

What would have been the feeling of Edn. Minister Radheshyam After seeing Delhi Government Schools?

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What would have been in the mind of Manipur Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam, after visiting government schools at New Delhi along with his counterpart Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia, but for sure if the Education Minister had some feeling of "Shame" he would have been embarrassed.

Press statement released by DIPR said that Radheshyam interacted with the students of Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, West Vinod Nagar, New Delhi, as a part of Delhi government's 'Happiness Utsav', a fortnight celebration across all schools of Delhi government between July 16-30.

The Happiness Utsav is being celebrated to mark the success of the Delhi Government's flagship program for emotional and mental well-being of children. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia had personally invited the Manipur Education Minister and educationists from around the country and the world to witness Happiness Classes first-hand.

The transformational impact that the classes have had on children and their families was



noted by the Minister. During his interaction with children, children revealed how the program was helping them cope with various pressures at school and at home.

While appreciating the initiative of Delhi Government on education sector, Radheshyam said that he was observing keenly the happiness development index among the students in Delhi so that his Education Department back in Manipur could apply the same curriculum in school education.

Well seeing the change Manipur Education Minister Radheshyam should have felt ashamed or else he would have invited the Delhi Dy. CM to the state of Manipur to see the condition of the schools. It is a pride moment for the Delhi Government on their success in transforming the government school into world class schools.

On the penultimate day of the Delhi Government's mega celebration of the first anniversary of the Happiness Curriculum, Education Ministers, officials,

academicians from around the country and the world spent the day in Delhi government schools. The Education Ministers of Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Nagaland, Manipur and the Councillor-in charge for Education for Ladakh Hill Council visited Delhi Government schools on Tuesday with the Dy CM Manish Sisodia. All Education Ministers unanimously agreed to replicate Delhi's Happiness Curriculum in their respective states after the visit. That is one good point.

National News

Prime Minister Modi hails passing of Triple Talaq bill; women term it historic

Agency
New Delhi, July 31,

Parliament has passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 or Triple Talaq Bill, with the Rajya Sabha approving it last evening. 99 members voted in favour of the bill while 84 against it. The Lok Sabha has already passed the bill.

The bill seeks to declare the practice of instant Triple Talaq as void and illegal and makes it a cognizable offence. It also provides allowance to women victims and their dependent children. The offence is made compoundable with the permission of the Magistrate at the instance of the married

Muslim woman upon whom talaq is pronounced.

The Rajya Sabha also rejected the Opposition's resolution referring the bill to Select Committee for further scrutiny. Parties, including Congress, DMK, TMC, Left and NCP voted against the bill while JD(U), AIADMK, TDP, TRS and BSP staged a walkout and did not participate in voting.

Replying to the debate on the bill, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, it has been brought to protect the rights of Muslim women and not to target any particular community. He said, the offence has been made compoundable and bailable.

Participating in the debate, Leader of the Opposition, Ghulam Nabi Azad attacked the government, accusing it of targeting the family set up among Muslims. He said the Triple Talaq Bill does not have provisions for protection of victim women and their maintenance.

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have lauded the passing of the bill. In a series of tweets, the President said, it is a milestone in the quest for gender justice and a moment of satisfaction for the entire country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, a historic wrong done to Muslim women has been

corrected and an archaic and medieval practice has been confined to the dustbin of history. Mr Modi said, it is an occasion to salute the remarkable courage of those Muslim women who have suffered great wrongs due to the practice of triple talaq.

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said the passage of the bill is a victory for millions of Muslim women.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar, in a tweet, said, it is historic day as the bill which was being resisted in Rajya Sabha for long has finally been passed, ensuring justice for Muslim women.

SC seeks report on Unnab rape victim's letter

Agency
New Delhi, Jul 31,

The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought a report from its secretary general as to why a letter written by the Unnab rape victim to Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, apprehending threat to her life, was not placed before him.

"Unfortunately, the letter is yet to see the light of the day and yet the newspapers flashed it as if I have read the letter," Justice Gogoi said. The observations came when senior lawyer V Giri, who is assisting the court as an amicus curiae in child rape cases, sought urgent listing of the Unnab rape case. The court also asked the Uttar

Pradesh authorities to file a status report by Thursday on the accident of the Unnab rape case victim.

The 19-year-old woman, who was allegedly raped two years ago by BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar at his residence in Unnab, was critically injured in a car crash on Sunday. She was travelling with her family when their car was hit by a speeding truck in the northern state's Rae Bareilly district.

Two of her family members were killed in the accident while her lawyer also sustained serious injuries. The woman's family has filed a complaint alleging "conspiracy" behind the car crash.

Rupee falls 9 paise to 68.94 vs USD in early trade

Agency
Mumbai, July 31,

The rupee tumbled 9 paise to trade at 68.94 against the US dollar in early trade on Wednesday amid unabated foreign fund outflows and rising crude oil prices.

The rupee opened weak at 68.89 at the interbank forex market and slipped further to 68.94, showing a decline of 9 paise against its previous close.

The domestic unit had settled at 68.85 against the US dollar on Tuesday. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers in the capital markets, pulling out Rs 644.59 crore on Tuesday,

provisional data with the exchanges showed. Meanwhile, Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, climbed 0.87 per cent to USD 65.28 per barrel. The 10-year government bond yield was at 6.36 per cent in morning trade.

