

Class XI question leak : FIR lodged, enquiry begins

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Education Minister Th. Radheshyam today said that a three member committee headed by the Director Education (S) have started conducting enquiry in connection with the leaking of class XI final exam conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary School. "A three member committee headed by Education (S) Director, Th. Kirankumar have started conducting enquiry to the leakage of Class XI question paper and have found 10 Ten) Schools opening the question paper package without following rules and formalities", Education Minister Radheshyam said. The committee to enquire the leakage of question paper for 5 subjects for class XI

examination conducted by COHSEM was constituted on February 19. Following the leakage of the question paper the class XI final examination has been postponed by the COHSEM. The Education Minister further said that an FIR has been lodged to the Crime Branch department of the Manipur Home department on February 20 to trace those involved in uploading the leaked question paper to social media. "If we have to make society good, first we ourselves need

to be honest, clean and sincere in our conscience", said Th.Radheshyam during the press meet. "Life is much more important than examination and one can appear examination 10 times and a guy who is illiterate can be turned out a successful person later", said the Minister. He also said that suggestions from all are highly accepted and there is room for every improvement in the process of examination but unfortunately it's high time to

discuss a better way by giving education to parents or by any means.

He further appealed to all parents and teachers that they should not forced and give pressure to their children to be in the present trend of marks by using unfair means because life is much more precious than examination and parents and teachers need to be honest, sincere and together with one cohorts all needed to stop copying during examination or else our future would be lost and terrified.

Encroachment at Pumlen pat strongly condemned

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The people living in the area of Pumlen pat expressed strong condemnation over the encroachment to the lake by Loktak Development Authority (LDA) in the name of cleaning floating biomass. The Pumlen, Khoidum, Eoop and Kharung pats have been

reportedly handed over for management to the LDA by Wetland Authority following demand by the LDA. "People of Pumlen pat have been depending on the agricultural products so far and since the Ithai barrage was constructed the land of the area were uncultivable and peoples livelihood were cut off and more than that the

action of LDA in taking Pumlen pat under LDA is much more disheartening and the act of the Authority without consulting the people living there is unlawful as the Supreme directed to take consultation of 5 villages before a wetland is taken" said Salam Joy secretary of Pumlen pat khoidum Lamjao Kanba Apunba Lup.

The ceasefire between GOI and NSCN-IM not extended in Manipur—CM

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The ongoing ceasefire between the government of India and the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) is not extended to the state of Manipur. This was stated by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh while replying to a calling attention motion moved by Congress MLA K. Ranjit in today's assembly session. Congress MLA K Ranjit sought an explanation from the state home department regarding the hasty released of a cadre of NSCN-IM who are arrested by Assam Rifles and handed over to Manipur Police. He also questions why the state police who were supposed to drive out mob blocking road remain mute spectators by taking video of the movement.

Answering the call attention motion, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that it is the judiciary that has to decide on whether an arrested person can be released on bail or not depending upon the nature of charge-sheet

submitted by the investigating officer of the Police department.

"The cease-fire between GOI and the NSCN-IM is not extended to Manipur and the security force had already intervened in stop the NSCN-IM from setting up camps at Tamenglong, Chandel, and Ukhrul", N. Biren Singh, who is also in charge of Home said. The calling attention motion was moved by K Ranjit in connection with the confrontation between cadres of NSCN-IM and the Assam Rifles that happened on February 20 at Senapati and the incidents that sparked out following the incident.

Referring to news reports appeared in local dailies, K Ranjit said that a Captain of the Assam Rifles and his team while conducted raid at an NSCN-IM hideout camp, was overpowered by the cadres of the NSCN-IM and was freed after snatching his service weapon.

