

## Editorial

### So far, so good; but criticism should be welcome

A good deed should be appreciated, and despite naysayers expressing their reservations on the expressed intentions and the ability to implement its promises by the present Biren-led state government, there can be no denying the fact that the slew of developmental works being executed since the change of guard barely three months ago is impressive and is unlike any the state have witnessed in quite a few years. A studied and planned pattern of implementing policies and program on priorities based on the need of the general public is clearly evident, and it must also be said that the absence of inordinate delays or inexplicable goof-ups in implementation of various progressive efforts which have become an accepted and expected norm rather than the exception is still viewed by some as a political gimmick.

Starting night life is another plus point for the government, but as this being on experimental basis, every constructive criticism should be welcome and the government authority should make change as per the criticism after thorough discussion. Night life is a must for various reasons.

Catering to the needs or addressing the concerns of every single individual in the state is an impossible task and one no sensible person should expect from anybody with any form of authority over the society be it legal or otherwise. However, getting to know the real concerns and issues of the common public is a vital step towards making efforts to finding a solution for the greater good.

'Meeyangmi Numit' was conceived for the very purpose and it is upto the public to make efforts to raise their concerns or genuine issues instead of criticizing such radical steps towards removing the age-old barrier that has been preventing the elected representatives from getting a feel of the real concerns and issues being faced by the general public. Mechanisms to prevent corruption in public and government domain has already been put into place, and it would be a shame for the public if we could not muster enough courage to try out the claims of the government before airing our opinions and views belittling the efforts of the government on social media.

Time will ultimately prove the mettle of the present government who have taken upon itself to right the wrongs and expressed intent to steer the state towards the path to inclusive progress and transparent and clean governance. There is still much to do before the state government can present any significant achievement on its part. It must also refrain from falling into the trap of developing the dubious habit of tom-tomming its own works like its predecessor. Just as wise men learn from the mistakes of others, so should the present state government analyse and identify areas to be prioritised so that focus can be made for sustainable, inclusive and well-rounded progress while continuing with the developmental projects and efforts that are still viable which were initiated by the previous government. The onus of mobilizing the collective support and assistance for the development of the state is on the state government. The public is warming up to the challenges and potentials of participating in the process of nation-building. It would be a tragedy for the future of the state if the renewed enthusiasm is made to go waste.

### Satpal Malik sworn in as Bihar's new governor

**Indiatoday**  
**Patna, Oct. 4:** Bihar now has a new Governor in BJP vice-president Satpal Malik.

Malik is the 38th Governor of Bihar, whose oath of office and secrecy was administered by Patna High Court Chief Justice Rajendra Menon. The office of Governor fell vacant after Ram Nath Kovind, former Governor of Bihar was elected as the President of the country. Since then, West Bengal Governor, Kesri Nath Tripathi was holding additional charge as the Bihar Governor. The swearing in ceremony which took place at 10 am at the Raj Bhawan

was attended by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi, Bihar Vidhan Sabha Speaker Vijay Kumar Chowdhary and Chief Secretary Anjani Kumar Singh. Satpal Malik's name as the new Governor nominee was announced by the Centre on September 30. Malik, a native of Baghat district in Uttar Pradesh became an MLA for the first time in 1974. He was a Rajya Sabha MP twice between 1980-1984 and 1986-1989. In 1989, he won from the Aligarh parliamentary constituency and became a Lok Sabha MP.

## Opinion

### U-17 World Cup will highlight India's ability to host major events

When Delhi won the bid to host the Commonwealth Games beating the bid of Canadian city Hamilton in 2003, it was a moment heralded as India taking its rightful place at the world stage.

It was to be a display of a young country's high reaching ambitions, an opportunity to show the world that India can dine at the same table as the big boys.

The Government of India pledged its complete support to the mammoth project and it was seen as a prelude to a future Olympic bid. With China preparing to host the Olympic around the same time, India was not going to be left far behind.

