

# Editorial

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## Of harassment at Imphal-Moreh Route

The other day Convenor of the Act East Policy, Govt. of Manipur, RK Sivachandra expressed serious concern over the harassment to Myanmar's tourists by detaining them in the name of checking their documents at 3 / 4 check post by Assam Rifles personnel while travelling from Moreh to Imphal. During a discussion hour at local cable TV the convenor appointed by the state government for the successful implementation of the Act East Policy Mr. RK Sivachandra said that frequent checking to the foreign tourist particularly those travelling on land route.

Frequent detention of Myanmar citizens travelling inside Manipur along Imphal Moreh road in the name of verification of pass port has become an issue to the Narendra Modi govt. ambitious Act East Policy.

During a meeting of Indian delegates and Myanmar delegates held at Tamu DC office of Myanmar on October 21 this year, President of the Myanmar India Trade Chamber of Commerce (Tamu- Kalay- Kalewa), U Hla Maung while putting up the issue questioned the Indian delegates on how the good relations between the two countries could be established if legal Myanmar citizen who travel via road are harassed and detained even after showing their passport by the Assam Rifles personnel. The Myanmar Trade body's president also stated that when Indian entered Myanmar they were checked at only one point and are let free without any disturbances. But when Myanmar citizen entered India, they are checked at ICT and then at Moreh Gate No.1 by the Assam Rifles. This is not the end, the Myanmar citizen who were already checked at two check post were again checked at Khudenthabi and then at Tengnoupal. While checking, around 2/3 hours are being wasted in the name verification and checking, U Hla Maung said.

Such is the scene happening along the dream route which is a gateway to the Southeast Asia Now the inconveniences being faced by the Myanmar tourist while coming all the way from Moreh Imphal has reached to the ear of the Chief Minister and it is fortunate that the Chief Minister take the matter seriously.

While delivering speech as the chief guest of the National Press day Function organised by the DIPR, he expressed serious concern about the Assam Rifles Check post along the route. He even convened a meeting AR authority and other security forces and discussed about the matter and appealed them to reduce the checkpost as well as to show courtesy to foreign delegates entering the country through the route.

Well any civilian who travelled along the Imphal Moreh route knows how the Assam Rifles personnel are checking the travelers. Those who were already completed checking were forced to walk by foot for crossing the check post. Myanmar tourist having some similar looks with the Manipuris faced the same difficulties.

The concern of the Chief Minister to this issue, at the time when the government is on hectic preparation for hosting the state largest tourism festival - 'The Sangai festival' is well and good. But why one wander why he have to request the Assam Rifles to stop harassing the people as well as the foreign tourist instead of ordering to immediately stop such checking as the checking has already been done at Integrated Check Post. It is often stated that the Assam Rifles or other paramilitary forces are assigned here in the state to assist the state government and if it is so why the state government cannot give direct order to stop harassing the traveler - whether it may be the people of the state or the foreign tourists. The act of the Assam Rifles along this route (Imphal - Moreh) is also another hindrance that could sabotage the dream of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is time that the state government order instead of requesting for making the people of the state and those visiting the state from outside the state happy and comfortable.

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## "WHO WILL ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS ?"

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It is very sad and painful to see and testify the standard as well as quality of majority of our students these days. Being in the profession of teaching I started asking myself ,what went wrong with our young people in the field of quality Education, in spite of tireless toil of parents, students organizations to bring quality Education? It's widely known that parents runs here and there for their children's tuition from dawn to dusk in addition to what school teachers taught in their respective schools in the hope that the quality and standard of their wards might be enhanced but majority of parents if I am not mistaken disheartened so badly that some of them even started taking BP controlling tablets. The pass percentage of HSLC Examination conducted by BOSEM is soaring up as per record with many of our students passed with letter marks in Mathematics. Seeing this I am so happy that our youths are very good in Mathematics. But when the result of HSSLC Examination result

conducted by COHSEM is declared the result is just reversed. The pass percentage in Mathematics subject is below 50% and that too majority of students passed in Mathematics just obtained 33%. A big question is why? How these boys and girls who scored good marks in Mathematics in HSLC are getting very low marks and even fail in Mathematics in HSSLC Examination? Is it due to the deficiency of Mathematics teachers in teaching Mathematics? Is it due to parent's desire (not by the students) opting their children to go for Medical line, resulting their aptitude in Mathematics have been nipped in the bud? Due to this mass failure or declining the aptitude in Mathematics at this stage of Education might cause a big vacuum in the field of Mathematics studies in Manipur. I presume rather sufficient number of

Mathematics teachers may not be available in Manipur in the time to come.

