

Editorial

Imphal, Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Insecurities of Food Security Act

The people of the state welcomed the launching of the much-awaited National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, by Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh at a function in Sangaiprou, Imphal at the office of Manipur Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution (CAF and PD). The highlight of the launching function was the presence of the Chief Minister along with Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam and Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution Minister L. Biren who jointly flagged off the rice loaded vehicles to be distributed to Fair Price Shops (FPS) - a symbolic demonstration of the boisterous intents of the state government to provide for food and nutritional security in human life cycle approach, by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population for receiving subsidised foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), thus covering about two-thirds of the population. The eligible persons will be entitled to receive 5 Kgs of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices of Rs. 3/2/1 per Kg for rice/wheat/coarse grains. The existing Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, which constitute the poorest of the poor, will continue to receive 35 Kgs of foodgrains per household per month. The Act also has a special focus on the nutritional support to women and children. Besides meal to pregnant women and lactating mothers during pregnancy and six months after the child birth, such women will also be entitled to receive maternity benefit of not less than Rs. 6,000. Children upto 14 years of age will be entitled to nutritious meals as per the prescribed nutritional standards. In case of non-supply of entitled foodgrains or meals, the beneficiaries will receive food security allowance. The Act also contains provisions for setting up of grievance redressal mechanism at the District and State levels. Separate provisions have also been made in the Act for ensuring transparency and accountability. Cut to the present- barely two months into the implementation of the most anticipated scheme, reports of misappropriation and anomalies in distributions have cropped up and what could arguably term the most promising scheme for the poor and the needy in a long time is already heading towards a disappointing disaster. Allegations, refutals and explanations regarding the scheme have become a regular news feature ever since day one. While the present government tries to brush off the contentions and allegations as politically motivated gimmicks by the opposition parties, there has to be some truth to the concerns being increasingly raised from all quarters, and the authorities entrusted with its implementation should be made to look into the matter to ensure proper utilization and prevent profiteering by a handful of individuals with vested interests. The beneficiaries should also stand firm and report any anomaly to the authorities and the media so that the guilty can be brought to justice and the system hopefully be cleansed of greedy middlemen and meddling culprits.

Rajnath reviews security situation in JK

PTI New Delhi, Jun 28: Home Minister Rajnath Singh today reviewed the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir, which witnessed a deadly attack on a CRPF convoy that left eight personnel dead, and directed security forces to intensify vigil in the state. During the hour-long meeting, the Home Minister was briefed about the internal security situation in Jammu and Kashmir as well as in the rest of the country and the steps taken to ensure peace. The meeting, attended by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehriishi, chiefs of intelligence agencies and other senior officials, analysed the inputs, including on infiltration from across the border, received from various agencies and steps taken on them, official sources said.

While voicing concern over the killing of the eight CRPF men by militants in Pulwama on Saturday, Singh directed the officials to strengthen the security arrangement and intensify vigil across Jammu and Kashmir, the sources said. The Home Minister has already set up a three-member team which will look into lapses, if any, in the Pulwama incident so that corrective steps could be taken. The team would also look into the possible increase of cross border infiltration and practices being followed during the movement of paramilitary forces convoy in Jammu and Kashmir. Eight CRPF personnel were killed and at least 25 others injured when two militants attacked a CRPF convoy in Pulwama district on Saturday.

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Man, woman and social networking site

