

Editorial

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A look on the past and present government: The game is no difference

During an unofficial discussion, former President of Editor Guilds' Manipur Ahongsangbam Mubi once stated that the true colour of a person emerges when he or she is given absolute power.

For fifteen years congress had been in power ruling the state under the Chief Ministership of Okram Ibobi. As happened in the 12 Manipur Legislative Assembly Election, none in political arena had ever expected that Okram would become the Chief Minister. It was his fate that he continued to remain in the top post for continuous 3 terms.

It was the defeat of some of the powerful congress men including Late Rishang Kishing that Okram Ibobi was chosen to the hot chair. There may have been other reasons for the people of the state to give mandate to congress party similarly, Late Rishang Kishing support to Okram Ibobi might have reason which should have known to the person who was one of the longest serving Chief Minister.

The same is the fate of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. His quitting from Congress Party on October 6, 2016 and then resignation from the Party before joining the BJP was an attempt made for his political survival, as he had lot of differences to the running of the govt. by the Okram Ibobi Singh. No Political observer in the state had ever expected the N.Biren Singh would become the chief Minister of Manipur even if he won the election in 12th Manipur legislative Assembly. That was because many veteran BJP leader including Thanaojam Chaoba, M. Hemanta etc could not win the election. N. Biren was the BJP choice as he was the most appropriate for the post base on his 3 years of political experience.

This write up is not a comparison of Mr. Okram Ibobi and N. Biren Singh. This writing is purely an attempt to analyse on how the true colour of a person emerges in the public platform when given absolute power.

Taking aback, 17 years from now - that is on July 11, 2004, when Okram Ibobi became the Chief Minister of Manipur - A 32 years old lady was brutally rape and murdered by troopers of Assam rifles. The killing sparked mass protest against impunity by SF under the shadow of AFSPA Sensational issue of Manipur's territorial integrity could not be handled diplomatically 18th of June which was declared as state Holiday has to be revoke due to pressure and threat from an major organization supported by the NSCN - IM. During the 15 years of government over 1000s were killed by security force mostly by state force in staged encounter.

Series of irregularities committed by office staffs at various departed were daily news stories of Media none maintenance of quality in construction works were the talk of the town but no action was taken up to any of the Engineers responsible for the construction.

The one and the only Bir Tikendrajit over bridge had to be shortened by armed 10 metres without reducing the budget for construction of the Bridge.

Some incident like slapping of police officer on duty by a mere pharmacist, who happened to be a relative of the than Chief Minister and throwing the said police officer and his team to Police lock up over some of the incident which had made up the people of the state to look for some other alternative which could replaced the Okram Ibobi Singh government.

Now coming to the present government headed by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, it is not even two years that people have started criticizing. The first one year showed appreciation from almost all quarter of the people irrespective of Hill or Plain people. But the beginning of the 2nd years is a hard day. There are unofficial reports of frequent transfer of not only the top govt. officials but also even officers serving in the lower level talks are going around about contractors waiting for their bill after paying 30% of the total cost. May be these are rumours but when those contractor spoke and narrate their experience the rumours spreading around may have some logic.

The most shocking incident during N. Biren Singh tenure is the inability to give pressure to the central authority to make sure that the Manipur University runs without any disturbance. For reason best known to the Chief Minister one person, that too a head of the University was allowed to sabotage the functioning of the Manipur University for 85 days, and no action could be initiated against the person.

The loopholes to the ambitions CMHT is allowing coming to the public spare and recommendation and approval to make sure the poor and needy by the Chief Minister himself during people's day are piling up in department like State Health Department.

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Unemployment in the Fourth Industrial Revolution Era

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Industrial revolutions and market economy have structured social system, government, and education accordingly. Then, the role of money and banking have created a coercion for the world to be part of the consumerism and labor force.

Ultimately, the coercion makes us all work behind the bar of goods and services. In such environment, employee should work under a fixed format prescribed by employer wherein freedom and dignity are usually compromised with pay.

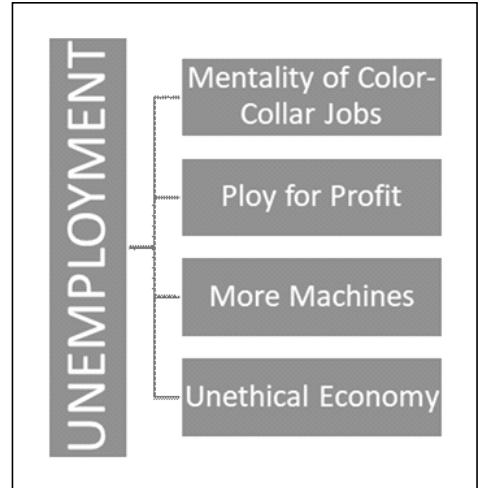
Pressure and tension become routine as the employer's desires and objectives are materialized under their hierarchical power. Thus employment paradigm has become of mere a paid slavery system. The independent and autonomous taste of live has vanished all over; creativity, time for family and friends, and relaxation are getting way far off the reach.