Besides this, it is also generally observed that the aptitude of learning or study among our people of young age has declined drastically. Is it due to globalization in this era of ITEs? Is it due to unemployment problem after tooth and nail efforts for a better career and future? Is it due to the malpractices or irregularities in Board examination and State service commission's Examination? Recently local news papers reported that one student who stood fourth position in HSLC examination conducted by BOSEM was given eight (08) marks less, if she were given that eight (08) marks she would have been First Position as her total of 569+08=577 but the First position holders scored 573 marks in total. Not only this, one student who

could have been in first twenty-five rank was given ten (10) marks less. Again one of the leading local news Paper's headline on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 also reported many malpractices and irregularities in the MCSCCE 2016, conducted by MPSC in which the mark of one candidate who scored 129 in Geography paper-II was entered as 32. Not only this many answer scripts (523 out of 5764) were not signed by the examiners as well as by the superintendent. Similarly in HSSLC Examination conducted by COHSEM also, many students increased their total marks after rechecking. Does such malpractices and irregularities in such important examinations responsible in losing the hopes and aspirations of lakhs of our youths? Is it due to such favoritisms, nepotisms that the hopes of lakhs of our youths may become in vain which in turn makes our youths, assets of no use? But who is the right person to answer these countless questions of our youths?

## Young and confident Manisha makes her debut as veteran Sarita wants to make re-entry memorable

New Delhi, Nov. 16,

Twenty-one year old Manisha Moun, who is making her debut in the ongoing AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships at the KD Jhadav Hall here, was confident of a positive start against the 36-year-old Christina Cruz of the US in the preliminary round of 54 kg class. The Haryana boxer, who won a silver medal after defeating former European champion Viktorika Kuleshova in the semifinals of Silesian Championships in Poland in September, said she was ready for the D-Day. "The exposure I got in Poland was great. I have prepared well and, with the home crowd support, would hope to do well," said.

But she did admit that the worlds would be a different kettle of fish and she has gathered information on rival boxers from her teammates, especially from veterans Mary Kom and Sarita Devi, who have given vital tips to handle tough situations during the bout.

But the New York pugilist is a wily boxer and has to her credit several international honours, including being the continental champion, also the twice bronze medal winner

at the 2012 and 2016 world championships.

But Manisha, who is tactically good with a solid defence, hopes the tips she got from the seniors will come in handy against the American. However, Christina will use her experience against the Indian.

Veteran Sarita Devi, a multiple medal winner, who made her World Championships debut in Scranton in 2001, was too happy to be taking to the rings at home after 12 years. When she competed last time at New Delhi in 2006, she won a gold medal and later followed it up with a bronze in 2008 at Ningbo City in China.

But the 36-year-old Manipuri pugilist, who takes on Diana Sandra Brugger of Switzerland in lightweight (60 kg) category, was as enthusiastic as she would have been during the first Worlds. Diana, in her first-round bout, defeated Hasanah Huswatun from Indonesia 54-18. She has been competing in world championships since 2008 but can't match the guile and experience of the Manipuri. She was selected into the squad after her performance in the Indian Open and Silesian women's event in Poland.

"I was happy to be back and

competing at home after 12 years. I will definitely make the best use of it and win a medal for the country," said the Manipuri.

On the first day of the championships, the preliminary rounds began in three categories - Fly (51), Feather (57) and Light (60) - with favourites winning their bouts rather easily. However, the bout between Staridsman Anja of Australia and Cordero Hernandez of Colombia in lightweight category turned out to be the best, fetching a

split verdict (3:2) in favour of the Aussie.

In the first round, the CWG gold winner Aussie got 10 points each from three judges while in the second she just about managed from two of the five judges. However, what made the difference was the third round when she unleashed a combination punches and a couple of straights which helped the 31-year-old claim to progress to the second round as she got full points from four judges.

