

Editorial

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Respecting federalism

If one carefully listen to what Union Home Minister of State Kiren Rijiju had stated yesterday regarding the existence of NSCN-IM camp here in the soil of Manipur, it is easy to guess that either the state government or the Union government is befuddling the people of the state. Rijiju had stated that the Union government had no knowledge about any illegal activities carried out by NSCN-IM in the state of Manipur as the state government has not informed about any such matter to the Union government. His statement is a blow to the state government. When he said that the state government has not informed any such illegal acts of NSCN-IM to the Union government he definitely meant that state government is not rendering its service if in case any unwanted activities are carried out by NSCN-IM here in the soil of Manipur. Perhaps, the Union Minister of state was trying to unfold the game being played by the state government. Over the many years, people of the state has been facing serious problem due to certain dictate by the NSCN-IM. State government agency had perfect knowledge of how the NSCN-IM authorities are taking their share from any contract works if taken up in Hill districts where the NSCN-IM cadres are active. Transporters had many times produced slips which showed NSCN-IM collecting illegal taxes. Recently, in the wake of the political differences and the simultaneous act of the group having political differences at Hill district, photos of NSCN-IM cadres openly conducting duty amidst the general public in Nungba area were uploaded. If the kinds of happenings are not informed to the central government authority then the state government has every reason to be blamed. Had it been true that the central Government has no knowledge of any illegal act committed, then we the people of the state have every right to dethrone the Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress party from the soil of Manipur. But if Mr. Home Minister of State was trying to throw the ball to the court of the state government then the result of the upcoming Manipur Legislative Assembly Election will definitely be against the party which he belongs to. On the other hand the silence of the state government authority to the statement of Union Home Minister of State also spelled out some ugly truth to the part of the government. The Union Minister of State had rightly stated that India follow the doctrine of federalism and while respecting the federal structure of the Indian Constitution the central government has no right to interfere the state problem. One thing need to be appreciated Mr. Rijiju is that, he assured any form of assistance if the state government desires. This meant the state government is intentionally trying all its effort to throw the BJP which is in government in center by not showing its sincerity to them. Why couldn't it present all the information that is needed to them when it comes about illegal activities committed by the NSCN-IM. Something seems not going right. The ugly truth is going to make the people pay in the coming days.

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Trump vows to build wall along US-Mexico border

Mexico, Feb. 25: US President Donald Trump has vowed to start building a wall on the Mexican border soon, way ahead of schedule. Addressing the Conservative Political Action Congress in Maryland, he vowed to always put American citizens first and build a great border wall. Meanwhile, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the government plans to start

awarding preliminary contracts by April for construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. The agency said it will accept concept papers for the wall's design beginning next week and will choose the best ones by March 20. The agency will then ask vendors for construction cost estimates and, after reviewing their bids, begin granting contracts by mid-April.

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The Buddha tamed many vicious & unrefined men like Tony by kind & gentle works

By Sanjoo Thangjam

What a unique faculty is gift of speech! When we see the dumb, only then do we realise the human voice has gift of expression. There is no musical instrument that could ever match the richness of the human voice. Through speech we have found the method of communication and developed human languages.

One should be fearless but cautions in giving tongue to his thoughts; for a word uttered thoughtlessly and without due consideration may lead to chaos. In all our speech and writing we only make use of a few letters in the alphabet, but what marvels, wonders and utter destruction we can do with these few letters.

Words can bring us gain or loss, praise or blame, good repute or ill will, happiness or misery. A gentle word, at times, can melt the hardest heart. The Buddha tamed many vicious and unrefined men by kind and gentle words.

Unpleasant speech or a sarcastic smile may turn a good-natured man into a criminal, a friend into a foe. Much of the misunderstandings, dissension and animosities could be controlled, if not eliminated, if only people are more thoughtful and gentle in what they say, and more accurate and sincere in what they right. "Better than a thousand sentences - a mere jumble of meaningless words - is one sensible phrase on hearing which one is pacified," says the Buddha.

Even our dumb animals by detest harsh language. We know how a dog manifests its appreciation by the wagging of its tail and the twisting of its body when it is spoken to in a gentle tone.

The quotations written below are the sayings of the founders of several religious teachers as well as great philosophers, thinkers, scientists, historians, psychologists, politicians, free thinkers and from some other publications, too. Their names and references are given below in many places. There are also many other sayings where references are not given. Most of them are extracted by me.

