

High Court ruling on enactment and repealing of Parliamentary Secretary may decide the fate of 12 MLAs

IT News
Imphal, Sept 19:

The ruling of the Manipur High Court in connection with the Write petition and PIL filed against the appointment of Parliamentary Secretary in the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly for some time is likely to give a headache to the present N. Biren Singh led government that may also decide the fate of the 12 MLAs whom the government-appointed as parliamentary secretary for some time.

12 MLAs of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly, namely L. Susindro Meitei (Yaima), Nahakpam Indrajit, Lourebam Rameshwar Meetei, Thokchom Satyabrata, Heikham Dingo Singh, Dr. Sapam Ranjan, Soibam Subashchandra, Kongkham Robindro Singh, K Leishiyu, Khasim Yashum, Awangbow Newmai, and Ashab Uddin were appointed as Parliamentary secretary which is equivalent to the

status Minister of state under the Manipur Parliamentary Secretary (Appointment, Salary and Allowances, and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2012, which the high court declared it as unconstitutional and as a sequitur taking reference to the various ruling of Supreme Court and Guwahati High Court.

The Manipur government had also passed the Parliamentary Secretary (Appointment, Salary and Allowance, and Miscellaneous Provisions) Repealing Act, 2018 (Manipur Act No. 6 of 2018) in the light of the Supreme

Court judgment in connection with the act delivered on June 26, 2017. "In the present case, another relevant factor is that the Repealing Act, 2018 is also invalid and unconstitutional for the reason that it provides for a saving clause in Section 2(2). The State legislature cannot provide for saving clause in the Repealing Act, 2018 to justify acts, deeds, privileges which are impermissible under the Manipur Act No. 10 of 2012 which is unconstitutional. No right, in any manner, can subsist under the Manipur Act No. 10 of 2012

and in any event, it cannot be saved by the Repealing Act, Manipur Act No. 6 of 2018. What the State legislature cannot do directly, cannot be done indirectly. On this aspect also, it has to be clearly held that the Repealing Act, 2018 is invalid and unconstitutional", the bench of Manipur High Court comprising of the chief justice Ramalingam Sudhakar and justice Abantheim Bimol Singh in its ruling said. Interpretation of the Manipur High Court judgment may decide the fate of the 12 MLAs who had been appointed as

Returnee allowed to proceed for testing at their own vehicle

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District administration of Thoubal in a notification has allowed returnee from outside the state by air to proceed in their own vehicle

for screening cum testing at Kodompokpi Sports Complex, Wangjing. Deputy Commissioner Thoubal District N Bandana Devi in a statement said that returnees who wish to travel in their own vehicles

from Imphal Airport to District Screening cum testing centre for immediate testing shall contact the concern persons on mobile/Whatsapp at least one day in advance to obtain e-pass:

ATEREC office bearers

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New office bearers of the Artiste Training Cum Educational Research Centre (ATEREC), Imphal for the 2020 to 2022 were elected today in its annual general body meeting held at the Nambol Thiyam Awang Leikai at the residence of renounce singer P Nandaran. Sapam Momon has been elected as the President while Okendro Khundongbam has been elected as General Secretary.

Intangki issue: NSCN (I-M) refutes ZB (N) claim

Dimapur, Sept. 19:

NSCN (I-M) has termed as "absolutely baseless" the recent allegation by the Zeliangrong Baudi (Nagaland) group's chairman Q. Tuccu claimed Intangki Wildlife Sanctuary as "No man's Land". According to MIP, NSCN chairman during his consultative meeting with the tribal hohos in Dimapur had at no point in

time stated that Intangki Wildlife Sanctuary is "No man's land". MIP said that "such allegation is misleading, unfounded and far from ground reality." MIP pointed out that during the Gilgal Camp (National Hoho) held from March 27 to April 2, 1996, one of the resolutions adopted was to protect all reserve forests in Naga areas and preserve from human

exploitation and encroachment. MIP said that prominently Intangki Wildlife Sanctuary was one such that attracted NSCN's attention for the preservation of wild life. Since then, MIP said NSCN had stood by that resolution and "protected the Sanctuary from illegal encroachment in the face of many attempts made by people with vested interests."

