

Editorial

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Keys to industrialization

The inauguration of the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in the state has been a long-awaited event and heralds the beginning of an era of accelerated development and industrialisation- a vital component that has hitherto been sorely missing in the push for progress in Manipur. The collective mood and expectations of the public cannot be anything but upbeat about the prospects and possibilities of such an infrastructure even though one cannot help but harbour apprehensions regarding the proper and optimal utilization of such a beneficial initiative. The issue of the actual purpose or objective of the institute also remains open to interpretations, as according to the inaugural speech of the Chief Minister, the institute aims to train youngsters so as to enable themselves to be gainfully employed in various companies and industries in other states and countries, while the broader expectations of the public is for the institute to attract great minds and help set up more and better infrastructures in the state which will ultimately change the status of the state from one which host industrial trainees to one which house trained industrial experts and skilled workers. The focus should not be merely to nurture young minds only to export them, but to shape them into assets which need to be utilized for the transformation of the state. There are hundreds, if not thousands of young, dynamic, experienced and highly talented industrial experts spanning the whole gamut of the spectrum of industrial technology who have their origin in the state and are serving and providing their invaluable services and expertise not only in different parts of the country but even in some of the most prestigious industrial setups across the globe. It would be a tremendous learning experience for the trainees in the institute if these distinguished experts could be made to share their ideas, knowledge and vision with them, but for that to happen, it is imperative that the state government takes the initiative. Even with their busy schedules and workloads, one can safely assume that these experts would have it in their hearts to give back to the land of their birth, and that they will be only too happy to be invited to share in the development and progress of the institute, and by extension, the state in their own way. Now that the institute has become a reality, the long walk has just begun. Students in the state need to be made aware of the benefits and the possibilities that would open up for them once they receive training from the institute and guide them towards their goal. The ITI is not merely an institute for the state but represents the possibilities of a thousand dreams to be turned into reality for the estranged state rife with unrest, social disturbances and discontent. The future of this promise lies in the manner with which the state government goes about managing and controlling the course. It might just turn out to be the harbinger of progress, or very well prove to be yet another white elephant.

CRPF jawan injured in IED blast

PTI **Rajpur, Oct 13:** ACRPF jawan was today injured in an IED blast in Naxal-hit Sukma district of Chhattisgarh. Officials said the incident occurred along the forested Chintagufa-Burkapal axis when constable D Mani and his team were out for a task to sanitise a helipad for the landing of a chopper. Mani was hit by a pressure Improvised Explosive Device (IED) during this task and was later evacuated by air to Jagdalpur. "Mani has a splinter injury on his left leg and he is now out of danger," the official said. Mani belongs to the 74th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force deployed in the south Bastar area for anti-Maoist duties, the official added.

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A white Activa - 3G, two wheeler vehicle with the key No. -P-803, bearing engine no. ME4JF504CF7044375, chassis no. JF50E-7-2044411 was lost while parking in front of R.K. Enterprises, Tera Thingbajam Leikai on 7/10/2015. If anybody find the said vehicle kindly informed to the following person.

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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Disaster is the threatening or probability of occurrence of potentially damaging phenomenon within a given time period and area.

TYPES:- Natural hazards and man-made hazards.

Naturally occurring physical phenomena caused either by rapid or onset events which can be geophysical, hydrological, climatological, and meteorological or biological.

Man-made hazard are events that are caused by humans and occur in or close to human settlements. This can include environmental degradation, pollution and accidents.

Reason for The Rise of Natural Disaster.

The most widely accepted reason for the rise in the no. of natural disaster is that the "hit rate" has increased considerably due to the continuing growth of the world population. Large scale migration

of population takes place into coastal regions which are highly exposed to natural disaster. More than a third of the world's largest and fastest growing cities are located in the seismic risk of natural disaster. Poor construction method in developing countries also expand the risk.

NATURAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT

Natural events occurs suddenly and consequently cause severe damage to the society and surrounding environment. Such events cannot be prevented but their impacts can be reduced if effective measures are taken to reduce their severity, frequency and possible size.

The hazard-coping measures include planning for disaster preparedness based on the estimation of the magnitude of risk in the past and those expected in the future. Preparation of hazard-zoning maps is the first prerequisite of these measures which not only requires

identification of vulnerable zones, but also an estimation of actual danger to the settlements, communication systems and essential supply lines.

Public Policy for Hazards Management :-

1. Formation of national agency like Natural Hazard Management Agency to provide community with all the information relating to vulnerability of the areas to hazards, extend and magnitude of risks and likely impacts and mitigation measures to be taken up in time.

2. The critical parts of the identified hazard zones should be compulsorily acquired by the govt. and converted to parks, forest, fuel wood farms, fodder farms, horticultural gardens, etc.

3. A distinction should be made between critical structures like nuclear power plants or a high dam (whose destruction caused by natural hazards may extend the

damages shouldn't construct) and ordinary structures like a building or a bridge (which might fail and cause property damages or loss of life).

4. Government should lay down building codes in all populated areas and enforce through lending and mortgaging agencies until the adequate safeguards is ascertained.

Measures To Abate Natural hazards:-

1. Proper land use planning, good construction and prediction of hazards ahead of time.

2. Evacuation of population from volcanic prone areas even after eruption has started.

3. Forecasting and warning of possible hazards of probable cyclone hit areas.

4. Construction of barrages, dams and also implementation of proper watershed management schemes and emergency flood control measures.

