

# Editorial

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## Surrogate teachers

Education - an enlightening experience, so says the experts. In our society mired with deep rooted beliefs and traditions, the one means of lifting the veil of superstition and bringing the public to their senses turns out to be enlightening the common people to the realities of the present world. The role of education cannot be emphasized enough in bringing about a change in the mindset of the people. Yet, and as we have been experiencing it, the critical role of education has been missing, leading to a slow progression and a hindrance to the fast paced race for development in the present world. In a welcome move by the present minister who is in charge of education, various changes have been mooted - and many have been implemented. Yet the fact remains that the system is still in need of a holistic overhaul - not so much for want of regulations as it is for want of an effective implementation of the various policies and programs drawn up to boost the quality of education being dispensed at present in the state. In what can be termed as a mass malpractice of reformation, the present practice of substituting local individuals in connivance with the appointed teachers to take their place in various far flung places is becoming an accepted way of escaping the harsh realities of the actual hardships that comes with the trade. An undeniable fact that has been conveniently overlooked - the end result felt only by the students. Promises have been made to make state run educational institutions an ideal place of study - a brave attempt to challenge the monopoly of private educational institutions. Though the move is a welcome one considering the exorbitant fees being levied by these private educational institutions of which there has been such a hue and cry about, the fact remains that almost every parent or guardian still prefers to enroll their wards in such private schools. Isn't it then reason enough for the state agencies and concerned authorities to delve deeper into the matter to find out the reason behind all these fiasco? What has the so called "model schools" become? What are the checks and balances that have been put in place to ensure such model schools perform to their optimum? How are the teachers, selected after much hype and controversies entrusted? Or are those selected teachers really performing their performing duties to the best of their abilities? Questions only those in the know of things can give a definitive answer to. Yet the undeniable results showed otherwise. It is time to question the facts and admit the lapses to bring about the desired result. The open secret of the surrogate teachers needs to be busted in time to prevent the decaying rot in the education system in the State. The media is ready - is the Government ready to take the fall?

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## Will take stern action.....

Speaking on the proposal for the construction of community toilet (8 Numbers) within Municipal area, Minister asked the Thoubal Municipal Council to bear 60 percent of the total expenditure cost and assured 40 percent from the MAHUD. Shyamkumar said, he will also see whether more funds can be allotted for the said construction.

Regarding the proposal to repair Thoubal Main Bazar as well as electrification with wall painting (white wash), Minister Shyamkumar said he will consult with the concerned officials and asked Thoubal Municipal Council to bear a part of the expenses, assuring that the State Government will also give some contributions. Minister Shyamkumar said that there is a plan to construct night shelters at RIMS, Thoubal,

Bishnupur, Andro and Kakching. He gave approval to the proposal for the construction of night shelter in Thoubal. The Minister asked the Council to send a proposal for construction of night shelter at Thoubal District Hospital stating that, night shelters are important and gave assurance that the State Government will support any initiatives which is for the welfare of the people.

The charter of demands also included approval for changing the work site from Sekpi Khongnangkong to the campus of Municipal Shopping Complex near District Agriculture Office, Thoubal under SUSV of NULM, proposal for sanction for construction of Municipal Office building (4 Rooms) and confirmation for appointment of staffs of Capacity Building at Manipur

## National and International News

### Police officer lynched outside mosque in Srinagar

**PTI Srinagar, June 23:** A deputy superintendent of police was stripped naked and stoned to death by an irate mob after he allegedly opened fire at a group of people, who caught him clicking pictures near a mosque in downtown area in the early hours today. The police officer identified as Mohammed Ayoub Pandit was on duty when the mob attacked him, a police spokesman said. DGP S P Vaid termed the killing as sad and unfortunate. "The official was killed by the mob while he was performing his duties. It's a very sad and unfortunate incident," the DGP said. Earlier police sources had said that Pandit was seen moving around by people near Jamia Masjid in Nowhatta area at 0030 hours. He was allegedly clicking pictures of people while they were coming

