

Editorial

Disgruntling the government affairs

There is a palpable air of urgency that is starting to be felt amongst the public, if albeit very faintly for the time being. Various development and improvement projects and schemes have been on the anvil and we can often catch the subtle nuances of the so called leaders and political parties beginning to warm up to the public, with the ruling party trying to play down the incidents that could, and most surely would be used with added glitz and effects against them by the oppositions who are ever vigilant to catch those at the helm of affairs at present wrong footing on any issue of which there apparently is no dearth of.

In a society, of which ours is not an exception, where the institution of politics has been reduced to a game of one-upmanship and an avenue of securing personal gains rather than the noble activities of governing according to a set beliefs as is supposed to be, the only real losers, the butt of all jokes and the unwary beneficiaries of various Government largesse has been the common people all these while. Having said that, it would be immature thinking and rather irrational to raise a hue and cry about, when, in retrospect, the real reason behind the present political scenario with all the accompanying myriad defects and resultant reflections in the socio-economic conditions has been our own doing all along.

The hindrance over the construction of the National Sports University here in the state of Manipur still is continuing. From 44- Yaitihbi Loukol in Thoubal district now has been shifted to Koutruk. Here to after everything is set to begin another obstacle comes up over the issues of land encroachment between groups of communities.

The other community straight away said that they are not against the construction of the sports University but they are against the encroachment of their land. What does this statement really mean? It certainly showed that there is a political hand in giving the obstacle as communities residing in the periphery of the sports university will be benefitted. Manipur unlike other had experiences issues which are more serious than this kind.

The creation of new district in the state of Manipur had already sparked series of protest. But the same was supported by many who belong to certain communities. It was already known that unless a boundary commission has been set up and complete the boundary of each district there is every way that anybody who wanted to sabotage the good effort may take up anything.

Better prepare everything before taking up any good work in a state like Manipur.

By : **Guru Prakash**

More than 16 percent of our population comprises of the scheduled castes. Owing to a long history of social exclusion, a section of our society was not exposed to opportunities of personal growth and development. This section was called 'Depressed classes' by Babasaheb Ambedkar. Coming from the same social background Babasaheb was cognizant of the needs and challenges of the community. In course of his public life, Babasaheb scaled great heights of achievement. After being educated at institutions of eminence worldwide, he came back to homeland to work in the furtherance of interest of the community.

Being the chairperson of the drafting committee of the constitution of India, he ensured special preference is given in education and employment to people coming from the so-called depressed classes. Apart from affirmative action in specific sectors, he also ensured political representation of socially and politically deprived segments of our society through reservation of seats in union parliament and state legislatures. However no such measures were adopted in nomination to the upper house of the parliament (*Rajya Sabha*) and the state legislative councils.

Dalit Icons

History is often a product of interactions between individuals and circumstances. Similarly, Dalit history is fraught with examples of heroes and heroines who successfully contested the challenges thrown upon them by the prevailing social order and emerged subsequently with renewed strength. Dakshayani Velayudhan was a first Dalit woman to be a member in the constituent assembly of India that went on to draft the Constitution of this country. Babu Jagjivan Ram again was the member of the first union cabinet of independent

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India. He played a stellar role as defense minister of India during the 1971 war that led to birth of a new nation. Gary Bass, noted American diplomat and author of 'The Blood Telegram', refers to him as the most hawkish defense minister. Likewise, there are many legends who sacrificed their present in the interest of the future of the Dalit community.

Constitutional Safeguards

Globally, there are strong constitutional measures to ensure justice to the weaker segments of the society. American society is hugely diverse in nature. Historically, American citizens who are of African-American origin have had suffered unfortunate predicament by the dominant nativists. Keeping this in mind, American policy makers had made clauses for 'Affirmative Action' and 'Positive Discrimination'. Such policy measures are usually envisioned to warrant effective representation in key areas and equitable distribution of national resources.

Indian experience also entails similar constitutional scheme to empower those who were left behind in the course of history of our nation. There are many important provisions enshrined in the constitution for the same.

Article 17 is a considered a pioneering effort towards bringing social reforms. By enacting this Article, the government of independent India acted earnestly to abolish the scourge of social discrimination. The Constitution-makers not only provided for criminalizing any form of social discrimination but also punishing those who practice such discriminations.

Similarly, Article 46 states, "The state shall promote with special care the educational and economic interest of the weaker sections of the people, and in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the

Scheduled Tribes, and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation." To achieve this objective, Article 15(4) empowers the State to make special provisions for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward class of the citizens and for SCs. This article enabled the State to reserve seats for SCs in educational institutions.

