

Editorial

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The Changing face of Manipuri youths

Recently, a national daily - 'Telegraph' breaks a story on how a class XI going student of a govt. High school builds a robot. Some day back Manipur was in the news after the

International Astronomical Union (IAU) named an asteroid after a 32 years old Manipuri scientist Dr. Guneshwar Thangjam. In the recently held under -17 FIFA World Cup, 8 players from the state were among the Indian team. Again Magnificent Mary Kom showed the world that at 34, she is still the queen of ring in the Asian Boxing Championship. She won the gold medal in the Asian Boxing Championships in the Light Flyweight category, defeating DPR Korea's Kim Hyang Mi.

In the field of arts and culture, young Kabul Singer, John Mapanmei is creating news with his extra ordinary talents. Meitei teenage girl Mangka Mayanglambam is now a favorite star for her aesthetic charms by critics across the globe. There are many which are being left out in mentioning.

The young guys are making their own benchmark even in politics. In the running of the government too, this half the law makers are below 40 years. Their participation in the government showed that youths of today's Manipur are not advancing in the field of education, literature, Arts, Science and sports but also to the running of the government which will shape the nation of tomorrows.

Points wanted to bring here is that Manipur is changing. Youths have changed and one day the erstwhile nation call Manipur, now become a part of India will shines bride in the world.

As the generation changes, everything changes - lifestyle, talking style, requirements, thinking style, views and what not. What is fortunate for the people of the state is that - youths of today's Manipur is moving towards the right direction.

Manipur's youths are much more sensitive in any case. The young guns know their life goal and they do anything to achieve it. The face of Manipur is changing because of the young power look at any field science, sports and arts and culture.

It is right time that the government acknowledge the changes seen among the youth of Manipur. Manipur can some days become a human resource hubs but it is the seriousness of the government that can shape the destiny of this state.

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'One never stops learning in Polo'

The captain of the India A team, Col Tarsem Singh Warrich's association with horses and polo goes back a long way since his father used to play the game at Government college Lahore during pre-partition days. But, it was only after joining the NDA that Tarsem started playing the game seriously. Before switching to polo, Col Tarsem played for the under-16 Indian hockey team. At NDA, the renowned polo player Pickle Sodhi, who was an equitation officer there spotted his potential and made him play polo. He made quick progress and was picked for IPA junior in 1986 and in 1987, he was declared the most promising player of the country by the IPA.

From here on Col Tarsem took a long break from polo as he was on army duty at Sri Lanka, incidentally Manipur and Kashmir and resumed playing only in 1995. During this period he was into show jumping and eventing and in the year 1994 won bronze in national show jumping and eventing. In 1996, Col Tarsem went to the US as part of the Indian polo team and went on to play polo different parts of that country. There, he came in contact with Galindo and Leary family who had a polo club in Indios, California and this where Col Tarsem "picked the intricacies of high goal polo" and blossomed as a polo player. According to Col Tarsem, what separates polo from other games is that two hearts, two bodies and two living beings



have to come together to play the game effectively. Polo combines the love of animals, love of sports and ball games together. The sport grows on you and one never stops learning.

Col Tarsem jumped from -2 handicap in 1996 to +3 in 1999 and came down to +2 as his army duty did not allow him to play enough games. He greatly appreciates the effort put in by the Manipur Government and the Manipur Horse Riding and Polo Association to save the original pony and the original polo

Major Narendra Kumar, who was part of the India A team last year is back again as part of the IPA team to compete in the 11th edition of the Manipur Polo International. He loves to be here again in Manipur which gave polo to the world and would like to come back again and again to this "Mecca of Polo" if he gets selected. Stating that they are here to win the tournament, Narendra believes the team is better prepared this time around. Narendra Kumar, 36 years, holds an MA degree in Political Science and was born in Pathena village in

Rajasthan. He started riding at the age of 27, after which taking up the game of polo and show jumping came as a natural progression for him and is presently a zero handicap player. After the initial guidance from his coach, Narendra developed a strong passion for the game, so much so that he now says, "this sport is part of my life and I can't live without it."

For Narendra, taking care of the horses and developing an understanding with them is what separates polo from other sports. He finds the polo played with the Manipuri ponies as mount totally different from the polo on regular horses. Narendra finds the Manipuri Ponies "fantastic" but one needs at least a week to get used to them.

Daffadar Vijay Singh, 37 years of age, took up riding lessons after joining the army in 1997 and started playing polo from 2003 onwards. In a short period Vijay Singh made tremendous progress and was part of the

winning Indian Army team of an army tournament held in Malaysia in 2006. He again featured in the winning India team of a four-nation tournament. Interestingly, Vijay Singh was also part of the India A team in 2014 Manipur Polo International Tournament which reached the semi-final stage.

Vijay Singh is a 2 goals handicap player and credits his success as a polo player to his coach Brigadier S S Kashyap. He also trains horses for polo, show jumping and dressage. Besides he trains other polo player in the army including Ram Singh who is part of the present India A team.

Vijay Singh has been hearing about Manipur as the place where polo originated and feels it a great honour to be playing here.

Swur Ram Singh, 31 years old, a native of Bihar, also learned riding after he joined the army in 2005 and took to polo in 2010. And in five years time, in 2015 was selected for the Indian team to play international matches against Ghana.

