

Editorial

Imphal, Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Appointments and disappointments

The decision taken during the state Cabinet meeting held yesterday to appoint a huge number of teachers to fill the posts presently lying vacant is one which is bound to produce huge ramifications and affect the society in the long any which way the procedure goes. The criteria for selecting the 1582 Primary teachers and 419 Graduate teachers have clearly been laid down on paper- for now. On a positive note, the decision is a much needed and timely step by the state government to shore up the deteriorating education system in the state, especially for the government-run educational institutions which are in stark contrast to the continuing excellent run of private institutions churning out well-rounded and students who often always garners the top positions and enviable spots in almost every competitions and entrance examinations. The efficiency, preference and popularity can be gauged by the clamor for admission to these private run schools and educational institutions to the point that there have been reports of gangs securing quotas from these schools in the name of various proscribed armed groups in the state. A very pertinent question that still begs a satisfactory answer is: despite the fact that the salary of the teachers of government-run schools and other educational institutions exceeds that of the private schools by a good margin, how do the students of private schools still outperform the students of government schools, year after year? Or, do the government and its retinue of think tanks still consider it a waste of effort to try and understand the dynamics of the functioning of these private schools in order to come up with a solution? From the looks of it, the real issue of trying to unearth a practical and pragmatic answer to the protracted and festering malaise is still being sidelined, and despite several trumped-up excuses to alter the dismal situation, things have evidently not turned out as expected. The problem does not end here. Parents in the state are willing and ready to shell out exorbitant sums of money to secure admission for their wards in schools outside the state. The amount being drained out of the state in this manner is staggering, and would have been retained had the state government been able to draw up a comprehensive and enduring education policy which can be effectively implemented and strictly enforced. It would definitely seem a futile exercise for the state government to be recruiting additional teachers if one could only observe the activities- or the lack thereof- of many a teachers in various government schools across the state where only a handful of students are seen loitering around during school hours. The need, clearly, is for the teachers to take to their tasks with enthusiasm and dedication. Making them feel so, and motivating them to rise to the challenges will be the biggest challenge for the state government. As you sow, so shall you reap.

4 insurgents killed in upper Assam

PIB(Defence)
Imphal, Feb. 17: Security Forces yesterday eliminated four hardcore cadres belonging to prominent insurgent outfits in a joint operation by 7 MADRAS under the aegis of Dao Division in general area Diglipattar of Tinsukia, Assam in Upper Assam. On specific information of presence of a joint group of NSCN (K) and ULFA (I) in area Digripattar, the operation was launched in the wee hours of 16 Feb 2016 by troops of 7 MADRAS under Dao Division alongwith Police. The troops came under heavy fire and in the ensuing fire fight, four insurgents were neutralized. The bodies of the killed insurgents were handed over to Police. The operation resulted in recovery of one AK-56 rifle, two 9mm pistols, Burmese currencies and other warlike stores.

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National & International News

AYUSH System of medicine can greatly improve health care delivery system: AYUSH Minister

PIB
Andhra Pradesh, Feb. 17: The Union Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge) and Health & Family Welfare Shri Shripad Yesso Naik launched the pilot project 'Integration of Homoeopathy/Yoga with National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in Krishna District' at Gudivada near Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh. The NPCDCS is a programme of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and its integration with AYUSH is one of the mandates of NPCDCS programme. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Shripad Naik said that about 5.8 million Indians die from diseases like heart & lung diseases, cancer & diabetes etc. i.e. one out of every four Indians runs the risk of dying from one of these diseases before they reach the age of 70. People become vulnerable to these diseases due to smoking, physical inactivity, drinking alcohol, mental stress

among others, the Minister explained. The AYUSH Minister said that the AYUSH System of medicine has a great potential to contribute towards improvement in the health care delivery system. Homoeopathy is the most accepted health care system after Modern medicine and Ayurveda medicine in our country, he added. NPCDCS was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with the aim of health promotion and control of these diseases. Integration of AYUSH can act as a catalyst to operationalize its aims and objectives, Shri Shripad Naik elaborated. The AYUSH Minister also highlighted the importance of awareness generation among children and the youth in schools, colleges and other institutions for a long term prevention of these diseases through education in initial years of life. The Minister of Health and Medical Education of Andhra Pradesh

Government, Shri Kamini Srinivas lauded the efforts of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi who globalised Yoga by his speech at the United Nations. He thanked the Centre for selecting Gudivada to launch the Pilot project. Dr. Raj K. Manchanda, Director General, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, Senior officials of AYUSH both from Centre and State Governments, Experts and Doctors were present on the occasion. 08 CHCs at Machilipantam, Nandigama, Tiruvuru, Vissannapeta, Nuzvidu, Challapalli, Vuyyuru, Avanigadda were made functional by today's launch. Training Manual for Yoga instructors, Yoga volunteers and multi task workers in Telugu was also released. Further, launching of one life style clinic at Regional Research Institute (Homoeopathy), Gudivada was done and Shri Shripad Naik interacted with the patients admitted in the IPD of RRI(H), Gudivada. He also visited CHC, Vuyyuru. For integration of NPCDCS and

AYUSH, it was decided to utilize the services of the Homoeopathic doctors and yoga experts in Krishna (Andhra Pradesh) and Darjeeling (West Bengal) districts. The program aims to aid in reduction of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) burden by providing primary prevention of common NCDs through an integrated approach of health education (promotion of healthier life styles including yoga), timely screening of population for early detection/diagnosis of NCDs and early management of NCDs through homoeopathic treatment alone or as add on to standard care. Accordingly, the CCRH has developed the operational guidelines for implementation of the program through its centers i.e., Regional Research Institute (H), Gudivada and Clinical Research Unit (H), Siliguri. Further, the Council has developed training manual for yoga instructors, yoga volunteers and Multi task workers which will help creating awareness for public about life style disorders.

