

Is POCSO Act, 2012 not applicable in Moreh Town? - YFPHR

IT News
Imphal, Sept 20:

Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has expressed strong condemnation on the failure of the police in arresting the Child Rapist and also the act of Village Chief for protecting the Child Rapist.

A statement by the YFPHR demanded thorough investigation against the Moreh Police for its failure to arrest a child rapist who is booked under the POCSO Act, 2012 and appeal the Director General of Police to direct the Tengenoupal SP to arrest those people who are protecting the Child Rapist along with the people involved in compromising the matter with Rs. 3.5 Lacs.

On the 15th of September, 2020 it was learned that a 3 years old minor girl who as illegally adopted was raped by her cousin in one of the village located in Moreh which later the minor girl is kept at safer place after been rescued by the CWC, Tengenoupal. "Till date the Moreh Police failed to arrest the Child Rapist on the ground that the matter has been settled through customary law after a payment of Rs. 3.5 Lacs. We have been further informed that the Child Rapist is a close relative to the Village Chief as result he has been kept protected. The organization questions if POCSO Act, 2012 not applicable in Moreh Town? It also added if the POCSO Act, 2012 allows the Child Rapist to compromise with money? The YFPHR, said that they will be writing to the Chief Justice of Manipur to take up Sue Motto case to monitor the investigation process and also write to the Governor of Manipur to assign a SIT to investigate such heinous crime.

PREPAK (PRO) apprehended

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Security Forces apprehended one active cadre of the proscribed group PREPAK (PRO) near Maringthel in Thoubal District on September 17.

IMC record says only 1110 persons died in its jurisdiction inbetween November 2019 to September middle week

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In an area which comes under the jurisdiction of the Imphal Municipal Corporation which have a population of around 8,29,340 (Eight lakhs twenty-nine thousand three hundred and forty) people as per census report of 2011, the number of people died from November 2019 to September 15, 2020, is only 1,110 (One Thousand one Hundred and Ten) only. If this record maintains by the IMC has to be believed, Imphal city perhaps is one among the healthiest city across the globe with the lowest

mortality. As per official record from the Sub Registrar office of the Imphal Municipal Corporation, the total death in November 2019 was 147 (120 male and 27 Female), in December 2019, the total death recorded was 163 (male 127 and female 36) , in January 2020, the total death was 144 (Male 107 and Female 37) , in February 2020, the total death was 130 (male 92, female 38), in March 2020, the total death was 74 (Male 46 and Female 28), in April 2020 the number of death was 22 (male 19 and Female 3) , in May 2020, the total death was 65 (male 45 and female -



20), in June 2020, the total death was 137 (Male 88 and female 49) in July 2020, the total death was 125 (Male 81 and female 44) in August 2020, the number of death was 41 (Female 11 and Male 30) and during this September till 15, the number of death was 62

(Female 13 and male 49). This record available from the IMC suggest that the number of death occurred before the invent of COVID-19 pandemic is higher than the number of death occurred after the invent of COVID -19 pandemic. It is ironic that when the

number of death across the world in the post-COVID - 19 pandemic is much higher than pre-COVID-19 invasion, the number of death here in the municipal area of greater Imphal is going down. If in case the record is to be genuine than Imphalites have a reason not to be panic and apprehensive to the invasion of the COVID -19 pandemic which is keeping all life to a standstill. If in case the IMC authority failed to maintain the death data of its jurisdiction than, appropriate action should be taken up to those paid employees for failure to maintain accurate data. People coming to the office

for registration of death should not be excused. It is their duty to collect the data. After all the 27 wards of the IMC have one Counselor each and 4 ward members who are always in touch with the IMC and these people are also responsible for registering any death occurred in their respective jurisdiction. During this difficult time of COVID -19 pandemic details of death report along with the cause of the death as per 'The Registration of Birth and Deaths Act, 1969 is a much for preparing to formulate a mechanism to fight the pandemic.

