

# Editorial

Imphal, Monday, September 5, 2016

## Psychopath regime

For the first time in the History of modern India, the Okram Ibobi Singh-led state administration declared holiday on the day the nation celebrates the Teachers' Day. The special day for teachers, where they share their moments of joy with their students has been effectively curtailed. The decision to declare holiday for all schools in the state is an open secret. From common men to those working at the bureaucratic level, from primary teachers to those serving as professors in the university, everyone knows that the motive for declaration of holiday was in no way related with the celebration of the Teachers' Day, but it was rather a measure whom the administration envisaged will be a tool to suppress the ongoing movement by students' Wing of the JCILPS as well as the threat by BJP to disrupt the 2<sup>nd</sup> day's session of the State legislative Assembly which is scheduled to adjourn sine die today. The motive is clear; the government's announcement on Teachers' Day is nothing but to ensure the smooth flow of the session without any disturbances. Or else, why should there be a curfew in the surroundings of State Legislative Assembly where our elected representatives are supposed to discuss the most important issues of the people of this state.

When steps or perhaps preventive measures are being taken up for the legislators and session of the house, it is unfortunate that the Ibobi Administration failed to realise how to pay fitting regards to the second president of free India - Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. To put it straight, the new decision is a direct insult to the 2<sup>nd</sup> president of this country and a disregard to the teaching community of the state. The 'regime' of Mr. Okram Ibobi Singh, the chief minister of Manipur, who heads the congress government in the state, has finally revealed their attitude towards the teaching community of the state.

A mere distribution of prizes or awards to some selected teachers in government organised function by shutting down all schools and colleges shows that the state government still is not able to understand the significance of the day.

As for information to the government of Manipur, 5<sup>th</sup> of September, every year is celebrated as Teachers' Day as a symbol of tribute and honour to the contribution made by teachers to the society. From time immemorial, teachers have played an important role in the overall development of a person. They are capable to influence and mould a student's life positively. Every student celebrates this day to encourage and support the contribution of his or her teacher. Children are the country's future, hence they need to be positively nurtured and that is done best by teachers as children get inspired by their teachers. Teachers enlighten students and shape their career.

The day marks a day of gratitude and respect to the selfless efforts of teachers. This day is also celebrated to honour Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the great teacher, academic philosopher and India's Second President as he was born on the same day in 1888. Dr. Radhakrishnan was a strong supporter of education. Instead of celebrating his birthday separately he requested to observe the day as Teachers' Day to give honour to all the teachers in India. This appeal demonstrated his love for the teaching profession and since then 5th September is celebrated as Teachers' Day in India.

On the occasion of Teacher's day, various cultural programs and activities take place in schools. Senior students dress up as teachers and take up their roles, giving out lectures and teaching the students of primary level. By doing so, the students get a hands-on experience and realize how it feels to be a teacher. In some schools feasts are arranged and in some reunions are organized between the old students and teachers. People call up their childhood teachers and let them know that they are still remembered, giving them immense happiness and appreciating them for all that they did for them.

Most students offer gifts like greeting cards, flowers, chocolates, pens, show pieces, books, etc. to their teachers on this special occasion. A gift reflects the love and respect for the teachers by their students.

However, as the day has been declared holiday, the day of Teachers has been shattered

Already, students of the state have been disturbed several times due to enumerable bands and blockade. Many decried the closure of schools by these sorts of bandh called by CSOs or rebel groups. Now, if the government too use the same method than what makes them different from the pressure groups?

Dictionary describes a psychopath as a person with a psychopathic personality, which manifests as amoral and antisocial behaviour, lack of ability to love or establish meaningful personal relationships, extreme egocentricity, failure to learn from experience, etc.

Do we need to elaborate further to term the Okram Ibobi Singh administration as "Psychopath Regime"? A matter that need to be pondered upon by all.

## More State News

### DM's Inspiration Episode II:

## Manipuri Woman Sports Stars Gear up for Medals in Next Olympic Games

**Imphal, Sept 4:** "I was disqualified in the boxing trial for Rio Olympics 2016 as a result of the Asian games controversy. However, this doesn't discourage me. I am preparing for the next Olympic games to bring a medal for the country," said pugilist Laishram Sarita.

She stated this while speaking as a resource person during the Inspiration workshop episode -11 organized by Dynamic Manipur held at Hall, Manipur University, Canchipur on Sunday.

Laishram Sarita, an international boxer who rose from a humble living in the Thoubal Khunou village, showed her gratitude to the people of Manipur for the moral and physical support extended to her in the hour of her need and difficulties. Sharing the hardships of her yester-years, Sarita recalled that she was brought up in a humble family in Thoubal Khunou. Her late father was an employee serving in IOC and mother a simple housewife.

Initially, she began her sports career in Tae-Kwando and Kung-fu. Later on, she opted for Boxing and underwent training under oja Ibomcha.

Brought up in a penury driven family, she faced financial problems while taking part in boxing championships held outside. She even earned money working in the field and collecting advanced wages locally known as *Khutlangsel* to afford her expenses while participating in boxing championships, recalled Sarita, an Arjuna Awardee.

She said that she even thought of leaving sports due to the brunt of financial constraint in the family.

However, winning bronze medal in international boxing championship 2005 held in Russia was a turning point to her sports career. Financial constraint in the family was gradually improved to some extent when Manipur government offered her Sub-Inspector post in Manipur police, she said.

The inspiration workshop was held with the theme "Women's Power in Sports: Opportunities & Challenges of being an International Player". Olympians - Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam (Indian woman Hockey team captain) and Laishram Bombayla (Archery Player) also spoke as resource person.

