

# Editorial

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## Laymen views on Electoral Politics

With 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly election round the corner, Imphalites had already engaged in tough assignment for ensuring success of their dear and near ones. The changes seen in the last few elections showed that the functioning of the Indian democracy largely depends to the success of well setup political party. No doubt constitution of India provides equal opportunity to all citizens of the country when it comes to make their own decision on whether she/he can contest the election, if the criteria demanded to become an elected member is fulfilled. While saying so it is critical to comment on any citizens which is stated are illegible to get elected as the electoral process practice being underway is a real contradiction. It is being stated as the electoral politics happening in the country particularly in the state of Manipur is communalism in nature.

The emerging trend in Indian politics is that any candidate willing to serve the nation will get hardly any chance to contest the election if he does not joined any established political party beside being a member of either high class community. If in case her or his personality cross beyond other contender but chose to fight without joining any political party then he will be the most frustrated representatives ever elected. Point being noted here is that the present political set up in India now needs candidates to affiliate in any of the political party existed.

Before Narendra Modi, the BJP Prime Minister won a massive victory in the last Parliamentary election - The party however, was not interested in this part of the country - Particularly in the state of Manipur.

Since the massive victory, the fact remain that the election next time will be fight between two main party - one the BJP and its alliance and the other with alliance led by Congress Party.

Making alive the democracy is the need of the hour. And functioning of a democratic government is witness only when there is a strong opposition.

No doubt Congress is in power in the state for 3 consecutive terms. There are certain factors that many people in the state will be fed up of this government. But there are also many factors that people still appreciated this govt - except in some case.

BJP's ex-facto to believe that it will form govt. next year is perhaps because the NDA govt. led by BJP is in the center and the congress is also confidence of returning to power as there are no qualified contenders (as they assume). The only fear is that there is a rumour of many congress men likely to join the BJP. And the rumour appears true, two strong men of the Congress party today joined the BJP today. One had already joined reaching the number to three. The joining of the three former congress leaders had encouraged many sitting MLAs to resign and joined the BJP. But the BJP will not be able to give party ticket to the fight the upcoming Assembly election.

This is about the political trend of Manipur which is largely depended to the changes happening in Delhi.

It is however hard to believe on the tested and to be tested any changes that people of the region are expecting.

Because whoever come to power, we earnestly request to abolish the treatment of Indians as second class citizens and the first class citizens among the countrymen. Yeah! we are talking about repeal of draconian act AFSPA

# Focus on Human Dignity and Human Rights: A Global Movement for Ethics in Medicine

*There is a felt need to adopt 'global ethics' to indicate ethical science devoted to protecting the environment and our own future species.*

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Rapid strides in medical technology with an artificial human being almost in sight, designer babies, organ and gene replacements, are all creating an explosion of ethical dilemmas in medicine. Where should technology stop? The world is becoming more 'anthropocentric', to the extent that entire species of other animals are disappearing. On the clinical level, conflict between medical practitioners and their patients is becoming more and more common today. At least partly, this is due to failure to recognize each other as individuals and human beings, each with their own rights. The need of the day is to adopt 'global ethics' (a term coined by the American biochemist Van Rensselaer Potter) to indicate ethical science devoted to protecting the environment and our own future species. Named 'bioethics', these are ethical principles based on sound transcultural understanding. The UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, adopted on 19 October 2005 codifies these principles. Among them, the first principle is that of Human Dignity and Human Rights: (Article 3): 1. Human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms are to be fully respected. 2. The interests and welfare of the individual should have priority over the sole interest of science or society (see <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/bioethics/bioethics-and-human-rights/>). Based on this principle, more than

114 Units across the world will mark the First World Bioethics Day with a uniform program on topics around human dignity and rights.

In 2001, the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics was established at the International Center of Health, Law and Ethics, University of Haifa. The UNESCO Chair Haifa, headed by Prof. Amnon Carmi, gradually established a number of Units at medical Universities all across the world. Their aim was to form a network to 'coordinate and stimulate an International Network of Institutes for Medical Ethics Training (NIMED)'. The UNESCO Chair of Bioethics is tasked with developing a culturally sensitive yet responsive syllabus in ethics for medical schools all over the world. Dr. Russell D'Souza, an Indian psychiatrist settled in Australia is heads the Asia Pacific region for the UNESCO Bioethics Chair, Haifa. The Indian Medical Association, Medical Council of India, National Board of Examinations, and Vice-chancellors of several health Universities in India are all Units of UNESCO Chair. Units for medical students are also being formed. Among such units, the Central India Unit is based at PGIMER-Dr. RML Hospital in Delhi. The International Forum of Teachers in Bioethics has been established for membership to medical teachers who are already trained in bioethics.

All Units meet at least once a year to discuss progress and formulate future plans. At their Annual Meeting in 2015, a decision was taken to mark the signing of the

UNESCO Universal Declaration by observing a World Bioethics Day, with programs focused on the First Principle of Bioethics- Human Dignity and Human Rights. The UNESCO bioethical principles are:

- Respect for human dignity and human rights (Article 3.1)
- Priority of the individual's interests and welfare over the sole interest of science or society (Article 3.2)
- Beneficence and non-maleficence (Article 4)
- Autonomy (Article 5)
- Informed consent (Article 6)
- Protection of persons unable to consent (Article 7)
- Special attention to vulnerable persons (Article 8)
- Privacy and confidentiality (Article 9)
- Equality, justice and equity (Article 10)
- Non discrimination and non stigmatization (Article 11)
- Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism (Article 12)
- Solidarity and cooperation (Article 13)
- Access to healthcare and essential medicines (Article 14)
- Benefit sharing (Article 15)
- Protection of future generations (Article 16)
- Protection of the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity (Article 17).

