

Manipur University in dire straits – (Part -2)

MU authority dishonours RTI Act; provide false information in connection with expenditure of 105 Indian Science Congress

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Information sought through Right to Information Act, 2015 regarding the expenditures of various set ups for conducting of the 105 Indian Science Congress held at Manipur University from March 16 to March 20, 2018, has been provided false information by the CPIO of the Manipur University namely T. Shantikumar Singh (Deputy Registrar) MU.

A reply in connection with the queries regarding the expenditure sent to the activist on November 18, 2019, said that he could provide expenditure of Indian Science Congress catering service and Accommodations of the delegate. As provided by him, the MU Administration paid Rs. 5,07,231/- (Five Lakh

Seven Thousand two hundred and thirty one) on January 1, 2019 through electronic transfer to M/S Babina Health Care & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd, Imphal. For Accommodation, a sum of Rs. 53,77,945/- (fifty three lakhs seventy seven thousand nine hundred and forty five) has been paid to M/S Gazal Caterers, Faridabad on March 19, 2019 through electronic money transfer.

The information was provided in written on November 18, 2019. He added that the MU administration does not have documents of other expenditures.

Imphal Times special team when investigated over the matter found that the CPIO of the Manipur University is not providing the correct information to the RTI activist. To the finding of the Imphal Times, total amount allotted to

13 firms for catering, decoration, lighting, stage etc. was Rs. 10,40,89,174.60/- (Ten Crore forty lakhs eighty nine thousand one hundred seventy four and sixty paise). Of the total expenditures 30% (Rs. 1,93,56,509/- (Rupees one crore ninety three lakhs fifty six thousand five hundred and nine)) has been sanctioned on March 1, 2018, after approval by the meeting of the 105 Indian Science Congress Purchase & Works Committee held on February 28, 2018.. The committee approved 13 (Thirteen) firms for execution of various work.

Among the 13 firm M/S Gazal Caterers has been approved for payment of Rs. 2,47,80,000.00/-. The firm was paid Rs. 25,00,000/- (Twenty five lakhs) contrary to the reply by CPIO, provided with the acknowledgement of

Sanghyarani Ningthoujam, Finance Officer MU and Heigrujam Medha Devi, Project Cashier, MU.

The reply about paying Rs. 53,77,945/- to M/S Babina Health Care & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd, Imphal for Accommodation by the same CPIO is also a misleading information to the Central Information Commission, as there is no name as M/S Babina Health Care & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd among the list of 13 firms approved for implementation of the 105 Indian Science Congress.

Central Information Commission is considered as a fool's statutory body to the Manipur University authorities as they provided false and misleading information to the citizens which sought through Right to Information Act, 2015.

Original certificate lost

I have lost my original certificate of Class -X bearing Roll no 4515 of 1989 of Keinya Girls School and Original certificate of PUC bearing Roll no 6266 in the year 1992 of Waikhom Mani Girl's College. Finders are requested to handover the same to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Laishram Ngambi Devi
Waithou, Thoubal

CM opens MITCON 2020

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has exhorted the youth of Manipur to have entrepreneurial spirit so that they can give employment to many other youth instead of looking for government jobs alone.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the 1st MITCON 2020, a conference of IT companies of the State, at Hotel Imphal today. The conference was organized by Information and Technology (INCOTE) Foundation, a conglomerate body of 16 IT companies of Manipur.

The Chief Minister pointed out that most of the parents wish their children to get government jobs after giving education spending huge amount of money and time. This mindset usually destroys the entrepreneurial spirit of thousands of talented youths, and on the other hand making huge rush for government jobs, he observed. As such, this

notion should be given up so that young talents are not hindered to get into innovative ventures, the Chief Minister said.

N. Biren Singh also said that the present Government is ever ready to extend all possible supports to young entrepreneurs and self-employed youths. Apart from StartUp Manipur and bank loans, the State Government had recently launched StandUp Manipur to provide assistance to motivated, hardworking and talented youths.

Expressing satisfaction on building up a collective strength of different IT companies by INCOTE Foundation, the Chief Minister said that such gesture of showing willingness to flourish together would certainly yield dividends in the days to come. He said that the Government is ever ready to extend co-operation in all their endeavours.

