

Editorial Confession

For years, I have been utilising all my wisdom for empowerment of women; to fight crime against women and children and also to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between various communities of our society so that we prosper live in harmony.

I also understand that, law does not empower us anything except writing on the issues and utilise our wisdom to motivate other - on how everything could have been okay if we live together without any misunderstanding.

The smallest unit of a society is family, as per my perception, a group of family than make a locality and many such localities under same roof form a society. This is being brought up as it is important to remind everyone that a peaceful society should have its root from a family. Chaos out of misunderstanding among the members; jealousy for on seeing what one among the family felt is the root of conflict in the family.

If such a misunderstanding takes place in a family of a person who had always been working for the society, then I felt myself better surrender to what I had tried for the society as I am in not the position to even control and create a harmonious atmosphere in my family.

Yes, family is where we were being motivated to do what or what not to do. My ancestors right from my father were all discipline and were excellent in keeping the family under their control. Discipline was what seems to be taught to them and they did what they were supposed to do.

My generation appeared as an insult to my ancestor. I am now left helpless to control my wife. I was never successful in keeping my family peaceful. And most frustrated part is that among the two sisters whom I was left as the only person to look after them, I can't make her stay at the house that our father had built for us.

This is an editorial column of our newspaper and I took permission to write my side of the story as I felt every wives, sisters, husband or their in laws needs to understand.

I confess because my main motto to serve the people by writing stories on how to bridge the communication gap appear as just another mockery as I cannot even control my family.

To me, there is nothing wrong in blaming me. But I would certainly blame the state Education department which had almost put Moral Science as a negligible subject.

Yesterday, I was thinking of suggesting the Chief Minister to deal two important issue -ILP and ST demand for meitei / meetei as giving priority to any of the two issues or even taking both as one have the potential of sparking another mass protest. We have seen it and if this issues are not tackle with extreme care Manipur might be in flame again.

But, as my family in flame now, I think better I skip suggesting such a big issue. Someone, particularly the Chief Minister knows much better than an editor of a small newspaper like me as Mr. CM is surrounded with well train salaried people.

I now give up writing for the society but will keep writing about my family and other family alike with due permission from my team.

Because, I sometime feel as editorial we certainly do find way to motivate family to live peacefully, so that their father, mother, grandmother live a happy life before departing for heavenly abode.

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The Quit India Movement in Andhra and Telangana

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Quit India Movement or the August Movement was launched by Mahatma Gandhi on August 8, 1942 to gain independence from British rule. Gandhiji gave call to the British to withdraw from India. He decided to launch a mass civil disobedience movement 'Do or Die' call to force the British to leave India. The Cripps Mission and its failure also played an important role in Gandhi's call for the Quit India Movement. The British government on 22nd March 1942, sent Sir Stafford Cripps to negotiate terms with the Indian political parties and secure their support in Britain's war efforts. A Draft Declaration included terms like establishment of Dominion, establishment of a Constituent Assembly and right of the Provinces to make separate constitutions. These would be granted after the cessation of the Second World War. According to the Congress, this Declaration only offered India a promise that was to be fulfilled in the future. Commenting on this Gandhi said; "It is a postdated cheque on a crashing bank." After the rejection of the Cripps proposals the Indian National Congress launched the Quit India Movement.

The Quit India Movement in Andhra

Quit India Movement spread to all the states and provinces across the country. In Andhra the Provincial Congress Committee had issued a circular popularly known as the 'Kurnool Circular' as the police ceased the copy when they ride 'Kurnool Congress Office. This was drafted by Kala Venkat Rao, on 29th July 1942 and was sent for the approval of the Congress Working Committee through Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramaiah, a member of the working committee. The 'Kurnool Circular' envisaged a programme of defying prohibitory orders, lawyers to give up practice, students to leave colleges, picketing salt and foreign trade and industry, cutting of communications, cutting of toddy yielding trees, travelling without tickets, pulling chains to stop trains and blow up bridges to

disrupt communications and retard the movement of Army personnel: the cutting of telegraph and telephone wires, non-payment of taxes excepting municipal taxes, and hoisting of national flags on all Government buildings as a sign of independence. 'Kurnool Circular' intended to paralyze all means of communications and machinery of administration. Some of the prominent leaders who were taken as detenus during this period in Andhra were Pattabhi Sitaramaiah, A. Kaleshwar Rao, T. Prakasham, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, Maganti Bapineedu and several others.

