

Editorial

Women still insecure

Recent news about attempt to rape of a minor girl, and a house wife, and the law enforcers failure to deal such heinous crime amidst public hue and cry is something that strike to everybody's mind on whether the women and minor girl are safe or not. The time consumption in awarding such rapist is one by the judiciary despite establishing of first track court for many to lost faith in the system.

Almost everybody is hoping and shouting for an exemplary award which would mark the beginning of a change in the implementation of the law of the land. Crimes against the weaker and most vulnerable sections of the society of whom children and women are the chief constituents are on the rise despite the innumerable discussions, debates, stogans, agitations and protests. This calls for a deeper look into the loopholes or other defects which is preventing the law and order system from being effectively utilized or implemented. The dismal track record of conviction of crimes needs to be altered drastically for the legal system of the country to have any impact on the society.

The present opportunity for the Government and the legal system to make that much needed image makeover should not be allowed to go scot free. However cruel it may sound, the criminals need to be dealt with according to the severity of the crime, as well as the degree of brutality of the act.

The perpetrators clearly acted beyond humanly possible acts of perversion. Considerations of leniency on any moral or physiological ground does not merit mentioning, nor should it be a factor in awarding the sentence. The State authorities who are concerned with safeguarding the rights and safety of the children and women, who at the moment, are apparently taking things too easy, should be infused with a sense of direction and purpose if we are to expect any sort of positive change from the present scenario.

It would not be an exaggeration to point out that the disorganized and disconnected manner of implementation of schemes and other development projects has a lot to do in confusing and confounding the public. Till now, the general public is in the dark as to the working or any other detail about special schemes such as the Integrated Child Development Schemes which is supposed to be running smoothly in the State. Making the general public aware of the means and system of protection and redressal along with a strict system of implementation will go a long way in mitigating the social evils, if not totally eliminate them.

More State News

Don Bosco High School -2002 Batch Alumni Association formed



Imphal, Aug. 28: Don Bosco High School class of 2002 batch alumni association was formed with a formal gathering at the banquet hall of Nirmala Hotel.. 70 (Seventy) ex-Bosconian attended the formal gathering and new association called the "DON BOSCO, IMPHAL 2002 BATCH ALUMNI" was formed . The newly formed association unanimously elected Shri Rajeev Thokchom as President, Shri Pramesh Arambam as Secretary and Shri Maradona Okram as Finance

Secretary. They will hold the post until next general body meeting. The association also hold a minute silence in memory of their lost batch mates.

The newly formed association pledge to promote brotherhood and comradery in the society and help in promoting peace and harmony in the state. Corpus fund from the association will be used in social causes and social upliftment as per press released report.

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Swift Surge Forward in Tourism sector

By : O P Sharma

Alongside rapid strides on other spheres, the Tourism sector in India now is surging forward; swiftly and surely. Gradually, our country with rich cultural heritage, dotted with many spots with nature's bounty and charms, sublime environs and numerous other attractions, pilgrimage places depicted as "Incredible India" is gaining popularity for its destinations. Tourist traffic is attaining new heights with this sector in top gear and still moving ahead to gradually to tap its vast potential. Our nation is carving out its due share and status in the global tourism industry.

Tourism, a pivotal sector as a driver of social integration and economic development, is growing at impressive pace in recent years. Domestic travels for pilgrimages, business and varied other factors, is as old as our society. While there were just 17, 000 inbound tourists on the eve of our Independence, presently the figure for tourist traffic has shot up very significantly. But keeping in view the high potential, there is more scope for giving further boost to India's tourism industry. Due to some tangible bold initiatives and promotional schemes taken by the present regime, this sector will certainly go up carving out its due share in the global tourism and travel sphere.

Ever since achievement of Independence, keeping in view the vital importance of tourism, concrete policies and elaborate plans have been implemented in a phased manner with the result that steadily there has been growth and development in tourist trade. More sustained endeavors are required to secure larger share in global tour

and travel sectors. Latest figures indicate that tourism generated 14.02 lakh crore (US\$220 billion) or 9.6 per cent of the nation's GDP in 2016 and supported 40.343 million jobs, which is 9.3 per cent of its total employment. This sector is predicted to grow at an annual rate of 6.8 per cent to 28.49 lakh crore (US\$440 billion) by 2027, which is 10 per cent of our GDP. To quote an instance, India's medical tourism estimated to be worth US\$3 billion, which is projected to grow further to \$7-8 billion by 2020. It is pertinent to point out that in 2014 nearly 184, 300 foreign patients traveled to India for medical treatment. About 88.90 lakh foreign tourists arrived in India in 2016 as compared to 80.27 lakh during the previous year, recording a growth of 10.7 per cent. Domestic tourist visitors numbered nearly 1,036.35 million in 2012, an increase of 16.5 per cent from 2011. Pilgrimage tourism too is registering ever-increasing numbers every year. The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has underscored need for involvement of youth power in projection and promotion of tourism industry. As per the report of World Economic Forum on global travel and tourism, India ranks 40th out of 136 nations across the globe. Now with the present Government's emphasis on improvement of roads network, high-speed railway and air services, higher hotel accommodation, business opportunities, cashless payment system, clean environ and liberalized visa system and suitable human resources, the tourist traffic is expected to further grow up swiftly.

