

Editorial

Imphal, Saturday, December 12, 2015

War against women

"The strength of a woman is not measured by the impact that all her hardships in life have had on her; but the strength of a woman is measured by the extent of her refusal to allow those hardships to dictate her and who she becomes." C. JoyBell C. Today, the state is observing the 'Nupi Lan' day in commemoration of the fearless struggles and defiance of the British rulers by the womenfolk of the state, in not one but two historical instances to assert their democratic rights and highlight the injustices to the people of the state. The first Nupi Lan which broke out in 1904 was against the British order to send Manipuri men to Kabow Valley to fetch timber for re-building the then Police Agent's bungalow after it was ravaged by fire, stirred up by the heirs-apparent of the erstwhile ruling family who did not like the selection of Chura Chand Singh as the King of Manipur. They persuaded the women of Manipur to resist the British government's order to resuscitate the Lalup (A sort of forced labour where the male member of society between the age of 17 and 60 should work freely for ten days in every forty days of work). The struggle in which more than 5,000 women took part lasted for a week. Although the British rulers had eventually succeeded in suppressing the uprising, they were compelled to rescind the order, thus scoring what can be arguably considered the first moral and psychological victory over the suppressive British rulers. The second instance started in 1939 as an agitation by Manipuri women against the oppressive economic and political policies and practices of the then Maharaja of Manipur and Mr. Grimson- Political Agent of the British Government in Manipur (1933-45) which later evolved into a movement for the constitutional and administrative reforms in the state. The women of Manipur have evidently been at the forefront of social interactions and are no pushovers. History bears the sacrifices and the selfless struggles they had to undertake to safeguard the society and its backbone of cultures and traditions. They have taken equal, if not extraordinary, responsibilities and endured endless sufferings in every sphere of social and public issues since time immemorial, and yet somehow, the present attitude towards them is increasingly reeking of shallow lip-service and mere courtesy. Despite the many laws and regulations being enacted to protect the women, instances of crime and atrocities against them are on the rise. The greatest cause for concern however is the fact that the perpetrators, even when identified and indicted, almost always slip through the sloppy legal procedures whether by design or direful negligence, until the issues fade into oblivion. The dismally low rate of convictions, especially in cases concerning crimes against women bears testimony to the fact that our society still needs to go a long way and answer some very harsh and extremely uncomfortable questions before the situation improves. A society that fails to respect and safeguard its womenfolk cannot consider itself progressive.

Extension of registration for Army Recruitment Rally till 17 Dec 2015

PRO/DEFENCE
Imphal, Dec. 12: ARO, Rangapahar has issued a notice that the facility for online registration and application for candidates of Manipur for the rally at Leimakong from 27 Dec 2015 to 31 Dec 2015 has been extended from existing last date of 12 Dec 15 to revised date of 17 Dec 15.

Candidates from far away places can now avail the facility of applying online till 17 Dec 15. On 18th Dec 15 the admit card will be generated by ARO, Rangapahar & candidates can print their Admit Card forward to them on their registered e-mail ID. No candidate will be allowed to participate without valid Admit Card.

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National & International News

Tarun Gogoi to be CM candidate in 2016 Assam polls

PTI
Guwahati, Dec. 12: Assam chief minister Tarun Gogoi will be the Congress' chief ministerial candidate for the 2016 Assam state assembly elections, Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi announced on Saturday. Gandhi, who arrived in Assam on a two-day visit on Friday, was speaking during a meeting with editors and senior journalists at the Brahmaputra Guest House in the state's largest city. He said the party has full confidence

in the leadership of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) and the chief minister and only they would decide about any alliance with any

political parties in Assam. Gandhi also interacted with a group of women entrepreneurs of the state and addressed his party leaders.

He is scheduled to leave for Barpeta district, 90 km from Guwahati, to participate in a seven kilometre 'pad yatra' (road show).

Sharif to attend SCO meeting in China on Monday

PTI
Islamabad, Dec 12: Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will visit China next week to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting. The Foreign Office (FO) said that Sharif will lead the Pakistan

delegation to the SCO Heads of Government Council Meeting which is being held in Zhengzhou on December 14-15. "On the sidelines of the SCO meeting, Prime Minister will have a bilateral meeting with the Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in which issues

of mutual interest will be discussed," a statement said. The SCO is an important organisation founded in Shanghai in 2001. Its member-states include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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Manipuri Nations to pay tribute to Oza Sanajaoba

"The first ICC trial of a charismatic Congo national liberation leader-Thomas Lubanga Dyllo had been fixed on 23 June, 2008, after the charges have been confirmed by the pre-trial chamber of the ICC. Dyllo, a national of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the alleged founder of the UPC (Union des Patriotes Congolais) and former commander-in-chief of the FPLC (Forces Patriotiques pour La liberation du Congo) and president of the UPC has been charged by the PTC of the ICC on the basis of individual criminal responsibility (article 25(3) (a) of the Rome Statute with, among others, for committing" the war crime of enlisting children under the age of fifteen punishable under article 8(2)(b)(xxvi) or article 8(2)(e)(vii) of the Statute; the charges have been confirmed, hence the first ICC trial.

