

## Editorial

### People spend 15-day time in a year at traffic in Imphal

Life in Imphal is delayed by one hour every day. Such is the traffic problem in Imphal city these days that one precious hour of a day is being eat-away, every day at the traffic lane. It will probably produce slowness in the overall productivity of our economy. It's naturally affecting our economy.

We can easily calculate, the amount of time we spend in traffic lane during a period of a month, a year, a decade and even in one's life time.

On a lighter vein if we keep on spending one hour every day in traffic, by that calculation, in a year we spend 360 hours, that's 15 days time in a year. In 10 years, 150 days and in fifty years, we are spending a mind boggling 1500 days clinging to the traffic signal post!

It is serious matter from the health perspective also. All short of dirt, dust and smoke are entering our body. We have to spend money for the diseases and health concerns, these pollutant causes. It is making our society an unhealthy society. If we can calculate or have some short of survey of some kind about the health consequences, the traffic problems are creating; it will be an eye opener.

Some of the causes of traffic problem in Imphal city may be, narrow street and roads, unplanned construction of roads, bridges and building, lack of proper training traffic police personals, etc. Etc. Frequent dunging up of roads for sewage projects and other purposes are only creating extra problems.

By very passing day, the problem is degrading. By now people exhausted and don't know whom to complain. The state government traffic machinery is not working at the moment.

At times many strange things do happen. The traffic police and other security personals are engaged in a kind of hanky-panky with the roads side vegetables other stuff sellers. The moment, the security personals are out of the sight those vegetable sellers and other roads side vendors will start selling their stuffs, then the security personals will arrive and they will started running hither-thither, spilling their vegetables and eateries everywhere. This is the story every day.

But if one ask one of those road side vegetable sellers, as one such Ema answers, their livelihood depends upon it and they need placement to sell their vegetables and other stuffs.

The so called over-bridge that we are having was once built hoping to solve the traffic problems. On the other hand, it is creating more problems, and this structure is making the city congested, if it is so then why? Don't we have proper planning about this structure, before started building it? Or the whole concept of this over bridge solving the traffic related problem is altogether wrong? Needs pondering!

So how can we solve these traffic related problems in Imphal city? Some suggestions can be, proper planning before constructing roads, bridges, and other structure, dislocation of some of the buildings located in the city.

The shifting of the state Assembly house is fairly welcoming. If some other structures can be shifted in other suitable place and use vacated slots for parking and other purposes, it can also be helpful to some extent.

A properly planned Imphal city will be a big dream to be realized in future, if such a thing is possible in so late a time. The hope is we will have visionary leaders someday who have the motivation, will and the most importantly resources to realized such a dream.

The number of vehicles in the state are increasing at a fast pace and it can only be expected to increase manifold in future. The population is increasing in the state and so is the economic activities are also increasing. The migration from rural areas to urban areas is also increasing in search of livelihood and other matters. So the so called traffic problems can turn into one exploding problem in future. Serious planning and implementation is required in this matter otherwise situation is moving out of the control.

### Man held for harassing woman commando

**New Delhi, July 5:** Lewd comments to a woman proved costly for a passenger, as he soon found out that she was a CISF woman commando. The incident took place at IGI Airport around 2:05 am on June 28, when a passenger, identified as Parshotam Lal, arrived at the GMR Help Desk Check-in Area to catch a flight to Kuwait. The commando, who was on duty in plain clothes, to keep an eye out for suspicious elements at Terminal 3, was near the help desk.

"Lal Initially started chatting with her and then soon misbehaved by showing an obscene gesture to a CISF woman commando deployed on the night shift at check-in Area of Terminal-3," said a senior CISF officer.

"The complainant also said that when she questioned the man, he

started staring at her. When she asked him to move away, the passenger shouted at her and refused to show his identity and other travel documents," he added. The woman commando then raised an alarm and the matter was brought to the notice of other CISF personnel deployed there. The police was called in and the man was arrested. Police said preliminary investigations revealed that Lal was drunk.

Based on the complaint, a case under Section 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of IPC was registered against Lal, said a senior police officer.

The CISF routinely deploys its commandos in plain clothes in the terminal to identify suspicious elements.

