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Editorial

Committing crime against nature and the essence of patriotism

The new world today is facing serious threat as the essence of patriotism and theory of Nationalism now has been a tool, which is considered the only way to show one's community existence and also to showcase their pride. Most country now face problem of separatist movement and recently, Hong Kong witness a rise for their freedom from the hand of Chinese supremacy. India witness a crisis in Jammu and Kasmir in its effort of makes the country a one nation. There are also any countries who are working whole heartedly to strengthening their so call nation using all means. The International body – United Nation now seems to be a name shake organization which cannot intervene to any of the anti humanitarian crime committed by any country for their own benefit. When all seems right from each country perspective, an issue which might put the entire human race into deep trouble seem to be forgotten to discuss. It is about the burning of Amazon Forest in Brazil. The American President seem to back the Brazil president in the regard. For sure if the Amazon Forest is rooted from the globe, the entire planet is going face problem of non availability of Oxygen which is needed by every living being in the planet.

Well Every year, a certain day is dedicated and

observed as "World Environment Day" throughout the world. The irony, however is that it would not be far from the truth to say that everybody is feeling the consequences of the damages man has inflicted on the environment right this very minute. But the uncomfortable truth is that unless we start doing something concrete to reverse- if possible, contain the damage, the rise in temperature and the consequent disruptions in the natural climatic cycle will continue at an increased rate. That is not a very rosy picture, and yet precious little has been done on the ground to slow the ravages of man on our ecosystem. There is bound to be a conflict of interest between conservation of environment and development as has been witnessed countless times before, an inevitable crossing of paths arising out of necessity. But such conflicts need not result in disaster or damages though that has been the case so far. All it needs is proper understanding and earnest effort to bring about a cohesive system where nature and environment can be integrated into the developing world. It has now become a chick or "the in thing" to flaunt one's eco-friendly lifestyles. This says a lot for the changing mindset towards our environments- a welcome change for sure, compared to the wanton destruction of forests and natural greeneries a few years earlier to make way for concrete structures and

artificial jungles of concrete and glass.

But the most emergent question everybody needs to be asking at the moment is: is dedicating a single day of the year to reaffirm our commitment and responsibilities towards our environment enough to make the necessary and desired changes? The answer couldn't be any clearer. This year, we have witnessed and experienced one of the worst floods in recent years, and the more relevant point that needs to be looked into is the frequency of the disaster. As of today, we have experienced flood situations at least four times in the state, the most recent one wreaking havoc at Senapati District, destroying, among others, an orphanage and leaving the kids with just the clothes on their backs.

The effects of the wrath of nature cannot be stressed enough. While it would not be possible or practical to expect the government to set things right and make plans to ensure that such calamities does not occur, there are areas where the government, both at the central and the state level, can look into and take up concrete steps to minimize the effects and contain the damage. Yet whatever has been done so far by way of any and every efforts towards addressing the issues, almost all of them turned out to be just another excuse by the contractors, engineers and others involved in the process to serve their own self-interests. The need of the hour, on the other hand, should be to implement a consistent plan to help nature and our environment to heal. This will undoubtedly prove easier said than done, but greater challenges have been successfully met and overcame with cooperation, dedication, a sense of purpose and resilience.

Meanwhile, making informed judgment by everyone of us in the way we choose eco-friendly products and organic foods that does not contaminate the soil and water, to that of choosing things which are made locally instead of the ones that has been flown halfway around the world, as also inculcating a more evolved civic sense could make a much bigger and significant difference than we think possible.

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Police – the best script writers

I have stopped watching movies a long time ago, because I had been exposed to more hilarious and convincing real life stories during my days as a crime reporter. So I was not surprised when I read two news reports today, Feb 20, 2020. First, the UP chief minister declared that the Anti-CAA protesters had suffered bullet injuries when some among themselves opened fire. Next the Kerala police have produced 350 fake bullets, after the CAG report said as many bullets and several rifles were found missing during the audit.
Back to an old police story where

one of my police contacts in Chennai Manali station had produced a more incredible feat, after the mega fire in the Madras Refineries Limited (MRL) in the early

During the fire, a large number of LPG filled cylinders flew over the protected area and landed in the vicinity. Police hauled them all to the station.

