

# Editorial

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## CAB no more issue:

### BJP blessed by Palwana terror attack

The recent tension between Pakistan and India in the aftermath of the Palwana terror strike by militants (JeM) which killed 42 CRPF jawan is a 'shock' for all the people of India. Even the Manipuri who have been advocating freedom from India even expressed shocked to the kind of gruesome attack. But what is expected is that the ruling BJP take no time in taking advantage of the situation. Worries about the unpopularity in the last few months over various issues has been easily subsided that the BJP graph is climbing again now with the parliamentary election - just two month to go.

Coming to NE states ; The anti-BJP wave sweeping across entire NE states seem to give no worry to the BJP even before the tension between the India and Pakistan. May the BJP leadership under estimated the region even as they have tried when Narendra Modi wave hurled the country in 2014 parliamentary election. Their victory in 2014 had make them so confident that as long as the majority Hindu in the heartland of India can be hypnotized, the BJP is in no way going to lose the election. Of the 29 states, the BJP now seem to concentrate the issues of bigger states which have more number of MPs either in way of hypnotizing the less literate voters or by building unbreakable alliance with political parties so that the number of reinstating a similar BJP led NDA type government could be formed at the center. To be precise, targeting big states which have more numbers of MPs is becoming the agenda of BJP in their effort to bring back Narendra Damudor Modi as the country's Prime Minister again.

Promises to scrape inhuman and outdated legislation or Act are a mere joke. If one remember what the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi had spoken at Madison Square Graden in New York at which he stated that draconian and outdated laws will be scraped, he or she will certainly think that , "Mr. Modi did know how to make joke". The speech was delivered around 4 years back and till today the draconian Armed Forces Special Power Act is still enforced, the section laws make no changes and provisions to protect citizen from detention in the name of potential threat still continue in the name National Security Act (NSA) where a Manipuri Television Journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem has been detained after court set him free.

The ambitious Act East Policy which was renamed after the coming of the Modi government turn out to be another appeasement policy of the North Eastern states. NRC in Assam was supported and after knowing that over 40 lakhs illegal immigrants has been found out, the Government led by Narendra Modi is amending the citizenship act to grant citizen to these people perhaps.

The day when the Contentious Citizen Amendment Bill, 2016 was passed in the Lok Sabha, there was wild uproar in the entire states of North East. In Tripura protestors were fired.

The Chief Minister of Manipur, perhaps under pressure at least joint hands with some political party urged the Union Home Minister and the prime Minister to insert a clause that would protect the state from CAB, which is neither feasible nor listen by the BJP leadership.

Even after knowing the fact that NE may burnt if the CAB is introduced and passed in the parliament, the Supremo of the BJP Amit Shah had announced that the CAB will be brought back if the BJP come to power again in the center. The very statement of the BJP leader much have been the reason for the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to oppose the opposition proposal for a unanimous decision against the passing of the CAB yesterday.

Amit Shah statement on CAB showed that they care nothing to NE states. After all the states put together including Sikkim have only 25 MPs. The issue of CAB and the uproar from the people of the state is not an issue as the BJP now shrewdly penetrated to West Bengal which have 42 MPs. Half of this number which the BJP is expecting to get due to the anti-incumbency factor of the Mamata Banerji Government as well as the number of illegal migrants which had already entered the city of joy who felt that they will be granted Indian citizenship. It is not an issue for Muslim migrant to convert it to any religion as most entered the country for survival. After all the CAB says persons without any document can also be granted citizenship of the country. There are no marks to any human being to show that he or she belong to any religion.

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## All Northeast state capitals to be connected by bg rail link by 2020: NFR IMPCC meeting of assam chapter held in Guwahati

PIB Guwahati, March 2

As per Indian Railways' Vision Document, all Northeast state capitals are to be connected by BG Rail Link by 2020, said N.K. Prasad, General Manager, Construction wing, North East Frontier Railway, taking part in the monthly Inter Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPPC) meeting held in North East Frontier Railway, (construction), Maligaon, Guwahati yesterday. In the meeting held under the chairmanship of Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia, Director General, North East Zone, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the General Manager briefed the participants on "Development of Railway

Infrastructure in North East Zone". Giving a detailed presentation about goals, achievements and on-going projects of NF Railway, he said that, with an aim to provide better communication and facilities in the North East region the North East Frontier Railway is taking various initiatives. As informed by the NF Railway, apart from the BG Link by 2020, other goals by the NF Railway are, conversion of entire MG to BG in NF Railway, to provide faster connectivity to North East by doubling of railway line from New Jalpaiguri to Lumding, avenues for international connectivity etc. In total 43 projects are under execution on NF Railway, out of which 14 projects are physically completed, 3 projects are waiting for CCEA

