

Poetry section

The Bath

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The stone! A big one I remember
 Stood far back, somewhere in the middle of the meadow;
 Square and heavy; lone stood firmly
 She notice no rain; nor thunder
 Nor lightning could break apart into two;
 She seeks the heat as if she consoles her bosom,
 Tightly and hot; and hard
 With grasses growing around her, welcoming green
 Spring is all her strength to fancy dress;
 She utters not a word;
 Nor she claims a will;
 She stood highly above the grass; luring
 And I hesitate not to persuade her.

The stone! A big one I remember
 Stood far back, somewhere in the middle of the meadow;
 Square and heavy; lone stood firmly
 And I make my way through, motivating
 I make no sense nor do I make a boundary;
 Holding a bucket full, I sway all along
 Happy as I can be; this mastery move
 I see none; I hear none
 I fear none; I regulate my emotions
 In and out; up and down
 Pleasing to the nature's call; I bounce back
 Smooth and steady;
 My own sitting, still am a sitting beauty

The stone! A big one I remember
 Stood far back, somewhere in the middle of the meadow;
 Square and heavy; lone stood firmly
 Easy much as I undress, quite and alone
 Bewitching and enthralling; as I play
 Splashing and ravishing; cold water
 Charming and enrapturing;
 Intoxicating and thrilling; with joy
 Decorating and delighting; my own
 Ruling and conquering, all my senses
 Intoxicating my body temple;
 Poisoning my essence; committing
 I see none nor do I hear things;
 Ah! How wonder, I be the queen of my endearment

The stone! A big one I remember
 Stood far back, somewhere in the middle of the meadow;
 Square and heavy; lone stood firmly
 Happy as much I can be; dancing through breeze
 Muffling soon as I carry, shoulder straight
 I smell of flowers and I walk gracefully
 I feel this peace; the fondness to worship
 I care and I Fervour; My bath
 A wilder fondness I pray
 A wilder devotion I follow; holiness
 A wilder Loyalty I sanctify
 Ah! This stone and my wilder bath gusto, a memoir

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Home away from Home: Saga of Herbert School Hostel

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Everyone feels safe & sound at home. It is universal acceptance that one's home is an abode of happiness despite many disturbances and problems. When a student starts preparing for a probable career, one begins to look for a good school with an ideal educational environment; the search is quite natural. Finding both the environment and strategically cut educational facilities is very hard to get in Manipur, but the worry is over, for Herbert School is there with an environment of best schooling and home like hostels for both genders. Herbert School has a unique culture of breeding good scholars; the School Hostel has a taste of its own. At the hostel, it is the combination of both schooling and nurturing one's career. The School has a very spacious campus measuring about 3.5 acres and has it in hostels, canteen, and playgrounds apart from the main building of the school. In imparting formal education, the School constantly comes through with flying colours. As, Plato an



ancient Greek philosopher said, education is a lifelong process starting "from the first years of childhood and lasting to the very end of the life which makes a man eagerly pursue the ideal perfection of citizenship and teaches him how rightly to rule and how to obey." Education not only provides knowledge and skills but also inculcates values, training of instincts, fostering right attitudes

and habits. In the Republic, Plato points out, that "true education, whatever that may be, will have the greatest tendency to civilise and humanise them in their relation to one another and to those who are under their protection." The very process indeed happens in Herbert School.

Choosing a good school is equally important to looking for a quality place to live for the schooling. Here, the Herbert School Hostel comes to play. Herbert School creates a remarkable distinction of producing some of the best scholars in Manipur and many of them are boarders. The School has a decade or more of successful chronicle of crafting students for much desired profession, like Medical and Engineering under the guidance of hard working experienced teachers and dedicated as well as supportive non-academic staff. Herbert School has 2 hostels for different genders within its premises. Herbert Boys Hostel has a capacity for 80 plus boarders equally divided among 11th and 12th standard students while Girls Hostel intake capacity is more than 110, quite more than that of the Boys. The Herbert Girls Hostel is brand new and provides a perfect safe & secure atmosphere for girl hostellers. Both the Hostels have separate buildings, although they follow a similar routine concerning study and other activities to maintain consistency. Many of the students prepare for NEET, JEE, AIEEA (Agriculture) and others. The hostels are indeed a kaleidoscope of many chaps preparing for diverse professions and waiting eagerly to fulfil their dream.

The Study time schedule is so designed for the students to get maximum study hour without the loss of sleep and rest. Maximum study hours don't mean boarders are deprived of extra-curricular activities. The hostels boast of a well maintained lush green football field, basketball court, volleyball court for the outdoors, whereas for the indoors carom, chess and badminton are available. For amusement, Telly watching time is granted lengthily on Sundays

during which the boarders utilised by movies or music. The food is really good and nutritious. To mention, the food at the hostel menu is one of the best compared with any school hostel in Manipur with varieties of vegetarian & non-vegetarian menu being served that increases the aroma of the Mess Hall.