Anaemia Free Manipur Poster Campaign 2020 launched

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With an aim to raise an awareness about the deficiency of iron (anaemia) among the people of the State, Nongthombam Ongbi Hiyainu Devi, wife of Chief Minister Manipur N. Biren Singh, launched the "Anaemia Free Manipur Poster Campaign 2020" under Bharat Vikas Parishad, Manipur at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

The poster campaign is a part of the "Anaemia Free Manipur 2020" which was initiated by Heikrujam Joybee Devi, a prominent member of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Manipur. Speaking on the occasion, Director (IPR) Heinsnam Balkrisna Singh said that there is a need for mass awareness campaign about the deficiency of iron (anaemia) among the public especially womenfolk of the state. With such poster



campaign, we could sensitize the people about anaemia and the ways to overcome the iron deficiency, he opined. He thanked Smt. Nongthombam Ongbi Hiyainu Devi for accepting the Parishad's request for becoming the 'Brand Ambassador' of Anaemia Free Manipur 2020 campaign. While delivering her address, Heikrujam Joybee Devi extensively talked about the high prevalence of anemia in women of reproductive age. She stated that almost 20 percent of women in the country are suffering from

anaemia and the situation is very alarming. The poster of the campaign includes the importance of iron to our body, signs of iron deficiency, iron-rich foods both vegetarian and non-vegetarian to be consumed by the public. National Vice-President of Bharat Vikas Parishad Dr. Sinam Rajendra Singh, CEO of Eastern Motors Sinam Pritam Singh, and members of Bharat Vikas Parishad were present during the launching function. Mentioned may be made that the poster campaign is supported by Eastern Motors, Manipur.

Team Shija ready for Kidney transplantation to Footballer Ramanda, making extra effort amidst COVID-19 pandemic

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A young lady had come out to donate her kidney to save 17 years old Manipuri footballer Ningthoujam Ramanada. People across the state pray for his recovery. Even the Chief Minister of Manipur and the central government too are extending all possible help to make sure that Ramanada survives. As for the team Shija Hospital, they have stopped kidney transplantation as it has been done across the country , since the lockdown in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the hospital authority is ready to perform the surgery for the Kidney transplantation to the ailing footballer

Ramanada. The team Shija works is closely monitoring the condition of Ramanada and they are ready to perform the transplantation surgery as soon as the health condition of Ramanada stabilized provided that he has a blood group matching close relative as a donor. His father , a potential donor is under investigation , meanwhile preparation for legal documents are being prepared while the patienty is on maintenance dialysis, a statement from the SHRI said. The SHRI statement added that footballer Ramanada was found to have Kidney Failure which is most likely to be Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). He also has severe hypertension resulting to

Hypertensive Retinopathy as well as Exudative Retinal Detachment of both eyes which has resulted in his Blurred. Currently, he is undergoing Haemodialysis at Shija Hospitals three times a week as an In-Patient. His Blood Pressure is under control and vision improves and can count fingers. He is currently under the care of our Kidney Transplant team and Retina specialist. Dialysis Vascular Access has been established with a temporary Internal Jugular Vein Catheter in the right side of the neck. An Artery Venous Fistula (AVF) has been constructed. He is currently being worked up to establish possible causes of Kidney Failure.

Gol-NSCN (IM) giving final touches to competencies for solution

Courtesy Nagaland Page Kohima, Sept 20:

Amid report of stalemate over a separate flag and the constitution, the Union Government and the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN) are trying to give final touch to all the competencies which have been already agreed.

While flag and constitution for the NSCN (Isak-Muivah) has remained a contentious subject; sources said the negotiating parties are meeting on daily basis to finalize the competencies, which runs over 30 pages. Although the Naga groups would agree for Naga Regional Territorial Council

(NRTC) for Nagas of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur; NSCN (IM)'s demand for a separate flag and the constitution is likely to delay inking of final pact. The NSCN (IM) has reiterated that flag and constitution would not be compromised.

According to sources, the NSCN (IM) has put the ball in the Centre's court on the issue of flag and the constitution. Whereas back home in Nagaland, some civil society organizations have been putting pressure on Naga groups to sign the final agreement and pursue pending matters, democratically, in later days. This assertion

seemingly has not convinced the NSCN (IM) in view of incomplete or non-fulfillment of past agreements by the Government of India. Currently the Central Government has deputed top brass from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) - as a fast track - to negotiate with the NSCN (IM) Chief Negotiator, Thuingaleng Muivah. Chairman, Q. Tuccu and Vice Chairman, Tongmeth Wangnao, along with several senior functionaries have recently joined team Muivah in New Delhi.

Sources said most of the competencies have been finalized and that once the

final agreement is signed there will be a joint monitoring team to implement the agreed points.

