

# Editorial

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## Restructuring the Attitude

Times are a changing- but the sort of changes happening in our state is nothing to write home about- or rather everything that should be made public. It has become a breeding ground for unscrupulous elements where the name of the game is "instant wealth".

Gone are the days when enterprising people, by dint of their sheer tenacity and unwavering pursuit made fame and fortune. The "get rich quick" mantra being increasingly subscribed to by the younger generation has begun to bear fruit- rapes, murders, extortions, thieves and burglary, drug trafficking and corruption- the list growing longer by the day. The race to amass wealth- even at the cost of giving up one's peace of mind and the hearth and home have taken precedence over the concept of a peaceful and fruitful easy life.

Conscience and morality have been shoved off to the furthest corner of one's mind- shedding the last remnants of humility to enter the temple of mammon. The result is a society where might is right and truth is relative. Honesty and sincerity is at a premium and the ideology of high thinking- simple living having been replaced by the reckless aim to attain power and influence.

Humility and respectfulness has begun to be looked down upon and is being equated with weakness- a trait to be avoided. Truths are being sold and brought at a price and the collective mentality have started to revert back to the stone age where survival of the fittest holds true. Making things worse are the growing number of indolent youths accustomed to luxury and exhibitionism influenced in no small measure by the western cultures but failing to capture the essence of the dignity of work and the regard for fellow humans that underlines the basic principles of these western societies.

Abusing the powers entrusted to them and turning their official domain into their personal fiefdom is the order of the day for bureaucrats and politicians while the common people are left in the lurch with a feeling of betrayal and alienation in their minds. This has created a chasm that is growing wider with each passing day leading to a feeling of suspicion and getting cynical of the steps the Government is taking up for the professed good of the public. This social turmoil paves the way for a breed of human parasites living off the sweat of another's labour- intimidation and fear being their weapon of choice and not thinking twice about taking lives if their whims are not catered to. Shouts of negligence and deprivation trying to drown out the screams of the unfortunate public destined to lead a life of uncertainty and fear. Tolerance is no longer a virtue and wealth is the benchmark of a person's worth- never mind the means one used to acquire it.

Public memory has inexplicably shrunk to let matters pass- if only to wash their hands off the trouble of facing the bitter reality or to rectify it. Rationality has succumbed to power and ethics is an alien notion. A bleak future is in the offing- it is for us to stand up and stand fast- for the life we lead the way we want to. It is in us to walk with our heads held high and taste the sweat and the fruit of our own labour. At the end of the day what really matters is an unburdened mind and a good sound sleep.

## Delhi's First Futsal League begins

IT News  
New Delhi, Feb 25

Football Delhi (DSA) to script history today as it becomes first State to host Futsal League in India. Eight teams will fight to win the first ever Delhi Futsal League. The matches will be played at Indra Gandhi Indoor Stadium between 7pm to 9 Pm. The League will start today the 25th February and the final matches of the League will be played on 29th February 2020.

Football Delhi President Shaji Prabhakaran said that Delhi is the

first state of the country to host Futsal League. He said, "Futsal is very popular in all football playing nations and it will help in grooming the talent at the grassroots level." The eight teams who are participating in the first Futsal League is Royal Green FC, Valor FC, Roar FC, Pole Star FC, Signature FC, Vista FC, Timarpur FC and All Star FC. Total 120 players are registered in the eight teams. Chairman of the First Committee, Bankim Dutta said "Football Delhi wants to make this event historic. With this futsal League new culture will develop in the field of football in Delhi."

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## 25<sup>th</sup> February-Sports Person's Day of Manipur (Sanaroisingee Numit)

By: Sanjenbam Jugeshwor Singh,

In my childhood days, during the "LAI HARA OBA" festival of my village albeit I didn't know the real significance & much about Lai haraoba & Maibi jagoi (Dance) etc. I enjoyed it but the event I most eagerly waiting was the Mukna - Lamjel, that use to hold one day after the last day of Lai haraoba (Lairoi). According to the tradition of my village, the players who are to take part in mukna (Traditional wrestling) are put into two teams, which leaders and elders of the village named as Laroi panna and singloi panna or Lairembi panna and Lairemba panna. Each team is led by one of the best player whom we call him Mukna Jatra. Both the teams will arrive at the Laibung after traditional rituals at the residence of the Jatras. After the mukna team arrived, the athletes who are to take part in marathon race (Lamjel) in the same team as mukna arrived. In case of marathon race, the team leader is generally the one who got first, second or third place in previous year. The judge (we call him, lamtharoi) is the one who got hat trick in this marathon in other days. The encouragement given to those athletes by our people during their run by shouting: CHENKHA TLU-CHENKHA TLU" still fresh in my mind. The prizes given to those winners are very simple, very lovely but I envied at it. The prizes were those cloth of our deities which are conferred by Laipanaba. After that, the winners will go around the laibung where our elders (Famnaiba) also encouraged

them by giving whatever they have, may be cash or kind or flowers etc. I liked and envied at it even though I could not take part. Whatever the case, it may be, I thought, games and sports in every part of Manipur might have been originated from Lai-haraoba. In addition to this, the Art & Culture of Manipur has also been associating with our Lai-Haraoba, I supposed myself. It could be the driving force which makes Manipur famous in Games & Sports as well as in Art & Culture, all over the World. It's not wrong to say that in Manipur the spirit of Art & Culture as well as Sports started from every families, right from childhood days by every one of us. It's a well-known fact that every elder of our family started teaching dance to all our minors by saying "TADING - TADING".

