

Editorial

Imphal, Monday, October 26, 2015

Of development and security

Northeast India seems to grow in its stature of populism which perhaps is a (alien) perspective that lies in the inherent identity of being a periphery; which is ought to be given due attention for multiple possibilities of fragility embedded. The being of a periphery induces the permanence of the temporaries thereby extensively generating terms and conditions on the nature of requirements, needs, relationships, debates, rights, native mechanism of livelihoods, politics, and cultures of communities in the region. Northeast India, which credited to a colonial praxis, still finds constantly clubbed for political and policy purposes which is an historical instrumentalism of Government mentality. The populism, fragility, and peripheries provide rationale to differential political praxis. The differential praxis erects a towering thorn in the flesh of the State which is also constantly used to blanket and deny historical contradictions; of fascist State building projects, liberal economic onslaught on the one hand; and class and people's struggle on the other hand. This historical question is a fundamental confrontation that is far beyond a prospective resolution, at least, within the ambit of the given political structures. The lived worlds of Assam and Manipur powerfully indicate to such a situation. This write up argues that the State has widely clubbed the northeast India while responding to the upsurges of people. It also classifies the responses of the Indian State into two important aspects' militarism in the state building and excessive resorting developmentalism. Interestingly, the two aspects indulge in such a way that it claims to define to safeguard human security. Vertical economic orientation (including dependent economic practice), exploitation of indigenous resources (construction of mega dams and softening borders) are continuing diminishing sites of indigenous societies. Resistances to onslaught of developmentalism grow manifold when development becomes a unilateral subject of the State which at the same time is also construed as a means and ways to peace and security. Existing conception of development and security finally gets reduced to constructing 'counter politics' to dissents (armed/non-armed) and alternatives discourses. Is it possible to interrogate the very nature of development and the way it is linked to human growth and security? Is it the kind of development that the worlds (who have experienced more immediately and directly) have anticipated and though of? If otherwise; can one suspect an actual need for rethinking/reversing what we have so far been made to believe as development & security?

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Jokes of the Day!!!

The doctor to the patient: 'you are very sick'
The patient to the doctor: 'can I get a second opinion?'
The doctor again: 'yes, you are very ugly too.....'

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Johnny: Nothing, Sir.

Headmaster: Exactly.

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National & International News

Madras high court recommends castration for child sex offenders

Agencies
Chennai, Oct 26: The Madras high court has recommended castration as a punishment for those who rape children in order to deter sexual assaults on minors. In an order issued in connection with the case of a British national accused of sexually abusing a teenage boy from Tamil Nadu, the high court acknowledged its recommendation could seem "barbaric, retrograde, stone-aged and inhuman" but said traditional laws were not enough to cope with such crimes. The high court suggested the Central government should consider castration as an additional punishment for those who sexually abuse children. "Traditional laws are not stringent enough to yield any desired positive result. Though the suggestion of castration looks barbaric, barbaric crimes should

definitely attract barbaric models of punishment and the very thought of the punishment should deter the culprit from committing the offence," justice N Kirubakaran said in the order. "This court is sure that additional punishment of castration of child rapists would fetch magical results in preventing and containing child abuses," the order said. The judge noted that several countries, including the US, Poland, Russia and South Korea, had introduced castration to deal with child sex offenders. The court was hearing the British national's petition for quashing the case against him. The Briton was accused of sexually abusing a 15-year-old boy in 2011. After the man returned to Britain, the boy filed a complaint against him. The British national said he could not return to India because the Interpol had issued a Red Corner

notice for him. The high court put the Interpol notice on hold so that he could come to India to face trial. Justice Kirubakaran indicated that his recommendation was prompted by the recent gang-rape of two minor girls in New Delhi on the same day. He noted that sexual offences against children had risen from 38,172 to 89,423 between 2012 and 2014 while the conviction rate for such crimes was only 2.4%. "When the law is ineffective and incapable of addressing the menace, this court cannot keep its hands folded and remain a silent spectator, unmoved and oblivious to the recent happenings of horrible blood-curdling gang-rapes of children in various parts of India. It would not only be injustice done to the child abuse victims, but would also amount to violation of the oath taken by this court," the order said.

Geeta returns after 15 yrs

PTI
New Delhi, Oct 26: Nearly 15 years after she accidentally crossed over to Pakistan, Geeta, a deaf-mute girl whose story has touched people on both sides of the border, returned here today. Pakistan International Airlines flight PK 272 carrying 23-year-old Geeta from Karachi landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport at around 1030 hours where she was given a warm welcome. Dressed in a white-red salwar suit and her head covered with dupatta, she waved to the waiting people. She was reportedly just 7 or 8 years old when she was found sitting alone on the Samjhauta Express by the Pakistan Rangers 15 years ago at the Lahore railway station. She was adopted by the Edhi Foundation's Bilquees Edhi and lived with her in Karachi. Bilquees and her grandchildren, Saba and Saad Edhi, are accompanying Geeta. Her story came to light after the release of Salman Khan starrer 'Bajranghi Bhaijaan' in which the hero unites a girl separated from her Pakistani mother who was visiting India. Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan, TCA Raghavan, and his wife had visited Geeta in August after External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj directed him to meet her and try to locate her family. Before boarding the PIA flight from Karachi, a beaming Geeta thanked the Pakistani people for taking care of her. Faisal Edhi of the Edhi foundation told reporters in Karachi that they would continue to stay in touch with Geeta through social media and even visit her. "She is not really separating from us," he said. Sources had earlier said that Geeta has identified her father, step-mother and siblings from a photograph sent to her by the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. The family reportedly lives in Bihar. Swaraj had said that Geeta would be handed over to the family after DNA test. The Ministry had said Geeta would return to the country as she is 'India's daughter', irrespective of whether her family is traced or not.

