

## Editorial

### A lesson need to learnt from the killing of Gouri Lankesh

Brutal killing of Senior Journalist Guari Lankesh is indeed shocking news for all of us across the country, particularly those in the media fraternity. The 55 years old editor of a Bangaluru base newspaper, is widely known for her leaning towards Maoist movement and unlike those supporting the taking of arms she was working with all her energy to start the move in a more democratic way without arms. This is being said as per version of her brother reported at some newspapers.

In conflict ridden region those in the profession of journalism are most venerable target of both sides. But theorist said that those in the profession are the bridge between two conflicting parties. Almost all students of journalism believe in the later part, but reality is different when it comes to the country call India.

In the state of Manipur, a state, annexed forcibly into the Indian Union, over dozens of journalist are killed in the conflict between the state and non-state actors. The state which is a part of India is ruled by imposing extraordinary legislations which give impunity to arm forces community. Draconian act AFSPA has been here for over 36 years to suppress armed separatist movement. The death of dozens of journalist during this period in additions to thousands other civilian victims showed that Manipur is not a safe place. The so call government had failed to provide proper security for the life of the people.

Metropolitan city like Bangaluru has been considered as safe place by many Manipuri. So thousands migrated either to study or to make a living. Until the news about killing of Gouri Lankesh is heard the metropolitan city was assumed safe. She was murdered by armed gunmen near her house. The incident shows that Indian police still enable gunmen goons to travel at every street. There is no AFSPA like act at the place where gunmen goons rolls out at their wishes to commit any crime whether it may be killing of journalist or any other common people.

News report with conspiracy theory on why and by whom she could have been murdered proves that her lineage with Maoist is the cause of her death. When she herself is a leftist, the theory about Maoist supporters as the murderer have no logical meaning.

The killing of Gouri Lankesh is a clear warning of almost all left minded journalist across the country, particularly those working in the state like Manipur.

The center is now rule by right wing political party back by right wing organizations and its supporter. Similarly, the state of Manipur is also rule by a similar political party. Since the congress government has been replaced by the BJP led government, people of the state has been witnessing change of top office bearers with top bureaucrats who had affiliation with any of the right wing organisation. And one cannot simply rule out that those in the newspaper who are leftist might be wipe out from their profession using any means to make everyone Rightist.

### Militant killed in encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore

**Agencies**  
**Srinagar, Sept. 9:** A militant was killed on Saturday in an encounter with the security forces in Sopore area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said. Receiving specific inputs about a militant hideout, security forces including the Rashtriya Rifles and the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the state police had earlier surrounded Reban village on the outskirts of Sopore town. "As the cordon was tightened, hiding militants opened fire at the security forces triggering the gunfight, which is still on," a police official said.

Authorities have closed all educational institutions, including Higher Secondary schools and the Degree College in Sopore. Internet services have also been suspended in the area to prevent any misinformation. The encounter comes ahead of Union home minister Rajnath Singh's visit to Srinagar on Saturday. Singh is going on a four-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir and will meet governor NN Vohra, chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, as well as a cross-section of people including traders and students in an attempt to find a resolution to the Kashmir problem.

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## History of Printing in Manipur

In the early days of civilisation man expressed his ideas through signs and for the purpose of communication engraved these signs on slabs of alphabets we used today for our communications of ideas.

After this, it was in the middle of the fifteen century that movable types were invented by Johannes Gutenberg of Mainz, Germany and another printer Peter Schoeffer. The first printed sheet from movable type " Judgement Day" was printed by Gutengberg in the year 1444. And one of the first great books printed from movable types was the forty two line Bible, printed about 1456 and attributed to Johannes Gutengberg of Mainz, Germany.

In India printing press came in the year 1556 at Goa then in 1620 the Danish East India Company also starts printing in India. Again printing in India revived only in the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

In Manipur printing press was established in nineteenth century. The Government press now Directorate of Printing and Stationary, Government of Manipur was established in 29<sup>th</sup> June 1918 with platen printing machine at Imphal. Churachand printing press and Friends Union Press are the pioneers among the private press during the time. The 1<sup>st</sup> Manipur print journal was "Meitei Chanu". It was edited by Hijam Irabot Singh in the year 1925-26. In 1933 another paper "Dainik Manipur" was published under the editorship of Gokulchandra at the Churachand printing press. In 1937, another newspaper "Manipur Matam" was published from Tarun press. By the early parts of 1939 a bi-weekly

paper 'Manipur Paojel' was launched in Manipur. After this a weekly Magazine 'Praja' was published in the year 1948 one year after India won the freedom. A new chapter of Journalism was witnessed after India won Independence from the British rule.

