

## Poetry Section

### When I'm sick

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Sick! Knows no limits; it's harsh,  
It's cruel and ruthless and sickening;  
Sick embarrasses me happily, awfully!  
I feels 'sick', when all I feel sick inside;  
I carry him, as I long as I walk, go and stand,  
He clinches too strong; concealing all my motives;  
Don't want to have him; still he makes his room,  
He's too shameless, bold he comes, with no permission;  
He knocks me not; he stands still forwarding,  
I know; and when I know he is slowly trying  
And steadily holding me as one; ruthlessly  
One of headache, one of fever, one of cold  
It's paining; when he embraces me all awhile.

When I'm sick, I feel completely perplex;  
When I'm sick, I feel totally exerting and utilizing;  
Feeling struggling, I employ much of exercises,  
Leave me alone! He never leaves incomplete;  
Sick! As do I sick, I work much harder enrolling;  
I carry along with 'sick'; never did I try to set lying;  
Alas! I dare waking myself alive, fresh and settle,  
How innocently he controls me, taunting more;  
I hate myself being with him carrying and shadowing around;  
Go away! I do shout, he's so dumb and he's muted;  
I do serve faithfully; sick as hell, he makes his room;  
Empty as I could; my stomach aches, thinner as I stay struggling;  
It's paining; when he embraces me all awhile.

One o'clock, two o'clock, and six o'clock it struck;  
Heavier and weaker as I walk, strolling by the bed;  
I tried never to glimpse lying on the bed,  
Holding! And holding stronger, as I serve others  
I feel dizzy, I feel sickening, and still I'm awake working homely;  
Help me; help me; when I'm sick, no one's around,  
And steadily holding me as one; ruthlessly and scaring,  
One of headache, one of fever, one of cold, weakening alive;  
Oh Dear! Is that the way, I should have neglecting him;  
I don't want sharing; take away from me;  
He Mind me better, when I'm weaker;  
He leaves me with no choice, battling within  
It's paining; when he embraces me all awhile.

When I'm sick, I stay aloof away, boring;  
When I'm sick, I tremble rapidly feebly;  
When I'm sick, my inner voice lowers missing;  
Holding me tight as though I may leave him unattended;  
Sick! He isn't a gift, he isn't a reward,  
Mind not the others! When he's with others;  
Something strange; when I dump him medicating,  
Lighter I feel when I don't carry 'him' around shouldering;  
When I'm sick, I see those beauties lies within  
Give more; take these; eat these; throw away nothing;  
I wonder how pathetic he is.

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## More State News

### Manipur University Teachers' Association annual function held

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Manipur University Teachers' Association held its Annual Felicitation Function at the MUTA Hall, Manipur University on Saturday. On this occasion, MUTA felicitated the faculty members who are retired from service in Manipur University during the 2017 -18. Introduction of new MUTA officer bearers and handing over of the charge to the newly elected MUTA Executive body was also held in today's function.

Addressing on the occasion as Chief Guest, Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University said the university is known for its teachers and students. "Teachers never really retire. Their teachings will forever be treasured, their contribution in the lives of others and commitment towards education can never be measured or compared with," said Prof. Pandey while asserting that when teachers grow old, they grow with maturity. He further appealed to all teachers to engage with more research works as well in addition to their primary



task of teaching. Professor appreciated the teachers who are doing excellent research in academics and developmental works for the university. In conclusion, Vice-Chancellor urged the teachers for their support and cooperation for a collective growth of the university in the field of 'academic excellence' and development of the university in the national and international arena. All the retired teachers shared their past experiences and academic achievements they attained during

their tenures as teacher. MUTA felicitated all the retired teachers of Manipur University at today's function.

One of the retired professors, Prof. Dhaneshwor Singh of Chemistry department shared his experience and good times he had in Manipur University. Prof. Ibotombi, Prof. Asha Gupta and Prof. Madhubala also recalled their personal experiences during their service in the university.

Names and designation of the new office bearers of MUTA were also announced.

### Sericulture (Queen of Fabrics) now catering for domestic consumption needs only

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The present status of the Sericulture Industry of Manipur is mostly focussed on sufficing the domestic consumption of the State with the raw silk production during the past one and a half decade giving remuneration of Rs.1,50,000 to Rs.2,50,000 per annum with one acre systematic plantation and proper mulberry rearing, stated S Kunjakishore, Sericulture Director, Manipur.

A strong movement towards Sericulture started in 1997-98 with the birth of the JICA project under funding of the Japanese Government with an estimated Rs.134.5 crores budget, he stated. The Manipur Sericulture Project(MSP) Phase 1 was implemented till 2008 after which the project was unfortunately stopped due to the deteriorating law and order situation of the State, he explained.

"Mulberry silkworm rearing and reeling was confined to Khurkhu, Leimaram, Pheiyang and Thongjao. One Project Management Complex was established under the Manipur

Sericulture Project, Phase-1 in 2005-06 at Wangkhei Panchim, Sangaipat Imphal East in an area of 23 acres of land with an outlay of Rs.12.64 cr", he stated.

Briefing media persons during the conference, S Kunjakishore said that the total productive hectare covered by the silkworm food plants has been in increasing trend with 7,548 for mulberry, 14,381 for Eri, 8,135 for Oak Tasar and 1,546 for muga by the end of 2016.