Stating that modern development requires uninterrupted power supply,

the Chief Minister said that the State Government is looking for a suitable site for setting up of a Solar Energy Park in order to supplement to State's power requirement.

Maintaining that the BJP-led Government has been trying to reflect 'human service' in its governance, the Chief Minister said that different noble schemes are being implemented towards this end. The Chief Minister also urged INCOTE Foundation and different other IT companies to share their ideas and suggestions in applying IT in the execution of Government policies like biometric attendance system for Government employees, Go to Village Mission, Inner Line Permit System, School Fagathansi Mission, e-marketing etc.

Former Ambassador of India to Syria, Afghanistan and Myanmar Gautam Mukhopadhyay, Secretary (IT) Smt. Jacintha Lazarus and INCOTEF President Piyandana Wahengbam were also seated on the dais as dignitaries.

“Maharashtra bandh” on Friday

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Jan. 23

Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) led by Prakash Ambedkar, a grandson of Dr BR Ambedkar, has given a call for “Maharashtra bandh”, as a protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the “wrong” economic policies of the Centre, on Friday.

“The country is on the path of economic bankruptcy. Due to demonetisation and GST, coupled with atmosphere of mistrust in the country, the government is not getting revenue. The economic policies of the Centre are wrong,” he alleged. Some of the school and college teachers’ unions have also pledged their support to the bandh. Teachers and educationists under the Joint Platform in Defence of Education have appealed to the management of all schools and colleges of the state to remain shut with a view to observe ‘Maharashtra Bandh’ on January 24.

Blasts rocks Imphal ahead of R-Day preparation

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At what could be term as a direct blow to the state security intelligence or perhaps a loophole in the security measures being strengthened ahead of the 71st Republic Day Celebration, militants today triggered a powerful bomb at RIMS road early today morning. Report said a minor girl sustained injury after she was hit by the splinters of the blast.

Police report said that the bomb was an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and blew off in front of a clothes shop at the Lalabung Makong area on RIMS road at around 4.55 am today.

The injured girl was rushed to a hospital.

Almost all rebel groups operating in the region has been boycotting the Republic Day celebration and have already announced 12 hour

total shut down in the entire region. Accidentally the blast took place when the state conducted a rehearsal of the Republic Day parade.

No, UGs has so far claimed responsibility of the blast, but police suspects armed rebel group to be behind the blast. Following the explosion, top police officials and other security personnel rushed to the area and began an investigation.

Security was beefed up in the area and an operation has been launched to nab the militants.

‘Hepatitis to be eliminated by 2030’

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Health Minister Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh has informed that the government sets its objective to eliminate Hepatitis Disease by the year 2030. Speaking at the Empathy Campaign cum awareness programme of Viral Hepatitis with free vaccination held at the conference hall of JNIMS today Minister Jayantakumar Singh said that National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme was launched in 2018 by the

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India with the objective to provide free screening, testing, diagnosis and treatment of all varieties of Hepatitis.

Minister also maintained that there are two centres in the state at present to avail the mentioned facilities, one at RIMS and another at JNIMS. The government has also inaugurated treatment centres and testing laboratories for Hepatitis in another seven districts i.e. Thoubal, Bishnupur, Chandel, Churachandpur, Ukhrul, Tamenglong and Senapati.

Free testing and diagnosis has already been started in these seven districts also, he added.

Minister said that the main objective is to eradicate this deadly disease from our soil. He said that only an united effort can defeat this horrible threat. To fulfil this objective coordination amongst the different layers of staff and social organisations is necessary. He also lauded the efforts put by the Airport

Authority of India, National Health Mission, Manipur, Authority of JNIMS and ILPS, India.

Taking a note on the report of death of three persons at Kamjong area of Ukhrul District, Minister Jayantakumar said that expert medical team has been sent to the affected site for investigation and preparation of a detailed report for taking further necessary action. Minister has also spoken to the Minister of health, Government of India, he added.

The occasion of Empathy Campaign cum awareness programme of Viral Hepatitis with free vaccination was jointly organised by Airport Authority of India, National Health Mission, Manipur, Authority of JNIMS and ILPS, India.