out of the mosque. They said people tried to catch Pandit who allegedly fired several shots from his pistol, injuring three persons. The irate mob then caught hold of him and stripped him naked before stoning him to death, the sources said. His body was taken to police control room for identification and other legal procedures, they said adding the situation in old city has turned tense following the incident. The mob went on a rampage targeting empty security pickets erected in the area. Police reinforcement were rushed in to restore normalcy in the area. Muslims across Kashmir are observing Shab-e-Qadr (the night of power) with night-long prayers and supplications being made inside the mosques and shrines of the valley. Authorities have already announced restrictions on

movement of people in seven police station areas of the city as a precautionary measure. The restrictions were announced to maintain law and order as

separatists had called for protests after Friday prayers against killing of a civilian during protests in Kakapora area of Pulwama District yesterday.

### Two Bali escaped inmates captured in East Timor

**Jakarta, June 23:** Two foreign inmates who tunneled their way out of a Bali prison have been captured in East Timor, police said today, in the latest prison break case in Indonesia. Bulgarian Dimitar Nikolov Iliiev and Indian Sayed Mohammed Said were caught at a hotel in Dili yesterday after arriving on a boat illegally from Indonesia. They had escaped from Kerobokan prison Monday along with two other inmates, Australian Shaun Edward

Davidson and Malaysian Tee Kok King. The pair were originally caught for entering East Timor without legal documents, said East Timor senior police official Henrique da Costa, but police later concluded the pair were two of the four Bali fugitives. "We will most likely hand them back to the Indonesia Friday afternoon now that we know they are fugitives," da Costa told AFP. The four foreign inmates escaped Bali's prison through a 50 x 75cm (20 x 30 inch) hole at the prison's wall that connects to a 15-metre (49-foot) long water tunnel heading towards a main street. Davidson — who was going to be freed within months — and the Malaysian inmate are still on the run. The Bali jailbreak came days after dozens of prisoners swam through flood waters to escape an Indonesian jail in Jambi province after one of its walls collapsed. Most were later recaptured. In May, more than 440 inmates fled a prison in Pekanbaru City on the island of Sumatra after prison guards let them out of their cells to pray. Only about half were caught.

### Torch rally demands Bodoland in Assam

**NENA Guwahati, June 22:** Reiterating its movement for separate Bodoland state, activists of All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU), under the aegis of six regional committees — Dimakuchi, Khagrabari, Khoirabari, Bhergaon, Panery and Tangla supported by PJACBM and NDFB (P) — took out a massive torch light rally throughout Tangla town on Wednesday evening. The activists shouting slogans 'No Bodoland No Rest', 'Divide Assam 50-50' demanded early solution to

the long-pending demand of creation of separate Bodoland and political rights for Bodos living outside the proposed Bodoland area. The activists supported carving out of Gorkhal and the rally was taken out from the bus stand throughout the town. Dipen Boro, the vice president of ABSU inaugurated the rally. In his inaugural speech he said that the state and central government always been discriminating the Bodos from every aspect. He said that the demand of separate

Bodoland is their legal demand and birth right. He demanded immediate creation of separate Bodoland and Gorkhaland. More than one thousand ABSU workers from various parts of Bhergaon subdivision took part in the programme. The activists shouted various slogans "Down with Central Government," "We want Bodoland," and "Divide Assam 50/50." Ratendra Daimary, the district president of ABSU, M Gerema Home Secretary NDFB (P) also took part in the programme.

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## The 'Post-Truth' of Globalisation: Finance Capitalism and the Naga Question

