

Editorial

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Intermingling thoughts on quality of good leader

Not every human being is good. Some have criminal mind, some habitual offenders, some never bother for the suffering of others. Only few are beyond these perception and these few people are the one who will be remembered by the future generation. Fame and fortune by committing abusive activism fooling others will not last long. Everybody knows that, yet people of the contemporary days never bother what the future will say about them. One thing most believed is that - Live a life with comfort and luxury is the need of today's contemporary society. Who cares after death? After all there is no guarantee that we will have a next live or not? If it does happen who cares, nobody is going to remember what they did in their last live. It is this perception that people of today did every odd thing to make huge money using any means even to the cost of somebody's live. But thinking about next live is not what we actually should care? It is about our children and grandchildren we should be worried about? Comfort and luxury we brought to them doing things against the society may bring them some happiness but when they are left to live alone the dignity that they used to receive under the protection of their forefather cannot be guaranteed. The Manipuri saying "Huranbagi tarani mapugee nongma" which literally means that one day the mischief will surely be caught if he could bear with it for ten days, is a defecto element that that will haunt the life of their descendants. Once if the people started exposing the dirty criminal activism practice by them to comfort their children has been exposed the effort will be of no use. The very justified answer to his activities "it is all for my children" will go in vain. The so call children at which he had tried to make happy will surely start blaming at them on the very moment when the people started talking the misdeeds of them. Point being put up here is to remind our fellow politicians and bureaucrats to do good things so that their children could live with dignities in the future. Their corrupt behaviours to make their children happy might bring their children living a frustrated live. It will be wrong to consider this piece of writing as an advice but it is a fact.

Everyone knows how some of the corrupt politicians had tried to win the heart of the common people showing their unforgiving crocodile tears. We have been witnessing many telling lei playing with the sentiment of the people. It is still a talk on how some of them had mischievously acquired land or there is still a talk on how some top bureaucrats or head of institution had appointed their sons or daughters from the back door. Media had time and again reported about wife of MLAs withdrawing salary without attending school.

These misdeeds are still a talk and people still laugh seeing their young ones enjoying with what they had done. Till today it may be okay but the next generation will certainly throw them out from the clutch of humanity. Do good if you want your children respect after you are no longer with them.

MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 19th 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 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:

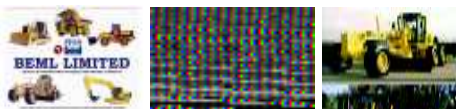
Venue	Syllabus
Assembly Secretariat	Current affairs & General awareness (Objective type/ Multiple Choice)

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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Indian Railways: A Journey towards Swachh Bharat

By: H.C. Kunwar

With its green initiatives, Indian Railways is reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability and steadily proceed on a greener path. Indian Railways has taken several initiatives which reaffirm its obligation towards minimizing the impact of its operations on the environment.

Bio-Toilets in trains

In order to contribute to 'Swachh Bharat' mission launched by Prime Minister, Ministry of Railways have taken up a mammoth task of providing human discharge free bio-toilets in all its coaches and the this task would be completed by September 2019. With the provision of bio-toilets in all its coaches, discharge of human waste from trains on to the ground would be completely stopped which in turn would help in improving cleanliness and hygiene. Indian Railways have already provided 40,750 bio-toilets in its coaches till middle of this year and in the current financial year, it plans to fit additional 30,000 bio-toilets.

After extensive research and field level experimentation, Indian Railways have introduced Bio-toilets in trains that will contribute cleaner, environment friendly and more efficient discharge of human waste. The under slung tanks below the coach toilets have specially developed inoculum which continuously keep on decomposing the waste and regenerate itself. As a result no replenishment of bacteria is required and toilets are totally maintenance free.

The technology has been developed jointly by Indian Railways and Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) for railway passenger coaches. This environment friendly, low cost and robust technology, is the first of its kind in Railway Systems in the world.

First Green Train Corridor

To mark the beginning of this journey towards 'Swachh Bharat', Ministry of Railways recently started 114 Kms long First Green Train Corridor - Rameswaram-Manamadurai track, free from human waste discharge from trains. Accordingly, 10 passenger trains consisting of 286 coaches moving over this section have been provided with bio-toilets. After Rameswaram-Manamadurai, Okha-Kanals Junction (41 Kms), Porbandar-Wansjaliya (34 Kms) and Jammu-Katra (78 Kms) would also be taken up for making them free from human waste discharge from trains. For this around 35 trains consisting of nearly 1110 coaches would be further provided with bio toilets and the work is underway. These sections and stations were chosen, because the number of trains originating and terminating at these stations and sections are few, thus making it operationally easier and faster to make them human-discharge free.

In order to carry out efficient disposal of waste, Indian Railways has decided to provide separate dustbins for collections of biodegradable (wet waste) and non-biodegradable (dry waste) on the platforms and all passenger interface areas in A1 & A category stations apart from vending stalls. Zonal Railways will train the staff engaged in cleaning duties at railway stations for separate

collection and further handling for final disposal of segregated dry and wet waste from the dustbins.

Indian Railways had already instructed for efficient disposal of waste arising out of pantry car services and static units as also to provide adequate dustbins on platforms and by the side of stalls at all railway stations for environment friendly disposal of waste. Indian Railways will provide different coloured dustbins and polythene liner bags for bio-degradable and non-biodegradable waste viz. Green for bio-degradable and Black for non-biodegradable. In the first phase, Zonal Railways will ensure provision of separate dustbins for segregated collection of garbage at all A1 category stations immediately, followed by 'A' category stations on or before the end of this year.

Countrywide mass mobilization activities on cleanliness

To commemorate the second anniversary of the country's Swachh Bharat Mission, countrywide mass mobilization activities were carried out on cleanliness and for Open Defecation Free communities.

