

Editorial

Imphal, Saturday, June 25, 2016

Small steps to progress

The establishment and subsequent development of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector should be the priority of the state Government as had been in almost other parts of the country. accordingly, as per the Results-Framework Document (RFD) for Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (2012-2013), the Mission of the government is to - "Promote growth and development of globally competitive Micro, small and Medium Enterprises, including Khadi, Village and Coir industries, in cooperation with concerned Ministries / Departments, State Governments and other stakeholders by providing support to existing enterprises and encouraging creation of new enterprises. To endeavor to achieve a cumulative growth of 40%-50% in the number of registered enterprises by the end of 12th Plan and enhance this sector's contribution to GDP from the present 8% to 10% by the end of 12th Plan." The role and importance of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the economic and social development of the country and the state is well established, especially in a state like Manipur where the feasibility of setting up large corporations and enterprises is next to nothing owing to a number of factors, both intrinsic to the land and man-made. As per the Report of the Working Group on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Growth for 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017), the sector accounts for 45% of the manufacturing output and 40% of total exports of the country. The sector provides employment to about 69 million persons through 26 million enterprises throughout the country. Over 6000 products ranging from traditional to high-tech items are being manufactured by the MSMEs in the country. The labour to capital ratio in MSMEs and the overall growth in the sector is much higher than in the large industries. The geographic distribution of the MSMEs is also considered more even. Over the years, the small scale sector in India has progressed from the production of simple consumer goods to the manufacture of many sophisticated and precision products. The process of economic liberalization and market reforms has further exposed these enterprises to increasing levels of domestic and global competition. It may also be said that the MSME sector in India is highly heterogeneous in terms of the size of the enterprises, variety of products and services produced and the levels of technology employed. While one end of the MSME spectrum contains highly innovative and high growth enterprises, more than 94% of MSMEs are unregistered, with a large number established in the informal or unorganized sector. (MSME) sector is characterized by low investment requirement, operational flexibility and location wise mobility. The importance and contribution of the SME sector to the economic growth and prosperity cannot be stressed enough, and the Government's policy initiatives like enactment of the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, pruning of reserved SSI list, proposal for increase of credit flow to the SME sector, are all initiatives towards boosting entrepreneurship, investment and growth. Reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in MSME sector statutorily provided for in the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, has been one of the important policy measures for promoting this sector. The state Government cannot afford to delay the inevitable but should instead proactively pave the way for creating a smooth, swift and successful MSME sector which will bring down the dependence on largesse from the centre for almost every development activities as the sector will take care of unemployment, social unrest and economic constraints to a very large extent.

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National & International News

No salary hike for government employees? 7th Pay Commission recommendations likely to be delayed by 2-3 months after Brexit

New Delhi, June 25: In what could be the fallout of UK's decision to pull out of the European Union, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government may defer much-awaited payout of 7th Pay Commission for another 2-3 months. Center is likely to delay the process of implementing the 7th Pay Commission recommendations following increased volatility in the markets as a result of Brexit. Britain voted to leave the European Union, jolting the 28-nation bloc as well as prompting Prime Minister David Cameron to announce his resignation. 7th Pay Commission recommendations are likely to come to effect from August 1. According to a report of *Zee News*, increased volatility in the markets as a result of Britain's exit from the European Union may compel the government to delay the implementation of the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission as the market would take 2-3 months to get stabilized. However Union Finance Minister assured that

the government is prepared to deal with any short term volatility after Brexit. The government would also wait for the next bi-monthly RBI Monetary Policy (of the outgoing RBI Governor) which may most likely see interest rates remain intact. The implementation of 7th Pay Commission recommendations could adversely impact the economy as it would increase burden on state exchequer by Rs 1,00,000 crores. The government would keenly observe the next bi-monthly RBI Monetary Policy as even a slight hike may have major impact on fiscal health. Following Brexit, Indian financial markets on Friday witnessed a 4 per cent fall in a key equity index and a sharp drop in the rupee's value to 68 a dollar. It resulted in the erosion of nearly Rs 4 lakh crore from the investors' wealth held in stocks. Currently, Indian economy is going through a tough and crucial times. Any kind of haste in implementing the 7th Pay Commission would have adverse impact on market.

Bangladesh enforces nationwide "security alert" for jails ??

Dhaka, Jun 25: Bangladesh has ordered an intensified security vigil for 68 jails across the country after warnings of possible terror attacks in the wake of nationwide anti-militants clampdown, senior officials said today. "Instructions have been issued to intensify the security of our prisons. Directives have been sent out also for enforcing an extra vigil around the jails premises as well." Inspector general of prisons Brigadier General Syed Itefkar Uddin said today. He said an intelligence report warning against a possible major terror attack to destabilise the country prompted the jail authorities to revise the security systems of the prisons. "We asked our (jail) officials to follow some instructions. They were also asked to keep an extra eye on the security around the jail complexes," the prison chief said. Dhaka Central Jail officials said they issued a "red alert" to ensure maximum security of the facility deploying extra number of prison guards in and around the complex. "As part of the measures visitors' entry has been restricted and check in security has been strengthened. We have asked the prison guards to quiz suspicious people around the prisons as well." Dhaka Central Jail Superintendent Jahangir Kabir said. He said under the intensified

security, inmates activities would now be monitored extensively while visitors will be allowed to meet their relatives in jail only after screening. The prison officials did not elaborate about the intelligence report on the possible militant attack but said the correction facilities could be a target of militant attacks as the major prisons currently hold over 400 militants. Police said their detective branch alone arrested 107 operatives of different militant outfits last year and 38 in the first five months of the current year. Dhaka Tribune newspaper quoted unidentified police officials as saying that some detained militants revealed during interrogations that since last year the Islamist outfits were working to wage a massive armed revolution to topple the government and establish an Islamic state. "The militants were also desperate to free their top leaders from jail or snatch them from the prison vans," the report said. Another report suggested that the authorities issued the alert two days ago following a warning from the Home Ministry that a car bomb attack might occur in any prison. Under a nationwide anti-militancy security campaign, several suspected Islamists have been killed in encounters with security personnel.