In those days, if one had an LPG cylinder, the refill was supplied on demand. All VIPs with police

contacts wanted the Manali police to arrange their LPG connection, as the MRL came under its jurisdiction. But MRL never obliged. So the Manali police made the best use of the collection. Soon, all the cylinders without damage were dispatched to the VIPs in the station 'waiting list.' Meanwhile, the MRL gave a complaint that large number of cylinders were missing and requested the police to return the Cylinders recovered to check their fire and blast resistance capability The security guys had seen the cylinders in the station yard a few days after the blast, and photographed them.

As the situation was likely to turn in to a scandal, the police agreed to 'return' all the recovered cylinders. The station in charge assured that a further search would be organised in the neighbourhood for more cylinder recovery.

The police did make inquiries and found that a factory in Gummudipoondi was supplying cylinders to the MRI. An order was placed to produce 25 LPG cylinders at minimum cost. Within a week, about 40 cylinders were handed over to MRL under proper record. The MRL promptly sent a letter to the police which said 25 cylinders did not belong to them. They found out that they were made with lesser gauge metal, and insisted on for their cylinders

Police knew they were trapped They went on the offensive. Based on the letter from the MRL, they wrote a report to the district police chief. Among other things, it mentioned that 'some truck operators made several trips carrying LPG loads from MRL using same trip sheets. Despite cases were registered against them, the practice continued. The letter from MRL says some of the cylinders recovered after the blasts were substandard. This is a cause of concern, and quality of cylinders must be periodically checked. There are reports that oil drums are punctured, and the contents allowed to flow into a drain with outlet to an uninhabited neighbourhood. The oil flowing on the top of the drain water is collected and sold by anti-social elements. A carelessly thrown lighted cigarette butt/match stick also can cause fires. So all these matters may be taken up with the

Union Government, and a thorough inquiry ordered by the CBI', letter

to the police chief said.
"Then what happened?" I asked my police contact.

'We tore off the original of this report, and gave a copy to the MRL Within minutes, a senior security person from the MRL rushed to the police station and requested that there was no need to follow up the blast case, and the entire matter might be treated as 'dropped'. We graciously accepted their request and said all was well that ended well Eom/Feb.20, 2020

(TKannamala is the Author: News Chase – a novel on the thrills, frills & perils of news reporting)

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Cardinal Gracias is back as CBCI President

IT News Mumbai, Feb 21

Mumbai: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) has re-elected Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the Archbishop of Mumbai, as president of the CBCI for a second term in an election held on February 17. Archbishop Felix Machado, the Bishop of Vasai (near Mumbai) was elected as the CBCI Secretary-General.

Gracias was elected on February17, which was the fifth day of the CBCI's 34th plenary assembly, concluded at St John's Medical College in Bengaluru in Karnatak. Cardinal Gracias will now lead the Indian Catholic Church for the next two years. On the same day that Gracias was re-elected by the Indian bishops, the Council of Cardinal Advisers (C6) held its first meeting with a three-day session in Rome

Gracias turned 75 in December. In accord with canon law, he has already submitted his resignation to the Pope, but is expected to continue as Archbishop of Mumbai for the foreseeable future.

The cardinal is also one of the The cardinal is also one of the members of the C-6, -a group of six cardinals who advise Pope Francis on the governance of the universal Church and on the preparation of a new governing constitution for the

Roman Curia.

Gracias' re-election as head of the bishops' conference, despite his being past the normal retirement age for a bishop, comes just weeks after the announcement by Cardinal Reinhard Marx, another member of the C-6, that he will step down as head of his own bishops' conference, in part because of his age.

On Feb. 11, Cardinal Marx said he

would not seek re- election as head of the German bishops' conference.

He said he wants to spend more time in his Archdiocese of Münich-Freising and to allow "a younger generation" to lead the Church in Germany. Marx is 66 years old. Speaking to IT, Fr. Nigel Barrett, spokesperson for Cardinal Gracias,

said that the decision to re-elect Cardinal Gracias was taken at the Bangalore plenary, which is 'like a general body meeting of all the bishops. Normally, someone is not elected as the CBCI president for more than two terms. The duties of the President include coordinating

with all the bishops of India. Gracias was born in Mumbai on 24 December 1944, to Jervis and Aduzinda Gracias (a native of Orlim, Goa). He recognises himself as a Goan Catholic. He completed his school studies at St. Michael's School in Mahim in Central Mumba and joined college at the Jesuit St Xavier's College, Mumbai. After a year, he entered the Seminary St.

