

Recap on victimizing only the Women and Children in our Society

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As we all know that a DJ Event was organized by some people to enjoy the Holy Festival at Utluu which is actually no were connected with old traditional Yaoshang Festival of Manipuri People. However, unfortunately the event was obstructed and banned by the meira paibi of the locality on the charge that all the events participants both men and women were dancing in an unwanted manner like dancing very closely to one another and many other reasons which have been shared like a wild fire by the active social media users and the followers thereafter. I can't give my opinion either the meira paibi or the people involved in the event are right. No one can find the real truth till date instead the social media trial still prevails

which gives a negative traumatic situation to the young boys and girls who have not experienced such situation. There could be different opinions, as a result there could also be various truth. But I feel sad for those women folk who were paraded in front of all the people by imposing the blame upon those women and girl as if they have committed heinous crime which is against the rule of law. As to recall slightly about the very day incident that men folk were also involved in it then why they were not part of the parade taken out by the self-proclaimed law enforcing people? Is it a reason that men can do anything following the deeply rooted patriarchal norms, therefore, need to be exclude and protected? If yes it would be a very sad reality. Why the women folks are made only the target in our society is in need to be diagnosed with several

round of debate and consultation with various stakeholders? Why doesn't one tried to teach a lesson to both men and women instead of targeting only the women? Is our society here to give the blame to women only? But why? Why not men? Men also were part of the event which means they also involved in doing unwanted activities then why only the women were the target by subsidising the men. If it is so to subsidise the men from committing any unwanted or unlawful or antisocial things than there is nothing surprise about the increasing trend of rape and murder of women and girl in the state as it clearly indicates that the men are being protected from commissioning any heinous crime but to victimize the women and girl in which our society seems to permit to do the same.

Nagaland 37 members of BJP quit party ahead of LS polls

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In a major setback to the BJP on the eve of the Lok Sabha election, 37 members, including its four state executives and five Zunheboto district unit leaders, resigned from primary membership of the party with immediate effect.

In a letter to BJP State president Temjen Imna Along Longkumer, the members explained that they were tendering their resignation as they could not agree with the party's principles and philosophy in general, particularly its 'Hindutva policy', besides with the party's State leadership led by him and the conduct and functioning of organising secretary Anantha Mishra, which was highly objectionable and abominable.

The members also listed six specific reasons for their resignation, including their disenchantment with the delay in reaching a final agreement on the Naga political issue, despite signing of the Framework Agreement in 2015 and holding of negotiations umpteen number of times with the Naga National political groups by the NDA government. They said the Naga people were extremely disappointed.

Mentioning that they believed that India is a great democracy and is based on sound principles of equality, secularism, freedom of expression and opportunities, the members said they were, however, saddened that the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) was passed in Lok Sabha and taken up in Rajya Sabha despite opposition by the people of the Northeast, including Nagaland.

Though the Bill was not introduced in the recent session of Rajya Sabha and therefore was not a law yet, they pointed out that BJP national president Amit Shah had announced in Assam in February 2019 that it would be a part of the party's manifesto.

If CAB is passed and becomes an Act, it will have tremendous effect and change the demography of the State and the region, they cautioned.

"As political leaders in the State, we have no choice but to remain with the people, hence we cannot remain a part of the party that has no respect for minority communities in the country, particularly the Northeast," the members reasoned.

They alleged that democracy was at stake in the country as there is no respect for citizens, especially religious and other minority communities. In fact, a cow is safer than a citizen from a minority

community in the country today, they added.

The letter said "Northeast is burning because of the Citizenship Amendment Bill. Constitutional provision such as Article 370 is proposed to be scrapped and Article 371(A) may be next."

Pointing out that the party's constitution provides that 75% office bearers and executive members should be senior members, the members alleged that this has been completely violated by the present president and his team, adding that 90% senior members are not given any assignments.

