

Differences settled: MLA T. Robindro is with the BJP-led Govt. now

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Trouble in the BJP-led coalition government under Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has been slowly settling to normalcy with aggrieved MLAs shorting out all misunderstandings with the ruling coalition government.

Thanga Assembly constituency MLA, Tongbram Robindro, whose disqualification ahead of the Rajya Sabha Election held on June 19 by the Speaker's Tribunal has been intervened by the High court by suspending the disqualification order, while speaking to media persons today declared that issues and misunderstanding between him and the ruling BJP-led coalition government has been amicably resolved.

"I will continue to extend full support to the present BJP-led government as all issues and misunderstanding have been amicably settled", MLA Tongbram Robindro told media persons today.

Mentioned may be that Tongbram Robindro reportedly



withdrew support to the ruling BJP-led coalition government ahead of the Rajya Sabha Election and news report regarding the withdrawal of support had been carried at almost print and electronic media in the state.

Following that the Speaker's Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly disqualified him along with 4 other Congress MLAs disallowing them to cast vote in the Rajya Sabha Election. One among the 4 Congress MLA (P. Brojen) appealed to the High Court of Manipur and later was allowed to cast his vote. MLA Robindro too filed a petition to the High Court, however, due to technical reasons he missed Court intervention and could not cast his vote to the election for the lone Rajya Sabha seat.

On July 10, a division bench of the Manipur High Court comprising of Justice Lanusungkh Jamir and Justice Ahanthem Bimol Singh today suspended the disqualification of MLA Tongbram Robindro by the Speaker's Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly until the next hearing of the case that was scheduled on July 20, 2020.

JCILPS warns of unchecked entry of outsiders in the state during COVID pandemic

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Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) today drew attention of the unchecked entry of outsiders in the state via flight at the Bir Tikendrajit International Airport previously known as Tulihal Airport at a time when the State Government has discontinued issuance of entry permits in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

YK Dhiren of JCILPS while talking to media persons at their office at Keishampat, said the JCILPS is aware of entry of outsiders who have dispersed to multiple Quarantine Centres in the state

in the wake of discontinuance of issue of ILP by the state Government from 18th March of this year. He sought legal actions against infiltrators who have entered the state without any valid document taking advantage of current global pandemic and pressed on the need for framing a proper Land owner/Tenant regulation in the state. YK Dhiren further questioned if there are any provisions for entry of outsiders during the Covid pandemic framed by the Govt. or has the law enforcement agencies posted at these entry points performing at their own discretion without any knowledge of the Govt.

There is also report of the DC Imphal West, Naorem Praveen Singh writing to the Special Secretary (Home), for issuance of proper direction to the office so that measures may be taken up to screen the entry of outsiders at these points. It may be mentioned that the State Govt. vide its Gazette notification on 31st December, 2019 has approved the Bengal Eastern Regulation 1873, popularly known as the Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) in the state with effect from 1st January 2020. Multiple permit counters has been opened at entry points to the state ever since issuing four different types of permits ranging from 15 days stay to 3 year.

COVID factor doesn't stop RIMS from marching ahead ; latest world-class MRI arrived

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Misconceptions about the stoppage of almost all health care facilities in the state, with the global pandemic of COVID-19 occupying the space of all news mediums, Regional Institute of Sciences (RIMS) Imphal has proved everyone wrong by procuring latest and advanced MRI and ECHO machines among others.

Director of the RIMS, Dr. A. Santa while talking over the phone to Imphal Times said that the Institute he is heading now can boast of having the latest world-class MRI and ECHO machines among others. "Amidst financial constraints we felt it essential that RIMS have the latest medical science technologies and for that, we had ordered the latest world-class medical technologies including MRI machine from SIEMENS Company, Germany before COVID-19 pandemic



begins", Dr. Santa said adding that the MRI machine arrived yesterday along with others. It may take a month for installation but RIMS now has the latest MRI machine, a proud Dr. Santa told Imphal Times.

