

Premi's Short story "Manipuri Women through the century" and her Silhouette memoir life the "The Mystery of nine"

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Nunglekpan Premi's Short story "Manipuri Women through the century" and her Silhouette memoir life the "The Mystery of nine" were published today by the speaker of the Manipur Legislative at Manipur Press Club today. Prof. IS Khaidem presided over the function, while Principal of Imphal College Moirangthem Priyobrata Singh and Editor of Poknapham Daily A Robindro attended as guest of honour. Dr. Homen Thangjam, faculty of Political Science review the two book published today. Speaking on the occasion Speaker Yunnam Khemchand appreciated the effort of the writer and said that he is fortunate enough to find some books which forecast the tradition and culture of Manipur and assured to put it at the Assembly library. Dr. Homen Thangjam while appreciating the writers attempt to highlight the culture and tradition of the Manipur said that he never expected a young feminist writer going deep to the cultural tradition of the region. Prof. IS Khaidem, drew the importance of highlighting Manipuri language like Phaneak which does not have meaning in the English as it is one way to highlight the pride of Manipuri Culture.



Six Of A Family Found Dead. Suicide Notes Mention Rs. 50 Lakh Debt

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Jharkhand, July 15,

Six members of a family were found dead at Hazaribagh in Jharkhand on Saturday. Reports suggest the family was sunk deep in debt. The police have started an investigation as two bodies were found hanging and two with their throats slit. A third person probably jumped from the roof of the apartment and a baby was allegedly poisoned say reports.

"Three suicide notes and a power of attorney have been found. It will be investigated. In one of the notes they have written that they pushed their son off the terrace as they couldn't hang him," the police

told news agency ANI. One of the suicide notes found said the family had a debt of Rs. 50 lakh and there was no way they could repay.

The six dead include two women and two children said the police. One of them has been identified as Naresh Maheswari. The others are his parents, wife and their two children said the police.

"We are investigating the case from both suicide and murder angles. A forensic team is collecting samples to find out the cause of the deaths," a senior police official told news agency IANS.

Earlier in July, five of a family including two babies were found in a critical condition at their home in Raigad, with

a half empty bottle of phenyl lying around. The three adults in the family allegedly tried to commit suicide said police sources. Police said the family tried to consume phenyl mixed with soft drinks. No suicide note was found and the police are yet to find out why the family allegedly tried to kill themselves.

The Delhi Police probing the shocking Burari deaths have confirmed that all 11 members of the Chundawat family died due to hanging. The last post-mortem report, which was submitted on July 12, said the 77-year-old head of the family, Narayan Devi also died due to hanging. Her body was found on the floor, while bodies of 10 other members of the family were found hanging on July 1.

Rajinikanth Supports 'One India, One Election' Proposal

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At a time when major political parties in Tamil Nadu are opposed to the Central government's proposal of 'One India, One Election', actor-turned-politician Rajinikanth on Sunday came out in support of it.

Speaking to reporters here, Rajinikanth said 'One India, One Election' is a good idea as it would save time and money of political parties.

He also said a decision on contesting in the general elections will be taken later. Rajinikanth had earlier said his party would contest in the next assembly elections. Queried about the proposed Chennai-Salem eight lane expressway, Rajinikanth said such projects would bring in industrial investments.

However, he said, the government should see that only minimum farm land is acquired for the project and the land owners are

compensated to the extent that they feel happy.

Asked about Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Amit Shah's statement that there is a lot of corruption in Tamil Nadu, Rajinikanth ducked the question and said: "It is Shah's views and the media should ask him."

According to Rajinikanth, the state government could bring in bigger projects. He also gave a good performance certificate to Tamil Nadu School Education Minister K.A. Sengottaiyan.

Behind Wave Of Fake Mob Killings, Worrying Role Of Local Media

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New Delhi, July 15,

A journalist in north Maharashtra who created a fake video. Local stringers in Jharkhand and Hyderabad who sent out alarmist messages. A 'lone wolf' in Assam who summoned a mob.

These are some of the individuals who may have been responsible for spreading fake rumours of child abduction that have killed over 30 people this year, an NDTV investigation has found.

Spread over four states, our reporters relied on police records and local accounts to piece together a profile of the instigators of the messages that triggered a series of mob attacks across India.

In at least three instances, in Maharashtra, Hyderabad and Jharkhand, the police have narrowed down on local media for manufacturing or amplifying dubious claims of child snatching.

In Dhule, north Maharashtra, five people were killed by a violent mob on July 1st. Amongst the reasons, the police claimed, was a video news report that went viral from a YouTube channel called MediaLive run by a local journalist called Rafeeq Sheikh.

The report said that burqa-clad men were out on the prowl to abduct children from a local mosque, creating panic.

Mr Sheikh claims the video was taken down within 10 minutes of it being put up. "My adversaries downloaded the video and made it go viral after I took it down," he claimed.

He told NDTV that he was only reporting an incident that occurred in his village. "A lady in my village told me that she saw two men in a burqa trying to kidnap a girl, but failed when she spotted them from the kitchen and raised an alarm", he said.

Police have denied any such incident.

Curiously, however, police have not taken action against him, letting him off after a questioning.

Five men were beaten to death by a mob in Maharashtra's Dhule after a rumour on social media went viral

Rafeeq Sheikh carried a report that burqa-clad men were out on the prowl to abduct children from a local mosque, creating panic.

