

Editorial

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

'The Alchemy of Protest'

The best of intents does nobody any good unless acted upon. The same goes for issues that needs resolved. Protests, demonstrations, marches, rallies and agitations provides a means of raising social and political issues and flaws that needs to be addressed in time. Protests have a remarkable emotional appeal - often morally persuasive and deeply moving. Yet they can also be disappointing, with the immediacy and vitality of the protest often challenged and sometimes marked by the reassertion of existing authority.

In an article reflecting on 'The Alchemy of Protest', Christian Caryl points out that the power of demonstrations lies in the overtly public nature of the challenge that they pose. On the same breadth, it must be understood that protests are not, and should not be considered the means to obtain or achieve the stated objective or goal. Protests create space for discussions and deliberations on the issues and objections raised by the participants. A more objective view of protests should be one where it is treated as a catalyst for the change and a point of initiation of public dialogues, discussions and negotiations.

The turmoil across the nation against the CAA is a serious issue, which the central government should understand. However, the protest against the idea of CAA is not similar across the nation. The protest seen here in North East State is different from those at other part of the country. The issue with the CAA with NE states is not about Hindus or Muslim, it is all about protecting the indigenous native people. We the citizen here in this part irrespective of what profession they hold should equally understand their responsibility as it is about the future of this region.

Well, as for the state of Manipur, after the enactment of ILP under the BEFR, the CAA has been exempted. But if certain part of the NE region are not exempted then the ILP will not be able to protect the state from illegal influx despite being exempted from CAA. We all know that there has been already many illegal migrants dissolved in the state of Manipur before CAA. In states like Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh where ILPS is enforced the outsiders numbers became a threat to the respective states. These outsiders do not seem to be from Indian states but mostly from neighbouring countries who entered with Indian mask. The entire NE needs to be united for the common cause of protecting the native people. And the NRC should be done in all the NE states by exempting the CAA.

Spear Corps Celebrates Vijay Diwas



IT News
Imphal Dec.17

Rangapahar Military Station celebrated 'Vijay Diwas' on 16 December to commemorate the India's historical victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war. On this day in 1971, the Commander of the Pakistani forces, Lieutenant General Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi, along with 93,000 troops, had surrendered unconditionally to the gallant Indian Armed forces and the victory led to the liberation of Bangladesh.

As part of these celebrations, a number of activities were organised. The day started with Lt Gen Rajeev Sirohi, AVSM, VSM, Officers and troops paying rich tributes at the war memorial for the Martyrs who laid down their lives during the war.

They further took a pledge to protect the country at all costs from external aggressions and internal threats. Special screening of a movie on the 1971 War was also organised in the Manekshaw auditorium for the Veterans, Civil dignitaries and Army personnel who witnessed the courage of the brave soldiers and their selfless sacrifices. The Veterans were then invited to recount their experiences of the war, whose stories of valour, courage and bravery against all odds were truly inspirational. GOC, Spear Corps, then felicitated the Veterans and expressed his gratitude for their contribution in India's 'Finest Hour'. The Veterans also interacted with the troops motivating them to make every sacrifice to keep the country safe.

Letters, Feedback and Suggestions to 'Imphal Times' can be sent to our e-mail : imphaltimes@gmail.com. For advertisement kindly contact: - 0385-2452159 (O). For time being readers can reach the office at Cell Phone No. 9862860745 for any purpose.

Citizenship Amendment act, 2019: a step towards Hindu Rashtra?