1. KNOW WHAT TO SAY
Diplomacy is the art of knowing what not to say.
Matthew Trump
2. QUALITIES OF A PREACHER
Whatever is in the sermon must be in the preacher first; logicalness,

vivacity, earnestness must be personal qualities in him before they are qualities in thought and language in what he utters.

Phillips Brooks

3. SPEECH AND SKILL

A speech is like a love affair - any fool can start one, but to end takes considerable skills.

Lord Mancroft

4. ARGUMENT AND AGREEMENT

There's too much said for the sake of argument and too little said for the sake of agreement.

Cullen Hightower

5. THE TALKATIVE PARROT

Much talking is a source of danger: Through silence, misinformation is avoided.

The talkative parrot in a cage is shut, While birds that cannot talk fly freely.

Tibetan Yogi

6. WORDS CAN CUT DEEPER THAN A SWORD

A blow with a word is deeper than a blow with a sword.

Robert Burton

7. FLATTERY SELDOM STRENGTHENS OUR MINDS

We all like commendation and many of us like flattery, but it is a debatable question as to whether the indulgence of these tendencies builds character and strength and individuality.

Napoleon Hill

8. SILENCE

I believe in the discipline of silence and talk for hours about it.

George Bernard Shaw

9. WE SHOULD NOT SACRIFICE TRUTH FOR EVERYTHING
Everything can be sacrifice for truth, but truth cannot be sacrifice for everything

Swami Vivekananda

10. WE MUST KNOW WHO WE ARE
There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that is hardly necessary for any us to talk about the rest of us.

11. DO NOT TALK ILL OF OTHERS
If you want people to think well of you, do not speak ill of others.

12. SLANDER UNCOVERS ONE'S INNER-Self

The man who slanders his fellowmen unwittingly uncovers the real nature of his inner-self.

Napoleon Hill

13. WHO TALKS MUCH?

One who knows doesn't talk much. One who does not know talks a lot.

Lao Tze

14. NO ONE IS FREE FROM BLAME

People blame others for their silence. They blame those who talk much in moderation.

There is therefore no one in this world who is not blamed.

There never was, nor will be, nor is there now, anyone who is wholly blamed or wholly praised.

Buddha Dh

15. WHY PEOPLE QUARREL

When people cannot discuss in a reasonable manner, usually they quarrel.

Sanjoo Thangjam

16. SPEAK LESS

We have two ears and only one tongue in order that we may hear more and speak

Dogenes

17. EFFECTIVE SPEECH IS ACQUIRED
The ability to speak effectively is an acquirement rather than a gift.

William Jennings Bryan

18. GREAT ONES OBSERVE SILENCE
Brooks make so much noise while the great river flows in silence.

Buddha Sn

19. CRACKED VESSEL

A vessel is known by the sound, whether it is cracked or not, so men are proved by their speeches whether they be wise or foolish

Demosthenes

20. ARGUMENT WITH A FOOL

When you are arguing with a fool, you also become a fool.

Sanjoo Thangjam

21. THE EFFECT OF HARSH SPEECH IS NEVER HEALED

Injury by an arrow will get healed. A tree cut by an axe will sprout again, But the wound inflicted by an unkind and harsh speech will never get healed.

Mahabharata

22. TWO WAYS TO INDICATE WEAKNESS

Two things indicate our weakness - to be silent when it is proper to speak, and to speak when it is proper to be silent.

Sanjoo Thangjam

23. GUARD YOUR TONGUE
If your foot slips you may recover your balance, but if your tongue slips you cannot recall your words.

Franklin

24. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISCUSSION AND ARGUMENT
Discussion is an exchange of intelligence; argument is an exchange of ignorance.

Washington Post

25. GOOD COMMUNICATION AND COFFEE

Good communication is an stimulating as black coffee and just as a hard to sleep after indulging in it.

Anne Morrow Lindburgh

26. HANDS CAN SPEAK

Other parts of the body assist the speaker but hands speak themselves.

By them we ask, promise, invoke, dismiss, threaten, entreat, and disapprove.

By them we express fear, joy, grief, doubts, consent or repent; we show moderation or profusion, and mark number and time.

Quintilian

27. THE FOOL SHOULD KEEP QUIET

The fool can cover up his stupidity until he opens his mouth.

