

Editorial

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Price of development

Some of the most beautiful places in Manipur's Ukhrul district have been submerged under water as an impact of the Maphou Dam constructed in the name of development. Chadong Village under Litan Police Station of Ukhrul district will be now history. The next generation will never know that there was once a peaceful village called Chadong inhabited by some 1000 household in the state of Manipur. After the entire has gone under water, some villagers managed to find alternative villages and started new live from the beginning but some are left with no choice but to fight for their survival along with their little ones who are forced to leave the school (at a time when govt. talk about RTE) as the school they attended no more existed because of the situation created by the Mega Dam. This newspaper reported about some pregnant women being shifted to neighbouring Yangangpokpi area at a time when they are supposed to provide best form of relaxations.

The construction of the Maphou Dam may have been due to the requirement because the process of development cannot remain stagnant. But when the kinds of development are meant to sabotage the lives of common man and extinction of some of the precious place, there is reason to put up this question - Why and for whom the development are meant for? It is pertinent to note that who is paying the costs and who is receiving the benefits of these sorts of constructions being taken up in the name of development.

The modern definition says that "Development is a process or set of processes characterized by the consequence of general sustained economic growth, and sets of natural, human, technological, cultural, financial, and organizational conditions."

"Development" in a common sense is the systematic use of scientific and technical knowledge to meet specific objectives or requirements. But these are for the benefit of the people. If the so called development works failed to benefit the people then the kind of constructions cannot be counted as developmental works.

Chadong was a small village with a population of not more than 3000 people. It is already known to the planner of this mega Dam that the village will no more exist once the Dam started commissioning. So, why did the government failed to shift this village to some other location where they can make a better living. A mere compensation to please them will not make their life better - this is a common sense. Everyone knows that money is important but it is not everything. When the folks they have been living from a very long time cannot gather to continue the kind of happy life they shared, the so called money provided to them in the name of compensation are valueless.

This senseless government has failed to understand that 'Development' is not the construction of costly project but it is to provide better living to the citizens. If the construction is to suffer the people, it is not called developmental project.

Speed of Reactions

There are all sorts of reactions in chemistry and the speed of reactions is an important area of research. Many reactions, such as rusting of iron, are slow reactions. Years ago, reactions that took a few seconds were considered as fast reactions! But now reactions taking milliseconds may be called medium fast! The concept of fastness has changed standards! Life is also a field of actions and reactions! Some are slow and some are fast etc! If we touch a flame, the reaction of feeling the pain (of hotness) is immediate while ageing is a slow reaction. We do not touch the flame again but people do not care much about ageing! People learn to adjust fast in the case of fast reactions while the response is slow in the case of slow reactions! Heavy drinkers and those who indulge in excessive sex (with different partners) get fast reactions in terms of short-lived pleasures. One can see such people in millions all over the world with the associated crimes, diseases and deaths! These actions have other slower reactions such as damage of brain, kidneys, liver and venereal diseases. Such slow reactions are ignored by the millions to end up in untold pain, miseries and premature death! The human mind tends to ignore slow reactions and so does not learn! Had the reactions been fast, people would have learnt to make the world a better place to live. Excessive tapping of underground water, polluting the rivers, atmosphere, oceans etc are ignored (being slow reactions) that will certainly entail dangerous consequences for the planet! Who cares about slow reactions that are dangerous! The human mind is getting more polluted by such reactions! The future is indeed frightening!

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JDU-BJP leaders skip CRPF jawan's wreath laying ceremony: Should've been there, says Prashant Kishore

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Owning up to his party's mistake, Janata Dal-United (JDU) vice president Prashant Kishore Sunday acknowledged that no member from his party or the government was present at Patna airport to pay tributes to the mortal remains of CRPF personnel killed in Friday's Kupwara encounter. "We are sorry for the error of judgement on part of those of us who should have been there with you in this hour of grief," Prashant tweeted.

The reaction came after kin of CRPF Jawan Pintu Singh in a video said, "The one who was to die is gone, he is a martyr now. The minister has nothing to do with him, all they are concerned about is remaining in power." Upon being asked what does he think of the state government officials not showing up to pay homage, he said, "This shows how much our government is helping the forces." "It's very unfortunate that chief



minister Nitish Kumar did not bother to come to pay his last respect," NDTV quoted Sanjay Singh, uncle of the CRPF inspector who was from Dhanchakki village in Begusarai, 130 km from Patna. The absence of the Nitish Kumar

Cabinet and BJP functionaries from the airport is likely due to the rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Patna. At least four security personnel were killed in an encounter with militants in Kupwara district of

Jammu and Kashmir Friday. Two police personnel, two CRPF personnel succumbed after sustaining critical injuries. A civilian was also killed in clashes between a group of youngsters and security personnel near the encounter site.