'As per law, Rape Case cannot be Compromised'

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Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) expressed its deep pains to the fact that minor girls are not safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic situation, that just after 12 days after Mayang Imphal Gang Rape and Murder of a 14 years old girl was happened, another shocking Sexual Assaults incident took place at border town Moreh on 15 September, 2020, this time to an innocent minor girl of only 3 and half years old. "Sources indicated, that the Moreh Rape Case of minor, is trying to settle through negotiations in between the two private parties i.e. the victim's and offender's family, even though an FIR has been lodged by the Moreh Police Station under Section 6 of POCSO Act", a statement of

the MACR said. The MACR warned to all concerned to refrain from such illegal practice of compromising on rape cases, because Raping of a minor of 3 and half years old is a heinous offence, which is termed as "Aggravated Penetrative Sexual Offence" under POCSO Act, punishable with rigorous imprisonment for at least twenty years, or life imprisonment or even death penalty.

"Rape is a non-compoundable offence means the case cannot be compromised at any cost by the private parties, as the very offence committed is seriously affecting the society and laws of the land cannot leave the matter to the private parties' discretion to compromise or settle at their will. It is high time community leaders stop

this illegal practices promoting private compromise and settlement without prosecution by a competent court, as it will be an injustice to the victims, on the other hand indirectly encouraging to commit such heinous crimes again and again without fearing of deterrent legal penalties in future", the statement added.

It further said that in case the offender is to be a juvenile, the case must be dealt as per the provisions of Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act 2015, but there is no option for compromise and settle at individual level. The MACR urged upon the Moreh police to expedite the police investigation process, apprehend the offender at the earliest and disallow any kind compromise arrangement.

UNMM condole the demise of Helam Haokip

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The United NGOs Mission Manipur (UNMM) shared its deepest sorrow on sudden and untimely demise of Ms. Helam Haokip on Sept 17, 2020 at Shija Hospital due to illness.

A statement said that Late Ms. Helam has been associated with UNMM since 2003 during a difficult time in the state. She was a very active and responsible member who served as Convenor of District Women Committee of UNMM Senapati & Kangpokpi till her last breathe. She was dedicated, committed and able person. UNMM acknowledged and appreciated for her firm stand with a common journey



for sustainable peace, human security, reconciliation and development in Manipur. She was also noted person who worked across the ethnic communities and various NGOs for strengthening relationship for peaceful co-existence and mutual respect between Meitei-Naga-Kuki-other ethnic groups. She was vibrant leader, efficient women

activist who advocated for women & child rights and other women issues to various bodies including international bodies for justice, development, peace building and human security. She also stood up against violence committed to women, children and civilians by anyone including state and non state armed actors for taking the law in their hand. Further, she took extra responsibility to work across the ethnic line to connect various ethnicities inhabited in Manipur for the common harmonious and peaceful co-existence Manipur. Her untimely demise is a great loss for the state said a statement by the Women Committee, Members and Staffs of UNMM

Scribes continue to die of Covid-19, JFA mourns their demises

IT Correspondent
Guwahati, Sept 19:

Journalists across India continue to die of Covid-19 as they are playing the role of corona-warriors after practicing doctors, nurses, sanitation workers, police personnel, etc. Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) expresses its profound grief over their demises and urges every scribe to be cautious while reporting the pandemic from the ground.

Lately the country lost three journalists to the novel corona virus infection related ailments within eight days and it simply went on increasing the Covid-19 casualties among the media fraternity for many weeks

now. The latest victim is reported from northern India as Anil Srivastava (68) from Basti in Jammu locality succumbed to Covid-19 complications on 18 September 2020.

Associated with the United News of India for many years, Srivastava died at Basti medical college hospital. Survived by his wife, two sons and other relatives, the journalist also edited local newspapers namely VicharParakh and PrakashTimes.

Earlier, Ravinder Kumar (30) from Una locality in Himachal Pradesh died of Covid-19. Working for DainikJagran, Kumar was not feeling well for some time. He was sent to the hospital after developing

symptoms of Covid-19 on 9 September and he died on the way. His cremation was conducted following Covid-19 protocols. Kumar left behind his parents, wife, brother along with a host of relatives.

Similarly, Abohar (Punjab) based journalist Naresh Bajaj (57) succumbed to Covid-19 complications on 10 September. Bajaj worked as a correspondent to SachKahoon, a newspaper published from Sirsa. Importantly, the journalist was also very active as a frontline corona warrior in the pandemic. Assam also witnessed two journo-victims recently as Udalguri based correspondent Dhaneswar Rabha (35) died of Covid-19 at Guwahati medical

college hospital on 6 September. Rabha is the first scribe in northeast India to succumb to Covid-19 complications. He was suffering from renal problems and went for regular dialysis. Rabha left behind his parents, wife, two kids, a host of relatives.

