

High Court suspends disqualification of MLA T. Robindro by Speaker's Tribunal

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A division bench of the Manipur High Court comprising of justice Lanusngkum Jamir and Justice Ahanthem Bimol Singh today suspended the disqualification of Trinamool Congress MLA Tongbram Robindro who got elected from Thanga Assembly Constituency, by the speaker's Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. Trinamool Congress MLA T Robindro was disqualified by the Speaker's Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative



Assembly on June 18, a day before the Rajya Election, after he left the ruling BJP led coalition government and joined the Congress camp. Robindro had openly joined the BJP in April last week 2017. He was given a warm reception by the then state BJP Party leadership and almost all state media carried

the news report of his joining to the BJP along with three other Congress MLAs. However, at the state Assembly record, T Robindro still is recognised as Trinamool Congress MLA. Senior Counsel N. Ibotombi and M. Hemchandra appeared for the petitioner T. Robindro. After hearing the argument the division bench suspended the disqualification of T Robindro by an order of the Manipur Speaker's Tribunal on June 18, 2020 till the next hearing, the court scheduled the next hearing of the matter on July 20, 2020.

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In connection with the allegation leveled against two congress MLAs and a hard core congress worker by ex-MLA Subashchandra, Congress Legislative Party Wing leader Okram Ibobi Singh today said that let the people decides on who is wrong and who is right. Ex-MLA Subashchandra along with two other BJP MLAs tendered resignation from both the BJP primary membership as well as from the Manipur Legislative Assembly on June 17, two days ahead of the Rajya Sabha Election and voluntarily came



to congress camp. Ibobi said talking to group of reporters today morning. "I feel shame of what has been happening in Manipur's politics", Ibobi said and added that how could people believed an elected MLA being beaten by three reputed people and force him to resign from being the member of the Legislative Assembly or from

their respective party. Ibobi said that those among the three persons that Subashchandra accused of assaulting him were three times elected representative of the people, at which one among them had served at the capacity of speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The other, whom Subashchandra alleged of

assaulting is a reputed businessmen now become a member of the the Indian National Congress. "It's funny and childish that such an allegation comes from an elected member though resigned", Ibobi said. On the other hand Ibobi also expressed shocked to an FIR lodged by Subashchandra at Patsoi Police Station at which he stated that he had been force to resigned as the congress has already communicated with Minister Bishwajit to topple the present government. Congress party has always been acting as a construction opposition party. It has no desire of toppling the government, however, with the NPP and the BJP MLAs giving pressure to some Congress MLAs, the party has been compelled to act. But it was not the intention of the congress party, Ibobi added.

Gyanendro Ningombam elected as new Hockey India President



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Gyanendra Ningombam has been elected unanimously as Hony. President of Hockey India. A resident of Khongman zone (I) one of Imphal East district, the septuagenarian Hockey lover has long been associated with Hockey promotion in Manipur with dedication and commitment for the last four decades. He is instrumental in producing eminent international class hockey players from the state. He served as General secretary of the earstwhile Manipur Hockey Association, and presently Senior Vice president of Manipur Hockey and also of Hockey India. Gyanendra Ningombam has been in journalistic profession for a long time, and also a theatre artiste at Rupmahal Theatre. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of Manipur Hockey congratulate him on being elected as Hony. President of Hockey India. * Hockey India is happy to welcome Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam as the Officiating President. Under his Presidentship, Hockey India went on to successfully host the prestigious FIH Men's World Cup in 2018 as well as the FIH Olympic Qualifiers in 2019 where both the Men and Women National Hockey Teams qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Congress MLA Joykishan slams Health Minister Jayantakumar for his inaction to fight the COID-19 pandemic