Ram Singh plays for RVC and is coached by Brigadier S S Kashyap and Dfr Vijay Singh and he feels it an honour to be playing besides his coach here in Manipur. He has lots of faith in his teammates and believes the team will do well this time around.

Ram Singh is very attached to horses and the game of polo and cannot stay away from them for long period. Even when he is on holiday and spending time with the family, if there is a game of polo he says he will rush back to play.

National and International News

Jyoti, Shashi, Ankushita cruise to finals

IT News

Guwahati, Nov 25: Indian boxers continued their spectacular run in the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships here on Friday, with three of them winning their bouts and storming into the finals.

Jyoti (flyweight), Shashi Chopra (feather) and local star Ankushita Boro (lightwelter) made it seem like a walk in the park as they outclassed their opponents in front of packed stands.

The shadow-boxing drill carried out by the India's High Performance director Rafael Bergamasco the night before during the rest day seemed to have worked its magic.

"Jab, side-step, hook to the face. Jab, unless the 1-2 to the midriff. Duck, move to the right, throw a straight punch from the shoulder, then move away," he kept telling them.

"Never keep backing up. Never! Move from side to side, left or right. Never stay in one place or you become an easy target," he kept reminding them, time and again.

On Friday, the Indian girls did just that and came up trumps. Jyoti cleverly fought her opponent Zhansaya Abdrimova from a distance. That foxed the Kazakhstan girl who has a penchant for aggression. The minute she attempted to charge, Jyoti side-stepped her with ease and countered with a left jab followed by a two-punch or three punch combo that gave her the edge.

However, Jyoti did slip up in the second round, slowing down a bit to allow her opponent claw back. Jyoti returned in the third, hungry for victory. She stepped on the gas, attacking with greater vigour, mixing her attack with left jabs and short bursts with both fists, including the leapfrog hook to Zhansaya's face. The Kazakh girl too did her best to

counter Jyoti but without much success.

Shashi Chopra turned on the heat in her feather weight bout to end the impressive run of Mongolia's Namuun Monkhor. The lanky Indian girl peppered her opponent's face and body with such consistency and precision, especially in the second when she unleashed a wicked left-right combo to Namuun's face, to force the referee give the Mongolian a standing count.

The third round was a rock-solid demonstration of straight punching that saw Shashi punish her opponent with such conviction, that writing on the wall soon became apparent.

Ankushita started slowly against Thailand's Thanchook Sakri in their light welter category but gained momentum as the clock ticked. She slowly became aggressive, working on the face and body of her opponent to steal a huge lead.

The third round was completely hers, as Ankushita came up with speed and combination while moving from side to side even as she shuffled her feet, bobbed and weaved to avoid the punches thrown at her.

The vociferous cheering from the packed stands only egged her on and she finished the bout in a flourish, releasing a series punches to the body and face with such lightning speed that the crowd was in raptures. She even earned a bear hug from Rafael as he could not hold back his joy.

"The bout was easy for me. I had better height and used it to my advantage to score freely," Ankushita said later.

India's fourth semifinalist Neha Yadav ran into a stronger opponent in Kazakhstan's Dina Islambekova in the heavyweight division. The Kazakh was way above and too polished a boxer for young Neha who bravely fought on but couldn't match her opponent.

Pilot escapes as trainer aircraft blows up

The Hindu

Telangana, Nov. 25: An Indian Air Force (IAF) trainee pilot, Rashi Rehna, had a narrow escape when the trainer aircraft, Kiran, that she was flying blew up at Duddeda village in Kondapaka mandal of Siddipet around 2 p.m. on Friday. Sources said, when the accident

took place, parts of the aircraft, which took off from the Hakimpet Air Force Station, fell to the ground like fire balls and were scattered over the forest area adjacent to Rajiv Rahadrai leading to the district headquarters. Passersby on the State highway had a narrow escape as some burning pieces of the aircraft fell on the road. Senior police officials, including

Commissioner of Police S. Siva Kumar, rushed to the spot and examined the situation. Two helicopters from Hakimpet Air Force Station shifted the injured pilot to the air force station. It was reported that the trainee pilot, who escaped with the help of a parachute, suffered a leg injury. She was initially admitted to the

Siddipet government hospital and then shifted to Hakimpet. According to a release by G. Surendra Babu, Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Defence, the aircraft, on a routine training mission, crashed around 50 km from the Hakimpet Air Force Station. A Court of Inquiry (CoI) was ordered into the accident.

Militants kill Territorial Army jawan, bullet-riddled body found

PTI

Srinagar, Nov. 25: Militants abducted and killed a 23-year-old Territorial Army jawan and his bullet-riddled body was found today in Shopian district of south Kashmir, the Army said. The body was recovered from an orchard area in Watmullah Keegam

area of Shopian, an Army official said. He said the deceased was identified as Irfan Ahmad Mir, a resident of Sezan Keegam. Mir was working in the Territorial Army and was abducted by militants and later killed, the official said, adding that further details were awaited. Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir chief

minister Mehbooba Mufti condemned Mir's killing. "Strongly condemn the brutal killing of Irfan Ahmed a brave Territorial Army soldier at Shopian. Such heinous acts will not weaken our resolve to establish peace and normalcy in the Valley," Ms. Mehbooba said on Twitter.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah also condemned the Territorial Army jawan's killing. "The murder of young Irfan Dar is a very tragic & reprehensible act. My unqualified condemnation & heartfelt condolences to his family," he tweeted.