

Editorial

Imphal, Friday, July 8, 2016

Mental emancipation

No form of revolution can hope to bring sustainable change in a society except mental revolution, which brings to mind the famous quote of French philosopher René Descartes- "I think, therefore I am" - which roughly means that as a person thinks about himself or herself, so will they become. In other words, self-realisation is the prerequisite for personal and social development and progress, and enforced ideals will never stand the test of time. A detached and impersonal look at the present developments around us strongly suggests a growing tussle between a section of the society who are starting to assert their own natural freedom and spontaneity of right to life without the enforced support of any individual or group on the one hand and a group, while acutely aware of the disillusionment being increasingly felt by the long intimidated public, still conveniently ignore the subtle changes since the outgoing social order renders them smooth opportunists living off on the fear and insecurity of the common public who have been bearing the brunt of the undeclared war between the Government and the self declared emancipators of the society. The society is starting to wake up to the sordid reality behind the slogans and show of concern by the opposing parties who have been hemming in the collective enthusiasm and liberties for so long. This is a very positive and necessary turnaround- a breakthrough of sorts. Fear of physical harm has been the one driving force behind the relentless search for improvements ever since the evolution of mankind which has been continued till the present day. Yet this very inherent insecurity has been used by a reckless and inconsiderate few to take advantage of others in various ways. Realizing the things that needs to be done in spite of the dangers posed by such threats and intimidations has made the society to take calculated risks and step up the efforts to progress and prosper. Fortifying our minds against such unwanted distractions and instead focusing on the tasks at hand, not only to sustain ourselves but also to make the future that little more efficient, developed and safer should be our common goal. All of us have a huge stake in this line of thought. Aberrations and exceptions notwithstanding, a concerted effort would bring about a desirable chain reaction of help and cooperation and sense of togetherness. Most of us are still wary of the next person. We all need to step out of this mental cocoon and try to reach out with sincerity and goodwill. The response will almost always be more pleasant and positive than we ever expect it to be. We only need to open up our minds and reach out in good faith. This is so much more necessary for those who are still harboring hatred and revenge, their precious efforts and manpower being diverted towards scheming other's downfall. Live and let live.

Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 5th July, 2016.

No. 1/13(6)/2014-LA (E)/Rett.: It is hereby informed to all the candidates who have applied for the following posts for direct recruitment in the Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat that the viva-voce for the same will be held on the date and time as shown below:

Sl.No.	Name of post	Date	Time
1	Store Assistant	11-07-2016	11:00 a.m.
2	Farrash	12-07-2016	11:00 a.m.
3	Cook	13-07-2016	11:00 a.m.

All the candidates are, therefore, intimated to collect their admit -cards on or before the date of viva-voce scheduled above and also to appear for the respective viva-voce along with their original testimonials etc. without fail.

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National & International News

12 out of 19 people arrested over bomb attacks are Pakistanis, says Saudi Arabia

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London, July 8: Saudi Arabia officials have stated that 12 out of 19 people arrested over Monday's bomb attacks in the country are from Pakistan. An Interior Ministry spokesman also named a suicide bomber who killed four security officers near a mosque in the sacred city of Medina as Naer Muslim Hamad, a 26-year-old Saudi man, who had a history of drug abuse. Three people who allegedly carried out attacks in Qatif were also named as Abdulrahman al-Omar (23), Ibrahim al-Omar (20) and Abdulkarim al-Husni (20). The ministry said none of them had Saudi IDs. The attacks in Qatif took place on the same day and were also suicide bombings. No group has claimed responsibility

for the attacks yet but they are suspected to have been the work of people with allegiances to Islamic State.

Heavy rains lash Delhi, brings relief to Delhiites
New Delhi, July 8: Heavy rains lashed parts of the national capital on Friday, bringing relief to Delhiites who woke up to a sultry morning. Grey clouds hovered over various areas before rains lashed the city creating traffic jams at some places. The weatherman has predicted a fall in temperature though humidity levels may shoot up. "The minimum temperature at 8.30 AM was 29.8 degrees Celsius and the humidity was 37 percent," a MeT official said.

Second Senior Police Officer commits suicide in Karnataka in a week

Bengaluru, July 8: Three days after the alleged suicide of a Deputy Superintendent of Police in Karnataka's Belagavi town, another officer of the same rank has committed suicide by hanging in the Kodagu district, police said. MK Ganapathy was found dead in a lodge from where a suicide note was found. The police, who are investigating the case, are yet to reveal the contents. "We found the body of deputy superintendent of police MK Ganapathy, 51, hanging by rope to a ceiling fan in a lodge room. He was in uniform with service revolver around the waist," news agency IANS quoted Kodagu district police superintendent Rajendra Prasad as saying.

Sources, however, indicate that he had named a senior minister in the Siddharamaiah cabinet, his influential son and also a senior police officer, suggesting there was political pressure that led to the death. Ganapathy was transferred to Mangaluru inspector general office, about 360 km from Bengaluru, in May. On Tuesday, Kallappa Handibagh, Deputy Superintendent of Police of Chikkamagaluru, who was accused of taking Rs. 10 lakh as bribe to release a man involved in gambling, was found dead at his relative's place at Muragod in Belagavi. He was declared dead at KLE hospital. Reports said he had gone missing after a case was lodged against him on Monday.