In fact, the letter said many office bearers and executive members are not even aware whether they are even primary members, not to talk of active members. It said there are many members, who had left the party before the last Assembly elections to either contest or support other parties, but are still office bearers. Loyal members have no place in the party, it alleged. The letter alleged that the principle of one man one post was not being followed as the State president is also a cabinet minister, for which he is unable to give adequate time for the party.

Pointing out that there has been no meeting of the party to discuss any important issue pertaining to functioning or betterment of the party, the members said no party meeting was held after the Assembly elections in 2018 even to felicitate the elected members or take stock of the party's position or discuss with the candidates who had lost the elections.

The letter claimed that there is a serious disconnect between the party resident and office bearers and loyal party workers, including senior leaders, because of whom BJP could return with two digit figure for the first time in the Assembly.

Stating that the immoral activities of Mishra had been highlighted in local media and in social media time and again, the members said the cases of cheating, forgery and embezzlement by the State president

had made the rank and file of Nagaland BJP hang their heads in shame. The loyal workers have no confidence to go to the electorate before the Lok Sabha polls, they added.

They declared that they agreed entirely with the writers and artists (published in local dailies on April 2) as well as the farmers on the principle "live and let live". They said democracy in India is at stake, particularly due to the hate politics of BJP.

Stating that members of the minority communities are feeling extremely threatened, the members claimed that lynching in the name of gau raksha had become common, along with burning of churches in various parts of the country and the likelihood of the passage of Anti-conversion Bill. The people of Northeast are in the danger of losing their identity and uniqueness because of CAB, they added.

According to the members, economy too was in doldrums as unemployment has become a matter of very serious concern. "We cannot continue to be a party to this serious anti-people policy and governance. In fact, it is our belief that the strength of India lies in unity in diversity," they explained.

The members thanked all their colleagues in the State BJP and their friends for their coordinated effort as a team in bringing the party thus far. They also urged all their friends to make an informed choice.

State executive member and former chairman of State BJP's Finance and Development Committee HK Khulu, State executive members Dr Kuhoi Zhimomi, Anito Khulu and Zandi Dmota, Zunheboto BJP unit general secretary Vitoli Chophy, Zunheboto BJP unit secretary Oto Shikhu, Zunheboto BJP unit BJYM general secretary Ivuka Z. Zunheboto BJP unit secretary Hutosh Chophi, Zunheboto BJP unit media cell convener Ikiho Yeptho and Zunheboto BJP unit minority cell secretary Nokheto were among the 37 members who had quit the party.

Withdrawal of candidature ends today

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Today is the last day for withdrawal of candidature for the third phase of Lok Sabha election. 115 constituencies spread over 14 States and Union Territories will go to polls in this phase on the 23rd of April.

All parliamentary constituencies of

Gujarat, Goa, Kerala, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu will go to polls in the third phase. Besides this, voting in this phase will also take place for 14 seats each in Maharashtra and Karnataka, ten in Uttar Pradesh, seven in Chhattisgarh, six in Odisha, five each in Bihar and West Bengal, four in Assam, and one seat in Jammu and Kashmir.

RIMS observed world health day and swachhta pakhwada



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The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal observed World Health Day and Swachhta Pakhwada at Kameng, Imphal West today under the supervision of Medical Superintendent Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh. The

program was held in collaboration with Kameng Maning Leikai Club, Kameng as part of Swachhta Pakhwada being observed from 1st to 15th April 2019 in the institute as per guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, government of India. During the Swachhta Outreach Healthcare, an awareness cum

workshop cum healthcamp was also organized. Prof. Kh. Sulochana Devi, Department of Microbiology delivered talk on health and hygiene and infection control. RIMS Hospital Nursing Superintendent Smt. Sh. Lata spoke and demonstrated about hand washing technique. Around 385 soaps and free medicines were also distributed to the people who came for medical check up. The specialist doctors from Medicine, Surgery, Obst and Gynaecology, Dermatology, Paediatric, Orthopedic, Eye, ENT and Dentistry etc were participated in the program. A Mobile dental van with full equipments was also used for dental treatment. The nursing officials were also involved major roles in the patient care services. Principal, Dental College Prof. Praveen Reddy, senior faculty members, officials, nursing officials, staff and others were took part in the program.

