

Poetry section

Shadowy Lies

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Wide opening eyes; thou yell on me  
Wide opening mouth; thou call upon me  
Wide opening arms; thou clutch upon me  
I know not! What's losing thou fancy?  
One step up; one step down  
One step below; one step forward  
Never missing one single step, you being me  
I wonder suspicion, I beg no mercy!  
Ditching me alone, when 'm alone  
When 'm sedentary; when 'm still and inactive  
I wonder, again and again!  
Holding me, in and out; and out and again  
Appearing and departing physique;  
Doubting thousand self belongings,  
Vanishing off; soon and never attend  
When 'm stood and perch.

Wide opening eyes; thou yell on me  
Wide opening mouth; thou call upon me  
Wide opening arms; thou clutch upon me  
Attending me, with no mercy  
I wonder again; annoying and hating -  
Thou urging and longing zeal!  
Hankering and carving around me;  
With no purpose, thou following me  
One step front; one step down  
One step in; one step backward  
Tired Resolving and fixing thou existence;  
Leaving me with no option, quitting you shadowy spirit  
Standing taller and huge, worrying me in the darkness;  
I'm afraid again and again; thou ghostly wraith  
Moving in and out, swinging front and back;  
When 'm accompanying.

Wide opening eyes; thou yell on me  
Wide opening mouth; thou call upon me  
Wide opening arms; thou clutch upon me  
Freshening eyes and freshening self-ego,  
Enthralling and alluring, capturing and attracting;  
Securing the morning dew upon thy leaves;  
Lone I walk self-confidently; I prey upon self -worth solitarily  
Where 're thy sole? Where 're thy amours proper?  
I wonder time and again;  
What deed thou act upon gesture?  
Seeking thy presence, alive and being me;  
You're soft, non-existence plea;  
Appear and attend me;  
Chase me and issue me troubles;  
No matter what ensue? Precede me  
When 'm escorting.

Wide opening eyes; thou yell on me  
Wide opening mouth; thou call upon me  
Wide opening arms; thou clutch upon me  
I wonder time and again;  
What deed thou act upon gesture?  
You're fiery and fierce, wicked and wrongful;  
So foul playing and too corrupting  
Towering and titanic,  
When thou small self-imaginary;  
You're different and arguing;  
Straight and little thy concealing  
When in thou colossal still.

WHENEVER YOU SEE CONSTRUCTION  
AND MINING EQUIPMENTS, JUST THINK OF US



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Manipuri women and their tolerance

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Manipuri women are the most tolerant women in the universe. No amount of jewelries can buy her tolerance and sensitivity. They've been the flag bearer of being tolerant in the state and for the next few generations they ought to remain the same. All thanks to our patriarchal society which will never fail in dominating the barren folks. When we talk about being tolerant the living example of ImaKeithel is a proof. Some said that the Ima market is an example of women empowerment. But, with all my might I defy the statement. The living market is an example of women working fearlessly and feeding the drunken men since time immemorial and it still continues the same. The market is the only oldest women market in Asia and we are proud of the title but not the logic of women working to feed the family members (what was the man

of the house doing, then?) Since the olden time a culture was that women have to earn living hood and that's the reason men had nothing much to do but to drink alcohol and sell off his land. Not only going to market and selling stuff, the mothers come back home and do the household chores as household chores are untouchable for the Manipuri men. I really must appreciate the mothers of Manipur who've been and still bearing these drunkard husbands and sons. Talking about women empowerment the Government declared to build women markets at every district. And if that is the definition of women empowerment I am really disappointed. Is the Government encouraging all the women to only sell vegetables and not see the real meaning of growth in life? Why Ima market? What about building women's hospital or universities/colleges? Women