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Thailand-Myanmar Business Gateway to Manipur

Everything is slow about the work progress from Manipur side. An opening of Imphal International airport, bus trip to Mandalay are just symbolic things, nothing practical work for now. We need to speed up work. People should be given awareness dealing with foreign tourists. Manipur needs to build public toilet, hygienic services such as foods and drinks at restaurant, hotel, to improve overall environment that looks garbage dumping ground in the Imphal areas, transportation and communication etc. There are some public toilets in the town areas, but water is not supplied properly in spite of taking money from users. Everything needs to be neat and clean for tourists attraction. Indians are famous for not having toilets, that shitting on open space is common practice. A bus stoppage on roadside and peeing in open place is common. Without comfortable level of services, and bad taste in the unstable situation of state, the effects of regional conflicts, daily basis bandh and strikes will discourage foreign tourists that would be source of our economy. Transport business will be another big thing for Manipur accessing market to Thailand, Myanmar, China and other ASEAN countries. Government and people need to help each other to improve quality of services, security and safety of tourists, otherwise no tourist will come to take risk their

lives in the name of tourism and recreational activities in Manipur. **Officers' unethical manners to harm business**
The present situation of state machineries need to polish to change the manners of officers to work smoother. Delaying work, work ethic of Manipur people will discourage foreigners coming as tourist and do business. In Thailand, when vehicles move from Poipet-Aranyaprathet, the Thailand-Cambodia gate, the vehicles stop for about 1-5 minutes to check illegal migrants. From there, the bus will never stop any more for checking by private. You don't expect to stop private cars. In a journey from Moreh to Imphal, there are a numbers of stoppages. This is not only stoppage but also collecting money from the bus. The same thing happens for a journey from Guwahati to Imphal with numerous checkpoints collecting money legally or illegally. Authorities need to do more work to lessen the uncomfortable given in the name of security. Stop collecting money at almost every check post. This nature hurts small border business. It will hurt more to foreign businessmen. Police van will stop by road side and collect 10 rupees, 20 rupees by lower ranking policemen telling for drinking tea by their superior. In the same way, VDF (Village Defence Force) are also doing this openly.

The matter looks so ugly that a police officer shouldn't be equate to the value of 20 rupees. It is going to be disclosing this ugly open secret of Manipur officers to foreigners very soon when the land road opens up and foreign tourists or businessmen arrive. Government should take care of these things to promote people to do more business comfortably. Those police officers looking for 20 rupees from public should be terminated from the post and send them to vocational re-training centres to change profession that could make more money if they are much after money. Officers' sincere work is very much important to deal foreign clients in business. **Foreign language course**
With fervor of common economic platform of ASEAN is high among ASEAN nations, foreign language learning of neighboring countries has already started in Thailand. They started teaching Burmese language in the schools a few years ago. In almost every school in Thailand, Chinese language is taught. English learning focusing on speaking and listening is compulsory for all schools in Thailand. They know that learning language of the countries where their business target, will benefit enormously. We heard there is Burmese learning centre in Manipur university. Language learning at adult stage is not easy task to pick

up the language. Our foreign language learning is kind of collecting information and study the nature of language rather than practical use for communication such as Speaking and Listening; Reading and Writing. It is better to start language learning from lower level of schooling. If we know Burmese language, that will be much easier to do business in Myanmar. In the same way, we better to learn Thai or Chinese if we want to be more successful in business in Thailand or China instead of depending on English only. This realization has been quite earlier in Thailand, Cambodia and neighboring countries. We need to pick up this strategy sooner, otherwise foreigners will be dominating the business at our door rather than we deal business successfully with other countries when southeast Asian corridor opens. For now, Manipur people are having difficulty to access good information for business and job opportunities in our neighboring countries. It is right time to prepare to take this golden opportunities coming ahead with better awareness among people as well as state government. Prepare and wait to grab business and job opportunities as soon as this corridor opens. Our state government should take right steps to get economic benefits from this Asian corridor awaiting to open in the near future. **(Concluded)**

Manipur Education Policy, (A draft framework proposal)

One of the area in which Manipur can develop educational tourism is the teaching of English as foreign language. There is heavy demand for English language teachers in the South East Asian countries including China and Japan. Because of the cultural gap between the east and the west, these countries are poor in English language teaching. Moreover, the British and American native speakers also do not want to go to this region for region for teaching English because of heavy dependence on local languages. Manipuri language being a language through which most of the sounds in English language teachers provided emphasis is stressed on linguistics, speaking and listening activities. The prospect of educational tourism in Manipur can be augmented if the foreign languages of the neighboring countries are also introduced in the Manipur University and other institutes. The educational tourism will provide two way benefits to the people of Manipur by generating employment in Manipur has endowed an advantage to the people in hosting the educational tourism for the neighboring countries. Manipur can become the

best place for school education and higher studies for the neighboring countries if world class building s and infrastructure are developed. Not only in general education, advance technical education and art and culture education, education in healthcare will attract many foreign students from the South East Asian Countries. **7. University and Higher Education:** University is not only a place of higher studies but also an institution which is authority in every sphere of decision making on different issues concerned with the state or the nation. It not only provides higher education in wide range of subject areas but also helps the state government in guiding for big projects for the benefit of the people. As for example, the direction to which the economy of the state should move shall be prescribed by the department of political economy and department of economics of the university. In the developed countries universities play a vital role in spreading advanced and higher technical education and in the act of taking major decision on different issues concerned with the state or the central government.

The university is the place where all the innovations are carried out. In university and higher education stage, the subjects which were introduced in the secondary and higher secondary stages are expanded into full grown subject for further research for future generations to come. In Manipur, the scope of higher and technical education at present is litter better than the traditional 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

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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 Moliwood 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 established 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 constituting a knowledge bank and should be opened to the general public and students for future reference. **(To be contd.....)**