

Editorial

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Lost in the melee

Just as with every disturbed state anywhere in the world, speculating the effects of any significant event on the present social situation have become the favorite past time of the state. Deaths of prominent persons, earthquakes and any other event worth discussing over do not escape social scrutiny and debate. The social exercise becomes more intense and animated if and when the state authorities decide to keep a studied silence, for reasons best known to themselves. The death of NSCN-IM leader Isak Chisi Swu was one such instance, and the public as well as the media went into overdrive with opinions and analysis on the course of action the event will most likely dictate, the projections of the repercussions and ramifications being divided as they are numerous. Lost in the melee is the essence of the whole spirit for which the Naga leader devoted more than half a century of his life to a cause he believed and dreamed of. More than the division of the present states or the reorganizing of the existing boundaries, it was the struggle for bringing a mutual understanding and respect, even though the move is viewed by most outside the community as a skewed and arbitrary one. Perhaps the goal of the party is misinterpreted, or has been diluted or infused with communal interests over time and changing circumstances- only time will tell. Time will also make things clear for every stakeholder about the numerous groups and parties professing their love for the 'Motherland' and fighting for separate lands and sovereign states, instead of rectifying the various misdeeds and deliberate misappropriations of resources meant for the development of the progress by those in power and position. There also grew a breed of few unscrupulous elements in the garb of social activists- armed or otherwise, picking on the weak and the sinners, exploiting their weaknesses and profiteering from it. The society today is in chaos, and the very intent for change, however sincere it might have been, has almost been reduced to a means of advancing personal interest and wealth what with a horde of opportunists and social parasites threatening to divert or worse, derail the whole movement. While the means adopted to claim their demand may not be acceptable to everyone, or their demand itself deemed too extreme for many, there can be no denying the fact that the Indian system of governance and administration needs constant intervention and disruptions for the very system tends to incubate and nurture cronyism, corruption, favoritism, partiality, nepotism not to mention the abuse of central and state security power for personal vendetta. What the people need to realize is that the realization of a dream of a particular group, community or tribe cannot be at the cost of another. Without mutual understanding and negotiation no amount of agitation or show of might will endure. The best way, and perhaps the only one out of the present social quagmire is to bring about an amicable solution for the grievances of all parties, communities or groups- a suggestion easier said than done, but there should be a beginning- without preconceived notions, preconditions or predefined agenda.

Uproar in J-K Assembly over Handwara killings

ANI Srinagar, June 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly witnessed a major uproar today with the opposition parties National Conference and Congress staging a walkout over the Handwara killings. Members of the National Conference and Congress have been reportedly accusing the PDP-BJP government of failing to table the inquiry report into the Handwara killings in the Upper House.

As soon as the proceeding of the assembly started, the Opposition legislators stood up from their seats and demanded the government's response on the killing of youth in Bemina.

Handwara witnessed massive clashes between the police and locals on April 12 after the news of a girl being molested by an army soldier spread.

Five people were killed in firing by the security forces during the

protests. However, the girl denied the molestation allegation in a controversial video shot inside a police station in which she said that she had been under duress.

SN neutralise terrorists

ANI Malawara, June 30: Two terrorists were gunned down by the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Thursday.

The encounter began after the security personnel launched a search operation in Malawara village on suspicion of the presence of a militant in the area. As per sources, two to three militants are believed to be holed-up inside a building.

Earlier on Wednesday, the security forces arrested two Hizbul Mujahideen militants from Sopore area of Baramulla district.

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Communal Harmony and Integration

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After 68 years of independence India is still facing three basic challenges of minimising disparities eradicating discriminating and avoiding alienation. The reasons are not far to seek. India being a big country of big communities, tribes and sub-tribes speaking different languages and dialects has multi-

social customs and festivals and religious faiths. The development programmes and projects, if not implemented under equal facilities and balances and prospects for the people as per geographical regions, the economic disparity will prevail. Similarly the Manipur state situated in the North East Region will not be an exception to it.

During the last sixty eight years development works are confined mostly in urban areas rather than the rural areas. Road communication is also not good as compared with the urban areas. Electricity work was not adequately available in rural and different hill areas. This has led to the disparity between rural and urban areas in many respects of development and progress. That dissatisfaction of the rural and hill areas is the hurdle towards promotion of harmony. Hence the overall development process for improving the living standard of the poor rural people will be affected to a great extent.

