

# Editorial

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## Issues of women's rights should be priority

The world celebrates International Women's day under the theme 'Balance for Better'. The day is being celebrated across the world to show respect to the women community and also to uplift them from the crunch of the male dominated society. It is also celebrated to acknowledge the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women across the globe.

Well the observation of the day has its root at New York. The mass protest of the women garment worker in 1908 demanding improvement of their working condition had brought significant changes to the condition of women. Commemorating the day the United States of America observed February 28 as the National Women's Day in 2009.

Since then various uprising across the European countries took place. The United Nations later deeply felt the need for recognizing a day particularly for women and since 1975, the March 8 has been observing as the International Day across the globe.

Like every nations across the globe, the erstwhile kingdom of Manipur had witnessed various historic events. The first Nupi Lal of 1904 and the 2nd Nupi Lal of 1939, are some of the events where Manipuri women contribution towards bringing a change in the society is worth remembering.

Unlike the western countries which celebrate International Women's Day, the kind of observation being taken place in a place like Manipur is different - Women's day being observed by various organizations in the state is rather to find a solution to the problems being faced by the women of today's Manipuri society. And unlike in the mainland Indian states and other developed and developing countries, the issues are of the women here in Manipur are very different.

There are certain issues like domestic violence, rape and crime against women, issues of widows, orphan girl child may be somewhat similar in almost all human society. But the kind of subjugation being faced by the women of Manipur under the draconian laws and the women becoming most venerable object during conflict between non state actors and state actors is serious.

The practice of polygamy in the society and peoples' acceptance to it, either willingly or unwillingly is somewhat suppressing the rights of women.

The issue about polygamy in Manipur have its root in the feudal character of the society.

If we look back in the history, it was the King and his subjects that were privileged to have wives more than one. The end of monarch does not end this feudal attitude.

Manipur has witnessed various dark phases which give tremendous impact to the society.

During 1980s the society was severely hit by drugs and insurgency related violence. Because of drugs many become victims of HIV and AIDS, and because of insurgency related violence many were exterminated. Thus the number of widows was on the rise.

Understanding the possible impact, government introduced various welfare schemes for improvement of the widows. For example widows of the victim killed in insurgency related violence were provided monetary assistance provided that the victim does not belong to member of any none state actor.

If the victim is proved to be member of any none state actors then the widow are left to live on their own.

On the other hand Manipur's societal structure is always seen as male dominating society even after knowing that women have been always in the forefront - whether it may be fighting against immoral activities, drugs or wrongs of the government besides taking active role in supporting their respective family economically.

Culturally women are still forbidden to take the lead role. For example women are not allowed to do Keiyndan during the marriage of her daughter when she is the only parents left. A widow with only daughters still has to wait some male relative to perform the last rite of her husband or near and dear one. In both Sanamahis and Manipuri Veishnavite culture women are always told to follow the male. They are not allowed to sit at 'Phambal' - a place where head of the family often sit. This means that women are never considered as the head of family.

On the other hand women are deprived of their rights in getting their share from their parental family. The law of this land says that daughters or son should have equal rights when it comes to inherit properties. In Manipur society daughters once married are considered separated entirely from their parental family.

Out of the 60 assembly seat women can occupy only 2 in the state assembly. The people had witnessed the assembly house with maximum 3 women MLAs. There is hardly any representation of women in Parliament and it is unfortunate for a developing country to not include its women in the process. The observance of International Women's Day under the theme PressForProgress seems to have lost its significance as long as the women are not empowered to represent in the decision making body of the country as well as in the state.

Issues of the women are understood by women and without their presence it is useless to whatever welfare programme taken up for the women. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Ujjawala Yojna, maternity leave schemes advertised today in some leading newspapers are valueless unless they are not empowered to sit among the male in the decision making body.

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## PM Modi to launch development projects in Uttar Pradesh today



Agency New DELHI March 8,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch several development projects in Varanasi, Kanpur and Ghaziabad districts of Uttar Pradesh today.

In Varanasi, the Prime Minister will first visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple at Varanasi and lay the foundation stone for the approach road beautification and strengthening project to Kashi Vishwanath Temple.

He will also attend National Women Livelihood Meet, 2019 at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul at his Parliamentary constituency.

In Kanpur, the Prime Minister will unveil the Panki Power Plant, establishment of new 660 megawatt electricity generation and distribution unit. He will also inaugurate Lucknow Metro Rail Project. Later, he will also address a gathering on this occasion.

In Ghaziabad, Mr Modi will inaugurate Dilshad Garden - Shaheed Sthal Section of Metro.

This elevated metro corridor section has eight stations and provide convenient mode of transport for people in Ghaziabad and New Delhi. Mr Modi will also inaugurate the Hindon Airport Civil Terminal at Hindon Airport Civil Terminal, Ghaziabad.