Further according to sources, the Centre has proposed for strengthening, and deletion of some clauses in the Article 371A of the Constitution of India, and upgrade Nagaland Assembly into bicameral, known as a Tatar Hoho. Lower House, known as Leacy Hoho will have 80 members and Upper Hoho, with 46 members, with 6 years term. Also MPs in Lok Sabha would be increased to 4, and 1 to 3 seats in Rajya Sabha. As for NRTC it will have a

separate legislature, legislative executive and judicial powers, Acts of the State Legislature on the entries enumerated under competencies of the council shall not be extended to council areas. The Governor shall take into account the advice of the council on all matters that have bearing on the area. The council will have a separate budgetary provisions directly distributed to the councils. Article 371A will be extended to NRTC areas. Beside this, there are slew of economic package for development of Naga inhabited areas. As Naga peace process

hangs in balance and uncertainty looms, political parties and some NGOs are on their heels to break the impasse. The Opposition Naga People's Front (NPF), under the banner Political Affairs Mission (PAM), is hectic meeting Naga groups and civil society organizations led by former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition, TR Zeliang. Also led by the Naga Mothers' Association (NMA), a team of mothers from Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam have landed in New Delhi to meet Central leaders. Before their departure the NMA had also met Naga groups.

A true story - "An altruistic love"



By Rabin Prasad Kalita

The darkish but striking lass Nupur, being the eldest one out of a group of four minor rag pickers, helped the other three to identify the retrievable bits and pieces. She had been walking with a piece of rod in hand, which tied with a tad of a magnet in one end, and then fished out for salvageable iron bits.

Recyclable materials from the streets of the railway colony, garbage dump, market or trash bin were their sources of picks that fetched them money. Their extreme poverty forced them to enter this profession to stay alive.

Arpan, a well-bred Vivekananda School student, roughly sees them roving and collecting scraps from unhealthy plunks. Seeing them wandering all the day in search of rags, slinging huge plastic sacks on their petite shoulders, out cried his tiny heart in pain. They went through a very harsh time searching all over to eke out their livelihood. He scrupulously watched their

untidy and soiled clothes, careless hairs standing by the side of the road.

Of course he saw them meeting with injuries and falling sick because of the toxic substances and sharp material while they scrounged with bare hands and feet. He also thought about the hard truth of these deprived rag pickers who are ignored in spite of playing a vital role in the waste management system.

Sometimes he broke into tears by seeing them consuming waste-food collected from the heaps of garbage, and it seemed like they were enjoying lunch together with rapture sitting by the side of the pile. Seeing their pitiable state of living, Arpan grew a sense of help towards these deserted children. Every so often, he would bring toffees, or biscuits for them bought out of his pocket money.

Being an ardent well-wisher, he loved to talk and pass time with them. Seeing him at a distance, they used to run shouting by his name and asked for anything he could afford them to eat from a nearby shop. They would start dancing on the street at the pleasure of getting to eat something. These cute deprived kids hardly found him empty-handed while he was on the way to his school. All of them felt delighted to meet Arpan daily at a fixed time.

Sometimes he thought big with his diminutive brain and was indoctrinating them to attend

the nearby government school, where there was a scheme of mid-day meals.

They said, "Of course Bhaiya (big brother). We went for a few days but stopped in between because it was hard to survive with a scanty single meal for the entire day."

Though, Arpan was cheerless to hear this but felt genuine about who would feed them at night. These children had to sleep without eating a bit. Hence, they continued to pick rags and sell those to the middlemen for their living.

He observed that they didn't have much attention from their families. Even they didn't heed to their parents' advice. The reason behind is, they were left abandoned, hence forced to do anything to meet their expenditure themselves. Often they spent their night sleeping on pavements or in shacks because of their weak links with their parents.

One day Arpan saw three out of them fighting each other fiercely while he was on the way to his home. Helpless Nupur stood amongst them and somehow tried to calm the quarrel. The cause of the fight was about the decision of a little valuable find amidst a mound of rubbish that claimed individually by all three pickers.

"Hey-hey you morons, may I know why are you all bent on beating each other? Didn't you feel ashamed to fight among your loved ones? Tell me what the

problem is", said wrathfully by Arpan.