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## National and International News

### 'India will suffer greater losses than in 1962 if it incites conflict,' says state-run Chinese media

**New Delhi, July 5:** As the Sino-Indian border standoff enters the 20th day, an increasingly strident Chinese media said "shameless" India must be taught "a bitter lesson" and added that India "will suffer greater losses than in 1962" if war were to break out today.

An editorial on Wednesday in the hardline state-run Global Times also said the Chinese public is "infuriated by India's provocation" and "look(s) down" on India's military might.

Further, it accused India of "acting shamelessly before the international community" and of

"coercing" Bhutan to get involved in this latest India-China border standoff.

China last week made oblique reference to the 1962 war between the two countries, after which defence minister Arun Jaitley retorted, making clear that the India of 2017 is vastly more powerful militarily now than it was in 1962. Since Jaitley's retort, a prickly Chinese media has been trying to throw his comments back at him.

"Jaitley is right that the India of 2017 is different from that of 1962 - India will suffer greater losses than in 1962 if it incites military

conflicts," said the editorial in Global Times, which is run by the Chinese Communist Party's official newspaper People's Daily.

Beijing-run media appears to be irked not just by Jaitley but also with Indian Army chief Bipin Rawat, who recently said India "is ready for a two-and-a-half front war". He was referring to China, Pakistan and internal conflicts.

"If New Delhi believes that its military might can be used as leverage in the Donglang area, and it's ready for a two-and-a-half front war, we have to tell India that the Chinese look down on their military

power," the editorial said. The almost three-week-long standoff between India and China was sparked by Beijing starting to build a road in the Donglang area of the Sikkim sector, in violation of a 2012 agreement with India.

"We firmly believe that the face-off in the Donglang area will end up with the Indian troops in retreat. The Indian military can choose to return to its territory with dignity, or be kicked out of the area by Chinese soldiers," the editorial said.

"This time, we must teach New Delhi a bitter lesson," it added.

### North Korea's Missile Launch Challenges Trump

**Beijing:** North Korea's latest test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile marks a direct challenge to President Donald Trump, whose tough talk has yet to yield any change in Pyongyang's behavior as the regime continues its efforts to build a nuclear weapon capable of striking the mainland United States.

The missile - launched Tuesday in North Korea, late Monday in the United States - flew higher and remained in the air longer than previous attempts, enough to reach all of Alaska, experts said. They called it a major milestone for North Korea's weapons program. The test comes just before Trump will see key Asian leaders and Russian President Vladimir Putin later this week. North Korea was already expected to be a main subject for meetings on the sidelines of the Group of 20 economic summit, but the test adds urgency to a widening U.S. campaign aimed at further isolating North Korea.

The day after the launch, the U.S. Army and the South Korean military conducted a missile exercise in response to "North Korea's destabilizing and unlawful actions," U.S. Pacific Command said in a statement. It was unclear how Pyongyang might react to the exercise, which launched missiles into South Korean territorial waters along the country's eastern coastline.

"Together with the Republic of Korea, we conducted a combined exercise to show our precision-fire capability," said Dana White, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

Trump responded to the North Korean missile test by applying rhetorical pressure on China, North Korea's ally and economic lifeline, and by mocking dictator Kim Jong Un on Twitter.

"North Korea has just launched another missile. Does this guy have anything better to do with his life?" Trump asked in a message very shortly after the launch.

"Hard to believe that South Korea and Japan will put up with this much longer," Trump continued. "Perhaps China will put a heavy move on North Korea and end this nonsense once and for all!"

The launch follows a string of recent actions by Pyongyang, including a salvo of missiles last month and three tests in May. Kim has now launched more missiles in one year than his father and predecessor in the family dynasty did in 17 years in power.

North Korea has also conducted five nuclear weapons tests since 2006, including two last year.

The number and variety of tests worry experts who see each step as part of a march toward a missile capable of striking America's West Coast.

The missile tests violate existing United Nations and other sanctions, which North Korea has found ways to evade. Although

Trump and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson have declared that the "era of strategic patience" with North Korea is over, the new U.S. administration has not spelled out what that means.

Tillerson has said Washington might eventually negotiate with North Korea under the right circumstances, but he has suggested that possibility is remote. The United States will act alone if it must, he has warned, though he has not spelled out what exactly that would entail.

