

Malicious attempt to ruin MCPCR exposed:

Chairperson lied; violated service rule reformed by Prime Minister Modi Says state government salaries are received in lump sum amount

IT News

Imphal, July 13:

A malicious attempt to ruin the functioning of the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) has finally come to the public domain with not only more irregularities in Financial management being traced but also by appointing a consultant in complete violation of rule 4 (1) of the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rule, reformed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in July 2016.

The BJP led coalition government of Manipur under the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh either is ignorant or is intentionally taking no action to MCPCR Chairperson Sumatibala Ningthoujam for not only disregarding but also violating the service rule reformed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a rejoinder, sent to Imphal Times, in connection with a news published regarding the payment of vehicles hiring charges for the commission, the MCPCR Chairperson Sumatibala lied saying that the total amount paid for hiring of the two four-wheeler vehicles for eighteen months is Rs. 7,20,000/-. This is a blatant lie by a chairperson who has been appointed to do welfare for the children of the society, as Imphal Times have a bank statement details regarding the payment for the hiring of those vehicles, which has been officially issued by member secretary Lalrolub Fimate. This newspaper has the cheque details and date of the transaction of the Rs. 9,10,000/- which has been reportedly paid to Ibomcha Ningthoujam, the husband of the Chairperson Sumatibala, whom she appointed as a consultant in violation of the Prime Minister's reformed

service rule.

In addition to this, a total sum of Rs. 6,07,000/- has also been handed over to Ibomcha Ningthoujam in the form of six different cheques after he no longer relates with the MCPCR. The reason for handing over the cheques has been given to him for the shortage of staff and runners. Details on this matter will be revealed soon.

What is more interesting is that the Chairperson seems to have no idea of how salaries are paid to the government employees. In the rejoinder in connection with the news item published in this newspaper dated July 11, 2020, the Chairperson wrote, "It is a well-known fact that the state government salaries are received in lump sum amount every 3-5 months".

If what the Chairperson had stated is right, then naturally people wanted to know if the N. Biren Singh

government has an agenda of tarnishing the image of MCPCR as well as his government. N. Biren Singh's government should clarify whether the salary of government employees is paid in a lump sum amount or not.

The Chairperson of the MCPCR also stated that her husband Ibomcha Ningthoujam has been appointed as the consultant under section 20(7) of the MCPCR Rule 2011 for a period of three months (April 26, 2018 to July 25, 2018). As per record, Ibomcha Ningthoujam is the husband of the Chairperson Sumatibala Ningthoujam. She appointed her husband as a consultant using her position in the office without giving regards or by violating the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reform to the CCS(Conduct) Rule 1964, in July 2016 to check nepotism and corruption. **What is more**



interesting is that, two order had been issued by Chairperson for appointment of Ibomcha Ningthoujam as Consultant. At one order Ibomcha was appointed for 3 months (from 26/04/2018 to 25/07/2018). However, at another order issued on the same day (April 26, 2018), Ibomcha has been appointed as consultant for six months (from 26/04/2018 to 25/10/2018).

An office memorandum issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances

and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training dated July 20, 2016, it is stated that as per Rule 4(3) of the CCS(Conduct) Rules - "No government servant shall in the discharge of his official duties deal with any matter or give or sanction any contract to any company or firm or any other person if any member of his family is employed in that company or firm or under that person or if he or any member of his family is interested in such matter or contract in any other manner

and the government servant shall refer every such matter or contract to his official superior and the matter or contract shall thereafter be disposed of according to the instructions of the authority to whom the reference is made."

One more interesting part of the rejoinder is that the Chairperson finds could not hire vehicles as various car rental agents could not be paid their hiring charge in time as Government released a lump sum amount. Her rejoinder also stated that it was the Social Welfare Department that advised her to find somebody to provide the vehicle which she did it from her husband. As per official records available, the MCPCR had never published any advertisement for the hiring of vehicles for official use.

