

Editorial

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Time to find way for immediate solution to the climate crisis

The world today blames the greed of the human kinds for the cause of the present global crisis due to environment degradation and Manipur too joined in criticizing the human greed for the present crisis.

Human error has always been the cause of crisis of any kind. And from time to time, these human has been fighting hard to correct the error so that we could live a live with dignity, peacefully and prosperously.

It is right that we the human beings have committed so many crimes against the Mother Nature. We have tonsured almost all forest of the planet and as a result flash flood, draught, extreme rise in mercury etc are becoming yearly phenomenon in across the planet. Manipur too have been witnessing the horror of nature's wrath in the recent year. For some civilize society, they have been finding alternative ways to live with the changes and by trying to restore the Mother Nature to its original position. For Country like Thailand or Japan in the South East Asia or the Israel in the Middle East or the US in the west, they have been finding ways to adapt with the changing environment making their land human friendly. For example, way back in early 2000s, Thailand had started construction Check Dam in Chekmai area to control the water at catchment area. The construction of the Check Dam had not only control flash flood but also succeeded in supplying water for irrigation. Israel, once a barren land is now an advance country which produces agricultural products the years round. This was possible due to the hard work of the people of the country. Similar kind of initiative to fight the changing climatic condition of the world is being seen taken up at many states of India too. Government of Many state particularly Rajsthan, Punjab, Maharastra etc. have been putting all their energy to promote agricultural products. When agri products are high the state automatically becomes free from natural disaster.

Well as for the state of Manipur the people now that the deforestation that has been taking place for the last many decades is the cause of the present environmental crisis. We have heard the head of the state talking about the deforestation at River Catchment area as the cause of the flash flood and the present day draught like situation. The government authority always talk as if the people of this land are left with no means as it is the nature that has been creating the situation. Desperate move like mass tree plantation are being taken up and huge amount of money have been spent for the plantation of sapling. The initiative for the plantation of sapling is a good initiative. However on second thought it is pertinent for one all to think about the people of present day Manipur. The plantation of trees is a long term measures and it will take some 2 decades to see all trees grow well. But why the state is not considering of taking up some short term measures for survival of the present day generation.

When Thailand or Israel could find scientific measures to fight the changing climate change, why not in the state of Manipur?

As everyone knows that it was the deforestation at river catchment area that caused frequent flash flood and drought, why the government is not constructing Check Dams at River catchment area? While waiting for the newly planted sapling to grow the Check Dam is now left as the only means for control of rain water at River Catchment area. The idea is being suggested as it had been taken up at other places. However, there may be other scientific way to solve the present crisis. But for that the state need to invest money to the scientists of the state and encourage them to research in the field.

Let us think of some immediate measures so that the present generation can adapt with the changing climate of the world. After all we can't let ourselves died in hunger.

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Sharp rise in crude oil prices to have limited impact on inflation: RBI Governor

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Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that only a limited impact on inflation is expected in view of spiked crude oil prices amidst the ongoing crisis in Saudi Arabia.

Drone attacks on the world's largest oil refinery in Saudi Arabia have resulted in a massive 20 percent surge in crude prices. Speaking at an economic summit in Mumbai last evening, Mr. Das said, the fiscal numbers given the lower subsidy outgo adding that the full impact will only to visible

in the long run. Mr. Das said, he expects inflation to remain below 4 percent in the next 12 months and there is room for more rate cuts given growth slump. He maintained that domestic economy remains resilient as foreign debt is only 19.7 percent of GDP.

The RBI governor said, international environment is clouded with challenging conditions. He said, global growth is slowing down and central banks across the world are bracing up to counter it by easing monetary policy; but there is no recession as yet.

No country supports Pakistan on Kashmir issue at UNHRC meeting

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Pakistan once again faced a major embarrassment over its stand on Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan attempts at pushing through a resolution in United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) against India with regards to alleged human

rights violation in Kashmir fell flat as it did not get support of even one country. Pakistan had earlier claimed that it will gather support of more than 50 countries. This has exposed Pakistan's isolation in international community. India's first secretary in the permanent mission at the UNHRC, Kumam Mini Devi lashed out at

Pakistan over its human rights record. She said all the decisions of India on Jammu and Kashmir are totally internal issues and Pakistan is trying to misrepresent the facts. She also said that Pakistan has a dismal record of Human Rights against its own people of Balochistan, Sindh and its occupied Kashmir.

AAP MLA Alka Lamba disqualified

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Rebel Aam Aadmi Party MLA Alka Lamba has been disqualified from the legislative assembly on the grounds of defection. Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel took the decision on a complaint by AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj seeking Lamba's disqualification.

