

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



## Thangkanphai RELIEF CENTRE

Thangkanphai Community Hall,  
Saikul Sub-Division, Sadar Hills

Managed by  
District Administration &  
Kuki CSOs, Sadar Hills

**Total Inmates Registered: 401**



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.03.2024



**167**  
DEATHS



**200+**  
VILLAGES BURNT



**7000+**  
HOUSES BURNT



**360+**  
CHURCHES &  
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



**41,425+**  
DISPLACED  
PERSONS

Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli): A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

# 94 SPECIAL POLLING BOOTHS TO BE SET UP FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

A total of 94 special polling booths will be set up under the scheme for internally displaced persons (IDP) of Manipur to vote at the relief camps in the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha election 2024, officials said on Thursday.

It may be mentioned that more than 50,000 people were displaced in view of the ethnic conflict that has engulfed Manipur since May 3 last year. As a result, the IDPs were presently taking shelter at different relief camps set up in different parts of the state.

The maximum number of special polling stations will be arranged in the Kangpokpi district – 24, followed by Bishnupur – 22, and Churachandpur – 15, said officials. Imphal East district will have nine special polling stations, Imphal West district will have eight, Kakching- five, Tengnoupal- four, Ukhrul- four, Thoubal- two and Jiribam- one.

“The IDPs are requested to submit ID to the designated election officials,” joint chief electoral officer N Ramananda said.

He said that three expenditure observers, three general observers and three police observers will oversee the election process in the state. The expenditure observers have arrived and started election activities, Ramananda added.

Out of nine special polling booths in Imphal East district, five will be for the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency and the remaining four for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency in Imphal East district, according to a notification issued by the district election officer, Imphal East, on Thursday.

Similarly, out of 22 special polling booths in Bishnupur district, 11 each are located under Inner Manipur and Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituencies in Bishnupur district, the notification said.

Meanwhile, no nomination papers were filed as of



Thursday even after the issuance of the notice of election for the 18th Lok Sabha 2024 in respect of the Inner Manipur and Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituencies to be held on April 19 and 26, respectively.

Both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress in Manipur are yet to announce their candidates from Manipur for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The Naga People's Front (NPF), a ruling ally in the state, in its working committee meeting held at Kohima on Wednesday issued a ticket to Kachui Timothy Zimik, a retired Indian Revenue Service officer for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency.

Presently, Lorho S Pfoze of NPF is the sitting Lok Sabha MP from the Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency while Union minister of state for external affairs Dr RK Ranjan Singh is the sitting Lok Sabha MP from the Inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency.

Earlier, the Communist Party of India had named Laishram Sotinkumar as the party's candidate for the Inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency.

Source: [Hindustan Times](#)

# TANGKHUL APEX BODY CALLS FOR PEACE AMONGST CANDIDATES, VOTERS, STAKEHOLDERS AHEAD OF 2024 LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