Next day, senior journalist Ashim Dutta passed away at Silchar medical college hospital. Dutta (65), who worked for a Bengali daily in Barak valley, was also suffering from kidney problems. He was admitted to the hospital after testing positive for the novel corona virus infection. A pass-out from Gauhati University, Dutta left behind his wife, only daughter and other

relatives. Weeks back, Mumbai based senior film-journalist Shyam Sharma, Nellore (Andhra Pradesh) based scribe Narayanan Seshacharyulu, Pune based television reporter Pandurang Raikar, Kanpur based television journalist Neelanshu Shukla, Patiala based photojournalist Jai Deep, Tirupati based television reporter Madhusudan Reddy & video journalist M Parthasarathy succumbed to the infections.

The list also includes television reporter Ramanathan & news videographer E Velmurugan from Chennai, news presenter Davinder Pal Singh from Chandigarh, television scribe Manoj

Kumar from Hyderabad, print-journalist Pankaj Kulashrestha from Agra, Orissa's journalists Simanchal Panda, K Ch Ratnam & Priyadarshi Patnaik, etc.

Kolkata based photojournalist Ronny Roy became the first Indian scribe to lose his battle against the dreaded virus. New Delhi scribe Tarun Sisodia killed himself undergoing Covid-19 treatment at AIIMS. Maharashtra's veteran journalist Ashok Churi, who edited Marathi weekly PalgharTimes, died at a Palghar based hospital, who later tested positive for Covid-19. The printer-publisher of Asomiyakhabar (Rantu Das) also died at a

Guwahati hospital and later tested positive for the virus infection.

Expressing concern over hundreds of city-based media persons lately tested positive for Covid-19, JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria repeated the appeal to media group managements to come clean on their employees' health status as part of social responsibility. The forum added that news channels and newspapers continue identifying other Covid-19 patients, but they collectively remain silent when their employees turn positive (except a few infected scribes made personal revelations in social media).

★ Editorial

Calls for a new policy to ensure health care service during COVID invasion

A separate COVID-19 hospital has been a demand for most civil society organisations in the state. The government too think the idea of having a separate COVID-19 hospital may relief thousands of non covid patients in the state. Even as the government is yet to have one, the government had time and again expressed the need for opening of a separate COVID hospital. It is on record that even the Chief Minister of Manipur had once expressed his idea of converting one among the two major hospital- RIMS and JNIMS as COVID hospital, so that the non COVID patients may find relief in getting health care facilities at one among the hospital. The idea is not bad as people desperately required one hospital for treatment of different ailments. It may take some time for the state to have a separate COVID hospital with all infrastructural requirements and man power, but opening of COVID care center at UNACCO Meitram and Trade Center Lamboi Khongnangkong is appreciable move from the side of the government. But technically opening of COVID care centers is not helping much as COVID care center is different from COVID hospital. Perhaps that is the reason for the multiple complaints received from those staying at the center.

It is almost 6 months that the Coronavirus has been invading us keeping all life to standstill. Hospitals - both private and government have come across various challenges in providing treatment to patients who are yet to know whether they are positive or negative. There were instances of some dedicated doctors providing treatment to patient in needs risking their life. One doctor at JNIMS even dare the virus and provided health care to COVID patient finally landing him as victim of COVID-19. He was however recovered.

Now some symptoms of COVID has been identified and if not adequate the two major hospitals - RIMS and JNIMS and some other private hospital like SHIJA hospital have medical equipment to support symptomatic COVID patient. But 90% of the COVID-19 positive patients are reported to be Asymptomatic. Of the 52 people died of so called COVID-19, around 90% are comorbid death, which means the cause of the death are indirectly related with the COVID as the virus was detected to the patient. Patient in needs of emergency who are yet to be tested are going to face extreme inconveniences and suffering as the new protocol for providing treatment at all patients are going to be mandatory for COVID-19 testing.

Opening a separate hospital for COVID-19 positive patient is he need of the hour other than opening of the COVID Care Center. However, it should not be mandatory that those emergency patient in needs of urgent medical treatment be shifted to the special COVID-19 hospital if in case tested COVID-19 positive. A strict directives should be given to all hospital to provide treatment if the case is of emergency types instead of transporting them to the COVID hospital. And for that the government should provide all support including finance for such treatment. Co morbid death should be understand and it should be understand that such death can be prevented is provided timely medical treatment irrespective of whether he or she is a COVID-19 infected person.

The health care system in the aftermath of the COVID-19 invasion need to be changed and government in consultation with all medical expert should frame a proper policy on how the health care facilities should be ensured to all the people irrespective of whether they are COVID-19 positive or negative. As of now it is a fact that many have recovered COVID-19. That means that there is a possibility of getting cure to any COVID-19 positive people if any ailments associated has been treated with extreme seriousness.