CADA organised awareness programme on COVID-19

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Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol (CADA) organised a one day awareness programme on Covid-19 at Hyanglam-Wabagai Lamkhai bazaar and Uripok yesterday. The programme at Hyanglam-Wabagai Lamkhai Bazar was jointly organised by the CADA, Kakching District Committee and United People's Administrative Council (UPAC) keeping prescribed physical distancing norms in place. Hijam Priyokumar - President, CADA and Thokchom Basudeva - working President, UPAC presided the event. Meanwhile, CADA in association with Nongchup Imphal Palem Ima Apunba Lup (NIMPAL), Uripok Branch, organised another awareness campaign at Uripok Kumanthem Leikai Apunba Nupi Lup Meira shang. Hijam Priyokumar - President, CADA, Thingbajam (O) Ibeyaina - President, NIMPAL and Dr. Thangjam Suraj Singh - Professor & Head, Dept. of Neurology, RIMS, presided the function. The function highlighted the fear of community spread of the pandemic due to non-adherence to WHO and ICMR guidelines, unfair treatment to frontline warrior and stranded people returnees and the general every day health hygiene practices to combat spread of the disease.

NH-2 Motbung-Sapermeina stretch in pathetic conditions, citizens & Organizations decries negligence

IT News

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Decrying utter and prolong negligence of NH-2 conditions, many have expressed resentment over the pathetic conditions of the highway stretch between Motbung and Sapermeina. Concerned citizens including locals, truck drivers, ambulance drivers, officials on duty for different departments and COVID-19 along with citizens passing through the stretch everyday has raised serious question over the non-development of the most depended which is considered as "lifeline of the State" highway. Recently, Transport organizations and concerned NGOs has also called for urgent attention of the State Government and the PWD department.

Sanjeev Bir Singh a truck driver ferrying essential



commodities to Manipur complained that, the poor condition of the said stretch of road is worsening each day with no signs of repairing. Another local K. Haopu resident decried that, some months back few workers from Imphal were seen dropping mud and stones but suddenly stopped the work and disappeared from the work site for reasons unknown. Ambulance driver on request for anonymity stated that, transporting

patients between Motbung and Sapermeina stretch is stressful and time consuming. Moses Ambii from Senapati questioned as to why the developmental works on such small areas on NH-2 has been neglected for so long by the concerned PWD department and the company despite completing all process of tender and awarding the work. Some Office goes to Kangpokpi & Senapati supplemented that, "Most of the places between this said

areas are now filled with knee deep pitches making the road unmotorable but compelled to use in necessity". The said stretch is only some 10 kms but at its worst, another added. Another Student's leader noted that, repeated appeal and reminders has been delivered to State Government in the past since last year but the grievance has never been addressed till today. However, the highway stretch between Koubu Leikha and Maram undertaken by BIPL has been completed. It questioned as to how despite good condition, repeated black-topping works were executed especially in greater Imphal areas between Koreingei and Airport while the main lifeline highway rots in total negligence. Such attitude of the concerned department and work agency is only provoking the People's sentiments, it added.

UGC sticks to term examination by September end guideline, MHRD releases sop for examination

"The decision of UGC is irrational, irresponsible and undemocratic." - AIFUCTO

IT News

Imphal, July 13:

The Ministry on Human Resources Development (MHRD), the apex body on Higher education in the country released fresh SOPs for examinations to be conducted by Universities keeping in line with the University Grant Commission (UGC) earlier stand on compulsory term examination for various undergraduate and Post-Graduate courses under these Universities by September end. The Ministry released 31 SOPs yesterday including compulsory use of face masks, sanitizers, maintenance of proper sanitation and physical distancing inside the examination hall etc. The decision of the UGC and the HRD Ministry meanwhile have been condemned by

student community who are running various campaigns on social media platform. #StudentLivesMatter was trending on twitter and facebook. Meanwhile, the All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisation (AIFUCTO), have termed the decision of the Commission to conduct term examination amidst the rising Corona pandemic as symbolic of experts in an ivory tower taking decision with short sightedness and divorced from ground reality. AIFUCTO has already presented memorandum to MHRD and UGC to immediately withdraw the UGC guidelines of 6th July, 2020. The Federation further urged the UGC to come up with an alternative and credible method of evaluation of students based on marks obtained in the internal/assignment/practical in the semester.

FDA's asked to quickly grant permissions to manufacture medical oxygen

By IT Correspondent
Mumbai/Delhi, July 13:

The Drug Controller General (India) (DGCI) has directed all state licensing authorities (SLAs) to urgently grant permission to manufacturers of industrial oxygen to manufacture medical oxygen in the light of COVID-19 outbreak. DCGA has made it clear that the license to manufacture oxygen for medical use should be

granted within 24 hours of the submission of application by the manufacturers after paying requisite fees as per the Drugs and Cosmetics (D&C) Act 1940. The manufacturers are required to furnish an undertaking in writing to manufacture medical oxygen in compliance with standards prescribed in Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and labelling requirement as per the D&C Act and Rules.

