

# Editorial

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## Re-thinking of the serious wrong

In the aftermath of the infamous July 23, 2009 incident at which a pregnant lady identified as Thokchom Rabina and another person Chungkham Sanjit was allegedly killed in encountered by Manipur state police personnel in broad daylight at crowded Khwairamband Keithel her in Imphal, the matter was handed over to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following public uproar. Even as the court is yet to deliver its verdict regarding the matter almost every person not only in from the state of Manipur but from across the nation knows stories about the killing. This write up is not about the case or any such encountered killing related incident but a question asked by a lady IPS officer that I was a journalist still confuse to find the why.

It was a casual conversation after I gave a statement in favour of one of my staff as a procedural measure for their investigation.

Being an IPS officer, holding a responsible post, the lady knows something of everything about the Manipuri society even though she came to the state as a part of the CBI team to investigate the July 23, 2009 encounter incident.

"Personnel of the civil police is all human who simply picks the job out of passion if an action of a police personnel is felt injustice, why all the police force should support that very police personnel", this was the question she asked me and I failed to give a reasonable reply, even though there were many answer base on certain theories.

Recently, an Assam Rifles personnel was caught red-handed along with the huge quantity of contraband WY tablets in a costly car. He is right at the moment under the custody of Manipur Police. When asked regarding this matter to the PRO Assam Rifles the answer was that he will let know the media on what action will be taken up against him.

Some days back, a lady IPS officer reported about harassment and humiliation by Assam Rifles personnel at Khudengthabi Post while returning from Moreh. Assam Rifles' authority instead of investigating the matter and award punishment for disrespecting the lady officer released a statement that supports the action of the AR personnel whom the lady IPS officer alleged to have harassed her and her team. Later the IPS association stands by the side and the matter even though is not coming out at the public domain, the matter seems floating still.

Now the same question comes to my mind. Why government employee/s, no matter they are in the security or civil service, stand by the side of the employee/s if work in the same department.

Recently, Family Court had banned a marriage ceremony of an MPS officer after a woman who eloped and was reportedly set an arrangement for marriage filed a petition. The court banned the marriage and, logically, the person (MPS) officer is guilty and perhaps under section 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code, he is liable a serious penalty, yet no report of any action being taken up against him by the government has been heard.

Something seems to be seriously wrong with the system running the country.

## Indian girl scales Mt. Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America

By Raju Vernekar  
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Kaamya Karthikeyan, a class VII student of Navy Children School (NCS) located at Colaba in South Mumbai, became the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt. Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America and outside of Asia.

The 12 year old Kaamya, daughter of Naval officer Cdr S. Karthikeyan, summited the 6,962-metre (20841 feet) tall Argentinian mountain peak on first February (04.00 hrs), unfurling the Indian tricolour. Her expedition "Sahas" was flagged off by Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command in Mumbai in December 2019.

Mount Aconcagua, Spanish Cerro Aconcagua, mountain in western Mendoza province, west-central Argentina, on the Chilean border. It is the highest point in the Western Hemisphere.

Aconcagua lies in the Southern Andes Mountains, although its peak is in Argentina, its western flanks build up from the coastal lowlands of Chile, just north of Santiago. Its name originated from the Quechua Aconk Cahuak ("Sentinel of Stone"). Aconcagua is of volcanic origin, but it is not itself an active volcano. It has two summits—north and south—connected by a ridge (Cresta del Guanaco) that is about 0.6 mile (1 km) long. The first attempted ascent, made in 1883, failed; the highest (north) summit was first reached in 1897 by Swiss climber Matthias Zurbriggen.

The young mountaineering prodigy bags a long list of summits to her credit and swears by her running and cycling workouts to be the wind behind her wings. As a child, Kaamya had developed a deep passion for mountaineering as she listened to her father's



stories of Himalayan-scaling expeditions. Initially, she started with basic treks in Lonavala, (Pune, Maharashtra) at the age of three, and by nine, she had completed several high-altitude Himalayan treks with her parents including (Roopkund (5020 metres) in Uttarakhand.

She began exploring the Himalayas and trekked to many beautiful locations like the Chandrashila Peak, Har-ki Dun, Kedarkantha Peak, Roopkund Lake, Brighu Lake and Sar pass. Her most notable trekking accomplishment came in May 2017, when she trekked to Everest Base Camp in Nepal at 17600 ft to become the Second youngest girl in the world to accomplish the feat.

In August 2017, Kaamya climbed Mt. Stok Kangri at 20187 Ft to become the youngest climber in the world to climb a peak above 20000 Ft or 60000 metres. Last year (24 August 2019) she summited Mt. Mentok Kangri II (6262 m) (20,544 feet) peak that overlooks the Tso Moriri lake in Ladakh. Her mission is to conquer the highest peaks in every continent and ski to both the Poles. She has already bested the highest peaks in Africa, Europe and Australia.

During her earlier stay in Vizag, Kaamya had participated in three

editions of Vizag Navy Marathon, twice in the Hyderabad Triathlon, Pinkathon and Vizag Bay Marathon. But after moving to Mumbai six months ago, she has found a new found love in running, thanks to the running culture in the city. She is now not only a regular participant in the 10K category of the city's runs, but has been finishing on the podium in events like Matheran Endurathon and Lonavala Varsha Marathon.

By next year (2021), she aims to complete the exclusive 'Explorers Grand Slam' - which involves the competitors to climb the tallest mountains in all continents besides skiing on the North Pole and South Pole - that has been achieved by just a handful of dare-devil adventurers on Earth.

Her parents however say that the determination and focus that running imparts plays a huge role while negotiating those seemingly impossible climbs. They also note that her hard work in the outdoors has manifested into attitudinal enhancement, resulting in her drive to perform well in all spheres of life like academics and fine arts. Kaamya hopes to inspire a multitude of children to pursue their dreams and the general populace to take up an outdoor way of healthy life.