The moment they heard him saying in anger, the fight got clogged in no time. Listening the whole story from Nupur, Arpan called them all, for a convenient solution, in fact who to get the find. It was probably earnest respect paid to him, which he earned over a year of cordial closeness with them. At-times Arpan used to call them to collect some reusable second-hand clothes and footwear once wore by him and his sister. Therefore, he informed his father, Siddhant, about his word of honor to help those destitute kids. Hearing this, it filled his dad with happiness.

Some days later, when Nupur and her colleagues came up to Arpan's railway colony quarter, all of them were greeted with some palatable dishes to eat. Then they left, along with some supports as assured by Arpan. Seeing them leaving their home happily, Dad and his son got contented with enormous tranquility. Simultaneously, Siddhant was equally concerned about their future too.

After a few years of empathetic association with these street children, Arpan had to move out of the city to Chandigarh for his every day. And thus their high study flocking with him was almost ended up from meeting in person.

By the time, scraggy Ganesh with the dappled face and the eldest one among the three boys

grew physically enough to ride a tricycle. He started collecting as an itinerant buyer directly from households, shops, and offices. But he still kept his amiable rapport with the other three guys as before. Since then, all three of them started selling their picks directly to Ganesh. As they grew up, their behavior and the view to see by themselves started changing. Gradually they began to drink country liquor, smoke and chew tobacco with many other colleagues of the same community without getting controlled by anyone. Wish there would have been someone to check and guide them from misdoings.

One evening teenage Nupur walked up alone to Siddhant's home with her shaky legs under the influence of liquor in search of Arpan. He got dumbfounded to see her in an inebriated condition. Though she boozed up, yet she maintained her prudence while inquiring about his son. He informed her that, for study, Arpan stays far away from them.

Being a little emotional, she said, "Okay, uncle! Please convey our good wishes to him and also tell that we recalled him a lot". Concurrently, she muttered, "Wish Arpan would have been here today"! Before Siddhant spoke anything, she walked out wobbling all the way. Looking at her, he stood still for a while, until the dark swallowed up her.

That evening Siddhant found himself in an unaided state of mind, which banged him with many unanswered questions. Realizing the grim situation, he helplessly ruminated about thousands of Nupurs all over who are all exposed to addiction, physical abuse, eve-teasing, and exploitation by a debauched lot.

Thereafter, she was not traceable for almost a year. One fine morning suddenly she appeared into Siddhant's home with her henna tattooed hands, draped with a sparkling bridal silk sari, accompanied by a smart young dusky masculine guy worn with a pair of nuptial Dhoti-Kurta. He got surprised to see her coyly smirking face after a long span of audio-visual separation between them. This time too, before Siddhant speaks, she and her just married bridegrooms touched his feet and asked for his blessings. Both looked like Har-Gauri.

Her typically wore red pigment in the parting of hair, cleared the suspense to know about Nupur. He brought them in gleefully and blessed for their long union of conjugal life. Before they ask for a bye, he offered some cash to the couple as a lucky money. Then the duo begged a bye with lots of happiness and left them off clenching each other's hands to start a beautiful marital life.

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Letter to the Editor

On MCSCC mains 2016 Exam

Sir,

As per MPSC order dated 18th September 2020 one of the staff of MPSC was infected with covid-19. As a reason as per Manipur High Court order dated on the same date, the Manipur Judicial Services Exam grade - I was postponed. Two questions that I want to raise are firstly, is whether MPSC has been declared containment zone? Secondly, Why MPSC has not postponed the MCSCC mains 2016 Exam till now, inspite of Department of Personnel, Government of Manipur direction to MPSC to put the exam in abeyance?

Konthoujam Jayasana
Mayang Imphal
Manipur

Vehicle lost

I, the undersigned do hereby inform that my newly purchased two wheeler vehicle Bullet Platinum grey, regd. No. Nil, Engine Number U35C1KC944982, Chassis No. ME3030551KC926958 has been stolen by unknown persons from Nagamapal Road near Pandam at around 2 pm of September 10, 2020.

Finders are requested to inform me or to the nearest police station .

Sd/-
Mangstatabam Joy Singh
Kontha Ahallup Maning Leikai
Cpntact No. 7005950167

Documents lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Mark sheet of Class X passed examination bearing Roll No. 3140784 of 2015, and Mark sheet, Transfer certificate, Migration Certificate, Character Certificate and Provisional Certificates of Class -XII examination bearing Roll No. 3638235 of 2017 conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi on the way between Bihar to Dimapur on April 13, 2020.

Sd/-
Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned .

