

Editorial

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Blowing the gaff on greed

Perhaps the worst attribute that has debased saints and sinners alike is the almost unquenchable desire to have more regardless of the actual need hence the accepted concept that men's greed knows no bound. The urge to take in that bit more than what is rightfully ours has been the genesis of so much evils and ills in the society. Such a habit also infringes on other's rights and privileges. Yet almost always, it turns out that it is those who are more knowledgeable and informed individuals who are doing the dirty deeds of infringing. The issues of kickbacks and underhand deals in Government contracts and supplies are nothing new. It has been the bane of many otherwise respectful and well-meaning leaders and powerful figures. But when such issues do break out, it never fails to elicit amazement and anger from the public, and are also a source of amusement for many, given the efforts and thoughts that is being invested in pulling out such schemes and also the ingenious ways employed for the same-tactics, had these been utilized legally and for the good, would have definitely made a visible positive impact on the development of the society. For every act of misappropriation, favoritism and underhand dealings, a few in power and influence must have bypassed the law of the land went ahead- with an arrangement which would definitely have enriched them and their near ones who were privy to the whole operation. Handouts must have been made to ensure silence. It would not be possible to carry out such feats without the consent and collusion of minister/s and departmental heads. The sheer audacity of inflating the cost, as is almost always the case, way above the market price also signals a deep and critical rot in the financial control and management that has been going on for years, if not decades. The public, which are left seething with anger are waiting and watching for the damage control exercises that is bound to follow suit eventually with or without the agitations, sit-in-protests and demonstrations, and it would be foolish and physically risky for the Government and the perpetrators to assume that they will continue to be mute spectators forever. There had been instances when the public spontaneously decided to set things in the right order, unable to wait for the reluctant enforcers and judiciary to sit up and act. These instances clearly underline the inefficient and ineffective methods of reigning in its employees and controlling the affairs of the state. There has not been any exemplary punishment which only emboldens the unscrupulous people to commit bigger and more serious hoaxes and crimes given the uncomfortable fact that the risk of being found out can be negotiated. The onus to prove its honest intentions of bringing in better Governance should be put squarely on the Government. There had been enough promises and empty assurances. It is time to shut up and act out. The public now will not have it any other way. Not when the time to choose their next representatives is just about a couple of months away.

SC can transfer cases from J&K to other states

New Delhi, July 19: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it can transfer cases being adjudicated by the courts in Jammu and Kashmir to other states in pursuance of the right of citizens to access to justice under the Article 21 of the Constitution.

Holding that access to justice is a part of Article 21, a Constitution bench headed by the Chief Justice T S Thakur said the Supreme Court, therefore, can transfer the trial of cases from Jammu and Kashmir to other states in exercise of its powers under Article 136.

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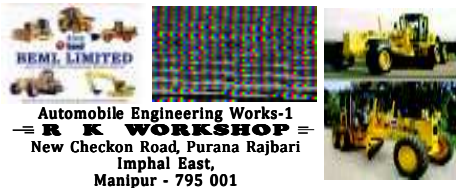
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On Rio Olympic Game



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The most awaited Rio Olympic Game which is going to start from 5th of August and will conclude on 21st of August. The entire nation has begun their preparation to participate in the game and India is also giving special attention to that athlete who has been qualified for the Rio Olympic game. The entire nations are even started researched on the atmospheres condition of the Rio to succeed in the game. Around ten thousand athlete will participate in the 306 event in 26 different games from the 207 teams has been aiming to win the medals. The newly independence nation Casaba and south Sudan will be their maiden voyage in the game and will be an interesting for the audience. And there is interesting taste of the game is that there will be a Refugee Olympic Athletes team for war prone country.