RIMS currently have MRI facility but there have been complaints about the machine being obsolete and keeping in view of growing advancement in diagnostic research, the latest world-class machine to be installed at RIMS will help

thousands of patients in the state. Along with the MRI Machine, one latest ECHO Machine has also arrived and installed at the Cardiology Department of the hospital. In addition to the 2 Dialysis machines already installed in view of the COVID-19 investigation, 10 more new dialysis machines have also been arrived and installed. Except for the MRI, all installed technologies will start functioning within the next few days, Dr. Santa added.

RIMS at present is taking a lead role in the fight against COVID-19 having two VRDL Labs for testing the virus and also by opening a Covid care center separately inside the premises. Mentioned may be made that over 50 (fifty) more ventilators have so far arrived at RIMS and is ready to use at any time when called for. RIMS administration despite facing extreme hardship in transporting the technology seems committed to face the challenges in medical sciences.

When general people have the misconception about RIMS authority neglecting other diseases and concentrating only on COVID-19, the latest addition of the mentioned latest technology including Germany's SEIMEN Company MRI machine, 4 (four) new X-Ray machine and 6 (six) more latest ultra Sound Machine which arrived yesterday, the criticism about RIMS about having inadequate medical equipment is now history.

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Federation of Government College Teachers' Association (FEGOCTA), Manipur the apex body of Govt. College teachers in Manipur warned the state Govt. of intense agitation such as suspension of online classes, boycott of admission and other academic

activities if the state govt. continues to evade the orders of a national policy on 7th UGC Pay and Regulations issued after approval by the Union cabinet. The teachers' body had resolved to intensify agitations after it held two online meeting on 14 and 15th July, 2020.

The teachers' body termed the state Govt. of being

insincere and non-committed to the national policy as it has failed to issue any order even after lapse of 155 days of the Cabinet approval. It further warned that the state govt. should be held responsible for any case of disturbance in admission and academic activities in the colleges because of the agitation.

BU develops fungal powder to boost immunity

Dr. Kh. Aokoisa

Bodoland University, one of the youngest University of Assam located at Kokrajhar claims it has developed a fungal powder to help people boost immunity during time of a global pandemic, Novel Coronavirus. The powder is prepared from a parasitic but rare super mushroom called Cordyceps militaris.

Cordyceps are known for their medicinal values especially

anti-viral, anti-bacterial, anti-diabetes, anti-tumour, energy boosters and immune boosters.

There are three 3 types of mushrooms basic mushroom, advanced mushroom and super mushroom. Basic mushroom are taken for daily basis and treated as food. Advanced mushrooms are medicinal. Super mushrooms contain protein, vitamin, minerals and antioxidants. This can have various health benefits and high medicinal value. Cordyceps particularly is a parasitic fungus that includes over 400 species which are found all over the world...

Natural Cordyceps is hard to get and if dried costs at least Rs.8 lakhs per kg. Our lab has been growing Cordyceps militaris since 2017 at a fraction of the cost, said Sandeep Das, Dean of BU's faculty of science and technology. Cultivation of this rare mushroom can open a new avenues, said Sandeep Das.

According to Sandeep Das, the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India sponsored technology incubation centre for mushroom culture and farming, Assam's Bodoland University is taking the initiative to make this Technology who has developed ways to cultivate the mushrooms. Thus, it could benefit farmers he added. One kilo of dry Cordyceps

mushroom will fetch farmers in lakhs. According to information available with us a 27000 sq. feet laboratory can give an annual turnover of eight tonne of Cordyceps mushroom.

Cultivation of Cordyceps is done in a temperature and humidity regulated laboratory and takes around 60 days for cropping. After harvesting, the fruiting body of Cordyceps are freeze dried (@86°C) which restores its original texture and mushrooms are grinded to form powder and are encapsulated veg capsule. The incubation centre of the mushrooms will soon extend in our state also. The required proposal has been made by the Head of the Department of Biotechnology, Northeast

It may be mentioned that the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India has established a small lab under its BLISS programme at Chaoyaima Higher Secondary School, Thoubal under the supervision of Thoudam Radhamani Devi, Vice Principal of this school as a coordinator.

At the Centre, research works has been going on particularly the Cordyceps Mushroom. If the Department of Biotechnology extended such type of incubation centre in the state, there will be a big benefit to our mushroom cultivators.