Thus, these principles not only emphasize the imperative changes

we should bring in our attitudes and behavior towards each other, but also to the environment and to other species.

To improve the applicability and acceptability of these Principles among the healthcare fraternity, a novel case based approach is used. A number of 'casebooks' illustrating principles of bioethics are available free on the net (Casebook Series, Bioethics Core Curriculum <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0019/001923/192371e.pdf>). It is recognised that many ethical questions that doctors face daily-around right to care of the terminally ill, ability to make decisions for oneself, use of specific interventions without recognising religious or cultural practices; do not have any black or white answers. An informed yet culturally sensitive and humanitarian approach is needed to deal with such complex issues which have multifaceted dimensions and have no easy answers. These case dilemmas aim to focus on these issues and encourage dialogue and discussion.

As the Bioethics Movement widens, it is hoped that not only will health care improve, but also mutual respect and recognition between patients and their healthcare providers will enter a more informed and respectful phase.

(PIB Feature)

## National & International News

### Militants overpower TV tower guards and escape with guns

**Agency**  
**Srinagar, Oct. 17:** Separatist guerrillas snatched weapons from TV tower guards in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said on Monday. The police said the militants attacked the guards posted at a Low Power Transmitter station of public service broadcaster *Doordarshan* in Dalvash village late Sunday night. They took away five service rifles.

"Militants in combat uniform barged into the guard room of TV tower at Dalvash in Dooru area of Anantnag district at around 12.30 AM and overpowered the cops guarding the installation," the police official said.

*Hindustan Times* reports that allegedly, senior police officers arrived later for assessment, sounding an alert and closing entry and exit to Dooru village. A search has been launched. One Insas and carbine rifle and three self-loading rifled have been taken. The security guards of the TV tower have been arrested.

In another incident, militants opened fire on a police post guarding a minority community in Sirmoo area of Pulwama district late Sunday night, the official said. He said the police personnel retaliated forcing the ultras to flee from the spot. "There were no casualties in the incident," he added.

This is the second such incident in recent times. Militants attacked the guard post at the residence of a National Conference leader in Kulgam district of Kashmir and decamped with rifles of policemen on 8 September. The ultras barged into the residential compound of NC block president Abdul Rashid Khanday at Begom in Kulgam late night on 7 September and took away four service rifles of the cops posted on guard duty of the

police leader, a police official had said. The militants had decamped with two Insas rifles, one SLR rifle and a 303 rifle from the cops. A departmental inquiry had been set up to probe the incident and security forces had been put on alert in south Kashmir to track the militants who carried out the incident, he said.

On Sunday evening, a soldier Sudesh Kumar of 6 Rajput Regiment was killed in sniper firing on the LoC in Tarkundi area of Rajouri, on a day when India hosted leaders of a number of countries, including Russian president Vladimir Putin and Chinese president Xi Jinping, for Brics and Bimstec summits. The Pakistani army had earlier on Sunday opened unprovoked firing at Indian positions on the LoC in Rajouri district in the morning.

"Pakistani Army violated ceasefire in Naushera sector of the LoC using small arms. Our troops have responded befittingly using same calibre weapons," said defence spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Manish Mehta.

"Firing exchanges stopped at 8 am," he added. In the firing and shelling, five civilians and four army men sustained injuries in Poonch district.

### Earthquake of slight intensity hits Uttarakhand

**Uttarakhand, Oct. 17:** A slight intensity quake measuring 4.0 on the Richter scale hit Uttarakhand this morning. Met Department said, the tremor jolted the region at 6 AM. The epicentre of the quake was located near Indo-Nepal border in the state.

### MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

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

Sl. No.	Name of post	Date
1.	Electrician	19-10-2016
2.	Chawkidar	19-10-2016
3.	Telephone Operator	19-10-2016
4.	Sweeper	19-10-2016
5.	Photographer-cum-Videographer	19-10-2016
6.	Cleaner	19-10-2016
7.	Classifier	19-10-2016
8.	Cataloguer	19-10-2016
9.	Library Attendant	19-10-2016
10.	Farrash	20-10-2016
11.	Peon	20-10-2016
12.	Security women	20-10-2016

All the candidates are, therefore, informed to collect their admit-cards on 17-10-2016 & 18-10-2016 during office hour and to appear in the viva-voce/interview on the dates mentioned above along with their original certificates & testimonials etc. without fail.

Time of reporting : 10:30 am  
Time of interview : 11:00 am  
Venue : Assembly Secretariat

Sd/-  
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Deputy Secretary (Admn),  
Manipur Legislative Assembly

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Venue	Syllabus
Assembly Secretariat	Current affairs & General awareness (Objective type/Multiple Choice)

Candidates who have not yet collected their admitcards are further intimated to collect the same on or before the date of written test re-scheduled above and also to appear for the same without fail.

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