### RESULTS

#### Ring 1

Kernachan Stephanie (SCO) bt Jang Euna (KOR)- 4:1  
Fuchs Virginia (USA) bt KOB Tetiana (UKR)- 5:00  
Pang Chol Mi (PRK) bt Benny Tasmyin (NZL)- 5:00  
Ichshanova Nazym (KAZ) bt Islam Mst Onita (BAN)- 5:00  
Andrew Amy (NZL) bt Khelif Hadjila (ALG)- 5:00  
Kholodkova Marianna (UKR) bt Watanabe Ayane (JPN)- 2:40  
Sartakova Saniia (RUS) bt Mestianina (ARG)- 4:1

#### Ring 2

Mancini Delphine (FRA) bt Lescourt Clara (FRA)- 5:00  
Jones Ebonie Alice Lillie (ENG) bt Azizah Ainun (INA)- 5:00  
Toujani Doaa (MAR) bt Ali Ramla (SOM)- 3:2  
Perijoc Lacramioara (ROU) bt Mirzaeva Yodgoroy (UZB)- 5:00  
Scotney Ellie (ENG) bt Lin Su-Ting (TPE)- 5:00  
Beterian Jemyma (NED) bt Tumurkhyag Bolortuul (MGL)- 4:1  
Bruevich Helina (BLR) bt Sakobi Matshu Marcelat (COD)- 5:0

## Countdown to Manipur Polo International 2018

By- Wahengbam Tiken

The highest goal scorer (14 goals) of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Polo International 2017, P Ojit, will once again be representing India B (Manipur) in this year's edition of this prestigious tournament. P Ojit, 35 years, from Tentha, is also the son of a very renowned polo player late P Manaboi who played for the Veterinary team. As with many other polo players Ojit also started riding from a very young age of 5 years and with father Manaboi's training, began playing polo at the age of 15 years. Ojit was also a very keen footballer but his real love has remained polo. Unlike his other two teammates, Pradeepkumar and Bimol, he is yet to get any government job and sustains himself through farming in a small piece of land.

Ojit started by playing Pana Polo in Wangjing and in 1997 he began playing in state-level polo tournament with Tentha Polo Club. He was part of the N Hazari tournament winning Tekham Polo Club in 2002 and 2003. Ojit also went to Drass with the Manipur team to take part in the polo tournament there but unfortunately had to come back because of landslide.

Just before the trial for the Manipur team selection to play in the Manipur Polo International, 2012, Ojit's father P Manaboi passed away and never saw his son play for the Manipur team, a fact that still rankles Ojit. But getting to play for the state, Ojit feels, is repayment for everything his father has done for him and is very happy about it. Like Bimol, P Ojit has represented the state in every

editions of the Manipur Polo International Tournament since 2012 till date.

Ojit would like the government to encourage and take care of the polo players as most of them come from economically disadvantaged section of the society. And to save the ever dwindling Manipuri Ponies, he requested the government to create a grazing ground in each of the valley

districts of the state.

Exuding a quiet confidence P Ojit said he is in best of shape both physically and mentally to take on the challenge of defending the trophy along with his teammates. Also as the team starts practicing together, Ojit felt the players are developing good understanding which will come in handy when they come up against tough opposition.

## Sensex jumps over 150 pts on funds inflow, global cues

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Domestic equities opened on a firm note Friday as the benchmark BSE Sensex surged over 150 points on the back of continued foreign fund inflow and appreciating rupee.

Positive leads from the US markets on optimism that the US and China may resolve their trade dispute, and a mixed trend at other Asian bourses too influenced sentiments here. The 30-share index spurted 159.17 points, or 0.45 per cent, to 35,419.71 points with sectoral indices, led by

healthcare, auto, FMCG, capital goods and banking, rising up to 1.03 per cent.

The barometer had gained 118.55 points Thursday. The NSE Nifty was trading 41 points, or 0.39 per cent, higher at 10,657.70. Prominent gainers include Sun Pharma, Axis Bank, Asian Paint, RIL, M&M, Hero MotoCorp, TCS, HDFC Bank, Maruti Suzuki, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, Tata Motors, Bajaj Auto, NTPC and Bharti Airtel, gaining up to 1.37 per cent.

On the other hand, continuing its fall, Yes Bank was the biggest loser, dropping up to 6 per cent.

ONGC, Infosys, Tata Steel, Vedanta and Adani Ports too fell up to 3 per cent. Meanwhile, the rupee was trading higher by 10 paise at 71.87 against the American currency in early deals Friday.

There was continued buying by foreign funds for the second straight day Thursday.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) accumulated shares worth a net of Rs 2,043.06 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares worth Rs 165.31 crore Thursday, provisional data showed.