

Sunday Poetry

Yaoshang thabal

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Feeling awesome, when in I join;  
Feeling great, when in I participate;  
Feeling good, when in I never missed the moment;  
One factual truth I carry, confident;  
Never delayed and never lazy,  
Season! I knew it and I remembered that,  
The breeze, the essence all in the air;  
How chaotic! The feelings and the happiness;  
How confusing! The eagerness within;  
How passionate and tumultuous! Every single soul,  
Leaves fallen apart, hairs flowing unbroken;  
Come anew spurning, dazzling and colorful;  
Red, blue, green and white  
Yellow! O yellow, the season of yellow;  
Come again showering love and fondness.

Something's rhythmic, something's servicing;  
All in all, all in one performing;  
Girls! Oh beautiful maiden girls,  
Digging and spading, cultivating poles;  
Beggings and beseeching money;  
Requesting and asking charity;  
Inviting and alluring and winning all;  
Uniting and compromising and cherishing hearts;  
All for a thabal and all for a compromise;  
Sailing wildly through the ocean of love;  
Amidst the wilderness friends for a friend,  
'Color me red, color me not blue;  
Color me your passions and  
Ease me my emotions, Oh! The unholly,  
Laughter and cherishing filled this smoky air.

Feeling awesome, when in I join;  
Feeling great, when in I participate;  
Feeling good, when in I never missed the moment;  
How energetic! The moon lit night  
Too shadowy as I emerged thrilling kak-kak-kak;  
How lyrical when you merged?  
With that green velvety blouse of mine;  
Thabal! Oh thabal, yaosang thagi thabal  
How graceful! The love hands swings folding,  
To and fro, wide and open, Soft and greasy;  
Beating those melancholic tunes,  
Oh! The drums, those drum sounds,  
Echoing hard and again, far and near,  
Kicking through the air blushing,

Carry me in and carry me out,  
All through the musical lines;  
Swinging and swaying, jumping in and out;  
Flapping in and out, High and low,  
Thumping up and down, so-madly and wildly;  
Dancing through the light all I could,  
Wasting not a minute dancing,  
Holding in my hand so tightly compromising;  
Holding me nearer whispering and embracing;  
Leave 'him' not; leave 'him' not unattended;  
Oh 9'oclock! The clock struck nine,  
Hurry! Hurriedly I bade 'him' last good step dancing;  
Alas! 'His' holding I released,  
Too hard it hurts inside just the way it is.

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Naorem Ongbi Manglembi Devi

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National & International News

Boy, girl suspended for hugging! Kerala High Court upholds school's decision; student says Instagram account hacked

**FE Online**  
**New Delhi, Dec. 17:** A boy and a girl were suspended in Kerala for hugging! As per the St Thomas Central School's management in Thiruvananthapuram, a boy hugged a girl in front of other students on August 21 this year. He hugged the girl during an arts festival held in the school. The boy called the hug 'congratulatory' after the girl sang a song brilliantly at the festival. Both had apologised to the vice-principal for their public display of affection. Post the incident, pictures of the boy and girl appeared on social media. The school said that the photos were posted from the boy's

account. As a disciplinary measure, both boy and girl were placed under suspension. However, both were allowed to give the semester examination in September. Afterwards, the boy gave a petition to the child rights commission asking the school's principal to admit him back. The commission invoked the power under relevant sections of CrPC. The school challenged the Commission in court. And on December 12, the Kerala High Court upheld the decision to suspend two Class XII students. Justice Shaji P Chaly's bench asked the Kerala State Commission to reverse its order asking the school to take back the

two suspended students. On December 12, the court said the child rights panel has the power to only recommend to the government for grant of such relief to the victim. It observed that a school principal is the institution's guardian, vested with powers to take action necessary to maintain discipline and morality in the school. The child rights commission cannot interfere there, the court said. In court, the boy argued that it was a congratulatory hug. He contended that the school authorities were not permitted to access his Instagram account, and were thus guilty of hacking into

his account and using it to blackmail him and tarnish his image in school. Meanwhile, in a big move, the LDF government in Kerala decided to increase the legal age of drinking from 21 to 23. The state government led by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will bring an ordinance and make necessary amendments in the Abkari Act. It has been learned that during Assembly polls campaign, Left Democratic Front (LDF) had promised about raising the age limit for consumption of liquor. The cabinet decision will be sent to Law Department. Kerala presently has around 815 beer and wine parlors and 922 toddy shops.