Sanskrit Saying

28. WHETHER MAN IS WISE OR A FOOL
For one word a man is often deemed to be foolish. We should be careful indeed what we say.

Confucius

29. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

When we speak so loudly, I cannot hear what we say.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

30. Silent administrator

They that govern the most make the least noise.

John Seldon

Negative thoughts weaken men. Do you not find that where parents are constantly taxing their children to read and write, telling them they will never learn anything and calling them fools and so forth, the latter do actually turn out to be so in many cases?

If you speak kind words to children and encourage them, they are bound to improve in time. What holds good for children also holds well in the region of higher thoughts. If you can give people positive ideas, they will mature and learn to stand on their legs. In language and literature, in poetry and the arts in everything we must point out not the mistakes that people are making in their thoughts and actions, but the way in which they will gradually be able to do these things better.

Pointing out mistakes wounds a man's feelings. Criticism with bad intention is futile because it puts a man on the defensive, and usually makes him strike to justify himself. It is dangerous to, because it damages a man's precious pride, hurts his sense of importance, and arouses his resentment. Let's realise that the person we are going to correct and condemn will probably justify himself, and condemn us in return. (The writer is a Social Activist and a freelancer. He can be reached at thangjamsanjoo42@gmail.com)

National & International News

Ramjas College clash: Mumbai's TISS students come out in support of Delhi University students

New Delhi, Feb. 25: 'Hum tak nahi aaye, isliye hum nahi bolenge. It doesn't work like that,' said a college student from Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) while over 100 students were discussing about the Ramjas College incident in Delhi.

Four days after the attack on Delhi's Ramjas college students, a students' body in Mumbai - based TISS organised a peaceful discussion in the college campus to show their support to the Delhi students against the violence by the ABVP group.

The students have decided to organise a peaceful march by involving other institutes from Mumbai along with Mumbai university soon.

On February 21 and 22, a two - day conference on 'Culture of Protest: A Seminar Exploring Representations of Dissent' was organised by Ramjas College's English department for which Umar Khalid was invited as a guest speaker. However, a group of ABVP students took a strong stand of not allowing 'anti-national' elements speak inside the campus which resulted in unmitigated violence.

During the discussion, students from TISS read out messages they received from their friends studying in Delhi University and decided to come up and express their view in public. "One of my classmate was talking about how her friends in Delhi faced the violence. So we thought of asking the student union from the institute to take up the topic since they represent us and this incident could happen with us too," Amrita Howlader, student of Women Science department from TISS.

According to the TISS students, the incident shows that the ABVP students are against anyone who is in disagreement with them. They have seen the conference as a problem, not Khalid and just chose him as an excuse for disruption.

"As students we condemn this violence on our fellow students in Delhi University. We stand by them and support them. We cannot allow this to go on and it is necessary to address this issue and demand for strict action against the perpetrators," said Amrita Howlader, student from TISS.

Rahul Adwani, president of TISS student union added, "It is not just about DU, it happens in every college. Their motivation was to crush all forms of platforms that speak against the government. We will be finalizing the dates after discussing it with Mumbai University. The protest will also be highlighted on social media. The aim is to speak and share our opinion

outside in public and not just restrict it inside a college campus.

On the other side, the ABVP group will be organising a protest in support of the Delhi based ABVP group in Mumbai University's Kalina campus on February 25, Saturday. According to the ABVP group they will be protesting against the Anti-India propaganda of the communist brigade in DU

Huge Fire At Luxury Hotel In China, Many Feared Trapped: Reports

Nanchang, Feb. 25: A huge fire broke out at a luxury hotel in southeastern China's Nanchang city on Saturday morning. Three people have been killed and at least 14 are severely injured, Chinese state media has reported. Several others are feared trapped.

In horrifying footage circulated on social media, billows of thick smoke was seen coming out of the HNA Platinum Mix Hotel in Jiangxi Province. The building was quickly surrounded by fire engines and ambulances. Latest media reports said the fire has been extinguished and rescue officials

are searching for people trapped in the building.

The fire was first reported around 8 am from the second floor of the four-storey hotel building which also connects to a 24-storey apartment, the Global Times reported quoting state news agency Xinhua.

At least 10 construction workers were engaged in decorating work on the second floor when the fire broke out, a woman who was rescued from the building said.

A man who jumped from the second floor to escape the fire was rushed to the hospital.