

# Editorial

## Let Holy books be replaced by the Constitution of the country

Earlier perception about the definition of a nation which is impounded with similar religion, language, caste, creed and communities is no more relevant in the present day context. Making the country a strong nation by waging an unseen war of converting everybody living in it into a common religion or by forcing them to speak a common language is more like inviting civil war among the different communities following different cult and religion. The idea of bringing one nation one tax cannot be implied when it comes to religion, caste and creed as well as language in a vast country like India resided by over 1000s different communities speaking different language.

The concept of Hindu, not in term of religion but in terms of the inhabitants between the Himalaya and Keinyakumari by one Sadhu Baba during an exclusive interview at a National television is an innovative invention of a humanitarian philosophy which is beyond religion. Neo contemporary philosophers whose motive is to bring communal harmony in the country needs to be encouraged even at the cost of amending traditional script written in the so call holy books of each religion.

In his letter to his daughter Indira Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, had explored the rise of human civilization. Religion when we pondered upon is the creation of human being for smooth running of the society. But opportunist and few psychopathic individuals are converting the good cause into tools to create enmity among human beings.

India being a secular state allows freedom to follow any religion of their choice. This not what we in the Imphal Times said but enshrine in the constitution of the country.

If for some time each Indians believe that the Constitution of India is the holy book for almost all religion that is being followed by different people in the nation state, then the present chaos happening in the country may be somehow relieved.

Let's give some peace to all the people of this vast country to live in one belief even though following their own religion. For time being let's hope holy books for Hindu, Muslim, Shikh, Jain, Christian and Budhist, a historical commodities and instead let all the people of different faith accept the Constitution of India as the only one Holy book for all religion. If the preachers at Hindu temple, Muslim Mosques, Churches of Christians and other indigenous faith followers preach contents of the constitution of the country then it will not take long for India to become a united nations with diverse communities.

## Sasikala released on parole from Bengaluru jail

**Bengaluru, Oct 6:** AIADMK leader V K Sasikala, who's in prison for amassing disproportionate assets, was on Friday granted a five-day parole to meet her ailing husband who recently underwent dual organ transplant.

Sasikala had on Thursday submitted an emergency parole form along with a medical certificate of her ailing husband M Natarajan.

An earlier parole application, filed October 3 by Sasikala, was rejected on the grounds of insufficient documentation.

Sasikala is serving a prison term in Bengaluru since February after the Supreme Court upheld her conviction by a special court in a disproportionate assets case. Along with Sasikala, her relatives Ilavarasi and VN Sudhakaran are also serving four-year jail terms. Sasikala's husband, 74-year-old chronic liver disease patient, was stable after a seven-and-a-half hour kidney and liver transplant surgery that began late on Tuesday night, said a senior doctor at the Institute of Liver Diseases and Transplantation.

# More State News

## Let's stop alienating people of northeast in the country: N. Biren

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct 6:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that collective effort is needed to overcome the alienation of the people of North-East in the mainland India and it is our responsibility to create the sense of unity among citizens of the country. This was stated by him at the Regional Conference of State Labour Ministers and Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Commissioners of State Labour Departments of North East States held today at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal. The conference was organised by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his idea of "Sab ka Saath Sab ka Vikas", the Central Government has given its priority for the welfare of the people and inclusive development in the country. N. Biren Singh highlighted the harassment and discrimination faced by the people of North-East in Mainland India. Stating that North-East India is filled with talent and potential, he stressed that Manipur has the highest per capita of population in the field like sports and sends the highest numbers of officers in the Indian Army by a State etc.

Chief Minister stated that such conference/review meeting is very important and a way forward in terms of strengthening the



infrastructure to enhance the skilling the manpower and human resource of the country. State Level Skill Development Mission has been introduced to formulate prospective plans and detailed action plans for Skill Development in Manipur, he added. Shri N. Biren Singh said that apart from the Skill Development Mission, a State Mission on employment generation, housing and drinking water for every household by 2022 has also been launched by the Government. N. Biren Singh said that vocational training courses have been introduced in 40 colleges to impart skill development to the youths of the State in the field of IT, Tourism and Hospitality, Retail Management, Computer Hardware Technology etc. The Government has set a target to generate 7.50 lakh employments by the year 2022

through various departments of the State Government, he added.

Addressing the delegates, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar said that the Government of India is focussing towards the development of North-Eastern part of India so as to bring an inclusive growth and development in the country. Stating about constituting State Social Welfare Board in every State of the country, Santosh said that the Chairperson of a State Board is to be appointed by the respective States with the approval of the Central Board.

On the occasion, Minister of Labour and Employment, Manipur Shri Th. Radheshyam Singh said that labourers are the downtrodden and vulnerable section of the society. He said that under the dynamic leadership of Chief

Minister Shri N. Biren, a Labour Meeta was held with an aim to create awareness on the various central schemes for the welfare of labour in the State recently. The new government has already introduced many social security schemes for the organised and unorganised labourers of the State and distribution of smart cards to the labourers etc., he added.

Showing concern about those children who are working in the construction of roads with BRTF/BRO in the State, Shri Th. Radheshyam said that such matter would be investigated and checked properly so as to stop child labour. He further assured that the government would keep an eye on the employment of children in brick firms, as domestic help etc.

During the conference/review meeting, elaborate presentations on Child labour, plantation workers, social security schemes, matters relating welfare of unorganised workers were made by various subject experts.

Minister for Labour and Employment, Assam Pallab Lochan Das, Parliamentary Secretary, Labour and Employment, Nagaland Dr. Neiphrezo Keditsu, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India M. Sathiyavathy, Financial Advisor and Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment, Government of India Arun Goel and officials from various North-East States participated in the conference.

