

Editorial

Imphal, Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Equality- privilege or right?

Humans, like any other living beings, are a creature of habit. Add to it the evolved mentality and concepts like aesthetics, power and pride- the resulting mix is one which threatens to change the very nature of the spontaneity of evolution and natural progression. The human brain- the one incredible enabling our race to control and manipulate everything else around us- living and non-living alike, except for one important and very interesting drawback- the inability to control oneself- rather the senses and urges that makes us who we are. This lacuna in our physiological make up which is apparently inherent is becoming more prominent with the passage of time. The uncontrollable greed for power and land that led to wars being fought throughout the world, the unnecessary struggle for increasing power and control- all points to an irrational urge manifests into deeds that go against the very grain of human behavior- or is it so? Nothing can be further from the truth. These bloody battles and physical challenges for power, supremacy and wealth of the early days have stopped- only to re-emerge in a more virulent and sinister yet subtler form at present. Equality- the very premise on which our present society was founded remains to this day an illusion, a convenient pacifying tool for those at the helm of affairs to keep the common public at bay so that they- some if not all- can continue with the activities induced by the very weaknesses afflicting every human. Is there any other rationale, however remote it may sound, to explain the widening chasm between the common public and those who are in power and influence- though everyone is equal- or so we are told to believe. A number of politicians serving themselves while doting out rhetoric speeches proclaiming their efforts for the public, armed forces personnel abusing their power and using force to get their demands from the frightened and defenceless public, drug peddlers and their sources being shrouded in mystery behind a façade of power and money impenetrable by the public or the discretion of those who walks the hallowed corridors of power to speak out and express only those that they wish to be made heard- more often their own achievements and trivial triumphs blown out of proportions. Is there a thing such as being more equal than equal? Why are so many seemingly mundane and simple problems being made so complex and tangled up as to make them impossible to solve? Isn't there any other way for the disturbed and concerned voices of the common man to be made heard other than be forced to resort to mindless destruction and mayhem- a natural, though unwanted, reaction of the frustrated and agitated souls who are made to feel less equal and cheated. This feeling of discontent is made all the more intense as the public believes that solutions to a lot of wrongs in the society is so clear and right within their reach while those who are entrusted to act accordingly chose to look the other way. The need of the hour is a bunch of people with rational minds and the resolve as well as the self-control to stick to the set plan with the habit to finish what has been started with the dignity to shoulder responsibilities for the same, and above all, a bunch that really regards the remaining majority of the population as equals. Will the search prove to be an exercise in futility- yet again?

Gunshots in north Paris linked to hunt for attackers

ANI
London, Nov. 18: The gunfire heard in the northern Paris suburb of Saint Denis has been linked to the police hunt for the attackers of 13/11. According to The Telegraph, media reports said that several officers have been wounded. Police advised local residents to remain at home as the operation is ongoing. The deputy mayor of Saint Denis, Stephane Peu, said exchanges of fire were taking place in the area of the Rue de la Republique. He said the police were sealing off the area. Suspects were firing at the police personnel from a flat. Police sources, however, have not yet disclosed the exact number of casualties.

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National & International News

ULFA leader Chetia produced in court in Guwahati

PTI
Guwahati, Nov 18: Deported ULFA leader Anup Chetia was brought here today by the CBI on a transit remand and produced before the court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate amid tight security. Chetia, who was incarcerated in Bangladesh for 18 years and handed over to India on November 11, was brought here in a special aircraft and whisked away through the cargo gate of LGB Airport here in a convoy with his vehicle led by two escort vehicles and several police vehicles behind it. 48-year-old Chetia with his face

covered, was taken directly from the airport to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Kamrup, a senior police official said. His vehicle was taken inside the court's compound keeping him away from waiting journalists and the huge crowd waiting to see the insurgent leader. Chetia's lawyer Bijan Mahajan told waiting journalists at the court that they would apply for bail for his client. His family members and colleagues participating in the peace talks with the government waiting at the airport, were not allowed to meet Chetia.