Students from different community are residing at the Hostels inculcating an idea of unity in diversity portraying a mini Manipur. No doubt, food is served according to one's own faith and custom also. This is the very unique characteristics and singular image of the Herbert School Hostel. All the boarders breathe and eat together preserving the main value of education which is "every individual is equal in the realm of education".

The infrastructure of the hostels is quite commendable and designed to provide utmost comfort. As mentioned prior, the Hostel time table is structured in such a way as to provide undisturbed reading hours along with injection of extracurricular activities. Each room accommodates 2 boarders one each of 11th and 12th standard with separate closet, bed, table and chair with officially provided mattress, pillow etc. Washrooms are clean and attached to every wing of the building. Mess Hall is spacious and fully lighted. Students are provided clean, healthy drinking water. Everything in the Hostels, may it be kitchen, mess hall or washroom is cleaned every day to maintain the old English saying "Cleanliness is next to Godliness".

Enjoying hostel life during school is a memorable stance for every student. Here boarder not only learn the basics of education, but the very essence of education, i.e. discipline, co-operation, adaptability as well. Boarders only wear school issued attires that changes each day to maintain uniformity. Rules and Regulations are prioritised in addition to study. At the hostel, boarders are not only tailor made to score good marks, but rather crafted to score good position in life. The place is a combination of education and professionalism. Herbert crafted student to rich height of success & satisfaction, that's why Herbert School is literally termed as "Education with a Difference" in every dimension. To get admitted to the Herbert School Hostel, one may not be an extraordinary student, but rather a good hardworking one intended to follow rules and determination to move forward. It is not about the question of How, it's all about the eagerness of When.

Come and try Herbert Hostel's life, you will definitely leave with unforgettable memories of friendship and companionship. A second home to none...

National and International News

Yogi cuts security cover for Akhilesh, Mulayam, Maya

Lucknow, April 23: In a sudden move, Uttar Pradesh government took away or downgraded security cover of several opposition leaders, including former chief ministers Mulayam Singh Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati and Samajwadi Party MPs Dimple Yadav and Ram Gopal Yadav and SP leaders like Shivpal Yadav and Azam Khan. However, some have had their security cover upgraded, including senior BJP leader Vinay Katiyar, who will now get Z category security. The decision was taken late on Saturday following a meeting of security committee comprising principal secretary (home), ADG Intelligence and ADG (security) with newly-appointed DGP Sul Khan Singh+. The order came into effect from Saturday night.

So far, as many as 151 VIPs were enjoying graded security and while the cover has been totally withdrawn from 105 of them, it has been downgraded in the case of 46 VIPs. Prominent among those who totally lost their security cover is BSP national general secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Satish Chandra Mishra. Mishra got security cover both from the state and Centre. Former state chief secretary Alok Ranjan too stands to lose his security. Two SP MLCs, Ashu Malik and Atul Pradhan, have also been stripped of their security. In a recent official meeting UP chief minister Yogi Aditya Nath had hinted that those "enjoying security cover for the sake of status symbol should be prepared to part with them and the security personnel should be deployed to take care of the common man."

North Korea threatens to strike US aircraft carrier to show 'military's force'

Source: Fox News
 North Korea threatened Sunday to sink a U.S. aircraft carrier to demonstrate its military prowess as two Japanese navy ship joined a U.S. strike group for exercises in the Philippine Sea. "Our revolutionary forces are combat-ready to sink a U.S. nuclear powered aircraft carrier with a single strike," according to North Korea's ruling Workers' Party's newspaper, the Rodong Sinmun. The paper also likened the USS Carl Vinson to a "gross animal" and said a strike on the carrier would be "an actual example to show our military's force." President Trump ordered the USS Carl Vinson to sail to waters off the Korean Peninsula in response to the rising tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests and threats to attack the U.S. and its allies. Vice President Pence said Saturday that group would arrive "within days." The Vinson and two other U.S. warships were joined by two Japanese destroyers as they continued their journey north in the western Pacific Ocean, the U.S. Navy said in a statement. The U.S. group also includes a

guided-missile cruiser and a guided-missile destroyer. The aircraft carrier had canceled a scheduled visit to Australia to divert toward North Korea in a show of force, though it still conducted a curtailed training exercise with Australia before doing so. The Navy called the exercise "routine" and said it is designed to improve combined maritime response and defense capabilities, as well as joint maneuvering proficiency. The Vinson group has conducted three previous bilateral exercises with the Japanese navy since leaving San Diego on Jan. 5 for a western Pacific deployment. The most recent one was in March. Analysts believe that North Korea could be gearing up for its sixth nuclear test in wake of a failed missile launch and ahead of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army, which takes place Tuesday. North Korea conducted two of its five nuclear tests last year and is believed to be working to develop nuclear-tipped missiles that could reach the mainland U.S.

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