

Editorial

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The taste of new government

Finally, the dust have settled after an all-out battle for political supremacy in the country and the largest democracy in the world is slowly getting back to the normal hustle and bustle, but this time, there is a palpable sense of hope and positivity in the air, a fact driven home by the overwhelming response of the voters and the ensuing result. The yearning for change that has been quietly but consistently simmering amongst the public has been fulfilled, and yet, this is not the final victory, for the real test is yet to commence. In all fairness, the outgoing Government initiated quite a lot of development schemes, even though these were portrayed as populist moves rather than schemes based on necessity, what with the names of the schemes glorifying a dynasty rather than indicating the purpose for the same. Also, one needs to get away from the euphoria and take a hard, cold look at the reality as well as the possible course of action the new Government might take and also the condition of the State Government in relation to the political scenario unfolding at the centre. Policies and programs are framed by the leaders who are chosen by the people through election who are made to make an informed judgment after making available all possible information about the candidates and their parties and the ideologies they represent.

So far so good the new government under the leadership of Chief Minister N Biren is showing its credibility by solving various hot issues in just 15 days time. The hurdles that this government is likely to face are the financial burden that it might face due to the appointment of various posts in the government by the previous government.

But more than the concerns regarding development, the one thing people in Manipur will be looking out for is the repeat of inhuman law as promised by the present Prime Minister at his speech at global platform, at which we assume AFSPA as another inhuman act. The state unit of the ruling party should not sit back and bask in reflected glory, but should instead be proactive in working towards realizing the long cherished wish of the people of Manipur. The state Government, meanwhile, should make an earnest effort to streamline the operational aspects of the state security forces and also to raise their efficiency and most importantly to improve their people-skill, a concept which is evidently yet to be recognized as a vital component of people working in the public domain, and especially essential for those who regulates law and order. The present political scenario presents a peculiar situation for the people of the state, and is a very good time.

Education system and emotional integrity in Manipur

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"A good system of education is one which can make people accept the past, support the present and encourage the future"

Education is one which can make fulfilled the needs of society and individuals. Education is one which engenders in an individual the sense of values and urge for serving the society, our fellow men and women and that all live. There is a strong relation between education and society, undoubtedly education system affect the society. The purpose of education is to enlarge our vision of the milieu, development of self must be accompanied by the development of society. Human mind can be modified and improved through educational process. Thus there are three main aims of education: individuals development, social and national development, social transformation.

Education to the elastic young mind of children can be moulded for bridging social, economical, political, cultural and language/dialects differences within a tolerable range by the virtue of a good system of education. Education is the powerful instrument and responsible for bringing the different ethnic group together and promote the emergence of an egalitarian and integrated society. Education is a creative activity that shapes the character of individuals and communities and it is responsible for their behaviour and attitudes. A value-based system of education strived to produce more balanced, more sensitive, more socialised personalities in the young mind. For

shaping a peaceful, progressive and prosperous society, progressive youth are very important. But progressive youth will bring only when a good system of education is imparting, which is also known as the liberating forces. A Greek philosopher, Diogenes says that "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth". That why a value-based system of education is needed for a common future of Manipur. The emergent need of our Manipur is the third aim of education that is the social transformation. But the prevailing system of education can fulfilled this aim?

Many questions can arise to the prevailing system of education in today Manipur society. How far the present system of education is confidence in the common future of Manipur? How far this system of education can make the people sense of belongingness? Why this system of education can't make political consciousness to the people of Manipur? How much this system of education emphasis on the common purposes and idea? How far this system of education can pull out the people from ethnicism? Can this system make confidence in our society? How much this system of education makes understanding and respect the cultural tradition of different ethnic group? In what way this system of education reflects the ways of life of different section of the people? Can this system of education make realisation the fact that there can be unity in diversity? Is our education is only for acquisition of certificates, degrees from a reputed college/university

and securing a handsome job? Why most of the so called educated are satisfied after getting a high grade/percentage certificate, degrees or a job? How far this system teaches the people moral, humanistic and mutual tolerance? Is the prevailing system of education purposes is only to make illiterate person a literate one but not to make a person educated? Some of this question is the biggest and most important question to the prevailing education system of sinking Manipur society in my view. The prevailing system of education is somewhere alienating structure as a reason of this our society is now become a sinking society. The most important problem in emerging society is the problem of emotional integrity among the different ethnic group.

