

Editorial

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After effect of CAB collapse

Political workers threaten dire consequences to the people of Heirok on February 13 evening, if fails to attend grand reception programme of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Education Minister Th. Radheshyam. Reason both have succeeded in collapsing the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 from passing at Rajya Sabha. Video record showed supporters of Education Minister Radheshyam roaming in the streets of Heirok using loud speakers.

On the following day large number of BJP supporters organised a grand reception programme at Hattat Kangjeibung and celebrated on the Union government inability to present the Bill for passing at Rajya Sabha. After the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha adjourned the session sine die without making any chance to table the Bill, it become lapses and the worried face of all the entire people of North East States showed smile on their face. But as the people of Manipur as aware of government policy not all celebrated as there is a chances of passing ordinance of a similar act with that of the CAB. MANPAC and the PAM which has been spearheading the agitation against CAB had appealed to remain alert as they still have apprehension of passing it by the Union government using any means.

Well, from the time that anti- CAB protestors started talking about the probable impact that would give to the state of NE in general and Manipur in Particular, the BJP had always been defending saying that the Bill if converted in Act will not harm anything to the state of Manipur. Chief Minister N Biren Singh had stated that those talking about the Bill should go on and study the content of the Bill. His previous stand was that the Bill will give no impact in the state of Manipur as his government will urge the President of India to give assent to the Manipur Peoples' Bill passed by the State Assembly. Later as the movement against the CAB rises and as he felt that the situation might go out of his hand, he then said that he will urged the Union Government to insert a clause that will ensure to protect the state of Manipur.

When one goes through the content and the motive for introduction of the CAB, it is purely an electoral matter. BJP would have gain a lot of vote back in Northern India particularly at the Hindu heartland block. It does not matter whether the defeat in the Rajya Sabha, the tabling of the CAB is a win-win situation for the BJP.

They really have no interest for the North Eastern State as it has only 25 MPs. The 25 MPs can be neutralised by the MPs from West Bengal which have 42 numbers.

Manipur Burn or not BJP's agenda was to pass the Bill. As the Bill could not be even presented at the Rajya Sabha during the just concluded session it is a real set-back for the BJP leadership.

The difference is that the situation was taken as a political mileage without having a second thought to the Manipur Pradesh BJP members as they seem to forget that they are celebrating the defeat of their mother party.

Changes in politics of Manipur seem not far as every happening reaches to the leaders within a blink of eyes.

'Victory' on Citizenship Bill due to unity of people, political parties: CM

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Shillong, Feb 15,

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma Thursday said the unity of the people and political parties ensured that the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) was not tabled in Rajya Sabha and this was a victory for the northeast.

Sangma arrived here from New Delhi along with Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) leaders Atul Bora and Keshav Mahanta to a tumultuous welcome at the Lokopriyo Gopinath Bordoloi Airport.

"The bill not being presented in the Rajya Sabha is a victory of the people and political parties who voiced their opposition to the bill," he said.

This is definitely an emotional moment and "we were united for a cause and spoke in one voice to protect the interests and identity of the region," he added.

He also thanked all the political parties across the country, who came together to oppose the the contentious legislation according Indian citizenship to Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after six years of residence in India instead of 11 years, which is the norm currently, even if they do not possess any document.

Sangma was the first chief minister of the northeast whose cabinet took the decision of not supporting the bill and was instrumental in bringing together ten political parties of the region along with the JD(U) to oppose it.

Later Bora told reporters at the party headquarters that the northeast came together to show that the centre cannot play with the interest of the indigenous population of the region.



"This should be a warning for the centre that we will in no way compromise with the future of the people of northeast," he said.

The AGP, which is a part of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led ruling alliance in the state, will in future take the people of the state into full confidence while entering into any alliance, the former minister said.

Asked why the resignation of the three AGP ministers have not been accepted so far, Bora said "the chief minister could only answer that".

Bora along with Keshab Mahanta and Phani Bhushan Choudhury had tendered their resignations last month after the BJP government made it clear to the AGP leadership that the bill will be passed in the Lok

Sabha. The AGP leaders thanked the Meghalaya chief minister for taking the initiative of bringing the different political parties opposed to the bill in northeast on a common platform and ensuring that the bill was not tabled in the Rajya Sabha.

He said the bill has become redundant at present and if the next government wants to bring it again then they have to start the process again from the beginning.

Bora also thanked the All Assam Students Union (AASU), Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS), the various organisations and the people of Assam for their concerted efforts to ensure that the bill was not tabled in the upper house of Parliament.

Nitish announces pension scheme for journalists in Bihar

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Patna, Feb 15,

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today announced the launching of pension for retired journalists.

