

Editorial

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Why should media be dictated on what or what not to publish ?

The advancement in information technology has made today's world a 'Global village' - the term first coined by Canadian-born author Marshall McLuhan. Man born at the extreme corner of Far East Asiatic countries knows, cry and pray for the kind of disasters that happen in Middle East countries or in Latin America. Installation of internet technologies to cell phones which every human being can afford makes the people of our Earth- whose circumference is estimated at about 40,075 Kilometer staying at a communicable distance. Now every human being equipped with cell phone can now talk or stay in touch with any of their friends or relatives staying thousand miles away. Point bringing here is about the changes in the theory of mass media in relevance to today's journalism. The very concept at which the older generation considered 'proximity' as a characteristic of news is somewhat losing its foot.

Professor M.L Stein, the then chairman of Department of Journalism, California State University, Long Beach, California in his book "Shaping the News" in 1974 wrote that people are more interested in what happens in their neighbours. The one time presumption that 'a dog fight on Main Street is of more interest to our readers than fifty thousand foreign troops killed in battle somewhere' seems to have no relevance in today's society. Readers are now interested about happenings at distance places if the subject matters is his or her interest.

However, another characteristic of news - 'Prominence' on the hand is becoming a matter of more interested subjects for almost all readers. People now want to know what had happen to their leaders, celebrity or the bureaucrats irrespective of where they stay or which country they reside. Every news readers are eager to know the story of successful personality. Points bringing up here are not to lecture on what is news and what should be reported but this is an attempt to make some of our critic to understand on why the newspaper especially the kind of ours often published story about real heroes or events that happen far away from our state. Sometimes a mere insignificant event at which some people are of vested interest are often left of and the result is not always good for we in the media fraternity of Manipur state in particular. The other kind of pressure that the media persons sometimes remain helpless is their intentions to get publish their story.

Manipur or say Imphal is not a safe place for even VIPs who are escorted by security personnel days and night. It is an open secret that almost all the politicians including MLAs or Ministers or even the Chief Ministers have linked with the UGs, the only thing we don't have is the proof.

So, what would be the security of those working with the media if in case, some of the individuals or rebels force us to publish stories of their interest. Being taken up this profession, we always stand with our ethics and there is no question of compromising ethics while publishing stories. But when the government said that this should not be published and this should be published then where is the freedom of speech provided under the constitution of our country. Government machineries can invite news editors and can discuss about the content on objectivity reason but dictate the media. Calls of bandh or blockade by any organisation are in some way an essential news items for media houses living in conflict zone - because it is for the safety and security of the common people that the government machineries cannot guarantee their safety. We have PCI guidelines, local code of conduct and this should be respected.

Bottom line is that media should not be harassed at any cost for any reason because we chose this profession not merely to earn for living but with full intention to serve our nation.

Manipur Education Policy, (A draft framework proposal)

Contd. from yesterday

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3. Elementary (Upper Primary) :- The Children who have been brought up in the well planned lower primary stage are to be exposed to a further advanced stage to achieve the 7(seven) objectives indicated in the introduction in this upper primary stage. The curriculum design of the upper primary stage be designed to include these seven objectives. The internationally accepted subject areas for the upper primary stage are:- 1. Mother tongue 2. English Language (with special emphasis on speaking and listening) 3. Mathematics (basics) 4. Science (basics) 5. Social Sciences (basic related with environment and surroundings) 6. Drawing 7. Music 8. Games and sports (simple games and indigenous plays) and 9. Moral Education (based on traditional fables and stories). This will lead a child to a future citizen endowed with truth, wisdom and courage who can meet the challenges and the task of the

nation before them. While framing the curriculum and syllabus for the subjects mentioned above, special care should be taken in incorporating the following values such as, 1). Human value, 2) truthfulness, 3) Sense of helping hand, 4. Sense of patriotism, 5. Sense of team work, 6. Respect to superiors and teachers and 7. Dignity of labour. Organizing Annual Sports Meet, Cultural Meets and Debating and co curricular programmes in the schools, block level, District level and State Level be encouraged and the credits obtained in such meets be reflected in the students report cards. The primary objectives of the upper primary stage are to build the character of the student and exposure to the surroundings in which the student lie in. Plenty introductory materials of the history of Manipuri, economy of Manipur be included in the curriculum and syllabus of Social Sciences. In the Science subject, basic information on Computer and I.T. and the modern household electronic gadgets and equipments of daily use be introduced to the students to understand the modern lifestyle.

In the history and geography of Manipur and the neighboring countries.

4. Secondary Educations:- In the secondary education the students will be introduced to the essential background of all the important fields in order to enable to choose a suitable field of studies in the higher secondary stage which will make them a profession for themselves and the nation. Here in this stage, in addition to the main scholastic subjects such as Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, the subjects like pre-vocational education, art education, sports education will be introduced in an advanced studies. Moreover, non-scholastic areas of life related activities such as discipline, self help, team work, sense of dutifulness, punctuality and dignity of labour be strictly evaluated. To meet the requirement of the eventuality of the Look East Policy and its follow up actions, our students should be equipped with the knowledge of foreign trade, Information Technology, biotechnology, microbiology, tourism and foreign

languages specially the language of the neighbouring countries. It is evident that the culture and sports of Manipur are the areas which makes Manipur second to non in India and famed in the international level. However, we cannot give the credit to our education system for, these two areas are hardly covered in our school curriculum and syllabus. To make the state more advanced in the field of sports and art and culture, various items of sports and art and culture be included in the school curriculum as credit course. For the first time, our students should carry with them the marks scored in their respective field of studies in sports or art and culture in their school leaving certificates. Manipuri script (Meitei Mayek) have been introduced phase by phase in the elementary classes and next year it will reach the secondary stage. To enable our students to read the vast treasure of PUJA, a Classical Manipuri be introduced at secondary stage for those who would like to read the PUJA and translate to modern language.