He further said that on February 21 the AR troops arrested a Town Commander of the NSCN-IM from Senapati

district headquarter and handed over to the police. He was later shifted to Lamphel police in view of the security condition. Meanwhile, supporters of NSCN-IM vandalized the vehicles of AR and even tried to torch it for arresting the NSCN-IM cadre. Ranjit said the arrested NSCN-IM cadre was released on bail on the same day by producing at the residence of CJM Senapati district which happens to be at Imphal and released on bail. As per newspaper report, the NSCN-IM cadre was even escorted by state police till Senapati, Ranjit alleged and question for the reason of such act. "The state police didn't escort the released cadre and it is the judiciary that decides whether to release on bail or not as per the charge sheet", Chief Minister N. Biren said. He added that no weapon or any incriminating documents have been seized. In connection with the integrity of the state, N. Biren said that his government will never compromise the integrity of Manipur for any issue.

Blood donation camp

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Troops of 165 TA, referred to as 'Manipur Terriers', located nearby Khongkhang Village under Tengnoupal district in association with Shija Blood Bank and Transfusion Services, Imphal, organised a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on 24th February 2020. Around 50 donors participated in the said camp. The team from Shija Blood Bank was led by Dr. Y. Bijoykumar, Sr. Medical Officer and other faculty staff.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi completes one year today
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The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme completes one year today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the scheme on 24th February 2019 at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. Under the Scheme, an amount of 6000 rupees per year is transferred in three equal installments of 2000 rupees in every four months directly into the bank accounts of the farmers. Launching the PM - Kisan scheme from Gorakhpur on this day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that the scheme will help farmers in meeting their agricultural and domestic needs. AIR correspondent reports that over 8.46 crore farmers have been given the benefits of the scheme till 20th of this month.

RPF rejects any dialogue with Government ; says no compromise with Manipur's Freedom

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Armed rebel group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) in a statement released to media house in connection with its 41st Foundation which the party observed as 'Independence Demand Day' flatly rejected any dialogue with the government at this juncture. In a message by the President of the outfit, **Irengbam Chaoren** sent out in connection with the 'Independence Demand Day' said, "Under the current situation, it will be impossible to come to any form of agreement on liberation of Manipur through dialogue between the Government of India and the revolutionary groups of Manipur. He said that there will be no conducive atmosphere for political dialogue on

independence until and unless there are inescapable conditions which compel India to liberate all the nations which it annexed at the time of its formation. India's initiative for dialogue is basically about merging the revolutionaries into the Indian mainstream, make them real Indians; disarm the revolutionary groups and bring a solution within the constitution of India. The statement said that Manipur's Freedom will never compromise. The statement however said that RPF welcomes all efforts of the people particularly CSOs to address the separatist tendency of several communities living together in Manipur and consolidate the idea of a united Manipur. "In fact, we are well aware that forging unity among the

communities is a crucial task of paramount importance. RPF's armed movement to liberate Manipur is a response to the call of the over 2000 years old national history of independence and freedom. To protect the freedom and independence of Manipur, our forefathers fought against neighboring Myanmar for over 500 years. To RPF, one major obstacle to correct this notion and take the nation on the right path is the Government of India's colonial rule. In fact, RPF's armed movement which is now over 40 years old is fundamentally against the Government of India's colonial rule. The statement said that the armed movement is not a manifestation of grievances against administrative or economic policies formulated by the Government of India for

the people of Manipur. The armed movement is a movement to liberate Manipur and establish self-rule. As of now, the movement is unable to achieve much progress as the enemy, with their superior resources and power, has been posing all kinds of hurdles to the movement. "We believe we have two big reasons for the 'Ultimate Victory' of the liberation movement of Manipur; the first one being Manipur's written history of being an independent nation which is over 2000 years old, and the second one is the forced annexation of Manipur by India. It has been accepted by one and all that it was these two reasons which gave birth to the revolutionary movement. As we cannot rely on our own strength alone in our fight against India, it is our

indispensable strategy to forge alliance with neighboring revolutionary groups. It is also a part of our strategy to make ourselves capable of seeking timely assistance from countries which are hostile to India or which intend to weaken India. We are also well aware that there is a strong possibility of disintegration of India from inside with different communities/States/regions giving more emphasis to their own interests at the cost of united India. The statement also blamed India terming it as a war-mongering country which has been provoking neighboring countries to wars without thinking of the consequences. The recent statement of newly appointed Indian army chief General MM Naravane that the Indian army will conquer Pakistan Administered Kashmir

