

## Editorial

### It's shocking; still no condolence message from PM Modi

Some politicians are remembered for their services of the people, irrespective of which political parties they belong to. For years people of the state as well as people across the nation who are familiar with one of our great leaders Rishang Keishang as a property of Congress Party.

Every learned scholar of the state knows that Mr. Keishang had already stepped out beyond any political party. From being a Socialist party member he became a congress man, and became the oldest parliamentarian in Rajya Sabha. For 4 times he was the Chief Minister of Manipur and to recount, Mr. Rishang Keishang is the first MP to represent Manipur in the Parliament.

The death of the leader has indeed shocked the people. The state government paid the highest respect to the oldest parliamentarian by declaring holiday for a day and by mourning his death for three days. The kind of respect showed to the departed leader shows that Mr. Rishang Keishang is the true leader of the soil. He is a true Manipuri - a true leader for the Meitei/Meetei, Tangkhul, Mao, Maring, Kuki, Zomi, Muslims and all the 32 plus ethnic communities of the state.

His wisdom in making the state alive had left with no choice to the politicians of the state but to make him represent the state as the first MP to the Lok Sabha in 1972. Later when he returned to the state he managed to become Chief Minister for 4 times while electing as MLA for 5 times.

He was a pioneer in the struggle for inclusion of Manipur as a state of the Indian Union. Every one knows his contribution to the Indian Union. And he represent the state as Rajya Sabha MP some few years back and set records as the oldest parliamentarian of the country.

What shocks Imphal Times is the silence of the central leadership to his demise. There were condolences message from various political parties. Even the Nagaland Congress and the West Bengal Chief Minister had extended their heartfelt pain and sorrow to the demise of the oldest parliamentarian. As of now we still see no such condolence from the NDA.

When Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha expired, the prime Minister of India Narendra Modi takes no time to share the pains and sorrow. No such condolence is heard from the Prime Minister Office even though it is 3 days now, that Mr. Keishang had expired.

State mourns his demise, but the nation seems to have no value for the oldest parliamentarian.

Should we still believe that the nation still treats this part of the country as an integral region. If so the nation should certainly share the pains of this region to the loss of Octogenarian politician and the oldest parliamentarian.

#### RC book lost

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## India carves a unique place in space

By : K V Venkatasubramanian

More than 53 summers ago, India had successfully put its first signature on space by launching the US-made 'Nike-Apache' two-stage sounding rocket (the first rocket) from Kerala's obscure fishing hamlet Thumba.

There were no buildings at the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) on Thiruvananthapuram's outskirts. The bishop's house doubled up as the Director's office, the ancient St. Mary Magdalene church building became the control room and naked eyes tracked the smoke plume on November 21, 1963. Bullock carts and bicycles carried rocket parts and payloads to the launch pad.

About 12 years later, in 1975, India launched its first-ever experimental satellite, Aryabhata, on a Russian rocket. Lacking infrastructure, scientists at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bangalore converted even a toilet into a data receiving centre.

From taking its first baby steps in Thumba, the Indian space odyssey has traversed numerous landmarks. ISRO has emerged as a key player in global satellite launches and the manufacturing industry. The nation has earned global recognition for launching lunar probes, built satellites, for others too, ferried foreign satellites up and even succeeded in reaching Mars.

Through these decades, India's space programme has focused on national imperatives, and social and economic well-being of society—specifically in earth observation and application for management of natural resources in agriculture, water, fisheries, and watershed mapping and development. Space-based applications like tele-education and tele-medicine have enabled greater access to rural

population to these basic needs. Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Space exploration missions have Nepal and Sri Lanka. Following the surge ahead during the past three launches of the 2,230-kg GSAT-9, built years ago, India's latest communication by ISRO and funded entirely by satellite GSAT-17 on board an India, on board the GSLV-F09 rocket, Ariane 5 rocket lifted off from the prime minister had said the French Guiana on June 28. It will "unprecedented" development sent strengthen ISRO's current fleet of out a message that "even sky is not 17 operational telecom satellites and the limit when it comes to regional provide meteorological and cooperation".

India entered the big league of space position in the space race. The prime technology on June 5 this year with minister's soft spot for space and the launch of its most powerful, ISRO were reflected in a substantial homegrown and heaviest-ever 23 per cent increase in this year's rocket—the Geosynchronous budget allocation for the Department Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III of Space. (GSLV Mk-III D1)—carrying GSAT-16, among the major 19 communication satellite. The achievements were the successful high-tech 3,136 kg workhorse launching of the remote sensing established ISRO's capability to satellite RESOURCESAT-2 in transport four-tonne satellites and December, a record lobbing of 20 test a homegrown cryogenic satellites in a single payload in June engine, and also paved the way to send three navigation satellites and send humans, one day, beyond the GSAT-18 communication Earth's atmosphere. Now, Indians satellite.

communication satellites can be ISRO hoisted the GSAT-15 lofted into space from within the communication satellite and the country. So far, only the USA, Multi Wavelength Space Russia, Europe, China and Japan Observator ASTROSAT in 2015. It have launched space satellites also ground tested the indigenously weighing 4,000 kg and more. developed high thrust cryogenic Earlier on May 5, India catapulted rocket engine. Besides, five the first-ever South Asia Satellites were launched in July by (SAS) to boost communication and PSLV and the IRNSS-1D, the fourth improve disaster links among its six satellite in the Indian Regional neighbours—Afghanistan, Navigation Satellite System

(IRNSS), in March.

In December 2014, the communication satellite GSAT-16 was launched. PSLV hoisted the country's third navigation satellite IRNSS-1C in October and the second dedicated navigation satellite IRNSS-1B in April.

