

Conversion of 10 Aided Colleges to Govt. Colleges: A boon for some but humiliation for many qualified teachers

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When many in the state hailed Chief Minister N. Biren Singh government for taking over 10 aided colleges as government colleges, some few bureaucrats seem to be converting the good cause as a gold mine, sabotaging the good image of the government. Many teachers who have been serving in these aided colleges which had been converted into government colleges as Assistant Professors are degraded to the status of lecturer when some of the teachers who had been working together at a similar status having similar eligibility criteria have been listed as Assistant Professors. Is it the governing bodies of each college or is it those bureaucrat officers

implementing the government policy playing conundrum to make a mockery of the N. Biren Singh government? These few questions are being surfaced after some of the dedicated teachers of these colleges who have been serving before the colleges were converted into government colleges, as they felt such treatment to them is not only injustice but humiliation. Intending to improve the status of higher education, N. Biren Singh led government converted 10 aided colleges into government colleges. Six colleges were first converted into government colleges and later on September 21, 2019, four more colleges have also been converted into government colleges. The four colleges are Moreh College (MC) Moreh, S. Kula Women's College (SKWC), Nambol, South East Manipur College (SEMC) Komla Thabi and Waikhom Mani Girls' College. When many lauded the

initiative of the N. Biren Singh Government, the later part after conversion of the colleges smell a rat as some gold diggers taking the opportunity of the good works is rendering their service with partiality humiliating some teachers. As per government order dated January 29, 2020, the number of post-sanction for the four mentioned colleges is 327 teaching staff and 157 non-teaching staff of different categories. In this first part, *Imphal Times* team takes up the issue happening in S. Kula Women's College which we felt that there is something fishy going on in listing of some teachers' grade to the status of Lecturer, while some with similar eligible and experience teachers were listed to the status of Assistant professor. As per the cabinet decision of the government of Manipur dated August 21, 2019, for the

newly absorbed four colleges "All the Lecturers who are not qualified under the relevant Government College Lecturers recruitment rules under UGC regulation against the created/converted post shall be treated as Lecturer and they shall be considered in the Scale of PB-2 - Rs. 9,300/- 34,300/- plus GP of Rs. 4,400/- per month till they get qualified as per the existing recruitment rules by giving them one time opportunity to improve their educational qualification to pursue either NET/M. Phil/Ph.D Degrees as the case may be within the period of 5 (five) years from the date of issue of this order (21/08/2019) for conversion into full-fledged as done in the case of regularization of 418 part-time lecturers vide government order no. 7(2)/9/2005-S/HE (Pt. II) dated 12.04.2017 After improving themselves upto the requisite educational qualification i.e.

either M. Phil or NET or Ph.D. Degrees, they shall be entitled for pay scale of PB-3- Rs. 15,600- 39,100 plus AGP of Rs. 6000/- pm with the designation as Assistant Professors". S. Kula Women's College located at Nambol in Bishnupur district which is among the converted government colleges have degraded six Ph.D teachers who were earlier serving as Asst. Professors before to the level of Lecturers while similar such teachers have been appointed as Assistant professors. Discrepancies to the restructuring of the teachers of S. Kula Women's College after conversion to Government College is open secret and no concern authority of the State government is taking the matter seriously even as such an act is direct humiliation of the six teachers.

FIR registered to investigate irregularities in MPSC by CBI

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The CBI has registered an FIR to probe alleged irregularities in the conduct of the Civil Services Mains examination for 2016 organised by the MPSC. The agency has registered the case against unidentified officials of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) on the orders of the Manipur High Court, they said. The Manipur Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination (CSCCE), 2016 was held for the selection to 62 posts of the Manipur Civil Service, Manipur Police Service and allied services. The high court in October

last year had quashed the examination after several aspirants approached it alleging irregularities in the selection process and also ordered a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the matter. The order was upheld by the Supreme Court in November last year which told the agency to conduct a time bound investigation. The committee looking into the alleged irregularities had found serious lapses such as missing signatures of examiners on answer sheets, alteration of numbers scored, non-appointment of controller of examination, absence of procedure for the evaluation and tabulation of answer sheets, among others, the officials said.

FEGOCTA begins Class Boycott agitation

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Federation of Government College Teachers' Associations, Manipur (FEGOCTA) has begun class boycott agitation from today affecting academic activities at many of the government colleges. The College teachers' body have been demanding implementation of the 7th UCG Pay and Regulations, 2018. The teachers' body had begun their agitation some three days back by staging sit-in-protest at various colleges. Class boycott agitation is a harder agitation that they began today. A statement by FEGOCTA said that class boycott and sit in protests have been staged in all the colleges today. It

claimed that academic activities in the Government Colleges have been paralysed due to the class boycott agitation. The leadership of FEGOCTA and Lanka College joined Sit in Protests held at Churachanpur College today. The statement said that after cease work by FEGOCTA the Cabinet approved in principle the demand on 29th November, 2019. The Cease work was suspended by FEGOCTA due to written assurance and full faith to the government leadership. However after more than 63 days of Cabinet approval in principle, Government has again ignored the demands of FEGOCTA. The teachers' body demanded immediate implementation of the 7th UCG Pay.

One died in head-on-collision road mishap

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A driver of a car died on the spot yesterday evening after another car coming from the opposite direction collided in Thoubal district. Report reaching here said that the deceased driver has been identified as Samuraitapam Sanatomba Sharma. He is about 55 years old and is the son of late Kulachandra of Yairpok Bishnunaha Mayai Leikai of Thoubal district.

