

Editorial

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The danger seen in the N. Biren Singh Government

Every citizen wants a good governance. While saying so some who are taking main roles in the game of throne desperately attempted time and again to topple the existing government using means that would strike the bull's eye is a natural phenomenon. The new government led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had done many things which keep mum the opposition group who has been waiting for any chances to topple him. Source even reveals that some among from his own party will not let things slip off if he or she get a chance lead the government. It is at this hour that the leader needs to establish good advisory circle which will keep defending him from any attack by any individuals or group- either from the opposition political party or from among his group who has been waiting to dethrone him. This is democracy and such perception cannot be ruled out.

From the eyes of the political analyst who has been keenly watching the running of the new government led by N. Biren Singh - some sees trouble as they believe a probable constitutional crisis in the coming days. There is no doubt that in this short ten months period his government had done many appreciating works.

Social problem like fighting the menace of corruption, streamlining the government offices, buildings of good relations between various ethnic communities of the state and effort to directly contact with almost all citizens of the state to understand their grievances are some of the achievement which earlier government had never think of. But one think need to remind the chief minister is that everything that he wanted to do for the good of the citizens and the state need to be properly planned as a good service with good intention may have been an easy target for someone who wanted to dethrone him.

Now the as political analysts suggest, the greatest challenges of the present government are the issue of the MLAs who are alleged to hold the "Office of Profit". Talking to reporters the Chief Minister had stated that the development that is being seen in Delhi Assembly regarding the disqualification of MLAs who had been given the post of Parliamentary Secretary have nothing to do when it comes to the state of Manipur. The speculation of the Chief Minister may have been from the perspective of those advising his government. He also stated that there is a legislation which legalised the appointment of Parliamentary secretary and Parliamentary secretary does not hold office of profit.

Well what those political advisors in the N. Biren Singh government failed to advice the Chief Minister is that - the verdict of the Supreme Court regarding the appointment of Parliamentary Secretary in regards to Delhi Legislative Assembly clearly stated that the provision for appointment of Parliamentary Secretary is unconstitutional, which meant that the legislation passed by any state government in any party of the country is void. Suppressing this ruling of the Supreme Court would amount to constitutional crisis.

Well in case of the 8 Congress MLAs who had joined the BJP and supported the N. Biren Singh led BJP government, it is up to the Speaker of the state legislative Assembly on whether to speed up the process for disqualification or to delay until depending upon the nature of petition filed by any persons or political parties.

These two issues - Parliamentary Secretary appointment and the joining of the Congress MLAs to BJP is a serious matter which is going to stand as a hindrance to the N. Biren Singh led Government. 12 plus 8 is a big number and - subtracting these MLAs from the N. Biren Singh Government would make his leadership a minority.

We have seen many good in the N. Biren Singh led government. But violation of the Constitution by acting against its provision by means of delaying the issue is not a sign of wise government.

Time to act when the people are having trust to the government.

"A stitch in time save nine", the saying still has its implication even when it comes to the running of the government or implementation of any schemes. Parliamentary democracy runs successfully only after it follows the rules of law. Let's make parliamentary democracy a success.

J-K highway closed after landslide in Ramban

PTI Jammu, Feb 6: The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed today due to a massive landslide in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, police said. There was a "heavy" landslide at

Ramsu. This led to its closure this morning, they said, adding that due to the blockade, over 300 vehicles were stranded. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is working to clear the highway and open it for traffic, police said.

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India successfully test-fires nuclear capable Agni-1

PTI Balasore, Feb 6: India today successfully test-fired its short-range nuclear capable ballistic missile Agni-1 with a strike range of over 700 km from a test range off the Odisha coast, Defence sources said. The indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile was launched as a part of a periodic training activity by the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) of the Army to consolidate operational readiness, they said. The state-of-the-art missile was launched around 8.30 am from a

mobile launcher at Pad 4 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at the Dr Abdul Kalam Island, formerly known as Wheeler Island, the sources said. Describing the trial a "complete success", they said that all the mission objectives were met during the test. "The trajectory of the trial was tracked by a battery of sophisticated radars, telemetry observation stations, electro-optic instruments and naval ships right from its launch till the missile hit the target area with pin point

accuracy," the sources said. The sophisticated Agni-I missile is propelled by a solid rocket propellant system and is equipped with a specialised navigation system that ensures it reaches the target with a high degree of precision, they said. The missile, which has already been inducted into the armed forces, has proved its performance in terms of range, accuracy and lethality, the sources said. Weighing around 12 tonnes, the 15-metre-long Agni-I can carry

payloads up to 1,000 kg and is capable of hitting a target beyond 700 km. The missile is also capable of carrying nuclear warheads. The Agni-I was developed by the Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL) in collaboration with the Defence Research Development Laboratory (DRDL) and the Research Centre Imarat (RCI). The missile was integrated by the Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad. The ASL is the premier missile development laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