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It's natural that woman gets angry when she found out her husband having illicit relationship with another woman. The same is with the man too. And the impact will be on their wards. Unlike in western countries, or other mainland Indian subcontinent. Manipur's way of life is completely different. There is freedom to both man and woman, but certain restrictions embolden to preserve the tradition and culture of the Manipuri people particularly among the Meitei community women are seen binding to follow certain rituals. The culture of housewife getting up early before the sunrise, completing the left over household choir and after taking a morning bath whether it may be in deep freezing winter cold or in hot exhausted summer heat, housewife are conventionally assigned the responsibility of performing the rituals in morning as every Manipuri family did. Our society being a Patriarchal, men are usually left aside from doing household chores. But things have change, as the world has become a Global village

many young generation people now think the other way. The advancement in internet technology and cell phone competition between various companies, the world is now a family. The lifestyles in western developed nations are the talk of the young generation forgetting that we are still way to go to reach their stage of development. It is not only about the young generation but also to those aged people who witness all these technology developing in front of their eyes. Except for the love and care for the love ones, culture of lifestyle is completely different from one nation to another nation, from one community to another community. And the unfortunate part is that almost all people wanted the kind of lifestyle that the developed countries practice. The way of expression through private conversation in social networking web site is sometime not fit for some people and some even finds it intrusion to their private life. It's okay to blame such attitude if the identity of the person is well mention and uploaded picture of their own.

Well, coming to the point, it is pertinent to think on why man spend more time in social networking site to get touch with people whom they never meet. As for the young school or college children its all right using it. But for those working man or woman who were already married, why they spend more time to this virtual world need to be carefully studied. There was a time when television was just a dream for people of this world. Nobody had ever thought that there will be two or more television sets in a house with uncountable number of channels. That time cell phone was just a science fiction. No person of that time had every thought that people will be able to access to any person across the globe from anywhere they stand. When television was just a dreamt the relation between wife & husband and their children was to close as they have times to sit together at least for few times after hard day work. Now a day when television is installed at every room with numerous channels the family members now didn't sit together

as they chose programme of their choice at different room. Well the dream about developed countries lifestyle is also another real problem for women. Women always like to be rich, live a king size life and their admiration often landed in trouble due to difference of opinions with their husband. That is the time that some husband went out to forget things that is happening in the family for those who do not want to stay with their computer to relax by chatting or engaging in their mobile hand set or computers. As conversation through social networking site provided one to express things that cannot be talk directly in real life, people are privileged with extreme freedom. That is why naturally words use to communicate may not be appreciated by their near and dear one. But one thing need understanding is that the kind of conversation in social networking site is just to get relieve and stay away from the kind of unbearable desires that their better half demanded. This is the part that every wife or near and dear one need to understand.

National News

Main accused in NIA official's murder arrested in Noida

Lucknow, June 28: Main accused in NIA official Mohammad Tazeel Ahmed's murder was arrested by the special task force (STF) of the Uttar Pradesh (UP) police on Tuesday in Noida, an official said. The accused, Muneer was

arrested along with two associates. He was in Noida for the last three days. A 9mm pistol was also recovered, the official said. Muneer had a reward of Rs 2 lakh on his head.

Soon after his arrest, the UP police, NIA officials and the STF have jointly begun interrogation of the accused, who is alleged to have shot Ahmed, 49, two dozen times on April 13 when he was returning from a family wedding

in Budayun. Ahmed's wife had succumbed to gunshot injuries later at a Delhi hospital. Others accused in the high-profile murder were arrested soon after the killing.

UP CM announces compensation to kin of slain CRPF men

ANI Lucknow, June 28: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday announced a compensation of Rs. 20 lakh each to the families of five Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans from the state who lost their lives in the terrorist attack in Pampore, Jammu and Kashmir, on June 25. The five CRPF personnel are Head Constable Vir Singh from Firozabad, Constable Rajesh Kumar from Allahabad, Constable K.K. Yadav from Unnao, Sub-Inspector Sanjay

Kumar Singh from Jaunpur and Constable Satish Chand from Meerut. As many as eight CRPF personnel were martyred and 24 others injured in a major ambush by two terrorists who were neutralised in the encounter at Pampore. Arms and ammunition including 2 AK 47 Rifles, 11 hand grenades were also recovered from the killed terrorists. After Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba claimed responsibility for the attack, Union

Home Minister Rajnath Singh said that the Centre would be sending a two-member committee to find out the loopholes which led to the untoward incident. Meanwhile, Singh chaired a high-level meeting in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) earlier today which was attended by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Rajinder Khanna, Intelligence Bureau chief Dineshwar Sharma and other senior officials. According to sources, the meeting

focused on the Pampore incident. The Pampore attack was the fourth one on the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir this month. At least 17 security personnel were killed and several others injured in the last three major strikes along the Jammu-Srinagar Highway during the period. Officials say infiltration has dramatically gone up compared to the previous year with more than 50 terrorists crossing the border in the last five months. Last year, there was zero infiltration in the first four months.