Non Government Organisations and local clubs and other organisations of different communities have to be approved to take part in the development works programmes. Change of thoughts and joint efforts have to be made for general upliftment of economic standard. All the concerned Govt. agencies have to be contacted for taking up all feasible development programmes which can give direct and quick result to the local residents.

Constant contact and interaction among various communities are encouraged by all possible ways in order to create sense of awareness and maximum sharing in the social responsibilities and effective motivation. Our unique composite culture based on social harmony and integration could be survived through indomitable will of the nation.

Manipur is abode of more than thirty six tribes seven scheduled caste, Muslims, Nepalese Biharis, Bengalis, Marwarries, Punjabis and Meiteis who account for sixty per cent of the population there is not elements of social discrimination among the various communities except the recent anti-India feelings incited by the underground elements and anti-social groups. Never in our long history the communal riot had never flared up between the Hindus and Muslims. But recent conflict between the two major tribes, the Nagas and the Kukis caused mainly by the utopian concept of Greater Nagaland at the aegis of NSCN-IM. The majorities Meiteis with a liberal attitude towards every section of society will have to make themselves involved in all social aspects of economic and administrative treatments.

Youth camps are the best means for promoting harmony and emotional integration and as organising camps in various places where many communities led down can give ample opportunity for associating

together among themselves. Inter community marriage is a good step towards sharing common bondage of lone and fraternity, constant contact and joint sharing in the joint concern of manifold complex issues will surely minimise callous misunderstanding.

The tendency of the minority government to keep in isolation under the old conditions of frustration could only be minimised through frank and open mind in all dealings for economic and social welfare indiscriminately until and unless the balance and equitable prosperity could be brought about among the communities no harmony and integration could be promoted. All the major decisions towards the common cause of the country and state Government or Non-Government Agencies should be made on the basis of peoples welfare, political and geographical consolidation without winning the heart of the public cannot be sound policy of integrity. India is the home of secular democracy; every person should be proud of being an Indian in the mainstream of the country. If so regional integration based on emotional mind and moral integrity with deep thought and humanity will work 'well towards end of abstract vision. The most constructive element of unity and communal harmony is to be enhanced at any cost through massive middle class levels too. It is quite appropriate to remember few words of Indira Gandhi - "Every Indian has the right to demand its right full claim; but it should not infringe into the right of other community".

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Brigadier HS Cheema Visits Sainik School Imphal

PIB DEFENCE, Imphal, June 30: Brigadier HS Cheema, Commander Zakhama Brigade, visited Sainik School Imphal on 27 June 2016. On arrival, he was received by the Principal Capt (IN) Vinay Tiwari. During his visit to the School, Brigadier HS Cheema addressed the Cadets, and delivered a lecture on the topic 'Life in Olive Greens'. During the course of his lecture he educated the cadets of Sainik School Imphal about various schemes for entry into NDA, selection procedure for Officers in Armed Forces and role of armed forces in a democracy.

Dedication of link road by Assam Rifles



PIB DEFENCE, Imphal, June 30: In continuation with its welfare activities, Moreh Battalion of Palle Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) completed a Link Road for public use from NH 102 to Village H Mongjang in Chandel district, Manipur under Border Area Development Programme. The road was inaugurated by the Commandant of Moreh Battalion, Assam Rifles in the presence of village chief and the locals on 29 June 2016. Construction of the Link Road has fulfilled the long pending demand of providing road connectivity to the remote village. Residents of H Mongjang village expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for their continuous support, co-operation and assistance. Keeping up with its image of being the 'Friends of the North East People', Assam Rifles has been tirelessly carrying out Civic Actions with the aim of spreading peace and harmony in Manipur.

Free Eye Camp

IT News Imphal, June 30: Shija Eye Care foundation in association with AMAKHAH and WFC jointly organized a comprehensive eye camp at Lainingthou Amudon Community Hall, Sagolband on 28th June, 2016. 200nos. Of patients were examined for eye related problems. 15 cataracts and 2 pterygiums were diagnosed during the camp. Dr. K. Romen, Consultant Ophthalmologist along with other supporting staff of Shija Eye Care foundation examined the patient. 4 cataract and 2 pterygium patients were transported to Shija Eye Care Foundation, Langol for the corrective surgery on the same day.