The Trump administration has recently leaned on China to rein in North Korea and curb illicit trade with the country, an international pariah largely cut off from the global financial system.

Given that Japan and South Korea are within range of existing North Korean missiles, Trump has also sought to unite leaders of both nations behind a strongly worded U.S. position that it will no longer tolerate the North's provocations. The Trump administration has asked other nations around the globe to sever or downgrade diplomatic ties with Pyongyang.

Leaders of China, South Korea and Japan will be at the G-20 meeting in Germany. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe appeared to share Trump's frustration, if not his tone. In remarks to the news media, he vowed to work closely with the United States and South Korea, but called on China and Russia to do more.

"I'd like to strongly urge international society's cooperation on the North Korea issue and urge China's chairman, Xi Jinping, and Russia's President Putin to take more constructive measures," Abe said.

In a daily news conference, Geng Shuang, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, condemned the test but countered that Beijing had "spared no effort" in its fight.

On Tuesday, Russia and China jointly proposed that North Korea put further nuclear and missile tests on hold while the United States and ally South Korea refrain from large-scale military exercises. Both Russia and China oppose North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Both also oppose the U.S. antimissile system being installed in South Korea.

Experts said the Trump administration does not have many choices for what to do next. "Unfortunately, the Trump administration has few options other than robust economic pressure on China and North Korea," said Anthony Ruggiero, a specialist on the long-running diplomatic and military standoff at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. "The U.S. wasted the last 10 years with a combination of negotiations that were destined to fail and strategic patience that failed from the start."

A new sanctions regime led by the United States would be the best response, Ruggiero said, because China and Russia would veto the most effective form of sanctions at the U.N. Security Council. Last week, the Trump administration announced sanctions targeting a China-based bank accused of laundering money for the North Korea government and moved forward with an arms sale to Taiwan that Beijing opposes. Trump followed up with a call Sunday to China's Xi, in which Trump "raised the growing threat posed by North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs," according to the White House. "Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a denuclearized Korean Peninsula," a White House statement said, while "President Trump reiterated his determination to seek more balanced trade relations with America's trading partners." The trade reference was an implicit threat to reassert U.S. complaints about Chinese economic practices that Trump has largely set aside in

recent months as he has sought to engage Xi, with whom he claims a strong relationship.

China has pledged cooperation with the United States over North Korea but has not fundamentally shifted away from a strategy that balances pressure on the Kim regime with keeping the regime afloat, said Chris Steinitz, a research scientist at the federally funded, nonprofit Center for Naval Analyses.

"It's kind of how China looks at everything. They have a very long view," Steinitz said. "They will wait, they will bide their time. They have a lot of priorities."

In the meantime, Steinitz said, North Korea will continue to test missiles. The U.S. military said the Hwasong-14 was in the air for 37 minutes, a duration that signals a significant improvement over previous tests. In a special announcement on state television, North Korea said the missile flew about 579 miles, reaching an altitude of 1,741 miles.

### ICAR Likely To Declare AIEEA Result 2017 Today

**New Delhi, July 5:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is likely to declare the results for All India Entrance Examination today. The Council had given a tentative date for the result declaration. Candidates who had appeared for the examination should note that the result was earlier scheduled to be declared on 30 June and has been postponed. The official notification posted on the official website of ICAR, the organisation has said that, "The result of AIEEA-UG/AIEEA-PG and AICE-JRF/SRF (PGS) - 2017 are likely to be declared by 5th July, 2017".

ICAR had conducted entrance examinations for granting admission to undergraduate, postgraduate and other courses in

June. Online registrations for the same had begun in the later part of April 2017.

"The online counseling is expected to be held after 1st week of July, 2017."

ICAR 22nd AIEEA-UG-2017 entrance exams to fill 15% seats for Bachelor degrees (100% for NDRI Karnal, RLB CAU, Jhansi, and Dr. RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar).

All India Competitive Examination for centralized admission to 25% seats for Ph.D. degree programmes in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sciences conducted along with AIEEA-PG-2017 in AUs and 100% seats of Dr. RP CAU, Pusa, Bihar (other than IARI, IVRI, NDRI & CIFE) and the award of Junior/Senior Research Fellowship (JRF/SRF-PGS).

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