Article 335 is an enabling provision which allows relaxation in qualifying marks for admission in educational institutes or promotions for SCs/ STs. Similarly, Article 243D mentions reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in every Panchayat.

While Article 243T provides for reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in every Municipality, Article 330 makes provision reservation of seats for the Scheduled Tribes in the House of the People and Article 332 in the Legislative Assemblies of the States.

The Scheduled Caste and Schedule Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) act, 1989 is another protective legislation intended for providing a legislative umbrella against caste based violence and discrimination. Only recently some important amendments were effectuated by adding more teeth to it. The list of offences inflicted upon the person from socially deprived communities has been made more exhaustive like garlanding with footwear, imposing or threatening a social or economic boycott etc. This amendment has also added a separate chapter according rights to victims and witnesses.

The Way Ahead:

The key initiatives undertaken by the Union Government for social and economic security are enumerated below:-

- Financial Inclusion of the Poor: Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana.

This is a very significant scheme that strives to end Financial Untouchability by ensuring that the economically weaker sections have access to bank accounts.

- Expansion of Social Security Net. This has been achieved through Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (Accident Insurance), Atal Pension Yojana (Unorganized Sector) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana (Life Insurance), which provide social and economic security to the marginalized sections of the society.

Stand up India- This scheme was recently launched to boost the spirit of entrepreneurship among the most vulnerable groups of the society. The specific groups are Scheduled caste, scheduled tribes and women. Under the umbrella of this scheme every single branch of a public sector bank is asked to support one entrepreneur each from women and SC/ST category. Declaration of **Panchtirth** by GoI- The government of India has decided to dedicate 5 key places related with Babasaheb as Panchtirth which means places of pilgrimage to inspire the present generation Dalits. The state government of Madhya Pradesh has established a grand memorial at Mhow, the birthplace of Babasaheb. Government of Maharashtra has purchased the house situated at 10, King Henry Road in London where Babasaheb pursued his higher education. The Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi inaugurated this during his visit to the city in 2015.

These schemes clearly highlight that the present government is committed to the cause of upliftment of Dalits and other disadvantaged sections of the population. As outlined, various landmark initiatives have been initiated under the present regime to eliminate poverty and empower the weaker sections of the society. Much has been done, much needs to be done. (Courtesy PIB Feature)

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National News

Pune Police couple who faked Mount Everest feat dismissed from force

Pune, Aug. 8: Suspended Pune police constable couple Dinesh Rathod and Tarkeshwari Rathod, who lied about climbing the Mount Everest and circulated morphed photos of their 'mountaineering feat' in May last year, have been dismissed from the force, a senior official said on Monday. The couple was suspended in November last year after a probe panel formed by the police called out their lie. "The couple faked about the Everest ascent, morphed the photographs, shared misleading information and while doing this, brought disrepute to the Maharashtra Police department and did not report to duty," said Sahebrao Patil, Additional Commissioner of Police (Administration). "Based on the inquiry, we dismissed the couple from the department and an order to this effect was issued on Saturday," Mr Patil said.

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NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 7th August, 2017

No. 1/58-AMPSEDS/CCP-PostAdvt: Application in neatly typed plain paper is invited from eligible candidate for appointment to 1(One) post each of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Chief Executive Advisor(CEA) for M/s. LOULHOUMI ORGANIC PRODUCER COMPANY LIMITED, SABUAL VILLAGE, TIPAIMUKH ROAD, CHURCHANDPUR DISTRICT, MANIPUR - 795128. Application along with attested copies of certificates and 2(Two) recent passport size photographs of the candidate should reach the office of the undersigned latest by 5 PM on or before 15th August, 2017. The method of selection shall be through an interview(only for shortlisted candidates) tentatively fixed on 16th August, 2017.

2. The details of the posts are as follows:

| Sl. | Name of Post | Post/Category | Qualification | Monthly Salary + Perks |
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| | Chief Executive Officer (CEO) | 1(One) Unreserved | Professionals having qualification at least upto M. Phil Degree after Master's degree in any subject from a UGC recognized University. Persons with experience in entrepreneurial development skills in food processing, biotechnology and allied fields will be given preference. | Salary + Perks negotiable |
| | Chief Executive Advisor(CEA) | 1(One) Unreserved | Professionals having qualification at least upto Ph.D. Degree after Master's degree in any subject from a UGC recognized University. Persons with experience as a Manager for atleast 5 years in any reputed company will be given preference. | Salary + Perks negotiable |

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