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(6) The 'post-truth' of globalisation (bourgeoisie propaganda) has blinded many. Many confuses capitalist growth of few successful entrepreneurs and a microscopic 'parasites' with the revolutionary path to liberty, equality and fraternity. Many are being misled by the propaganda that progress and peace can be achieved only by the means of subservient roles under the command of the powerful States, which in reality functions as the instrument of oppression of the big capital. The truth has to be unveiled. Today, India's Act East Policy — which is predominantly manifested in deceptive forms of 'aggressive' dams, trans Asian Highways, exploration of carbon reserves, extraction of mineral resources, construction of market complexes, recruitment in military and paramilitary forces, expansion of administrative buildings, military barracks and police posts, etc. — has found an inroad without any constructive debate on the fate of the 'indigenous' communities and ecology. This profit driven policy — which is being enforced from above by the combined forces of the Indian State and other South East Asian States, whose primary objective is to facilitate finance capitalism of advanced countries, so as to rapidly recover from the recession that began with the meltdown of the US dollar in 2008 and also to counter balance Chinese capitalism — had shown enormous amount of forced displacement of indigenous peoples, land and resource alienation, destruction to cultural ecology and environment, long term negative

repercussion on sustainable development, militarisation and violation of 'human rights', and increasing sectarianism amongst the parasitic classes whose diabolic individual opportunisms are camouflaged by emotive propaganda of tribal rights and community identity. The temporary boon at various levels — which are the immediate results of capitalist cosmetic funding in the name of 'shared incentives' under the concurrent list, infrastructural constructions, and job opportunity; which had created a face value of attraction to many, but legitimises massive misappropriation of wealth out of which a microscopic section of exploiters will accrue unequal share of tricked down benefit in descending order — will strengthen the grips of the market forces in the long run. Will there be economic justice in the process? The apprehension is that the majority of the indigenous peoples (including the Nagas) will be subordinated, impoverished and become self-subsistence in the internal strifes (intercine conflict) in the competition of extracting subsistence wealth from the capitalist booty. The Nagas are not the exception when it comes to domination by the Capitalist State and finance capitalism. Their immediate neighbourhood communities live in the similar conditions of underdevelopment, subjections, internal contradictions, and vulnerability. Collectively, they are being forced located at the underdeveloped bottom of global economic and political hierarchy. Though, there has been destructive tendencies of politically motivated

conflicts amongst them; they are geographically interconnected in such a manner that they can't remain isolated and insulated from one another. These communities will remain as proximate neighbours, no matter one likes it or not. The interconnection is so strong that that a particular historical event that would affect or effect a neighbour automatically would have similar repercussion on the immediate neighbours. Will they learn to convert these commonalities into mutually agreeable terms amongst the progressive forces, so as to carry out the significant historical task of building unity across boundaries to defending development, peace and unity vis-à-vis the plunder by the external forces? At this crucial juncture of onslaught by the finance capitalism, the Naga questions need to be seriously addressed by the progressive Nagas who wish to build a society that would be freed from all forms of subjugation, oppression and exploitation. Will the 'freedom loving' Nagas give free pass to the international finance institutions and the capitalist States that facilitate the process of capitalist plunder? Will they defend their land, market, natural resources, cultural, development, peace and people's democracy? Will they overcome the problems of; (a) emigration of Nagas and corresponding drain of wealth and brain, and (b) the immigration of 'alien' skilled labour and monopoly traders and intrusion by big capital? In this regard, the stage of Naga revolutionary movements needs to be objectively studied by taking into account the following

crucial points; (a) structural constraints and dynamics within the Naga society; (b) Naga's relationship with the immediate neighbours, (c) Nagas relationship with the powerful capitalist States, market forces and finance capitalism. The Nagas need to concentrate on finding the most effective course to defending and promoting 'sustainable development'. This will require efforts to improve the means of production and release of forces of production; so as to resist the colonial relation of production and capitalist plunder of Naga labour and resources. This effort, however, cannot be an isolated process restricted to the Nagas alone. None of the co-existing communities fulfils the objective criteria to survive in isolation and progress in a compartment of its own. On the one hand the walls of chauvinism, sectarianism and reactions, which have become endemic in all the communities had to be broken down. On the other hand, 'sustainable development' agenda had to be carried out in cordial cooperation with the progressive forces amongst the immediate communities. The progressive Nagas must fulfil this primary historical task — an important historical leap that will not only expose the moribund system but also strengthen the ideals of people's democracy — to create a unique history of successful resistance to all forms of subjugation, exploitation and oppression. **(Concluded.)**  
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