In the years ahead, ISRO scientists have a busy schedule. A series of satellite launches is the work of early 2018, the space agency will launch two lunar missions, Chandrayaan-2, an advanced version of Chandrayaan-1. The indigenous initiative comprises an orbiter, lander and rover, which are expected to perform mineralogical and elemental studies of the lunar surface. The other is in collaboration with Team Indus, a group of space enthusiasts.

The next grand project is the scientific mission to the Sun for observing the solar corona (with a Coronagraph—a telescope), photosphere, chromosphere (Sun's three main outer layers) and solar wind. To be launched by PSLV-XL by 2020, Aditya-L1 satellite will probe why solar flares and solar winds disturb the communication network and electronics on earth. Further, ISRO will return to Mars, probably during 2021-22, with a second Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) spacecraft, Mangalyaan 2. Come September 24, India's first-ever interplanetary robotic probe, Mangalyaan 1, still going strong, will celebrate three years of landing on the Red Planet. India had created history by becoming the first nation to enter the Mars orbit on a maiden mission—also the cheapest such mission till now.

For the first time, India will have a date with Venus, beyond 2020. The Venusian orbiter mission will study the planet's atmosphere. (Courtesy PIB Feature)

### National & International News

#### Govt finalizes new cadre policy of IAS, IPS, IFOS

**AIR**  
**New Delhi, Aug 24:** Government has finalized new cadre policy of IAS, IPS and Indian Forest Service officers aimed at ensuring national integration in the country's top bureaucracy. Officers of all-India services—the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IfoS)—will have to choose cadres from a set of zones instead of states.

The officers of the three services are currently allocated a cadre state or a set of states to work in. These officers may be posted on central deputation during the course of their service after fulfilling certain eligibility conditions. Under the new policy, candidates can only select one state/cadre from a zone as their first choice. Their second, third, fourth and fifth choices have to be from the different zones. According to an official of the

Personnel department, the new policy will seek to ensure that officers from Bihar, for instance, will get to work in southern and north-eastern states, which may not be their preferred cadres. He said the new policy would help in upholding the rationale behind the all-India services. The existing 26 cadres have been divided into five zones in the new policy proposed by the Department of Personnel.

#### Nepal PM Sher Bahadur Deuba accorded ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhawan

**Agency**  
**NEW DELHI:** Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, who is here on a five-day state visit, was accorded a ceremonial welcome on Thursday. President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Deuba before the guard of honour at the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Later in the day, Deuba will hold delegation-level talks with Modi following which, the two leaders will remote launch power transmission lines from India to Nepal. Deuba will call on Kovind and Vice President Venkaiah Naidu while Union Ministers Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley will call on the visiting dignitary, who is accompanied by a high-level

delegation. Apart from his official engagements in New Delhi, Deuba will also visit Hyderabad, Tirupati and Bodh Gaya. Deuba's visit, his first abroad after assuming office in June, comes days after Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang visited Nepal during which the two sides inked several major agreements to boost energy and economic ties.

#### Hato Typhoon: 9 killed, 1 remain missing in China

**AIR**  
**Beijing, Aug 24:** In China, 12 people have been killed and one remained accounted for since the arrival of Hato, the strongest typhoon of the year. Local meteorological bureau said typhoon Hato made landfall in the city of Zhuhai in Guangdong Province at noon yesterday. It brought winds of up to 160 kph to the mouth of the Pearl River and heavy rain to nearby regions. The government evacuated nearly twenty-seven thousand people to temporary shelters. About 6,64 hectares of farmland has been damaged.

#### Navjot Singh Sidhu, felicitates Aryans Group

**Imphal, Aug 24:** After achieving many milestones in last 11 years in the education sector, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura has added another feather in its cap.

S. Navjot Singh Sidhu, Minister for Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Punjab felicitated Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group with the Edupreneur Award in a function "Unveiling of Edupreneurs 2" held yesterday at Chandigarh. The award ceremony was hosted by a renowned media house of the country wherein Dr. Anshu Kataria was awarded for his challenging journey from a school drop to doctorate from University Business Journey (UBS), Panjab University, Chandigarh and from UBS to the journey of opening his own Business School near Chandigarh.

Dr. Anshu Kataria after receiving the award said that it's a proud moment to get this award of edupreneur. He said that Aryans is the only campus in the North India region where all the 4 promoters are educationists. The chief patron, Prof Roshan Lal Kataria has taught in Govt College Muktsar, Govt. College Zeera and in the chain of DAVs etc. Mrs Rajni Kataria, Founder, Aryans Group herself was a school teacher. Dr. Parveen Kataria, Director General has given her teaching services in Guru Nanak College Moga etc and Dr. Anshu Kataria has also taught in Govt. College Muktsar and Guru Nanak Moga etc. Navjot Singh Sidhu after the ceremony while addressing the audience, corporates and top 10 renowned educationists of Punjab

said that in the world, India has emerged in the list of top entrepreneur Countries and Punjab is at the top. He motivated and urged the entrepreneurs to make their students job providers and not job seekers thereby taking them to entrepreneurship by developing such skills in them through education. It is to be mentioned that not only this at the age of 31 years, Dr. Kataria owned and started his own Business School. At the age of 40 years, he became the President of Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) representing over 1000 Colleges of Punjab and President of All India Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions Association (AIFSFTI) representing over 10,000 Colleges of India.

Earlier to this Aryans Group has been awarded for "Excellence in Education" by Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President; Sh. Parkash Singh Badal, Ex-Chief Minister of Punjab; Sh. Shivraj V Patil, the Governor of Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh; Dr. Kiran Bedi, First Women IPS Officer of India; S. Joginder Singh, Ex-Director, CBI etc. The Group has also been honoured for "Excellence in career building" by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, India. Recently Aryans has been awarded with the best placement award among the AICTE approved colleges in the Chandigarh region by Sh. Vijay Sampla, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment in India.