

Manipur University in dire straits (Part -3)

Violating Rule 150 & 155 of the GFR, MU procured over 17 lakhs worth equipments

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Imphal Times special team while carrying out investigation to what ails in Manipur University, finds the administrative block as a den of corrupt officials from top to bottom, who don't have any respect for the law of the land as well as who considered the temple of higher education a gold mine. More findings by our special team will be made public. In this third publication, Imphal Times is exposing how the authority of the Manipur University Administration unit purchase computer equipments worth

over Rs. 17 lakhs through direct purchase without invitation of tender notification at any of the newspaper. This kind of procurement is a violation of Rule 150 & 155 of the General Finance Rules 2017, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure. According to the findings of the Imphal Times Special Investigation team eight (8) electronic equipments worth Rs. 17,01,224/- (seventeen Lakh one thousand two hundred twenty-four) were directly purchased from a single firm in between May 5, 2016, to August 9, 2016. The firm as per the finding is identified as BB Enterprises, Imphal East. On May 30, 2016,

the Manipur University Authority purchase three number of Ricoh Digital Full color Multifunctional Printer Model No. Aficio MP 2001L from the said firm at the cost of Rs. 5,21,325/- (Five Lakhs twentyone thousand three hundred twenty five). When calculated each printer cost a sum of Rs. 1,73,775/-. *Imphal Times* than enquired the rate of the printer at the local market here in Imphal as well as outside the state particularly in New Delhi, Kolkatta and Bengaluru. According to the information the market price of the said printer that you purchase at Rs. 1,73,775/- cost less than Rs.5000/- (Fifty Five thousand).

On July 04, 2016, another two numbers of 2 Ton AC 5 star were purchased from the said firm at the cost of Rs. 2,51,788/- (Two lakhs fifty one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight) Another . When enquired about the market price of the said AC, the maximum price does not exceed Rs. 60,000/- (Sixty Thousand). On July 21, 2016, one Ricoh Digital Full Color Multifunctional Printer model No.MPC 2011 SP from the same firm BB Enterprises at the cost of Rs. 3,53,630/- (Three Lakhs Fifty three thousand six hundred and thirty). When enquired about the market price, the printer cost less than Rs. 2.5 lakhs.

On August 6, 2016, another Ricoh Digital Full color Multifunctional Printer Model No. Aficio MP 2001L was purchased from the said firm at the cost of Rs. 2,20,851/- (Two lakhs twenty thousand eight hundred and fifty one). This same printer when supplied by the same firm BB Enterprises, Imphal East, the price was Rs. 1,73,775/-. This means that the price of the Ricoh Digital Full color Multifunctional Printer Model No. Aficio MP 2001L was increase by Rs. 47,096 in 4 months. According to Rule 150 and 155 of the General Finance Rules 2017, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Government of India.

Aung San Suu Kyi assures public safety in Tamu

Courtesy Mizinna Moreh, Jan 25

State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi said that the state would not let any organization which harms public safety and security go scot free. She was replying to a question raised by a person at a meeting with local people in Tamu near Indo-Myanmar border on January 23. State Counsellor said, "Not only Meitei armed group, any organization which harms public safety and security will not be let go scot free. We shall do our best. Currently we are reforming our Police Force to become people friendly and make all police personnel work closely with people in maintaining law and order for the public safety and security." Se Htin from Tamu Youth Network presented the

security situation in Tamu saying that people had anxiety and fear as Meitei armed group was living in Tamu. "Meitei armed group slapped a youth at gunpoint on December 27 and also lobbed a hand grenade into the compound of a MP from this constituency. Even if they dared lob hand grenade into the compound of a MP, " This armed group hurled a hand grenade into the compound of House of Nationalities MP Maung Maung Lat of NLD party from Tamu constituency, Saging Region in December 2019. The State Counsellor said in her reply that Myanmar Police Force was understaffed having only about half of sanctioned strength so the state was trying hard to fulfil its mission of providing public security.

SW Minister distributes gifts to special homes children

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In connection with the Republic Day Celebration, 2020, Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen today distributed gifts to children and aged person of Ages Homes, Special Schools and Orphan Homes situated in Imphal West and Imphal East Districts. It was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur. Director Social Welfare, Manipur, Ng Uttam Singh, Joint Director (ICDS), Manipur, Shri Bantee Singh

Konthoujam, Officers and officials of the department were also part of this occasion. Minister Nemcha Kipgen expressed profound joy in celebrating such important occasion with the special children. She also extends 71st Republic day greeting to all the people of Manipur. She wished for a state where women and children are free from all forms of violence. The Ministerial team visited

the following locations namely B.B. Paul, Mongshangei, Govt. Ideal Blind School, Takyel, Govt. Deaf & Mute School, Takyel, Observation Home, Takyel, SAA, Thangmeiband of Imphal West District and in Imphal East District - Carmel Jyoti, Mantripukhri, SAA, Ningthem Pukhri Mapal and Ema Leimarel Women Welfare Association (Aged Home), Kongba Nongthombam Leikai.