SD/-
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Three hotels worth Rs 100 crore attached in connection with PMC Bank fraud

By Raju Vernekar
New Delhi/Mumbai:

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) attached three hotels worth around Rs 100 crore in Delhi in connection the multi crore rupees fraud from the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) bank, on Friday, thus taking the value of the property attached so far to nearly Rs 460 crore.

The property attached included three hotels of the "Fab Hotels group" located in Kailash Colony and Kalkaji areas of New Delhi. These hotels are owned by "Libra Realtors Private Ltd", "Deewan Realtors Private Ltd" and "Libra Hotels Private Limited with Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan and Romy Mehra as their directors.

The attached assets were identified as- "Hotel Conclave Boutique"(now known as Fab Hotels at A-20, Kailash Colony in Delhi), " Hotel Conclave Comfort"(now known as Fab Hotels at D-150, East of Kailash) and "Hotel Conclave Executive"(now known as Fab Hotels at C-22, Kalkaji).

The Ed officials said its probe found that Rs 247 crore were obtained fraudulently by "Libra Realtors Private Limited "and "Deewan Realtors Private Ltd" from PMC Bank in the guise of loans. The amounts were part of

the Rs 6,117 crore owed by HDIL group of companies to the PMC Bank.

The ED had filed a PMLA case to probe the alleged loan fraud in the PMC Bank in October 2019, against Housing Development Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL), its promoters Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan, his son Sarang Wadhawan, its former chairman Waryam Singh and ex-managing director Joy Thomas.

ED took cognisance of the FIR filed by the Mumbai Police's economic offences wing against them that charged them for causing "wrongful loss, prima facie to the tune of Rs 4,355 crore to PMC Bank, and corresponding gains to themselves".

The ED had earlier attached properties of Rakesh Wadhawan and his family trust worth Rs 193 crore and had seized jewellery worth Rs 63 crore, thus attaching the un-mortgaged properties worth around Rs 360 crore in the scam belonging to Rakesh Kumar and Sarang Wadhawan. The Wadhawan father and son were also arrested by the ED in 2019 in this case. They are at present in judicial custody in Mumbai.

The ED has not touched properties which are free of any encumbrance or are mortgaged with the bank. This has been done in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, which

took control of PMC Bank in September last year over concerns expressed by thousands of depositors. The ED has found that Wadhawans have laundered more than Rs 2500 crore out of a total around Rs 6600 crore that the HDIL had taken from PMC Bank between 2007 and 2013. In the meanwhile in a reply to Shiv Sena MLA Ravindra Waikar's question, the Maharashtra Minister of State for Home Satej Patil told the state legislative assembly that 14 vehicles and two aeroplanes, belonging to the

Wadhwan family have already been attached under CrPC102 by investigating agencies. Besides, the 47 th Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Esplanade vide his order dated 25 November 2019, had directed the attachment of other properties of Wadhawans. The accused Wadhwan family had mortgaged HDIL properties located at Palghar, Naigaon, Vasai and Virar, near Mumbai to secure loans from the PMC. The government will also take on record the shock due to bank closure, suffered by 43 depositors, Patil said.

'Give Chance to Manipuri students to appear entrance test for Hyderabad University at Imphal center'

IT News
Imphal, Sept 20:

A statement by the University of Hyderabad Manipuri Students has stated that the lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic has hard hit the marginalized and the economically poor sections of the society

Drawing the attention of the Education Minister of the Government of Manipur the students' body stated that the entrance test center allotted at Imphal has been cancelled for admission to the

. . the students from Manipur in University of Hyderabad, has put forth the following issues to our Honourable State University of Hyderabad and the academic session for 2020-2021 is starting from 24th of September 2020.

For that many students from Manipur who had opted for Imphal as the test centre have to either go to Dimapur or Guwahati to write the said exam.

As travelling to outside the state for giving entrance exam is risky the students' body urged the education Minister t allow students wanting to admit at the University to allot center at Imphal.

University of Hyderabad is among the top 10 Central Universities in India. Every year, many students from Manipur apply for this university and since 2016, the University has been allotting test centre in Manipur in an attempt to give fair chances to all the applicants irrespective of which states they are from.

Mark sheet lost

I, the undersigned , have lost my mark sheet of my class XII examination bearing Roll No. 12614 of 2015 conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COSEM) on the way between Yairipok to Thoubal on August 25, 2020.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

SD/-
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