

# Editorial

## Look before you lift

The doctrine of running good governance lies to the integrity of the leader that leads the government. In democratic form of government govern my a hard written constitution, one can hardly sees the difference of ideology among any of the political parties which are on the theatre for running a government when it comes to Indian Nation. The left wing ideologist or the right wing ideologists have nothing to for the interest of the common people as long as it has to run the government under the constitution of the country. This is being said on the logic that future of the common people and those newly merged nation to the Indian nation were never a matter of concern for the framer of the world biggest constitution.

Absolute freedom is granted to the Indian constitution, but again it is this freedom that gives opportunity to major communities to rule over the poor. The concept of secularism define in the constitution has been easily misinterpreted or perhaps misused by the majority community. Any ban on anything which one community said it is against their religious practice is made free to exercise.

India is a vast country and the concept of Hindu has been misinterpreted as communal tools to hold power to run the government. The same is with the Muslim dominated area. The majority are protected by the constitution of India in the name of protecting the minority.

It is at this hour that bourgeoisie's pseudo politicians have no worry for adopting religion of any kind for survival without even looking on whether they are worshipping the wrong god or barking at the wrong tree.

When Congress rules the nation, people living below the poverty line are the commodities for their personnel gain. Equality which has been guaranteed in the constitution appeared to have been left out for the poor and middle class people. Only the sons and daughter of the politicians were privileged to inherit the post. This cannot be denied as have been seen with the emergence of Mr. Rahul Gandhi as the only leader of the crumbling congress party.

In Manipur, 15 years of congress rule has left the people acquaintance with any alternative. It was never the ideology or the party itself that the people were soured but the governance which shattered the hopes of thousand people of the region.

When BJP replaced the congress at the centre in 2014, the state of Manipur successfully strike and hit the bull's eye to replace the same here in 2017 state assembly election.

The new government now is in the power and the Chief Minister which now led the state is trying everything to win the heart of the people by not letting down any short of proposals. He had done it and is doing. The first three months was excellent. But rumours are taking around the city and critics have now started barking, as, not everything he and his government had promised is not turning into action. The fight against corruption, at which his government started by establishing a special cell called 'anti-corruption' cell turn out to be a cell to look after middle and lower class employees.

Things only matter is that people are fed up of another political crisis.

Yesterday's inauguration of Imphal Evening is a great job at which many people had been dreaning off but then while doing so lack of home works among many in the concern department had given room to many for straight criticism.

Don't know the concept of opening an evening life in Imphal is consulted with the Law department or not, and if consulted those in the department need to be replaced by some more qualified individuals in the field. It is being said so as National Highways cannot be diverted or blocked by the government for any purpose. This was already experienced with the ruling of the Manipur High Court when the Highway in between the Chief Minister's Bungalow and the Post Office was diverted by the then Okram Ibobi Singh led congress government.

The motive of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who led the government, is crystal clear. He will not compromise his integrity and essence of patriotism with anything. All he had been striving hard is for a change and developed Manipur. But then doing good for the state and people need more consultation as he is now for all the people of the state and not for a mere group of people whom he think will keep his position undisturbed.

Forget about the National Highway rules, but please think about those women vendors at Khwairamband Keithel who faced difficulties in returning to their home. And forcing them to return before 7 would be injustice.

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## National & International News

# Catalonia holds general strike in protest over referendum violence

Source: The Guardian

**Catalonia, Oct 3:** Large numbers of Catalans are expected to observe a general strike on Tuesday to condemn police violence at a banned weekend referendum on independence, as Madrid comes under growing international pressure to resolve its worst political crisis in decades.

Flights and train services could be disrupted as well as port operations, after unions called for the stoppage to "vigorously condemn" the police response to the poll, in which Catalonia's leader said 90% of voters had backed independence from Spain.

Barcelona's public universities are expected to join the strike, as is the contemporary art museum and the

Sagrada Familia, the basilica designed by Antoni Gaudi and one of the city's most popular tourist sites.

FC Barcelona said it would take part in the strike, adding that it would close its headquarters and that none of its professional or youth teams would train.

"I am convinced that this strike will be widely followed," the Catalan leader, Carles Puigdemont, said before the protest.

Jordi Cuixart, the leader of the pro-independence group Omnium Cultural, said on Monday that a general strike was "the best response the Catalan people can make to the attacks on us yesterday and in recent

weeks".

The central government has vowed to stop the wealthy north-eastern region, which accounts for a fifth of Spain's GDP, breaking away from Spain and has dismissed Sunday's poll as unconstitutional and a "farce". At least 893 people and 33 police officers were reported to have been hurt on Sunday after riot police stormed polling stations, dragging out voters and firing rubber bullets into crowds.

Violent scenes played out in towns and cities across the region as riot police moved in to stop people from casting their ballots.

The UN rights chief, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, said he was "very disturbed" by the unrest while the EU president, Donald Tusk, urged Madrid to avoid further use of violence.

