

## Editorial

Imphal, Monday, November 9, 2015

### Pardon me Mr. CM, but it is right time to voice against AFSPA

Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh had agreed that AFSPA is inhuman act. May be it was his inability to repeal the act as there were possibilities of affecting the Congress party performance in the election over his silence to Irom Sharmila's protest. He might have strong and valid reason to remain silent. So as the Okram Ibobi led government in the state of Manipur have reason to dance in the tune of the central leadership. But now Congress is minority in the center. MPCC president Gaikhangam and Chief Minister Okram Ibobi should not let away the opportunity to win the heart of many Indians without hurting the sentiments of its party's national leadership. The release of Sharmila by a court of the country should be effectively used as everyone understood that repeal of an act is the business of the Parliament and not the state legislative assembly.

It is right time that the government of Manipur question on why is the armed forces special powers act only in North eastern part of India and the state of Jammu and Kashmir? Bad or good, if it is felt necessary to implement the act, which the people often criticized as "draconian", it should be enforced in the whole of the nation. Why is the act required only in the North Eastern part of the country and in Jammu and Kashmir and not in any other part of the country? Is it because the people of this region are second class citizens? If the intention for enforcement of the Act is for maintenance of the law and order situations, why is the act not enforce in states like, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh where the problems of naxalites and armed Maoist insurgents are going out of control.

Irom Chanu Sharmila has been demanding the complete and total repeal of the draconian act by undergoing a fast unto death protest for more than 13 years. The lady, who began her protest at her late 20s is now 42 and she is still continuing her protest without politicizing the issue.

The issue of Irom Chanu Sharmila has never been a matter of concern or consideration the parliamentarians and other think tank who had been elected on the faith that they will be representing the aspirations of the common people.

The government should now be very tactful in playing with the sentiments of the people. Detention - either it may to save her or to force her for stopping the protest is not going to help. Act press the central government, let the three MPs from the state show some performances. For, it will bring them fame and honour.

## Manipur Education Policy, (A draft framework proposal)

Contd. from yesterday  
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It is no wonder the very few students come for admission to some of the subjects which are out dated and have no place in the society. It is no wonder the very few students come for admission to some of the subjects like the M.A. Mathematics and philosophy because of the unpopularity of the subject and its lack of applicability in the society. The traditional colonial system of education makes a man either to become a teacher or a clerk. But both the teaching profession and the clerical job are limited and has its own time limit. This is why there is unexpectedly educated unemployed youths in today society. Here, university and higher education will enable to switch over from the traditional path to more meaningful future course of life to the people. It is suggested that more emphasis is to be given in opening the subject areas in which there is greater demand for job and further studies. Our youths are endowed with the potential in Art and culture, sports and information technology. Manipur has successfully sustained in its entertainment industry by digitalizing the film industry. Unfortunately, there is no place in the university and higher education in this field. If introduced, Manipur will be another Bollywood for digital world as rightly reported in the Times of India sometimes back. The role to be played in guiding the people in the wake of the Look East Policy of the Government of India is solely

in the purview of the university and higher education in Manipur. In this regard, the new policy of education should propose for establishment of a Department of South East Asian Studies in the university level. All the research papers/thesis submitted in the Manipur University be published by the Government for consulting a knowledge bank and should be opened to the general public and students for future reference.

8. Teaching of English as foreign Language: In this age of globalization and liberalization, every nation is looking towards teaching of English Language as foreign language. The European countries and countries like Japan and China have recently realized the need for teaching English as a foreign language. Too much dependence on native language slow down the progress of global partnership and participation. India's role in supplying largest human resource in the field of information technology to the foreign countries are mainly due to its education in English medium. Thus, the countries which were too much depended on mother tongue education has now though English has been taught right from the pre school up to the university level, most of our student cannot communicate in English fluently. In one sense, they cannot communicate in native standard. It is generally accepted that a foreign language can be mastered in 2/3 years. Thus it is clear that the teaching of English language in Manipur is not as a foreign language but as a subject. Moreover, the teaching is based on textual, grammar and translation

method leaving the speaking and listening part. Learning of a foreign language without capability of speaking is useless. The internationally accepted level of understanding a foreign language is native standard. To achieve the native standard, teaching of English should be based on linguistic point of view and should be stressed on speaking and listening. The Board of Secondary Education, Manipur knowing this facts, introduced the Speaking and Listening Course in English in Classes I and II. However, as the course were introduced as non credit course, school authorities are not taking much interest in it. It is proposed that English should be taught in Manipur as foreign language with due emphasis in linguistics and speaking and listening. In the South East Asian countries, there is heavy demand for English culture. Moreover, the British and Americans are not interested in teaching English in this region because of the cultural gap and low salary. Our youths if well equipped in English language, can be employed in this region. Moreover, if good institutes for teaching English language are established, Manipur will be an educational hub in the South East Asian region.

9. Appointment of Teachers: Quality of good teacher are the parameter for measuring standard of education in a state. A good educational system will not work unless, there are good and qualified teachers. Teachers are role models of the students who are authority in their subject area and who adore the teaching profession as an art and living. In

recent years after the coming of the SSA and RMSA, the appointment of teachers by merit has somehow enabled appointment of good teachers in the state.