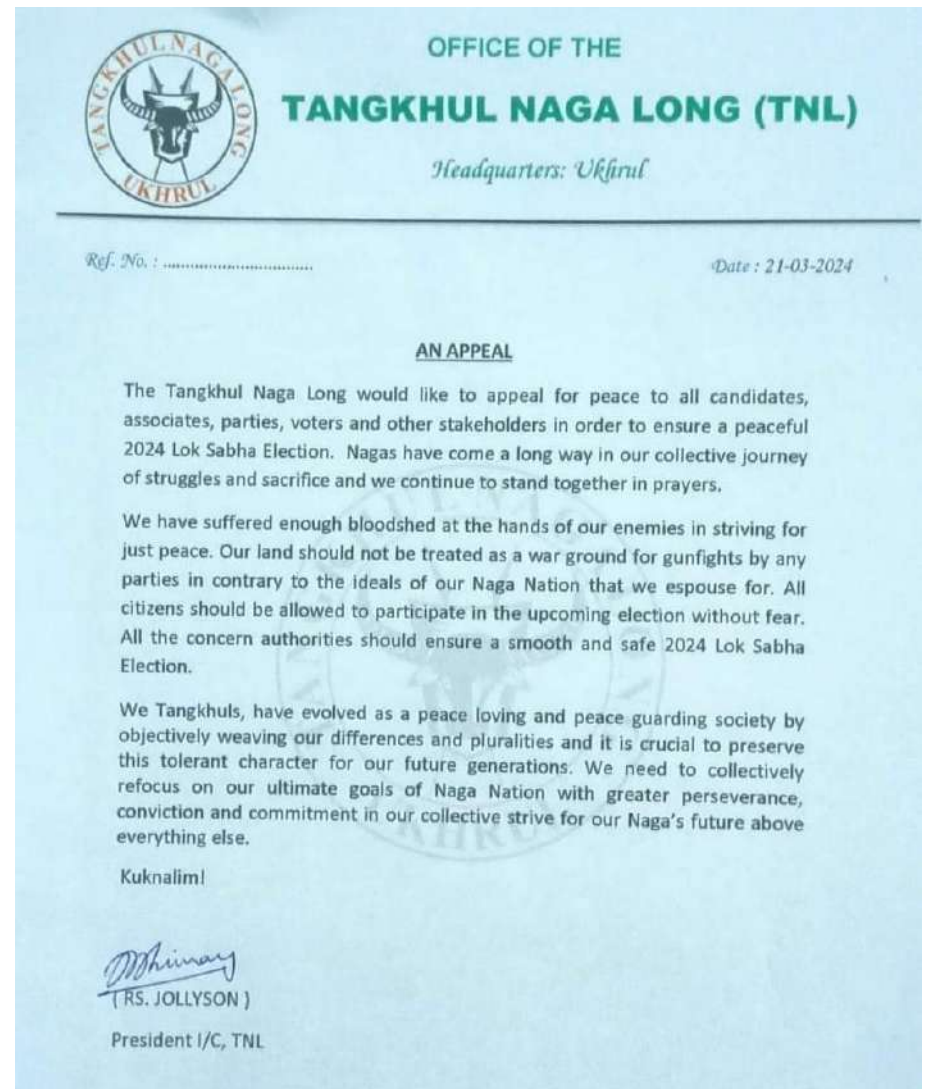
The apex body of the Tangkhul tribe of Manipur - Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL) has appealed for peace to all candidates, associates, parties, voters and other stakeholders so as to ensure a peaceful 2024 Lok Sabha Elections.

The statement of the Tangkhul body came days after disruptions by gunshots at the public meetings attended by the intending candidate of Indian National Congress for Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency, Alfred Kangam Arthur on two consecutive incidents.

In a press release on Thursday, TNL stated that Nagas need to collectively refocus on their ultimate goal of Naga nation with greater perseverance, conviction and commitment in their collective strive for the Naga's future above everything else. "Nagas have come a long way in their collective journey of struggles, sacrifice and continue to stand together in prayers," it said.

"We have suffered enough bloodshed at the hands of our enemies in striving for just peace. Our land should not be treated as a war ground for gunfights by any parties in contrast to the ideals of our Naga Nation that we espouse," Tangkhul Naga Long said.

Asserting that all citizens should be allowed to participate in the upcoming election without fear, the Tangkhul body urged that all the concerned authorities should ensure a smooth and safe 2024 Lok Sabha elections.



The Tangkhul tribe has evolved as a peace loving and peace guarding society by objectively weaving their differences and pluralities and it is crucial to preserve this tolerant character for future generations, it added.



**Only the dead have seen the end of the war.**

- George Santayana

# MNF, CONGRESS ANNOUNCE CANDIDATE FOR LONE LS SEAT IN MIZORAM

Mizo National Front (MNF), the primary opposition party in Mizoram, has decided to field sitting Rajya Sabha MP K Vanlalvena (54), for elections to the state's sole Lok Sabha seat. This was confirmed by a senior party official on Thursday (March 21).