The European parliament will hold a special debate on Wednesday on the issue.

"We call on all relevant players to now move very swiftly from confrontation to dialogue. Violence can never be an instrument in politics," the European commission spokesman, Margaritis Schinas, said, breaking weeks of virtual EU silence on the Catalan issue. Residents in many cities briefly stopped work at midday on Monday and descended on to the streets in

silent, solemn protest.

In Barcelona, municipal police said about 15,000 people had stopped traffic as they rallied, many draped in the blue, yellow and red Estelada flag used by Catalan separatists, shouting: "The streets will always be ours."

"This was the norm under Franco," the crowd chanted, referring to the former dictator Francisco Franco, whose 1939-75 regime repressed Catalan language and culture.

The government of the prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, held emergency talks after Puigdemont declared on Sunday that Catalonia had "won the right to an independent state".

Puigdemont has appealed for international mediation to help solve the crisis and called for police deployed to Catalonia from other parts of Spain for the vote to be removed.

The regional government said 2.26 million people had taken part in the poll, or just over 42% of the electorate. But any attempt to unilaterally declare independence is likely to be opposed not just by Madrid but also a large section of the Catalan population, a region of 7.5 million people that is deeply split on the issue.

Puigdemont has said he will now present the results to the region's parliament, where separatist lawmakers hold a majority, and which has the power to adopt a motion of independence.

### Registration Certificate lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my original Certificate of Registration for my two wheeler Activa vehicle bearing no. MN 1C7553 issued by transport department, Govt. of Manipur on the way between Lilong to Singjamei on 5/9/2017.

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Moiramthem Bimal Singh

## More State News

# Chief Minister N Biren launches 'Imphal Evenings'

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**Imphal, Oct. 03:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched 'Imphal Evenings', a weekend plaza on Kanglapat road amidst much fanfare and glittering lights yesterday evening.

A brainchild of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, the idea behind the plaza is to give recreational space to the people of the State with an aim to improve healthy family life and introduce the culture of night life.

The plaza will be opened on every Saturdays and Sundays from 7 pm to 10 pm without any entry fee on the stretch from Khoyathong junction to Raj Bhawan junction (eastern half of NH-2).

On the first day today, a huge crowd turned up at the plaza and all the stalls had a brisk business.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and MAHUD Minister Th. Shyamkumar graced the launching function as chief guest and president respectively.

Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar, PHE Minister L. Dikho, and Rajya Sabha MP Ksh. Bhabananda also attended the function as guests of honour.

Speaking at the launching function, N. Biren Singh said that the new initiative had been introduced to present an opportunity to the people to spend some quality time with their families and friends together.

Manipur is being portrayed as a trouble-torn State, and most of the people of other States and countries



generally have a wrong notion about Manipur that nobody ventures outside after dusk in the State, he added.

As such, the new Government tried to show to the world that Manipur is no more a trouble-torn place and it can also have a night life, Shri N. Biren said.

He also expressed hope that the plaza would be able to give self employment to many unemployed youths.

Seeking suggestions from the public, the Chief Minister said that the Government would put in effort to make the plaza better and more beautiful.

The Chief Minister added that every type of intoxicant is strictly banned at the plaza.

In his presidential speech, MAHUD Minister Th. Shyamkumar said that

the brain behind the plaza is Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

Stating that the Chief Minister is a far-sighted and dynamic leader, Th. Shyamkumar said that the Chief Minister never turns down any good endeavour.

He also sought suggestions from the public to make the plaza better and successful.

The Government has earmarked space for 102 stalls at the plaza. However, the Government has received only 92 applications so far. On the launching day today, only 56 parties turned up to open stalls at the plaza.

40 stalls have been reserved for indigenous food items, 25 for fast food items, 15 branded restaurants and 30 for general stalls.

One police booth each at Khoyathong and Raj Bhawan

junctions and two booths at Kangla western gate were opened to monitor security and guide the visitors.

For safety measures, there were booths for medical and Manipur Fire Service personnel. Apart from this, every stall has been instructed to mandatorily keep a fire extinguisher each.

Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) also deputed 30 volunteers at the plaza to assist the visitors, stall owners and police.

Manipur Police Department also deputed 30 plains cloth personnel to assist the crowd and ensure security.

Four points have been reserved for the talented persons who wish to present/showcase their skills at the plaza free of cost.

Mobile toilets are kept at two places for the convenience of the public. On the other hand, 10 bio-toilets have been procured to install at the plaza.

The food stalls were instructed to sell only fresh and healthy edible items approved by Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) and State Food Safety Authority.

State Food Safety personnel will regularly monitor the quality of the food items sold at the plaza.

In addition to stalls, boating facility was provided at Kangla moat.

The main task of managing the plaza has been entrusted to Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development (MAHUD) Department, and Manipur Urban Development Agency (MUDA).