K Kaluto Chishi,
BA 2nd sem, political science
(hon)
Tetso college, dimapur
Nagaland.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 was brought as a Citizenship Amendment Bill for the purpose of amending the Citizenship Act of 1955 to make illegal migrants who are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, who entered India on or before 31 December 2014, eligible for Indian citizenship. It also seeks to relax the requirement of residence in India for citizenship by naturalisation from 11 years to 5 years for these migrants. Immediate beneficiaries of the Act, according to IB records, will be just over 30,000 people, but how far is it true when the local population of Nagaland and other neighbouring states have been surrounded by millions of Illegal Bangladeshi Immigrants? Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) that is now an Act; is perhaps another one of the contentious and controversial bill like GST, Demonetisation, Art. 370, Triple

Talaq and also the Uniform Civil Code (Which I am sure is kept hidden the pipeline). Considering the nature of Bill presented before the parliament by the present government clearly indicates its social and political agenda. On the fateful day of 11th of December, 2019 this Citizenship Amendment Bill was given FREE passage by the Rajyasabha. The Bill was passed amidst the sorrows, cries, protests in different parts of the northeast India. This is how I learned how democracy can be murdered. This demonic Act is nothing but a smart conspiracy to divide the citizens of India on religious grounds. It is in the sense of modern day that this Act propagates the two nation theory. The rise of Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 has a potential to destroy the very core foundation that the nation was built on i.e Equality, fraternity and secularism. It will have adverse impact on the demographics, social, cultural and economic life of the local indigenous of the North-eastern States. No state will be able to escape from the wrath of the Act. It will also strain the age long Hindu-Muslim relation and last but not the least it would also strain the bilateral

relations of India with the three aforementioned States Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh on the issue of an unsubstantiated allegations of Religious persecution taking place in their respective Countries, hence, a threat to the international image of India. Whilst Understanding that this is a Hindu Majority nation, we should also delve deeper in the history of modern India and understand that the great visionary leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru to name few who stood firm and strong on the principles of a free India that believed in emancipating the people from all social evils and who worked tirelessly for a united India. Sadly this is an era of Bhakts and not the era of ushering peace, prosperity and development that the founders of this great nation envisaged upon. Now we can understand why we say there's a flaw in "DEMOCRACY", now I know why Socrates hated Majoritarian Democracy. "Majority Always Wins" Is what we have learnt since our childhood and when it comes into effect in the political realms that's when we realise that this is a great threat to fragile unity of the nation. The BJP

under the wings of The RSS have done nothing great for the betterment of the common good. They hampered the country's economic growth, unemployment rates are ever increasing, high rise in the prices of goods and commodities, ever rising of crimes perpetrated against the Women, downtrodden communities, religious minorities and so on. Now in this dark hour the nation stands divided. Will BJP repeal this bill under the pressure of 'Public Mandate' that nulls the Constitutional values, BEFR 1873 and true spirit of Citizenship Act 1955 which never ever extended citizenship rights based on "Religion"? Or Will BJP Divide the Nation? Future is unknown, however this Act now will be challenged in the Supreme Court. What will be the mandate? I don't wish to think, however, as a human being and a citizen of free and secular India the constitution of which guarantees me the Right to Free Speech under Art. 19, I will keep on recording my dissent, I will keep on asking questions, in the interest of today and future of generations to come. KUKNALIM!

Maharashtra unlikely to implement CAB

By Raju Vernekar

While chief ministers of West Bengal, Kerala and Punjab have already expressed their opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) 2019, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has said that his Government will take a call only after Supreme Court delivers its verdict on the issue in response to a couple of petitions filed. Speaking to media in Nagpur where the winter session of the Maharashtra legislature is underway, Thackeray said that the constitutional validity of the CAB is yet to be verified and the clear picture will emerge only after SC directions. In a related development, some of the Congress MLAs from Maharashtra held a meeting with party Chief Sonia Gandhi last week and sought her intervention in the matter. PWD Minister Nitin Raut (Congress) told media that they have urged Sonia Gandhi to oppose implementation of CAB in Maharashtra. Raut said that

they have also requested Thackeray not to implement the CAB and he has given positive indications. Thackeray heads a coalition Government of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress in Maharashtra. Initially during the debate in Lok Sabha, the Shiv Sena had supported the bill. Later in Rajya Sabha, three Shiv Sena members opposed the bill and walked out. Now the bill has already been passed by both the houses of the Parliament and the President has given consent to it converting into the act. Thackeray said that there was no need to pass the CAB in a post haste when the country was already surrounded by burning issues like growing unemployment, farmers' woes and crime against women. The NDA Government passed the bill just to divert the attention of people from basic issues confronting the country. Union Home Minister Amit Shah did not reply to queries raised by our members in the Parliament. We had suggested that voting rights of illegal