Amidst boycott called by rebel groups, Guv', CM, Ministers greets people on 71st Republic Day

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Manipur Governor Dr. Nazma Hepulla, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Power Minister Th. Bishwajit among others cabinet Ministers and MLAs today greets the people of the state on occasion of the 71st Republic Day scheduled tomorrow. Meanwhile, hectic security arrangement has been taken up by the state home department to ensure full proof security

during the Republic Day Celebration. Almost all major rebel groups operating in the region have boycotted the Indian Republic day calling 12 hour total shut down in the entire North East region. In he greeting the, governor said, "It was on this day in 1950, that we gave ourselves the Constitution which is the guiding principal of our. Despite reservations from various quarters, the experiment of democracy in India has been successful and we are going from

strength to strength, respected by other nations. On this occasion we should rever and our homage to those founding father for their foresight and understanding. Despite its large population many of whom were illiterate, successive election have shown the maturity of the electors and aspirations of the people are reflected in the ballot. From a fledgling democracy, we have now become a mature one. "India is poised to become one of the leading nation of the world, its progress in science

and technology backed by a young and dynamic population will usher the country to greater heights. We have however, to harness the potential of our youth in the right direction so that they become our main assets for the future. Let us all strive to work together to make our country strong, peaceful and prosperous, free from wants. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Works Minister Bishwajit also called on the people of the region to celebrate the day.

PM Modi to hold talks with Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro in New Delhi today

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold talks with Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro in New Delhi today. Several agreements will be signed after the talks. Brazilian President will be the chief guest at the Republic Day Parade tomorrow. Mr Bolsonaro will also meet President Ram Nath Kovind who will host a banquet in his honour today. Brazilian President is accompanied by eight Ministers, four members of Parliament, senior officials and a large business delegation. This is the third time that a Brazilian President will be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day.

Nation Voters' Day celebrated

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Humanism Foundation in association with Kangvai Battalion and NSS, Kumbi College organised the 10th National Voters' Day at the auditorium of Kumbi College here today. As part of the observation, trainees of Humanism Foundation, who are undergoing training at its Skill Development Center, Kumbi; students of Kumbi College and local leaders took a

pledge to "uphold the democratic traditions of India and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections and to vote in every elections fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement". Principal of Kumbi College, K. Jugeshwar Singh; Chairman of Humanism Foundation, W Shanti Devi; Chancellor of Manipur International University, Dr Harikumar P and Vice-Chairperson of

Kumbi Municipal Council, Loitongbam Ongbi Babita Devi attended the observance as presidium members. Addressing the gathering, L Gopal Singh, HOD of Political Science Department, Kumbi College, who attended at the observance as resource person highlighted the roles and duties of every citizen of India and the importance of vote in elections. The day is also celebrated at Bishnupur and Moreh today.

One day orientation workshop on 'Intensified Mission Indradhanush'

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One day orientation workshop on 'Intensified Mission Indradhanush was organized by ROB, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal was held at the office auditorium in Imphal. Speaking on the occasion as Chief guest Minister of

Health & Family Welfare, Government of Manipur, L. Jayantakumar Singh lauded the efforts of the media outreach programs initiated by the government. He encourage the media to highlight the health sector more for getting full benefit out of the various Government schemes as this will bring a better society. Additional Director

General, PIB, Imphal Shri D J Narain highlighted on the various schemes and programs under Mission Indradhanush. He further said that 300 programs and workshops on Mission Indradhanush will be done in various districts of Manipur. Guest of honour, State Immunization Officer of Family Welfare Department

MNS to organize pro-CAA rally, vows to drive out Pakistani/Bangladeshi infiltrators

**By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Jan 25**

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray on Thursday said that his party will fully support the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)/NRC and will also support the central government in "kicking out the Bangladeshi and Pakistani infiltrators from the country. Addressing a state level convention organised at Goregaon in North Mumbai, Thackeray said that a huge morcha will be organised at the Azad Maidan in South Mumbai on 9 February, 2020 in support of CAA/NRC/NPR.

On the issue of illegal immigrants Raj Thackeray said that he would meet Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Home Minister Amit Shah. Raj Thackeray said, "There are many areas in Mumbai where the police cannot enter and I have news that some suspicious activities go on in certain areas." If given permission, the Maharashtra Police would need 48 hours to flush out illegal immigrants, he added. "It is necessary to give reply to the protest marches that are being taken out in the country," Thackeray said, adding that the "talk of the National Register of Citizens"

has seen the Muslim community take out rallies "all of a sudden". "How many in those rallies are from India? And why should we support those Muslims who are supporting outsiders?" Thackeray said. He suggested that the government should stop Samjhauta Express before starting National Register of Citizens (NRC). Further Raj Thackeray added that the 'certified Muslims are India's own'. Giving examples of Javed Akhtar, APJ Abdul Kalam and Zaheer Khan Raj Thackeray said, "These people cannot be asked to leave as such people are our own but those illegal Muslim

immigrants from Bangladesh and Pakistan need to be flushed out." In yet another statement which could create controversy, Raj Thackeray said, "The loudspeakers from the mosques should be removed. The Hindus during aarti (prayers) limit the area of worship but the "Muslims too should restrict their area of worship by not playing the loudspeakers". He asserted that if 'Hindutva is attacked he will come out with full force to defend it'. The 'sons of the soil' and 'Hindutva' will be the agenda of MNS and the saffron was always in his heart and the

colour was in his DNA. The MNS chief's statements attract significance against the background of his criticism of the Narendra Modi-led central government in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls. Earlier in the day, Thackeray had also unveiled his party's new flag, which is saffron in colour. The flag bears, at its centre, a 'rajmudra' (royal seal used during the times of warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji), at the party's plenary meeting in Mumbai. The party's earlier flag had saffron, blue and green colours. Besides all this Raj Thackeray came down hard on the Uddhav Thackeray (his cousin

brother) government. Commenting on his cousin Uddhav Thackeray Raj said, "He doesn't side with those who change colours to form government." Speculation was rife that the MNS might announce an ideological shift with reports suggesting that the BHP abandoned by its former ally, Shiv Sena, might enter into an alliance with MNS. In the meanwhile MNS's "new look" is viewed as a new sympathiser of BJP in Maharashtra where the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi has vowed not to implement the CAA and NRC in the state.