After critically analysing the defect of prevailing system of education, need to transform in a very crucial ways. When I am putting this article I think my knowledge is not comparable to those educationalists, it may nothing to them. But I want to share the very thoughts loitering in my mind about the prevailing system of education; the present curriculum should redesign with a holistic approach to promote emotional integration with the view of our needs, achievement and aspirations. And to include the past history of Manipur in the proper chapter will also help in unity among the ethnic group of Manipur. But the history which builds up in majority community hegemony should bring down! Lesson of value-sharing in the past history among the different ethnic group in Manipur society should added.

Moral and humanistic education should form as an integral part of our system of education. The moral value will strengthen the feeling of emotional integration. Some chapter added about the cultural identity of different ethnic groups, study of different languages/dialect of different ethnic groups should be made in primary level of education. All of this may help in accepting the past, support the present and encourage the future. Chanting only as our society is a multi-ethnic groups of society and promoting only the majority ethnic group/ community culture, language/ dialect, literature etc. will not bring emotional integration/mental unity. A multi ethnics group of society should have multi-cultural, multi-linguistic, multi-literature etc. In order to have in peaceful, progressive and prosperous that is 3P in Manipur, all the ethnic groups must strive for a collective identity as Manipuri. This can make by the virtue of a good system of education. Education is not only about learning the facts (information) but also about being able to create new values. Education should also be a transformation-based, valued-based system instead of more focusing on information based system.

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Malala to become youngest United Nations Messenger of Peace

New York, April 8: Malala Yousafzai, the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is to become the youngest United Nations Messenger of Peace, the organisation's chief said on Friday.
 Yousafzai, 19, will be appointed on Monday by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and will help promote girl's education around the world as part of her new role.
 The Pakistani education activist came to prominence when a Taliban gunman shot her in the head on her school bus in 2012 as punishment for campaigning for girls to go to school which defied the militant Islamic

group's ban on female education. Yousafzai has since continued campaigning on the world stage and in 2014 became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner.
 "Even in the face of grave danger, Malala Yousafzai has shown an unwavering commitment to the rights of women, girls and all people," Guterres said in statement.
 "Her courageous activism for girls' education has already energised so many people around the world. Now as our youngest-ever UN Messenger of Peace, Malala can do even more to help create a more just and peaceful world."

Name Change

I, Miss T. Geetambala Devi, wife of L/NK Waikhom Saratchandra Singh, No. 4371245 -X of 8th Assam Regiment, a permanent Resident of Bamol Leirak, P.O/PS Thoubal, Thoubal District, Manipur - 795138, has as per the affidavit sworn before the Deputy Commissioner Thoubal on April 2017, do hereby change my name Mrs. T. Geetambala Devi as Waikhom (O) Geetambala Devi. I shall hence forth be known only Waikhom (O) Geetambala Devi.

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AMWJU salutes the Stalwart – late Naorem Birendra Kumar

All Manipur Working Journalists' Union deeply condole the demise of Naorem Birendra Kumar, a founder member of the Union and share the grief of the bereaved family.

Birendra Kumar is a stalwart figure in the field of journalism in Manipur. His contribution in the growth of investigative journalism and political news reports cannot be ignored. Mention may be that the late Birendra Kumar along with his contemporary, L. Joychandra (former editor of Prajatantra) introduced parliamentary reporting and defined the scope of political writings in the state. Because his impeccable skills in parliamentary proceeding, Birendra was synonymous with

Manipur Legislative Assembly's Report of All India Radio, Imphal where his service was frequently called for. Social and political activism seems to have been

Birendra's instinct.

Born on 25th September, 1925, at Khwai Nagamapal Shingubung Leirak, in the heart of Imphal. Birendra Kumar took to a leadership role while still in his youthful school and college days. Right after his matriculation in 1948, he led the students' movement as the president of the Manipur branch of the All India Student Federation. Birendra also served as the Joint Secretary of the Manipur Students' Congress, an affiliate of the All India Students' Congress in 1948-1949.