(More on www.imphaltimes.com)

JFA mourns demise of media corona-warrior in Orissa

By our correspondent
Guwahati, July 13:

Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) expresses profound grief over the demise of a media corona-warrior from Orissa, who breathed his last on 11 July 2020 at KIMS Covid hospital in Bhubaneswar. Priyadarshi Patnaik (46), who used to work for Oriya (Odia) daily newspaper Dainik Samaj as a correspondent from Hinjili area under Ganjam district, tested positive for Covid-19 few days back. Days back, a New Delhi based scribe (Tarun Sisodia of Dainik

Bhaskar) killed himself undergoing treatment at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Tested positive for novel corona virus infection, the young scribe succumbed to injuries on 6 July. The married scribe was under tremendous stress because of losing job as the pandemic continues to hit the media industry. Earlier, the printer-publisher of Asomiya Khabar (Rantu Das) died of heart-failure at a Guwahati based hospital on 3 July, who later tested positive for Covid-19. Chennai based news videographer E

Velmurugan, Hyderabad based television scribe Manoj Kumar, Agra based print journalist Pankaj Kulashrestha and Kolkata based photojournalist Ronny Roy succumbed to Covid-19 complications. Now over one hundred Guwahati based media employees, working for various news papers, news channels and news portals, are reportedly infected with the virus as they continue working as corona-warriors after the doctors, nurses, sanitation workers, police personnel, etc to contain the outbreak of Covid-19. As the worrisome development is

not properly reported by the mainstream media outlets, JFA urges everyone to be cautious and careful in safeguarding themselves. "A compulsory Covid-19 screening of all media employees by the respective managements becomes the need of the hour to prevent the pandemic outbreak," said a statement issued by JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria adding that State chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal and health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma should support the initiative at the earliest.

Editorial

COVID-19 and the way forward

With the alarming rise in the number of COVID-19 positive cases and new local transmission in Manipur, a new question arises "Are we prepared for the worst case scenario?". A female doctor of JNIMS and an orderly of RIMS testing positive and the ever increasing number of new cases with each day is raising is alarming. Now a driver and his associate is reported to have been tested positive. Earlier, the new cases were all from the returnees returning to Manipur lodged at Quarantine centers. Now the scene is changing in Manipur, with the government acknowledging local transmission of the pandemic. Is the government not doing enough or we the people not being responsible, is a question worth pondering upon.

The day will not be far when there will be community transmission until and unless we are careful now. It will be disastrous if such a thing happens because our community is very close-knit and it will be difficult to contain or control the disease. Also the recent formal acknowledgment by World Health Organisation that "the Novel Coronavirus can remain in the air in crowded indoor spaces, where "short-range aerosol transmission... cannot be ruled out" is more of like a whole new game changer as compared to the earlier perception of the way COVID-19 is spread.

It can be mentioned that there was much panic among the people when the first-ever case was detected in Manipur. People went up to the extent of putting up barricades in their locality as a means to prevent others from entering their locality and not to mention, notices being put up in many individual gates advising others not to enter their respective abode. These acts may be due to the fear of the pandemic, although a rather silly one. So where has all these prevention gone into now? It is high time that we start getting responsible and careful about how we act. Or, has the people started to ignore the pandemic altogether and get on with their daily lives? No one knows. But it is evident from the number of commuters and traffic in the major roads of Manipur today that the people are no longer scared or skeptical of it as compared to when the first case was detected. The long way forward is to learn to live with COVID-19 by following all the protocols laid down by the competent authorities like wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and proper personal hygiene, as we would not be seeing a proper vaccine anytime sooner. Also, the government needs to harden its stance in fighting this virus, as it is going to stay with us for a long time and is not going away sooner.

Introduce General Courses in Government Colleges without delay for quality in Higher Education

By- Dr Thangjam Ranjit

Through your esteemed daily, I would like to highlight an academic issue which is very important vis-a-vis the academic careers of thousands of students in the state.