Mr Kumar, while making announcement to this effect in Bihar Assembly, said that all retired journalists who had attained the age of 60 years and worked for at least 20 years either in one newspaper or more, magazines, news channels, portals would be eligible to get monthly pension of Rs 6,000 per month under Patrakar Samman Pension Yojna of the state government. In the event of death of journalists covered under the scheme, dependents either wife or husband would get Rs 3,000 per month as pension for life, he added. Chief Minister said that editors, sub-editors, photographers, reporters and those working as journalist in portals would be eligible to take benefits of the scheme. Financial benefits of the scheme would be effective for eligible journalists from April 1 this year, he added.

Meanwhile, General Secretary of Bihar Working Journalists Union (BWJU) Kamal Kant Sahay welcomed the decision of Chief Minister Mr Kumar to roll out pension scheme for retired journalists of the state. The announcement had leased a new happiness among journalistic fraternity of the state, he noted. President of BWJU Nivedita Jha said the pension scheme launched for retired journalist would help in tiding over economic hardship being faced by them.

Woman gang-raped, clobbered to death, boyfriend critical

Agency
Vijaywada, Feb 15,

A pharmacist was gang-raped and murdered at Navuluru in Andhra Pradesh's new capital Amaravati while she was out with her boyfriend late Monday night, police said. The woman was found in a pool of blood and police

suspect a blood stained iron rod found at the site of the crime may have been used to kill her and attack her friend. The police said the crime took place in an isolated place behind a cricket stadium. Empty beer bottles were also strewn around, the police said. The victim's boyfriend is battling for life in a hospital at Mangalagiri with critical head injuries. In a statement to the police, he said he was attacked by a gang when he went to her rescue. The 22-year-old victim completed her Masters degree in pharmacy from a college in Guntur this year. Her brother said she had received a phone call from a woman on Monday morning asking her to collect her certificates from the college and she left home immediately. He received another call from an unidentified person on Tuesday morning saying his sister was found dead near the cricket stadium. "They were in love for

over three years. I even warned him to leave her," the brother said. He also suspects the survivor's involvement in the crime. P. Ramakrishna, a deputy superintendent of police in Mangalagiri said police could not pursue the case on the allegations of the victim's brother alone as the woman's friend was also badly injured in the attack. "A manhunt has been launched and we will probe the case from all angles," the DSP said. The rape and murder has sent shock waves in the new capital. K. Sridevi, a spokesman of All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), said the murder and gang rape indicated the fact that Amaravati is not safe for women. "The policing is limited to the areas inhabited by VIPs and the locations where the government offices are situated. There is a need to step up patrolling covering all the vulnerable areas, particularly suburbs," Sridevi said.

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Sd/-

Akhoijam Boynao Singh
Father of Akhoijam Bejjio Singh

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India scraps Pakistan's 'Most Favoured Nation' status

Agency
New Delhi, Feb 15,

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Friday announced that the "Most Favoured Nation" status which was granted to Pakistan stands withdrawn. The decision was taken in the Cabinet Committee on Security meeting held a day after the worst-ever

terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir since militancy erupted in 1989, when a suicide bomber on Thursday rammed his SUV packed with explosives into a Central Reserve Police Force bus on the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Pulwama district, killing at least 45 troopers, injuring 38 and leaving the security establishment stunned.

A R Conducts Veterinary Camp Cum Inaugurates Organic Mushroom Cultivation

IT News
Imphal Feb 15,

A day long free veterinary camp was organised by Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) at Chavangphai village, Tengenoupal District on 14th February.

A team of one officer and three veterinary staffs from 14 Mobile Field Veterinary Hospital with the assistance of Regimental Medical Officer and Town Commander of Moreh Battalion conducted the camp. Moreh Battalion as part of the Civic Action Project reached out to the villagers and treated/ vaccinated as many as 200 pets/livestocks during the camp. Free consultation and medicines were provided along



with guidance on various veterinary issues by the veterinary team. The villagers expressed their gratitude and appealed the Assam Rifles authority to take up more such initiatives and other

development works in the future. Sajik Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) inaugurated organic Mushroom cultivation farm at Twilelon village on 14th February. The farm was

inaugurated by Mr Thanekholen, Twilelon Village chief and was witnessed by 40 villagers.

The establishment of organic mushroom cultivation farm has motivated the young farmers by increasing the scope of agriculture in the area thus increasing their income. Organic Mushroom cultivation has been well received by the local populace and people lauded the efforts of Assam Rifles.

Sajik Battalion has undertaken valuable projects in the past as well. The Battalion shares exceptional bonding with the local population which has proved a game changer. The Battalion has made substantial progress in bridging the gap that subconsciously existed in the minds of the locals who felt neglected and isolated.