During 1963 to 1972, there were 2/3 printing technologists in Manipur. They are the pioneers on printing technologists. During 1975 to 1990 more than 20 (twenty) Printing technologist are in Manipur. In the year 1984 All Manipur Printing Technologist Association was formed in Manipur and started work to develop in printing. Screen printing in Manipur established by the association in the year 1991 and started one-month Certificate Course in Screen Printing by the association and produced more than 200 (two hundred) students within 5/6 years. Thus, started screen printing in Manipur. One exhibition cum seminar (Printex) was organised by the Association in the year 1998 at Imphal, Manipur. After 1990 computerised printing press was established. Letter press printing has gone down slowly. Instead of letter press printing offset printing has developed very fast.

Publishing Industry and Printing Industry can be considered as the Soul and Body. Publishing industry show rapid stride in terms of quantity and ease of production for long run jobs with the adoption of Web Offset Technology in the 90's. Some of the Pioneer in adoption of the Web Offset in Printing are now the leaders of the Manipur's Daily namely Poknapham, Sangai

Express etc. Currently Sangai Offset, the first printer to have four colour sheeted Offset and one of the leading publishing House have shifted their entire publishing requirement from sheet Offset to Web offset which resulted in a quantum jump in production and finishing.

Pre-Press solution is of paramount importance in Multicolour Offset Printing. Till late 2000's Manipur lack quality pre-press Solution resulting in outflow of Quality Multicolour Print Solution. Some of the early starters like BCPW adopted Computerised Printing and even managed to print acceptable Quality in Multicolour Printing by getting the Pre-Press services like Image setting done from Guwahati. But majority of the Quality Multicolour commercial print requirements were made from Guwahati and Kolkata. The Scenario changes drastically once Manipur's first CtP was installed by M/s Nest Advertising and Marketing Pvt Ltd. In the year 2011 and also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Printer to installed a 4 colour sheeted offset. CtP changes the entire landscape in Printing Industry of Manipur, be it for Multi-colour Printing or quality Single colour Printing. In a sense an era of self-sufficiency started with the installation of the CtP.

Printing Industry in Manipur has come of age with around 200 (two hundred) private printing presses comprising more than 5-6 Publishing Houses 7-8 Offset Presses with multicolour Printing set up and sufficient no. of CtP and other Post Press services. Printing is the fast changing technology among the technologies. Instead of offset

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printing, digital printing and 3D printing is coming up. The rapid strides and technological advancement, reduction in production cost in the Digital Printing is making inroad even in publishing Industry. In an era where large scale Publishing is replaced by on demand Print and Printing being replaced by e-paper, e-journal and e-Paper. Printing industry is really at the crossroad. For any technological upgradation one has to consider all the aspect of cost, technology, the market and the environment. On the other hand, with the increase in population and consumers, Packaging Industry is on the rise. Local Industry do provide some packaging requirement to the Printers but for large scale Packaging Printing requirement Manipur has to have big MNC's Company manufacturing various products ranging from FMCG to Fast Moving Electronic Items and Consumer Durable Goods. Now, Manipur is very developed in printing in comparison with other Northeast States. We have Printing Technologists, digital printing presses and big private firms with high class quality printing with CTP devices and 4 colour sheeted offset including web machine is a good sign of developments of printing in Manipur. It will be very useful to organise Seminars, Conferences and Exhibitions very frequently in relation with printing for more development of printing fraternity in future.

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## National & International News

### Rajnath in Srinagar, meets Mehbooba; Yasin Malik arrested

**SIANS**  
**Srinagar, Sept. 9:** JKLF chief Yasin Malik was arrested while other senior separatist leaders were placed under house arrest ahead of their proposed protest at the NIA headquarters in Delhi, even as Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh arrived here on Saturday to hold talks on the Kashmir issue.

Rajnath, who is here on a four-day visit, has said he was going to Jammu and Kashmir with an open mind and was willing to meet with anyone who could help in finding

solutions to the Kashmir issue. The Union Home Minister began his visit by meeting state Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti in the Nehru Guest House in Srinagar. He is expected to travel to Srinagar, Anantnag, Jammu and Rajouri and meet civil society members, leaders of political and social outfits, business leaders and others during the visit.