Who are those players who bring laurels for our motherland Manipur from National and International arenas? And where are they from? Are they the children of those rich, powerful big shots? Or are they the children of those who are taking utmost care for the career of their children by dragging out from sleep in early hour of a day for tuition by paying advance payment for tuition who are studying in premier private schools where there is no playground at all? As of now, it's not so. Most of the players who brings laurels and gives the name of the Manipur in the world are those who are deprived of proper education, basic amenities of contemporary world and children of

those parents who can't look after their children just for hand to mouth way of survival. They simply come to nearby playground, watch playing then induced the feeling of playing without any sports suits. At this point of time, I recall one Manipuri Film "NOBAB" which portrayed how our sports stars groomed.

It is encouraging to celebrate Sports person's Day (Sannaroisingee Numit) every year on 25<sup>th</sup> February in commemoration of awarding Manipur "The Raja Bhalindra" trophy for overall team champion in 5<sup>th</sup> ( Latter on 30<sup>th</sup> ) National Games in 1999 at Imphal. On the sideline of this celebration, when we look into the condition of our players, play grounds, sports infrastructures vis-a-vis the welfare scheme taken up for the players, it is in a highly deplorable state and hope for our players is greatly miserable. In the remote areas, away from greater Imphal, though there are few play grounds, there is no sign of development and improvement. In the greater Imphal areas, play grounds are replaced by Community halls where certain indoor games can be played but not possible for any outdoor games. In the grass-root levels at villages and in the hill area there is no sign of translating anything into action which are inevitably to do for the development of Sports. NATIONAL SPORTS UNIVERSITY, the foundation stone for which was laid by Prime

Minister is still in its infant state. The budget allocation for Sports & Culture instead of escalation seems to be cutting down. Because of this a great apprehension among the people develop whether our sports & culture will be outshine like yester-years. Felicitating eminent sports persons on this day by giving incentives or awards is a good step. However simply honoring those on this day will improve the condition of our sports is the question that many asked. Will it be worth to identify those local clubs and persons who are dedicated for the development of sports in our state and confer or honor them? This act will help to reorient our sports activities in progressive direction. On the other hands, most of our schools do not have sports grounds which is one of the most important criteria to be fulfilled while recognition is given by the Board/Govt. Due to lack of this important infrastructures, people started posting voices that most of our schools are something like a private tuition or coaching centers which in turn snatch away the intrinsic properties or qualities of our children who are our future pillars and have been converted into a spoiled bread. Simply shouting and honoring few eminent sports persons by the Government on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February every year will not help to translate our dream of Manipur to be the power house of sports into reality.

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## Ex-Jet Airways director Naresh Goyal, wife, booked for cheating travel company

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, Jan 25

Based on the directions of the Mumbai Metropolitan magistrate, the city police have registered a complaint against Naresh Goyal, Ex-Jet Airways director and his wife Anita on charges of allegedly cheating a Mumbai based travel company.

An offence has been registered with MRA Marg Police, in response to a complaint made by Rajendran Neruparambil, chief finance officer of the Akbar Travels of India Private Limited, who has stated that despite Jet Airways was in a bad shape, Goyal made the travel company to invest Rs. 46 crore, 5 lakh 68,036 in the company in 2018-2019, giving false promise of heavy return on investment. Subsequently the Jet Airways defaulted payment due to which the travel company suffered heavy losses.

The travel company's office is located near Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal in Crawford area of South Mumbai. The travel company specifically obtained the order of the Metropolitan Magistrate to ensure that the police



Photo: Naresh Goyal with wife Anita

register the complaint and do not delay the matter. The complainant alleged that the accused continued to assure them about their financial health and the travel company incurred losses because of the assurances. As per the complaint, the travel company had been doing business with Jet Airways since 1994. The complainant has said that the accused hid the financial crisis in

their company and assured the travel agency that they would not suffer any loss. The travel agency sold Manchester-Mumbai flight tickets on cheaper rates, on the assurances of the accused. However, in January 2019, some Jet flights got cancelled, forcing the complainant to approach the accused. The travel company had been doing business with Jet Airways since

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Jet Airways shut down its operations temporarily on 17 April of 2019, which affected its 20,000 employees and over 60,000 people indirectly. The company is reportedly in a debt of default of Rs 8,000 crore. In September 2019, Goyal was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), for alleged violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act ( FEMA). Besides the ED has also been probing the possibility of an offence under the stringent Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) over alleged suspicious transactions found on the books of the airline. ED has also been studying a tax evasion case of more than Rs 650 crore by Jet Airways.

## Outreach prog. on Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

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Imphal, Feb 25

A one day special outreach programme on Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat was organised at Waikhom Mani Girl's College, Thoubal by the Field Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal yesterday. Dr. O. Ibeto Devi, Principal, Thoubal District presided the

event and Smt. Leishangthem Sanatombi, NSS programme Officer, Waikhom Mani Girl's College, Thoubal was the resource person of the awareness programme. Key features of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat including organising NSS camp with pairing state namely, Madhya Pradesh was also discussed. As part of the programme, an on the spot quiz contest was also held and prizes distributed along with certificates.

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I, the undersigned, **Akhtar Zahan** do hereby declare that I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name **Tamantoubi** as I have assumed my new name **Akhtar Zahan**.

Sd/-

**Akhtar Zahan**  
Kshetri Awang Leikai

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