

Editorial

Imphal Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Demonetization, indefinite blockade and election

The state of Manipur is reeling under serious crisis. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's surprise move of demonetizing denomination of Rs. 500/1000 to curv out black money has ironically given immense hardship to common people and small time traders including the *Imas* in Imphal business hub Khwairamband Keithel. A newspaper recently report about how an elderly woman had to exchange her Rs 500 denomination with a Rs. 100 notes for buying her day's requirement. On the other hand almost all big politicians and businessmen, whom the demonetization attempts to target are seem less worry as they have good connection with bankers. Rumours are spreading fast about some big politician exchanging money or depositing to bank account of others on payments of some commission.

On the other hand the prolong indefinite blockade being underway at National Highways has made life of the common people here in Imphal as well as other part of the state - a tremendous hardship. Many youths are forced to sit idle at home as there are no fuels in the market to go for their daily work. For government employees it is a matter of opportunity as their bank account is secure even though they too have some problems in getting their essential items for day today use. It is only those who are on hand to mouth, which has been really affected. The two developments - at which both were right when look from their own direction is not perfectly justified from the views of common men. Modi's demonetizations may be term a bold move and he might have been even compared with the man who changed Singapore for foreign media. But lack of proper preparedness has created havoc and panic to the common illiterate population who dominate 60% of the population of the country.

On the other hand the UNC which has been imposing an indefinite blockade to both the national High way might felt their move as a justified one. But the reality is that common people are the only populace that are being hit. 1000s and 1000s of brothers and sister from the Hills too are suffering due to the eco-blockade. However, men leading the UNC and those Ministers and MLAs whom they actually should target are not facing any sort of problem. They still live a life of luxury. Sardar Hills or no Sardar Hills is of no concern to the men in government; it is a technique, a tool to grapple power.

The intervention of the centre after 14 days to the prolong eco blockade is direct indication of two major political party utilising the issue. Both the political parties are trying their best to divide the various communities of the state for their selfish gain in the upcoming state assembly general election.

A point here to remind is the ethnic Kuki people of the state are being easily played and utilized by any vested interested groups and with lack of unity and stability this community of the state which dominates 3rd in population figure have become a tool for people playing dirty games. As we know the demand for Sardar Hills will once more go out of the scene sooner the election finished.

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION

Dated, the 14th November, 2016

No.1/13(11)/2016-LA (E) Pt.3: The following are the Roll Nos. Of the successful candidates who have qualified for interview/viva-voce for appointment to the 7(seven) reserved vacant posts of Lower Division Assistant (LDA) for Scheduled Tribe as per the Speed Test/Computer Typing held on 12th November, 2016 at 11am in the Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat. Roll Nos. (not in order of merit): 2, 12, 14, 15, 24, 26, 31, 34, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 70, 71, 77, 78, 82, 84, 89, 91, 95, 100, 102, 104, 113, 115, 123, 140, 145, 148, 153, 167, 168.

(Total-35 Candidates).
The above qualified candidates are, therefore, informed to appear in the interview/viva-voce to be held on Wednesday, the 16th November, 2016 at 11am in the office room of the Secretary, Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat along with their original certificates/testimonials without fail.

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National & International News

Demonetisation ended terror-funding, stone-pelting on security forces in Kashmir: Parrikar

Mumbai, Nov. 15: Since the demonetisation of high currency notes, terror funding has come down to zero and there has not been stone-pelting on security forces, Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar said in Mumbai on Monday.

He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the "daring" move, which, he said, will also help clamp down on the narcotic drugs.

"Earlier, there were rates: Rs 500 for stone pelting (on security forces in Kashmir) and Rs 1,000 for doing something else. PM has brought terror funding to zero," Parrikar said. "In the last few days after PM's daring move there hasn't been stone pelting on security forces. I congratulate PM for it," he said, speaking at an event in Mumbai organised by the BJP MLA Atul Bhatkalkar.

Talking to reporters later, Parrikar said those who sponsor terror will be affected by the demonetisation. Earlier, at the event, Parrikar said, "Bhatkalkar did not tell me beforehand that he will felicitate me."

A citation was presented to Parrikar, which lauded his role in surgical strikes in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir. It also thanked him for providing relief to people affected by land development rules in the vicinity of Central Ordnance Depots. "When I became Defence Minister, I did not think there will be things like this (dealing with COD-land issue). I thought Defence meant bang-bang on the border," he said.

"Altogether, 17.38 lakh acres of land in the country is under Defence possession. Defence is the largest land owner in India," Parrikar said. "There was delay in resolving COD issue as there were concerns over security on one hand and people's concerns on the other," he said.

"Whether it's border security or economic security, PM Modi has taken daring decisions," he said, adding, "whatever is being done, our jawans on border are doing it. I and PM are just supporting it."

"Problem of new notes circulation will be resolved to a large extent in the next four-five days," Parrikar said.

In the next Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation elections, nobody will be left with power to bribe voters,

Parrikar said, without naming the ally Shiv Sena which has been critical of demonetisation.

The Defence Minister said an issue should not be made out of his simplicity and his shunning various official perks.

"I came to Mumbai thrice (on personal visits) and police didn't know," Parrikar said.