The players of the Manipur are also representing India in coming Olympic game which is conducted every four years gaps. After debuting in 1984 by Manipur player the world has been recognised our

supremacy. The Lao angel game of 1984 in which Pangambam Nilkamal was participated in Indian hockey teams as goal keeper and has been remain as unforgettable moment of us. Small state like Manipur's player that able to participate is like knowing our sprite in sport to the world. In upcoming games, 6 players player from Manipur are participating and this is the highest number of participation till now by Manipuri players. In 1984 - Nilkamal, 1988 - Thoiba, 2000 - Sanamacha, Dingku, Suresh and Brijishori, 2004 - Kunjarani and sanamacha, 2008 - Bombela and Tombi, 2012 - Devendro, Bombela, Sonia, Marry

Kom and Kothajit were participated respectively in the game so far. In the year 2012, 5 players were participated and interesting is Marry kom brought Bronze medal in boxing event.

In coming Rio game, 6 players from Manipur will be witness participating India in the event including Bombela in Archery, Mirabai in weightlifting, Shusila and Anuradha in women hockey team, Kothajit and Chinglansana in Man hockey team. A proud thing of us is that among 6 players, Bombela is representing consecutively 3 times in the Olympic in archery event. And one more proud of us is

Shusila is representing as captain of India women hockey team. The India women hockey team is qualified in the game after almost 36 years of gap and give captain to a Manipuri player and is an indication of recognition of Manipuri player sprite. Many wishes are pouring from various section of the state and state government would announce incentive award and best wishes to the player. It is the high time for us when compare with other states. The quality of Manipur can be easily able to recognise by intellectuals even seeing population and geographical area.

National & International News

Teenager shot dead after attacking passengers on train in Germany

Berlin, July 19: A teenager armed with an axe and a knife has attacked about 20 passengers on a train in northern Bavaria, according to local police.

Three people were seriously hurt and one person sustained light injuries before the attacker was shot dead by police, a police spokesman said on Monday evening.

Bavaria's interior minister, Joachim Herrmann, said the attacker was a 17-year-old Afghan asylum seeker who had arrived in Germany as an unaccompanied minor and had been living with a foster family in Ochsenfurt, south of Würzburg, for "a few months".

After passengers managed to alert the driver, the train was stopped in the Heidingsfeld district of Würzburg and the attacker initially managed to flee from the carriage on foot, Herrmann said.

A police taskforce that happened to be in the vicinity then pursued the attacker, shooting dead the

teenager, who was carrying an axe and a knife when he had attacked members of the unit.

Asked whether the attack had an Islamist background, Herrmann said one witness inside the train said the teenager had shouted "Allahu Akbar" during the assault. The report was being investigated.

The man reportedly attacked passengers on the regional train travelling between the town of Treuchtlingen and Würzburg. Fourteen other passengers were reportedly in a state of shock and receiving treatment by specialists.

The interior ministry could not confirm whether some of the victims were in a life-threatening condition. The train line between Ochsenfurt and Würzburg remained closed while police investigated. Police initially said there was no indication of a motive, and they were treating the attacker as a lone individual, citing witness reports.

There have not been any attacks

with an explicit terrorist motive in Germany, which has been at the heart of the refugee crisis over the last year. In November, a football friendly between Germany and Holland in Hanover was cancelled after a terrorist attack tip-off, with the interior minister, Thomas de Maizière, saying there had been a "concrete threat" of an attack.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Brussels in March, the foreign minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, appealed to citizens to keep a "cool head".

"The terrorists would like to carry their war into our cities and into our heads, to create a kind of permanent siege, to force their perverse logic of violence and hatred on us", the social democrat politician said. "We would do our best not to play along with this game".

About 1.2 million refugees are estimated to be living in Germany. Latest estimates by the European commission put the number of asylum seekers in Europe by the end of 2017 at around 3 million.

According to a study published in April by Germany's Friedrich Ebert

Foundation, about 154,000 Afghan citizens migrated to Germany in 2015, of whom 32,000 applied for asylum. More than 120,000 Afghan citizens remained in Germany without authorisation or had moved on to other countries, according to the study.

The study found that most Afghan migrants were young and male. The majority of family members who were interviewed for the survey said they had fled their country because of the economic situation. Political developments in Europe or the open-border policy of the chancellor, Angela Merkel, at the height of the refugee crisis had played only a minor role in encouraging Afghans to leave their country, the study found.

