

Editorial

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Indian Politics after Puwama Terror Attack

February 14, Pulwana terror attack which martyred over 40 CRPF Jawan of the country shocked the world community. Tears still wet thousands of the countrymen. The political divides among the people of the country once more reunited and stand together in condemning the terror attack the highest term. Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian and even people from across the entire north Eastern state pour condemnation words.

It was an act of terror, and hot bloods of the country wanted immediate revenge putting blame to the neighbouring country Pakistan. Evidences procured by intelligence agencies of the country have enough proof that the attacked was carried out with full support by Pakistan, even though they failed to procure intelligence input about such attacked prior to February 14.

Even though the country stand united at the tragic hour, it was the ruling BJP led government which made a hard decision. The essence of patriotism and its eager to "Revenge" for the death of the 40 CRPF Jawan was well understood. And the timely action of the NDA government by destroying three main camps of the Jaish-e-Mohammad militants inside Pakistan territory by air strike causing no causality to any of the Indian armed forces relieved the anger of the thousand young bloods. With the kind of stand by the NDA government particularly by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, people across the country celebrate.

The already crumbling popularity of the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha Election due to various reasons have been left aside and the ruling make good use of the Pulwama Terror Strike which killed 40 CRPF Soldier.

The post Pulwama attacked and in the aftermath of the air strike at the terrorist camp established inside the Pakistan territory, fresh wind started blowing favouring the BJP.

The critic over introduction of the GST, demonetization which indirectly cause the dead of many Indians, the rising problem of unemployment and the attempt for passing of the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 among many others has been left aside.

BJP seems to be far ahead of other political parties in the state when it comes of electoral politics. They sometimes failed and it didn't take long for them to garner the sentiment of the people - Because the country is inhabited by large number of illiterate Hindu whom they can carried by playing the religion card anytime.

Well prior to the Pulwana terror attack the rise of Congress was easily notice. The ruling BJP defeated in three states during by election. Hindu card was even criticized by even from some of the right thinking BJP leader. President of BJP Amid Shah and the prime Minister Narendra Modi were reported to have been worried forcing both to plan more measures to retain in power in the upcoming poll. But all worried seems to have gone after Pulwama Terror Attack.

Coming to the North Eastern states of India, NPP which stand against the BJP against its policy on Contentious CAB, the Assam Ganna Parishad, which cut off relationship with the BJP government etc. all now come in a common platform once more forgetting that BJP President Amid Shah had announced to re-introduce the CAB Bill if Narendra Modi return to power in 2019 election.

Well politics in India will always be a politics of mobocracy and not democracy as long as the number of uneducated, illiterate people remain higher than the educated people.

UPPL to contest Kokrajhar, Mangaldoi constituencies in state

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Former Rajya Sabha MP Urkha Gwra Brahma-led United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) on Thursday said it will contest from Kokrajhar and Mangaldoi seats in the Lok Sabha elections in Assam. The decision to fight only two seats out of the 14 in the state was taken during a meeting of the party's executive committee at Kagalain in Chirang district. "We have decided to contest in Kokrajhar and Mangaldoi constituencies in the coming polls. We are sure that we will win both the seats," Brahma, also a

Sahitya Akademi awardee, told Agency.

For the Kokrajhar (ST) seat, Brahma will contest himself, while former All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) vice president Pradip Daimary will fight from Mangaldoi. In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, Brahma contested as Independent from Kokrajhar and came second with 2,79 lakh votes. Independent Naba Kumar Sarania, a former ULFA militant, had recorded a massive victory with 6.34 lakh votes.

Polling in Mangaldoi (17.75 lakh voters) and Kokrajhar (17.49 lakh voters) will take place on April 18 and April 23, respectively.

Narendra Modi, Amit Shah to campaign in A P



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Ruling BJP in Arunachal Pradesh witnessed huge rush in the number of ticket seekers. Prime minister, Narendra Modi and BJP's national president Amit Shah will campaign in the state. Around 200 applicants have applied for BJP ticket for 60 member assembly election. The state will have simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha polls. Polls for 60 assembly seat and two parliamentary seats will be held on April 11.

For two Lok Sabha seats there are only two names, Minister of state for Home Kiren Rijiju (West parliamentary constituency) and state's BJP president Tapir Gao (East parliamentary constituency). The candidature for both the seats will be declared on March 16 by BJP's parliamentary Board. Rijiju won the seat in 2014 while

Gao was defeated. BJP is contesting all the 60 assembly seats. The party has announced that it will have not pre poll tie up with any political party. Gao said that Prime minister Narendra Modi and party president Amit Shah will campaign in the state. "Preparations of the manifesto are underway".

Only few AGP leaders decided to go with BJP, says Mahanta

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Senior AGP leader and former Assam Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta on Thursday alleged that only a handful of AGP leaders decided to again ally with the BJP and that there was a conspiracy to sideline him.

"The AGP has instituted a nine-member committee to decide on the issue of alliance with the BJP. I am also a member. The decision to have an alliance with the BJP is undemocratic and it was taken by only four to five leaders of the party," Mahanta told the media.

"I still feel that the AGP should contest the Lok Sabha polls alone. The alliance with the BJP will harm the AGP for the 2021 Assembly polls," Mahanta said while urging the grassroots workers of the party to force the party leadership to shun the BJP.

"As per the constitution of AGP, any major decision like this has to be discussed in the General House. However, only a few handful of leaders took the decision to go for alliance with BJP. This is undemocratic," he said.

BJP leader Ram Madhav on Tuesday midnight announced to the media that the BJP, AGP and BPF will contest the Lok Sabha polls together.