In order to earn money, if an adult is not able to get a job in a sector of goods and services, the person is seen as unemployed. Many view that social setting, economic

condition and mental attitude are the key contributions to the existing unemployment scenario.

We may look at a different situation of employment and unemployment. In a perspective; some people eke out their livelihood independently running small family business and farming. In the so called third world and developing countries, many people are independently working with the least tension. Even though they undergo some amount of poverty and cannot afford modern-luxurious items, they live without knowing homelessness and unemployment.

But crucial reality is the ever growing force of the globalization that storms their feet out pushing them into the domain of modern slavery. Small farmers are diminished as their products fail to get into the market controlled and designed by the corporate powers. Millions of farmers fail to survive the cruel monopoly of agro-based production and



market. In agrarian country like India, hundreds of thousands farmers have committed suicide highlighting the very dangerous reality in the green economy sector.

In regard to the objectives of the machines and technologies, they do not take vacations, sick leaves and smoke breaks; interesting! Artificial intelligence, robots, auto-drive vehicles and hands-free machines are being multiplied ever more. They are taking on the color-collar jobs leaving out humans towards the unemployment hiccups that getting frequented to choke. Of course, labor force can be helped with in minimizing the harsh manual involvement, making easier the very uncomfortable and dirty cleaning activities, providing a safer convenience reducing the health hazardous effect and disturbing working conditions.

Most of the people who have commonsense will opine that robots should not be to replace humans. To make happen artificial intelligence to work in place of human cognition, and to

manufacture more machines to shun our manual skills, rising of less jobs for human fellows is the becoming consequence. An Oxford University study has warned that machines are to take away 47% of the US jobs. More or less, this similar situation can come up everywhere across the globe.

Whenever, new machines are made, they are also made out of natural resource inputs, extracting from the Mother Earth, in the manufacturing process they consume energy, give out carbon and other pollutants.

And, the beauty of engaging human intelligence in various domains of our living is far important for a creative and meaningful continuation. The artificial intelligence will have a hard time to replicate the natural emotions and feelings.

Perhaps, given the job creation in the sector of AI and machine industry, it may serve some careers as primary employment. Also, maybe there are to open

alternative avenues as secondary sector for jobs like all engage in stock exchange trading and investment businesses in AI and machine makings which are again back to gambling reality of possible lose is higher than winning chance or sometimes luckily 50-50, no guarantee of livelihood security.

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Seriously, as machines and AI are concerned, human psychology cannot be manipulated 100%. Hence, the boredom will remain a big deal, and the value and taste of life cannot be compromised so readily. The plastic flowers, sex

landing on other less manual types known as color collar jobs. From white-collar which is a salaried professional, typically referring to general office workers and management to gold-collar which refers to skilled knowledge people like chartered accountants, lawyers, doctors, research scientists, etc.

The modern education, capitalist market, globalization and commercial advertisement/propaganda have stimulated human mind towards grabbing the least physical involved economic activities. The expansion of market, trade and commerce created more new category of jobs available to the people. It projected as more dignified, a superior class, and more intelligence by setting a hierarchical structure.

In doing so, education especially



dolls and robotic pet maybe work but are of much limited short moments. Every next moment we will need real stuff since humans are made for the same.

Color-collar jobs:

As the industrial revolution advances the emergence of category of work to make money is seen. Wanting to leave behind manual labors, people began

at the higher levels started absorbing all the conceptual aspects, know-how, and picturing a good prospect of career from the market and profit oriented trade and commerce. Every aspect of human livelihood, activities and lifestyle affiliated too much to the features of commercialization. Nothing left in the spectrum, from child care supposed to be parents'/guardians' job, to the education which is always fundamental undertaking for everyone.

Everything has been packaged in the form of saleable and buyable goods and services creating all sorts of jobs in the process. Thus each adopted a certain color-collar assignment designation now.

Again, family, friends and community altogether hold a kind of acceptable social norm that job assigned with farming and other physical involved are categorically inferior dignified kind and thus condescending unnecessarily. This has been a culture in the most part of the global society which in return helps the acceleration of deteriorating Mother Nature, and also leading to a miserable life missing the consciousness about true meaning of life and happiness.