Seven years later, it all literally came crashing down. A crucial bridge linking the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in Delhi to the athletes' car park collapsed just days before the event, injuring 23 labourers in the process.

Multiple venues including the athletes' village were not even ready by the time the international athletes arrived in the city. Various

infrastructure delays, corruption scandals, budget overshoots and shoddy constructions had marred the build up to the event.

Various teams and individual athletes threatened to pull out at the last-minute and only some last ditch overtures by the organizers somehow managed to see the games through to its end.

While there were some encouraging words said towards the end of the Games by the participants, there was no doubt that the ability of the country to pull off such global events had taken a massive hit. The ability to host the Olympic Games seemed like an overture too far for the country as China rightly showed what India lacked in 2008.

The infrastructure put together by the Communist state put to shame the shoddy work done in Delhi.

In December 2013, the FIFA Executive Committee announced India as the hosts for the 2017 U-17 World Cup, beating bids from South Africa and Uzbekistan. It was the first time ever that a FIFA event was going to be held in the country and while the U-17 World Cup might not be as huge as the senior version on scale, it most

definitely demands the same high standards as the latter.

A FIFA event, no matter what the age-group, has eyes from all over the world watching it. For India, the U-17 World Cup provides the perfect stage once again which it had so craved in 2010, to show the world that it can deliver after all when it comes to massive events. Six venues were chosen across the country to host 24 of the finest youth teams in world football - Delhi, Kochi, Guwahati, Margao, Kolkata and Mumbai. Heavy infrastructure upgrades were sanctioned for the venues to be fit to host the future Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo's of football.

A botched up infrastructure for the World Cup could have set back India's ability to host major events a good few years but in a pleasant surprise, the infrastructure work at all the six stadiums has passed off smoothly on time without any controversy.

A week back, All India Football Federation (AIFF) President Praful Patel announced proudly to the media that India was a hundred percent ready as a nation to host the event. The Local Organising

Committee (LOC) tournament director Javier Ceppi echoed the sentiments of Patel reiterating that five of the six venues had been handed over to FIFA with another to follow a day later.

On Tuesday, Ceppi had even more praises to shower on India's excellent job in the preparation of the event.

"Infrastructure is going to be the biggest legacy of the World Cup, you have seen how things have been," Ceppi said three days before the first-match kicks off.

This is no official just sugar coating the praises of the local organizers, this is the representative of FIFA on whose charge the responsibility of a seamless experience rests on.

All the stadiums for the World Cup look in pristine condition and tip-top shape as the day of reckoning draws nearer.

It is fair to say right now that India have put together quite a package when it comes to the infrastructure and construction.

A job well done and maybe, just maybe, a precursor to the world that India can dream of organizing massive events after all.

(Source: The Goal)

## International and National News

### Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley arrives in Dhaka on three-day visit

**By: Siam Sarower Jamil**  
**Dhaka, Oct 4:** Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has arrived Dhaka on Tuesday on an official visit.

The three-day visit comes at the invitation of his Bangladesh counterpart AMA Muhih.

A special aircraft carrying the Jaitley-led Indian delegation landed at Bangladesh Air Force Base in Dhaka around 3pm.

He was received by Bangladesh Finance Minister Muhih.

Jaitley is accompanied by Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg and other senior officials and a 30-member business delegation from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry or FICCI.

He was taken to the Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon from the air force base.

Jaitley is scheduled for a meeting with representatives of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries or FBCCI in the afternoon at the hotel, where he will be staying during his visit.

During this visit, Bangladesh and



India are expected to sign deal on \$4.5 billion line of credit during this visit, which was announced during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 2017 New Delhi visit.

An agreement for the implementation of the third line of credit is expected to be signed in the presence of two finance ministers on Oct 4.