Director JNIMS, Dr. Th. Bhimo Singh, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Director, Airport Authority of India, Imphal and others also attended the programme

Frequent transfer of bureaucrats irked KSA

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Kangleipak Students’ Association (KSA) today questioned the rationale behind the frequent transfer of bureaucrats officers as it affect the welfare the students when it comes to transfer of Commissioner and Director of

the Higher and Technical Education Manipur.

A statement of the student body asked if the frequent transfer is for the convenience of administration or on the personal interest of those in power in the government. The KSA said that it strongly oppose the transfer of

Commissioner and Director of the Higher and Technical Education Manipur before the completion of the academic session. The transfer of the Commissioner and Director will put halt to the welfare programme of the students being taken up by them. It appealed the government to halt the transfer of the two

until the financial year. On the other hand the Commissioner is also looking after as Vice Chancellor of the Dm University and his transfer may affect the functioning of the university. KSA appealed the government authority to stop frequent transfer at inappropriate time.

6 more major rebel group call 12 hours total shut down on Republic Day

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Six more major rebel group waging war against the government of India from North East region has called 12 hours total shut down in the entire region which they term it as WESEA, from 6 am to 6 pm of January 26, which the government of India is celebrating the 71st Republic Day of India.

A press statement jointly signed by (Sainkupar Nongtraw) General Secretary, Hymintrep National Liberation Council (HNLC), (N. Oken) Chairman, Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), (Ksh. Laba Meitei) President, Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), (H. Uastung Borok)

President, National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT), (Jiban Singh Koch) Chairman, Kamatapur Liberation Organization (KLO) and (J.K. Lijang) Chairman, People’s Democratic Council of Karbi Longri (PDCK) appealed the people of the region to shun such celebrations terming it as an orchestrated event to legitimize foreign rule over region.

The statement however said that Religious activities and emergency services are exempted during the total shut down called. The statement said that the attempt to celebrate the Republic day in North East states by the respective government is purely anachronistic imposition in this part of the world, as the

citizens of this region are not allowed to enjoy Republicanism in the true sense of the term.

“The so-called republican constitution of India fails to actually entitle the peoples of this region to republican liberty. Indian rule in our region is theoretically republican, but in reality, deep-rooted oppression of the indigenous is prevalent, which is quite contradictory to republicanism. Oppression is defined generally as unjust relationships between two political entities, persons or groups of people”, the joint statement said.

Stating that the relationship of WESEA with India are unjust to the core, the people are being oppressed and

subjugated under an alien rule. The statement said that celebration of the Republic Day of the colonizer nation by the oppressed and colonized peoples is nothing less than willfully participating in their own oppression. Such irrational behavior of supporting their own subjugation, as shown frequently by the colonized peoples, is possible if the colonizers are successful in gaining control over the political consciousness of the oppressed, that is, in creating false consciousness in the minds of the latter. The process of colonization begins with the use of repressive power by the colonizer to gain coercive control, the statement added.

The statement further said that the next step is to create false consciousness in the depth psychology of the colonized through economic immiseration and soft cultural machinations like weaponization of education, distortion of history, manipulation of media, manufacture of truths out of half-truths and pure lies etc. etc.

The third step is consensual control of the colonized through the normalizing power of institutions, social, economic and political. The last step, towards which the WESEA region is rushing at full throttle, is total ethnic assimilation of the colonized after ethnic identity harmonization through

planned critical economic dependence, designed demographic invasion and organized cultural transformation.

The consequences are foreboding enough to invite armed liberation struggle from the colonized to achieve liberation from colonial yoke and to establish just relationships with other human beings or groups.

“It is a bounden duty of the liberation forces to promote the development of objective political consciousness of the struggling people. To inculcate the minds of our people with true political consciousness, it is imperative to ban such imposed celebrations in our region”, it added.

Passport lost

I have lost my passport bearing passport No. K1444387 having validity 27-02-2013 to 26-02-2023. Issued by passport Authority of India on dated 8th January 2020, on the way between Rengbeng, Nagon, Assam to Sogalband Bijoygovinda. Finder are Requested to handover to the Undersigned.

Sd/-

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Sogalband Bijoygovinda
Mamang Imphal