In keeping pace with the programme, Indian Railways undertook intensive cleanliness drives on all stations. All stations wore the ceremonial look with posters and banners spelling the message loud and clear to the travelling public that the Railway is their travelling home. Railway officer and staff donned the ceremonial caps interacting with the travelling public and conducting inspections at station premises. Anti-littering slogans were posted at various locations. Dustbins for garbage were provided and awareness programmes were undertaken. All major stations on the Northern Railway were inspected by all levels of hierarchy from top executives and supervisory cadres. A drive on garbage handling and disposal was also undertaken at railway stations, Trains and Depots. Tree plantation ceremonies were held at various places.

Earmarking each day with specific focus area for spruce-up, the cleanliness programme has certain defined themes like Swachh Stations (Clean Stations), Swachh Rail Gaadi (Clean Train), Swachh Neer (Clean Water), Swachh Parisar (Clean Complex), Swachh Samarpan (Dedication for ensuring Cleanliness), Swachh Aahar (Clean Food) etc. Indian Railways is committed to continue this Cleanliness drive on sustained basis. The Indian Railways has been constantly appealing to all rail users to express their solidarity through greater public support and an active public co-operation to make the Railways a place of pride and rail journey a pleasant experience.

Evaluation & Green rating of industrial units of Railways

A Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to evaluate the Green Initiatives and rate the performance of Industrial Units of Indian Railways which are pursuing environmentally sustainable practices was signed in July this year. CII will extend technical co-operation for various Green initiatives in three Railway's Industrial establishments, with an objective to make Indian Railways,

as a leading Government organisation in the field of Environment.

Increased reliance on renewable sources of energy

Indian Railways envisages sourcing at least 10% of its energy requirements through new and renewable energy sources, achieving 15% enhanced energy through improved energy efficiency in both traction as well as non traction use.

Towards this end, solar panels at stations, level crossing gates, are being installed. A 10 MW windmill has been set up at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai which is expected to earn about 20,000 CERs (Carbon Emission Reduction) per annum. Two more windmill plants of 10.5 MW capacity have been sanctioned for Southern and North Western Railways through Public Private Participation.

In addition, new trains introduced in Mumbai suburban section with IGBT based propulsion system have been equipped with regenerative braking features which have recorded energy regeneration while braking to the tune of 35-40% of energy used for hauling these

trains.

An alternative fuel - Bio-diesel

Bio-diesel is an environment friendly, fuel used to replace Petro-diesel. This viable and indigenous alternative to fuel the railways is derived from multi feed stock like fresh and used vegetable oils of both non-edible & edible types, animal fats, grease etc. Indian Railways have decided to use bio-diesel extensively in its diesel locomotives and road vehicles. This environment friendly oil is free from sulphur and does not emit any sulphur dioxide. Its combusts completely releasing very little carbon monoxide.

Free distribution of CFLs

Indian Railways has also brought in annual reduction of 0.14 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions through free distribution of 26 million CFLs (4 CFLs per family) to Railway employees in replacement of energy inefficient incandescent lamps. The project is entirely financed with the carbon credits earned under CDM framework.

(PIB Feature)

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National & International News

6.2 Earthquake Hits Western Japan: US Geological Survey

AFP

Tokyo, Japan: A strong 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit western Japan on Friday, the US Geological Survey said, but there was no tsunami risk. The quake, at a shallow depth of 10 kilometres (six miles), struck shortly after 2:00 pm (0500 GMT) in Tottori prefecture.

Initially, the USGS had pegged the quake's magnitude at 6.6 before downgrading it.

Public broadcaster NHK quoted local officials as saying they had received reports that a house collapsed in the town of Yurihama, while fires broke out in another part of the prefecture, without giving details.

In Kurayoshi City, the fire department reported receiving seven emergency calls for injuries. Television images showed severe shaking in the region.

"We felt fairly strong jolts, which I think were the biggest in years, but we have not seen any damage or things falling," Suminori Sakinada,

a local government official, told AFP. Bullet train services were suspended in the area, while nearly 40,000 homes were left without electricity as the quake damaged power lines, officials said.

NHK said switched-off nuclear reactors in the region were not affected.

Japan sits at the junction of four tectonic plates and experiences a number of relatively violent quakes every year, but rigid building codes and their strict enforcement mean even strong tremors often do little damage.

A massive undersea quake however that hit in March 2011 sent a tsunami barreling into Japan's northeast coast, leaving more than 18,000 people dead or missing, and sending three reactors into meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant.

In April, two strong earthquakes hit southern Japan's Kumamoto prefecture followed by more than 1,700 aftershocks, and left at least 50 dead and caused widespread damage.

Couple murdered in front of differently-abled son

PTI

Jaipur, Oct 21: An elderly couple was allegedly murdered in front of their differently-abled son at their residence here, police said today. "Prabhati Lal (70) and his wife Sarju Devi (68) were strangled to death last night. The bodies were recovered from the house today," DCP West Ashok Gupta said.

The couple had two sons, one of whom is vision and hearing impaired and lived with them, he added.

According to police, Lal was looking to sell a plot of land and had contacted several buyers in that connection. "Initial investigation reveals that he took money from a party but did not hand over the land. This might be the reason behind the murder," he said, adding that the matter was being probed.

The bodies were taken to SMS hospital's mortuary for post-mortem.

Workshop on NAFSA

Editors' Guild Manipur is organising a One Day Workshop for media persons on National Food Security Act at Hotel Classic at 10 am on Sunday, the 23rd October 2016. Media persons interested can pliz contact Yumnam Rupachandra, Secretary EGM