

# Editorial

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## Changing Trend of politicts

“LIES” no matter how big or small always crack the foundation of “TRUST”. There were times when the candidates made false promised during election time and fooled the people to woes the voter. The moment they were elected they often forgot what they had promised to the people often led a live thinking that the general public who elected them are bunch of ignorant fools who can be driven at any direction. The sinister concept become phenomenon and now people (almost all) now started thinking that there is no true leader who deserve victory in any of the election. But as the hangover system still has to be followed and continue there cannot be a full stop to the ongoing process. Election is mandatory for a democratic country. And for that candidates are required. In-order to form government there again need political party and those candidates need to be attached to any of the political party to render their service with effective power.

We are not sure if God frequently surfaces in the form of man, as is commonly believed. But what we can be dead certain is the fact that his arch enemy Satan often manifests himself, especially in Manipur, in the form of politicians. These incarnations of Satan, who are now running amok with the people’s sensibilities, have cast such a nasty spell on the state that it is well nigh impossible for the people who elected them in the first place, to retain even a semblance of sanity.

There could be no other logical explanation to the goings on in the political arena than taking refuge in the unnatural and the irrational. And for the teeming millions who had inflicted this handful of pests on themselves, there could be no other option but to bemoan their fate. The curse, call it the millenium curse, is well and truly upon us.

It would be an understatement to say that there is something very basically wrong with our polity. Things have now come to such a pass that our state of Manipur can neither move forward nor backward but remain painfully suspended in a maze of anarchy and disorder.

The scourge of politicians have indeed taken a heavy toll, not only of the riches but also of its psyche. The epidemic is now all pervading and has invaded the very roots of the country’s integrity and well being thereby impeding its prosperity and peace. Whatever the party, whatever their ideology and hue, when it comes to pursuit of power and pelf, our politicians are at their wily best and very united too in their mission.

If only these characters demonstrate the same solidarity and zeal in nation building, things would have been much different. But alas, their penchant for self-preservation has always won over patriotism, their quest for wealth has always been at the nation’s expense and above all their instinct for survival has always prevailed over the nation’s.

They have always prospered even as the state disintegrated, and they are always in a position of strength, be it ‘secularism or communalism’ that is at play. But what about the 30 lakhs people who elected them? They are never in the reckoning.

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## The Journey of- “Right To Information(RTI)” In India

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In Manipur the root causes of chaos, unrest, mistrust, tussle & challenges among us in all possible sphere in our day- to-days life is due to communication gap among us. Irregularities, malpractices, open corruption in most of Government offices (established for the welfare of Public) in Manipur is due to not giving out the necessary information for the welfare schemes taken or to be taken for the common people, instead few government servants in conspiracy with few other people does behind the screen in black & white for name sake’s only. Social crimes, violence, malpractices occurring every now and then in Manipur are due to the shameless hands of few hooligans who think this is an honored and respectable practice. If our people know that we all have the rights to know any information from any Government offices about our development and welfare schemes and use this right fully the irregularities and malpractices by these group of people can be easily stopped and prevented. Our development will be progressive only when Bureaucrat officers and Heads of the respective departments exercise their duties sincerely, honestly and diligently. Our people can also obtain all our rights which are being taken away by those mischiefs. These will be possible only when we all know the provisions of **Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005**. This Act provides directly or indirectly to all the citizens to get to know all the information from any Government Departments or offices. Government Dept. or

offices should also provide any information pertinent to the respective Depts. or offices to the general public. However except few people, most of us are ignorant of what to do to get the right information. Intent to know and try to know is the inborn character of we human being. It may be due to this that the right to information is taken as one of the fundamental right. After the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights by United Nations General Assembly in 1948**, different groups of People, Social Activist, Human right defenders Philanthropist, Media persons etc have been constantly demanding to include the Right to Information in the Constitution of India. One of the supportive means to get the Right to information was the verdict of Supreme Court of India in 1975. In a landmark judgment of Justice **Mediu** in a case between **Uttar Pradesh Government and Rajnarayan**, said ;” **In a responsible Government like ours whatever all its agent does should be done with highest responsibility and transparency “.** Whatever the Government employee does for the welfare of the state, our people has the rights to know it. A judgment given by Supreme Court in 1981 in another case between **S.P Gupta and Union of India** again gave a big impetus in the movement of RTI. But one barricade in the RTI movement was the report submitted in 1982 by **Mathew Commission** to look after the amendment of **Official Secrets Act of 1923**. Later on when Prime