It is time for the health department to convene a meeting of all those in the medical profession for formulation of a policy to ensure medical facilities to all people - both COVID and none COVID patients.

Bank Passbook & Cheque book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my bank pass book issued by the State Bank of India, Ima Market Branch, Imphal having account number 37288337103 on the way between Ulou to Kwakeithel on 15/09/2020. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Konjengbam Ranbir Singh
Kwakeithel Konjeng leikai, Imphal West
Contact No. 8837036726

Certificate, Mark sheet lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my certificate and mark sheet of my HSLC examination bearing Roll No. 41055 of 2016 conducted by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) on the way between Langol to Lamphel on September 15, 2020. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Suchitra Chingkhayamuy.

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A.I: The Fourth Industrial Revolution

By: Sanjenbam Jugeshwor Singh

With time, science has reached its zenith. The evolution of technology has made our life easier. If you travel back to few centuries before then you cannot find any kind of technological advancement and people were fully dependent on manpower. With growing years, best invention happened that is the invention of machine or the computer. Few years after the invention, the growth began to flourish exponentially. With time, the big machine have reduced their size and increased their speed or capability. Now the human race is completely dependent on a new system, which is the combination of science and engineering and known as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and delivers a machine that is very much intelligent and they are actually computer programs. So here a question comes: why are we dependent on Artificial Intelligence? The different branches of science are working out to create a machine or computer that will have the capability and brain strength of the human being. And now they have made quite an advanced technology that made Artificial Intelligence more intelligent than humans. The father of this artificial Intelligence is "John McCarthy". We have watched many movies or machines that are capable of working more efficiently than the human. So Artificial Intelligence is also a making of computer or says robots that are controlled by a computer or developing software that can think more intelligently just that of a human being. The impact of the industrial and digital (information) revolutions has undoubtedly been substantial on practically all aspect of our society, life, firms and employment. Will the AI revolution produce similar far reaching effects? Artificial Intelligence is no longer a technology of future, it is a technology of the now. It is playing a significant role in our daily lives. As a species, humanity has witness three previous industrial revolutions:

first came steam/ water power followed by electricity, then computing. Now, we're in the midst of a fourth industrial revolution, one driven by Artificial Intelligence and big data. One thing is clear that the latest revolution "Artificial Intelligence Revolution or the fourth industrial revolution or Industry 4.0" is going to transform our World just as the three previous industrial revolutions did. AI gives intelligent machine (be they computers, robots, drones or whatever) the ability to "think and act in a way that previously only human could". This means they can interpret the World around them, digest and learn from information, make decisions based on what they've learned and then take appropriate action often without human intervention. It's the ability to learn from and act upon data that is so critical to the Intelligence Revolution, especially when you consider the sheer volume of data that surrounds us today. AI needs data and lots of it, in order to learn and make smart decisions. This gives us a clue as to why the Intelligence Revolution is happening now. After all AI isn't a new concept. The idea of creating intelligent machine has been around for decades. So, why AI suddenly so transformative? The answer to this question is two-fold. We have more data than ever before. Almost everything we do (both in the online World and the offline World) creates data. Thanks to the increasing digitization of the our world, we now have access to more data than ever before which means AI has been able to grow much smarter, faster and more accurate in a very short space of time. In other words, the more data intelligent machines have access to the faster they can learn and the more accurate they become at interpreting the information. As a very simple example, think of Spotify recommendations. The more

music (or podcast) you listen to via Spotify, the better able Spotify to recommend other contents that you might enjoy. Netflix and Amazon recommends work on the same principle of course. Impressive leaps in computing power make it possible to process and make sense of all that data. Thanks to advances like cloud computing we now have the ability to store process and analyze data on an unprecedented scale without this data would be worthless. In fact, every business is going to have to set smarter-from small startups to global corporations, from digital-native companies to more traditional business Organizations of all shapes and sizes will be impacted by the Intelligence Revolution. Agriculture is undergoing huge changes, in which technology is being used to intelligently plan what crops to plant, where and when in order to maximize harvests and run more efficient farmers. Data and AI can help farmers monitor soil and weather conditions and the health of crops. Data are being even being gathered from farming equipment's in order to improve the efficiency of machine maintenance. Intelligent machines are being developed that can identify and delicately pick soft ripe fruits, sort cucumbers and pinpoint pests and diseases. The image of a bucolic traditional farm is almost a thing of the past. Farmers that refuse to evolve risk being left behind. This is the impact of the Intelligence revolution. All industries are evolving rapidly. Innovation and change in the new norm. Those who can't harness AI and data to improve their business- will struggle to compete. Just as in each of the previous industrial revolutions, the Intelligence Revolution will literally transform the way we do business. For your company this may mean you have to rethink the way you create products and bring them to market, rethink your service