Forex traders said the rupee is trading in a narrow range as market participants are awaiting cues from the outcome of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting later on Wednesday. Meanwhile, domestic bourses opened on a negative note day with benchmark indices Sensex trading 159.13 points down at 37,237.84 and Nifty up 46.50 points at 11,038.90.

North East news

JFA demands action against scribe-assailants

By a correspondent
Guwahati, July 31,

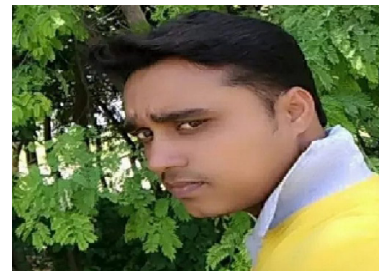
Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) expressed concerns over incidents of attacks on scribes across the country and urged the concerned authorities to investigate the motives behind those assaults and punish the culprits accordingly.

The last incident has been reported from Bihar, where Pradeep Mandal was shot at by two culprits at Sarsopahi Bazar locality of Madhubani district on 28 July. Pradeep (36 years old), who used to contribute for Hindi daily Dainik Jagaran, received severe injuries and was rushed to Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital for necessary treatments.

The young scribe has reported against the local liquor mafia, as Bihar is a liquor-free State, and thus invited enmity from those goons. The police have already identified the criminals as Sushil Shah and Ashok Kamat who targeted Pradeep on the fateful day.

Earlier three incidents of journo-murders were reported from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh since 1 January this year, however all three cases need specific investigations if the victims were targeted because of their journalistic exercises.

A magazine editor from Bhiwandi locality of Maharashtra was found killed on 17 March. Nityanand Pandey (44), who edited India was understandably



conspired to kill by his lady receptionist-cum-assistant to take revenge of repeated sexual harassments on her by Pandey. The police have already arrested the lady along with another individual suspecting their role in the murder.

Later one more journalist from Maharashtra was killed by unidentified persons on 4 June. Anand Narayan (38), who was slaughtered by two criminals in his Mumbai residence, died on way to the hospital. The police have arrested both the criminals with whom Narayan lately started a business after leaving his job in a news channel few years back.

The third incident was reported from Shahgarh locality of Madhya Pradesh, where a freelance journalist found dead with 90% burn injuries on 19 June. Chakresh Jain (40) reportedly had confrontations with a government officer (Aman Chowdhary) and they pursued a legal dispute for some years. On the fateful day Jain arrived at Chowdhary's residence and

faced the burning, where the host too sustained 30 % injuries.

India lost six journalists (Navin Nischal, Vijay Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Syed Shujaat Bukhari, Achyuta N Sahu and Chandan Tiwari) to assailants last year. However 2017 was the deadliest year as 12 scribes (Hari Prakash, Brajesh Kumar Singh, Shyam Sharma, Kamlesh Jain, Surender Singh Rana, Gauri Lankesh, Shantanu Bhowmik, KJ Singh, Rajesh Mishra, Sudip Datta Bhaumik, Naven Gupta and Rajesh Sheoran) were either murdered or died in suspicious situations.

"We wish a fast recovery to Pradeep, who is undergoing treatments," said a statement issued by JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria adding that committed journalists often invite enmities from the law-breaking entities while pursuing the profession and hence they should be offered due security and acknowledgements by the society in general.

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Pakistan Faces a Colossal Crisis,.....

4. The civil, human and economic rights and freedoms of the citizens, as enshrined in the international covenants and the 1973 Constitution, must be respected and protected by all organs of the state without any discrimination on any basis. Suppression of freedom of expression, due process of law, impunity of state institutions in the cases of missing persons, ban on students' unions, restrictions on trade unions and professional associations, blatant censorship of media, all kinds of discriminations against women and minorities, and use of violence by state and non-state actors against peaceful citizens must come to an end.

6. Pakistan can progress and survive as a democratic, inclusive, modern and peaceful federation on the basis of a sustainable productive base, tuned to address the basic needs and

institution is called for. Promotion of good governance, a democratic and tolerant culture, and eradication of all patriarchal, inhuman and violent practices and authoritarian and fascist tendencies is needed. All forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, sect, gender and ethnicity must come to an end, as envisioned by Father of the Nation, Mohammad Ali Jinnah. This must be a tolerant state that respects the religious and ethnic diversity of its people. An enlightened, civilised, progressive, inclusive and tolerant narrative should define the ethos of our state and society.

6. Pakistan can progress and survive as a democratic, inclusive, modern and peaceful federation on the basis of a sustainable productive base, tuned to address the basic needs and

social security of all its people while pursuing goals of regional economic cooperation, rather than being entrapped in militaristic conflicts and becoming a pawn in the hands of competing international or regional powers.

7. A paradigm shift is required from a traditional national security state to an inclusive and holistic vision of human security and development which serves the interests of its people, by providing them with a good quality of life. What this will result in is a modern republic which is at peace with its people and with its neighbours on the basis of equality, dignity and peaceful resolution of bilateral disputes and mutually beneficial cooperation.

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Name changed

I, the undersigned, do hereby declared that my old Name is Khaidem Thambalmacha Meetei and New Name is Khaidem Thambalmacha Singh as per documents from today. I shall be known as Khaidem Thambalmacha Singh.

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