IT raids Kamal Nath's close aides; recovers cash worth 14 cr rupees

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Income Tax Department has recovered undisclosed cash worth 14 crore rupees in raids against close aides of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath. Officials said raids were carried out at 52 locations, including in Delhi and Bhopal, on charges of tax evasion and hawala transactions. Nearly 200 officials from IT Department carried out the pan India raids against Kamal Nath's former OSD Pravin Kakkad, former adviser Rajendra Miglani

and others. Officials said, documents related to undisclosed transactions worth 281 crore rupees are being scrutinised and a number of them have been seized. The recovered cash figure continues to build up and more note counting machines are being arranged in Bhopal.

I-T sources informed that the raids are linked to the suspected movement of hawala money during the ongoing poll season and tax evasion. Locations in Indore and Bhopal belong to Nath's former Officer on Special Duty Pravin Kakkad and former adviser

Rajendra Miglani were raided. The properties linked to Ashwin Sharma, associated with Kakkad, in Bhopal's Platinum Plaza residency were also covered during the operation.

Officials said documents related to undisclosed transactions worth Rs 281 crore are being scrutinised and a number of them have been seized. Reacting to the raids, the Congress accused the BJP-led central government of targeting opposition leaders for political vendetta. While the BJP hit back saying thieves were now having a complaint against the watchman.

CBI seeks SC permission to arrest Rajeev Kumar in ponzi scams

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Supreme Court is likely to hear today a CBI plea seeking to recall the court's February 5 order staying the arrest of former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar to let the agency put him to custodial interrogation in connection with Saradha and

Rose Valley ponzi scams. In its plea, CBI said the recall of the order granting Kumar interim protection from the arrest was necessary to unravel the entire gamut of the larger conspiracy in the ponzi scam cases. The CBI also sought the court's directions to the West Bengal authorities to comply with the court's earlier orders in letter and

spirit and not to create any hurdle in the CBI probe or try to intimidate, harass and scare the agency officials probing the cases.

Rajeev Kumar was heading the Special Investigating Team (SIT) of West Bengal Police which probed the Chit Fund scams. The case was later handed over to the CBI.

India rejects preposterous Pak claim of India planning another strike

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India has rejected the statement by Pakistan Foreign Minister that it will attack Pakistan again and termed it as irresponsible and preposterous. In a statement, the External Affairs Ministry said, remarks of Pakistan is aimed at whipping up war hysteria in the region. The Ministry said this public gimmick appears to be a call to Pakistan-based terrorists to undertake a terror attack in India.

The Ministry added that it has been made clear to Pakistan that it cannot absolve itself of responsibility of a cross border terrorist attack in India. No attempt at creating an alibi for its complicity in such attacks will succeed.

Pakistan needs to take credible and irreversible steps against terrorism operating from all territories under its control rather than making hysterical statements to obfuscate the core issue.

The Ministry said, Pakistan has been

advised to use established diplomatic and DGMO channels to share any actionable and credible intelligence it has about imminent terror attacks. It also added that India reserves the right to respond firmly and decisively to any cross border terrorist attack.

BJP to release its manifesto today

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The BJP will release its manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party President Amit Shah will be present at the launch of the manifesto, described by the BJP as its Sankalp Patra.

A party statement said members of its parliamentary board will also be present on the occasion. BJP yesterday released the party's Sankalp Patra for Odisha in Bhubaneswar. BJP Chief Amit Shah and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan were present on the occasion.

EC asks enforcement agencies to be neutral during election period

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The Election Commission of India has advised all the enforcement agencies working under the administrative control of the Department of Revenue that their actions should be absolutely neutral, impartial and non-discriminatory. In a letter to Revenue Secretary, the

Commission said, in case of suspected use of illicit money for the electoral purpose, the Chief Electoral Officer should be kept informed during the period of model code of conduct. The Commission said the use of money power with the intention of influencing voter behaviour has over the period emerged as one of the biggest challenges for the conduct of free, fair and credible elections.