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After political drama amidst COVID-19 crisis, students' fate at risk

KSA appeals govt. to take action on some school; AMSU threaten stern action for victimization of students

IT News Imphal, June 20:

A day after the high profile political drama ended with the election of lone Rajya Sabha seat for Manipur, sidelining the minds of the people for some times from the COVID-19 scare, students' bodies in the stated unfolded commercialization of education sector by some private schools by victimizing students violating their rights to education.

Soon after the announcement of the result of the High School leaving Examination conducted by BOSEM on June 15, some private schools completed the admission process without making it public and depriving the rights of many students, said Bruce Pebam, Secretary of the HRD of All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) in a press meet held today at its office premises. The same statement is also echoed by Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) in a separate press statement issued by its publicity secretary H. Babulu.

Pointing out the violation of SOPs issued by the government to contain the COVID-19 pandemic by some private school, the KSA statement said that students who had passed the HSLC and applied for admission to the school were cancelled without giving proper reason for those students selected the students. could not paid the admission fees with a given time which is not more

than 1 or two hours. At this time of COVID-19 crisis people are facing extreme suffering due to restriction in movement and depriving admission to students just because they cannot paid money within one or two hours is not less than blackmailing of the students, said the KSA statement adding that at this time of crisis it is not possible for many family to afford payment of Rs. 12/13 thousands within such



short period. On the other hand some schools completed the admission even before the completion of the online submission of admission form by inviting those students of their choice through SMS, the KSA said saying that one such school is Herbert School Changangei.

The KSA warns the Herbert School to clarify the process of admission and correct the wrong procedure practice by them in the interest of the students' community. The KSA also warned other schools which are being complaint for conducting similar irregularity violating the rights of

Human Resource Secretary of AMSU, Bruce Pebam, while talking to media persons said that the students' body will not re main quite over the commercialof education sector.

"AMSU is taking with extreme seriousness to the way that some private schools are admitting the students under their whims and fancies without trans-parency", Bruce Pebam said while warning the private

The AMSU HRD Secretary

also said that treating of some students who are position holders as commodities by some pri-vate schools will not be tolerated and if in case such practice is caught, the AMSU will not only ban the school but also the career of the student accepting such offer may land in trouble.

The AMSU also drew the

make sure that the careers of the students are not stake due to the irresponsible practice of some schools.

On the other hand, Bruce Pebam further urged the Council of Higher Secondary School Manipur (COHSEM) to an nounce the exam scheduled that has been postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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Make sure that all farmers get fertilizer on time - UPF

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United Peoples' Front (UPF) has appealed the Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur to make available Urea Fertilizers to farmers of the state.

A statement issued by M. Sunil, Assistant Publicity of UPF, Manipur said that the department of Agriculture had announced through electronic and print media assuring urea fertilizers to all farmers. Now it is time that the farmers need the fertilizers and the UPF appealed the agri department to issue fertilizers to farmers.

The UPF statement said

stop earlier decision distribution of one bag of fertilizer to only card holder farmers and Patta holder's farmers. This is because most genuine farmers are cultivating on rented land. When farmers of rented farmland asked for patta of the field owner of the field are reluctant in giving the land patta. More over most farmers did not get farmers' card as maximum of them do not have knowledge of how to apply for the farmers'

At present the farmers are facing trouble in getting the urea fertilizers even as the department is taking up to distribute the urea fertilizers at every district. The depart-ment should also see the hardship being faced by the farmers from far flung area. The farmers who are from far flung area have to stand in queue from even midnight to get one bag of fertilizer. Most farmers do not own private vehicles and they prefer the public transport which is not available due to the lockdown to contain the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The UPF said that the au-thority of the Agriculture de-partment should also stopped discussing issues of farmers only on table but should go to the field to get the actual difficulties and problems being face by the farmers. The UPF further appealed to make sure that farmers of the state get fertilizers on time.

Statement on All Party Meeting of June 19, 2020

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marks in the APM discussions were the events of 15 June at Galwan that led to the loss of lives of 20 Indian military personnel. Prime Minister paid glowing tributes to the valour and patriotism of our armed forces who repulsed the designs of the Chinese there. The Prime Minister's observations that there was no Chinese presence on our side of the LAC pertained to the situation as a consequence of the bravery of our armed forces. The sacrit of the soldiers of the 16 Bihar Regiment foiled the attempt of the Chinese side to erect structures

The words of Prime Minister Those who tried to transgress our land were taught a befitting lesson by our brave sons of soil" succinctly summed up the ethos and the values of our armed forces. The Prime Minister further emphasised, "I want to as-

and also cleared the attempted

transgression at this point of the

LAC on that day

will leave no stone unturned to

protect our borders".