On the 12th August 1942, the town of Tenali observed a complete Hartal as a protest against the arrest of the Congress leaders. The crowd tried to set fire to the Railway Station. They also destroyed the books, records and currency in the Booking Office while the staff in charge of the office fled. There upon, the police opened fire and in this firing three people were killed, namely Bhaskaruni Lakshminarayana, Majeti Subbarao and Sripathi Panditaradhya Srigriri Rao. On 12th August 1942, a procession of 500 students marched to the Court of the Sub-Magistrate in Chirala and asked him to close the court. After causing damage to the building the crowd raided the offices of the Sub-Registrar and the sales tax officer and then stoned the police station. They dispersed only after the arrival of the police and the civic guards.

On 13th August, a crowd of 2,000, consisting mostly of students, gathered in front of the Hindu College, Guntur. The police opened fire as a result of which several were wounded and two persons died instantaneously. On the night of 12th August 1942, an attempt was made to cut the telephone wires between Dowleswaram and Rajahmundry by Bommakanti Venkata Subramanyam, Chekuri Venka Raghava Swamy (Student), Chekuri Venkata Rayudu, G. Sathi Raju, K. Rama Krishna Rao, T.V. Venkanna, V. Seetharaman and K.V. Seetharama Sastry of Rajahmundry. All of them were arrested and were

awarded eighteen months rigorous imprisonment each.

On 12th August 1942, telephone wires were cut by organizers between Palacole, Lankalacoderu, Bhimavaram and Vendra. On 12th and 13th August they took out processions in the streets of Nellore town and damaged electric lights on the streets and destroyed telephones and signal equipment in the railway station. At Kavali the Head Master's room of the local Board High School was set on fire. In Venkatagiri Raja College, Nellore, the Principle hoisted the national flag. The struggle was at its height in August and the first half of September with the mantra "Do or Die", given to them by Gandhiji. They continued the struggle till 1943.

The Quit India Movement in Telangana

The Quit India Movement had its repercussions in the Hyderabad State. Swamy Ramanand Tirtha met Mahatma Gandhi at Bombay session of the All India Congress Committee and obtained permission to conduct the Quit India Movement in Hyderabad State. Not only State Congress but various Praja Mandals in the State participated in the Quit India Struggle. Swamy Ramanand Tirtha left Bombay via Sholapur for Hyderabad and anticipating that he might be arrested, sent a letter to Dr. Melkote envisaging the demands of the Hyderabad State Congress so that it could be signed and sent to the Nizam. He was arrested as soon as he got down at the Nampally station. Dr. G.S. Melkote duly signed the letter on behalf of the State Congress the release of all political prisoners. Some reactionary elements in Hyderabad tried to take advantage of the slogan "Quit India" saying that the British withdrawal from India would automatically mean the Independence of Hyderabad and raised the slogan, "Azad Hyderabad".

During the Quit India Satyagraha in Hyderabad several leaders like Pandit Narendriji, Harishchandra Heda, Gyankumari Heda, Vimalabai Melkote, G.S. Melkote, Jethandra Rashtravadi, Padmaja Naidu, Smt.

and Sriti Ramaswamy, B.Ramakrishna Rao, G. Ramachari, Gangadhar Krishna, Ganpat Rao, Krishna Dube (Kothagudem Trade Union leader of Singareni Collieries), L. Narayana, Rajeshwar Rao, Somyajulu, D. Narasaiah, Komaragiri Narayana Rao, M.S. Rajalingam, Sridhar Rao Kulkarni, Kodati Narayan Rao, Vande Mataram Ramchandra Rao, Prem Raj Yadav and Mallayya Yadav, Kaloji Narayana Rao got arrested. Apart from the Satyagrahis in the city several volunteers participated in the Satyagraha movement from Osmanabad, Parbhani, Aurangabad, Nanded, Umri, not only on behalf of the State Congress but also on behalf of the Maharashtra Parishad and the Karnataka Conference. Govind das Shroff, the Secretary of the Maharashtra Parishad was placed under detention in Aurangabad. Padmaja Naidu was arrested for placing the Congress flag on the Residency building.