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Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today mock NPP Minister L Jyantakumar over his statement while in congress camp considering it as an acting which he learn from artist as he hold the portfolio of Arts and Culture department. "He talk anything as he knows

how to act being in charge of Arts and Culture Minister", Joykishan told reporters recalling the statement given by Jyantakumar after tendering resignation from the Ministry and to shelter to the congress camp. Joykishan however, said that as the drama is over and as he had return back it is time that he discharge his duty to contain

the COVID-19 pandemic as he is still in charge of the Health Department. The MLA also questioned over his inaction as the Minister in Charge of Health even though he along with his party had accepted to return to their earlier party. "It is the responsibility of the Health Minister to look into this Covid-19 pandemic", Joykishan said and added that today one female Doctor of JNIMS also corona virus positive and local transmission began at Jirbam District and recently at Thingmeiband one family and a minor child also corona virus positive. In this condition being a Health Minister why he expressed no words in the connection, Joykishan said. Joykisan also points finger to other NPP MLAs who are also not attending their respective office except the Deputy Chief Minister. "If the war against th COVID-19 pandemic is success then he takes the credit if failed is the Health Minister going to blame the health worker and other frontline warrior", Joykishan questioned. .

NCP leader killed in Sangali in a broad day light

IT Correspondent
Sangli, July 10:

Dattatraya Patole, Vice President of NCP (Sangali district) in Western Maharashtra was killed in a broad day light by three unidentified assailants at an MIDC at Miraj taluka on Friday, sending shock waves throughout the district. Patole (45), who was travelling by a mobile from Kupwad towards Sangli city, was stopped by the assailants near Rohini Cold Storage at about 1 PM and was attacked with lethal weapons. Patole tried to run away to save himself. But the

assailants chased him and inflicted deep injuries with choppers and swords, due to which he collapsed on the spot. The assailants who had covered their faces, fled the scene soon after the attack. The incident has been captured in CCTV and the police have launched a hunt to nab the culprits, Deputy Superintendent of Police Sandip Singh said. Patole was appointed as Vice President of the NCP two years back. Prima facie the murder seems to be related to financial dispute and the murder was a contract killing.

Festival of Tree Plantation celebrated in Tml.

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Tamenglong, July 10:

As part of a weeklong celebration the 71st Van Mahotsava was celebrated in Indoor Stadium, Lower Ground Tamenglong district headquarter. Awngbow Newmai, Minister of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, M.H. Khan, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Namsinrei Panmei, Chairman, Autonomous District Council, Tamenglong attended the program as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively. Speaking at the program the chief guest said since the survival of trees is very high in the first week of July Van Mahotsava Tree Plantation week is celebrated mainly during this month. COVID 19 is one such disease which is very much related with our climate and environment change and ecological imbalance and because of this we are now

facing with such deadly disease. Twenty years ago we hardly care about water reservoir or conservation but today in every village we are now facing with water scarcity and even though we have water pipes and fittings equipment we are not able to find water now and only solution for this is to protect forest and plant more trees and not to cut trees added Awngbow Newmai. Under his ministry two to three projects such as Hornbill conservation project, watershed project, honey bees project are put up in the central government and it will be implemented very soon said the chief guest and for this he needs the support of public, NGOs, civil societies so that once the project is passed it can be implemented well in time. Awngbow also appeal to the public of Tamenglong especially to the farmers the villagers can do jhum cultivation for survival but they must also maintain and preserve forest area so that

the people and the living being can survive for the next generation to come. Kerilhouvi Angami PCCF and HoFF government of Manipur in his welcome address said that Tree Plantation week is celebrated not only to plant trees but it is also an opportunity to give back to our world to protect and preserve our forest. He also stated that every two years the central government conducted a survey in which Tamenglong district has the maximum cover of the forest areas and it is a pride and also an opportunity for the people of Tamenglong to plant more trees in the coming days. Altogether around twenty thousand tree saplings were planted in Tamenglong district during the Van Mahotsava celebration week. This year Van Mahotsava was jointly organised by Forest department government of Manipur, District Administration Tamenglong and Rain Forest Club Tamenglong.