K Vanlalvena secured his position as the Rajya Sabha representative for Mizoram in June 2020 while the incumbent Lok Sabha member, C Lalrosanga of the MNF, has decided not to contest in the upcoming elections.

MNF will officially announce the name of its candidate on Friday (March 22).

Earlier, the MNF and Congress engaged in discussions aimed at forming a pre-poll electoral alliance to collectively challenge the ruling Zoram People's Movement (ZPM). However, following unsuccessful negotiations, both parties decided to pursue their electoral campaigns independently.

On Thursday (March 21), the Congress announced the candidacy of retired Mizoram Police Service (MPS) officer and former state home secretary Lalbiakzama, aged 64, for the solitary Lok Sabha seat in the state.



In the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in Mizoram on April 19, over 8.6 lakh electors, including 4.41 lakh female voters, are expected to participate in the electoral process.

ZPM has nominated entrepreneur Richard Vanlalmangaiha, aged 46, who is new to politics, as their candidate.

Meanwhile, the People's Conference (PC) party has selected well-known Mizo singer and lyricist Rita Malsawmi, aged 48, to represent them in the upcoming elections.

The BJP is also expected to unveil the identity of its candidate soon, as confirmed by Mizoram BJP president Vanlalhmuaka.

## THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



Being KUKI  
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Any disparities must be addressed ASAP by the SSC through a comprehensive investigation. Maintaining the selection process's integrity & being transparent is essential to allaying candidates' fears & uncertainties.

#SSCDiscrimination  
#UnionTerritory4Kuki\_Zo  
#ManipurViolence



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MPA= #Manipur People's Army taking oats to fight for independence of #Kangleipak from #India on their passing out parade day. People thought that war was over but it's yet to begin.

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#MeiteiAtrocities #MeiteiWarCrimes  
#StateSponsoredViolenceAgainstKukiZo... Show more



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# JNU PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: STUDENT OUTFITS BATTLE IT OUT ON MANIPUR VIOLENCE, CAA, ELECTORAL BONDS

Amid chants of 'Jai Bhim,' 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai,' and 'Lal Salam', candidates vying for president's post in the upcoming JNU students' union elections, delivered passionate speeches on Wednesday night.

A large crowd of students gathered at the Jhelum Lawn to witness the highly anticipated presidential debate, setting the tone for the JNUSU polls scheduled for March 22.

The atmosphere was charged with the sound of 'dhol' and trumpets as students and supporters of different outfits cheered for their leaders and raised slogans before the debate began.

Retired Supreme Court Justice V Ramasubramanian presided over the debate to ensure fairness and transparency. Last week, he was appointed by the Delhi High Court as an observer for this year's JNUSU elections.

Candidates from various student outfits addressed a range of issues, including Manipur violence, Citizenship (Amendment) Act, farmers' protests, electoral bonds, and Israel-Palestine conflict. They also raised university-related issues in their appeal to voters.

The debate began with a speech from the only female presidential candidate for the JNUSU elections, Aradhana Yadav from the Samajwadi Party's student wing.

Yadav spoke on campus safety, discrimination against women, among others and if elected, she promised to advocate for minority reservation and "deprivation points" – a means to help students from backward regions, especially women, take admission.

The United Left Alliance's presidential candidate, Dhananjay, initiated his speech with 'Lal Salam' and raised concerns about the increased fees due to Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) loans taken by universities. He also raised the issue of unemployment,



commercialisation of education through the entry of foreign universities in India, among other issues.

Dhananjay pledged to tackle water, health, and infrastructure related issues on campus and demanded the release of student leaders detained under sedition charges.

RSS-affiliated ABVP's presidential candidate, Umesh Chandra Ajmira, expressed confidence of a victory in the polls and highlighted the developments under the student outfit's governance and its efforts in advocating for student rights.

NSUI's candidate Junaid Raza and BAPSA's Biswajit Minji also delivered impassioned speeches, criticising both the left and right-wing groups and appealed to the students community to vote for them.