## Delhi High Court upholds BFI as the only recognized national body in boxing

Our Correspondent New Delhi, March 7,

The Delhi High Court reiterated that the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) is the sole recognized body for boxing in India by restraining the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF) from using the words 'India' or 'Indian' in its name in an interim order passed today. It was in response to a petition that the BFI had filed, seeking a permanent injunction against the IABF representing itself as a National Sports Federation for Boxing or falsely claiming itself to be recognized by the Indian Olympic Association, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and International Boxing Association (IBA).

BFI opted for the legal course after it came to light that the IABF was in the process of conducting national sub-junior men's and women's boxing championships for which entry fees from budding pugilists too had been collected. Following their plea, the bench of Hon'ble Justice Pratibha Singh not only barred the IABF from using 'India' in their name but also directed them to inform all participants that they are not a recognized national sports federation of boxing.

The court order further consolidates BFI's status after it earned formal recognition from the AIBA, Sports Ministry and IOA in 2017 following its establishment on 25th September 2016. The BFI has worked tirelessly since in a bid to make India a boxing

powerhouse.

With Mr Ajay Singh as the President, the BFI has restructured the domestic system, resulting in a steady flow of talent which has led to an increase of medals from elite international competitions in the last couple of years and have brought marquee World Boxing events to India for the first time since 2017.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Security Meet Cum V Conducts Friendly Volleyball Match

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a security meet at Chingmeirong Company Operating Base (COB). The security forum was attended by village Pradhans, ward councilors, members of village youth club, representatives of police and locals. During the meet various aspects concerning security in the area were discussed. There was also an interaction carried out on necessary measures required to be undertaken by locals in synergy with Assam Rifles for maintaining a strict vigil in the area. In addition to the security issues, career counseling for youth and future action plans of civic projects were also discussed. The locals accentuated the need of conduct of such security meeting on a regular basis as it offers them an opportunity for mutual interaction with the Assam Rifles and achieve a sense of belongingness so as to collectively accomplish all goals to bring peace and harmony in the area. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a friendly Volleyball Match at Kachikul village on 07 March 2019.

With an aim of strengthening the bond and mutual trust between locals and Security Forces, Patsoi Company Operating Base (COB) organised a friendly Volleyball match between the team of Kachikul village and troops of Patsoi Company Operating Base. Both the teams played with great zeal and enthusiasm and displayed great

sportsmanship during the course of the match. The match was followed by tea and refreshments for all.

The event provided a forum to the youth of the area for interaction with the troops of Assam Rifles. The villagers and youth appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles to promote sports and ensuring healthy environment by developing healthy relations with local populace.

## Shangshak Battlion Conducts Mini Healthcare Camp Cum Distribution Of Stationery Items At Kashung Village

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Shangshak Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a part of its continuing efforts to interact with the local populace of the AOR, a multi-dimensional activity including medical camp cum health and hygiene lecture was conducted at Kashung Primary School. The RMO, Capt Satheesh conducted an interactive lecture on Health, Hygiene, Sanitation and Diet. A demonstration on the proper method of washing hands and subsequent demo by the students was also organised. Medical test of all the students

was carried out and preventive deworming medication was administered to all the students. Stationery kit and school lunch boxes, sports items were distributed to the students and a first aid box was handed over school staff. The event was attended by the Headman of Kashung, the pastor, 04 teachers and 35 children. This endeavour of Assam Rifles was highly appreciated by youth and all present villagers during the ceremony. They all were very happy while receiving the various items. Such needy distribution and assistance will go long way in bringing the people of Manipur and "Friends of the Northeast" closer for sustained peace and prosperity in Manipur.

## IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND&PS) (FTC), MANIPUR

AT CHEIRAP COURT COMPLEX

Schedule 1 viii Form No 100 High Court Criminal Process No.4

CASE NO.-SPECIAL TRIAL 82 OF 2019 police station is ANNEXURE -4 that the FIR No.954(11) 1993 IPS appear before this Court to answer the U/S 21 ND & PS Act said complain on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED

(Section 82 of the code of criminal Procedure)

1) Name Description and address of the accused:

**Mrs Saimi Mizo** (28 Years) now 53 years w/o Mr.Monga Hmar of Aizwal at present K.R.Lane Golabati

2) Name of the accused. **Mrs Saimi Mizo**

3) Place: **Imphal** Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January ,2019.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Mrs Saimi Mizo** has committed the offence punishable Under Section 21 ND & PS Act (FIR No.954(11) 1993 IPS) and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon stating that **Mrs Saimi Mizo** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mrs Saimi Mizo** has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.

Sd/-  
(W.Tonen Meitei)  
Special Judge (ND&PS)(FTC),  
Manipur

IT/Adv/ 2 days