"Yes Bank" directors' assets worth Rs 2200 crore attached

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, July 10:

The assets worth Rs 2200 crore located in Mumbai and Delhi, belonging to the founder director of "Yes Bank" and directors of Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL)-Wadhwan brothers, involved in a Rs 5050 crore scam were attached by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday. "Yes Bank" founder and former CEO Rana Kapoor, his family members and non-executive directors of DHFL-Kapil Wadhwan and Dheeraj Wadhawan are accused of defrauding the bank by

suspicious loans. Kapoor (62), allegedly entered into a criminal conspiracy with Wadhawan brothers for extending financial assistance to DHFL through "Yes Bank" in return for substantial undue benefits to himself and his family members through companies held by them. The ED registered a case of money laundering against Kapoor following an FIR filed by CBI and arrested him on 8 March, 2020. In the FIR, it was alleged that, during April to June, 2018, "Yes Bank Limited" invested Rs 3,700 Crore in the short term debentures of DHFL, for which kickback of Rs 600 Crore

were paid to Kapoor and his family members in the garb of loan to "DoIT Urban Ventures" (a firm floated by Kapoor's daughters- Roshini Kapoor and Radha Kapoor Khanna). In addition, "Yes Bank" had also sanctioned a loan of Rs. 750 Crore to "RKW Developers", owned by Wadhawans, for their Bandra Reclamation Project in North West Mumbai but "the whole amount was siphoned off" by Wadhawan brothers through their shell companies and was never used for the declared purpose. Rana Kapoor was arrested on 8 March, 2020, while Wadhawan brothers were

arrested in April by CBI. Kapoor and Wadhawan brothers are currently lodged in the Talaja prison in Maharashtra. The attached assets of Kapoor include: a residential building "Khursidabad" at Cumbala Hill, three duplex flats at Napean Sea Road, a residential flat in NCPA, Nariman Point and eight flats in India Bulls Blue, Worli...Mumbai and a bungalow at Delhi' posh 40, Amrita Shergil Marg. The bungalow in Delhi is said to be of market value of Rs 685 Crore. However it was purchased at a much cheaper rate as quid pro quo for loans

and credit facilities given to then owner of the property, "Avantha Reality" by Kapoor. The attached assets belonging to Wadhawans, worth Rs. 1411.9 crore include 12 flats in Khar (West), Mumbai, two land parcels in Pune and Mulshi (Maharashtra), one flat in New York, two flats in London, one Commercial property in Australia, five luxury vehicles and 344 bank accounts. The Directorate had earlier attached bank deposits to the tune of Rs 115 Crore of various companies of Kapoor and seized jewellery worth Rs 22.87 Crore and seven high end luxury cars worth Rs 12.58

Crore belonging to the Wadhawan family. Other than properties in India, the ED has also identified that Kapoor's company "Doit Creations Jersey", with an investment of Rs 83 crore. It has three properties in London, including a guesthouse on 77 South Audley Street in London worth £11.5 million, and another residential property. Some other expensive properties belonging to Kapoor are located in Lutynens' Delhi, including on 18 Kautliya Marg and 20 Sardar Patel Marg. He also has 7.5 acres of beachfront land in Alibaug in Maharashtra.

★ Editorial

The NPP conundrum

The new development in the political theatre of Manipur, after the cracks between the NPP and the BJP turns out to be extraordinary phenomenon where the traditional convention of maintaining hierarchic establishment seems to be completely crumbled.

In politics anything can happen, there is no full stop when to the battle for power and it is crystal clear in the present-day Manipur government under Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

To those who are well aware of the functioning of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, the regalia of sidelining peoples keeping more priority to either the Ministers or MLAs from the political party that he belongs to and others that walks along with the government is history.

Today's intervention by the Manipur High Court to the disqualification of MLA Trinamool Congress MLA Robindro had clearly showed that the game that has been played by the Speaker and his party is perhaps the dirtiest political game ever witness in the history of Manipur's Legislative Assembly.

