

Editorial

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Tunnel-vision monologues

The state observed the completion of the 68th year after the first epoch-making session of the democratically elected Manipur Legislative Assembly was held before the state was merged into the Indian Union. Almost seven decades down the line, it would seem an obvious conclusion that the system of administration and governance would have been rectified of the major glitches and oversights that almost always crops up with any new venture. Sadly, we could not have been more wrong in our optimistic assumptions. While there is indeed many a truth in the argument that the state have progressed and is not lagging behind other states in terms of various parameters of development, scratch the surface and the all too palpable feelings of unrest, uncertainty, suspicion and disquiet cannot be ignored or wished away. The acerbic and often communal-based claims and counter-claims of 'unique history', 'collective aspirations', 'territorial integrity' and 'legacy of dominance' by various interest groups in the small state which are but preponderance to their limited, narrow and communal-tinged views have today put paid to every efforts to integrate the feeling of oneness amongst the numerous communities. The matter has come to such a pass, owing in no small measure to the ineffective, unassertive and self-aggrandizing administration of the state government who have evidently failed to register the reality despite years and repeated terms of tenure, that there is now an invincible yet acknowledged line of divide amongst the different communities and tribes living in the state. And as much as it might draw the adverse reactions of many, it must be made known that the claims and counter-claims on which the present state is being threatened to be implored are but myths and fantasies whipped up by fanatics and self-serving individuals in the garb of social activists and leaders. For who is any sane person to claim the history of a particular tribe or community as 'unique' when every community, tribe or group has their own distinct, different, and therefore 'unique' history? Or how should the 'collective aspiration' of a handful of individuals, infuriatingly garrulous as they might be, be considered the voice of the real collective? Why should we consider our territory or boundary as mere real estate to be distributed or shared according to convenience instead of making efforts to develop and improve on it for the welfare of everyone in the state? Boundaries can shift and change, but when it is forced to be so on the forceful insistence of a single interest group as against an amicable agreement among every stakeholders, the result will invariably be one fraught with disappointment, violence and failure. As for many who are clinging on to the distant past and all its tainted glories, it is anytime a better practice to be pragmatic rather than nostalgic, and to be concerned about the future rather than be reminiscent of the past. We should learn from the past and improve the future. And the present is the best time to make efforts in that regard. What can be simpler than this? Or what can be more incomprehensible than the fact that those espousing their love of the state should fail to realize it?

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 19th October, 2016

No. 1/13(6)/2014-LA(E)/Ret.: It is hereby informed to all the candidates who have applied for direct recruitment to the post of Under Secretary in the Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat that the written test earlier re-scheduled on 22-10-2016 at 11:00 am has been further re-scheduled on 25-10-2016 at 11:00 am due to unavoidable circumstances. The venue and syllabus for the said written test is shown below:

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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National & International News

Train to roll between Agartala and Akhaura by 2018

ANI Agartala, Oct 20: By the end of 2018, a new rail connectivity of India and Bangladesh is likely to operate, said a joint high delegation of both the nations after the conclusion of the fifth Project Steering Committee meeting of Agartala-Akhaura (Tripura-Bangladesh) Railways that met here at the Agartala State Guest house yesterday. The 10-member Indian delegation, consisting of senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and India Railways, was led by Ajit Kumar Gupte, Joint Secretary of MEA, Government of India while the eight member Bangladesh team was led by Sashi Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary of Bangladesh government that reached Agartala. "There is a stress of 15 Km which is still to be built which will enable the railway line between Bangladesh and India to be connected. It will provide access for Bangladeshi goods to be able to come the Northeast (India) and similarly Northeast to access goods to Bangladesh. We have met the Bangladeshi delegation led by very senior officials who had come

to discuss a roadmap for implementing this project as soon as possible," said Gupte during a joint press conference after the completion of the meeting. He informed that all pertinent issue related to the project has been discussed and a deadline has been set for completion of it. "We have completed all approvals in the respective ministry of both governments; we are now fully ready to start implementing the project. We discussed in detail issues such as land acquisition in both sides in Tripura and on the Bangladesh side in Brahmanbaria. We also discussed how the tenders would be issued, how the contracts would be given to respective companies and we have set specific dead line for implementation of the project," said the India team leader. He added that the land acquisition though almost is complete in the Indian side but yet to start in Bangladesh side and hopefully the project shall be completed by 2018. Gupte said, "We are expecting that some part of the work in the Indian side can be start by December this year 2016 because the land acquisition