Special Plan Assistance(SPA) with an outlay of Rs.75 cr in both mulberry and eri sector, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY), Integrated Sericulture Development Projects for valley as well as hill districts, Human Resources Development Programme(BEP) & DBT and catalytic development Programme(CDP) have been implemented so far for strengthening Sericulture infrastructure in seed production and extension of works, skill development and extension of technology from lab to field level, he stated.

S Kunjakishore also informed that

the sector wise employment provided by Sericulture industry as on January 2018 by muga, eri, oak tasar and mulberry sectors to sericulture farmers are 22,222(SC), 13,551(ST) and 2,182(others); to family engaged is 9,042 and to seri villagers is 981.

Upgradation of regional silk institutes, introduction of Integrated bi-voltine Sericulture Project in Tripura Model, one IBSDP in mulberry with financial assistance from the Ministry of Textiles under NERTPS scheme and composite "Soil to Silk Project" are in the pipeline, he said.

District Sericulture Officer, Imphal West, S Birendra Singh said that there are 6 common races of silkworms - 3 each in Japanese(j001,j003,j101) and Chinese(c002,c004,c102) in the State.

Deputy Director, Sericulture, Manipur, Shri Ch Harendrakumar Singh also spoke on the various projects, schemes and training related to Sericulture Industry in Manipur.

IPR Director Shri H Balkrishna Singh moderated the conference.

### Abide the teachings of the teachers to become a better human: Th. Radheshyam

DIPR  
Imphal, May 6,

Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam said that a school has two parts like the humans having a body and a mind. He said the body acts as a hardware and mind as software, and as we grew old our body may get unattractive, but our minds become more beautiful.

Similarly, in an educational institute, the infrastructure acts as the hardware and the young students and teachers as the software. Therefore, it is very important that the students take up the teaching of the teachers who guides and mentor them, to become a better human. The Minister was speaking as Chief Guest at the Farewell Cum Graduation Day - 2018 ceremony of Don Bosco College, Maram.

Citing the hard-work and service of personalities like Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela, the Education Minister appealed to the young

students to be hard-working, for success comes to those who struggle, sacrifice and serve the needy.

Th. Radheshyam said that the North Eastern states of the country has been lacking behind despite of all the talents the region has, and the progress of the region now lies in the hands of the young people. He urged the students to become the solution provider with their abilities and talent that they have been nourishing with the education they have receiving since the day they took their first step.

The ex Minister Francis Ngajokpa said that everyone in this world comes alone and will die alone. The knowledge of light that one receives should be taken along the path of their life for the betterment and well being of the society.

The two students of the college who hold positions in the recently declared Higher Secondary Examination, 2018 conducted by the

Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur were also felicitated.

The Farewell Cum Graduation Day - 2018 was attended by Senapati District Commissioner, Athem Muivah, concern officials, Principal of the College, teachers, staffs, students and parents.

### AR distributes solar lights

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As an initiative of spreading light and a step towards clean energy 100 Solar Lights were distributed to the locals of T Mongbung village, Kangpokpi District by 6 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) on 04 May 2018. A lecture on Health Awareness was also carried out for the villagers by the Regimental Medical Officer.

## Natl. & Intl News

### 5 militants killed in Shopian encounter

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Five unidentified militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir today, police said.

Top Hizbul Mujahideen commander Saddam Padder is also believed to be among the slain militants but police officials said it can only be confirmed after ascertaining the identity of the slain ultras.

Encounter concluded at Badigam Zainpora Shopian, 5 bodies of terrorists recovered. Well done boys - Army/CRPF/J&K Police," DGP S P Vaid tweeted.

A police official said the identity and the group affiliation of the slain militants is being ascertained.

The encounter broke out after security forces launched cordon and search operation in Badigam village in Zainpora area of the south Kashmir district following specific information about the presence of militants in the area.

A Kashmir University assistant professor, who went missing on Friday, is believed to be among the slain militants.

Mohammad Rafi Bhat, a contractual assistant professor in the Sociology department of the university, went missing on Friday. Bhat, a resident of Chundina area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, was to join militant ranks and reportedly is among the militants who were trapped in Badigam.

Reportedly, Bhat is among the militants trapped there, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, S P Pani said.

He said the police brought his family from Ganderbal to persuade him to surrender.

After receiving the input about his presence there, we brought his family from Ganderbal to persuade him to surrender, but so far, repeated attempts have not materialized, Pani had said earlier in the day.

Bhat's family informed the university authorities about his disappearance yesterday.

Protests had rocked the university yesterday over his disappearance, following which the university's vice chancellor met the protesting students and assured them that all efforts would be made to trace the missing professor.

The vice-chancellor had also written to the Director General of Police, requesting him that all efforts be made to trace Bhat's whereabouts.

### Assam Rifles conducts tree plantation drive

IT News  
Imphal, May 6,

15 Assam Rifles of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a tree plantation drive. The drive elicited participation from NCC cadets and students of LeishambaMaheikol English Medium School, Chingarel. Approximately 190 saplings were planted at Chingarel village, Imphal East District on 04 May 2018. The youth promised to work to create awareness in local populace about importance of saving earth and spreading greenery. The local populace thanked Assam Rifles for their initiative towards this noble cause.