Several leaders' speeches were marred by disruptions by some students during the debate. The university's Election Committee later confiscated the drums and other instruments used to create disruption.

The JNUSU polls will be held on March 22 and results will be declared on March 24.

Source: PTI

# ORGANISERS AVOID IFTAR PARTY DURING RAMZAN IN SUPPORT OF MANIPUR AND PALESTINE IN MUMBAI

Along with prayers and fasting, the holy month of Ramadan also brings appetising delicacies for sehri and iftar. The lavish extravagant iftar parties of Mumbai are well known for the luscious meals and starstruck appearances, but this year a lot of iftar party organisers in the city have prevented themselves from organising and attending such grand parties in wake of the violence in Manipur and Palestine.

Throwing sumptuous parties for iftar during the month of Ramadan has become a normal phenomenon in Mumbai due to the parties organised by various actors, politicians and other bigwigs of the city.

However, this year various organisations and individuals from the Muslim community are calling out such parties as a photo-op opportunity and are pledging against organising or participating in such lavish parties.

In the wake of recent communal tensions in Manipur and Palestine, people are requesting people to share their pain in this holy month. Various mosques and organisations have also asked people to prevent such grand parties and instead donate that money to the needy people and children suffering from hunger. Shuaib Khatib, chairman of the famous Jumma Masjid located in Kalbadevi, said that the mosque will not organise extravagant iftar this year unlike every year's arrangement where around 2500 people join iftar daily throughout the month.

"Jumma masjid has always boycotted political iftar parties which are not organised in local masjid and are instead organised for other purposes. The main aim of following a roza is to realise the condition of hunger. We have decided that this year we will organise an iftar for policemen and municipal workers instead," said Khatib. A collective consensus is being formed against these lavish parties within the Muslim community. A group of youngsters from the community have been reaching out to such people to prevent such parties and instead donate that money to the needy people around them



or to the children suffering from hunger in Manipur and Palestine.

Ali Bhojani, a member of the group, said, "A lot of people have been approaching us to donate their iftar fund for such a purpose. We ask them to help the people around them and then to the children in Manipur and Palestine. Every year, we see grand parties where each plate costs around Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 4,000. We just want to send out a message to people that this year, iftar party is not important. We aren't asking them to boycott it, but we are asking them to avoid extravagant parties." Several organisations have also decided to avoid extravagant iftar and inspire other people to prevent them. Masjid Youth Federation of Mira Bhayandar has also decided to prevent a lavish party and instead organise a small party with a public lecture about the current situation in Manipur and Palestine.

Saad Syed, social activist associated with the organisation, said, "I am associated with lot of such NGOs and all of them have decided to avoid grand parties this year. We will have iftar but won't have 10 varieties of dishes. As a human being we have to stand with the people suffering from injustice and in such a time, these parties are not right, religiously and socially."

Source: [The Free Press journal](#)

# PARIS OLYMPICS: MARY KOM APPOINTED INDIA'S CHEF DE MISSION

Olympic bronze medallist and multiple-time World Champion boxer, MC Mary Kom has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics. Table tennis star Achanta Sharath Kamal has been named as flag-bearer for the mega sporting spectacle.

Meanwhile, Winter Olympian Shiva Keshavan has been appointed as the Deputy Chef de Mission, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) said on Thursday.

"The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is proud to announce the appointment of key officials for India's contingent at the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games. These appointments represent a blend of experience, expertise and leadership that will contribute significantly to the success of our athletes on the global stage," the IOA said in a statement.

"Leading the delegation as the Chef de Mission will be none other than the iconic boxer Mary Kom. Her unparalleled dedication to sports and inspiring journey make her a natural choice to guide and mentor our athletes at the Olympics.

"Assisting Mary Kom in this crucial role will be Shiva Keshavan, appointed as the Deputy Chef de Mission. Keshavan, former Olympian in luge, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to support the team's management and coordination efforts."