Education Minister launches the first educational channel for Manipur "LAIRIK" on JIOTV

IT News
Imphal, July 16:

Education Minister Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam today launched the first Educational Channel for Manipur called "Lairik" TV Channel on Jio TV at his Office Chamber, New Secretariat. He expressed gratitude to Shri R. V. Balasubramanian Iyer, Vice President, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and Jio TV for the support to the Department and the State which will benefit both the teachers and students.

He said that Jio TV is providing the platform free of cost to the Government of Manipur for running the channel as well as for the subscribers, across the country. Appreciating the

teachers, officers and firms involved in the preparation of the e-content, he added that without the dedication and contributions made by them the channel would not have been launched.

Dr. Th. Radheshyam stressed that efforts are on from the department to ensure that the learning teaching process takes place in the state in one way or the other during these uncertain times of pandemic. The digital e-content based website www.lairik.net was launched, e-textbooks, e-contents of study materials and notes prepared by teachers have been uploaded and print out copies for the same are distributed through the ZEOs and officials concerned. Radio

classes are also being carried out through All India Radio, Imphal. He said that the education department is for the people especially for the young minds and sought opinion and constructive suggestions.

Highlighting the benefits of hosting the channel on Jio TV, he stated that the channel schedule is managed by the Department of Education, Manipur. Live programs (classrooms) can be integrated within the same channel. The same channel can host programs in local languages as well besides English. Jio TV is offering for additional channels to launch class-wise contents. Through the channel, students can watch the contents easily on a mobile phone instead of depending on a TV unit. (Smart

phones or even Jio Phone is capable of showcasing Jio TV). LAIRIK channel will be visible across India. Out of 700 channels on Jio TV - 64 channels are dedicated to Education - hosted by Ministry of HRD (Swayam Prabha), Ministry of IT (DigiShala), Govt of Gujarat (Vande Gujarat), Skills Development (Million Lights) and many other similar states. 7 day catch up feature that allows students to repeatedly watch telecast content any number of times for the next 7 days.

Only the Jio TV app is embedded within the Jio Sim. The Jio Saavn and Jio Chat have no dependency on Jio Sim and are open to all followers across the world.

During the launch of the

"Lairik" TV Channel, the Minister informed that the examination for Higher Secondary Examination, 2020 will be announced tomorrow the 17th July, 2020 and wished students for success. On a query about the admission in the eleventh standard in the government higher secondary schools, he said that 15 percent of the seats have been reserved for the students passing out of their high school leaving examination from other boards. Admission is being done through merit basis for time being as there is no other better means that could be adopted. Every possible step is being sought to ensure admission of the students who are still yet to get admitted.

★ Editorial

Discovery of Thangjing hill range waterfall – celebrations and concerns

The state of Manipur, often touted as the land of jewels and Switzerland of India, has never ceased to impress and enthral one and all with its myriad natural manifestations throughout the year. It would not be an exaggeration to state that one would need a lifetime to explore and discover the beauty and wonder of nature this state has to offer, and one of the recent discoveries of natural splendor that has been whetting the spirit of adventure in the hearts of the people is the majestic waterfall in the Thangjing hill range in Churachandpur District under Henglep assembly constituency.

Cascading over two hundred metres, the perennial waterfall is at its intimidating best during the monsoon but the trek leading up to it is not for the faint of heart or the casual explorer. The best access point would be from Phoungakhouchi Ikhai Awang Leikai under Bishnupur district which is about fifty-five kilometers from Imphal city where volunteers and guides of Youth Development organization (YDO) are prepared to take those who are willing to trek the twelve odd kilometers which takes a better part of three hours for a nominal fee. There is no proper route or established trek up to the waterfall at present and venturing into the foot of the waterfall for the last six hundred odd metres is up against the rapids, so engaging the experienced guides of YDO would be the best and the safest option of exploring the place, details of which can be had from the social media sites and facebook in particular. At present, the guides are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but booking in advance is advisable due to the increasing number of enthusiastic trekkers clamoring for a glimpse of the waterfall.