has to begin. Unless the land is acquired the work cannot start. Similarly, the process of land acquisition in the Bangladeshi side is going to start soon. We are hoping that the project will be completed within two to two-and-a-half year." He informed that the total cost of the project which India government will bear is around Rs 972.52 crores out of which the Indian side will cost Rs 580 crores, while the Bangladesh side shall cost around Rs 392.52 crores. Meantime, the Bangladesh team leader informed that they have also initiated the land acquisition process and by June next year the entire process will be completed and the land shall be handed over to the contractor. Singha said, "I think that this connectivity is very important, it will boost up the bilateral trade and people to people contact. It is one of the new frontiers of our opportunity, it is very important for both the countries. You know that already both the governments have agreed to act and signed MoU for establishment of the rail

connectivity. We have targeted to complete the project by 2018." According to him though at seven point railways between India and Bangladesh are connected, it is operational on date only at three places. Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is directly supervising the new India-Bangladesh railway project along Tripura which is going to be part of Trans-Asia Railway network. The Agartala-Akhaura railway project was finalised in January 2010 when Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina met her then Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh during her visit to New Delhi. Later Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed the railway project with Hasina during his visit to Dhaka. The 1,650-km distance between Agartala and Kolkata would be reduced to only 550 km once the new rail track is linked through Bangladesh. The Indian government had announced it will bear the entire cost of the 15-km, 5 km fall in the Indian Territory and the remaining in Bangladesh. Around 97.6 acres of land in Tripura was initially estimated for laying the track but the latest alignment of the project in which the Indian side will be overhead has reduced the required land acquisition to 72 acres. The India state-owned IRCON is expected to lay the tracks on both sides of the border.

HM asks police to set up special team to trace JNU student

PTI New Delhi, Oct 20: Home Minister Rajnath Singh today directed the Delhi Police to set up a special team to trace a missing student of Jawaharlal Nehru University, where a section of students has been staging protest alleging inaction by authorities in the case. Singh called up the Commissioner of Delhi Police and gave the instruction to set up the special team to find the missing student, a Home Ministry official said.

The student, Najeeb Ahmed, went missing on Saturday following a brawl on the campus the night before. Agitating JNU students have confined the Vice Chancellor, M Jagadesh Kumar, and about 12 other officials in the university's administrative building since yesterday afternoon though students and mediapersons have been able to access it. Rejecting allegations of inaction, Kumar today said they had written

to the police about the missing student and an inquiry by the university will be expedited and the "guilty" will be punished. Coming down heavily on protesting students, the VC warned of action against them. He said that several rounds of talks were held with the students to convince them regarding the sincerity of the university to locate Najeeb but they were continuing with their "illegal" activity.

BSF foils major infiltration bid by group of six militants

PTI Jammu, Oct 20: BSF troops foiled a major infiltration bid by a group of six militants after a heavy fire-fight using rocket propelled grenades along the International Border in Kathua district, a senior officer said on Thursday. A group of four-six militants made an infiltration bid into this side along the IB and attacked a vehicle carrying troops on

patrolling with RPGs followed by heavy and indiscriminate firing at forward area Bobiya in Kathua around 2345 hours, the officer said. The vehicle was patrolling the borderline at the time of the infiltration bid, he said. BSF troops guarding the borderline retaliated resulting in exchanges for over 20 minutes, he said adding perhaps there was support fire from

the Border Out Posts (BoPs) of Pakistan. "As BoPs is close by there is tactic support of rangers as well", he said. "?????????????" When the BSF fired para bombs for illumination of the area, the militants escaped and were seen carrying an injured, the officer said. "Everything is fine on our side", he said.

North Korea missile fails after launch, say US and South

Seoul, Oct. 20: North Korea on Thursday conducted what appeared to be its second failed test in a week of a powerful medium-range missile that experts warn could be operationally deployed as early as next year. South Korean and US military monitors said the missile - believed to be an intermediate-range Musudan - exploded shortly after take-off at around 6:30 am Pyongyang time. The attempted launch came just hours before the start of the third US presidential debate - a timely reminder of the challenge North Korea's fast-moving nuclear weapons programme will pose to the next occupant of the White House.