In charge of overseeing the shooting village operations will be Gagan Narang, a renowned shooting champion and a respected figure in the Indian Sports community. "His meticulous approach and understanding of athlete needs will ensure a conducive environment for our shooters," the IOA said about the 2012 Olympic bronze medallist in men's 10m air rifle in London.

"Lastly carrying the Indian flag with pride and honour as the Flag Bearer will be Achanta Sharath Kamal,



symbolising the unity and spirit of our contingent as they compete on the Olympic stage," the statement further added. Sharath Kamal will be participating in his fifth Olympic Games and is a multiple-time medalist at the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games.

Commenting on these appointments, IOA President PT Usha stated, "We are delighted to have such a distinguished and capable team of officials leading our contingent for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Their expertise, dedication and passion for sports will undoubtedly inspire our athletes to achieve their best and make the nation proud."

"The entire IOA family extends its best wishes to the appointed officials and the entire Indian continent as they embark on this journey to represent the nation with excellence and sportsmanship at the Paris 2024 Olympics Games."

India are hoping to overhaul their record tally of seven medals which they achieved at the deferred Tokyo Olympics last time around.

(Courtesy: IANS)



**NEWS ANALYSIS****SSC Succumbs to Pressure from Meitei Govt.? Revised Results Undermines Commission's Integrity**

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) – a recruiting agency under the Government of India to recruit staff for various posts in the various ministries and departments of the government of India and in subordinate offices, has released the revised result of SSC (GD) Constable 2022 results today, leaving many to ponder about the credibility and integrity of the commission.

This commission is an attached office of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) which consists of a chairman, two members and a secretary-cum-controller of examinations.

As per information available with the Commission's Website, the final result of Constable (GD) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), SSF, Rifleman (GD) in Assam Rifles and Sepoy in Narcotics Control Bureau Examination, 2022 was declared by the Commission on 20.08.2023 for all States / UTs except for the State of Manipur. The final result dated 20.08.2023 was processed for 49590 vacancies (except 597 vacancies for the State of Manipur) wherein 45217 candidates (40229 Male & 4988 Female) were provisionally recommended for appointment whereas the candidature of 1337 candidates was kept withheld.

At the time of declaration of the said final result of the aforesaid examination, the physical and medical

tests could not be conducted due to the law and order situation in Manipur. Therefore, the result for the state of Manipur for 597 vacancies could not be declared on 20.08.2023, SSC stated in their website. Subsequently, the final result for the state of Manipur was declared on the website of the Commission on 15.03.2024.

The Physical and Medical Tests in respect of the candidates belonging to Manipur had been conducted in multiple phases due to the law and order situation in the state. While processing the result dated 15.03.2024, the data pertaining to one phase was inadvertently missed out.

Accordingly, the final result declared on 15.03.2024 for the state of Manipur was withdrawn vide the Commission's Notice dated 18.03.2024. Based on a comprehensive review of the complete data, the discrepancy has been rectified and changes have been effected in the result declared on 15.03.2024, SSC clarified.

However, the Commission's move to withdraw the results of an exam and release a revised result for Manipur to recruit constables and other personnel has run into a huge controversy.

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The valley-majority Meiteis, who come under the 'general' category, protested after seeing the results which they claimed seemed suspect due to the high number of successful candidates from the Kuki community - under Scheduled Tribes (ST) category - making the cut.

Out of pure jealousy for the huge success of Kuki candidates, the Meiteis formed a Joint Action Committee in this regard, alleging discrepancy in the final result of SSC Constable GD 2022 examination.

They also submitted a representation to the government of Manipur to pressurize the central agency to alter the results in favour of their community. Accordingly, the Manipur government entrusted the Chief Secretary to take up the matter with the Central government. The Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi immediately flew to Delhi and after which the SSC withdrew the result on March 18.