While reports of the waterfall has appeared in most of the print and electronic media in the state as well as in social media, there is however an evident lack of awareness in keeping pollution in check. A recent visit by team LAMKOI – a group of adventure enthusiasts along with members of YDO revealed the unfortunate aspect of irresponsible tourism as the recently discovered trek is already starting to show signs of pollution and littering with empty plastic bottles and other disposable items, food wrappings and polythene bags were carelessly discarded along the trek. If we are to preserve the pristine environment of our magnificent natural gifts, each one of us need to pitch in and do our bit. One of the many options that can be put into practice would be the nature of operation of such organizations as the Green Trails and the Waste Warriors who are spearheading efforts to inculcate responsible trekking along the Himalayan region by bringing down every bit of non-decomposable wastes from the mountains till a proper collection point in the plains.

For all the efforts being put in by the organizations and enthusiastic groups, the most important step in developing these amazing gifts of nature into sustainable and productive tourist spots would be for the state government to provide the necessary infrastructure and a tourist friendly environment in the state. Involvement of adventure groups in such efforts would certainly make things better as the groundwork as well as constant evaluation can be better carried out with the help of these groups. But one word of caution though- development of infrastructure for tourists should not be equated with drawing up contractual works to bulldoze the range and raising concrete villas at the foot of the waterfall, or any of the tourists points for that matter. Perhaps a lookout on the log cabins and indiscreet overnight shelters along some of the world's best trekking trails such as the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), the Appalachian Trail (AT), the Inca Trail or the Everest Base Camp trek should hopefully provide the state authorities with some insight into how things ought to be done.

For the state to be truly considered a tourist's paradise and bring in tourists from all over the world, the natural scenic spots and treks need to be identified, developed and maintained in a systematic, pristine and friendly manner. Basic infrastructures like good roads, homestays and log cabins and trekkers huts along with local incinerators for proper disposal of wastes would ensure that the tourists will flock to the state and provide the much needed income as well as employment opportunities for the people of the state, not to mention the positive change in the outlook of the locals with increased interaction with tourists from different parts and walks of life.

By - Rabin Prasad Kalita

I got up at the early crack of dawn as usual. The dawn chorus of birds chirping with ecstasy made my morning pulsating. I had finished my ablution after a brisk walk. It keeps me cool for the day and boosts me up with new avenues of ideas for my storylines. Being fresh and energized, sat across my study table. Opened up the piecemeal news on my laptop and rolled around. Got fed up with the same old stuff I read every day. Most of the dailies are field with the articles of the corona virus and the rest becomes the news of Indo-china stand-off tensions. The sports page narrowed to the minimum. Signed the site out in anger I decided to conclude my half-written story that I Kicked off the day before.

I was struggling to join the sequences of the story. Fell short of words to express my thoughts the way it should be. Thought of a cup of hot tea would help me out. No sooner I contemplated; my wife placed a mug of tea on my table with two pieces of crunchy biscuits. It seemed like thinking of a crow to sit on a toddy fruit to unlock and surprisingly that happened abruptly as expected!

It didn't feel my heart until I finished the last sip of pungent tea. Yeah, it made me energized and resolute! Again I tried rolling the tip of my pen for the best-fit link in between my ongoing write up. In the meantime, someone shouted outside the main gate that I heard vaguely. But I ignored, possibly the call was not aimed at me and I got myself busy in writing yet again.

“He is poor but rich by heart”.

My idea was wrong. A couple of seconds later, my son who was busy coding at the other room wanted my response that someone was loitering outside the gate who wants to talk me.

It was drizzling outside and the alien stood soaking in rain. Paying his reverence with a Namaskar asked me for a job so that he could feed his family for that day. Started pleading me to have at least for a day's work or else, his children will remain in an empty stomach.

Probably I knew this man. His face was almost vivid as the mask he wore was hanged down to the chin. Still, I asked him, “May I know you?”

Sir, I'm Suresh “don't you recognize me”, who had been working as a labourer during the construction of your house. “Mostly I was engaged for shifting sands and stones along with other manual workers. You did great help by making me work for a substantial period. “How come you forgot me, sir, replied by the latter”.

I could remember the man in his early fifties. A truly faithful man seemed to be suffering from pennilessness that could be read on his face. The continued lockdown has made him jobless. It becomes difficult for him to pull on even a day. Everyone avoids engaging these people to work fearing of virus transmission. There are a lot of Sureshs roaming unwaged today. I can understand these people are facing a tough time by day.