Australia arrests man accused of trying to sell missile parts for North Korea

**Sydney, Dec. 17:** A Sydney-based "loyal agent of North Korea" has been charged with trying to sell missile parts and technology on the black market to raise money for Pyongyang in breach of international sanctions, Australian police said Sunday. The 59-year-old naturalised Australian citizen of Korean descent, named in local media as Chan Han Choi, was attempting to broker illicit deals that could have generated "tens of millions of dollars" for North Korea, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) said.

Choi was involved in discussions to set up a ballistic missile production facility and the supply of missile construction plans in addition to components, software and the transfer of technical expertise from Pyongyang, police alleged. AFP Assistant Commissioner Neil Gaughan told reporters the case was "like nothing we have ever seen on Australian soil", alleging that the man was in contact with high-ranking North Korean officials. "This man is a loyal agent of North Korea, believing he was acting to serve some higher patriotic purpose."

The alleged agent's plans did not involve other governments or officials, police said. Authorities did not reveal which individuals or entities the man was allegedly trying to trade with. North Korea is under tough United Nations sanctions aimed at choking off revenue to Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programmes. "This is a very important arrest, the charges laid are of the greatest nature," Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull told reporters in Sydney. "North Korea is a dangerous, reckless, criminal regime threatening the peace of the region. It supports itself by breaching UN sanctions. "It is vitally important that all nations... enforce those sanctions because the more economic pressure that can be brought on North Korea, the sooner that regime will be brought to its senses."

This is the first time charges have been laid for breaches under Canberra's Weapons of Mass Destruction Act and for violating UN sanctions against North Korea in Australia. Global anxiety about North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un's authoritarian government has steadily risen this year, with Washington calling on other UN members to cut ties with Pyongyang in order to squeeze the secretive regime.

Landslide in southern Chile leaves 5 dead, 15 missing

**AP**  
**Santiago, Dec 17:** A mudslide fuelled by heavy rains has swept over a village in southern Chile, leaving at least five people dead and 15 missing, officials said. Rain caused a river to overflow and the side of a hill to collapse, burying 20 of the 200 houses in Villa Santa Lucia in the Los Lagos region, located 1,272 km south of Chile's capital, Santiago. President Michelle Bachelet declared the region a catastrophe zone and confirmed the number of dead and missing. She met with her team of ministers

to coordinate rescue and assistance efforts. Earlier yesterday, Deputy Secretary of the Interior Madmud Aleuy said there were three people dead, including an unidentified tourist, and 15 others missing. Some of the injured were taken by helicopter to medical centres. Two families were evacuated because of a fire caused by the slide, authorities said. Water and electricity service to the area was knocked out. The alert level in the area had been raised to red because of the persistent rains.

Pained by undertrials languishing in jail despite bail: HC

**PIT**  
**New Delhi, Dec 17:** The Delhi High Court has said it is "pained" by undertrials languishing in Tihar Jail despite getting bail as they could not furnish a bond or surety due to poverty and issued a slew of directions to be followed by trial courts to ensure that such people get relief. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar said several Supreme Court verdicts have held that fundamental rights of even a prisoner accused of serious offences cannot be overlooked under any circumstance. "The high court further said that even the Law Commission had recommended that risk assessments be carried out of undertrial prisoners, who languish in jail as they cannot fulfil bail conditions, so that they can be released. "The directions of the court came on a PIL filed by advocate Ajay Verma who contended that hundreds of people were languishing in Tihar Jail here, despite grant of bail. "We are extremely pained that despite clear law laid down on the subject by the Supreme Court as well as clear statutory provisions and Law Commission recommendations, 253 undertrial prisoners are still languishing in Tihar Jail despite grant of bail which has necessitated this order," the bench said. "The high court in its order directed the trial courts to be more sensitive and

vigilant about such cases and to undertake a review of the reasons as to why an undertrial could not be released on bail. The bench said the trial court can then carry out a risk assessment of the undertrial and thereafter, modify the bail conditions, if required. It directed the judges of each district court who visit the Tihar Jail to ensure a list of undertrials who have been granted bail but could not be released is brought to the notice of the trial judge concerned. The district judges have been also directed to submit a report of the risk assessments carried out by the trial courts apart from verifying the list of 253 undertrials given by the Delhi government and to review any other pending cases of prisoners who could not secure release despite grant of bail. The list of 253 undertrials was placed before the bench by Delhi government standing counsel Rahul Mehra. The jail authorities were also directed by the high court to promptly bring such cases to the attention of the trial courts and the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA). The bench listed the matter on January 31, 2018 for filing the reports indicating compliance of its directions. The PIL blamed the lower courts for not exercising the option of personal bond for financially unstable prisoners and said it was misuse of discretionary powers by the judicial system.

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