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National & International News

Army successfully test-fires supersonic Brahmos cruise missile

PTI **Rajasthan, Nov. 7:** Army on Saturday successfully test fired the nearly 300-km-range Brahmos supersonic land attack cruise missile in Pokhran. "At 1000 hrs today, the Indian Army fired Brahmos land-attack cruise missile successfully against a designated target at Pokhran test range in Rajasthan, demonstrating the weapon's supreme operational capability," defence officials said.

The missile was test launched by a Mobile Autonomous Launcher (MAL) deployed in full configuration. The test-fire, carried out in the user-deployment configuration by trained army personnel, met all the mission objectives, they said.

"BRAHMOS missile system, the most lethal and potent weapon system for precision strike available with Indian Army, has proved again its effectiveness in today's

successful launch," said Sudhir Mihra, Chief of BrahMos Aerospace. The Army has already inducted three regiments of Brahmos in its arsenal. All are equipped with Block-III version of missile, which was tested on 8 and 9 May this year. The land-attack version of Brahmos has been operationalised in the

Army since 2007. The fire-and-forget Missile has the capability to take on surface-based targets by flying a combined high-low trajectory, thus evading enemy air defence systems. Inclusion of the powerful weapon system in Indian Army has given it a distinct operational advantage to knock down any enemy

target even in the most difficult and hidden terrains, the officials said. The missile, having a range of 290-km and a Mach 2.8 speed, is capable of being launched from land, sea, sub-sea and air against sea and land targets. BrahMos is a joint venture between DRDO of India and NPOM of Russia.

Mobile internet services blocked for PM Narendra Modi's Kashmir visit

PTI **Srinagar, Nov. 7:** Mobile internet services in Kashmir Valley were blocked this morning as a precautionary measure in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally here. "Mobile internet services have been temporarily discontinued in the Valley in the wake of the PM's visit," officials said. They said it was a precautionary measure in view of the high profile

visit. The officials said all service providers had been directed to disconnect the mobile internet services from 10 AM till the Prime Minister leaves the Valley. However, broadband services on BSNL were working. Modi is scheduled to address a public rally at Sher-e Kashmir Cricket Stadium at Sonawar here. The Prime Minister, after addressing the rally, is scheduled

to inaugurate 450 megawatt Baglihar Phase II power project in Ramban district on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. He is also scheduled to lay the foundation stone of four-laning of Udhampur-Ramban stretch of the National Highway. The project, once completed, will reduce the travelling time between Srinagar and Jammu - the twin capitals of the state - by nearly two hours.

Wanted Sub-Editor

Imphal Times is looking for an experience sub editor with excellent writing skill in English who can read Bengali written script. Working hour is 12 noon till 3 pm. Honorarium is Rs. 3000 p/m. Preference will be given to candidate who had already work in English daily as desk editor. Age no bar, and Imphal Times have no problem with those candidates working in other newspaper at night shift.

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India calls for more consultations between UNSC and member states

PTI **United Nation, Nov. 7:** India has called for more consultations between the UN Security Council and member states on special political missions to ensure transparency in the policy formulation of these missions and to minimise the disconnect between their mandates and political reality. "We would urge for more consultations by the UN Security Council on issues related to Special Political Missions (SPM). There should be free flow of communication between the Security Council, General Assembly and the Secretariat regarding the SPMs," visiting MP Rattan Lal Kataria said at a debate on the Special Political Missions here yesterday. He said such communications should not be routine in nature, but should involve the Member States in a substantial manner. "We have noticed that the policy formulation for SPMs is a rather opaque process which lacks transparency," he said. He stressed the importance of

having clear-cut mandates for SPMs, saying that there is blurring of mandate and disconnect between the mandate and the political situation of a particular region where SPMs are proposed to be sent. "We would expect more consultation with member states for policy formulation related to SPMs so that chances of disconnect of the mandate of SPMs with the political reality is minimized," he added. According to the report of the Secretary General, there are 38 SPMs operational as on September 30, 2015. He said the large spectrum of issues covered by these SPMs need to be matched by appropriate accountability of the SPMs and transparency in the appointment of its personnel. He cited the example of the appointment of experts of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, in which while five expert's positions seem to be reserved for the permanent members, there are three experts from the general membership.

MSPDCL POWER DRIVE -

A team of Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL) during one of its drives conducted on 4th November caught the following defaulter power consumers for meter tapping/unauthorised connection from various locations.

- IED-II Defaulters from Thangmeiband Lourungpore Leikai**
1. Bidasagar for unauthorised connection
Penalty: Rs. 30000/-
 2. Kh. Manao Singh for tapping before meter
Penalty: Rs 4000/-
- Defaulters from Bishnupur Division**
1. Mayanglabam Narsing of Bishnupur Ward no.9
Penalty: Rs. 3000/-
 2. Khangemban Nimai Singh of Bishnupur Ward no. 11
Penalty: Rs. 2000/-
 3. Khangemban Mema Devi of Bishnupur Ward no.11
Penalty: Rs. 1000/-
 4. Oinam Tiken Singh of Bishnupur Ward no. 11
Penalty: Rs. 1000/-
- Defaulters from Llong Sub-Division**
1. Md. Zameruddin of Usoipokpi
Consumer no: 630660
Meter no: 147400
Penalty: One year power supply will not be given
Md. Haider Ali of Usoipokpi
Consumer no: 631093
Meter No: 140345
Penalty: One year power supply will not be given
Md. Sahidur Rahman of Yangbi Leikai
Consumer no: 630073
Meter No: 147887
Penalty: Rs 5000/- paid at the spot.
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