clearance and 4 projects are at their initial planning stage. In today's meeting officials of NF Railway (construction) also highlighted the various developmental activities of railways in all the 8 states of the region. It was informed that Assam and Meghalaya will be connected through the Bymihat-Shillong line of 108 Km. Manipur will be connected through a 111 km long line from Jiribam to Imphal. A bridge with a pier height of 141 m, which will be the tallest rail bridge in the world is also under construction under Jiribam- Imphal new line project. After the presentation, K.S Dhatwalia, Chairman of IMPPC, Assam Chapter appreciated the efforts of NF Railway in connecting

the North East region to the rest of the country. He also said that Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, DIPR and NF Railway to join hands together for getting proper publicity of initiatives, activities and achievements of these departments. He informed all the members that a WhatsApp group for communication to media has already been started jointly by these three departments for better flow of information. Officials from different departments participated in today's meeting and shared their views and gave their suggestions at the end of the meeting. They mentioned that the IMPPC platform is very useful for them in sharing their views and getting inputs from other members.

## Media OPD clinic concluded at press club



By Our Correspondent Guwahati, March 2,

GATE Hospital, an emerging healthcare institutions of northeast India had conducted a brief media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club on 1 March 2019, where Dr Navin Kr Bansal (medicine) and Dr Ranjan Kr Das (medical superintendent) offered free consultations to the participants. Member-journalists of the active press club also got their blood sugar & pressure checked in the camp by nurses namely Sumita Kalita and Sumi Rajbongshi. Senior officials from the fastest growing city based

hospital Mintu Ranjan Dutta and Ujjal Saikia were also present in the camp. Organized under the series of healthcare awareness programs for the benefit of press club members along with their close relatives, the weekly camp has regularly been supported by various acclaimed private nursing homes like DownTown Hospitals, GNRC Hospitals, Dispur Hospital, Wintrobe Hospital, Nencare Hospital, Barthakur Clinic Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, Ayursundra Hospital, Health City Hospital, Sun Valley Hospital, Narayana Hospitals, Swagat Hospital etc.

## CII condoles the sad demise of Padma Bhushan Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KT CBE FREng FRS

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A visionary academic and tall leader of manufacturing excellence, Prof Lord Bhattacharyya was deeply committed to fostering India's manufacturing excellence. Working on policy development, manufacturing competitiveness and



manufacturing managers, enabling them to introduce new manufacturing practices in the Indian scenario. Over 25 years, the C I I - W M G Engineering Business Program developed a core cadre of manufacturing leaders.

CII also worked with WMG for setting up a Technology Center in India in 1995. In 2017-18, the two organisations collaborated on an Advanced Manufacturing Programme for senior manufacturing managers to expand technology adaptation in Indian manufacturing. CII and WMG also worked together on issues such as climate change mitigation, higher education, technology and R&D in Indian manufacturing. An alumnus of IIT Kharagpur, Prof Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya was globally respected for his vision and foresight. In 2002, he was conferred the Padma Bhushan by Government of India for his services to Science and Technology.

## Facts about the first Bird Sanctuary of Manipur to be established at Thinungei village in Bishnupur district

1. The proposed area, as per the Government notification, is 103.10 hectares (1.031 sq. km) which comprises of 13.93 hectares of swampy area, 35.37 hectares of floating biomass (phumdi) and 53.80 hectares of open water.
2. As per the independent study, the total State land in the eastern side of Thinungei adjoining Loktak Lake is 84.3 hectares out of which only and only 13.93 hectares will be covered under the Bird Sanctuary. The remaining 70.3 hectares is being encroached by individuals with their own fishing business. On the northern side of the proposed sanctuary area, 32 hectares is being encroached and on the southern side 38.3 hectares is being encroached.
3. One of the claims of the agitators is that they do not have sufficient area for fishing. Their claim is true because most of these swampy areas have been encroached by the self interested

4. Still these fisher people have not protested against the illegal activities of the few encroachers till date. They are now protesting against a small area of just 13.93 hectares of swampy area, which is to be used for the development of the whole village.
5. Moreover, the whole area of 103.10 hectares (1.031 sq. km) is such a small area for a bird sanctuary. They have enough areas for fishing outside this area. It is also a fact that these fisher people do not only fish in this area but go far and wide even upto Mayang Imphal. So their claim that their fishing space has been reduced and their livelihood has been strangled is a faulty



proposition.

6. Many in the agitation are not real fisher people. There are so many fake fisher people who have their own vested interest which will be prevented by the proposed Bird Sanctuary. In fact many of them are encroachers and they are spearheading the agitation by misleading and misinforming the innocent and real fisher people.
7. Encroaching illegally in the shoreline area of the core zone of the Lake in the name of fisherman in this Ramsar Site, a wetland of International importance, is a total gross violation of the National

8. Many of these so called fisher people are also engaged in fishing by electrocuting, poisoning and poaching of waterbird. These activities are against the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Environment Protection Act, 1986.
9. These agitators have been spreading misinformation and has even collected signatures, mostly with coercion, from the unsuspecting villagers, to serve their ulterior motives.