"When Ituri conflict started between Hema ethnic group to which the UPC and Dyllo belong and the Lendus ethnic group, UPC has forcibly conscripted child soldiers, allegedly committed large scale murder, rape and torture of civilians. Noine MONUC peacekeepers have been murdered on 25 March, 2005. In fulfillment of ICC's arrest warrant, Dyllo has been arrested on the charge of committing war crime by" conscripting and enlisting children under the age of fifteen years and using them to participate actively in hostilities". In Northern Uganda, arrest warrants have been issued against Joseph Kony, Vincent Otti, Raska Lukwiya, Okot Odhiambo, Dominic Ongwen. In the DRC, as many as four offenders have been issued warrants. Dyllo and Germain Katanga have been arrested by the ICC. Third arrest warrant have been issued against Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui, who along with Germain Katanga of the Lendu ethnic group and their FNI (National Integrationist Front), and the FRPI (Patriotic Resistance Force in Ituri) have committed crimes in the village of Bogoro, Ituri. The fourth arrest warrant has been issued against Bosco Ntaganda- the current commander of the Mouvement Revolutionnaire du Congo.

"A third front of investigation is likely to be opened in the Kivu region by the Office of the Prosecutor, (OTP). On the basis of the UN security council referral in March, 2005 (USA has not exercised veto) in Darfur, Sudan, arrest warrants have been issued against minister Ahmed Haroun and militia leader Ali Kushayb. Active investigations continue in the Central African Republic. Unlike several other countries, the USA does not hesitate to take recourse at her chosen bidding to the UN security council referral to the ICC or, to the establishment of international criminal tribunals and ignore them at her convenience. The American people have not lost

the opportunity to raise their government to a higher pedestal in international rule of law. Same is equally true for the Indian people who despise injustice. "The ICC has received complaints concerning the state parties viz., Burundi, Colombia, Gambia, Georgia, Iraq, South Africa and Venezuela, and complaints not concerning state parties- Bhutan, Cote d'Ivoire, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Zimbabwe. By 2008, as many as 40 countries have enacted domestic penal laws recognizing the heinous crimes so defined by the Rome statute, 1998.

"On the other hand, thanks largely to the US initiative, impunity termination has been the objective of setting up other tribunals like- Sierra Leone tribunal (US funding 29.9 million dollars in 2004), ECCC of Cambodia (US funding 56.3 million dollars), Iraqi tribunal (also known as Paul Bremer tribunal, US funding largely through the US financed Iraq budget) and, also the ICTY (US funding 272 million dollars in 2005), the ICTR (US funding 256 million dollars in 2005). The USA is yet to contribute a modest funding to the ICC. The unipolar world has provided sufficient political space to the USA to navigate the world order towards durable peace by strengthening the international rule of law and justice. The navigation might face disadvantages if the rule of law course, the ICC has already charted out is weakened, and the will of the international community bent by unilateral action of the power that be." "By revisiting the international rule of law, we could

appreciate that criminality of some of the heinous crimes have been recognized by the international law. Binding treaties as well as customary international criminal law and the non-derogable International Humanitarian Laws lay down jurisdiction over heinous crimes like genocide, war crimes and torture. As regards the crime against humanity, customary law provides for permissive universal jurisdiction; however, mandatory universal jurisdiction is yet to be evolved in the absence of codification and treaty laws.

"The civil law countries provide for the universal jurisdictions in their ordinary penal codes, whereas the common law countries including India incorporate universal jurisdictions in the vent of grave breach of Geneva conventions in their national legislations. The Rome statute paves way for harmonious application of civil law and common law. The long march of the permanent ICC - the odyssey of international justice has started with small steps. The ICC consolidation has been initiated and the ICC jurisprudence is gradually taking shape with the ASP review conference in the offing in 2010, which may, in all likelihood review article 124 of the Rome statute, consider the inclusion of terrorism and drug crimes in the statutory *corpa delicti*. The agenda of defining aggression remains the active concern of the ASP. Among the suggestions advanced so far for the definition, the UN general assembly resolution no. 3314 of 1974 might be addressed. It could

be painstaking, and sustained concern of the ICC community to hammer out the aggression definition.

"Prior to examining the progress of the arrest warrants, international cooperation and holding of trials, we could position ourselves to the strategies of the prosecutor and of the court. The OTP lays down three prosecutorial strategies so far viz., positive complementarity, focused investigations and prosecutions with a view to maximizing the OTP efforts to combat impunity and deterrence of heinous crimes.

"Moreover, the ICC strategises its threefold objectives viz., maintenance of high standards and quality of justice, strengthening the support base of the institution and, streamlining public administration by way of streamlining processes, maintaining flexibility and guaranteeing accountability. Two events are noteworthy- *in situ* Congo trial and the ICC permission to the victims to present actively in the trial. The first ICC president as well as the UN secretary general has recurrently sought active international cooperation in order to consolidate the ICC process. "17 July - the day the Rome statute had been adopted a decade ago in 1998 is celebrated as International Justice Day by the international community, which had been waiting for impunity termination, for a long period of time. History happens once again subsequently after the emergence of the UN as a significant human event."

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