The new development showed that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh have been doing everything to make sure that his government ruled till the end of this term.

May be it is due to the support of the Central leaders, but he came to power with just 21 MLAs, his party won the RS election when the number was suppose to be divided as 26 -26 and earlier he bridged the relationship with dissident MLAs when they revolted against him.

A no-confidence motion against him or his government assuming NPP leaving the BJP and siding with the Congress would not have been an easy task, as N. Biren would certainly find a way out. Details on how he will do that will be discussed on some other topic.

More state News

ANTA congratulate Dr Hmunshel Jasha over his appointment as Scientist at CSIR - IITM

IT News Imphal, July 10:

Anal Naga Tangpi (ANTA) head quarter Chandel Manipur has congratulated Dr Hmunshel Jasha Anal, S/O Mr Js Angkham and Mrs Ps Elbina of Lambung village, Chandel, on his stupendous and historic success of being appointed as Scientist at Council of Scientific and Industrial Research -Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR - IITM) at Jammu, UT of J&K.

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (DAE -B ARC) Govt of India Dr Hmunshel had also cracked Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) in Chemical Sciences in March 2009, conducted by IIT, Roorkee. He holds the distinction of publishing numerous journals and papers on his research subject it added.



By - Rabin Prasad Kalita

They picked up recyclable materials from the street, garbage dump, market or from trash bin. They were a group of four minor rag pickers between seven and ten years of age meet at a point and starts picking rags in the railway colony.

Arpan, a Vivekananda School student, seldom see them roving and collecting scraps from unhealthy plunk. Seeing them wandering all the day in search of rags slinging huge plastic sacks on their petite shoulders out cried his tiny heart in pain.

Often he saw them meeting with injuries and falling sick because of the toxic substances and sharp material while they scrounged with bare hands and bare feet. It is also a hard truth that we give no credibility to these deprived rag pickers who play a vital role in the waste management system, especially in urban areas.

Sometimes he broke into tears by seeing them consuming food-waste collected from the pile of

"An altruistic love to destitutes"

(A true story)

wastes, as if they were enjoying lunch together with rapture sitting beside the pile. Seeing their pitiable state of living, Arpan developed a sense of help towards these poor children.

He loved to talk with them and was eager to know their well being. Thus, he became a known face who ardently thought about them. Seeing him at a distance they would run shouting Arpan- Arpan and asked for anything which he could afford them to eat.

Sometimes with his diminutive head was indoctrinating them to attend the nearby government school where there is a proviso of mid-day meal. They said they went for a few days to the school but stopped in between because it was hard to survive with a scanty single meal for the entire day.

He observed that they didn't have much attention from their families, even they don't heed to their parents' advice as they met their own expenditure themselves.

One day while Arpan was on the way to his home, he saw them fighting in-between fighting except Nupur, who was trying to disperse them off standing in between. The cause of the fight was about the decision of a little valuable find amidst a mound of rubbish and claimed the same by all three pickers individually.

One evening teenage Nupur walked up alone to Siddhant's home with her shaky legs under the influence of liquor in search of Arpan. Siddhant got dumbfounded to see her in that sleazy condition. Though she was boozed up, yet she maintained her prudence while

solution who should get the find. It was probably an earnest respect paid to Arpan, which he earned over a period of cordial closeness with them.

Occasionally Arpan used to call them to collect some reusable used clothes and foot wears which were earlier worn by him and his sister. Therefore, he informed his father Siddhant about his promise to help those destitute kids, Arpan's dad got surprised to hear the words coming from the boy's heart.

By the time, the elder one among the three boys grew physically enough to ride a tricycle and started collecting as an itinerant buyer directly from households, shops and offices.

As they grew up, their behavior and the view to see by themselves started changing. They began to chew and smoke tobacco along with country liquor with many other colleagues of the same community without getting controlled by anyone.