However, one could see here the biased approach of the state government when it comes to dealing with education matters. When a large number of Meitei students were affected by the outcome of a mere constable recruitment, the state government acted swiftly by deputing the Chief Secretary to the national capital to sort out the issues. But when education related issues affecting students from the Kuki community were repeatedly put up to the state government, they nonchalantly turned a blind eye to the repeated pleas, forsaking them and discreetly carrying out their intention to annihilate the academic career of Kuki students. The case of Medical students who are fleeing the 'Death Valley - Imphal', and displaced NIT students is a matter of concern - which the state government is sidelining just because they are from the Kuki community. This negligence by the state government on Kuki students prompted various Kuki student bodies to knock the door of the Supreme Court so that they get the justice they deserved.

The withdrawal of the SSC GD result 2022 also undermines transparency and fairness in the recruitment process, causing uncertainty and frustration among the successful candidates who have invested immense time and effort. It's crucial to uphold accountability and ensure that decisions are made with integrity to maintain trust in the examination system.

It seems the SSC-GD result for Manipur was recalled just for the fact that the successful Kuki candidates were more in numbers than the Meiteis.

Is this really how SSC conducts itself? When a more biased, powerful government-backed majority feels insecure, the minorities are subjected to such a step leading to a stepmotherly treatment that only massages the egos of the majority Meiteis! It took no time for the government of Manipur and the Meiteis to cry foul which the SSC obliged to, which all indicates that SSC may not be as fair as it seemed.

The Kuki community silently continues to face the Manipur government's open war against them even in recruitment process including the recent recruitment on 08/03/24 and 11/03/24 in PHED department for filling up of 91(ninety-one) posts of Section Officer Grade-1 and 7(seven) and Department of Consumer Affairs where no members of the Kuki community have been selected.

SSC should not indulge in the same appeasement politics played by the Manipur government and should rather uphold its ethics and review its decision to withdraw the SSC GD results for Manipur State declared on 15th March 2024. Discrimination of the rightfully deserving

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candidates must not be tolerated at any cost and could incur legal action.

The withdrawal of the SSC GD result 2022 is unjust and disheartening for candidates who put in their hard work and dedication. It erodes confidence in the examination process and raises concerns about transparency and fairness. Reinstating the result is essential to uphold the integrity of the recruitment system and respect the efforts of all candidates involved.

SSC must uphold exam integrity and resist Meitei politics to prevent further marginalization of the Kuki tribals. Fairness in exams ensures equal opportunities regardless of political influences or tribal identities. It's the Manipur government who infiltrated the results.

One pertinent question everyone should ponder upon - How could a commission with stringent rules and procedures overlook a crucial phase of the results?