Before the Quit India movement was launched in Hyderabad, several nationalist leaders like Kasinath Rao Vaidya, Hassan Thirumji, Vinayak Rao Vidyalankar, Ravi Narayana Reddy, Fataullah Khan, Nanardhan Rao Desai, Hanumanth Rao, appealed to the Nizam to form a Ministry consisting of duly elected ministers. Seeing the demand for the restoration of civil liberties and Responsible Government growing day by day, the Nizam's Government engaged the services of Prof. Rushbrook Williams, who was an employee of the B.B.C., on an honorarium of 200 pounds per annum to carry on propaganda on behalf of the Nizam's Government by writing articles in different newspapers and journals saying that the people in the Indian States, particularly in Hyderabad enjoyed political rights to the same extent as the people in the neighboring Indian provinces. During the 1942 movement two Hyderabadis, Abid Hasan Safrani and Prof Suresh Chandra joined the Indian National Army (INA) of Subhash Chandra Bose.

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National and International News

CRPF VIP security cover for 6, including Manipur V-C

New Delhi, Aug. 3: The ministry of home affairs has asked Central Reserve Police Force to provide VIP security cover to BJP MLA from Meerapur constituency in Uttar Pradesh - Avtar Singh Bhadana, Vice Chancellor of Manipur University and an RSS office bearer from Kerala. Official sources said that former Congress MP from Faridabad - Bhadana, has threat from unknown groups and will have Y category security cover of CRPF whenever he is in Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan. Under the Y category, around 11

CRPF armed men will be guarding him round the clock out of which two will always remain in his close proximity. The Intelligence Bureau has assessed that there is a threat to Bhadana's life from unknown group. When he was the Lok Sabha MP from Congress, he was accorded higher Z category security cover by then UPA government. Other person to be accorded Y Category VIP cover is Aadya Prasad Pandey, the Vice Chancellor of Manipur University, which faced massive agitation last year. Pandey, sources say, has been given the Y category CRPF security

cover as there is threat to his life from north east based insurgent groups. He was a professor at Banaras Hindu University before his appointment as VC of Manipur University last year. The MHA has also provided lower 'X' category CRPF security cover, which includes two guards, to Sasidharan V, Vibhag Karyavahak of Rashtriya Swayamsenk Sangh (RSS) in Kannur, Kerala. Several RSS activists have faced attacks from CPM members in last few months and IB assessment for Sasidharan suggested that may be attacked. Subsequently, CRPF has taken over the security of family of Irom Roger, who was shot dead by Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh's son Ajay Meitei in 2001. Those provided 'Y' category

security cover include Irom Chitra Devi, her husband Irom Lokendra Singh and social activist Binalexai Nepram, who had taken up their cause. The Supreme Court had last month directed the CRPF to provide the security to the family and the social activist. The VIP security cover by central paramilitary forces including CRPF, CISF and NSG has them overstretched as they are already involved in several duties related to anti-terrorism operations, anti-naxal operations, law and order duty, security of vital installations, airports, metro and others. Presently, close to 450 persons are provided VIP security cover by various forces, leading to an expenditure of around Rs 380 crore on the job. CRPF alone protects over 65 persons all over India.

China extends technical hold on Azhar's terror listing at UN

United Nations, Aug 3: China has again extended by three months its technical hold on the US, France and UK- backed proposal to list JeM chief and Pathankot terror attack mastermind Masood Azhar as a designated terrorist by the UN. China had in February this year blocked the US move to designate Azhar as a global terrorist at UN. The deadline for China to take action on its technical hold was till August 2.

If China would not have extended the technical hold, Azhar would have automatically been designated under the UN as a terrorist. Sources told PTI here that just before the deadline lapsed, China once again sought a three-month extension until November 2 on its technical hold on the proposal. A veto-wielding permanent member of the Security Council, Beijing has repeatedly blocked India's move to put a ban on the Jaish-e-Mohammed leader under the Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the Council. Last year in March, China was the sole member in the 15- nation UN organ to put a hold on India's application with all other 14 members of the Council supporting New Delhi's bid to place Azhar on the 1267 sanctions list that would subject him to an assets freeze and travel ban.

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2 Army men killed in militant attack in Kashmir

Srinagar, Aug 3: Two Army men, including a major, were killed and another jawan was injured when militants opened fire on a search party of security forces in Shopian district of south Kashmir, police said today. A cordon and search operation was launched by Army in Zaipora area of Shopian during the night following intelligence inputs about the presence of militants there, a police

official said. He said during the search operation, the militants fired upon the party in which three army personnel were injured. The injured were taken to Army's 92 base hospital here, where two of them, including a major, succumbed, the official said, adding that the other jawan is undergoing treatment. The search operation at Zaipora is on, the official said.