if the Parliament gives permission and insertion of Nepal's Limpiyadhura, Lipulek and Kalapani within the territory of India in maps published by India unmistakably testify that India is a country which is keen to revive the idea of imperialism. As a result, India's diplomatic relations with neighboring countries have been growing from bad to worse., the statement added. The statement said that the claim of State Government leaders and those who see the revolutionary movement only from its appearance that the movement has been suppressed is not based on the right perspective. "We will definitely pave the way for a war of liberation for our future generations even if the war takes a thousand years. This will be a sweet victory for the revolutionary movement", Irengbam Chaoren said.

MNS's "anti-Bangladeshi" drive turns out into a fiasco MNS claims illegal immigrants possess bogus documents

By Raju Vernekar
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A drive by Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) to flush out Bangladeshi residing illegally in Pune turned out to be a fiasco when some of those arrested produced proofs like voters' Identity cards and PAN Cards. The "raid" was conducted by MNS activists in Dhankwadi area located on Pune- Satara Road, on 22 February and during the raid 3 suspected Bangladeshi were rounded up and handed over to police. However they produced the documents like PAN card in support of their claim that they were Indian citizens. Two of them had come from Panduva (West

Bengal) and another was from Uttar Pradesh. Later, those rounded up registered a complaint against MNS workers for "illegal action" against them at "Sahakar Nagar Police Station". Police Inspector Nandkumar Bidwai, confirmed the status of those "rounded up" by MNS activists. However MNS Pune president, Ajay Shinde claimed that those rounded up were having Bangladeshi passports and they might have obtained other basic documents by bribing Government staff. Shinde said "This is the first phase of our operation - throw out illegal immigrants. Today, we caught three suspected illegal immigrants and we handed them to the Police. Few

families escaped from the area where we carried out a search operation." When pointed out that it was illegal to barge into someone's house without any concrete information, Shinde said he had enough "documentary evidence" that there were illegal immigrants. "We had been keeping an eye on the suspected illegal immigrants in Pune and adjoining industrial area. Our Information is that there is a large number of Bangladeshi workers who have been living illegally," he said. The Pune city police too accompanied the MNS workers during their action against illegal immigrants. DCP Shirish Sardeshpande of Zone II confirmed the MNS's self-

proclaimed NRC action and said it was illegal and they should not indulge in breaking the law. Yes, MNS can help police in identifying the suspected illegal immigrants but the party should let the police do its job." The DCP also confirmed that three suspected illegal immigrants were interrogated and their documents were checked but police did not find any documents to prove that they were illegal immigrants. In similar way on 13 February, MNS activist had combed the hutments located at Chikuwadi at Borivali East in North Mumbai and had rounded up the Bangladeshi. But some of them were found to be carrying basic documents like PAN card. They were working on

construction site. However since they were not registered anywhere as labourers, the contractor, under whom they were working was detained for interrogation by police. As per the announcement, to drive away illegal immigrants, made by MNS Chief Raj Thackeray during party's convention held in Mumbai on 23 January, MNS activists have been conducting "raids" on illegal immigrants in different parts of Maharashtra for the last few days. In the meanwhile official action against illegal immigrants is on in the state. On 12 February, the police arrested two Bangladeshi from Malad in North Mumbai and two Bangladeshi from Mira Road,

a township on the fringes of Mumbai (in Palghar district). The accused were staying based on bogus documents procured illegally. On the same day, the Maharashtra Anti-terrorism cell and anti-human trafficking unit arrested 23 Bangladeshi nationals, living illegally in Rajodi Village in Amala in Virar (in Palghar district). The case was registered under Indian Passport Act, 1920, and the Foreign Nationals Act, 1946, against the accused. The arrested people didn't have any valid documents in their possession," the official said, adding that they were doing petty jobs in the district. Caption The "Bangladeshi" rounded up by MNS activists in Pune.