveniences in helping people of Manipur going for treatment in other Indian states like Chandigarh, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata etc . In that conference, a network of Indian Organisations that conduct blood donation camps would be formed after the meeting of Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and the second conference would be conducted.

He further added that the HHP would always be there till last for the service of people. For instance, when a girl named Tina who was a

cancer patient went operation in Guwahati, 8 volunteers from Manipur with their own expenses went to help her when she needed more blood out of emergency. And after the network was formed, the HHP could help supplying the demand of blood of people at the stage of Manipur pan India . he also showed gratefulness to Dr. Surjit Kansam, MO of JNIMS Blood Bank, Dr. Barindra Sharma, MO of RIMS Blood Bank and Dr. Bijoy, Senior MO of Shija Hospital and the Regular Blood Donors of HHP for their help in the long run in bagging the award.

Dr. Bijoy n Dr. Surjit also attended the press conference at Manipur Press Club today.

World Pangolin Day observed

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The World Pangolin Day was observed by holding a function at The Christian Model English School (CMES) in Manipur's Tamenglong district headquarters on Saturday, reports said. The observation was organized by founding couple Galina Newmai and Daniel Macwan of Tamenglong Animals Home, the report said. Pangolins play a vital role in the ecosystem as their long tongues help them to control termite populations. The biggest issue is lack of awareness.

Very little is known about even their most basic biology, and this is hampering conservation efforts. Pangolins are said to be the world's most smuggled animal and they are now becoming a threatened species as they are hunted for their scales for different traditional purposes. The kind of Pangolin species found in Tamenglong is said to be one of the endangered species. Many wildlife lovers and students attended the Saturday's observation.

Medalists felicitated at Khangabok

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Medal winner of the 35th Women Sr. National Weightlifting Championship 2020 at Kolkata and 41st Masters Athletics Championships 2019-2020 at Imphal were felicitated at Khangabok, Thoubal district, yesterday evening. The felicitation program was organised by Youth Organisations Khangabok

[YOK] and was attended by former Vice President of BJP Manipur Pradesh Th. Jadumani, Kh. Rajamohon member of Khangabok Zilla Parishad, N. Mala Devi pradhan of Gram panchayat and founder of Wisdom Foundation school L. Sobha, Kh. Roshibina daughter of Kh Tomba from Khangabok Khulakpam Leikai bagged bronze medal in the 35th Women Weightlifting Championship 2020 . And

Tunabi devi w/o L. Kumarjit bagged 4 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze medals and M. Pramo devi, w/o M. Kumar singh bagged 2 gold, 1 bronze medals in the 41st Masters Athletics Championships 2019-2020. Besides the Empowerment Organisations of Youth of Khangabok also felicitated by visiting the respective houses of other winner athletes of 41st Athletics Championships 2020 .

SC initiates contempt action against telcos for non-payment of AGR dues

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Even as Department of Telecom (DoT) began issuing notices to telecom companies to recover pending adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues worth Rs 1.47,686 crore, three companies were in the process of making part payment by Monday. The deadline to pay the amount ended on January 23, but none of the telecom operators, except Reliance Jio, paid the amount. Even state-owned BSNL and MTNL did not pay the dues. Vodafone Idea on Saturday said that it is assessing the amount that can be paid towards AGR dues, even as it flagged concerns over the continuation of its business. Earlier on Friday, Bharti Airtel

offered the DoT to pay Rs 10,000 crore by February 20, but a DoT official refused to grant extension. Reliance Communications and Airtel are going through insolvency proceedings. Public sector companies, that do not sell telecom services, owe DoT around Rs 2.65 lakh crore, with GAIL India alone owing around 65 per cent of the total amount. However, these PSUs have the option to approach court for a legal recourse. Telecom operators - Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Tata Teleservices, were in the process of making payment to avoid stringent punitive action from the DoT, official sources said. The dues are: Rs 53,000 cr - Vodafone Idea, Rs 35,586 cr - Bharti Airtel, Rs 13,800 cr - Tata Teleservices, Rs

4,989 cr - BSNL and Rs 3,122 cr - MTNL. In all, 15 entities owe the government Rs 92,642 crore in unpaid licence fee and another Rs 55,054 crore in outstanding spectrum usage charges (Rs. 147,686 crore). A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra, Justice S Abdul Nazeer and Justice M R Shah on Friday rapped the telecom companies, for not following its earlier directions and asked why the contempt proceedings should not be started against them. Now the matter has been posted for hearing on 17 March, 2020, with a rider that if the companies fail to clear the dues before that date, then their CMDs/MDs will have to be personally present in the court. SC's order hits Vodafone Idea the most, as it had only

Rs. 12,530 cr reserves as of December 2019. The promoters of Vodafone Idea are unlikely to infuse any additional capital to pay its dues to the government and it will have to dip into its modest reserves and tap short-term loans to pay its dues. In its order, dated 24 October 2019, the SC had ruled that the statutory dues need to be calculated by including non-telecom revenues in AGR of telecom companies. While rejecting appeals by the telecom companies, the SC had directed them to clear dues by 23 January 2020. A few days back, DoT had directed its circles not to take a coercive action against telecom companies defaulting on statutory dues payment. However that circular was

withdrawn by the DoT immediately after the SC took a strong view of non-compliance in payment of dues. Some of the DoT circles had directed the telecom companies to pay dues by midnight of 14 February 2020. Last week, Vodafone Idea had sounded out warnings on "material uncertainty" casting "significant doubt" on its ability to continue as a going concern. The company's ability to continue as a going concern is essentially dependent on a positive outcome of its modification application in the SC on the AGR matter and any relief from the telecom department on payments, it had said. Vodafone Chief Executive Officer Nick Read had said the situation in India is critical, following the AGR ruling of the

SC. The British telecom major holds 45.39 per cent stake in VIL. Vodafone Idea had suffered staggering Rs 50,922 crore loss in the September quarter (highest ever loss posted by any Indian corporate), when it had made provisions for statutory dues following the SC' order in the AGR matter, although its losses in December quarter narrowed to Rs 6,439 crore. Bharti Airtel's liabilities added up to nearly Rs 35,586 crore, including licence fee and spectrum usage charge dues. But, Airtel had already said that the previously-mentioned material uncertainty on the group's ability to continue as a going concern "no longer exists" after the recent Rs 21,502 crore fund raising by it.