The report added that the deceased was driving a Maruti 800 Car bearing registration number MN01W 7176 at around 10 pm yesterday when another Alto car bearing registration number MN01 G 5374 coming from the opposite direction collided at Bamol Leirak (street) in Yairpok Bishnunaha Mayai Leikai. The deceased person reportedly returned home after attending a marriage ceremony. Condition of the driver of the Alto Car which collided could not be confirmed at the moment. The dead body has been deposited at JNIMS Morgue. A police case has been registered in connection with the accident

Cabinet Secretary holds review meeting on Novel Coronavirus Travelers to refrain from travel to China; on return travelers could be quarantined

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New Delhi, Feb. 3

Cabinet Secretary held a high level review meeting on the preparedness for Novel Coronavirus with Secretaries of Health and Family Welfare, External Affairs, Home Affairs, Civil Aviation, Dept of Health Research, and representatives from ITBP, AFMS and NDMA, here yesterday. Cabinet Secretary has held six review meetings so far. A new Travel Advisory has been issued urging everyone to refrain from travel to China; travellers on return could be

quarantined. Also, anyone with travel history of China since 15th Jan 2020 and from now on could be quarantined. In addition, MEA has issued an advisory: Due to certain current developments, travel to India on E-visas stands temporarily suspended with immediate effect. This applies to holders of Chinese passports and applicants of other nationalities residing in the People's Republic of China. As of today, 58,658 passengers from 445 flights have been screened. Total of 142 symptomatic travellers

picked up by the IDSP have been referred to the isolation facilities. 130 samples have been tested of which 128 have been found to be negative. The two positive cases found in Kerala are being monitored and are clinically stable. The second batch of 330 passengers (including 7 from Wuhan have arrived in India. Of these, 300 (including 7 Maldivian citizens) are housed at ITBP Chawla Camp and 30 are in Manesar. They are being effectively monitored. Travel Advisory further revised informing the public to

refrain from travel to China and that anyone with travel history in China since 15th January 2020 and from now on could be quarantined. • e-Visa facility for Chinese passport holders has been temporarily suspended. • e-Visa already issued to Chinese nationals is not valid temporarily. • The facility for submitting the application online for the physical visa from China is suspended. • People having compelling reasons to visit India should contact the India embassy in Beijing or consulate in Shanghai or Guangzhou

Maharashtra CM opposes NRC, but defends CAA

By Raju Vernekar
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Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray (Shiv Sena) has said that that not only Muslims but even Hindus will find it difficult to prove their citizenship before the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and he will not allow its implementation in the state. As per the excerpts of his serialised interview in party mouth piece Marathi daily "Saamna", released on Shiv Sena's twitter handle, Thackeray said that "proving citizenship will be difficult for Hindus as well as Muslims. I will not let that happen". On implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 (CAA) Thackeray said that the law is not for removing from India. In fact it is the law to give citizenship to deserving minorities. Thus he defended the CAA.

Thackeray's backing of the CAA may create issues in the tripartite coalition Government of Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress, which has opposed the law. Thackeray also said that he has not abandoned the Hindutva and has not converted. Any party (meaning BJP) should not decide the definition of Hindutva. He also heaped praise on former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh saying that although he was described as an accidental prime minister, he had bailed out the country from economic crisis, it was facing. In the meanwhile women who had started a sit in dharna against CAA at Muslim dominated Nagpada area in South Mumbai, from the night of Republic day continued their agitation on 7 th day on Sunday. The agitation has been

started close on the heels of the protest at Shaheen Bagh in Delhi. The women who began their agitation at the junction of Morland Road, have continued it despite repeated appeals by police, since they have not taken required permission for the agitation. By now the agitation has come to be known as "Mumbai Bagh protest". The agitation was temporarily called off on Saturday, when a group of volunteers got on the stage and announced that the protest being held without police permission, which was "inconveniencing local residents" was being called off. However it was resumed on Sunday. In another important development, the preamble to the Constitution of India, was read for the first time, ahead of 607 th Urs of Hazrat Makhadum Hakim Ali Mahimi at Mahim Dargah in Central Mumbai and the tricolour was

also hoisted on the occasion. Maintaining that the move was made to connect communities and to show solidarity to the nation, Mahim and Haji Ali Dargah Managing Trustee Suhail Khandwani said. "The idea behind reading the preamble was to bring communal harmony and peace among the society and the people". Khandwani along with noted lawyer Rizwan Merchant and others present at the Dargah, recited the preamble. "The preamble reminds us that we should remain a democracy and a republic. It is important to maintain all that are fundamental to us, like justice, liberty and equality. Merchant said and added that every religious place should read the preamble. Such a step shall spread the message, brotherhood, love and affection, irrespective of caste and colour" he added.

Social Welfare Department bags third position for implementation of PMMVY

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The Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur has bagged the third position for exemplary performance in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme during Matru Vandana Saptah, Manipur has been selected for the award in the category of States/UTs having population of less than one crore. Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Sikkim bagged the first and second position respectively under this category. Director, Social Welfare, Manipur, Ng. Uttam Singh and Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare, Manipur, Dr. Sonia Oimam received the award from Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Irani at an award function held today in New Delhi. Union Minister, Irani appreciated improvement in

enrolment from 29% to 71% during the last one year under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana during the Matru Vandana Saptah. Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen lauds the Department for this feat and expressed that it was the concerted efforts of all concern officials, officers and line departments that such laurels are achieved for Manipur. She encouraged all to continue striving hard for the welfare of our state through the various schemes and programmes implemented by the Government. In Manipur, a total number of 30,481 beneficiaries have been enrolled since the start of this scheme. Special enrolment help desk were opened during matru Vandana Saptah in all Government hospitals, CHCs, PHCs, Subcentres and private hospitals for facilitating on spot registration for eligible beneficiaries under PMMVY.