Woman accuses deputy mayor of rape

Agencies
Gurgaon, Oct. 26: In a major embarrassment to the Haryana BJP, a 40-year-old accused the deputy mayor of Gurgaon of raping her. An FIR has been registered in the case at a special women police station late on Saturday. Parminder Kataria has been accused of raping the woman, a divorcee, on the pretext of giving her a job in the Gurgaon Municipal Corporation. The complainant has been working as an office in-charge with the deputy mayor for the last six months at his Bhim Nagar office. According to the police, Kataria lured the woman with a promise that he would marry her and also assured her of a job in the corporation. However, in the complaint, the woman alleged that he later refused to marry her. Kataria is a senior BJP leader in Gurgaon and is known to command great respect in the region. Interestingly, the deputy mayor is the second leader from Gurgaon, after Gurgaon MLA Umesh Agrawal, to be accused of

rape. An FIR has been registered in the Agrawal case in Tilak Nagar police station in Delhi and a trial court is hearing the case. The Gurgaon MLA had allegedly raped a Delhi-based woman in a hotel room in Faridabad in January. Meanwhile, senior police officers said the woman had named two more persons apart from Kataria. "The accused was in a live-in relationship with the complainant. We have received a complaint from the women's police station against the deputy mayor and two others on Saturday and an FIR has also been registered under Sections 376 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code. We are investigating the matter," Gurgaon DCP (East) Deepak Saharan said. Kataria and Gurgaon Mayor Vinay Yadav could not be contacted despite repeated attempts as their phones were switched off. Meanwhile, the police conducted medical examination of the victim and the rape was confirmed. The woman also recorded her statement before the magistrate.

Kataria had won the civic polls from ward number six in Old Gurgaon. "Lately, the deputy mayor had soured relations with the woman as he had broken all promises made to her. He also threatened her with dire consequences if she spoke out about in public," Saharan said. However, the police remained tight-lipped about the names of the other two accused.

Two persons mowed down by train in Raj

PTI
Bundi (Raj), Oct 26: Two persons were killed after they were mowed down by a moving train in two separate incidents near Tirath village here, police said today. While Ramesh Meena (52) was killed yesterday morning after he was hit by a moving train when he was crossing the Delhi-Mumbai railway track, another victim Ramesh Bheel (25) was killed in the afternoon crossing the same track near Hasthinapur railway gate in the village under Keshoraiapatn police station, they said.

Wanted naxal Shivcharan Uike held in Chhattisgarh

PTI
Raipur, Oct. 26: A wanted naxal, carrying a reward of Rs 2 lakh on his head, has been arrested in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, police said today. The cadre identified as Shivcharan Uike (25), was nabbed from naxal-hit Bajarpara area under Koyalibeda police station limits Saturday evening, Kanker Superintendent of Police, Jitendra Singh Meena, told PTI. Acting on a tip-off about the arrival of a rebel in Bajarpara, around 250 km from here, a police team was dispatched towards the site.

While surrounding the spot, security forces spotted a man trying to flee, following which they nabbed him after a short chase, Meena said. During interrogation, Uike admitted to his involvement with the outlawed movement as an active member of platoon No 25 of Rowghat Area Committee of the Maoists in north Bastar region, he said. The ultra was involved in several criminal offences including murder, attack on police personnel, arson and other, the officer said, adding that interrogation was still on.

Journalist shot dead in Gaya

ANI
Gaya, Oct.26: A 40-year-old journalist in Paraiya block of Kashta village was shot dead at his home by some unidentified people on Saturday evening here in Bihar. "A reporter of Dainik Jagran named Mithilesh Pandey has been shot dead by unidentified person. We have started the investigation. We will try to arrest the culprits as soon as possible," SSP Gaya, Manu

Maharaj told the reporters. "Around 2-3 people having their faces covered entered his house and shot the victim while he was sleeping. I was not at home. I was sitting outside but when I heard the sound of the bullet, I rushed to the house," said victim's relative Umesh Kumar Pandey. According to the victim's family, Mithilesh had been investigating many threats and he had informed the police also.

Letter to the Editor

Who pocketed exam fees in RIMS?

Sir,
It is gratifying to read that there shall be no corruption in the appointment of 116 nurses. It is yet to be seen in concrete terms.

However it is relevant to remind the people and the RIMS authority that the unemployed nurses had been cheated of Rs 200 each as examination fees they had to submit last time. Over two years ago a notification was issued by RIMS for appointment of nurses. Each applicant had to submit Rs 200 in bank draft along with their testimonials. However the examination for the appointment of the nurses was never held. The reason not known to the unemployed nurses.

If the examination is cancelled and another examination is scheduled after calling fresh applications the RIMS authority should refund the fee of Rs 200 each that the applicants had to submit. This was not done. People would like to know who had pocketed the big amount since there were over 8000 applicant that time. How honest is the RIMS authority?

Sd/-
Hiyang Athouba