5. Curtailment of human activities in landside zones and reforest the denuded area.

National & International

Supreme Court rejects plea of sacked IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt for SIT probe

PTI

New Delhi, Oct. 13: The Supreme Court today dismissed the plea of sacked Gujarat cadre IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt seeking a court-monitored SIT probe in relation to the two FIRs lodged against him for allegedly forcing his subordinate to file an affidavit in a 2002 riots case and hacking email of a law officer.

The bench comprising Chief Justice HL Dattu and Justice Arun Mishra also said the trial in these two cases be conducted "expeditiously."

Bhatt, who had earlier sought a CBI

inquiry into the two FIR, later changed his prayer and sought a court-monitored SIT probe on the ground that now the persons against whom he has certain grievances, are now running the government at Centre.

The former IPS officer had also sought impleadment of BJP president Amit Shah, the then MoS Home in the state government and RSS functionary S Gurumurthy as parties in his petition which was also rejected.

The IPS officer, dismissed from service on August 18 this year, had filed the petitions in the apex court

in 2011 against the lodging of FIRs against him by the Gujarat Police.

On September 23, the apex court had reserved its verdict after Gujarat government had rubbished the claim of Bhatt that he was present at a meeting to discuss law and order situation during the 2002 communal violence at residence of the then Chief Minister.

Senior advocate Indira Jaising and lawyer Prashant Bhushan, appearing for Bhatt, had alleged collusion among top state government functionaries, the then Additional Advocate General, the then minister of state for home and

some lawyers for the accused and sought court-monitored SIT probe into Bhatt's claims.

Jaising had argued that a SIT probe, instead of seeking CBI investigation, was needed to inquire into the "collusion of the highest order" as the then Chief Minister is now the Prime Minister and the then AAG is now the Additional Solicitor General of India.

Senior advocate L Nageshwar Rao, appearing for then Additional Advocate General Tushar Mehta, had alleged that Bhatt was trying to revive whatever happened since 2002.

UPSC result 2015: Civil services prelims exam aced by over 15,000; check upsc.gov.in for latest update

PTI

New Delhi, Oct. 13: UPSC result 2015: Over 15,000 people have qualified in this year's civil services preliminary examination, results of which were declared today by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and candidates can obtain information regarding their result at upsc.gov.in.

"A total of 15,008 candidates have qualified in the preliminary examination," UPSC Secretary Ashim Khurana said.

As against a record number of 9,45,908 candidates who have

applied for the exam, about 4.63 lakh had sat in the test on August 23, which is about 49 per cent of the total applicants.

"The results of the preliminary exam were declared within 50 days of conducting the exam. It is the shortest ever duration in which the results were declared," Khurana said.

For the 2014 exam, the results were declared in 51 days.

All the qualified candidates are advised to fill up the Detailed Application Form online for civil services (main) examination, to be

held from December 18, 2015, a statement issued by the UPSC said.

The civil services examination is conducted by the UPSC annually in three stages — preliminary, main and interview — to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others.

The preliminary examination consists of two papers — Paper I and Paper II of two hours duration each. There were 2,186 venues in 71 centres (or cities) across the

country.

The Commission has a facilitation counter near the examination hall building in its campus here. Candidates may obtain any information or clarification regarding their result of the examination on all working days between 10 AM to 5 PM, in person or on Tel No 011-23385271, 011-23098543 or 011-23381125.

Centre encouraging intolerance, dictatorial tendencies, says Congress

ANI

New Delhi, Oct 13: The Congress Party on Tuesday cornered the NDA Government over Minister of State for Culture Mahesh Sharma's 'Let (writers) stop writing, then we will see' remark, saying the philosophy of the ruling dispensation appeared to be encouraging intolerance, dictatorial tendencies and absolute mulish arbitrariness.

"Should the messenger ignore the message? That is the policy of this government. It is disgusting. It is a very big symbolic gesture, which is much more than mere symbol. It sends out a message that freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, freedom of action, philosophy is all at

peril. This government philosophy encourages intolerance, dictatorial tendencies and absolute mulish arbitrariness," said Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi

"If this is this the kind of reaction by no less than a minister... I think, god help this government," he added.

On Friday, acclaimed writer Shashi Deshpande had resigned from the Sahitya Academy, while other six writers returned their Arulu Sahitya awards to the Kannada Sahitya Academy on October 3 over the delay in the arrest of the accused in the murder of eminent Kannada writer, scholar, rationalist and academic, Kalburgi.

Russian embassy in Syria attacked by insurgents

ANI

New York, Oct 13: Russian embassy in Syria has been attacked today by insurgents who fired two shells, as many supporters of the Syrian Government gathered outside the

compound to show gratitude to Moscow for its intervention in Syria.

Smoke billowed from the embassy after the first shell slammed into the compound, ABC News reports. More details awaited.

Special court rejects bail application of Lt Col Purohit and three others

ANI

Mumbai, Oct. 13: A special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday rejected the bail application of Lt. Col. Prasad Purohit and three others accused in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case.

The three accused are Swami Dayanand Pandey alias Amritananda Dev, Rakesh Dhavade and Major (retired) Ramesh Upadhyay.

The state ATS had chargesheeted 12 alleged "Hindu extremists", including Lt. Col. Purohit and Sadviji Pragna Singh Thakur, in the case.

The new special public prosecutor Avinash Rasal pointed out that the delay in the bail and other pre-trial proceedings is the accused's own doing due to their pleas.