Pakistan skeptical on talks with India

ANI Islamabad, June 28: Sounding skeptical about progress towards normalisation of relations with India, Adviser to Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz called for managing the situation better so that tensions don't grow. "Their narrative has remained unchanged. They (India) do not want to give us credit [for our actions against terrorism] and keep an excuse for not starting dialogue," the Dawn quoted him, as saying at a foreign policy briefing session held for journalists yesterday. Aziz asserted that the problem was that New Delhi wanted normalisation on its terms which was not acceptable for Islamabad. Stating that his country will not back from its principled stance on talks with India, he said that Pakistan has been insisting that talks should be held on a whole range of eight issues identified for bilateral dialogue but, India wants an exclusive focus on terrorism. "If no major improvement takes place, we should manage the situation and our minimum objective should be to prevent tensions from growing," he added. Aziz wasn't very hopeful about progress in the Afghan reconciliation process. "Prospects of the [Afghan] peace process are not good. It would all now depend on the ground situation in Afghanistan," Aziz

said. He was of the view that elimination of Taliban chief Mullah Akhtar Mansour in a U.S. drone attack last month sabotaged the peace dialogue. "How can his successor now be asked to join the peace process?" he questioned adding that there had been no signal from the Taliban as yet to suggest that they were preparing to move in this direction. Aziz noted that there were divisions within Afghanistan about engaging a peace process with the Taliban and lack of clarity about how Kabul wanted to take the initiative forward. He said that Islamabad could not take full responsibility for bringing the Taliban to the table, but could use "whatsoever influence" it had to facilitate the process. Regarding the repeated allegation by Kabul and Washington of not adequately acting against the Afghan Haqqani network's alleged sanctuaries in Pakistan, Aziz

pressed that there was no difference of objective and it was rather a matter of sequencing and timing. Regarding the border issue with Afghanistan he said, "Border management is an immediate need - that is our priority. Moreover, border is not an issue for us, which we would like to negotiate," he emphasised. Talking about the U.S. he said that Pakistan was moving in the right direction despite recent setbacks, which led to cancellation of an F-16 deal. The advisor said that working groups of the bilateral 'strategic dialogue' would be meeting shortly. He was of the view that the U.S. government had concerns about the nuclear programme, but after realising that Islamabad would not budge on that, it started agitating the Haqqani network issue. "Even there we do not have any difference of objective, we only hold divergent views on timing and sequencing of how we proceed," he added.

4 terrorists barge into BJP leader's house, snatch AK 56 from security guard

Srinagar, June 28: Four suspected terrorists reportedly entered inside Jammu and Kashmir BJP leader Gulam Mohammad Chopan's house in Budgam on Tuesday and snatched an AK 56 rifle from his personal security guard. According to initial reports, the incident took in the morning when the BJP leader was at his home in Chandoa of Budgam district. Chandoa is around 17 km from state capital Srinagar. The suspected terrorists overpowered the security guard, snatched a rifle from him and ran away. An alert has been sounded across the area and all entry and exit points leading to the village have been sealed. A search operation has been launched to nab the suspected terrorists. Earlier in the day, a terrorist was killed by security forces in Kupwara district. Last week, as many as eight Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were martyred and 24 others injured in a major ambush by two terrorists who were neutralised in the encounter at Pampore. Arms and ammunition including 2 AK-47 Rifles, 11 hand grenades were also recovered from the killed terrorists.

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