migrants be withheld. Besides, the CAB was against idea propounded by Savarkar, that there should be one nation from "Sindhu to Sindhu Sagar"(one country surrounding Sindhu(Indus) river originating in Tibet, running a course through Ladakh and then flowing along the entire length of Pakistan). "Is BJP in a position to implement such plan? Thackeray asked and added that the BJP wants to "import" Hindus from already divided countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan as if India is underpopulated. If Hindus, Parsis, Jains, Christians and Buddhists are persecuted in these countries, then BJP led Government of India should have courage to tell these countries to ensure protection to religious minorities. Referring to a stand off between BJP and Congress over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's jibe at a poll rally in Jharkhand, that instead of PM's slogan "make in India", now the country should

be labelled as "Rape in India", going by cases of crime against women, and his refusal to apologize saying "My name is Rahul Gandhi, not Rahul Savarkar", Thackeray said that the Shiv Sena will not compromise its respect for Barrister V D Savarkar. In the meanwhile, describing the CAB as a "divisive and destabilizing" move, some of the civil society groups have announced plans for a nationwide strike and protest against the bill on December 19. They have vowed to continue the struggle till the government abandoned the move. Similarly the Samajwadi Party has organised a huge march at Marine Drive in South Mumbai on 19 December. By now several organisations including IIT Bombay Students' Union, TISS Students Union, NCP youth wing and SFI, have already staged protests against CAB and the agitations are on practically everyday.

Delhi fashion club presented north east handlooms show at ifw chandigarh

Bala Hijam & RK Sushant walks as showstopper & Harshit Dhingraun show Director

IT News
Imphal Dec.17

"Make in India" is one of the most important initiative which needs to be promoted among the youth to build strong base for Indian goods and economy globally, hence with an aim to boost trade and awareness about Khadi, Handlooms and North east textiles a show was organized with a theme "LOCAL TO GLOBAL KHADI" was organized by Delhi Fashion Club in Chandigarh during "International Fashion Week" which was held on 14 December 2019 at Hyatt Regency, Chandigarh. With this show DFC also celebrates 150yr of Mahatma Gandhi and 100 yrs of Charkha. Through this show DFC tried to give a platform to such designers who are working closely with the weavers, artisans & making garments with a vision for a better tomorrow for the world and the nation. DFC Promotes "sustainable fashion" concept which is spreading globally & not only talks about eco-friendly fabrics but also urge to design zero waste garments. This helps in saving our environment & Forests as well by



(Represented National Handloom & Silk). If we talk about the designers, Arbin Tonjam is one of the most talented young designer from Manipur who have showcases at various platform locally, with this show he made his International debut at International Fashion Week. Delhi Fashion Club presented this show on day one of the fashion week which witnessed the richness of Handlooms & textile of North Eastern State Manipur. Show

started with North east textile promotion followed by National Silk handlooms show, Arbin presented his Manipuri handloom to promote north east & accessories for the models includes wooden sticks headgear which were beautifully amalgamated with Manipuri sensibilities of designs. The Showstoppers include Manipuri Actress Bala Hijam and Actor R.K. Sushant, who walked gracefully on the ramp. On the entry of both the showstoppers complete hall was full of cheers, claps & whistles. Their beautiful walk & presentation increased the grandeur of the show, everyone was stunned to witness the angelic aura & feel of the complete show. This show was curated & directed by Mr. Harshit Dhingraun, assisted by Thamin from LPU and Omendra Gautam from Delhi. Photography was done Shimri Chawang. DFC Plans to promote the cause of handloom promotions in other states like Mumbai, Bangalore etc. DFC launching its presence in Paris as well by 27 December to connect the designer with right platforms for there promotions.