have reached the moon but women of the state are still struggling for equal rights. Once I was waiting for my brother to arrive at the ImphalTulihal Airport, a young girl came who was supposedly going to Delhi. She looked really adorable; she got long hair which was curled beautifully spending a lot of money in the salon, I think, and she was wearing a short pair of jeans. Even though I am straight I just stared at her and said 'wow' to myself. Apparently there were some guys standing behind me and passed the most wretched comment ever, 'look at her, why will others respect Manipuri women. Instead of wearing such dress she could have come naked.' I really felt pity on those guys for having such pathetic mentality. Let me tell you why women want to wear those mini skirt or short pants, because it is so damn comfortable and it's my

skin whether I show it to others or not that's my right. Even if there is fast development in infrastructure and other stuff the mentality of the people is quite under developed and a long way to develop. And the funniest part is if some powerful women sought for their deserving right they are being blamed uncultured or anti-social. One of the popular actresses in the state just expressed her opinion about getting married to her choice of husband became talk of the town and trolled her for the honest answer. In short, the state doesn't allow anyone - I meant any woman to express their opinion or feeling so it means freedom of speech is not valid for the women folks. Their rights are impeded; they can't reach home late at night, they can't wear short skirts and they can't speak what they want - why? Because, simply they are women.

National & International News

Attempt to Kill PM of BD  
10 ordered to be executed  
in firing squad

**Siam Sarower Jamil Dhaka, Aug 20:** A Dhaka court on Sunday handed 10 men death penalty for an attempt to kill Sheikh Hasina; the prime minister of Bangladesh at Kotalipara of Gopalganj in 2000. Dhaka Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 judge Montaz Begum handed down the verdict saying the convicts will be executed in the firing squad. On 22 July 2000, Bangladesh Army recovered a 76kg bomb from Sheikh Lutfur Rahman Ideal College in Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj which was planted aiming to kill the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina. Hasina was supposed to address a rally there the next day. On 23 July, another bomb weighing 40kg was recovered from the same spot.

Kotalipara police then filed an attempted murder case and a case under explosives act after the incident. Police accused 10 people of banned militant group Harkatul Jihad including their leader Mufti Abdul Hannan on 8 April 2001. The other accused are: M Mahibullah, Munshi Ibrahim, M Mahmud Azhar, M Rashed driver, M Shah Newaz, M Yusuf, M Lokman, Sheikh M Enamul and M Mizanur Rahman. Gopalganj court sent the case to Dhaka fast track tribunal in 2010. Mufti Hannan was later excluded from the case as he was sentenced to death in another case of attempted murder of former British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury.

Govt extends date for filing  
GST returns

**AIR New Delhi, Aug 20:** The last date for filing returns and payment of taxes under the GST regime has been extended by five days. The cut-off for filing maiden GST returns for July was scheduled to end today. The returns can now be filed till the 25th of this month. In a statement, the Finance Ministry

said that certain flood-hit states as well as Jammu and Kashmir had sought an extension. There were also reports of GSTN portal facing technical issues because of a huge rush. For taxpayers who have to claim credit for past taxes paid by filing form TRANS 1, the last date for returns will be August 28.

40% reservation for girls at planned  
Navodaya schools

**New Delhi, Aug 20:** The government has decided to offer 40 per cent reservation for girls at 100 Navodaya-type schools. The Minister of State for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said the government is mulling to open 100 Navodaya-type schools in minority concentrated areas of the country. Mr Naqvi said, the reservation will also be applicable in five higher education institutes, planned by the government, for minority community students. A high-level panel formed by the Maulana Azad Education

Foundation, a government-funded agency, had in its report recently recommended a three-tier model to tackle educational backwardness among minorities, particularly the Muslims. The panel had said the proposed schools could work on the patterns of Kendriya Vidyalaya or Navodaya Vidyalaya. Naqvi said the schools will most probably be commissioned next year in buildings developed under the multi-sectoral development programme.