In addition, the 'joint interpretative notes on the agreement between India and Bangladesh for the promotion and protection of investments' will also be signed. During his visit, Jaitley will address

an audience on India's 'macroeconomic initiatives, at an event organised by the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh and the High Commission of India. The two finance ministers will jointly inaugurate a new scheme for cashless transactions in visa services run by the State Bank of India on behalf of the High Commission of India.

They will also inaugurate the Dhaka representative office of the EXIM Bank of India. Jaitley will leave Dhaka on Thursday.

### Myanmar Beauty Queen Dethroned 'After Posting Rohingya Video'

**Rangoun, Oct. 4:** AMyanmar beauty queen says she was stripped of her pageant title after posting a graphic video accusing Muslim Rohingya militants of driving communal violence in Rakhine state, a conflict fraught with controversy in the mainly Buddhist country.

Myanmar's army is accused of waging an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Rohingya in the far west, where more than half a million of the Muslim minority have fled across the border to Bangladesh since August 25.

In the face of intense global condemnation, Myanmar authorities have staunchly defended the security operation as a legitimate crackdown on Rohingya terrorists who attacked police posts last month.

The conflict has curdled religious tensions inside Myanmar, fanning Buddhist nationalism and a hatred against the Rohingya that has been steeping for years.

In a video posted on her Facebook last week, Miss Grand Myanmar Shwe Eain Si accused the Rohingya terrorists of leading a "media campaign" to trick the world into thinking "they are the oppressed".

## More State News

### Minister Nemcha Kipgen distributed free LPG connections under PMUY

**Kangpokpi, Oct. 4:** Social Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen today distributed free LPG connections to fifty-one (51) beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme at the Kangpokpi Community Hall, Kangpokpi District in the presence of Field Officer, I.O.C., Shri T.C. Koren and members of the Civil Society organizations.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen who is also the Local MLA draws the attention of all the villages' chiefs to sort out the rightful people through Socio Economic Caste Census Data to avail this scheme since it is meant for all the right beneficiaries belonging to the BPL families. Under this scheme, the Present BJP led government aims to reach out to all the poorest of the poor who are still deprived of using LPG as cooking fuel and have to

rely on firewood, coal, dung-cakes, she added.

Nemcha asserted this will safeguard the health of women and children by providing them with a clean cooking fuel - LPG and that they don't have to compromise their health in smoky kitchens or roam around in unsafe areas to collect firewood. The problem of deforestation leading to natural calamities like landslides, mudslides will also be curtail once this scheme reaches to all the household as their won't be unnecessary cutting down of trees for firewoods.

Social Welfare Minister expressed happiness to learn that the beneficiaries located at the remote areas as well as in those areas affected by natural calamities will be delivered at their doorsteps by the gas agency. The free connections were issued through M/S J.S.

Indane Kangpokpi and as part of the distribution, safety measures were also demonstrated to the beneficiaries.

It may be mentioned that Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 1st, 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. Under this scheme, 5 Crore LPG connections will be provided to BPL families with a support of Rs.1600 per connection in the next 3 years. With an aim to ensure women's empowerment, especially in rural India, the connections will be issued in the name of women of the households belonging to the BPL families. For the implementation of the scheme, Rs. 8000 Cr. has been allocated by the Government of India. Identification of the BPL families will be done through Socio Economic Caste Census Data.

### Social awareness prog. cum medical camp at Singhat

**Imphal, Oct 4:** 26 Assam Rifles conducted a mass social awareness programme at Singhat sub-Divisional Headquarters on Oct 17, with over 1500 people attended the event. Stalls from Forest, Horticulture, Sericulture, Agriculture and Veterinary & Animal Husbandry and dedicated counters for youths for information on ongoing Civic Action Programme & career counselling by Singhat Bn were set up during the programme.

The event was graced by Cdr, 27 Sect AR as the Chief Guest and a number of notables of the area including village chiefs, village elders, Church leaders and school children of the area attended. A medical and dental camp was also organized alongside the awareness programme in which about 500 villagers including 168 children were treated and medicines were distributed free of cost.

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