

Editorial

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Expecting wind of change

The tenacity of the people of Manipur to cling on to concepts of normalcy while actually indulging in acts that reaps results to the contrary can only be marveled at. We profess unity while setting up

and supporting ethnically intolerant groups. We demand peace while burning and inciting violence. We insist on freedom even when we are indulging in extortions and intimidations, and we ask understanding of others according to our own terms and views. We publicly donate only to claim it back in private. Perhaps the present social churning threatening to alter the social fabric of the state is an event whose time has come.

Maybe we all have been contributing, albeit unwittingly, to its present condition. But all is not so dark or dismal. There are changes, unintended fallouts that promise to yank the people from the stupor and the self-deceiving delusions of superiority. There are signs of the people awakening to the realities staring them back in the face, even if that reality is not very savory or one everyone have expected or desired.

We have come to participate in social discussions and debates, and have slowly yet surely started to learn to air our vows, never mind fact that, more often than not, a large number of such views and personal opinions reflect the underlying ethnic leanings and are unnecessarily abrasive and harmful.

This is, after all, a starting phase to the trend of social participation and will hopefully learn from the mistakes, and with time, to polish up on one's thoughts and outlooks.

The most significant outcome is perhaps the increased awareness not only of one's own history, tradition and customs, but also of other communities as well. There is also a tangible change in the manner in which the public consume resources. The sustained lack of facilities have evidently stirred the curiosity and raised the enthusiasm of the public. There is an increased effort by various groups and individuals to usher in self reliance, especially with regards to food. If the well-meaning but clueless state government can harness the present agitations and unrest, then perhaps we can channelize the energy into something productive instead of playing the reluctant leader. It may

be hard to admit for a lot of self-appointed leaders and undeserving representatives, but one cannot deny the fact that at the root of the present turmoil is economic considerations.

The sooner we admit and understand that, the easier will it be to work out a solution. Times are changing, hopefully for the better. With increased awareness, participation and enthusiasm, it is now the duty of everyone in the state to take up the cudgel and wield it productively, and not to

batter each other until nothing remains. Every life is precious, and in order for all of us to make our existence worthwhile, we first need to snap out of the illusion of superiority of language, caste, creed, clan, religion and customs.

Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned, POUHOIMEIRU GOLMEI, had lost my original certificate for my class X examination conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) bearing Roll No. 3146512 of 2016 on the way between Moirangkhom to Paona Bazar on November 28, 2017. Finders are requested to kindly handover it to the undersigned.

Sd/- POUHOIMEIRU GOLMEI

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National & International

Minister Faces Angry Passengers On Delayed Flight. Air India Suspends 3

NDTV New Delhi, Dec. 14: India's national carrier Air India has suspended three employees and warned the pilot for arriving late after over 100 passengers, including

Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapati Raju, had to wait inside a plane for over an hour on Wednesday. The minister demanded an explanation from new Air India chief

Pradeep Kharola after angry passengers confronted him and demanded to know why their flight from Delhi to Vijaywada was not taking off.

Mr Raju, surrounded by protesting passengers, phoned Mr Kharola from the aircraft.

The airline's spokesperson, GPRao, confirmed that flight AI 459 yesterday morning was delayed by around one and a half hours.

"Passengers protested and questioned minister Raju on the delay in the flight. Immediately the minister asked Air India CMD Pradeep Kharola about the reason for the delay," Mr Rao said. "A warning letter has been issued to the captain for reaching the airport late," he added.

The flight was to take off at 6 am

but the airline's operation wing reportedly decided to wait for better visibility. This was apparently not communicated to the ground staff, who started boarding as scheduled. The flight was delayed even more when the pilot was reportedly stopped at the security check over a problem with his airport pass. Only the co-pilot could reach the plane on time.

Reports say the pilot finally reached around 15 minutes late.

It is not the best start for Mr Kharola, a senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who took charge as Air India's Chairman and Managing Director on Monday. He is helming the airline at a time the government has started the process for its strategic disinvestment.

Ameerul Islam sentenced to death for rape, murder of Dalit law student near Perumbavoor

Kochi, Dec. 14: On April 28, 2016, the victim's mother, after returning home from work around 8.30 p.m., found her 30-year-old daughter dead in their asbestos house by the side of a canal in Vattolipadi, near Perumbavoor.

Ameerul Islam, a migrant worker from Assam, was on Thursday sentenced to death by the Ernakulam Principal Sessions Court for raping and murdering a Dalit law student near Perumbavoor town in Kochi last year.

The court on Tuesday found Ameerul guilty of offences under sections 376 (Rape), section 302 (Murder), Section 376 A (causing death or resulting in persistent vegetative state of victim), Section 342 (wrongful confinement) and section 449 (house trespass) of Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The court, while sentencing Ameerul to life imprisonment and a fine of ₹25,000 under section 376 A of IPC, also awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹25,000 under section 376 of the IPC. He has also been awarded seven years rigorous imprisonment and one-year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹50,000 and ₹1,000 under sections 449 and 342 of IPC respectively.

The sentences will be run concurrently and the death sentence is subject to confirmation by the High Court. The court, while finding the accused guilty, had earlier observed that the prosecution failed to prove the charges under the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 as the accused had no requisite knowledge about the caste identity of the survivor. The court also found him not guilty of destruction of evidence under Section 201 of the IPC, in the absence of concrete evidence against him.

Akin to Nirbhaya case During the hearing on the sentence, the prosecution had sought maximum punishment for Ameerul, arguing that it came under the rarest of rare category of murder cases. The prosecution,

while seeking capital punishment, pointed out that the act of the accused was akin to the Nirbhaya case of Delhi in terms of the brutality.

Counsel for the accused had argued that mitigating factors had to be taken into account while awarding the sentence. Unlike in the Nirbhaya case in which there was an eyewitness, there was no such eyewitness in this case. In fact, the case was solely based on circumstantial and scientific evidences. Besides, Ameerul was a migrant labourer who didn't know Malayalam.

On April 28, 2016, the victim's mother, after returning home from work around 8.30 p.m., found her 30-year-old daughter dead in their asbestos house by the side of a canal in Vattolipadi, near Perumbavoor.

Arguing the prosecution's argument that Ameerul forcefully entered the house and committed the rape and murder between 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m., the judge noted that during the trial, the accused had not offered any reasonable explanation warranting his presence at the crime scene.

Ameerul, who left Perumbavoor a day after the murder, was arrested by the police at Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu on June 16, 50 days after the gruesome incident.

The prosecution had examined 100 witnesses, including 15 migrant labourers after the trial started in April last. It had also presented 290 documents and 36 material evidences.

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Ref: Mutation Case No. 725/SDC/KBI

7/12/2017

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-Vs-

2) Hanjabam Harideva Sharma S/o (L) H. Iboton Sharma of Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai, Imphal OP. Pattadar

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