Meanwhile, senior separatist leaders Syed Ali Geelani and Mirwaiz Umer Farooq have been placed under house arrest in Srinagar, while Yasin Malik was

arrested by police from his uptown Maisuma residence around midnight.

Authorities have imposed restrictions in six police station areas of Rainawari, Khanyar, Nowhatta, M.R. Gunj, Safa Kadal and Maisuma. Police claimed that the senior separatist leaders had not been detained because they intended to go to Delhi, but because they were trying to create a law and order problem.

Munir Ahmad Khan, Inspector General of police (IGP) Kashmir,

told reporters that the three senior separatist leaders were trying to mobilize people for a separatist rally that would have created a law and order problem for the authorities. "Had they moved to Delhi as normal passengers we would have allowed them to go wherever they wanted to go. But, we cannot allow anybody to create a law and order problem," the IGP said.

State Director General of police (DGP) S.P.Vaid had said on Friday that the three separatist leaders would be allowed to go anywhere they wanted to go.

### Senior cop given full additional charge as Idol Wing IG

**PTI**  
**Chennai, Sept 9:** A senior IPS officer was today given full additional charge as IGP, Idol Wing, by the Tamil Nadu government, days after the Madras High Court warned of issuing notices to the authorities on the matter.

AG Pon Manickavel, Inspector General of Police, Railways, will hold "full additional charge" as IGP, Idol Wing, CID, Chennai, a Home

(SC) Department note from Additional Chief Secretary Niranjan Mardi said. Manickavel replaces R Tamilchandran as the Idol Wing Inspector General. On September 5, the court had warned it would issue statutory notices to authorities concerned if the Tamil Nadu government did not issue an order appointing Manickavel as special officer to

probe idol theft cases. The court had then sought to know from the government pleader as to why the order had not been issued on appointment of Manickavel as directed by it earlier, despite the dismissal of the state government's Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court. The court had on July 21 directed the Chief Secretary to issue appropriate orders within a week

for the creation of a special camp at Tiruchirappalli headed by Manickavel to investigate pending cases related to theft of ancient idols from various temples in the state. Manickavel is credited with cracking several cases and recovering various ancient idols worth crores of rupees during his stint with the Idol Wing of Tamil Nadu Police.

### Jaipur: Tension in Ramganj after mob pelts stones at cops

**Agencies**  
**Jaipur, Sept. 9:** Tension prevailed in Ramganj area in Old City late on Friday after angry protesters pelted stones at the police, torched nearby vehicles and vandalized public property.

In retaliation, the police fired several shells of tear gas at the mob. "One cop was injured and has been given first aid," said Nitin Deep Baggan, additional commissioner (second). One person reportedly died in the incident.

Curfew was imposed in four police station areas of the city to bring the situation under control, a senior police official said on Saturday, adding that internet

services were also suspended and schools in the curfew-laden areas have been closed.

"A petty dispute between a police constable and a motorcycle-borne couple late last night led to clashes between the locals and the police, following which the curfew was imposed around 1am in Ramganj area, where the violence broke out," Jaipur Police Commissioner Sanjay Agarwal said.

Advocate Aslam Khan, a resident of the area, alleged that the incident took place after cops misbehaved with a senior citizen in the evening. Residents from nearby areas came out to protest against the police and a verbal spat turned into a full-

fledged clash between cops and the protesters.

"Protesters had gathered around Ramganj police station. They began pelting stones and other things. We tried to disperse the crowd but were pushed back," said a constable at the police station, adding that frantic calls were made to the control room for reinforcement. The angry mob went on a rampage, torched rickshaws, broke glasses of vehicles parked near the area and damaged police vehicles. Additional staff from nearby police station also arrived as protesters kept on pelting stones. The police team, led by DCP (north) Satyendra Singh and other

officials, resorted to lathicharge and fired gas shells to disperse crowd. "Our first aim was to stop people from damaging public property. Hence, teargas shells were fired at mob," Baggan informed TOI.

By 11pm, the entire Ramganj area was covered with smoke. Companies of Rajasthan Armed Constabulary (RAC), Rapid Action Force (RAF) and Special Task Force cordoned off the area. The police cut off power supply to street lights to keep the crowd away from the police station. When last reports came in, the area was under heavy police cover, with more staff from the reserve police arriving at the spot.