In most of the countries of the world, nation wide selection test for teachers and giving of teacher ship certificate is done far and wide. The recent system of Teachers Eligibility Test conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Manipur is encouraging but it will be more appropriate if a test for practice teaching is conducted for those selected in the written part. This will enable to judge the classroom teaching ability of the candidate. There are good students who are excellent in theory by failed practice class room teaching. Teaching is an art which will motivate the student to learn. It is suggested that the Government may institute a Selection Commission for Teachers specially designed for the purpose.

Last but not the least, as State Level Educational Advisory Board (EAB) may be constituted to advise the Education Minister and the Government on the issues of education from time to time. Generally, curriculum and syllabus are reviewed every five years and update to suit the changing scenario of the society and world around us. The EAB will be a permanent body which will look into the changes and report to the Government. Members may be selected from amongst the Academician, educationist and other fields.

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### National & International News

## Bihar results reflect people's anger against PM Modi: Lalu Prasad

**PTI Patna, Nov. 9:** His party making a strong comeback in Bihar by winning 80 seats, a buoyant RJD chief Lalu Prasad today said that the "anger" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi was reflected in the results of the polls in the state. A day after the grand alliance won the popular mandate, he also said he would soon launch a nation-wide agitation against the "kattaranpanthi", or communal, forces.

"There is an anger against Prime Minister Narendra Modi across the country. The Bihar results have

given some relief to the countrymen," Prasad told reporters here.

"Nityush Kumar will look after Bihar and I'll move around in the country to launch a movement against communal forces," he added.

Prasad, whose party returned to the political forefront in the state after 10 years, said Narendra Modi's Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi would be the first stop for him where he would search with the help of his 'lantern' (RJD's symbol) the prime minister during Lok Sabha

polls.

"I'll find out if Varanasi has become Kyoto as promised by Modi, the MP from Varanasi," he said in a dig at the prime minister.

Targeting the BJP-led government at the Centre, he claimed, "Nobody is feeling safe in the country... They have terrorised everybody... 'bolte thay acche din ayenge, par tina burra din kabhi nahi dekha desh' (they used to say good days will come, but the country has never seen such bad days)."

Prasad, whose two sons Tej Pratap Yadav and Tejaswi Yadav won the

Mahua and Raghupur seats, respectively, as RJD emerged as the single-largest party in Bihar Assembly, also said in an apparent reference to BJP chief Amit Shah that "they used to talk about 'jungle raj' and 'chara chor' (fodder thief)... people are the best judge who is what."

Prasad, meanwhile, also criticised the media and political commentators for reiterating words like "jungle raj" and "chara chor" and said it was in bad taste. They hoped they would not repeat such phrases in the future.

## 6 sentenced to death for brutal murders of 2 children in Bangladesh

**PTI Dhaka, Nov. 9:** Six people were sentenced to death today by two Bangladeshi courts for torturing to death two young boys, including a 13-year-old whose death had triggered protests in the country after video footage of the brutal attack went viral.

Four people were ordered to gallows in Sylhet where the culprits murdered 13-year-old Samiul Islam Rajon after hours of torture with sticks on 8 July after tying him to a pole, the court officials said.

"They shall be hanged by neck until they are dead," Sessions Judge Akbar Hossain Mridha pronounced as the convicts stood on the dock while one of them was exposed to justice after extraditing him from Saudi Arabia.

Rajon, a vegetable vendor and student of a local school was stabbed to death claiming he was involved in stealing a rickshaw van, an allegation that police said was baseless.

The subsequent autopsy report said Rajon died of brain hemorrhage though the doctors found 64 injury

marks in his body while the evidence suggested the boy was tortured for nearly four hours until he breathed his last.

The killers also made a video of the torture and posted it on Facebook which eventually went viral and earned massive public outcry.

The 28-minute video showed the boy screaming for help, crying for water and begging for his life while the killers laughed and jeered at him as he cried out "somebody please save me".

Beyond the four convicts, one was sentenced to life imprisonment and four were sentenced to different terms while three were acquitted out of 13 indicted accused.

In the second case, Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court Dibruba Sulthana sentenced two people in southwestern city of Khulna where they killed 12-year-old boy Rakib Hawlader, whose intestines were torn apart and lungs burst as the killers pumped air in his body using an air compressor through his rectum on 3 August.

Rakib, who used to work at an automobile workshop, earned the wrath of his owner as he had left the job to escape his torture and got employed at another such workshop nearby.

"When air was being forced into his body with the pump, I heard him saying, 'uncle (the workshop owner), please stop now, or else, I am going

to die," a fellow teenager friend of Rakib earlier told newsmen as he witnessed the torture while walking by the scene.

The judge handed down the death penalty to owner Omar Sharif and his uncle Mintu Mia while acquitted Sharif's mother, who was reportedly present at the scene during the murder.

### DTC bus catches fire in Delhi

**ANI New Delhi, Nov 09:** A Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus caught fire in the Punjabi Bagh area of the national capital on Monday morning. The bus was

evacuated immediately after it caught fire. Fire brigade team rushed to the spot to douse the flames. The fire is under control now. No casualties have been reported yet.

### Pension Book Lost

I have lost my pension book bearing pension book No. SM/12084 on the way between Paona Bazar to Khabam on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Finders are requested to handover it to the undersigned.

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