It is a fact that in most of the government colleges, including those in the urban areas and district headquarters, only the Honours courses are opened without General/Pass courses in the 5th and 6th semesters of the Three Years Degree course under Manipur University. It means where General and Honours courses were running in Govt. Colleges, after the introduction of semester system of examination in 2010 by Manipur University, about 27 govt. colleges had discontinued General courses for reasons known to the concerned college authorities only. Many teachers who are in favour of having Honours courses only in degree colleges reasoned for shortages of infrastructure and lack of faculty members to run both the Hons. and General classes in parallel in the concerned colleges. The argument is not justifiable since all these colleges had opted for Honours and General courses from the university authority, and a teacher in the UG courses is supposed to take classes for 14 to 16 hours in a week as per UGC norms. In the above circumstances, a department having a minimum of 4 to 5 teachers in Arts subject can run both the General and Honours courses in parallel without difficulties but with some difficulties in science subjects/departments. As per UGC norms, an undergraduate college is supposed to have 7-5 teachers in each department/subject, depending on whether the subject is having practical or not. Most colleges of the state have enough faculty strength now,

except few. For room problems, it can be solved by extending one or two classes in the evening/or morning for the sake of students, who are none but our children only.

The practice of offering Honours courses only in the govt. colleges, except newly converted ones, is not good at all, considering lack of quality in higher education in particular and education in general in Manipur. It is a common knowledge for general public that students having aptitude for higher studies on one hand and other students not having interest for higher studies on the other cannot study together to achieve their respective goals, as they are in incompatible combination. In an Honours class, the number of students should be within a manageable level of 20-30 for science subjects involving practicals and more than this number for arts subjects; if so, there is possibility of imparting quality education in the concerned colleges.

To the dismay of many parents who want their children to obtain higher academic degrees/laurels from these elite or premier colleges of the state, it is a distant dream. The number of students in these colleges in science streams goes 30/40 to 80/90 in average and even 130/140 or more in some arts subjects/classes in some colleges. It is common understanding of parents that honours subjects are desirable in higher studies than those of the general subjects and accordingly they ask their children to opt Honours instead of General course. Again, one should not believe in the rumours that General students are not eligible for higher studies leading to MA/MSc/MCom. In fact, General students have more advantages than Honours students as far as academic scopes/careers are concerned. To be brief, a graduate in General

Course having the uniform knowledge of the three subjects, unlike a Honours graduate, can avail the opportunity of reading any of the three subjects in master degrees or all of the three one after another, if he or she desires to do so. Whereas, Honours graduates will get chance to do master degree only in one subject in which he or she is offering Hons. subject. But, to the worries of many innocent parents and students, college authorities are asking students to opt Honours courses in large number, in the present practice, irrespective of whether they are interested to do post graduation or not, whether the students get high marks or not, and the like. In a nutshell, the very academic exercise/ practice that is going on now in govt. colleges are unhealthy and unproductive one. To say the least, the continuing academic exercises, of giving only the Hons. degree without General/Pass course degree being practised by college authorities, are just for creating unemployment problems and to produce unfit graduates in the highly competitive job markets of today is a great injustice done to students and society by authorities in govt colleges and the same must be stopped by the authorities in the concerned department of the state govt.

It is a common knowledge that general students who are not interested to go for higher studies but to end up studies by becoming graduates only are compelled to face uphill task of undergoing a comparatively bigger and tougher syllabus of Hons. course unnecessarily, and thereby making many of them failed or passed in lower divisions/grades in the 6th Semester Hons. Examination and even by making them unfit for any higher studies or loss of academic careers, instead of high marks/distinction in the

Semester General exam. Thus, General students by opting Honours course in their poor knowledge the opportunity of learning three subjects in General course and passing easily is also derailed while Honours students on the other hand, by clubbing together with students having no charm/interest for higher studies have to lose their enthusiasm and degrade themselves as they are in touch with their incompatible partners in large number in the classes, labs, study tours, etc. for science students.

In the light of the above facts, concerned authorities in the colleges, education department, Manipur University, DM University, etc. should contemplate seriously the consequences that lead to the withdrawal of General courses from the govt. colleges of the state, and clubbing of two incompatible groups of students in the name of Honours course in huge and unlimited numbers beyond manageable level than the normal intake capacity in Hons. course, in the larger interest of the varied students in our society, and should re-introduce the two parallel courses - Hons. and General in the govt. colleges where only the Hons. courses are in operation, beginning from the forthcoming academic session, 2020-2021. The re-introduction of General and Hons. courses in degree colleges of the state will bring quality in higher education and can catch up other universities in the North East, such as NEHU, GU, Dibrugarh varsity, Mizoram varsity, and Tejur varsity, which are ranked in comfortable positions among 100 ranking universities of the country, in the next few years, in the larger interest of the student community in general and students in higher education in particular and the society in the state.

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