Utkal Express derailment

**AIR New Delhi, Aug 20:** Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu today directed Chairman, Railway Board, to fix responsibility on prima facie evidence by today only into the derailment of the Utkal Express in Uttar Pradesh. 23 people died and 156 were injured after 14 coaches of the Utkal Express derailed near Muzaffarnagar in western Uttar

Pradesh yesterday evening. In a tweet, Mr Prabhu said that he is monitoring the situation closely and restoration of tracks is his top priority. The minister directed senior officials and medical personnel to provide assistance to injured passengers and all possible help to relatives of affected passengers. Mr Prabhu had ordered an inquiry into the derailment yesterday.

2<sup>nd</sup> time prestigious president's  
police medal for distinguished  
service to IG Robin Hibu

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A well dedicated and energetic NE IPS Officer, Robin Hibu, from Arunachal Pradesh was honoured with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service for second time by Hon'ble President of India on the occasion of 71th Independence Day 2017 in recognition of his initiatives and services extended for safety and welfare of NE people. Earlier, he was honoured with this prestigious medal in 2009. At Present, he is serving as Joint Commissioner of Police (Operation) in Delhi Police. Also, he was awarded two times Arunachal Government's Gold Medal for distinguished Public Services as SP in 2002 and DIGP in 2009 for exceptional services rendered. Above this, he was also honoured two times by UN Secretary General in 1998 and 2000 for exceptional distinguished services for the cause of Peace at War Torn Yugoslavia (Kosovo and Bosnia) as UN Police Commander at Gnjilane Region, Kosovo. During his tenure as NODAL OFFICER for NE States, Robin Hibu, IPS gave HOPE and



IG Robin Hibu

SOLACE to NE people residing and staying at nook and corner of the country. In hours of reckoning and distress faced by them, he has extended himself to pat them, counselled them, educated them through awareness campaigns, fought for them, even performed their last rites when they died in cities, cried with them, prayed for them and many more. As a guardian with true sense of dedication to NE people, he always did whatever he could to wipe the tears and to console the helpless NE People.

Flagging off ceremony of “  
Manipur Super 30”

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**Imphal, Aug 20:** The inaugural batch of Coal India “Manipur Super 30” was flagged off in a grand ceremony at Lelmakhong military garrison on 19 Aug 2017. The project, first of its kind in the state of Manipur, is a joint venture of Red Shield Division, Coal India Limited and CSRL (Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility and Leadership) to provide quality coaching and guidance of IIT/JEE to meritorious and deserving students from economically deprived sections of society. The cost of the entire project is being borne by Coal India Limited.

and empowerment of the deserving youth thereby contributing to development of the society & nation at large. Speaking on the occasion, Brigadier Dipankar Saha, Commander Senapati Brigade exhorted the students to seize this golden opportunity and work hard to realize their cherished dreams. He said that, this project will provide these students the pedestal to achieve their ambitions and will also help in making a lasting contribution towards the society. Mrs Khumkcham Sonam Devi of Kachhing, who was amongst the selected students said that she always dreamt of taking coaching on good institution but could not do so as her parents are poor and could not support her endeavour financially. She said this opportunity is dream come true for her. Mrs ID Deepali, mother of student Pithiliu ID of Tamenglong, said her daughter applied for this exam on her own, never told her about it and surprised her with the news when she was selected. She said she has seven children and is not able to support financially taxing coaching of her daughter. This is a godsend opportunity for her daughter. She prayed for the well being and bright future of all the children

The inaugural batch of 18 students was flagged off to Guwahati by Brigadier SKS Chauhan, Officiating GOC Red Shield Division. Present during the ceremony were, Brigadier Dipankar Saha, Commander Senapati Brigade, Mr Krishnamurti Singh, Executive Director CSRL, proud parents, and other military as well as civilian dignitaries. Brig SKS Chauhan, Dy GOC Red Shield Division, while speaking to students and their parents said, that the Army is committed to the people of Manipur and will take all steps possible to make the events like “Manipur Super 30”, a success. He further added that such events will enable progress