

Editorial

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Govt. should take measures to stop harassing media houses by the Tourism department.

Procedural lapses in the state government Tourism Department in media-related activities is evident enough to show how other matters related being taken up for the promotion of the Tourism Department would have been conducted. Knowingly or unknowingly media advertisement issued by the Department for Tourism related festival organized under the aegis of the state government has not been properly followed, which is a gross violation of the Manipur State Advertisement Policy 2013.

For almost all advertisements published in local dailies in connection with tourism-related events including the largest state Tourism Festival held in 2019, no payment has been so far cleared. The Tourism department authority sent the advertisement for publication to newspapers through the DIPR. On being enquired about the payment and amount approved, the answer from the DIPR authority is that media houses have to directly submit the bill amount to the Tourism Department.

This newspaper has brought up this issue in November 2016 when there was Congress government.

This paper highlights the issue not because this paper has not been able to submit any bill for the advertisement published for the Tourism department. But it is people's right to know how the government machinery is functioning whether or not on the behest of their superior. Imphal Times, being an evening daily can't go for competition with the high-quality newspaper published in the morning but the management did try its best to promote the quality of journalism through unbiased reporting.

So highlighting the issue of a State Government Department violating the government rules and regulations, the Imphal Times gains no benefit. It is only an attempt to correct what is wrong in the system. But the question now is who will bell the cat?

The government always talks for strengthening the Directorate of Information and Public Relation, that is in charge of the department as well as the State Tourism Department which had violated the Manipur State Advertisement Policy 2013. For sure a mere apology to mend the mistake may end the matters without awarding any sort of punishment, even as it is a complete violation of the rules framed by his government.

According to the Manipur State Advertisement policy, it is mandatory for every government department or agency under the state government to publish any form of advertisement through the DIPR. Clause 9 of the Manipur State Advertisement Policy says that All Government advertisements, both classified and display shall be released through DIPR only. And clause 24 of the state advertisement policy mention that if any Government advertisement is issued in violation of the provisions of clause 9, the head of Department / Office concerned will be personally responsible for payment of advertisement bills from his/her account. Again the clause 25 of the advertisement policy also said that Treasury officers/Sub-Treasury Officers shall withhold bills for payment of govt. an advertisement that has not been routed through DIPR. This means that all payments should be through the DIPR and not necessarily the department's concern.

Asking the media houses to collect advertisement fees from the government department and not through the Directorate of Information and Public Relations by submitting the bill to the concerned department is the worst form of harassment to media houses.

Tourism department authority should be given a class on Manipur State Advertisement policy by the DIPR at the earliest possible time.

Newly elected executive members of MSAD 2020-21.

Oath taking was held at Arts Faculty DU, north campus on 9 Feb 2020.

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| 1) Chingkeingnaba Shaikhom | President |
| 2) Khumaningtho Khumanthem | Vice President |
| 3) Shinghajt Thokchom | General Secretary |
| 4) Birjit Heikham | Finance Secretary |
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| 8) Kenedy Moirangthem | Organisation Secretary |

Bank Pass Book Lost

I, the undersigned, Oinam Tarun Singh, have lost my Bank Pass Book of the State Bank of India (SBI) bearing Account No. 30348213681 on the way between Keishamthong to Paona Bazar on 07-02-2020. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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Raja Goukthothang Guite Football Memoriam 2020

United Khawzim Brothers face fellow Manipur State League outfit Sagolband United in a blockbuster final show

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After weeks of exciting and dramatic results supplemented with top-class football, the much fan-fare Raja Goukthothang Guite Football Memoriam 2020 will be drawing into conclusion today when district football giants United Khawzim Brothers goes head to head with Manipur State League giants Sagolband United for what is considered to be the greatest final showpiece taking place at the iconic Lamka Public Ground, Churachandpur in the current decade.

Considering the quality of both finalist teams as well as the results they have produced leading to today's exciting final, no side has emerged clear favourites to grab the Rs. 3 Lakh cash prize on offer as the tie is highly in the balance. Moreover, the grand final fixture become the first ever all-Manipur State League final fixture hosted by Churachandpur district.