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inquiring about Arpan. When she knew from his father that Arpan stays far away from them, she said "okay uncle, please convey our good wishes to him and also tell that we were recalling him".

That evening he found himself in a helpless state of mind which bugged him with many unanswered questions. There are thousands of Nupurs all over who are exposed to addiction, physical abuse, eve teasing and exploitation by known or strangers. Teenagers are most unsecured amongst the street children while they are in search of their basic needs like food and shelter.

Siddhant didn't take much time to understand seeing her red pigment typically wore in the parting of her hair (symbol of Hindu married woman). He brought them in and blessed for their long union of conjugal life.

He offered some cash to the couple, so it helps to start a fresh life. Then the duo begged a bye with lots of happiness and left them off clenching each other's hands to start a beautiful nuptial life.

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Maharashtra Govt to provide round the clock security to Ambedkar bungalow

IT Correspondent Mumbai: July 10:

The Maharashtra Government has decided to provide round the clock security to Dr. B.R.Ambedkar heritage bungalow located at Dadar in Central Mumbai, following an attempt to vandalize it by miscreants, even as police arrested one person in this connection on Thursday.

Located in Hindu Colony, the two-storey heritage bungalow houses a museum where Ambedkar's vast book collection, memorabilia, his ashes and other artefacts related to his life are preserved. The architect of the Indian Constitution lived there for two decades. Current residents of Rajgruha include Dr.Ambedkar's daughter-in-law and his grandsons - Prakash Ambedkar, Anandras and Bhimrao. Prakash Ambedkar, was in Akola in



Vidarbha region, when the incident took place. The miscreants smashed some flowerpots, damaged plants, CCTV camera and pelted stones at a window before fleeing on Tuesday night. Based on CCTV footage one Umesh Sitaram Jadhav (35) was arrested by Matunga Police, who was assisting the main culprit. The main accused is still at large. It is

not clear why he indulged in stone pelting. The arrested person is a menial labourer. A case has been registered under the Indian Penal Code Section 427 (mischievous causing damage) and Section 447 (criminal trespassing), the police official said, adding that the police were examining the CCTV footage and further probe was on. The unidentified accused who was

captured in CCTV seemed to be mentally unstable. He was spotted near the house on Monday evening. When he was asked why he was loitering, he glared at him in anger and left, Bhimrao Ambedkar told the police.

In the meanwhile Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has asked Mumbai police to take strict action against the accused and find out at whose behest he did this misadventure, since "The premise is not just a sacred place for Ambedkarites, but the entire society. Ambedkar preserved all his writings in this premise. This is like a pilgrimage centre for all Maharashtrians," he said and added that "The government will not tolerate insult to Rajgruha". The incident, evoked condemnation from political leaders and the state cabinet decided to provide round the clock security to the venue.

Assam Rifles organises tree plantation drive jointly with forest officials

IT News Imphal, July 10:

Troops of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) continuing its sustained efforts on

'Go Green' initiative organised Tree Plantation Drive jointly with the District Forest Officials by planting saplings of fruit bearing and ornamental trees. The tree plantation drive was

started with an aim of contributing to the Go Green Drive of our country, fighting against global warming and thereby reducing its impact on climate change and ultimately presenting a better environment for the next generation. A total of 1000 saplings were planted at Chassad and 400 saplings at Somsai consisting of locally available flora which includes teak, pine, mulberry and gooseberry. Mr Shangam, DFO

Ukhrul district and forest officials were present at Somsai for the plantation event. All the attendees pledged to carry forward the initiative and contribute actively towards increasing the green cover in Ukhrul and Kamjong districts of Manipur which are still one of the most pristine natural habitats. The endeavour of the Assam Rifles is to contribute as much as possible



in the 'Go Green' initiative of Government of India and Assam Rifles will continue to organise such

activities to contribute in maintaining ecological balance and conserving the environment.

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