The role of the media has also surfaced in Telangana, where a transgender was beaten to death and two others badly injured in a mob attack on May 27th in Hyderabad.

Police claim that amongst those who spread rumours of child abduction in the run up to the attack are two local journalists Subhan and Syed Saleem.

Subhan allegedly shared a post of a video on his Facebook page called 'Reporter Subhan', claiming that child lifters were on the prowl in Mahbubnagar, nearly 100 kilometers from Hyderabad. The post blamed the police for rescuing the abductors. The video in fact was of the police rescuing a group of men who were wrongly targeted as child abductors.

Among the 221 people who shared the post was Saleem, who allegedly has a track record of posting inflammatory messages on social media.

Both were arrested on charges of abetment to murder. "They heard rumours from other areas and spread it without understanding the consequences. The transgender was attacked because of them," said V.Satyanarayana, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South Zone, Hyderabad.

Subhan, however, claims he did nothing wrong, and that the police have been unduly harsh. In Jharkhand, which witnessed the first instance of such mob attacks in May last year, the role of the media has been called into question. In Assam, however, police investigations have revealed how old fashioned tools of communication, like phone

calls and word of mouth have triggered a mob attack.

For playing a role in spreading rumours that led to the murder of two men in June 8th in Assam's Karbi Aglong district, police have filed a case against a local man, Alfajoz Timung. On the evening of June 8th, the victims were finding their way to a waterfall when they encountered Timung.

According to the police, Timung claimed the victims were child abductors, and got into an altercation with them. A crowd gathered and began to pelt stones but the victims drove off.

7 people were killed in Jharkhand in May 2017 over suspicion of being child-lifters.

Timung then called ahead to a nearby village, and alerted them about the arrival of the two men, amplifying the story to allege that the car contained five child abductors, as well as abducted children. By the time the men reached the village, a crowd had gathered which beat them to death.

"Not only did he give false information, but also propagated it and took part in the lynching," Dr. G V Siva Prasad, Senior Superintendent of Police of Karbi angling district told NDTV. Timung was a school dropout but was an influential voice in the district as a member of the Karbi Student Union, say locals.

His relatives claim that he was only trying to warn people against child abductors. "Alfajoz has told us that he believed that they were really child lifters thus he alerted the villagers and the villagers had to check because these people exist," Timung's relative, Basanti Tehrnpi, said. She said the area was rife with rumours about child abduction in the run up to the deadly event.

Protests over action on cop in train death case

Agency
Tinsukia, July 15,

Police officers have protested against the suspension of Simaluguri police station officer-in-charge Ujjal Goswami over dereliction of duty in Tuesday's murder of a 20-year-old student on Dibrugarh-Rangia Express.

"Goswami immediately rushed to the spot and informed the Sivasagar superintendent of police. It is a GRP (Government Railway Police) case and he did as much as he could. He cannot stop the train for long without the order of higher officials," said his batchmate. Goswami said, "I received my suspension order on July 12. I did my duty to the best of my ability."

TSA condemns Moreh terror attack, demands stringent actions against perpetrators

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The Thadou Students' Association, General Headquarters (TSA-GHQ) condemns in the strongest term the premeditated savage terror attack at civilian residential houses at Gammom Veng, Ward Number 2, Moreh at 2 am on 13 July by unidentified heavily armed assailants, suspected to be a Kuki militant group. The assailants numbering about ten or more used sophisticated weapons including automatic rifles, lethod bombs and hand

grenades to attack several homes including that of Thongminlun Haokip, Thongmang Touthang, Phalneng and several others. Many properties in the homes were destroyed in the attack in which over 100 rounds of bullets were fired and lethod bombs and hand grenades lobbed into the houses. The attackers also assaulted Mr M Paokhogin Haokip, Lambu, ADC Moreh.

One of the family homes that came under severe attack was where Mr. Thongminlun Haokip, President of TSA Moreh block, his pregnant wife and two children both

below five years old live. They were all woken up from their sleep and petrified by the heavy firing and bombing. All the child victims of this terror attack have been heavily traumatized due to the impact of the attack. This is like an unprovoked war declared and fought by terrorists against innocent and helpless children and women. This mindless terror attack should be condemned by all right thinking citizens and organizations.

The unprovoked firing and bombing that woke up Moreh town while the rest of the country were asleep lasted for

more than 45 minutes, but the security forces, Assam Rifles and Manipur Police, stationed only half a kilometer away from the scene, went to the spot only after the firing and bombing had stopped. Why had not the security forces rushed to neutralize the assailants? Fortunately, despite the premeditated colossal attack to inflict maximum casualty and deaths, there was no serious casualty, but this could have caused deaths and heavy casualty to dozens of people including, children who were inside the houses that came under attack.

The armed militant group responsible for this horrible terror attack must clarify to the public why they carried out such devilish attack in the community. The government must also clarify why they continue to allow some armed group/s to continue their criminal, anti-social and terror activities to the detriment of peace and public safety, and not taken any effective preventative or deterrent measures.

For justice in the incident and for lasting peace and security in and around Moreh, the government authorities must take stringent punitive

actions against the perpetrators, immediately arrest all those involved in the attack and the masterminds and bring them to justice and also remove them permanently from Moreh and its surrounds. The government must provide necessary assistance to the affected anguished families, for the loss of properties in the attacked and also provide trauma support to them. Otherwise, TSA will be forced to launch intense agitations until these actions are effectively taken up and justice delivered in a timely manner.