What is Indian territory clear from the map of India. This Government is strongly and resolutely committed to that. Insofar as there is some illegal occupation, the APM was briefed in great detail how over the last 60 years, more than 43,000 sq.km has been vielded under circumstances with which this country is well aware. It was also made clear that this Government will not allow any unilateral change of the LAC.

At a time when our brave soldiers are defending our borders, it is unfortunate that an unneces sary controversy is being created to lower their morale. However the predominant sentiment at the All Party Meeting was of unequivocal support to the Government and the armed forces at a time of national crisis. We are confident that the unity of the Indian people will not be undermined by motivated propaganda.

Australian courts directs refund of money to duped Indian investors

IT Correspondent Mumbai, June 20:

The Federal court of Australia (FCA), has directed the promoters of a ponzy investment scheme-"Pearls Agrotech Corporation Limited (PACL), to immediately deposit US \$79 million (Rs 427 crore) in deposit R. M. Lodha Committee's account in Australia, to facilitate refund of money to over 6 crore investors across India, cheated in a Rs. 49,100 crore scam.

The committee headed by former Justice R. M. Lodha appointed by the Supreme Court of India(SCI), to sell the assets of PACL and refund the money invested by the investors has been monitoring the refund process.

The story of the ponzy scheme dates back to 1982, when Nirmal Bhangoo and his three colleagues collected over Rs. 49 100 crore from the investors in the name of PACL, by promising them land at cheaper rate although they did not possess even an inch of land. PACL offered many money doubling schemes to the investors. They also roped in Australian cricketer Brett Lee as its brand amador and invested millions of dollars in Australia in 2010, through shell companies. Now in his order dated 3

June 2020, Justice Lee of the FCA has directed the "McCullough Robertson", a trust set up by it, to deposit the amount collected from the sale of PACL's property in Australia, including the Hotel Sheraton Mirage at Gold Coast, Sydney, in the bank account operated by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in Australia, pursuant to the SCI's order dated 2 February 2016. while dealing with a petition (No: QUD147/2017) filed by SEBI on 17 March,2017 against the Miiresorts Group 1 Pty Ltd, a venture of Pearls Australasia

Mirage 1 Pty Ltd FAC also ruled that, out of the balance of \$1,510,000 held on trust by it, the "McCullough Robertson", be permitted to pay the sum of \$10,000 to the solicitors for the intervener and the balance be retained on trust pending further order of the

Going by its history, PACL after duping investors, went into red. SEBI found that till March 2012, it had mobilized public funds worth Rs. 44,736 crore. Later, between 26 February 2013 and 15 June 2014, PACL admitted to having collected an additional Rs4,364.78 crore from esti-

mated four million customers. SEBI on 22 August 2014, ordered immediate wind up of the scheme and to refund money to the investors within three months. Since PACL failed to comply with its order, SEBI at-tached PACL's bank accounts. Then PACL filed an appeal be-fore the Securities Appellate Tri-bunal (SAT) of SEBI, which was

dismissed on 12 August 2015. Subsequently, the CBI registered a case against PACL and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) registered the first informa-

tion report (FIR) against PACL in 2015. In January 2016 CBI arrested four PACL officials-Nirmal Singh Bhangoo, CMD, Sukhdev Singh, MD and promoter-director and two executive directors Gurmeet Singh and Subrata Bhattacharva in multi crore rupees collective invest-

On 11 December 2016 SERI initiated recovery proceedings against PACL and its promoters and directors, including directors, Tarlochan Singh, Sukhdey Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Subrata Bhattacharya, Nirmal Singh Bhangoo, Tyger Joginder, Gurnam Singh, Anand Gurwant Singh and Uppal Devinder Kumar, for their failure to refund money to the investors.

On 6 September 2017 SEBI imposed a fine of Rs 2,423 crore on PACL Ltd and its four directors for illegal fund mobilisation through various schemes. In September 2018, the ED filed a charge-sheet against PACL and attached Australiabased assets of PACL. In the tition in FCA, to recover crores of rupees stashed away by the PACL using several shell entities and sought repatriation of the assets or the proceeds thereof. On 23 July 23, FCA passed order accepting SEBI's

In the meanwhile Vishal Mhetre, Secretary of the "Jan Pratisthan", has filed an intervention before the RM Lodha Committee, stating that he is one of the interveners in cases (QUD 528/2016) and (OUD 147/2017-SEBI) in the FAC, and is willing to give an affidavit to ensure that the funds procured in Australia, are brought back and distributed among duped investors through the RM Lodha Committee. Till now SEBI has been able to refund only Rs 204 to the duped investors. Besides, although FAC has allowed to SEBI to recover legal cost incurred by it, the investors are yet to get

Lifting of PDS Rice and Dal continues

In its effort to ensure that the people of the State are provided adequate PDS items especially rice and dal, the State Government continues lifting of rice al-located for June and dal allocated for May 2020 in the State.