Speaking to the gathering, Pukhrambam Sushila Chanu who led the Indian woman hockey team in Rio Olympic said that her team missed medal in the game as all the players were young and taking part in the Olympic for the first time.

"Rio games was a great experience to us", she said adding her team would give better performance in next Olympic Games and bring medal for the nation.

She observed that Indian women hockey needs to work more on speed, physical toughness and endurance. Most countries play very fast hockey these days, so Indian team need to work more on speed as well.

Archer Laishram Bombayla while expressing regret for not bringing any medal for the state in the Rio games said that she would work more for the forthcoming Olympic Games.

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## Exhibition on Mother Teresa inaugurated at Don Bosco Museum

**IT News**  
**Shillong, Sept. 05:** On the occasion of the canonisation of Mother Teresa in the Vatican on Sunday; September 4, 2016, Don Bosco Museum, Shillong, inaugurated an exhibition on her in the museum. The week-long exhibition will be on display for visitors to the museum. St. Teresa of Calcutta, a paragon of mercy and compassion - values which are at the heart of every culture - dedicated her life to

helping the poor, the sick and the needy across all cultures and religions. She is, therefore, at the heart of all cultures.

Visitors can also avail free passes to the four-day "Mother Teresa International Film Festival (MTIFF)" to be held from September 6 to 9 at the U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong from the admit counter of the Don Bosco Museum. About 20 films on Mother Teresa will be screened during this festival.

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## Himalayan Bike Expedition

**IT News**

**Guwahati; Sep 5:** Assam Rhinos Motorcycle Club commenced an expedition with a special message from Guwahati's Nehru Stadium on September 3, with a to pledge to 'Stop Pollution and Go Green' from Guwahati to Leh, in Ladakh. The group of motorcyclists is spreading the message to build a clean and pollution-free society, and expected to reach Leh-Ladakh on the ninth day. On their way, the group will conduct 'meet the press', road shows, sudden visits in educational institutions, etc in Guwahati, Siliguri, Purnia, Muzaffarpur, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Bareilly, Delhi, Chandigarh, Shimla, Manali and other towns and cities, thus spreading message regarding

beauty of Assam through leaflets and pamphlets. Sponsored by the Assam Pollution Control Board, the 5 member group of motorcyclists includes Dipu Deka, Jyotiprasad Das, Ankur Borthakur, Pranjal Sarma and Nilotpal Halo. However, the group started from Guwahati as a 4-member crew, while the fifth member Nilotpal Halo will join the campaign from Delhi.

It is worth mentioning that after reaching Leh-Ladakh, the 5-member group will also make way to Khardungla, which is the world's highest motorable road (18,380 ft), on their motorcycles. After returning from Leh, the crew will conclude their expedition at Jammu on the 13<sup>th</sup> day.

## Schools shut on Teachers' Day: An Unusual Occasion

After completing his M.A., Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan accepted an Assistant Lectureship at the Madras Presidency College in 1909. In college, he mastered the classics of Hindu philosophy, namely the Upanishads, Bhagvat Gita, Brahmasutra, and commentaries of Sankara, Ramunuja and Madhava. He also acquainted himself with Buddhist and Jain philosophy and philosophies of Western thinkers such as Plato, Plotinus, Kant, Bradley and Bergson. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was selected as Professors of Philosophy at Mysore University in 1918 and at Calcutta University in 1921. In 1923, he published "Indian Philosophy", which is hailed as a philosophical classic and a literary masterpiece. When Oxford University invited Radhakrishnan to deliver lectures on Hindu philosophy, he used his lectures as a platform to further India's cause of freedom. He also argued that Western philosophers, despite all claims to objectivity, were biased by theological influences from their wider culture. He showed that Indian philosophy, once translated into standard academic jargon, is worthy of being called philosophy by Western standards. He thus placed Indian Philosophy on the world map.

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was elected Vice Chancellor of the Andhra University in 1931 and he became the Vice Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University in 1939. In 1946, he was appointed as Ambassador to UNESCO. In 1948, Dr. Radhakrishnan chaired the University Education Commission, the suggestions of which helped mould the education system for independent India's needs.

In 1949, he was sent as an ambassador to Soviet Union where he helped laid the foundation for a strong relationship between India

and Soviet Union. Radhakrishnan was elected first Vice-President of India in 1952. He was honored with the Bharat Ratna in 1954. After serving two terms as Vice-President, he became the second President of India in 1962. During his tenure as President, India fought wars with China and Pakistan. He retired as President in 1967 and died on April 17, 1975.

The importance of Teachers' Day celebration may simply be assessed from the view that teachers act as foundation for creating responsible citizens of a state and good human beings in the society. Life without teachers is unimaginable. Words fail to appreciate teachers enough for their immense contribution in lives of many. Teachers' Day is celebrated to show our acknowledgement and recognition of the hard work put in by them towards development of mankind. Schools all over India celebrate the Day with students presenting gifts to their most admired teachers. It is an equally special day for teachers, as they get to know how much they are liked and appreciated by their pupils. Teachers are more than just an employee; they are the beacons of light for the next generation. Apart from knowledge, teaching profession requires a lot of hard work, dedication, sincerity and a guiding attitude, without which a teacher is not a teacher at all.

Unfortunately enough, that the state government has snatched the opportunity of the thousands of students of Manipur to show their respect to the teachers, by declaring a sudden holiday on this valuable day. This is the first occasion, where schools are closed on teachers' day. Let it not happen in future.

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