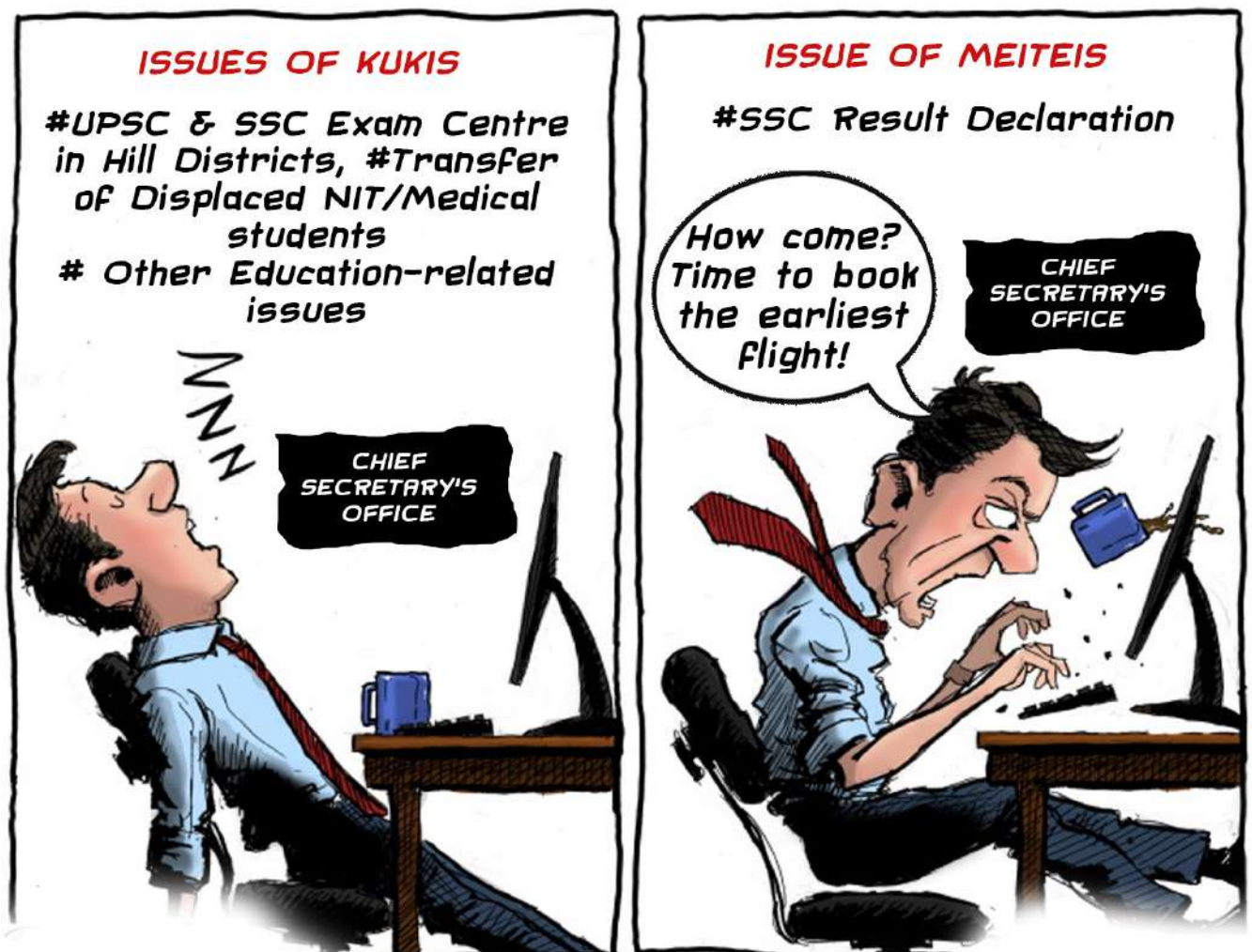
The examination follows a systematic step-by-step procedure, with all shortlisted candidates progressing to the final stage.

SSC must prove themselves to the public that they did not compromise their values through transparency.

S. Kishore Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission mentioned that "SSC has evolved as one of the most trusted recruiting agencies in India. It follows processes to ensure fair, just and impartial selection of candidates for the user Departments. In every sphere of its activity, the Commission's hallmark is in its transparency and fair play." The SSC now has compromised it, and instead of adding the so called "missed out" candidates, they withdrew the results, leaving a hole in the trust people have in the Commission.



# AWAKENING OF THE SLUMBER





# Echoes of Grief

Elegy! Elegy!

As if destiny has bound me  
To this never-ending dirge.  
In this ceaseless cycle of sorrow:  
I am a prisoner to the news  
Of my people falling like leaves.  
Each report is a heavy burden upon my heart.

Obituary! Obituary!

Am I sealed to chronicle  
The demise of my beloved people?  
Are my fingers ordained  
To inscribe their brutal and untimely deaths?  
Each passing day, I bid farewell to them,  
Leaving behind a void that cannot be filled.

RIP! RIP!

Are my lips destined  
To spell the weighty words, 'Rest in Peace'?  
Their names, faces, and stories  
Are deeply fixed in my memory,  
Like scars that refuse to fade.  
While my lips utter 'Rest in Peace,'  
My heart still cries out 'Return if Possible!'

Lament! Lament!

I lament in the silence of my heart.  
They are someone's parents, partners and sweethearts  
Someone's children, siblings and relatives.  
They linger like an unfinished melody,  
And I yearn for a time when the news  
Of my people will bring not heartbreak and tears  
But tales of safety, victory and justice.

- Breeze Kimneithem