IAF Su-30MKI Jet Carrying BRAHMOS Cruise Missile Completes First Flight Demonstration

New Delhi, June 25: BrahMos Aerospace has achieved a milestone today with successful demonstration flight of the BRAHMOS supersonic cruise missile system integrated Su-30MKI fighter jet. The demonstration flight, carried out at HAL Nasik, involved carriage of BRAHMOS weapon on the Indian Air Force (IAF)'s long-range Sukhoi-30 fighter, giving a major boost to the BRAHMOS air-launched flight test programme, according to the press release. With today's successful flight, the BrahMos air version programme has moved a step closer towards actual test firing of this 2.5-ton air-to-ground missile that will be fired from the Sukhoi Su-30MKI in the coming months.

Sudhir Kumar Mishra CEO & MD, BrahMos Aerospace, congratulated the Joint team of HAL, DRDO, IAF & BrahMos for achieving this technological feat which will go down in the history as first in the World combination of supersonic cruise missile with a long range fighter aircraft. The Su-30- BRAHMOS combination will carry out air combat operations within and beyond visibility range and will provide the IAF with the capability of attacking targets protected by powerful air defence assets. Integration of BRAHMOS with the Su-30MKI will render the weapon a multi-platform capability while making the IAF the only Air Force in the world in possession of a supersonic cruise missile system.

More State News

Assam Rifles conducts drawing and painting competition



IT News Imphal, June 25: The Tuliha Battalion of Keithelmanbi Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a drawing and painting competition at Government School Choubung Kampany in Imphal West district of Manipur state on 24 June 2016. The competition was divided into two groups i.e Primary and Middle School Section. A total of 70 students participated in the competition and were given the

freedom to decide their own theme. It was a platform for the students to express themselves through art and showcase their creativity. The students responded beyond expectations with their brush and colours. After the competition, prizes were distributed. This endeavour of the Assam Rifles to reach out to the children of Manipur was warmly welcomed by the staff and deeply appreciated by all.

Red Shield Division organises medical camp



PIB DEFENCE, Imphal, June 25: Tamenglong Battalion of Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division conducted a medical camp at Lenglong Village under Nungba Sub-Division of Tamenglong district on 23 June 2016. Being a very remote place with no medical facility available nearby, it was a well needed requirement of the locals, as they

have to travel to, either Tamenglong or Imphal for basic medical treatment. Chief Medical Officer, Regimental Medical Officer and a team of para medical staff provided treatment to the local villagers of Lenglong and adjoining areas and also advised them on various health and hygiene issues. The villagers thanked the Battalion for the same.

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"Nutrients for The Youth"

Professor strongly recommends for our present day youths to keeping up with good manners, to move ahead and never to give up till the objective is won. With citing the remarks on the importance of 'Today' as 'Yesterday is spent money, Tomorrow is a cheque, and Today is a cash to be used instantly', he asks the young people to retain self confidence, self reliance, tenacity and will power as they are the ingredients to success that they conjoin to form the powerful force of positive thinking (Mandela). Defining a good leader as a person who takes a little more than his share of blame and a little less than his share of credit (John C. Maxwell) and referring to the verse of unknown monk (1100AD) 'If I had changed my life, I could have an impact on my family. My family and I could make an impact on my town. Their impact could have changed the nation, and I could indeed change the world'. Prof. N. Rajmuhon heartily propagates the unfailing importance of individual responsibility in the society by saying that one's personality is judged by three aspects as what others think he is, what he thinks of himself and what he really is and our youths have to grow up and are to be nurtured as such. Professor N. Rajmuhon's 'nutrients for the Youth' can really

be the catalyst to mould the energetic young minds towards mounding up the creative and innovative talents to achieve the serene goals to lives. Encompassing with the essential thrilling remarks of many of the great personalities in the world, he not only mend up the dues in his previous book 'Inspiring the Youth' but also make it a cradle to securing the youth to live up with APJ Kalam's proposition of the essence of ignited minds. The author with the elaborate presentations on the most essential requirements to effectively guide the youth of the day amidst various challenges, concludes his book by professing four aspects to be considered as propping pillars to uplift the youth as real development, committed mobilization, professional organization and proper utilization towards triggering in of their compulsory participation and involvement in the overall development of the nation. Now, the book is passed to the attentive readers. Professor N. Rajmuhon as an unraveling academic, intellectual, environmentalist and writer, is always ahead of his time on all fronts, and it is (nutrient for the Youth) indeed a new feather in his cap towards empowering the Youth. Take time to taste it and perceive at once the rightful change.