Lakmé Fashion Week hosts first ever Model Auditions for North-East India

Mumbai : Hosting its first ever model hunt in North-East, the nation's most coveted fashion event, the Lakmé Fashion Week (LFW) jointly organized by Lakmé, the No.1 cosmetics and beauty services brand in India and IMG Reliance Pvt. Ltd., leaders in sports, fashion and entertainment marketing and management is coming to Guwahati for the upcoming season. A launch pad for the most successful faces of the industry like Deepika Padukone and Katrina Kaif as well as internationally acclaimed models like Pooja Mor and Bhumika Arora, seen scorching the runways of New York Fashion Week and Paris Fashion Week, the auditions will be held in association with Northeast India Fashion & Design Council (FNDC) on July 4th at Terra Maya Lounge, Guwahati.

The auditions will be judged by high-profile national fashion influencers, along with Sonalika Sahay and popular Assamese actresses, Nishita Goswami and Barsha Rani Bishaya with the results declared on the same day. The winning models get a contract to walk the runway at the prestigious Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2016 which is scheduled to take place on 24th-28th August in Mumbai.

Mr. Jaspreet Chandok, Vice-President & Head-Fashion IMG Reliance Limited commented, "IMG Reliance is building a special focus towards North East India (NER) in this coming season of Lakmé Fashion Week. This audition is the first step in line with our commitment to bring talent from the North East to the mainstream. The North East is a key market for the growth of fashion and creative industries with its rich cultural lineage and tribal heritage in design, eclectic range of traditional textiles, large indigenous weaving legacy and its young educated demographic. IMG Reliance recently partnered with Northeast India Fashion & Design Council for a workshop in Guwahati for fashion

and textile designers and has plans to promote designers who can be nurtured using the skills and heritage of NER. The initiative also aims to encourage fashion start-ups in the Northeast and work on addressing the barriers to fashion entrepreneurship."

Ms. Medha Saikia, Founder and President, FNDC said, "We are happy to be a part of Lakmé and IMG Reliance's endeavor to nurture talent in the North East. Given the expertise of IMG Reliance who has successfully managed the Lakmé Fashion Week over several years, we believe we have the right guidance to bolster the immense fashion talent of the Northeast region."

About Lakmé Fashion Week: Lakmé Fashion Week is jointly organized by Lakmé, the No.1 cosmetics and beauty services brand in India and IMG Reliance Pvt. Ltd., leaders in sports, fashion and entertainment marketing and management. Lakmé Fashion Week has been conceived and created with a vision to "Redefine the future of fashion and Integrate India into the global fashion world." Lakmé Fashion Week is organized twice every year. Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2016 will be held from August 24 - August 28, 2016 at St. Regis Mumbai. For further information log on to <http://www.Lakmefashionweek.co.in>

About Lakmé: Contemporary Indian beauty expert Lakmé continuously innovates to offer a wide range of, high performance and world class colour cosmetics, skincare products, and

beauty salons. In addition to leveraging Unilever's worldwide expertise, Lakmé also partners with the leading cosmetic house Milan-based Intercos Italia, Schwann Stabulo Germany and Paris based Fiabila. Combining international cosmetic technology with an in-depth understanding of the Indian woman's needs, Lakmé also offers its consumers a comprehensive beauty experience through its products and services at the Lakmé Salons and Studios. For further information log on to www.lakmeindia.com

About IMG Reliance: IMG Reliance Pvt Ltd., is an equal joint venture between Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), India's largest and most recognized private sector company, and IMG Worldwide (IMG), global leaders in sports, events, media and fashion. The joint venture company will develop market and manage sports, fashion and entertainment in India. Its current assets include India's premier fashion event, Lakmé Fashion Week, Indian Super League and South Asia's only ATP World Tour event, the Chennai Open. IMG, having recently ventured into Talent Management, represents Leander Paes, Rohit Sharma and Hardik Pandya for worldwide management and marketing representation. IMG has partnered with All India Football Association (AIFF) and Basketball Federation of India (BFI) to popularize and promote the two sports throughout India, from the grassroots to the professional level.

The criteria for applicants are as below:
Only Tall Female Models Requirements -

Pictures : Carry 2 sets of pictures/composite cards, with name, height, body measurements & telephone/mobile number written behind the same.
Dress Code : Upper: Short Single or Sleeveless/Tube Top Lower: Tight fitted shorts or skirt (Please DO NOT wear jeans or a dress) Please carry your own stilettos/heels
Venue: Terra Maya Lounge, Guwahati
Date: July 4th, 2016
Model Registration Time: 1 pm sharp