

Editorial

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For a better society, education is a must

The directives of the Union Ministry for Human Resource to implement provisions provided under the Right to Education Act, 2009 to all the territories of the country by March 2013 is perhaps an astounding as well as theatrical statement. The decision which was taken up after due considerations and deliberations with the higher officials in the education sector seemed to have a complete lack of understanding of the ground realities and present existing conditions of Government run elementary school located particularly in the state of Manipur. The paperworks and simultaneous introduction of Sharva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and later Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) is perhaps a sincere approach of the government to improve the state of affairs of primary and elementary education system in the country. The progress reports of the two programme might have provoked those policy makers of education reforms to consider it the right time for implementation of the Right To Education Act. But has any of the policy makers at the top ever got down to the grassroots level to find out the reality of how successfully these two scheme - the SSA and RMSA being implemented?

Manipur joins the world in the campaign for Global Action Week for Education taken up under the initiative of United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal. As a part of the campaign initiated by a body call CALL- Manipur various discussion on what went wrong to the education system in the state has been going on. The campaign indeed is beyond the Right to Education Act. But the state of Manipur is still is not getting any fruitful measures besides having the RTE.

The Act definitely is a boon for all the countrymen however, simply an announcement to garner applause from the general public without understanding the ground reality to the conditions of some of the schools (Govt.) particularly in the state of Manipur would surely be considered a political gamble and an empty play to garner more votes during election time. During the course of discussion it is found out that something, somewhere the system has failed.

Neither the community nor the government seem to be taken interest for promotion of the government school in the last one or two decades.

Interestingly, a new government has replaced the former one and the Education Minister of this government is showing serious concerns over the deteriorating condition of the government school. As per expert, the education system itself is a failed system, as there are no pre primary schools for students. Syllabus, recruitment of teachers, and utilisation are carrying out not for the students but for their own benefit. Above all there is no mechanism to monitor on how the government schools are functioning.

CALL-Manipur's initiative to make success the Global campaign on education is the need of the hour and the new government need to encourage such a campaign for a better future.

Open letter

Dear Babina Diagnostics,

As we know, you are reputed in the field of medicine.

That, I the undersigned have the honour to state that, my sister by the name Ngalmeilam alias Neilam Gantge had undergone a test related to cancer. Just two days back your esteemed office had handed-out false report. Her reference no. was 24-08-2015 bearing a name of Ngalmeilam Gantge with a reference no. of 105/15. Unfortunately, with a life and death situation, your esteemed office handed out a false information not even known to us, bearing a reference no. H_6776/15. How is this even possible?

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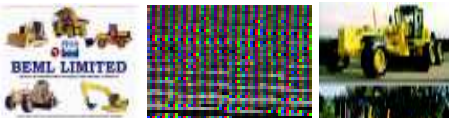
With this situation, I am compelled to make a complaint to whomsoever concerned. This is a matter of life and death. Now, my sister after going under test from your reputed office is suffering in the capital, and since her report was false none of the doctors there could accept her medical report.

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National and International News

Kupwara attack, China's first home-grown aircraft carrier: Top stories this morning

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New Delhi, April 27: Three soldiers including an army captain were killed on Thursday when a group of militants stormed a garrison in south Kashmir's Kupwara, a defence official said. Two militants were also killed in the attack at the Panzgam area of Chowkibal, the army spokesperson said, adding, "Search ops (operations are) in progress."

Sources said five injured soldiers have been shifted to a hospital in Srinagar. The attackers, suspected to be fideyean militants, sneaked into the camp before sunrise at around 4. Sources said the group of four militants are believed to have had crossed over from Pakistan. "Thou shalt not spit and dirty thin surroundings." This is the new commandment the government wants college-goers to obey as part of its flagship Swachh Bharat programme. A circular issued by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has asked all engineering, professional and technical institutions under it to launch a campaign aimed at discouraging students from spitting on campus.

The institutions were told to involve voluntary groups such as the National Services Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) in enforcing the rule.