The Union Ministry of Tourism and all the States have to work as

partners for working on suitably-designed national policies and plans for sustained growth of tourism. Visa policy has been rightly liberalized and vigorous world-wide campaign of "Incredible India" is yielding encouraging results. It is envisaged to give a further fillip to tourism sector and upgrade India's status in the global tourist traffic. E-tourist visa facility extended to over 150 countries and UDAN scheme among others, will go a long way in promoting domestic and foreign tourism.

There are well-designed tour packages and tourist-cum-pilgrim-circuits to suit all sorts of visitors. The Indian tourism and hospitality industry is key driver of growth among the services sector. Tourism is also a potentially large employment generator besides being a significant source of foreign exchange for the country. Every citizen has to abide by spirit of "Aatithi Devo Bhava" (every tourist is our honoured guest) and act as voluntary ambassador of tourism to attract more tourists.

India's rising middle class and increasing disposable incomes has continued to support the growth of domestic and outbound tourism. Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) has grown by 15.5 per cent year-on-year to nearly 1.65 billion during 2016. Foreign visitors have significantly gone up and India's foreign exchange earnings (FEEs) have through tourism increased by 32 per cent and touched US\$ 2.278 billion in April, 2017. India is expected to

move up five spots to be ranked among the top five business travel market globally by 2030, as business travel spending in the country is expected to treble until 2030 from US\$ 30 billion in 2015. Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTA) in India have witnessed an impressive growth in the last three years. During April, 2017, it stood at 7.40 lakh compared to 5.99 lakh in April 2016 and 5.42 lakh in April 2015. There has been a significant rise in Non-Residential Indians (NRI) travelling to India as well.

In the Union Budget 2017-18, more initiatives have been taken to give a boost to the tourism and hospitality sector by setting up five special tourism zones, special pilgrimage or tourism trains and worldwide launch of Incredible India campaign among others.

The Union Tourism Ministry and State Governments, Private sector, NGOs and each citizen must jointly put in their best to realize the country's full tourism potential and take lot of more innovative initiatives to make India a global tourism hub.

The concerted and innovative initiatives will certainly give further impetus to both domestic and foreign tourism to realize India's full potential for positive results to emerge as a major player in the world tourism industry.

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National & International News

Justice Dipak Misra sworn in as 45th Chief Justice of India

NDTV

New Delhi, Aug. 28: Justice Dipak Misra, who led the Supreme Court bench that confirmed death to four convicts in the Nirbhaya gang-rape case in May this year, will succeed Chief Justice JS Khehar as the next Chief Justice of India.

Justice Misra was sworn in as the 45th Chief Justice of India at a brief ceremony in the Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan. President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office to Justice Misra.

Chief Justice Misra will hold office for the next 13 months, till 2 October 2018. As per the established practice, Chief Justice Khehar had had last month recommended Justice Misra's elevation as his successor.

Justice Misra was also among the three judges who were up all night in July 2015, giving a historic hearing to decide on terrorist Yakub Memon's last-minute appeal against his hanging. Memon was convicted in 1993 Mumbai blasts, in which 257 people were killed. It was Justice Misra who announced the court's

decision at 5 am: "Stay of death warrant would be a travesty of justice. The plea is dismissed," he said. Memon was hanged two hours later.

Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court before he was elevated as a Supreme Court judge in 2011, Justice Misra had been described as a "pro-citizen judge" by his peers.

It was, for instance, Justice Misra who had ordered the police to upload a copy of the police complaints registered by the police, or First Information Report, on their website within 24 hours so that the accused and victim did not have to run around for a copy.

Back in the high court, the judge was also known to entertain public interest litigation but cracked the whip when people tried to waste his court's time, ruling the court wasn't a laboratory where people could come to play at their own whim and fancy.

Justice Misra, 64, assumes office following the retirement of Justice JS Khehar as the Chief Justice of India yesterday.

World Champions: PV Sindhu goes down fighting in thrilling world final

TNN

Hyderabad, Aug. 28: It was so near, yet so far for PV Sindhu. The lanky shuttler gave it her all, but still had to settle for silver in the World Championships. In the one-hour 50 minute slugfest, the longest match of the tournament so far, Sindhu lost the title 19-21, 22-20, 20-22 to Nozomi Okuhara of Japan on Sunday.

The 22-year-old shuttlers were involved in perhaps the best women's singles final with all the strokes, dribbles or drives on display. Only six points across three sets separated Sindhu and Nozomi. Sindhu saved a championship point trailing 19-20, but luck deserted her as the Japanese girl scored the next two.

It was all over once Nozomi's drop puzzled Sindhu at 21-20 and the Indian girl was crestfallen. Nozomi became the first Japanese woman to

singles champion while Sindhu is the second Indian after Saina to secure silver. Unlike at the Olympics when she recovered fast to congratulate the eventual champion Carolina Marin, Sindhu took a lot of time and looked deeply hurt after the loss.

After mowing down Chen Yufei of China in straight sets in the semifinals on Saturday, Sindhu was the clear favourite in the final. She even played like one and led 11-5 at the break. But Nozomi came back strong, hitting the shuttle hard and returning everything. The Japanese girl surprised the Indian with her guile and retrieving ability. From 10-14, Nozomi came up with an eight-point burst and dominated thereafter.

Sindhu started on a strong note after losing the first game and both players indulged in lengthy rallies. With Sindhu ahead 15-13, she won a rally which lasted 43 shots.

পাওঞ্জৈজবা

Shri Khumukcham Mangi Singh,
Retd. Dy Commandant, 1st IRB
Govt. of Manipur
(Expired on 23/8/2017)

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