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AIIMS GOES DIGITAL : The First Digital Revolution in Health Care

Initially, the new model was implemented in the Medicine and Pediatric OPD areas on a pilot scale in December 2015. The Clinicians would commence work at 9 am. Patients would reach the clinician's rooms in an orderly manner. All multiple registration counters in these Departments were discontinued. The successful implementation encouraged AIIMS to introduce the model in all the 5 floors of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur OPD covering all 55 Departments. The most innovative feature of the new model was the introduction of EXIT OPD Counters. Patients who were recommended for advanced Laboratory Tests, Radio-Diagnosis, Virology and Pathology Tests as follow-up appointments, all of which could be scheduled from the EXIT OPD Counters. The Patient thus had a very orderly journey from the point of entry to the Hospital to the point of exit. Even the VIP Patients including the officials at senior position in government willingly went through the entire OPD Transformation Process and found the entire experience quite expeditious and satisfying. **Specialised Cadres** AIIMS transformed itself into a patient friendly hospital by its willingness to adopt the modern day digital practices and create specialized cadres who enabled

rapid scaling up of the new technology. The Nursing Informatics Specialists provided the linkage between the Clinical Departments and the OPD appointments. Nurses with an aptitude for technology were deployed to coordinate between the Departments, OPD, Wards and the software professionals. The Patient Care Coordinators touched every patient entering the OPD with their empathy. They were the friends and guides who ensured patients followed the established protocols. They were also deployed to assist with the E-Kiosks to enable literate and tech savvy patients with appointments. The Data Entry Operators were deployed at Patient Registration Center and the EXIT OPD Counters. They were trained to handle cash collections simultaneously. Security Personnel were trained in Queue Management systems with a considerable degree of patience. **AIIMS-India's First Fully Digital Public Hospital** Hitherto, the implementation of the e-Hospital project had not been orderly. For AIIMS to be a fully Digital Hospital, each of the e-Hospital modules needed to be implemented in an orderly manner to create a comprehensively digital hospital. By June 2016, the

e-Hospital module implementation in AIIMS was completed. The NIC took a big step forward in completing the AIIMS e-Hospital Project. NIC Teams from Tripura worked with each of the Departments in AIIMS in a prescribed time frame to transform AIIMS as India's first fully digital public hospital. The modules comprised of Blood Bank module, Billing Module, In-Patient Department comprising admission and bed to bed management, Laboratory Module integrating 55 laboratories, establishment of nearly 200 Kiosks with Net Banking Facilities for ease of payments, Laundry Module for monitoring the central laundry operations, Store management for inventory purposes, Dietary Module for preparation of electronic diet charts for in-patients, and RIS-PACS (Radiology Imaging System - Picture Archiving Communications System) for exchange of radiology data. **The Titanic is Saved** The transformation of AIIMS to a patient friendly hospital under the Digital India Initiative can be compared to "Saving the Titanic". Under the Digital India Initiative, a core team of officials collaborated cordially and constructively over a long period of time to make the First Digital Revolution in Health

Care possible. There was considerable resistance from every possible quarters- patients, support and administrative staff, security apparatus and even some medicos had their share of doubt during the course of the implementation of the Project. Needless to say, now everyone is satisfied and happy. As the success story unfolds benefitting 35 lakh patients, in 12 months' time, the hours and hours of effort put in by those involved in the project, are adequately rewarded. The Prime Minister launched the Online Registration System as part of the Digital India Initiatives in July 2015. Following a year of successful implementation wherein the project benefited 35 lakh patients, the Prime Minister mentioned the successful implementation of the AIIMS e-Hospital Project from the ramparts of Red Fort in his Independence Day Address this year. The AIIMS OPD Transformation Project has enthused several State Governments. AIIMS has been mandated to conduct on-boarding workshops for replication across all 12 Central Government Hospitals. Thus the AIIMS Transformation Project represents India's First Digital Revolution in Health Care. No doubt, it is a remarkable success story. **(Concluded)**