

KSA hosts public meet on teacher recruitment

IMPHAL, Jul 15: The Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) conducted a one-day public discussion on the recruitment process of Primary, Upper Primary and Graduate Teachers under SSA and RMSA at MDU hall today. Dr S Gunadhor, Dr Chinglen Meisnam, Dr N Sanatomba, FEGOCTA secretary Dr N Somorendro, senior journalist A Mobi and Impact TV Chief Editor and Editors' Guild, Manipur secretary general Yumnam Rupachandra spoke as resource persons at the discussion session chaired by Dr Premlata Meisnam.

The public discussion session resolved to press the Department concerned to revoke its decision to give 80 per cent weightage to academic performance and 20 per cent to interview performance while recruiting Lower Primary, Upper Primary and Graduate Teachers under RMSA and SSA.

It was also resolved to urge the Government to recruit teachers through written test, academic and practical (classroom) performance. The discussion session also decided to press the Government to frame a long-term recruitment policy. Dr Premlata said that it is a must to recruit combatant candidates since teachers take major part in shaping the future of the society as a whole.

For RMSA and SSA teachers' recruitment, 40 per cent weightage must be given to written test, another 40 per cent to academic performance and 20 per cent to interview.

Dr Chinglen Meisnam said that corruption is deep rooted in Manipuri society and people usually 'buy' Government jobs like vegetables. He also opined that people must now demand the Government to increase the upper age limit to 42 years. KSA secretary general Sukham Bidyananda said that in a State like Manipur where mass copying and rampant use of unfair means in different examinations are still prevalent, recruitment of teachers through mark basis (academic performance) is inappropriate.

Recruitment of incompetent teachers is one of the major reasons why Government schools are now in pitiable state, he observed.

As such, the public discussion session was held with an aim to find out the most suitable means for the recruitment of Government schools, he said.