It was during these formidable college days, Birendra became conscious of the twin role of education and journalism towards a progressive society. Immediately, he plunged into developing his writing skills and subsequently between 1949 and 1952, he edited the

monthly journal, 'Mukti' and later became assistant editor of the erstwhile, popular vernacular daily, 'Ngasir'.

After completing his graduation, he devoted himself to teaching. Between 1952 and 1956, he associated with premier high schools, such as RDS High School, Ananda Singh Academy, Tampha Sana Girls' High School, Ram Lal Paul, Lila Singh Khongnangkong High School, Neelpadama High School and the Imphal Municipal Board sponsored, Imphal Night High School.

From 1957, Birendra Kumar took to journalism full-time and helped invent the scope of the challenging profession in the state. In 1957, he founded the 'Simanta Pratika' and edited it till 1959. After his stint with the mouth piece of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, he

started writing regularly for the 'Prajatantra' as a columnist. In 1962, Birendra edited the English daily, 'Eastern Express' for a year. Eventually, he founded, edited and published the daily newspaper, 'Paojel'. Recognizing his political maturity and comprehensive insight of the media, the then Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri Yangmasho Saiza in 1978 appointed him as the Chairman of the Press Advisory Committee to the Government of Manipur.

Even after his demise, AMWJU shall remain indebted to him for his role in uplifting profession. Much of the present status of journalism in the state may said to be nurtured by individuals like Naorem Birendra Kumar. May his example of selfless sacrifice continue to inspire and emulate the next generation of journalism.

National & International News

Fake call centre scam mastermind arrested in Mumbai

PTI Thane, April 8: Sagar Thakkar alias 'Shaggy', the alleged mastermind of the Internal Revenue Service call centre scam in which thousands of Americans were defrauded to the tune of USD 300 million, has been arrested by Thane Police.

According to Thane Police officials, Sagar, who was on the run since the unearthing of the scam last year, was placed under arrest late last night after he arrived at the Mumbai airport following his deportation from Dubai.

A team of officers from Thane Police Commissionerate picked up Sagar from the airport, the officials said. The scam, which operated since 2013 through at least half a dozen call centres in Thane, targeted at least 15,000 US-based tax payers, who were allegedly conned by Indian tele-callers.

The US Justice Department has charged 61 people and entities linked to the scam where call centre agents impersonated IRS, immigration and other federal officials and demanded

payments for non-existent debts. US Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson had earlier said that these call centres stole more than USD 300 million from their victims.

The scam came to light last year when police raided call centres at Mira Road in Thane district on the night of October 4-5. Subsequently, police teams raided and shut down five call centres in Ahmedabad which were a part of the racket.

Over 70 people, mostly directors and key persons linked to these call centres, were arrested and 700 employees were detained. During the interrogation of arrested directors, police got the name of Sagar. However, by that time, he had left the country on October 5 before police could catch him.

According to police, they had issued a LOC (Look Out Circular) against Sagar on October 7, two days after his escape. The kingpin was suspected to have fled to Dubai. Investigators say Sagar (24) led a lavish lifestyle and was accompanied by around a dozen bouncers. He was

a regular at posh late night parties in Mumbai and was also fond of high-end cars.

He began working at the age of 16 with his 'mentor' Jagdish Kanani, who had worked in the call centres abroad.

Kanani (33), who was arrested from

suburban Borivali last October had trained him, they said.

Also, Thane police had seized an Audi car belonging to Sagar, valued at Rs 2.5 crore, from Ahmedabad in October last year. It was allegedly purchased from a leading cricketer in May.

102 children among 314 killed in Colombia mudslide

Bogota, April 8: More than 102 children were among 314 people killed in the giant mudslide that slammed into the southern Colombian town of Mocoa last week, the government has said. The mudslide hit a week ago after heavy rains caused three rivers to flood, sending a sea of mud, boulders and debris crashing into the town.

In the latest toll report yesterday, the National Disasters Risk Management Unit said 332 people were injured and at least 4,506 had been made homeless.

The disasters unit said it had received information on 127 people still missing, among them three foreigners: a Spaniard, a German and an Ecuadoran.

Mocoa, the capital of the department of Putumayo, was home to 70,000 people, about 45,000 of whom were affected by the disaster, according to the Red Cross.

In an effort to speed up reconstruction, the government formally declared a 30-day state of economic, social and ecological emergency in Mocoa.