

## Mizoram resolves to oppose Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016

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The Mizoram Assembly on Thursday unanimously resolved to oppose the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The resolution, adopted after a prolonged discussion, said the House wants to impress upon the Centre its unequivocal opposition to the proposed bill which seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955, to make illegal migrants eligible for Indian citizenship on the basis of religion.

Home minister R. Lalzirlana, who moved the resolution, said the bill was against the principle of secularism and, if enacted, would harm states such as Mizoram as it would invite influx from the neighbouring countries.

Mizoram faces the problem of influx of Chakma migrants from Bangladesh. The minister and other members of the Assembly said the bill, if passed, would harm the small state where a large number of Buddhist migrants from Bangladesh already live. The bill, which was introduced by home minister Rajnath Singh in Parliament in 2016, seeks to grant Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, who fled religious persecution and entered India

till December 31, 2014, after a stay of six years in the country. Chief minister Lal Thanhawla had earlier alleged that the bill was an attempt by the BJP-led Centre to grant citizenship to Hindus only. He had alleged that the Centre had no intention of according citizenship to Christians or any other religious minorities.

All Mizoram NGOs, including the influential Young Mizo Association, and political parties like People's Representation for Identity and Status of Mizoram (PRISM) have strongly opposed the bill, saying it would change the demography of the state. Apart from Congress-ruled Mizoram, the NPP-ruled Meghalaya government, which has the BJP as an ally, had also decided to oppose the bill in May this year.

The bill has evoked strong resentment in BJP-ruled Assam, especially in the Brahmaputra Valley. Dispur, however, has not spelt out its stand yet other than saying that it would not take any decision against the interests of the state and its people.

A protest against the bill was held in the entire Northeast on May 21 by various student bodies, under the aegis of the North East Students' Organisation (Neso). They demanded the immediate withdrawal of the bill.

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In a resolution adopted by its National Executive Council (NEC) meeting, Popular Front of India observed that four years of BJP government headed by Narendra Modi was a failure in economic and developmental fronts and having none of the promises made to people, redeemed, left the country's economy in ruins. It is no secret that economic measures like demonetization and GST destroyed the livelihood of millions of poor Indians. The price of fuel and all essential commodities are going up day by day, further hardening the life of ordinary citizens. The rate of employment and incidents of corruption have increased. There is a serious allegation that a bank controlled by BJP president Amith Shah exchanged currency worth ₹ 745.58 crore within five days of declaration of demonetization. Unable to answer the questions regarding administrative and economic failures of the government, BJP is now trying to divert people's

attention by creating communal polarization which is the only option for them to face 2019 Lok Sabha election. For India to thrive and prosper as a secular democratic nation with equality and social justice, it is essential that these forces are kept out of power. Only when the secular forces in the country set aside their differences for the greater good of the country and come up with a united strategy in the upcoming elections, the country can be saved from this anti-people and communal government.

**Stop poor terrorist attacks on minorities**  
Another resolution passed by the meeting of National Executive Council (NEC) of Popular Front of India stated that central and state governments have failed in providing basic right to security of life to Muslim community against the communally frenzied mobs inspired by the propaganda of cow terrorism. Even after the culprits were punished by the court in a lynching incident in Jharkhand state, repeated occurrences of mob lynching at various parts of the country show that hooliganism in the name of

cow protection is still on the rise. A situation has been created that at anytime a mob might take a Muslim's life in broad daylight and can freely get away with it. The latest images coming from Uttar Pradesh show that state police would only help the mob instead of saving the life of victims. Within a fortnight three different incidents took place in Assam, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. The meeting urged the Prime Minister to stop hollow rhetoric and act upon his party chief ministers in states like UP, Jharkhand and Assam.

**Condemns use of repressive laws to suppress political dissent**  
In another resolution the NEC meeting of Popular Front of India expressed deep concern over the liberal use of repressive laws like UAPA and NSA against civil rights activists, intellectuals and political opponents. In the past human Rights activists

across the country has warned on numerous times that existence of such repressive laws gives way for the denial of fundamental rights and that there is a high possibility for them to be misused by those in power to suppress voices of dissent. Yet that is exactly what is happening in the country now. The arrests of five activists from Maharashtra, linking them with Bhima Koregaon violence is the latest example of this menacing trend. After the arrests, police came up with contradictory stories and imposed provisions of UAPA upon them. All of them are known for their involvement in democratic struggle and their strong stand against state violence against deprived sections of the society. It is to be noted that those who created violence on the day of Bhima Koregaon commemoration and those who were caught in the video while firing at the Dalit protesters on the

day of Bharath Bandh have not yet been arrested. Bhim Army leader Chandrashekhar Azad has been incarcerated for long without any acceptable reason and he is charged with NSA. Arbitrary arrests and indiscriminate imposition of Sedition charges are also frequent in the case of Tutukudi protesters in Tamil Nadu. The meeting opined that this worst situation of severe rights violations and misuse of state power call for vibrant civil rights movement across the country.

Chairman E Abubacker presided over the meeting which was attended by Vice Chairman OMA Salam, General Secretary M Muhammed Ali Jinnah and members K M Shareef, A S Ismail, Ashraf Baqavi, M Abdussamad, A Sayeed, M Mohd Ismail, Mohd Saqib, P N Roshan, Ya Moideen, Adv. Muhammed Yusuf, and EM Abdul Rahiman.