The former Chief Minister said that there was a conspiracy within the AGP to have him removed from the party so that some leaders can do whatever they want.

"Before every elections a rumour is spread that Prafulla Kumar Mahanta will be appointed a Governor and his wife will be given ticket to Lok Sabha. However, neither my wife nor I have ever wanted any such thing. This is done intentionally to tarnish my image," he said.

Senior state BJP members quits party

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On Thursday, three senior functionaries of state BJP unit had resigned from the party in protest of the proposed electoral alliance between BJP and Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM). The three include BJP Spokesperson J.B. Darnal, vice president (east) Madan Karki and general secretary (east) D.R. Khatiwada.

While addressing a press meet here at Press Club of Sikkim, Darnal said the alliance talks between BJP and SKM were not discussed with the State unit. He said that they were not satisfied with the alliance taking

place with the BJP for the 2019 polls. "We had joined the BJP under an agenda of corruption-free country. We are not satisfied with the SKM-BJP alliance. The reason is simple...BJP has overlooked the larger agenda of corruption-free India and has done alliance with a party whose leader was convicted and imprisoned for corruption", he said.

Darnal had questioned BJP of doing double-standard politics when it comes to Sikkim and rest of state.

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A R Conducts Monthly Security Meeting In Ukhrul District Cum A R Helps Reunite Lost Man With Family

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Shangshak Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised security meeting at Litan in Ukhrul district on 14 March 2019. The meeting was attended by

Village Headmen, village secretaries, local activists and Youth Club Presidents. Security issues of the area in view of forthcoming General Elections and other ongoing activities were discussed by Litan Company Commander of Shangshak Battalion AR who

chaired the meeting. Other issues pertaining to youth engagement, healthcare, recruitment drive and women empowerment were also part of the agenda. The representatives of various villages assured to extend all possible support to the Assam Rifles in ensuring a positive secure environment.

Such interactions are being carried out regularly by Assam Rifles for greater synergy at grassroots level with local populace.

On Wednesday night at around 2100 hrs a civilian named Lunkhohal Haokip, son of late Thangkhoah Haokip of Langol village, Imphal west was found roaming in the densely vegetated jungle near the Headquarter of Moltuk Battalion under 26 Sector Assam Rifles.

The man reportedly went missing from his home from 5 days ago. He was said to be suffering from mental illness. The vigilant and alert troops of battalion were watchful even in a pitched dark night. The soldier on duty made a sagacious decision of not firing at the uninformed civilian who unknowingly entered into a perilous area.

Lunkhohal was in awful health and was starving. He was immediately given first aid, food and was treated at the Headquarter. Clothing and shelter was given to him for night.

His family was informed about his whereabouts and they later came to take him back. His family was thankful to the Moltuk Battalion who took good care of Lunkhohal Haokip and made it possible for his family to reunite with him.

Joint Team Apprehends Three Ugs

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In three separate operations over a period of two days Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) along with Manipur Police apprehended three cadres of different proscribed UG groups.

In the first operation on 13 March, based on specific input regarding movement of a women cadre in general area Thoubal Market, a joint team of Thoubal Battalion and Thoubal Commandos apprehended the cadre from Thoubal market. The women cadre has been identified as Samom(N) Ashem(O) Nano Devi @ Nganbi. The apprehendee confessed that she is an active cadre of UNLF.

Keithelmanbi Battalion in two separate operations apprehended

two active cadres of PREPAK (PRO).

On 13 Mar 19 the Battalion along with Imphal East Commandos launched a joint operation in Porompat and apprehended a cadre of PREPAK (PRO). The cadre has been identified as Nongthongbam Suresh @ Naoton. The individual confessed that he is an active cadre of PREPAK (PRO) and joined the outfit in year 2008. In another operation on 4 March 2019, a joint team of Keithelmanbi Battalion and Imphal East Commandos apprehended another cadre of PREPAK (PRO) from Chanam Santhok. The cadre has been identified as Thiyam Shanta Meitei @ Sathouba. The apprehended individual revealed that he is an active cadre of PREPAK (PRO) and joined the outfit in 2008. All the apprehended cadres were handed over to police for further legal.

Assam Rifles Distributes Sewing Machines

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As part of ongoing efforts to provide basic amenities to locals from remote areas, Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) distributed twelve Sewing Machines to achieve meaningful socio-economic development and Women Empowerment in Sawbung Lamlai Area of Imphal East District.

The Battalion provided twelve sewing machines to the needy women to make them self reliant and provide them a source of income. This initiative will improve skill development amongst women folk and give them independence along with livelihood thereby empowering them to lead a dignified life.

The inaugural event witnessed an attendance of over 350 locals. The function was presided over respective Company Commanders alongwith President Meira Paibis of the respective villages and respective village Headmen. The womenfolk were urged to make optimum use of the sewing



machines for adequate skill development in addition to women empowerment thereby weaning them away from negative impacts of insurgency. Thereafter, the three sewing machines each were handed over to the respective village heads of the four villages Nongda, Lamlai, Sagolmang and Tiger Camp. While lauding the efforts of Mantripukhri Battalion for its initiative in reaching out to the needy, the Company commanders assured the villagers that Assam Rifles will continue to undertake such projects for the development and welfare of people of Manipur.

The President of the Meira Paibi, Lamlai and Sagolmang area speaking on the occasion praised the thoughtful initiative of the security forces and told that this gesture will pave way for socio-economic upliftment and development of the region and return result in peace and harmony in the state.

The villagers appreciated the gesture of the Assam Rifles in reaching out to them and hoped that this effort would go a long way in further cementing the bond between the people of Manipur and the forces.

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