

Editorial

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'Peace' misinterpreted

India today seems to have forgotten that "Peace is not merely the absence of war but the presence of justice, of law, of order in short, of government". This perception of peace was not only said by 18 century Scientists and Philosopher Albert Einstein, but many political writers including Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jane Addams had elaborated on the irrelevance of peace with the absence of war when there is no justice being delivered.

There are not many counter criticism to the idea of peace as define by great thinkers and political writers and it is obvious that presence of justice, proper maintenance of law and order conditions and presence of an effective committed government that insures safeguarding of the rights of every citizens is what every people accepted as real peace.

If we go in the line of the political thinkers, and we accept the definition of peace as described by them; is the so called "Peace Talk" that has been going on for 22 years between the Government of India and the National Socialist Council of Nagalim, which is at the concluding stage, a right terminology?

A freelance columnist, during an interaction with some students of the South East Asian studies, JNU once said that - sometimes two countries respected each other without creating disturbance to one another if both have similar military strength, economic powers and of course deadly high tech weapon like nuclear bombs. That was in late 90s during a camp organised at Puri in Orissa where delegates from Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and some other South East Asian countries were present. If it is about to maintain peaceful co-existence between two neighbouring countries it is probably by either having similar military and economic might or by proving or showing that the other entity is at par with the might of the country. The later part of 2000s, the idea of Mr. Mahapatra, the then freelance columnist become irrelevant. Considering the fact that India and Pakistan, despite being neighbouring nuclear power countries still continue to embark on war or war like situation. Now, the present day concept of keeping peace with neighbouring countries is by showing that they are not in par to challenge the might of the country. But, when it comes to internal crisis like separatist uproar and wage war against the government of their own country, the situation is different. A blame game culture of pointing fingers to external force (other country) for the cause is just for excuse and it will in no way solved such issue.

Leaving aside the problem of Jammu and Kashmir (which need to be deal with other perspective) almost all intellectuals, think tank and those building the nation called India knows that the problems in the North Eastern states (Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram etc) was a different issue. This column had many times given analytical points of the root of the arm struggle in North Eastern states particularly in the state of Manipur. The ideas submitted in this column were not simply assumptions but were based on the writings of the top Intelligence Bureau, from the mainland, who had work and served the region.

Between the years 1949 till 1972, from the time when India was in the process of nation building till it works to strengthen the nation, those in the then government had committed many wrongs. Almost every of them were mostly occupied by the attitude of the Colonial rulers British and they definitely underestimated the people of these region. A perfect example is the History. An erstwhile kingdom which was the 2nd nation in the entire South East Asia to have a written constitution and to run a democratic government by people elected through adult franchise was reduced to not even at the status of an Union territory. It was kept as a Part -C state governed by a commissioner. The frustrations among several youths of that time are the cause of the present insurgency movement in the region.

Despite, knowing these facts, the government authority of that time ignored and the unfortunate part was that they underestimated the people and believed that guns and bayonets can suppress as these region, which have a history of over 2000 years, was no different from the Wild Wild East.

The ugly chapter in the history of India is the idea of Surrendered Policy during mid 1990s. And the failed diplomatic channels formulated by the then Narashima Rao government was the signing of the agreement with the NSCN-IM on August 1, 1997. The signing of the so called peace agreement and the introduction of the Surrendered rehabilitation programme is being term as "failed and premature diplomacy" because the word "peace" has been misinterpreted.

22 years, the law and order condition of the state of Manipur was even worst then hell. Bandh Blockade, encounter, ambush to security forces, fake encounter killings, corruption nepotism were the way of life of the Manipuri people. And all these years people are living in fear and justice to the common people are just another dream.

It is not because that the NSCN-IM may refuse to sign the final agreement as scheduled by the government of India that this write up called it so but because the so call "Peace" used in the peace talk has been misinterpreted. In the absence of war between NSCN-IM and the Indian Army - common people face the worst nightmare, forget about getting justice.

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The need of IT in Legal Industry



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As legal professionals position themselves to survive the peaks and troughs of an ailing economy, a number of distinct trends help how firms and organizations become more efficient, productive and competitive in a global market. Other trends result from changing demographic attitudes and work styles. Recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil procedure make Electronically Stored Information (ESI) such as e-mails, instant messages, voicemails, e-Calendars, graphics and data on handheld devices discoverable in litigation. The explosive growth of ESI has increased the cost and complexity of e-discovery processes and forever changed the face of large-scale complex litigation. Social networking has the potential to transform the business and practice of Law in the coming years. Legal professionals have a growing number of social media tools at their disposal to accomplish a variety of legal tasks and career objectives. Social networking is changing how legal professionals recruit, job hunt network, locate and discredit witnesses, manage their career and interact with clients. Social media tools such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are also key market tools, helping lawyers and legal professionals reach a broad audiences and accomplish branding, advertising and client development goals. Powerful mobile devices, software -as-a-service and secure, web based technology allow legal

professionals to work from virtually anywhere. As a result, more legal professionals are working remotely from home or a virtual law office. Virtual law offices provide an alternative method of practicing law that permits flexible work hours and fosters a better work/ life balance for legal professionals. Virtual work is not just for lawyers, a growing number of legal professionals are working remotely. Working virtually allows legal professionals to serve their employers and clients while life balance and modifying their schedule to fit personal and family needs. Lawyers no longer have a monopoly on the law. The legal marketplace is changing and clients can seek legal assistance from a growing number of non-lawyer professionals including paralegal technicians, legal documents preparers, legal self-help sites, virtual assistance and offshore legal vendors. These new options enable bringing affordable legal services to disadvantaged populations and empower citizens to address their own legal matters. As the cost of legal services continue to rise, new legal delivery model will continue to emerge and gain momentum in the coming years.

