

Editorial

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Strength of humility

"Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth". Albert Einstein on Mahatma Gandhi.

A man with nothing more than a loin cloth around his waist and the conviction of the truth he holds as his sole and greatest weapon challenged, and ultimately forced the mighty British empire to relinquish its economic and political stranglehold over India. What the man, born as Mohandas karamchand Gandhi and revered as the 'Father of the Nation' exemplified was the perceived frailty and humility turning out to be his greatest strengths. Born on October 2, 1869, he was a wayward child, as mediocre as anyone, full of curiosity and childhood enthusiasm. After attaining education and real life experiences from various countries, he realized the futility of oppressive politics and physical domination without the conviction of one's actions. On his birthday today, the country, and the rest of the world as well are still remembering the person. What still remain true for the people today as it was then are the principles that Gandhi lived and preached. The principles of non-violence, self-reliance and rationality, among others, perhaps has more relevance in today's world more than ever, what with the increasingly violent and impatient nature we all are developing, inadvertently or otherwise. We are also witnessing an increased dependence on central funds and largesse for the development of the state given that there is an evidently regressive development and no sustainable progress worth mentioning. The state government, despite continuing pressure and outcry from the public, had carried on with its own agenda and justifications. Case in point- while the state is just recovering from the difficulties caused by the failure of the two main national highways which is the lifeline for the people of the state due to the vagaries of nature, a perennial problem which has been conveniently left to the mercy of the Bro and the centre, with no permanent solution in sight except for a declaration of intent to construct a permanent bridge over Makru river, efforts are in full swing to beautify the Kangla moat - a landmark which is still in remarkably good condition given the dilapidated state of most other landmarks in the city in preparation for the upcoming 'Sangai Festival' where the visiting dignitaries will, at best, throw a cursory glance, with no expenses spared. The Imphal-Moreh road- another vital route linking the border town of Moreh with the capital of Imphal and a source of income for thousands of small businessmen in the state, is still unsafe for transportation of heavy goods. It would be interesting to read the state government's take on the matter, only if for the entertainment factor. One other principle Gandhi espoused was that of developing a rational mind. It would not be difficult for anyone to guess how far we have strayed from that objective. The present social conflicts and misunderstandings spawned by false propaganda and ethnically tainted rumors is today threatening to tear the state and plunge it into chaos and violent mayhem, all because we failed to reason with ourselves and instead chose to go with the flow which is unfortunately steered by self-centered and biased leaders. The increasing pace of competition and development calls for a greater control of our emotions, actions and intentions, and it is times like now when one needs to turn to the life of people like Gandhi's for inspiration and vindication of our thoughts and beliefs.

3 militants arrested in raid in Pakistan

PTI Peshawar, Oct. 2: Three militants from the banned Pakistani Taliban were today arrested in a raid in the country's restive northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. Acting on tip off, Counter Terrorism Department personnel carried out an anti-terrorism raid in Badabair area on the outskirts of Peshawar and arrested three important commanders of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan. Senior Superintendent Police

Operations Mian Saeed said that three militant commanders are Naseer, Hazrat Sher and Zarma Khan.

"All three belong to a banned outfit operating from Khyber Agency. Two hand grenades, a pistol and a sub-machine gun were recovered from the trio," said Saeed. In a separate incident, Officials from the Anti-Terrorism Squad nabbed a wanted terrorist Ghazi Akbar from Matta area of Swat valley during a search operation.

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National & International News

Nepal's cable federation suspends Indian television channels, government rations fuel

ANI Kathmandu, Oct. 2: Nepal's cable federation suspended Indian television channels and the government started rationing fuel for vehicles at India-Nepal border amid protests against the newly-adopted constitution. Hundreds of lorries carrying food and fuel lined up on the Indian side, while protesters on the other side of the border sat on the road to block their path. Some lorries started to move across the Sunauli-Bhairahawa border crossing, a customs official in Nepal said, but more than 1,000 trucks were still stranded on Indian side. Tension between the South Asian nations had spiked since Nepal adopted a new constitution last week, upsetting southern minority groups who fear being marginalised in a new

federal structure. The Federation of Nepal Cable Television suspended broadcasting of Indian channels in Nepal to protest

against the blockade. More than 40 people have been killed in protests in the Himalayan republic since August. Indian oil trucks

stopped crossing into Nepal because of protests in the south, prompting authorities to try to limit the use of cars and conserve fuel.

AIIMS initiates disciplinary action against five doctors over dengue death

ANI New Delhi, Oct. 2: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has confirmed that it has initiated disciplinary action against five doctors after an internal probe panel found them guilty of lapses in treatment of a dengue patient, who died at the hospital around a month back. The AIIMS had appointed a committee after family members of

Barat Agarja alleged that he was not given proper treatment. The family had alleged that Agarja was sent back home twice before being admitted to the hospital for the last time. AIIMS spokesperson Dr. Amit Gupta said that internal disciplinary action has been initiated against the doctors and relevant show cause notices have been issued seeking their explanation over the



lapses. The report has been submitted to the union health ministry.

State news

CCpur JAC sets agitation schedules

IT News Lanka, Oct. 02: The Joint meeting between the Joint Action Committee and leaders of the various village committees, authorities and women groups resolved that agitation schedule will be effective from Monday, October 5th till further notice. JAC stated that there will be relaxation

from 5am - 2pm; Total bandh from 2pm onwards. However, the following departments or establishments will be exempted from the bandh like Medical, Electricity, Telecom, Water supply (Excluding private service providers), Media, Bank and Treasury. Educational institutions are allowed to open till 12 noon.