In continuing lifting of PDS rice today, Langthabal AC in Imphal West district lifted 700 quintal of rice under PMGKAY.

Tamenglong AC in Tamenglong district lifted 416 quintal of rice under NFSA while Nungba AC in Noney district too lifted 190.95 quintal of rice under PMGKAY from FCI godown,

Sangaiprou.

In Churachandpur district, a total of 690.35 quintal of rice under PMGKAY was lifted today The lifted rice includes 375.75 quintal for Thanlon (Mualnuam) AC and 314.60 quintal for Henglep AC. Both the ACs have completely lifted the allocated quota for the month of June. It is also reported that 150 quintal of rice (OMSS) under MLA-LAD was also lifted and distributed in Henglep AC.

Tadubi AC in Senapati district today lifted 1776.55 quintal of rice under PMGKAY while 1907.40 quintal of rice under the same scheme was also lifted on 18 06 2020. With these Tadubi AC have completely lifted the

allocated quota for June. In Imphal East district, 103.31 quintal of Dal under PMGKAY which consists of 82.84 quintal for Kshetrigao AC and 20.47 quintal for Yaiskul AC was lifted today. With this, lifting of dal allocated for the month of May, 2020 has

been completed for the district.

A total of 731.55 quintal of rice under PMGKAY has been lifted from FCI godown, Ukhrul for Ukhrul AC on 18.06.2020.

The State Government has been distributing PDS items in all the districts of Manipur to ensure none to suffer on account of non-availability of foodgrains on the backdrop of the outbreak of COVID-19 and the ongoing lockdown in the State.

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*Editorial

Arithmetic doesn't work in politics; nothing is impossible

Nothing is impossible in the game of politics. And what is more interesting is that 'all is fair in love and war'. The sudden change of plot by ruling BJP hours before the casting of Rajya Sabha Election which was held today is already expected by many but the strategy surprises all. No person knowing the A, B, C, D of the constitution of India had never expected that the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly would exercise his power putting aside all infringement from the High Court. The magic on how the speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly defies the order of the Manipur High Court which directed the Speaker's tribunal to bar pronouncement of any judgment reserved by the tribunal needs to be relooked over its legitimacy. But saying so, it is not expected that the speaker would leave any loophole in the plot to make sure that the candidate the BJP nominated for contesting the Rajya Sabha seat gets elected.

It was the shrewd exercise of power by the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly to allow only 3 defected Congress MLAs from among the 7 whose cause for disqualification is pending with the speaker's tribunal. Of the remaining 5 another MLA was also later allowed to vote for electing the Rajya Sabha candidate after getting clearance from the High Court. A similar condition, however, was not applicable in the case of Trinamool Congress MLA Robindro, who has been disqualified only early today by the speaker's tribunal probably for supporting the Congress Party yesterday.

It takes nearly 3 years for disqualification of MLA in the Speakers' Tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, however, as for the case of MLA Robindro, it does not take even 24 hours in taking up the case under the 10th Schedule of the Indian Constitution and later disqualifies him to bar him from casting vote for the Raiva Sabha Election.

The final round of the election tactics for the Raiva Sabha seat was crucial. Both Congress and the BJP played well. But in the final round, the ruling party which is in power seems to be in the upper hand. The arithmetic till yesterday doesn't work as politics is a different game.

Now as unexpected thing happens people are not surprised on who is winning this election. But one thing that matters is - Is there

Lameithanbi - a myth with geological linkage

Myths and legends has been the part and parcel of the human civilizations. Many of these myths and legends have played important role in upbringing of the cultural and societal growth in different parts of the world. Our Manipuri civilization also holds no exception to such mythological stories. These archaic stories have been a source of self realization, imagination, exemplary narration that kept on transpiring from one generation to another. Lameithanbi, Meihoubam, another. Puruksoubi, etc are few citeable myths of the Manipuri society that can be scientifically explained by geological knowledge.