Pius X in Mumbai, where he studied philosophy and theology. He was ordained to the priesthood by Valerian Gracius (no relation) on 20 December 1970. From 1971 to 1976, he served ad Chancellor and secretary to Bishop Joseph Rodericks, of Jamshedpur)Jharkhand)..

Gracias (born 24 December 1944) is Gracias (born 24 December 1944) is an Indian Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.. He was appointed Latin rite Archbishop of Mumbai, by Pope Benedict XVI on 14 October 2006 and was raised to the cardinalate in 2007. In 2008, he became Vice-President of the CCBI and in 2010, he was elected its President. He is also the President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences. On 13 April 2013, he was appointed to the Council of Cardinals, informally C-6, set up by Pope Francis to help with governing the Catholic Church and reforming

Workshop on "Role of NGOs/Civil Societies in Nature Conservation" held

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A One day Workshop for Civil Societies on "Role of NGOs/Civil Societies in Nature Conservation" Organised by Nature Learning Centre, Forest Department Manipur under the aegis of National Mission on Himalayan Students (NMHS), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Govt of India was held today at Hotel

Imphal Classic, North AOC.
The inaugural function was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Kereilhouvi ni IFS as Chief Guest, Addl PCCF & Project Investigator NLC Manipur Anurag Bajpai IFS as President, Member Secretary of



Manipur Biodiversity Board (MBB) D.J.N. Anand IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Dr.Lokho Puni IFS and Director of Manipur Zoological Garden Gaithaolu Thaimei IFS as Guest of

Speaking at the event, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Kereilhouvi Angami said that it is the duty of the people to protect and conserve nature and wildlife. It is high time to conserve the resources which are provided by nature instead of recklessly laying waste to everything, he added. In the Technical Session, The Resource Persons of this workshop spoke on the topics

"Significant of Good Forest Cover in Preserving Water Resources, Conserving Wildlife and Ensuring Food Security" and "Role of NGOs/ Civil Societies in Preventing Use of Plastics and Prevention of environmental degradation" as the resource persons.
As part of the workshop, NGOs/

Civil Societies Visited to Nature Learning Center, Mantripukhri. Officials of the Forest Department & Nature Learning Center also attended the programme.

45 Days Training Programme

45 days Training Programme Organised by the United Chiuld and Development Association (UCWDA) Swavalamban Koushal Unnayan under the theme of Moisquito Net Making was held on February 24, 2020 at Khumbong Awang Leikai Community Hall. Under the Financial Assistant of SIDBI.

Sd/-

President United Child and Women Developmewnt Association (UCDWA)

Lost

I, the undersigned Kshetrimayum Rajbabu Singh aged about 60 years and father of Chhjravas Singh of Kakching Turel Wangma Manarei Pereng, PO. Kakching, PS Kakching, district Kakching Manipur do hereby declare that my son's identity card of Sainik Scholll Imphal was lost between Kakching and Sainik Scholl Pangei on 8/2/2020. And that my son's admission No. is 3709

Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned. Sd/-

Kshetrimayum Rajbabu Singh

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Minister Nemcha Kipgen disburse funds of moap received though GTV

DIPR Imphal, Dec.8,

Social Welfare Minister Nemcha Kipgentoday disbursed funds of 20, 833 beneficiaries for Manipur Old Age Pension (MOAP) scheme which was received through Go to Village (GTV)Mission at the office chamber of the Minister at New Secretariat, Imphal.As a part of the GTV Mission, Social Welfare Department, Manipur issued forms for beneficiary oriented schemes to eligible and deserving beneficiaries residing at every part of the State by the concerned Nodal Officers of

the Department.
Addressing the media,
Minister. Nemcha expressed
that such landmark feat of the Social Welfare Department, Manipur to reach the deserving beneficiaries to every nook and corner of the



state was possible through 'Go to Village' program. She also stated that it is through Go to Village program many people were aware of the various welfare schemes, project and programmes of the government doorstep. Social Welfare Minister also informed that funds for most of the governmental schemes of the department are now given through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) with an aim to avoid any misappropriation of

funds by any third party It may be mentioned that Chief Minister, Manipur N. Biren Singh launched "Go to Village" programme on 1st May 2018 in 60 villages of all the 60 Assembly

A R Flags off national integration tour to ota gaya, Bihar and Kolkata

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Kangvai Battalion of 27 Sector Kangyai Battalion of 27 Sector
Assam Rifles under aegis of
HQ IGAR (South) is
organizing a National
Integration tour from
Manipur to Gaya-Kolkata
from 08 Dec to 19 Dec 2019 in
its quest to invest in a brighter and better future for children.

and 14 girls) and five teachers from the picturesque remote hill areas of Ningthiching and Moirang Khunou will embark on the tour. The vision of the tour is to know the rich and proud facts about the country that are not included in the text book, but are fascinating. Visiting the historical places, interaction with mil cadets at Officer Training Academy Gaya, interaction with Army

General Officer Commanding, 3 Corps, exposure to world renowned educational universities, visiting to Multi National Company are some of the events that have been planned during the tour and students are likely to have a very stimulating experience.