The police official said it was not very clear whether Chetia was brought directly from Delhi where he was arrested by CBI after being handed over to India or from Kolkata. Chetia's wife Monika Baruah, ULFA 'foreign secretary' Sasa Choudhury, and other pro-peace talk ULFA leaders were present in the court premises but they were

not allowed to meet him as he was whisked inside the Court. Heavy police bandobast was made and barricades erected around the court in order to thwart attempts by people from going near Chetia or raising pro-ULFA slogans as they did when ULFA chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa was produced in the court in 2009.

Letter to the Editor

How sincere is RIMS authority?

Imphal Times is the first and only public spirited newspaper in Manipur which dared to question where nearly Rs 16,00,000 collected from nursing candidates over 2 years ago had gone. Since the recruitment was not done Rs 200 collected from each candidate should have been refunded or adjusted in the current recruitment. However one powerful official had pocketed it and all high officials in RIMS know it. It explains why there has been no clarification by RIMS through its media adviser. It is good that the AMSU has started questioning the sincerity of the officials in the appointment of several persons. 116 nurses will be shortly appointed. As the AMSU release said, there is already passing of money under the table and it is contradictory to what the director in charge said about appointments of nurses and other employees. There is also a report that recently one officer was bribed Rs 80,000 for correcting wrong pay scale. Since the mistake was at the official level this should have been corrected once the same was pointed out. But the official refused to dispose of the file and having no alternative the employees paid the bribe to have the wrong corrected. There is no meaning in the statement that there will be no bribing in the appointment of nurses. People have not come across any minister or official who says that he had taken bribe for getting things done. In the larger interest of the people and the candidates it is to be hoped that AMSU will fight till the end and that it will not give up the campaign midway like some other organisations.

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More than 30 dead as carnage returns to Nigeria

AFP
Kaduna, Nov. 18: More than 30 people were killed on Wednesday when a bomb blast ripped through packed crowds in Yola, northeast Nigeria, just days after President Muhammadu Buhari visited declaring that Boko Haram were close to defeat. The explosion happened at about 8:20 pm (1920 GMT) in the Jambuta area of the Adamawa state capital, although it was not immediately clear whether it was caused by a suicide bomber or an improvised explosive device. "So far, we've recorded about 32 dead and about 80 injured," said Sa'ad Bello, the Yola coordinator for the National Emergency Management Agency.

The Red Cross and state police gave a slightly lower toll of 31 dead and 72 injured. The blast bore all the hallmarks of Boko Haram, which has previously attacked Yola with suicide bombers and improvised explosive devices in recent months. Buhari this month was in Yola to decorate soldiers for bravery in the counter-insurgency as well as visit a camp for people displaced by six years of violence that has left at least 17,000 people dead. Hetold troops he believed Boko Haram "are very close to defeat" and urged soldiers "to remain vigilant, alert and focused to prevent Boko Haram from sneaking into our communities to attack soft targets".

State News

Assam Rifles constructs Multipurpose Shed

IT News
Imphal, Nov. 18: 21 Assam Rifles of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) constructed a Self Help Multipurpose Shed at St Mary's School, Sajik Tampak, Chandel through own resources. St Mary's School is the only functional school in the area which provides education to economically deprived children of Sajik Valley. The school has 1200 students on its rolls. This shed has now enabled the school to conduct morning and evening prayer even in bad weather and also conduct social functions of the school.

Assam Rifles saves snake bite victim

IT News
Imphal, Nov. 18: Medical team of 2 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) saved the life of a snake bite victim on 17 November 2015. The victim named Mema Devi, aged 60 years, resident of Hairok village, Thoubal district was bitten by a snake while farming and was immediately rushed to the unit hospital of 2 Assam Rifles. The victim was attended by the medical team of Assam Rifles and necessary first aid was administered. Later the victim stabilized and subsequently discharged after keeping her under observation for half hour. The timely action of Assam Rifles medical team not only saved precious human life but also reinforced good faith among the locals of Hairok village, Thoubal district, Manipur.

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