The Final Match cum Closing

Ceremony will be graced by Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Hon'ble Minister (Power, Works, Industries, DIPR, RD & PR, Govt. of Manipur), Shri Vungzagin Valte, Hon'ble Chairman MTDC & MLA Thanlon and Ms. Amrita Sinha, IPS, SP, Churachandpur as Chief Guest, Functional President and Guest of Honour of the grand programme respectively.

Despite enduring a faltering start to the campaign which seen them collecting just one point in their first two group games, United Khawzim Brothers produced great comeback as they saw a sudden upturn of result which earned them a last-gasp entry into the quarter-finals. In the quarter-finals, they thrashed Zenghang Lamka YC 5-2 courtesy of a hat-trick by Luntimng Haokip and in the semi-finals, they trounced Bungnuol YC 4-1 to enter final. During this process, they recorded a total goal-score of 14 while conceding 7 thus averaging 2.9 goals per match with Luntimng Haokip accrediting 5 goals falling just one goal short of leading scorer Jerry Pulamte, who

has 6 goals while UKB's Lamthianlal Vaiphei has also scored 4 goals and is still in the race for the top-scorer award.

Meanwhile, Sagolband United have entered the tournament from the knock-out round for being an outstation Manipur State League team having introduced themselves with a penalty shoot-out victory over SYMROPIA FC after the evenly contested match ended 1-1 and in the quarter-finals, they edged past FC Zotal 2-1 before needing another penalty shoot-out victory over Konsham FC in the semi-finals after a disappointing goalless draw to book a place into the final.

Looking at the results of Sagolband United, it is evident that they have been struggling in terms of goal-score as they have an average record of just 1 goal per match. However, despite looking short of goals, they have produced eye-catching performances on their way to the final and earned strong public appeal thanks to their perfect rhythm of slick-passing game. With reputed coach Tongminthang

Haokip, who guided FC Zalen into the final of the 10th Manipur State League 2015, United Khawzim Brothers have one of the most coveted coach of Manipur while in W. Khogen, who won the Hero I-League with Minerva Punjab FC, Sagolband United have one of the most successful coaches in the Country.

With United Khawzim Brothers having put their fate in the right path by finally breaking the jinx of their quarter-finals curse and making their first final appearance after 10 years at this iconic venue, many believe UKB are favourites to lift the prestigious trophy but the performance of Sagolband United and dynamism of their eye-catching football brand has earned the trust of many to consider them favorites to win the tournament. So, under such tag, both teams will be playing a historic final that will be remembered for long.

Final match to be kicked off after the closing ceremony which is scheduled to begin at 11:00 am

Counting of votes in progress for 70 assembly seats in Delhi; AAP leading on 62 seats; BJP ahead on 8



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Aam Aadmi Party looks all set to retain power in Delhi for the third term. According to latest trends, AAP is leading in 62 seats, while BJP is ahead in 2 constituencies in the 70-member Assembly elections. The contest is between AAP and the BJP with Congress nowhere in the reckoning. First result has gone in favour of AAP. Party candidate Atishi has won Kalkaji seat. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is leading in New Delhi constituency, while his deputy Manish Sisodia is leading in Patparganj. Other AAP leaders - Satyendra Jain, Gopal Rai, Kailash Gahlot, Saurabh Bhardwaj, Atishi and Raghav Chadha are also leading in their constituencies. All three sitting BJP MLAs - Vijender Gupta, Om Prakash Sharma and Jagdish Pradhan - are leading in their constituencies.

Celebrations broke out at AAP headquarters as trends showed that the party heading towards a

comfortable majority. AAP office was decorated with blue and white balloons and big cut-outs of party Convenor Arvind Kejriwal.

Counting of votes is progressing smoothly amid tight security at 21 centres. The counting began at 8 this morning with postal ballots. The votes cast through electronic voting machines (EVMs) were taken up after that. Each EVM consists of a ballot unit, a control unit and a voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT). After counting of votes through control units of every assembly constituency, five VVPATs will be randomly selected and they will be counted. 62.59 per cent voter turnout was recorded this year, five per cent less than 2015 assembly polls.