Minister **VP Singh** Government came to power in 1989, he announced RTI will be a fundamental right of our citizens during 20th meeting of Ministers of Information & Cinematography in 1990. Gradually RTI movement became peoples Movement. The role of **MAZDUR KISHAN SAKTI SANGANTHAN** (an NGO) of Rajasthan in this Movement is incredible. In 1995, **PCI (Press Council of India)** framed first blue print of the Freedom of Information. In the blue print, it was mentioned that whatever information that a Parliamentarian and state Legislature obtain should also be obtainable to the general public. As a result Government of India had taken a resolution to frame an Act of the Freedom of Information in 1997. Due to the escalation of people’s movement, more aware by law courts about RTI, keen interest taken by Legislature in this regards and the assurance given by the subsequent Government, **Freedom of Information Bill 2000** was introduced in the Parliament in **July 2000**. The Bill was passed in 2002 and enacted. After UPA Government came to power the **Right to Information Bill** (amendment bill) Version of Freedom of Information Act) 2004 was introduced in December 2004. The Bill was **Passed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively on 11th and 12th May 2005**. The President of India consented this Act on **15th Jun 2005** and implemented.

This Act was fully enacted all over the Country from **12th October 2005** with local adjustment of the respective States. In Manipur also this Act was fully implemented as per Manipur Government Gazette extra ordinary No99 of 20th July 2005 with a notification by the Department of Secretariat, Law and Legislative Affairs on 12th July 2005. Enacting & implementing **Right to Information (RTI) Act** in the largest democratic country like India is a right step to achieve the real objective of Democracy. However every citizens of India should remember that Freedom of Expression and Right to Information has its own respective limitations. All rights are associated with a responsible (duty). All rights under this Act should be used with full responsible for a peaceful and progressive Society. Though a sharp weapon to obtain all possible information from authority is provided by constitution, our RTI activist are facing many dare consequences. Some activist even have been killed by state or non-state actors for seeking relevant information from authority for the wrong doing under RTI Act. If this the case, what is the use of RTI Act? This is the questions from general public and which provision and Act of Indian constitution will protect our RTI activist from such threats is the quest with no answer as of now. Any suggestions & Comments can reach to: [Sjugheshwor7@gmail.com](mailto:Sjugheshwor7@gmail.com) Or Whatapps No: 9612891339.

## Mayawati Says She Will Not Contest Lok Sabha Elections

Agency Lucknow, March 20,

Uttar Pradesh politician Mayawati said today that she would not contest the April-May national election and that she would rather campaign for the candidates of her BSP and that of ally Samajwadi Party. “I won’t contest polls. I am confident that my party will completely understand my decision. Our coalition is doing well. I can vacate a seat and contest later if I wish,” the former chief minister told reporters in Lucknow.

The BSP or Bahujan Samaj Party has teamed up with its bitter rival Samajwadi Party of Akhilesh Yadav to take on the BJP in Uttar Pradesh in the national polls from April 11 to May 19. The four-time Chief Minister has been in parliament several times. She was first elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1994. The 63-year-old was widely expected to opt out of the contest. Both Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav had made it clear that they would focus on the campaign and ensuring maximum wins for their *gathbandhan*.

Mayawati, considered a Dalit powerhouse, had a miserable outing in the 2014 election when her party failed to win a single seat in the 80-seat state. The BSP, however, won nearly 20 per cent of the votes in Uttar Pradesh and was number three in most seats. The BSP-Samajwadi alliance has proved to be a winner in significant by-polls last year and is tipped to perform well in the upcoming polls. The only spoiler could be a division of opposition votes because of the Congress, which had launched Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in its UP campaign.

## Assam Rifles Celebrates Yaoshang Festival With Ngos

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Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) celebrated Yaoshang festival with the children of Legacy Home, Ema Foundation and Ladies of Dorcas Group on 19 March. As part of the celebrations the Battalion organised a picnic wherein various events including games for ladies and children were organised. During the event a cultural program was also presented by the children of Legacy Home and Ema Foundation. Mrs Shubhra kabthiyal, President Assam Rifles Wives Association (ARWWA) and other members of ARWWA also joined the celebrations in which over 54 children and 27 ladies of Legacy Home, Ema foundation and DORCAS compassion home



participated. The event was concluded with lunch followed by presentation of gifts and Assam Rifles souvenir badges to children and ladies by Mrs Shubhra Kabthiyal. The earnest endeavor of the event

was to bring joy to the hearts of the children and ladies of these NGOs on the auspicious festival. The NGOs expressed gratitude to the kind gesture shown by the Assam Rifles and requested for more such interaction in the future.

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I, the undersigned, Chirag Bansal a residence of Thangal Bazar Near Badluam Sajankumar Imphal, West district, do hereby declare that I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name Chirag Agarwal as I have assumed my new name as Chirag Bansal

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