In Manipuri language it can be translated to Lamei-wildfire; Thanbi-lighting. When viewed from scientific approach the Lameithanbi can be either consider Laudraubi or as abiotic origin. Literature survey on such mythological objects and beings suggest that no strong scientific base for Lameithanbi as biotic origin do exist. However, the abiotic source for the Lameithanbi has strong scientific explanation.

Let us gain a geological upfront on the probable causes of wildfire in the marshy areas of Imphal Valley. Geomorphological evolutionary study suggests that Imphal valley is a lacustrain valley. It is quite evident from the local names like Keisam-pat, Thangapat, Lamphel-pat, Akam-pat, Yaralpat, Khongham-pat, etc which were indicative of previously lakes filled up gradually as low lying marshy lands. The 1960's and 1970's kids have grown up witnessing how reminiscently those lakes faded away. These marshy lands provide gamut of hydrocarbon

low grade coal lenses and pockets trapped in the rocks and soils. The tectonically active Indo-Myanmar Ranges eventually provides weak planes where petroleum and natural gas occasionally seeps through the source rocks and gets amalgamated into the soils. Whenever and wherever favourable ignition temperatures attained, these highly inflammable things catches fire and may fly in the gust of air. The hydrocarbon burning theory is accepted worldwide and a recurrent phenomena as well. The preliminary survey to be carried out in 3850 sq. km area in Manipur by the Jubiliant Energy, under the Oil India Limited has estimated about 5000 billion cubic feet of oil. In the nutshell, the Imphal valley has enough hydrocarbons trapped and always holds valid for burning phenomena to occur.

This scientific theory may be the sole explanation for the Lameithanbi though few researchers claimed it as a variety of fish- Esomus Altus. But Esomus Altus is reported to a maximum length of 12.5 cm which will be to tiny to be spotted as flying fish from a far distance. Not only Lameithanbi, Meihoubam Lampak at Wangkei and Puruksoubi at Uchekon are closely linked with natural gas and salt brine seepage.

The rich cultural heritage of Manipuri society have preserved scientific phenomena and kept transpiring through generations. Lameithanbi is only one of them; many facts and natural truths have been kept unrevealed to us. Going through our heritage will be a self

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Soldiers stand Sentinel in Ladakh



By: Kamal Baruah

Feeling the emotion of war is the most destructive & ruthless activities and those experiences last a lifetime for them while soldiers go for war at early age into the jaws of death. It was his terrifying days of targeting warhead at launching missiles as India is facing aggression from enemy over the mountain range of LAC at sub-zero temperature. With high altitude fighting gear, soldierslive on the icy wasteland of inhospitable terrain wading through

hills of snows.

It is Ladakh, the disputed region between India, Pakand China, It claimed. Chinese have been living for several hundred years in "Aksai Chin" at the western border. The uninhabited areas have never been demarcated and sharing of LAC maps are never agreed by either side. After a year of 1962 aggression, both countries hold it position along the Line of Actual Control, thus the conflict mitigated by withdrawal of 20 km along the entire front line and maintainit as 1962 status quo. Former PM Rajiv Gandhi's path

breaking visit in 1988 and PM Vajpayee's visit in 2003 helped to set up dedicated

GalwanRiver for India's border patrolling areasnear to Chineseborder post near Karakoram range. Also IAF has high landing ground in Daulat Beg Olide where C17 the biggest aircraft courier can land. All these strategic happening might hamper China Pakistan Economic

Corridor (CPEC) at POK.

Air Force helicopters can now land at Siachen, the highest battleground of 20,000 ft where India and Pakistan have permanent military base. India has 2500 km of territory with Sia La, Bilafond La and Gyong La where Pakistan occupies Saltoro Ridge. To protect the Bahadur Post Chulung, Pak copters were gunned down by an Indian IGLA Missile where Brig Commander and other boarding troops were killed. That triumph led

Humanity cannot afford war for any reason but soldiers have to move on emergency that we called it as Flash Signal. Passive Air Defence (PAD)was called on while General Pervez of troops and terrorists into Indian Territory. Indian Army launched Operation Vijay 1999, the Kargil Warhad

by a MI-8 copter although troopers counteracted drag in forward flight. Boarders peeped through the window to take a fond look and sang along the line from a soldier's tear. The huts waved them for a prayer while the copter whisked away within a few seconds. Airfield operations take place in the

Mumbai police interrogate Sushant's close friend Rhea Chakraborty



Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty was interrogated for well hour 9 hours on Friday by the Bandra police in connection with the suicide of actor Sushant Singh Rajput who ended his life at his Carter Road residence on 14

June,2020, Sunday.