Had it not been a rainy day, at least a day's work could have been arranged for him. Being that a lazy

rainy day, frankly speaking, I had no job to offer him. I was muttering myself.

I stood a while on the veranda thinking to help him anyway. Factually to help this everyday flocking poor, becomes no easy for me to show generosity with my limited income.

Still I told him to wait a minute and quickly brought a hundred bucks note for him. Strangely, he refused to receive the cash that way. Rather said, he is labour and has great potency to work hard but not to beg. Further said, begging seems to be the last option for a feeble. Hence it's better to solicit for work but not for free alms. If at all he takes the cash that shall be received as a loan, but he can't shoulder such liability. He loves to live on today and deems tomorrow is uncertain.

That puzzled me a bit. He doesn't need money without putting his toil. Thought, this kind of person is rare now when most of us bent on betraying each other. He is firm on his principle. It doesn't matter how poor he is!

This chap had won my heart. If I had told him that I had no work to do, he would have gone straight.

I had a small heap of stone chips outside the gate left abandoned for many months. They were fully covered by broadleaf grasses all over. That looked so shabby and became a refuge for snakes. I asked him to clean and keep them neatly by putting a boundary of bricks around the stack.

He seemed hungry which I could peep through his face. My mom said once; not to put anyone to work with a hungry stomach. Hence I

briefed my wife to arrange a nice breakfast for him to regain his strength before he starts to work. The breakfast was served. He took a small bite out of the whole snacks and the rest he kept wrapped along with a pair of his working dress. I was humbled noticing him quietly. I assumed that he must have kept aside the remaining nibbles for his children.

I saw a heart so near that cries for one's blood. It provoked me to think this is an extreme instance of a father. No one can replace the eternal love of a father. No father is as expressive as a mother. But his sentiment remains in nerves. A father has many roles to play while maintaining the balance between his work and family. Even he has to win bread during adverse weather. All these things he does because of his unconditional love towards his child. He continues to love even at the hardest time.

Finishing his allotted job shrewdly within a couple of hours he reported me back to have a look whether he missed out anything. I saw no room for my displeasure. Happily, I paid the dignity of his judicious labour with a pack of sweets for his children.

The poor man with a much richer heart has left behind a mark for my children too. The allegiance he built up over the years shall knock some hearts and also teach the essence of being a father.

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Tibetan Medicine Clinic Offers one month free consultation for all at its Imphal Branch

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Men- Tsee- Khang Clinic specialized in Tibetan Traditional Medicine (Sowa Rigpa), Imphal Branch offers Free Consultation for one month starting from 16th July 2020 till 16th August 2020. The clinic is located on the premises of the Manipur International University (MIU) Administrative Headquarters at Ghari Awang Leikai, Near HRD Academy, Imphal. The free consultation initiative is organized keeping in mind the difficulties faced by the people of Manipur during the lockdown and is sponsored by MIU.

Men-Tsee-Khang opened its 57th branch clinic at Imphal on 1st March 2020. It is sponsored and supported by Manipur

International University. Men-Tsee- Khang is the exclusive institute re-established by His Holiness Dalai Lama for the promotion, protection, and propagation of Sowa Rigpa (Sowa to heal, Rigpa Knowledge or science known as the science of healing) is a name for Ancient Tibetan Traditional Medicine which is duly recognized as a “System of Medicine” along with Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Sidda and Homeopathy by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. It's Imphal clinic is headed by a highly experienced and trained resident physician and CMO, Dr. Choeyi Samdup.

Tibetan Traditional Medicine is one of the oldest medicinal practices of ancient Tibet passed down from ancestors more than

3000 years ago. This form of medical practice effectively treats many ailments including chronic ailments such as all cases of Cancer, Liver & Kidney disorders, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Piles, Arthritis (Joint pain), Insomnia, Neurological, Psychosomatic, Gynaecological and all kinds of skin problems. All the medicines are prepared using ancient techniques with pure herbal components which removes the risk of side effect/s. The Sowa-Rigpa medical practice takes a holistic approach to the treatment and wellbeing of an individual. It provides preventive measures including effective medication and its uses have been lauded tremendously worldwide.