According to an official statement, the disqualification will be effective from 6th of this month.

Ms Lamba who recently met Congress President Sonia Gandhi in an MLA from Chandni Chowk seat.

Her disqualification comes days after she announced that she is quitting the AAP and returning to the Congress.

55th ITEC Day celebrated in Dhaka

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The 55th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day was celebrated at the High Commission of India in Dhaka, Bangladesh yesterday. Around 300 ITEC alumni from all walks of life, attended the programme.

Over 4,000 young Bangladeshi professionals have undergone specialized short and medium term courses in India under the ITEC programme since 2007.

ITEC offers opportunities to participants to avail of short and medium term courses in premier institutions like IITs and IISCs in India. It was instituted in 1964 as

part of India's Development Assistance offering for developing countries.

Every year more than 10,000 training slots are offered to 161 partner countries for training courses in various areas like Accounts, Audit, Management, SME, Rural Development and Parliamentary Affairs.

Assam Rifles Conducts Medical Camp



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Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a medical camp at Waheng Khuman village on 19 September 2019.

In an endeavour to reach out to the local populace, render all possible assistance and as a contribution towards ensuring well being of one and all, Nambol Company Operating Base (COB) organised a medical camp for the locals of the area. As part of the camp, a dedicated medical team under the Regimental Medical Officer of the Battalion provided medical assistance to the locals including women and children of the area. In addition to the medical checkup, consultation on various diseases and health related issues

was carried out as well as free medicines were distributed to the needy patients.

The camp concluded with an informative lecture on 'maintenance of good health, hygiene and sanitation'. The Medical Officer urged the people to remain fit and healthy by adopting healthy lifestyle and indulging in sports and daily exercises. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which various queries raised by the attendees were clarified by the medical team.

The medical camp received an overwhelming response from the local populace and witnessed over 150 locals benefiting from the camp. All the attendees conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for conducting such camps.

Security Meet

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a security meet at Koirengai Company Operating Base (COB). The Security forum was attended by Meira Paibis, Ward Councilors and representatives of local youth clubs. As part of the security meet, locals were updated on current security situation existing in the area of responsibility. There was also an interaction session carried out on necessary measures to be undertaken for maintaining strict

vigil against illicit activities in the area. In addition to the security agenda, the locals were also informed about the upcoming Army Recruitment Rally scheduled to be held at Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium in Imphal from 10 to 18 October 2019. Emphasis was laid on the modalities of online registration facility at the Unit headquarters and pre-recruitment training at the COBs.

As part of the forum, there was also interaction on future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshment for all the attendees.

BJP leader arrested by UP SIT in Shahjahanpur Rape Case

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BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand, accused of raping a student, was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Special Investigation Team (SIT) that is probing the case on Friday. An official said that he was taken for medical examination to Shahjahanpur district hospital. The development comes days after the law student, who had alleged rape recorded her statement in front of the magistrate. However, it is not yet clear what charges are levied against the former minister by the SIT. According to information, Chinmayanand was arrested from his ashram in Saharanpur and was taken to district hospital for medical check-up amidst heavy security deployment. Members of the SIT were also present on the spot. The BJP leader will now be presented before court later in the day.

A law student from Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur, has accused BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand of raping and "physically exploiting" her for a year. The woman alleged that the former MP recorded videos of her while she was in the bath and

used them to blackmail and rape her. He also shot a video of the act, she claimed.

The woman's father had handed over 43 video clips to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case. He has also demanded that Section 376, along with the provisions for destroying evidence, be evoked against the former MP as some of the evidence has been removed from the hostel room of his daughter at the BJP leader's behest.

The woman's father told reporters that Chinmayanand had raped his daughter after blackmailing her with the recorded videos. His daughter then decided to record all his acts using a hidden camera. A friend of the law student had also spoken out in her support, confirming the charges pressed against the former MP.

"She studied with me in the same college and had told me about the problems she was facing. She told me she was first given free food and other privileges in the hostel but was unaware of what was in store for her. Later, she told me that when she went for a bath, her video was recorded, which was later used to blackmail her," the friend recalled.

Sports

Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics

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Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya today qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics winning their respective quarterfinal matches in World Wrestling Championships at Nur-Sultan in Kazakhstan. However, they lost their semi-final

bouts in the men's freestyle category.

Bajrang lost the semi-final to the home wrestler Daultel Niyazbekov while Ravi Dahiya lost his match to reigning world champion Zaur Uguev from Russia.

Vinesh Phogat had already booked an Olympic quota for India in women's 53 kilogram yesterday.