BJP MP Gopal Shetty said he will expose Defence officers who indulged in irregularities while dealing with the COD issue.

Providing relief to people in suburban Kandivli and Malad in Mumbai, Parrikar had earlier this year said the local military authority (LMA) will have to respond within

30 days to applications for no-objection certificate for redevelopment and construction near the defence establishment, failing which the state government and the municipal corporation can take a call.

The move was welcomed by residents of buildings within the 500-meter radius of the Central Ordnance Depot, a defence establishment spanning across 17 acres of Kandivli and Malad.

Two notifications — issued by a cautious government in 2010 in the wake of the Adarsh scam and by the ministry of defence (MoD) in 2011 — had scuttled all redevelopment projects in the



highly congested areas of Kandivli and Malad, as they had permission from the LMA mandatory for any construction within 500-meter radius of COD.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT : TRIBAL AFFAIRS & HILLS DEPARTMENT (Tribal Research Institute) NOTIFICATION Imphal, the 15th November, 2016

No. 30/10/2004-TD(TRI) : Application in plain paper along with details of academics are invited to the willing candidates with minimum qualification as indicated below for the post of joint Director (TRI), Directorate of Tribal Research Institute, Manipur on contract basis for the period of one year.

Name of Post	Minimum Qualification	No. of post	Remuneration
Joint Director (TRI)	1. 2 nd Class Master's Degree or its equivalent grade from a Recognised University 2. Ph.D in either one of the Disciplines: Sociology/History/Political Science/Anthropology 3. 5 years Administrative or Research of Teaching Experience in Govt. or Semi-Govt. Organization Desirable: Knowledge of Manipuri/Hindi and one Tribal Dialect.	01(one)	Rs. 22,200/- (Rs. 15600-39100 +GP 6600 per month)

The Application along with photocopy of the relevant documents/testimonials should be submitted to the Office of the Commissioner (Tribal Affairs & Hills/TRI), Government of Manipur (Room No. 235, South Block 2nd Floor Annex Building), Manipur Secretariat, Imphal on or before 23rd November, 2016 during office hour.

Date of interview : 30th November, 2016 at 10.00 am onwards in the office chamber of the Commissioner (Tribal Affairs & Hills/TRI), Government of Manipur.

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(T. Pamei)
Commissioner (TA&Hills/TRI),
Government of Manipur

More State News

Cherry blossom festival kicks off in Shillong

ANI Shillong, Nov.15: The four-day autumn Cherry Blossom festival has kicked off in Meghalaya capital Shillong.

The festival is aimed at attracting tourists to the hill state in autumn to witness the unique beauty of pink and white cherry blossoms as well as Meghalaya's traditional arts, culture and cuisine.

The event is organised by the Government of Meghalaya and the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), a national institute of the Department of Biotechnology.

Chief Minister Mukul Sangama said, "Today, as we celebrate this first cherry blossom festival, the first edition, five years from now, I am sure we will need bigger and bigger place, this is not going to be a place where we will be hosting this cherry blossom festival five years from now. And the kind of buzz this festival will create will be something else."

Popularly known as the Sakura Festival in Japan, the event is held in April every year. Australia, Korea, China, the US and some other countries also celebrate the festival which helps in creating a positive impact on the local economy.

IGAR (s) celebrates the bond with Ningols

IT News Imphal, Nov. 15: IGAR(South)

organized "NingolChakkouba" yesterday in keeping with the Manipuri traditions and true to its credo "Friends of Manipur".

The event was organised as a "heartfelt gesture of love, affection and esteem" in order to pay befitting tribute to women of the State, whose outstanding qualities are renowned the world over. Womenfolk from various walks of life and communities of the State were invited at Mantripukhri camp of Assam Rifles and hosted by Maj Gen VirendraSingh, VSM,

IGAR(South) and other officers. A traditional welcome was extended to the Ningols from various sections of society who have brought laurels not only to this beautiful State, but have proved their mettle in national as well as international arena by their outstanding contributions in almost all fields. The womenfolk offered 'Athenpot' to the rank and file of IGAR (S).

Maj Gen Virendra Singh, VSM, in his message, appreciated the invaluable contribution of the Manipuri womenfolk in all walks of life and added that it was an honour for him to host the Ningols on behalf of the Assam Rifles



fraternity. He appealed to the womenfolk to continue their inimitable role of maintaining peace, development and harmony in the society. The General officer emphasized that the state is undergoing a positive transformation and the women can make immense difference in continuing the progress in the state. He also conveyed that the Assam Rifles is committed to stand by the Manipur Society in all times. On behalf of the participants, women speakers expressed gratitude towards the gesture of the Assam Rifles to strengthen the brother-sister bond and emphasized that the

cordial relationship between the security forces and the society will always play a positive role in ensuring sustainable peace & prosperity in the state.

The event was conducted as per Manipuri traditions. There were various cultural programs organised followed by felicitation of Ningols. The event culminated with a sumptuous traditional feast with everyone eating the traditional Manipuri meal on plantain leaves and the Assam Rifles Officers & Men attired in 'Pheijos' serving the Ningols. The event further cemented the bonding between the Assam Rifles and civil society.