Men-Tsee Khang has a total of 57 branch clinics in several cities across the country including cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore as well as States like Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, and West Bengal, etc. and is spread across countries like Bhutan, Mongolia, and Russia. The uniqueness of Men-Tsee-Khang is that their clinics open only through invitation and demand of the people. And the 57th Branch Clinic at Imphal is supported and sponsored by the Manipur International University.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama has visited Imphal in October 2017 on the invitation of State Government and laid the foundation for the future friendship of MIU and Tibetan Government in exile. MIU and Men-Tsee- Khang has signed a historical agreement for the establishment of International Medical College and Hospital of Tibetan medicine in Manipur in Dharamsala on 12th February 2020. It was signed between the Chancellor of Manipur International University, Dr. Harikumar Pallathadka and Director of Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa Rigpa), Tibetan Government in exile, Shri.

Tashi Tsering Phuri. As a first step, it has opened its Imphal branch clinic at the premises of MIU which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly, Shri. Y. Khemchand in the presence of JNIMS Director, Dr. Thongam Bhimo.

Manipur International University (MIU) is an Autonomous State Statutory Public International University established, recognized and accredited by the State Government of Manipur. MIU is established by an Act of State called Manipur International University Act, 2018 and it is recognized and listed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Govt. of India. It is also declared as the “International University of Excellence and an “Institution of State Importance” by the State.

Men-Tsee-Khang (Tibetan Medical & Astro Institute) (Men Medicine, Tsee Astro-Science, Khang House, or Institute) is a charitable, cultural and educational institution, registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. It is the oldest, largest, and most reputable Sowa-Rigpa Institute in India for learning, treatment, and pharmacology. It was first established by the Great XIII Dalai Lama in 1916 in Tibet and in 1961 the institute was re-established by His Holiness the Great XIV Dalai Lama in Dharamshala, India. Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa) Imphal Branch Clinic is located at the premises of Manipur International University Administrative HQ at Ghari Awang Leikai, Imphal near HRD Academy. It is open from morning 8:30 to evening 4:30 on all days except Tuesday which will be the weekly holiday. The clinic can be reached at 7627973868.

IJU welcomes daily owner's arrest in MP

IT News
Ghy, July 16:

Indian Journalists Union (IJU) Secretary General Sabina Inderjit welcoming the arrest of owner of Afkar daily Pyare Miyan, accused of raping four minor girls and running a sex racket in Madhya Pradesh, the Indian Journalists Union demanded strictest action be taken against him as other than his heinous crimes he had sullied the profession of journalism it added. He further state that the Union demanded the SIT investigate

the matter thoroughly in the backdrop of rumours he had a 'quid pro quo relationship with those in power'. Miyan, who was absconding carried a reward of Rs 30,000 on his head, and was arrested in Srinagar, J&K on Wednesday following a group of minor girls in capital Bhopal being found by police in a disoriented condition on the city outskirts. Investigations reveal Miyan brought out Afkar, solely for 'government advertisements and to get access to politicians, police and bureaucrats.' SP (South) Sai

Krishna Thota told The Indian Express that Miyan had travelled abroad with minor girls in past few years, though he passed these off as treatment/business related. He was dealing in property and owns several properties in Bhopal and Indore and the district administration demolished a wedding hall built illegally by him and a flat among others. His flat, which the police broke into, resembles a dance bar with expensive liquor bottles and child pornography, sex toys etc. Miyan's 21-year-old woman accomplice, a driver, a manager were taken into custody. In a statement, IJU President and former Member, Press Council of India Geetarth Pathak and Secretary General and IJV Vice

President Sabina Inderjit, regretted the media was getting a bad name because of crooks like Miyan. They welcomed cancellation of his accreditation and withdrawal of government quarter allotment in Professors' Colony from where he ran his office. Noting Miyan's activities suggest he had support of those in power the IJU insisted a thorough probe and all, including the powerful, be brought to book. Recalling, a similar case of Brajesh Thakur, who claimed to be a journalist and ran a sex racket in a girls' shelter home in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, the Union called upon its members and journalist fraternity to uphold ethical standards and expose those who were misusing the profession for personal gains and power it added.

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