The enthusiastic team was flagged off at Moirang

Khunou and proceeded towards the first leg of the tour to Officer Training Academy Gaya. As the children bid Gaya. As the children bid farewell, their parents expressed their gratitude to Assam Rifles for having organising the tour and for providing this unique opportunity to the under privileged children from-rural areas having no previous exposure to such excursions.

four officers started Plogging from NCC gate and covered the areas of Thangmeiband,

Cheroiching, Assembly road, ISBT road, BOC and DM

While Plogging, the cadets spread the message of a clean

and green society and advised public on the dangers

of plastic waste. They also appealed to one and all to place cardboard boxes outside

their shops for waste disposal

At Cheroiching, the cadets paid their respects to the four

famous freedom fighters of

Manipur who fought the British and took a pledge for

spreading the message of

clean liness and good hygiene

College campus.

Plogging by NCC Group Imphal on Dec. 7 as a part of Swachhta pakwara.

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As part of SwachhtaPakhwada from 01 to 15 Dec 2019, NCC Group Imphal has been conducting various programmes wrt cleanliness & hygiene awareness. These include awareness rallies, debates, NukkadNatak shramdaan talks on personal hygiene and discussions on how people can keep their locality, village and the city clean.

On 07 Dec 19, a special event called Plogging was done



combine physical fitness with A total of 229 cadets, 25 ANOs

wherein individuals or groups CTs and PI staff along with GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

which literally translates into "picking up litter while jogging". Plogging is a modern cleaning neighbourhood. wide phenomenon

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES, KAKCHING

NOTICE FOR OBJECTION
Kakching ,the 5th December ,2019-12-06

No.Pro /SR/KAK/2019: It is hereby notified for general information that an application have been received by this office from the "Social development Organisation" Keirak Keisham Leikai on 3/12/2019 for registration under Section 4(1)(2) & section 5 of societies Registration Act, 1989 and Rule 5 of MSR Rules 2004 within the area of operation of "Keirak Keisham

Leikai Kakching District.

In the matter, Notice for objection is circulated /notified for information of general public /registered Assn. for submitting /inviting objection if any in writing (Adhaar of the complainant or secretary with seal for org.) to the undersigned against the formation /registration of proposed "Social Development Organisation" within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of

publication. Complains /objection if not submitted during the mention the period the application for registration in the proposed "Social Development Organisation "Keirak Keisham Leikai, Kakching District may be initiated /considered /proceeded for registration as deem fit under Section 7(1)(2) of SR Act 1989 and Rule 6 of MSR Rules 2004.

Any objection receiving by way of postal service /hand post/ special messenger after the above – mentioned period will not be considered/ entertained.

(Kh. Ishwori Devi) Deputy Registrar of Societies Kakching District

By a Correspondent By Raju Vernekar With a view to increase air connectivity in the North East region, the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation has invited bids

for 30 airports and airstrips and one water aerodrome under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik) 4.0 scheme. They include six under-served and 24 un-served airports/ airstrips in the North-East states. A list of under-served

airports / airstrips up for bidding include: Arunachal Pradesh (Passighat andTezu), Assam(Jorhat, Rupsi, Tezpur) and Meghalaya(Shillong). The un-served airports / airstrip

Ine un-served airports/airstrips up include: Arunachal Pradeshi Alinya, Along, Daparizo, Mechuka, Tuting, Vijaynagar, Walong, Yinghiong, Ziro), Assam (Chabua, Darrang, Dinjan, Ledo, Misa Mari, Nazira, Sadiya, Sorbhog, Sukerating (Dum Duma), Meghalaya(Dwara, Shella, Tura)

and Tripura(Kailashahar Kamalpur, Khowai). The ministry has also recognized Umrangso Reservoir in Assam as the water aerodrome (for Seaplanes) location that is up for bidding in the region.