## BJP involved in power scam in Arunachal Pradesh, says APCC chief

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Accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government of committing one after another scam unchecked, APCC president Takam Sanjoy alleged that another such scam is in offing and would surface soon. Navayuga Engineering, operator of Krishnapatnam Port, along with Sikkim Power Investment Corporation (SPIC) have submitted binding bids for 15,000-crore planned hydro power project in Arunachal Pradesh that is undergoing insolvency proceedings, Sanjoy told in an exclusive interview here quoting report of a national daily. The former MP further claimed that "1,750-mw project awarded by the GoAP to Athena Energy Ventures (AEV) on a 40-year concession has been stalled due to incomplete forest clearances and insufficient funds, he claimed. The AEV owes Rs 550 crore to Indian Bank and Corporation Bank as working capital dues that the lenders were unable to recover from the former.

"Navayuga's bid is pegged at Rs 300 crore, sources directly briefed on the matter said adding the SPIC, the first state-run organisation to take part in bidding for a bankrupt company, has offered a little over Rs 250 crore, these sources said. "Though Navayuga's bid is said to be higher, the committee of creditors has disqualified its bid on the grounds that it violates provisions of Section 29 A of insolvency and bankruptcy code which

disallows people connected to defaulting promoters/companies from bidding for the stressed assets. However, the port operator has challenged the decision at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). AEV's promoters include a consortium of state-run Power Trading Corporation, IDFC and A Sitaram Raju, according to its website while Karvy Group's M S Ramakrishna is a director. Allahabad High Court, in a ruling on May 31 last, had directed Union Finance Ministry to meet with stakeholders to identify a solution for stressed power companies that were not 'willful defaulters'.

The HC's directive was in response to a petition by Independent Power Producers Association of India that sought relief from a February 12 RBI circular that provides a short, six-month window for banks to address defaulting companies before pushing them into insolvency proceedings. The power producers' body has claimed a number of projects would go into liquidation if they were pushed into the insolvency route and sought Govt intervention to identify a solution, he further claimed. "There is a need to create alternate structures to rescue power projects that have off take agreements for less than 50% of their capacity", said KPMG's head of resolutions and restructuring Manish Aggarwal. Overall lenders will need to accept the new reality of huge debt cuts", he said, and wondered how long the state BJP Govt could befool the people.

## Relationships

### Sometimes Anger Is a Good Thing

When negative emotions help us solve relationship problems.

By Amie M. Gordon, Ph.D.



Most of your conflicts will be more constructive and pleasant if you can stay positive and focus on being a responsive listener. But sometimes being nice gets you nowhere. When your partner has a behavior you really need them to change and they just won't listen, it may be time to get tough. Researchers have actually found that when people face major issues, such as when one partner wants the other to quit smoking but they are resistant, anger can be a productive emotion. Why? Because your anger helps you express your feelings to your partner and makes it clear that there are consequences if the behavior doesn't change. Best of all, it motivates your partner to actually change their behavior. When the "it would be nice if you..." and the "I don't like it when..." comments just aren't cutting it anymore. When your partner has tuned you out and isn't taking you seriously and you feel frustrated. When your partner really means to change but just isn't motivated enough without clear consequences. These are the moments when anger can step in and help change happen. In one study, couples came into the lab and partners took turns telling each other an aspect of their partner they wanted to change or improve. Right after, people reported the conversation was more successful when the person wanting change was understanding and responsive. But over time this strategy failed, with their partners not actually changing their behaviors. However, those people who were more explicit and direct, those people who made it clear that there

would be consequences if the behavior continued—regardless of whether those people were nice or angry—they thought initially that the conversation wasn't very successful. But then, over time their partners actually started to change their behavior. And down the road, the people who were angry and direct about the need for their partner to change their behavior were more satisfied, because their partner actually did change their behavior. This was particularly true if the behavior was a serious issue in the relationship. What this study and others like it tell us is that when you are facing serious problems, staying positive or making light of the problems in your relationship can actually backfire and problems can become worse over time. Instead, a little anger and direct communication may be what is needed to clarify the issues and encourage change. Anger is not the same as hostility, though. Being angry doesn't give you license to be mean. You can still complain without criticizing or getting contemptuous (see this post on why criticism and contempt are so bad). You need to use your anger wisely. Recognize that your anger means that this issue is important to you. Then identify what it is exactly that is making you angry. Get to the bottom line. When you've figured it out, be very clear about what is bothering you and what will happen if the behavior does not change. (Courtesy- Psychologu today)

## How Green Was My Valley for GPC screening



By our Correspondent  
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The celluloid version of Richard Llewellyn's matchless literary creation 'How Green Was My Valley' will be screened at Guwahati Press Club on Saturday (30 June) by 5 pm. Directed by John Ford, the 1941 black & white film has music by Alfred Newman and cinematography by Arthur C Miller. Edited by James B Clark, the movie has

casts including Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Anna Lee, Donald Crisp, Roddy McDowall, Sara Allgood etc. The screening will be a tribute to Professor Abul Lais, who had passed away on 16 June at his ancestral home at Machkhowa locality of Guwahati. The well-known educationist translated a number of international classics into Assamese including Llewellyn's How Green Was My Valley.

## Swagat Hospital to conduct media OPD clinic

By our Correspondent  
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City based Swagat Hospital will conduct the next weekly OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club on 30 June. The Saturday camp will start at 3 pm and continue till 5 pm. Organized for the benefit of press club members along with their dependants, the health camp will facilitate the participants with free consultations from the physicians (medicine and ENT) and also the opportunity

to check their eight, blood sugar & pressure. Till date, the GPC camp has been supported by Down Town Hospitals, GNRC Hospitals, Apollo Hospitals, SIMS Hospital, Medanta Hospital, Manipal Hospital, Fortis Hospital, Dispur Hospital, GATE Hospital, Ayursundra Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, Health City Hospital, Narayana Hospitals, Barthakur Clinic, Sun Valley Hospital, Rahman Hospital etc.