Oil tanker with 22 Indian sailors released by pirates

PTI New Delhi, Feb 6: An oil tanker with 22 Indians on board that went missing off the coast of Benin in West Africa on February 1 has been found, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said today. All the crew members, released by pirates after four days, are safe and the ship has resumed sailing, officials added. "I am happy to inform that Merchant Ship Marine Express with 22 Indian nationals on board has been released," Swaraj tweeted. The external affairs minister thanked the government of Nigeria

and Benin for their help and support in the matter. Swaraj had spoken to her Nigerian counterpart yesterday to seek assistance in tracing the missing oil tanker. The Indian mission in Abuja was in touch with Nigeria and Benin for help in locating the ship. "The ship, Marine Express, has been released and is back under the command of the captain," Director General of Shipping Malini Shankar told PTI in Mumbai. It was not immediately clear if any ransom was paid to secure the release of the vessel and the cargo. The Marine Express was

anchored in Cotonou in the Gulf of Guinea in Benin when it was taken over by pirates on February 1. All communication systems on the vessel were switched off by pirates before making it sail. In a Facebook post, ship manning agent Anglo Eastern said the Panama-flagged vessel was the victim of "pirate attack and seizure" and confirmed its safe release. The cargo of 13,500 tonnes of gasoline remains on board, the post added. An official at the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had said earlier that the waters, from where the vessel was taken, are unsafe because of the presence of pirates.

There have been a few incidents where pirates let off hijacked vessels and crew after siphoning the cargo on-board cargo without demanding a ransom. DGS officials had been in contact with the Indian mission in Nigeria, which was coordinating rescue efforts with local agencies. The Marine Express went missing less than a month after another vessel, MT Barret, disappeared off the coast of Benin in January, and was later confirmed to have been hijacked. The 22 crew members of MT Barret, most of whom were Indians, were reportedly released after a ransom was paid.

Class I Delhi boy kidnapped on Republic Day eve rescued from Ghaziabad; one suspect killed

PTI New Delhi, Feb. 6: A five-year-old, Class I boy was rescued by a Crime Branch team on Tuesday morning after an encounter with the kidnappers in Ghaziabad. The Delhi boy was kidnapped last month from a school bus in Delhi on Republic Day eve. He was rescued in the early hours after a Crime Branch team received a tip-off and laid a trap in a residential area on the Loni border. The news was confirmed by a Crime Branch official who also revealed that one suspected

kidnapper, identified as Ravi, was killed in the shoot-out while his associate Pankaj suffered injuries to his leg. The third, Nitin, was arrested. No police personnel was hurt, he said. According to the police, the kidnappers opened fire which led to the retaliatory firing, leaving two abductors injured. While Ravi succumbed to his injuries, Pankaj had to be admitted to GTB Hospital. The kidnappers had reportedly rented a flat in Ghaziabad where they kept the

boy. Police intercepted a man supplying them information and learnt about the hideout. They laid a trap near Loni border but one of the kidnappers opened fire after spotting the police. Even though one policeman was hit by a bullet, there was no casualty as he was wearing a bulletproof jacket. The boy was later handed over to his parents who were delighted with the news. The kidnapping took place on January 25 from a school bus near the GTB Enclave in Shahdara by

two bike-borne persons who had also shot and injured the driver when he tried to stop them. The incident was reported by a woman attendant inside the school van. The accused had also demanded a ransom from the boy's father, the official said. The case was later transferred to the Crime Branch from the local police by the Commissioner after they failed to rescue the child. The kidnappers had reportedly demanded a ransom of Rs 70 lakh from the family.

Trump fires starting gun on 2018 elections

CNNI, Feb. 6: It was easy to miss amid a 1,000-point stock market plunge, but President Donald Trump just launched his 2018 midterm election campaign. For once, Trump was doing what presidents normally do Monday, traveling to an electoral bellwether state, Ohio, to drum home themes of an economic renaissance laid out in his State of the Union address last week. But Trump being Trump, there were also bewildering asides, withering off-script take downs of Democrats - including calling them "treasonous" for not cheering last week's speech - and the bragadocio with his tongue slightly in his cheek that made his 2016

campaign rallies compelling viewing. And thanks to his characteristic habit of acting as a third party analyst of his own presidency, there were also signs that Trump is seriously worried about his prospects in November, and even in 2020. But Trump did deliver on the point of his trip, reeling off a targeted and effective electoral argument, claiming credit for healthy job growth, fattening wages following the passage of tax reform and claiming a rebirth of American manufacturing. "Your paychecks are going up. Your taxes are going way down. And right now for the first time in a

long time, and you've seen it, factories are coming back," Trump told his crowd in a suburb of Cincinnati. "It's amazing what we have done together ... this has been an incredible journey," the President said, touting other promises kept, including the opening of Alaskan tundra to oil drilling and ending the Obamacare mandate. Trump punctuated his speech by welcoming supporters to the stage for them to give glowing testimony about how the tax cut had changed their lives. The event might not have given a full picture of how the measure's benefits are disproportionately enjoyed by the wealthy. But as a

political message it helped Trump make progress on a crucial assignment - selling the tax cut as a bonanza to the Middle Class and a winner for businesses that create jobs that will leave the whole country better off. "When our workers win, who really wins? Our country wins, because we are all in this together. We're one team, one people and one family," Trump said. A Monmouth poll published last week suggested that the President's sales effort might be beginning to work. Some 44% of those asked approved of the new law, a big jump from the 26% who backed it in December.

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