## AR installed solar lights at Chattrik Khullen

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Chassad Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) has always been at the forefront as far as extending a helping hand to the local population of Kamjong district is concerned.

As a part of continued endeavour towards improving the standard of living and to alleviate the problems faced by the locals due to the remoteness of the location, six solar lights were installed at Chattrik Khullen village under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020.

The initiative was well received by the villagers and the village authorities expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the efforts taken by the Assam Rifles. During interaction with the villagers, it was assured by the Assam Rifles that they will continue to help locals and uphold the motto of 'Friends of North East People'.

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## MNS's new flag runs....

Vinod Patil, President of R R Patil Foundation, said that he was pained to see the use of Rajmudra in the MNS flag and sought the state government's action against the party. We have already written to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray about this. There is a three-party government in the state. They should take action against the MNS. We never thought that the royal seal of Shivaji Maharaj will be the part of MNS flag.

Rajmudra is the Royal seal of Shivaji, the first Chhatrapati of the Maratha Empire. The script is Devanagari and language Sanskrit. It is usually stamped on the head of the letter, and in some cases, back. Loosely translated, it reads, "Ever growing in splendour like the moon on the first day of the bright half of the month, and adored by the world, this seal of Shivaji, the son of Shahaji, shines for the benediction of all". It is believed that, Rajmudra was given to Shivaji Maharaj by his father Shahajiraje Bhosale when he (Shahajiraje) sent Jijabai (Shivaji's mother) and young Shivaji to handle "Pune Jagir" (estate). The earliest letter found containing this 'authenticity stamp' is from the year 1639.

The rules related to the use of national emblem in school textbooks, books on history, art or culture or in any other form have been stipulated in the Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act 2005.

As per the Indian Copyright Act 1957, anonymous works, photographs, cinematographic works, sound recordings, government works, and works of corporate authorship or of international organizations enter the public domain 60 years after the date on which they were first published, counted from the beginning of the following calendar year (ie, as of 2020, works published prior to 1 January 1960 are considered public domain). Posthumous works (other than those above) enter the public domain after 60 years from publication date. Any other kind of work enters the public domain 60 years after the author's death. Text of laws, judicial opinions, and other government records are free from copyright. Photographs created before 1960 are in the public domain 50 years after creation, as per the Copyright Act 1911. It is to be seen whether MNS's new flag violates existing rules.

MNS was founded in 2006 after Raj Thackeray split from Shiv Sena. Later, the party was not performing well enough in elections. Now, with Shiv Sena holding the secular flag, MNS has switched on to Hindutva. Last Sunday it had also organised a mammoth pro-CAA/NRC/NPR rally in Mumbai.

## Fishery Skill Development (SKD) Training Programme held

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Krishi Vigyan Kendra Churachandpur has successfully launched the Fishery Skill Development (SKD) Training Programme sponsored by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad which comprises of series of training modules from 12<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the training hall of the office. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Khaikhopau Ngaihte, AC-DC Churachandpur as Chief Guest, Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR-RC for NEH Region, Manipur Centre as President, Dr. S. Roma Devi, Head in-charge KVK Churachandpur and Dr. N. Soranganba, SMS (Fishery) & Course Director of the SKD programme. Dr. N. Prakash in his presidential speech highlighted the importance of fisheries in the state and the need to cope up with the demand and

supply deficient. He mentioned that the state has about one lakh hectare water bodies and produced about 32,000 MT of fish, out of the total requirement of 52,000 MT of fish. This gap could be filling up by increasing the local production and productivity. There is need for new scientific technology and intervention by the fishery experts/specialist and work more towards feed management, stocking management and latest technology in fishery to increase production and become self-sufficient.

The chief guest of today's function Mr. Khaikhopau Ngaihte, AC-DC, Churachandpur in his speech congratulates and warmly greets the trainees for their huge response and participation. He also cite that the local fish produce is not sufficient and there is more need for scientific method of aquaculture practice to garner more production and increase the productivity thus increasing production.

## MIB organises 'Community Radio Awareness Workshop' for Northeast India



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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), Government of India in association with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi, has successfully organised a three day Community Radio Awareness Workshop at Hotel Acacia, Dimapur, Nagaland from 11th to 13th February 2020. Various NGOs from Manipur and Nagaland participated in this workshop which aimed to build awareness and clear

any doubts among the participants around the procedures to set up a Community Radio Stations like programme types they can follow, coverage area for frequencies, costing, basic requirements, role of

community etc.

Prof Madhu Parhar, Director, CEMCA who led the workshop along with the team welcomed the different organisations participating in the workshop and shared about the initiatives the Government of India and CEMCA have been taking up to promote community radio in different parts of the country.

Prof Sapu Changkija, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, Nagaland University, also gave the inaugural address and stressed upon the need of Community Radio Stations in North East India.

Mr. Amit Dwivedi, PMU, Community Radio Cell, MIB also enlisted the advantages of Community Radio along with the details of setting up Community Radio Stations and the various

government policies and schemes one need to keep in mind while applying for license.

The workshop also had representatives of various Community Radio Stations from across Northeast India namely, Ms Debanjana Deb Barman of Friends Radio, Tripura and Dr Sangeeta Kakoty of Jnan Tranga from Assam who shared their experiences around the operations and working of CR stations.

With this workshop, the ministry and CEMCA are looking to guide and support the interested participants in their application for Community Radio Station licence hereby increasing the presence of community radio stations across the 8 states of Northeast India.

## Passport Lost

I have lost my passport No. H8575953 issued by the Regional Passport Office on the way between Singmaic to Keishamthong Bazar on February 9, 2020.

Finders are requested to handover it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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