## Indian Army organises skill development prog. for NE students

**PIB Defence**

**Imphal, Oct 6:** As part of the skill development initiative for the North East students, Senapati Brigade under the aegis of Red Shield Division undertook an awareness cum training programme, wherein wide publicity was given across various districts of Manipur and a total of 106 students (boys & girls) were registered and trained for the scheme.

The Taj hotels have recently introduced "Golden Threshold Programme", a hospitality programme for students who have completed 10+2/Graduates/Diploma holders with hospitality background. Under this programme, the management of Taj Hotel Guwahati, with assistance from Army, conducted an interview on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of Sep 2017 at Battalion HQ 34 Assam Rifles Maram, for

selecting candidates who are seeking to pursue their career in hospitality industry. The selected candidates would be undergoing vocational training at Taj Hotel, Guwahati for one year starting from 03 Oct 2017 and would be paid stipend of Rs 4000 per month. The registered candidates from Manipur were provided free accommodation and messing facilities by Maram and Jwalamukhi Battalions and various lectures/workshops were conducted by 34 Assam Rifles at Maram, in order to train them and prepare for the interview.

A total of 27 candidates were selected after the interview. The candidates were given joining instructions and necessary directions from the Management of Taj Hotel Guwahati, which was conveyed to them through

messages, phone calls and e-mails by 34 Assam Rifles being the Nodal Agency.

The selected candidates were mustered at Bn Headquarter Maram, 34 Assam Rifles on 28 September and were accommodated, provided free messing till 30 September 2017. On 30 September these candidates were transported to Dimapur after Flag Off Ceremony at Maram. To facilitate centralized and co-ordinated move, train tickets were booked for them by 34 Assam Rifles on 01 October 2017 from Dimapur to Guwahati. A representative detailed form 34 Assam Rifles accompanied these candidates till Taj Hotel Guwahati and ensured their well being and smooth settlement at Guwahati before commencement of training on 03 October 2017.

## Third gender warned

**IT News**

**Imphal, Oct 6:** An armed organisation called KCP (MC-Progressive) has banned wearing of women's cloths by third gender community of the state popularly known as 'Nupi Manbi Nupasing' (Man who looks like woman). The organisation however said that used of women clothes by artists for spreading message to the people are exempted from the banned.

The armed organisation said that on September 29, 2017, while celebrating the birthday celebration of one T. Nonglenkhomba @ Bebe, a third gender community, son of Takhelmayum Mohen Meitei on his 28 years had polluted the dignity of the Manipuri society by wearing women's clothes by various of his friend. The way they enjoyed with their friends showed no respect for the community of the area, the statement added. The armed organisation said those performers of the day should not to repeat such act in future.

# International and National News

## Banwarilal Purohit sworn in as TN Governor

**PII**

**Chennai, Oct 6:** Banwarilal Purohit was today sworn-in as the 25th Governor of Tamil Nadu, taking over at a time when the state is witnessing political turbulence in the ruling AIADMK and demand by the opposition for a floor test. Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Justice Indra Banerjee, administered the oath of office to Purohit, a former Governor of Assam at a ceremony at Raj Bhavan here. Taking oath in the name of God, Purohit said he would "faithfully execute the office of governor of Tamil Nadu and will to the best of ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well being of the people of Tamil Nadu."

Chief Minister K Palaniswami, his cabinet colleagues, and DMK Working President and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly M K Stalin, were among those present. Senior BJP leaders including union minister Pon Radhakrishnan were among those present.

Earlier, Chief Secretary Girija Vaidyanathan read out the Warrant of Appointment issued on September 29 by President Ram Nath Kovind, appointing Purohit as Governor of Tamil Nadu. The first full-time Governor to be appointed since the completion of term of K Rosaiah in August 2016, Purohit, an experienced campaigner, has his task cut out as the Opposition DMK has already expressed that he would act on their

plea for a floor test in the wake of the Palaniswami government being reduced to a "minority" following the August 22 revolt by 19 MLAs owing allegiance to sidelined AIADMK leader TTV Dhinakaran against the Chief Minister. Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao had been given additional charge of the state since September 2016 before Kovind appointed Purohit as Governor of Tamil Nadu.

DMK Working President and Leader of Opposition, MK Stalin, who had earlier welcomed Purohit's appointment, had expressed confidence yesterday that the new Governor would "take appropriate action" on its plea for a floor test of the AIADMK government.

"We believe he will not function like the (previous) Governor in-charge (Rao). We believe he is arriving here to be sworn-in as Governor, well aware of the present political situation in Tamil Nadu and that its ruling dispensation has lost majority," Stalin, who participated in today's swearing-in of Purohit as Governor, had said on Thursday.

"We are, therefore, confident that he will for sure take appropriate steps in that regard," he had said in an apparent reference to opposition demands for a floor test of the Palaniswami government. He said the DMK had approached the court seeking direction to the governor to order for a floor test of the Palaniswami government "after having lost confidence" in Rao.

**WHENEVER YOU SEE CONSTRUCTION AND MINING EQUIPMENTS, JUST THINK OF US**

**Ausarzon Engineering Works**  
New Checkin Road Panaji, Goa  
Authorized Dealer : Class New Holland Construction Equip. (I) Pvt. Ltd.  
Krisloska Engins Oil Limited (Krisloska Bhandh Genset) Ltd  
Contact No. 0385-2452159 / 988298602

Letters, Feedback and Suggestions to 'Imphal Times' can be sent to our e-mail : [imphaltimes@gmail.com](mailto:imphaltimes@gmail.com). For advertisement kindly contact : - 0385-2452159 (O)