The counting centres are located across 11 districts, including at CWG Sports Complex in east Delhi, NSIT Dwarka in west Delhi, Meerabai Institute of Technology and GB Pant Institute of Technology in southeast Delhi, Sir CV Raman IIT, Dheerpur in central Delhi, and Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Bawana in north Delhi.

NIA takes over probe into Jan 31 encounter with JeM terrorists

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The National Investigation Agency has taken up the probe into an encounter along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway last month in which three Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists were killed. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification yesterday directing the agency to carry out a thorough probe into the

circumstances in which the three terrorists had sneaked into Jammu and Kashmir through the International Border at Samba. In a late night operation yesterday, three Overground Workers (OGWs) were arrested from Pulwama district of south Kashmir in connection with the January 31 encounter. The officials said, they have been identified as Suhail Javed Lone, Zahoor Ahmad Khan and Shoiab Manzoor.

The Promise of Life

By -Prem Rawat

Light is more powerful than darkness. A little bit of light can destroy a ton of darkness whereas a ton of darkness cannot remove a little bit of light. Life is not about fear. It's about courage, understanding, and to move forward. To feel gratitude in the face of great adversity is the true passion for life.

The time to see the desert is when it rains. Mysteriously, the desert hold in it, the promise of life, of delicate tender flowers, but it needs the rain, without rain the rivers don't flow. The water has come in the desert and carved the shape which a river holds. And that dry river waits patiently for it to rain and once again the water flows through it. This is the promise that this life holds. Who are we? What are we? Are we the sum of all the things that happen around us, the sum of waking up in the morning and realizing all the responsibilities? Or is there something more? There is something inside every human being that wants to smile, that wants to be thankful, to feel gratitude, to feel joy.

Life is the most amazing gift and a thing that will ever happen to you. Despite all the things that are wrong in this world, despite all the problems and the ugliness that is in this world, there are some things that are really good and beautiful. That beauty, that perfection, that right, is in YOU. There are people who like to point out all the problems, but there are some people who point out the right, the beautiful because this existence that you have, this life that you have, despite all problems, it is very beautiful and wonderful. But we forget the importance of being alive. We are so caught up in our turmoil, ideas and concepts that we forget what we have been given.

Sometimes, what we actually want, we think that we need. What is your need? To breathe, to eat food, to be warm, to have water when thirsty as without these you will die. These are the needs. Peace is what we need. Joy, happiness, clarity are the needs. There are times when sadness affects us, but at some point on time, we have to look at reality, and the reality is that the breath is coming into us. That has

not changed over time. There are so many dramatic things that happen, but the sun never stops shining. Traumas will happen in our life because this is life. Storms will come as this is the ocean of life. There is no mechanism to get rid of the storms. But there is a mechanism to go around the storm, this is wisdom.

Life is your friend. Do not be afraid of living. Age needs to be your friend, accept them and let them come. Look inside of you and you will realize that you are just as young you ever were. That child is still in you, that did not die. Happiness is not simply smiling or laughing. Happiness is happiness when you feel good. And there is one person in this world who can make you happy and that's YOU yourself. We know a lot about others, the business, the colleagues etc, but you know very less about you. Understand yourself in this life before that last breath comes. Because that's the moment when you will love your life the most. Take a minute; take little time to understand that your life is incredibly important. You are not a number, not just a name rather you are even more than the sum of all your goods and all your bads. What is yours? Do you know? You, as this life pounds into you, this breath pounds into you. Every time it comes, it brings the gift of life. When you are conscious, this life holds promises after promises, gifts after gifts. Which gift have you accepted? If you are a stranger to yourself, then like many others, you came, you lived a while, and gone. These are the three facts: your birth, your life and you have to go one day. There is no control over it. But between the two - birth and death, you can do something. You can know yourself, you can be fulfilled. Understand yourself because this is a desert and we want the rain of understanding, rain of happiness and peace to come in our life.

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