The concessions and facilities

offered are: The civil aviation ministry will bear 90% of viability Gap Funding (VGF) and remaining 10% VGF will be borne by the North Eastern state governments The civil aviation ministry is also providing additional VGF of around 25% to the airlines.

VGF cap has been enhanced for operations of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) flights in priority areas, in Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir; the states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, North Eastern States, Union Territory of Lakshadweep and Andar

The VGF cap applicable for various stage lengths for operation has also been enhanced for "below 20 seater small aircrafts" under the Scheme. VGF will be provided for RCS Flights for a period of three years from the date of commencement of RCS flight

operations.
Excise Duty at the rate of only 2% will be levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), drawn by selected airline operators at RCS airports for RCS Flights, for three years from the date of notification. Reduction of Value added Tax (VAT) to 1% or less on ATF at RCS concession airports located

Bids invited for airports, air strips in North East region

within the state for a period of 10 years from the date of notification.

There is a provision to make available minimum land, if required, free of cost and free from all encumbrances for development of RCS concession airports and also provide multi-modal hinterland connectivity (road, rail, metro, waterways, etc.) as required.

There is a provision of free security and fire services at RCS airports. Besides there is provision to make available directly or through appropriate means, electricity, water and other utility services at substantially concessional rates at RCS concession airports. State Governments, at their discretion, may consider extending any additional support (such as marketing support) for promotion of RCS Flights. Concessions offered by the

airport / Water Aerodrome / Helipad operators are: airport / water aerodrome / helipad operators will not levy landing and parking charges or any other charges on RCS flights including aviation security fee (ASF) / User Development Fee (UDF) among others. Selected airline operators will

be allowed to undertake ground handling for their RCS flights. Besides AAI will not

levy any Terminal Navigation Landing Charges (TNLC) on RCS flights. Also Route Navigation and Facilitation Charges (RNFC) will be levied by AAI on a discounted basis @ 42.50% of normal rates on RCS Flights.

The civil aviation ministry aims to operationalize 1000 routes and more than 100 airports in the next five years in the country. AAI would focus on developing the no-frills airport in future and routes connecting such airports would be prioritized for the award of VGF. The market would be incentivized to develop "shorthaul routes" providing connectivity to nearby connectivity to nearby airports. The move is aimed at boosting tourism, providing connectivity and transforming the economic

situation of the region. UDAN-RCS, is a regional airport development and RCS of the Government of India, devised with the objective of "letting the common citizen of the country fly", to make air travel affordable and widespread, to boost inclusive national economic development, job growth and air transport infrastructure development of all regions and states.

UDAN-RCS was launched on

27 April 2017. At the beginning of the scheme, out of total 486 airports, 406 were unserved airports, 27 were well served. UDAN scheme seeks to develop and operationalize unserved, underserved and underdeveloped regional airports with regular scheduled flights. The scheme also aims at developing new airports. Eventually increasing the mber of operational airports for scheduled civilian flights including army airports to at least 150 airports.

Director General A R visits moreh battalion

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Lt Gen Sukhdeep Sangwan, SM**, DG AR visited the Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) where he was briefed about the various initiative undertaken by Assam Rifles in far flung areas to improve the lifestyle of common men. The General Officer was shown Nation Skill Development Centre and various other initiative being run by the Assam Rifles

which is facilitating youth in horning a skill to either start own business or be observed in any professional field by aquaring specific technical skill.The Director General, was also briefed about the prevailing security situation and various complaxicities of operating with mendated Dual task of Border Guarding and Counter Insurgencies. The General Officer appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles in carrying out of all the complex tasks without disturbing the harmony of the region

Movement shall be inensified if workers are not given hob immediately: nefis

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North East Forum For International Solidarity (NEFIS) along with other local organizations held a meeting against removal of workers of FCI. It should be known that on 5th December more than 80

casual workers were fired without any prior notice. These workers were fired bypassing the labour laws. On 6th December these workers chained themselves to the gate of FCI, protestingthe illegal firing. Despite their protest administration is not ready to provide them their job

denying them right to livelihood. Various Organisations like Lukram Leirak Youth Club, Chanura Liching Lup- Meira Paibi, Mahila Mandal Sangaiprou Meira Paibi, The Nupi Weaver Welfare Association Tera Lukram Part Ill,participated in the meeting held today. Organizations pledged to support the workers struggle and unanimously decided to fight on following issues. Reinstate all the workers fired

from their jobs.
All work shall be halted completely, until all workers fired not are taken in,

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