Cong MLA Umesh Jadhav resigns from K'taka Assembly

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Rebel Congress MLA Umesh Jadhav Monday submitted his resignation to Karnataka Speaker Ramesh Kumar, according to state secretariat sources. Jadhav, who appears to have sided with the rebel faction led by Ramesh Jarkiholi which threatened to topple the JD(S)-Congress coalition government in the state, is a two-time MLA from Chincholi in Kalyangi district, a bastion of senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge.

Jadhav was reportedly unhappy with the "autocratic" style of Social Welfare Minister Priyank Kharge. Sources close to Jadhav told PTI he intends to join the BJP on Wednesday.

Commenting on the legislator's exit, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president Dinesh Gundu Rao said Jadhav was doing "drama" by promising to remain loyal to the party.

"He shouldn't forget that whatever he's today is because of Congress. Anyone can come and go but the party will remain forever," Rao told reporters.

He asserted that the other Congress MLAs will remain with the party. The Congress previously urged

the Speaker to take action against Jadhav and three other rebels after they failed to attend the Congress Legislature Party meeting last month.

The speaker is yet to take a call on that. KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre said Jadhav had ruined his career by quitting the party as the

speaker is yet to take a decision on his disqualification. "Once disqualified, he cannot contest elections," Khandre said.

Priyanshu Rajawat The Best Performer As Indian Campaign Comes To An End At Yonex Dutch Junior International

Our Correspondent
New Delhi, March 4,

Madhya Pradesh boy Priyanshu Rajawat was the only Indian to reach the quarter-finals as the country's campaign came to an end at the prestigious Yonex Dutch Junior International 2019 at Haarlem, the Netherlands on Saturday.

The 17-year-old, hailing from Dhar, put up a gutsy performance in the fourth round to stun the fifth seeded Christo Popov 22-20, 15-21, 21-15 in a marathon encounter lasting 1 hour 12 minutes. The youngster, however, failed to replicate that show against the fourth seed Brian Yang in the quarter-finals, going down 13-21, 20-22 to the Canadian.

While Rajawat showed a lot of



promise, the rest of the Indian contingent could not cross the pre-quarter-final hurdle. Mainsam Meiraba Luwang, the wonderkid

from Manipur, went down 18-21, 10-21 to the third seed Christian Adinata of Indonesia. Andhra Pradesh boy Sai Charan Koya, who had upset the top seed a day earlier, was beaten 15-21, 16-21 by China's Li Yunze.

In girls' singles, Gayatri Gopichand had her brilliant run cut short 15-21, 13-21 by the eighth seeded Benyapa Aimsard of Thailand.

In boys' doubles, the Telangana pair of Navaneeth Bokka and Vishnu Vardhan Goud Panjala squandered a one-game lead to go down 21-17, 19-21, 10-21 to Indonesians M. Lucky Andres Apriyanda and Yoggi Pamungkas. The Indian team will now focus on putting up an improved show at the Yonex German Junior 2019 to be held in Berlin from March 7.

Jk Tyre Himalayan Drive 7 Winners Dedicate Victory To Pulwama Martyrs, Donate Entire Prize Money To Their Fund

Our Correspondent
Siliguri, March 4,

The JK Tyre Himalayan Drive 7, India's only international TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) rally, ended on an intense, patriotic note late on Saturday, with the participants paying homage to the martyrs of the Pulwama terror strike and the winners dedicating their victories to the country's armed forces.

The three-time champions, Aggar Ali and Mohammed Musthafa, made it even more memorable by their touching gesture of donating their entire prize money of Rupees one lakh to a fund that will help the families of the fallen CRPF soldiers.

The rally's prize distribution ceremony at Club Montana Vista in Siliguri on Saturday evening commenced with the national anthem, followed by a two-minute silence in memory of the victims of the perfidy at Pulwama. Among the dignitaries present were the Deputy Inspector General of Sashastra Seema Bal



(SSB) Amit Kumar, Air Commodore (retired) S.K. Agarwal, Siliguri Range Deputy Inspector General of CRPF Sunil Kumar Sabita, Colonel Jagdeep Singh and Income Tax Commissioner Pankaj Kumar. The dignitaries, including representatives of the sponsors, the competitors and the organisers, lit candles in front of

a collage of portraits of the Pulwama martyrs. Air Commodore (retired) Agarwal, speaking on behalf of India's armed forces, recalled his training as a fighter pilot and the commitment of soldiers to sacrifice their lives for the country.

He also recalled interacting with Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman who was a high

school student when Agarwal was posted at an IAF base along with Abhinandan's father Air Marshal (retired) S Varthaman. At the prize distribution ceremony that followed, most of the winners in the various categories dedicated their successes to the country's armed forces. Rally champion Aggar Ali from the port town of Haldia in West Bengal announced, to thunderous applause, that he would donate his prize money of One Lakh Rupees to the CRPF welfare fund for martyrs' families.

The gesture was widely appreciated. Aggar's younger brother Shaikh Ibrahim, who came fourth in the open category, also dedicated his victory to India's armed forces and thanked the country's soldiers for guarding the country in the face of extreme adversities. The winners in the other categories also paid homage to the armed forces and to fallen soldiers.