Former UN chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali dies

AFP
United Nations, Feb. 17: Former UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who led the world body during one of its most difficult periods, with failed missions in Rwanda and Bosnia, died Tuesday in Cairo. He was 93. The Egyptian diplomat became the first secretary-general from Africa in 1992, but his tenure ended abruptly five years later when the United States vetoed his second term. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon described Boutros-Ghali as a respected statesman and scholar of international law who brought "formidable experience and intellectual power" to the top UN job.

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If anti-national means this, God save our country

They talk about justice. Who will decide what justice is? Brahminism did not allow Dalits to enter temples. The British did not allow dogs and Indians to enter restaurants. That was justice then. We challenged that justice and today we challenge the justice of the ABVP and the RSS because their justice does not accommodate justice for us. If their justice doesn't accommodate justice for us, we will not accept their justice and this freedom. We will accept this freedom when every person gets his constitutional right. We will accept justice when there is equal rights for all. Friends, the situation is very serious. Under no circumstances does the JNUSU (the JNU students' union) support any violence, any terrorist, any terror incident and any anti-India activity. I want to reiterate that the JNUSU strongly condemns slogans of "Pakistan zindabad" raised by some unidentified people. I want to share one thing with you, friends. It is a question related to the JNU administration and the ABVP. Thousands of things take place on this JNU campus. Listen carefully to the slogans being raised by the ABVP now. They are calling us 'communist dogs'. They are calling us 'Afzal Guru's dogs'. They are calling us 'children of jihads'. If the Constitution gives us the right to be citizens, then is it not an attack on our constitutional right when they call our parents dogs? We want to ask this question to the ABVP and the JNU administration. We want to ask the JNU administration for whom, with whom

and on what basis it works. It is now clear that the JNU administration first gives permission and then withdraws it on receiving a call from Nagpur. This thing of first giving permission and then withdrawing, it has intensified. First, they will announce fellowship and then tell that it has been withdrawn. This is the RSS and ABVP pattern with which they want to run this country. We want to ask the JNU administration. Permission (for the February 9 programme where eventually the anti-India slogans were shouted) was granted despite the fact that posters had been put up and pamphlets distributed. When it gave permission, on whose directive was it withdrawn? We want to ask this to the JNU administration. At the same time, understand the truth of these (ABVP) people. Don't hate them. I feel sad for them. They are jumping today because they feel that the way they got Gajendra Chauhan (in the FTII), they would get people like him in every institution. They feel that with people like Chauhan everywhere, they would get jobs. Once they get jobs, they will forget nation worship and Bharat Mata. What to tell of the Tricolour, which they have never respected? They will also forget the saffron flag. I want to know what kind of nation worship they are talking about? If an owner doesn't behave properly with his employees, if a farmer doesn't do justice with his workers, if a highly paid CEO of a media house doesn't behave properly with the meagrely paid reporters, then what

is this nation worship? Their nation worship ends with an India-Pakistan cricket match. After that when they go out on the road, they misbehave with the person selling bananas. When the person selling bananas tells them that a dozen comes for Rs 40, they abuse him and accuse him of fooling customers. They demand a dozen for Rs 30. The day the person selling bananas turns and tells them that you are the real looters, they will turn the poor fellow anti-national. Nation worship begins and ends with wealth and facilities. I know a number of ABVP people and I ask them whether the fervour of nationalism moves them? They tell me: "What to do, brother, this government is for five years and two years are already over. Three years' talktime is left and whatever has to be done, should be done in this period." But I ask them what will happen if, tomorrow, one of their own members, who is going around in trains checking for beef, holds them by the collar and accuses them of being anti-national since they are from JNU? They could be lynched. I ask them whether they realise this danger? They tell me that they realise this danger and so are opposing #JNUShutdown (a Twitter hashtag). First, they build an atmosphere against JNU and, then, oppose it when they realise that ultimately they have to live in JNU only. This is why I want to tell all JNU-ites that elections are coming in March. The ABVP people will seek your

votes with the "Om" flag. Ask them: "We are jihadi, we are terrorists, we are anti-nationals and by taking our votes, will they also become anti-national?" Do ask them these questions. I know when you ask them these questions, they will tell you, "not you but a few people are anti-nationals". Then ask them, "why did they not tell this in the media then?" Ask them why their vice-chancellor and registrar too did not tell them? Tell them that those few people too are saying that they did not raise slogans of "Pakistan zindabad", nor did they support terrorism. Those few people are asking why at first permission was granted and then withdrawn and this is an attack on their democratic right? These few people are saying that if somewhere a democratic struggle is being fought, they will stand for it. They will never understand this. But the people, who have gathered here on short notice, understand the issue. They will go around the campus and tell the students that the ABVP is not only breaking this country but also JNU and we will not allow this to happen. Long live JNU. JNU will continue to actively participate in all democratic struggles taking place across the country, continue to strengthen the voice of democracy, the voice of freedom and freedom of expression. We will struggle and win and defeat the traitors of this country. With these words, I thank you all and appeal for unity. Jai Bhim, Lal Salaam. (Concluded)