In another development a complaint was filed in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate,

Muzaffarpur (Bihar) by advocate Sudhir Kumar Ojha, who alleged that Sushant committed a suicide due to the conspiracy hatched against him by Salman Khan, Karan Johar, Aditya Chopra, Sajid Nadiadwala, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Bhushan Kumar, Ekta Kapoor, and director Dinesh. These eight persons forced Sushant to commit suicide he has addng that the amounted to murder. The matter has been scheduled for hearing on 3

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July,2020. Up till now the Bandra police have interrogated nearly 10 people including casting director Mukesh Chhabra. Sushant's business manager Shruti Modi and Radhika Nihalani from the late actor's PR

Rhea had worked with Mahesh Bhatt for the film "Jalebi" in 2018 During her interrogation, by Bandra police, she spoke about living in with Sushant and also revealed that they were planning to get married in November this year. She also admitted that she had a fight with Sushant and had moved out with her bags from Sushant's residence, just few days before his death. She the text messages showed exchanged between her and Sushant to the police.

Sushant had also called Rhea on Saturday night, a few hours before he died by suicide. Rhea happened to be the last person Sushant dialed before going to sleep. He had first called Mahesh Shetty, who didn't answer and then he called Rhea who also didn't pick up the call. He went to sleep, woke up and saw Mahesh urned the call. He called him back but it didn't get connected, call records suggested. Sushant was reportedly diagnosed with clinical depression and Rhea was the only person who he was with him at all

and some activists of the Bharativa Janata Yuva Morcha reportedly vandalized Salman Khan's store "Being Human" in Patna, shouted slogans and tore his posters on



mechanism to resolve the border dispute.Over the years of enhancing confidence at the military level, it failed inability to agree to a border settlement and troops come into conflict / faceoff regularly. Mercifully, there have been no fatalities on either side of the LAC for over four decades.

They recently engaged in the standoff in Pangong Tso, Galwan Valley, Demchok and Daulat Beg Oldie in Eastern Ladakh and Naku La in Sikkim But on the night of Jun 15/16,800 PLAswearing protective gear and armed with stones, nail studded sticks, iron rods and clubs confronted and ambushed the Indian Patrol Party at Galwan.India now considers Red Dragoon to be devious and untrustworthy

Did Chinese troops attempt to unilaterally change the status quo in Galwanregion? The dominating height of the strategic Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie (DSDBO) road has probably threatens Chinese that connected to Karakorum Pass. The Galwan River flows from the disputed Aksai Chin region to Ladakh and join the Shyok River.Another road goes across the Indian Air Force to form an IGLA Squadron at Ladakh region and they were recalled for missile formation.

After faceoff at Galwan, this formerAir warrior has remembered his heyday at Ladakh. Field duties are another battle that required persistence courage. With destination unknown yet soldiers have determination, eurhoric joy and brightness for new assignment. They got willpower and continue fighting till the end of war. Life is all about the moment of victory that is to offer for his motherland. It was a joy of firing IGLA Missile sounding sonic boom at the lonely valleys at land of high passes.

Man-Portable Air Defence stemIGLAis Surface-to-Air SystemIGLAis Missilethat is lightweight of 28 to 55 pounds with launcher enough to be operated by a single soldier. It can strike airplanes up to an altitude of 15,000 feet at a range of 3.2 miles at a speed of Mach 2 aiming through laser beam.Developed in 80s IGLA is the most sophisticated Missile the Soviets ever made. Sophisticated military planes are not easily jammed by IGLA electronically but passenger planes are vulnerable.

forenoononly owing to the presence of mountain winds. The landing has one of the world's most scenic approaches located between the Mountain ranges They landed India's highest com aimort Leh at 10.682 feet.

While Mig and Mirage bombarded the Tiger Hills, Army recaptured Kargilwith Bofors guns to silenceit and ve were busy launching missile in Ladakh region. It was no Hollywood thriller but we moved hills and valesfor the live mission. Soldiers might get wounded, broken but they always stand tall out of fear. The Galwan said the supremesacrifice of Indian soldiers who faced off with barbaric Chinese PLA for protecting territorial integrity for their country. To be honest, we did not get the opportunity to lock and fire any enemyaeroplanes as target or a decoy But we swam ashore across the lonely rivers atZanskar, Shyok, Suru and Nubraeasily while targeting shoulder launched IGLA Missile. We lived across the Ladakh then.

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