offering, rethink your everyday business processes or perhaps even rethink your entire business model. People fall into one of two camps when it comes to AI. They're either excited at the prospect of a better society in which intelligent machine help to solve humanity's biggest challenges make the world a better place and generally make our everyday live easier. Then there are those who think AI heralds the beginning of the end, the drawing of new era in which intelligent machines supersede humans as the dominant life form on Earth. There is a pointless debate between the incredible things that technology can achieve and potential for AI to be used in unethical, nefarious ways. Whether you're a fan of AI or not the Intelligence Revolution is coming your way. Technology is only going in one direction- forward into an even more intelligent futures. There's no going back. That's not to say we shouldn't consider the implications of AI or work hard to ensure AI used in an ethical fair way- one that benefits society as well as the bottom line. Of course we should do that. But it's important to understand that: however, you feel about it, AI cannot ignored. The greatest challenge facing societies and firms would be utilizing the benefits of availing AI technologies, providing vast opportunities for both new products or services and immense productivity improvements while avoiding the dangers and disadvantages in terms of increased unemployment and greater wealth inequalities. AI is changing the World as we know it. Part of fourth industrial revolution, together with nanotechnology, robotics, the IoT and many other tech terms. AI is the buzzword of 2010s. It is expected that at least 30% of business will use some AI features to improve their sales by 2020.

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Open letter to C.M N. Biren Singh

Hon'ble Sir,

I am writing this in hope that your govt under your competent leadership would initiate immediate action with regards to the demand we, Gelnal Youth Club on behalf of Gelnal Village, made using social media platform as we have no alternative means to reach you out in person.

Dear Sir, exercising our fundamental rights and knowing that your constitutional duty to look into the issue of public importance and in resolving their problems, I humbly appeal to you to kindly considered this of my letter as a matter of urgent importance. It was on the 23rd December, 2019 that our Community Hall was on afire. We were helpless and since then until today, we have no place for public gathering and to organized events of local importance. We felt lost and helpless. Unable to rebuild from our own, we reached out to our Constituency Minister, N. Kayisii, twice and yet nothing had been done. With no fund and aid we received from our minister, we raised from our own with the best we can and begin the construction Work on the 7th Sept, 2020. Until today, no much work had been completed so far and therefore, I the undersigned on behalf of my villagers appeal to you to kindly look into the matter at earliest. It is our commitment that atleast half of the building work be completed before the upcoming 2020 Christmas. Kindly consider it, Sir! Your acknowledgement over our issue be highly respected and your immediate action upon it would be highly regarded. Lastly, we are hoping that under your leadership our needs be accomplished and therefore, we shall inturn keep supporting you and your governance in days to come. Looking forward your immediate action and support for the causes of our Community Hall.

Thank You

Regards,
Thanggoual Khongsai.
Gen. Secy. (Gelnal Youth Club)

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES, KAKCHING

NOTICE FOR OBJECTION
Kakching, the 19th September, 2020

No. Pro/SR/Kak/2020-21. It is hereby notified for general information that an application has been received for incorporation of **Sora Khunuda Dag Chitha and Pattadars Welfare Association** 61-Sora Village sheet No.5, on 15/9/2020 for registration under Section 4(1)(2) & Section 5 of Societies Registration Act, 1989 and Rule 5 of MSR Rules 2004 within the area of operation of 61-Sora village sheet No.5, Kakching District.

In the matter, Notice for objection is circulated/notified for information of general public/registered Assn/any authority for submitting/inviting objection if any in writing (Aadhar of the complainant or Secretary with seal for orgn.) to the undersigned against the formation/registration of proposed "**Sora Khunuda Dag Chitha and Pattadars Welfare Association**" within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication.

Complains/objection if not submitted during the mention period, the application for registration in the proposed "**Sora Khunuda Dag Chitha and Pattadars Welfare Association**" Sora village, Kakching District may be initiated/considered/proceeded for registration as deem fit under Section 7 (1)(2) of SR Act 1989 and Rule 6 of MSR Rules 2004. Any objection receiving by way of postal service/hand post/special messenger after the above-mentioned period will not be considered / entertained.

SD/-
K. Dilipkumar Singh
Deputy Registrar of Societies,
Kakching District.