Indian legal industry has always had the impact of the advancement of Information Technology and has been the practice of digitization. Many Law firms and legal departments have started embracing these technologies and are keeping themselves updated with these recent trends in technology. The impact of legal technology is quickly changing the practice of Law firms and legal departments as they become more conscious of the cost efficiencies being shaped by information technology. Recent development in legal information technology are also simplifying the developments of business processes, new strategies management structures, conducive and collaborative and delivery-oriented systems. The

main reason behind the interrelationship between the legal service providers and their clients are due to clients expectations. New entrants in the market, productization, strong price competition and alternative fee structures innovative delivery approaches. Due to their Law firms and legal departments have started to re-stratize their practice operations and models. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been able to adopt the system of the legal industry and has been able to reduce the rote tasks. The introduction of Artificial Intelligence to legal technology has transformed the industry as well as digital applications like time-sheet, contract management, research, legal analytic etc. Legal technology is giving new possibilities to modernize the lawyers' client relationship. Numerous portals and collaboration platforms are simplifying the system. Virtual presence and availability, providing faster turnaround time, transparency towards the matter status, research and audio or video facility documents showing along with refined security technology. With advancements in client interactions and communications, which were majorly meant to be personal meeting, calls and letters have now taken a shift towards Face time to text, video conferencing, and online dashboards with MIS etc.

Many law firms and legal departments have started showing major interest in cloud computing and started acquiring cloud based firm management software in areas such as document management, knowledge management, case management, client relationship management and human resource information system. Virtual computing tools are also assisting with the reduction in fixed costs and are allowing the lawyers to work remotely either from home, courts, clients office etc. Effective case management applications are also on it. Being

a service industry, it is vital and precarious for Law firms to track the profitability and productivity of the delivery. Factors like client generation, billed hours, billing receipts etc. have become crucial for practice. Legal technology has made it easy to create such reports and analyze the same. It has become computable to benchmark the groups by mapping their productivity and performance. The legal industry has travelled from manual discretionary performance assessment to automated human resource information system. In the recent years, many online platforms have come up which provides prospects to potential clients to connect with the lawyers for simple services ranging from trademark registration, leases, registration and execution of wills, contract and lease agreements, to dishonoring of cheques, recovering suits, consumers complaints etc. These online legal service providers connect lawyers and categorize them as per their practice areas, localities and schedules making it easy for the client to do the cost evaluation apropos sensitivity of the matter. The Indian legal industry is one of the oldest professions and it is observing a change with the recent trends in legal technology. From the perspective of the clients the legal services have become low-priced and more accessible, whereas from the perspective of the firms they have become more profitable and productive. By adopting these technological trends it is not only saving money and time but also becoming enabler in nurturing relationship and assisting the firms to achieve the next level of growth.

So legal professionals need to learn IT skills, Knowledge of AI, creation of business plan to embrace AI, keeping informed about new source of ESI, importance of cloud security measure for efficient practices.

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Chicklets distributed in Tamenlong

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To improve the socio economic status of the traditional farmers of Tamenlong the Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, today distributed low input technology birds to 125 beneficiaries which is selected by the Tamenlong District Council under the backyard poultry scheme at Autonomous District Council Office, Tamenlong. Namsinrei Panmei, ADC, Chairman, Chaoba, Veterinary Director, attended the function as Chief Guest and President respectively. Backyard/ free range poultry farming is characterized by rearing chicken in small numbers (10-15) by each household in the

backyards under free range system. The birds are allowed for foraging during the day time while at night they are provided with shelter, made of locally available low cost materials added the president of the program. He also said that poultry provides a continuous source of income and the farmers can take good care of poultry and earn a substantial income from eggs, meat, feathers and manure.

The program is attended by Kajaigai Gangmei, CEO, ADC, Charles Liangdiang, Chairman, Small town committee, Pouhoilung, Executive member, ADC, Micah, ADC, Member. Chicklets were also distributed to the media houses of Tamenlong District. Altogether 1070 chicklets were distributed on the occasion.

Rise in incidences of spinal problems among youngsters

By Isha Kashyap
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Due to sedentary lifestyle and prolonged sitting working hours, there is sudden rise in the incidences of spinal problems among youth which was once considered as an age related ailment. According to a recent study, every fifth Indian in the age group of 30-40 is suffering from some type of spinal problem. There has been 60% rise in spinal related morbidities among the younger generation of the country from the last decade.

"Incorrect ergonomics at the workplace is one of the primary reasons for developing spinal problems among young professionals. It adds huge amount of pressure to the back muscles and spinal discs. Slouched positions can over stretch spinal ligaments and strain the spinal discs causing severe pain and can lead to severe complications if left untreated. Backbone and spinal problems were common among the elder population but now due sedentary lifestyle and poor sitting posture have led youngsters to visit the consultants

which is a great matter of concern." Said Dr. Arvind G Kulkarni, Head of Mumbai Spine Scoliosis & Disc Replacement Centre, Bombay Hospital, Mumbai. Approximately upto 95% of patient with low back pain do not require any special diagnosis test during the first month of symptoms. There are few red flag signs like ruptured disks which suggest serious underlying conditions and if a person is experiencing the same then it requires an evaluation on urgent basis.

"It's disappointing that most of us just accept the pain as a normal part of life instead of identifying and eliminating the root cause of the problem. Back or neck pain should not be neglected. Early treatment can solve the pain and the root cause of the problem within a short span of time providing complete recovery. Risk of surgeries can be avoided with early diagnosis and proper treatment helping a person live a better life without any complication" Added Dr Kulkarni. However, by maintaining active lifestyle such as performing regular exercises and following safe practices while sitting and bending, most of the spinal problems can be prevented.

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