Dharnas to be held from 2pm - 5pm in Kangvai, Monglenphai, Light House, Sielmat, Lamka Police Station, District hospital, and Rayburn College (New Lamka). From 5pm onwards, the concern village committees, authorities may make necessary arrangements to suit local needs and situations.

Free Eye Camp held at Community Hall, Takyel Kolom Leikai

IT News Imphal, Aug 2: Shija Eye Care Foundation in association with Young Progressive Club, Takyel organized a comprehensive eye camp at Takyel Kolom Leikai Community Hall, on Oct. 1. According to a press statement, 121 nos. of patients were examined for eye related problems during the eye camp. Among this 20 are diagnosed cataracts, 7 pterygium, 2 chalazion and 1 entropion. Three patients were transported to Shija Eye Care Foundation, Langol for the corrective surgery on the same day and the remaining detected patients are treated at Shija Eye Care Foundation, Langol today. Dr. Sarda Ch., Consultant



Ophthalmologist along with other supporting staff of Shija Eye Care Foundation examined the patients. Shija Eye Care Foundation has been organizing regular camp at various locations of Manipur. Recently, Shija Eye Care Foundation mentored by Aravind Eye Care System, Madurai

introduced the Subsidized Section of OPD and surgery where the patients are examined at Rs. 20/- at OPD and SICs cataract surgery at Rs. 1000/- (inclusive of 2 days stay). The section has been opened to ensure maximum nos. of patient avail of the services, the press statement added.

PM Modi doesn't visit Vijay Ghat, Lal Bahadur Shastri's family reacts

ANI New Delhi, Oct 02: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday although visited the Raj Ghat to pay floral tribute to iconic freedom fighter and father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on his birth anniversary but failed to visit Vijay Ghat, to pay homage to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, whose birth anniversary coincides with Mahatma Gandhi. Reacting over the same, grandson of Lal Bahadur Shastri Vibhakar Shastri said that PM Modi uses 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' in his speeches but doesn't come to pay tribute to Shastri. Lal Bahadur Shastri was the second Prime Minister of India and a leader of the Indian National Congress party. He was also one of the loyal followers, first of Gandhi and then of Jawaharlal Nehru. Lal Bahadur Shastri was the first person to be posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna and a memorial "Vijay Ghat" was built for him in New Delhi.

Man claims he shot himself at Rajiv Chowk metro station to alert security agencies

IRN New Delhi, Oct. 2: In a major security lapse in the national capital, a 22-year-old man shot and injured himself inside the ever busy Rajiv Chowk metro station on Thursday night. The man claimed he shot himself so as to alert security agencies and make them heighten the security. He claimed that the security guards did not screen his bag in which he kept the gun.

The man further claimed that when he was at the Aligarh Railway Station, he had heard two people talking about an attack in Delhi. He claimed that he even saw them carrying magazines. On Thursday, the man along with his sister managed to pass through security checks at Chandni Chowk station on the yellow line of the Delhi metro around 6:30 PM. He kept the bag with the gun near the place where the tokens are distributed. After security check he entered the station and collected the bag from near the token distribution area. CISF sources said that they have deduced how the man pulled it off by analysing CCTV footage. His sister said, "The man said he did this for the country. He was not depressed. He wanted to help people."

AR recovers unclaimed precious stones

IT News Imphal, Oct. 2: Troops of the 24 Assam Rifles of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) recovered 05 Maroon coloured stones (Probably unprocessed Ruby Crystals) weighing 104 grams,

approximately worth Rs. 6.76 lakhs on NH - 102 near Khudengthabi check post on September 30. An AR press statement said that personnel at the AR post were alerted after getting specific inputs regarding smuggling of precious stones. When searched nearby

areas along the road and a small transparent coloured polybag was recovered but no one accepted the ownership of the polybag, it said. The recovered stones were handed over to the Customs Department, Moreh for further verification.

AR organises quiz competition

IT News Imphal, Oct. 2: 12 BIHAR of 9 Sector Assam Rifle under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a quiz competition for students of Pole Star Public School, Patsoi-III on Sep 30. A total of 30 Students participated and around 100 students

witnessed the event. The competition was organised with the aim of promoting general awareness and inculcating reading habits in the students. The students participated in the event with great zeal and enthusiasm. The winners were distributed prizes jointly by OC

Patsoi Post and Mr K B Singh, Principal of Pole Star Public School, Patsoi-III. The Principal and staff of Pole Star Public School gave their vote of thanks and expressed their gratitude towards the Army/ Assam Rifles. The event was well received and appreciated by everyone.

AR saves snake bite victims

IT News Imphal, Oct. 2: The medical team of 12 BIHAR Battalion of HQ 9 Sector AR under the aegis of the HQ IGAR (South) saved lives of two snake bite victim on October 1. The victims named Seitabati Devi, aged 58 years, Village - Utlau, Mayai

Leikai, Bishenpur and Maniha, aged 56 years, Village - Maitram, Imphal West were bitten by snakes and were brought to the medical room, 12 BIHAR in a critical condition. The victims were readily attended by the medical team and necessary first aid and anti snake venom

injections were administered, thus saving the lives of both the individuals. It was appreciated by the family members of the individuals and the village heads. The endeavour of army is to enhance the image of the Army and increase civil military bonding.