Germany, while initially generally welcoming refugees, has since begun to take a much tougher line, declaring it would deport Afghan asylum seekers whose applications are rejected.

Earlier in the year, Afghans were the second largest group entering the European Union, with 178,230 Afghans seeking asylum in the EU's 28 states in 2015.

Attack on CRPF commandos: Rajnath assures Bihar govt of help

PTI New Delhi, July 19: Home Minister Rajnath Singh today assured the Bihar government of all possible help to tackle the Maoists in the wake of the killing of 10 CRPF commandos by the rebels in the state.

In a telephonic conversation with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Singh took stock of the situation arising out of the ambush by the Naxals in Gaya.

The Home Minister directed Director General of CRPF K Durga Prasad to visit Gaya-Aurangabad to assess the situation.

The Chief Minister briefed the Home Minister of the steps taken to nab those involved in the attack on the team of COBRA commandos of CRPF, sources said.

The Home Minister assured the Chief Minister of all possible help to the state government to deal with the situation arising out of the attack, the sources said.

Singh expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved martyrs and wished speedy recovery of the injured personnel.

Ten CRPF commandos belonging to its elite COBRA battalion were killed and five others injured in a Naxal IED blast in the jungles of Bihar's Aurangabad district, officials said.

The jawans of the COBRA unit were ambushed in the IED blast after which an encounter started yesterday afternoon between the two resulting in the killing of three Naxals by late night.

Kidnapped Pakistani judge's son found bound in chains

Karachi, July 19: Pakistani soldiers rescued the kidnapped son of a senior judge from his Taliban captors on Tuesday, after finding him bound in chains with his mouth taped shut and wearing in an all-enveloping burqa to hide his identity, the army spokesman said.

Awais Shah, the son of Sindh provincial Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah, was kidnapped from outside a supermarket in the southern port city of Karachi on June 21.

Shah was found in the backseat of a car in a town bordering the northwestern tribal areas.

Army spokesman General Asim Bajwa said three "terrorists" were killed during the rescue, adding that the kidnappers belonged to a splinter faction of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

Bajwa told reporters the operation took place at approximately 2 a.m. near the town of Tank, when the kidnappers were transporting Shah, possibly with a view to transferring him to Afghanistan.

Tank, a town in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on the border with the South Waziristan tribal area, is approximately 885 km (550 miles) north of Karachi.

Television footage showed Shah reunited with his family at their Karachi home.

Shah's father said he did not know which group kidnapped his son.

"I don't know anything other than that my child has been returned to me," he said.

At the time of his kidnap, police suspected the group involved intended to use him as a bargaining chip in negotiations to free imprisoned Islamist militants.

Kidnappings by criminal gangs or militants are common in Pakistan, and particularly in Karachi, a teeming metropolis of 20 million people plagued by political, ethnic and religious violence.

Pakistan has also been fighting an Islamist insurgency led by the TTP, an umbrella group of militant organisations seeking the overthrow of the government, since 2007.

Violence has dropped significantly countrywide since 2014, when the military launched an operation in the tribal areas along the Afghan border, but attacks against both civilians and security forces are common.

In March, Shahbaz Taseer, son of slain Punjab governor Salman Taseer, escaped captivity four years after being kidnapped by militants in the eastern city of Lahore.

Two months ago, U.S. and Afghan forces rescued Ali Haider Gilani, the kidnapped son of former Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, who was kidnapped ahead of the country's 2013 general election.

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 18th July, 2016

No. 1/3(6)/2014-LA(E)/Rctt.: It is hereby informed that the shorthand & speed test (Computer Typing) for direct recruitment to the post of Reporter Grade-III on regular basis in the Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat will be held from 22-07-2016 to 23-07-2017 at 11 AM in the Reporters' Room of the Assembly Secretariat.

Therefore, eligible candidates whose names are displayed on the notice board of the Assembly Secretariat are hereby informed to collect admit card for the above tests from the MGEL Section, 2nd floor of the Annexe Building of the Assembly Secretariat without fail.

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