A 70-year-old woman succumbed to injuries at GTB Hospital in Delhi on Tuesday after she was allegedly

beaten by her neighbours for objecting to their comments about her 17-year-old granddaughter. The incident took place in an area under Murad Nagar police station on April 23.

According to the victim's family, their neighbours and locals in the area had passed lewd comments and used obscene language while addressing the girl on the evening of April 21. "The matter was sorted out between the elders of the two families. Two days later, when we all were sitting at home, several men from the same family who had harassed the girl entered our house with rods and sticks and started attacking our family. They hit everyone brutally and did not spare even the women and children," said Mohammad Salahuddin, the girl's uncle.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a one-day visit to Himachal Pradesh where he will launch a regional air connectivity scheme through which the fares of flights will be capped at Rs 2500 per seat per hour. The PM will flag off a flight from Shimla to Delhi to launch the 'UDAN' (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme which is aimed at boosting regional connectivity. He will also lay the foundation stone of a hydro engineering college at Bandla, besides addressing a BJP rally.

Tired of groaning and grumbling and seeing nothing change, Genesia Alves decided to do something 'fun' with the pile of rubble that had

been sitting outside her Banda home since February. Early on Tuesday, Alves teamed up with her 16-year-old daughter Amaia and recreated an iconic World War II photograph, by posing on top of the heap of rubble on St Paul's Road. "When I first saw the iconic photo of a woman drinking tea in the aftermath of the 1940 London Blitz, the image stayed with me, especially that look of calm in the chaos," says Alves, a freelance journalist. "Finally, last morning, when the ever mounting pile reached the right height, I told my family, 'That's it. I'm going to recreate the picture because that heap's almost asking for it.'"

China on Wednesday launched its first locally-built aircraft carrier, less than four years after the construction of the 70,000 tonne warship began at the Dalian shipyard. The Type 001A carrier is expected to be commissioned into the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) in two years as Beijing seeks to aggressively project its maritime power thousands of miles away from its shores.

The Chinese carrier has been launched at a time when India is still struggling to build its first indigenous carrier. The construction of the Indian carrier began in 2009 and it was launched in 2013. The Indian Navy said the carrier would be commissioned in 2018 but a report by the national auditor contradicted the claim, stating that the project is years behind schedule. The distraught Thai mother of a baby girl killed by her boyfriend in a murder he broadcast on Facebook Live has described the harrowing moment she stumbled across the video and rushed to alert police. The killing on Monday evening caused revulsion both in Thailand and around the

world, sparking renewed debate about what can be done by social media giants to more quickly remove live broadcasts of violent crimes, suicides and murders.

Separatist leader Asiya Andrabi was arrested in Srinagar late on Wednesday night. A heavy contingent of police, along with the SHO, arrested Andrabi from her residence in Soura at 11:30 pm on Wednesday. Andrabi is the founder of a separatist organisation Dukhtar-e-Millat (DeM) and a member of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference. Andrabi is married to Ashiq Hussain Faktoo, a Hizbul Mujahideen leader who is currently in jail. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's BJP swept the municipal corporation polls in Delhi, a remarkable comeback from its poor show in the 2015 assembly election. The BJP had then won only three out of 70 assembly segments, but its Wednesday tally stood at 180 out of 270 corporation seats. Its victory rate jumped from about 4% in 20015 to nearly 65% in 2017. Here are four reasons that led to such a massive swing.

A massive explosion hit near the Damascus International Airport in the early hours of Thursday morning, a monitoring group said, without specifying the cause. "The blast was huge and could be heard in Damascus," said Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The Damascus International Airport lies about 25 kilometres southeast of Syria's capital.

The Britain-based Observatory, which gathers information from sources across war-ravaged Syria, said it had confirmed the explosion had not taken place inside the airport itself. "It's unclear what caused the explosion, but there fires raging at the site," Rahman said.

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"It's unclear what caused the explosion, but there fires raging at the site," Abdel Rahman told AFP. More than 320,000 people have been killed since Syria's conflict erupted in 2011 with widespread anti-government protests.

While Damascus has remained relatively insulated from the violence, fierce fighting has raged on the outskirts of the capital in recent months between rebel groups and government forces.

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