

Editorial

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Restoring to the status of People's Chief Minister

– with reference to action taken on CMHT news report

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's quick responses to any citizens of the state have been often criticized by many. There are times he was criticized by many for his open remark on Facebook post written against his government. May be citizens' considered some of his action excess and arrogant, but if the action is interpreted positively, this chief minister is perhaps the only chief minister in the entire country that always wanted to remain in touch with the common people.

The way he is working out to remain in touch with people almost all the time through social networking site allow the citizen to take their responsibility in the making of the democracy - a people's participatory.

The real of taste of democracy is finally felt to the people of the state.

Perhaps for the first time in the history of Manipur, people from across the state irrespective of their status can now exchange their views with that of Chief Minister of Manipur.

Participatory form of government which was only heard in books now is reality with the kind of Chief Minister's initiative to get in touch almost every day through social networking site in today's world of internet.

Media reports and grievances through writings did not get so much attention from any of the government other than his in the state of Manipur.

Criticisms on the administrations, policy and public services were just another waste writings earlier governments, however, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh showed his serious concerns to every news report as well as editorial that criticized the policy programme of his government. The way the Chief Minister's response is through open platform where every citizen can participate and expressed whatever feeling they have. Except that he indulged on some unnecessary activities like detention of some facebook user which he felt it an insult to him or his government, everything is going well.

Imphal Times news report about a CMHT card holder lady being deprived of treatment on the ground that the medicine she was to be given cross the daily cap provided under CMHT and follow-up editorial column under the heading "What ails Chief Minister gi Hakset gi Tengbang" has been seriously noted by the government and an enquiry had been conducted which later found that there were some wrongs in proving free treatment to the lady beneficiaries.

What has been expressed in the news report and the editorial was to point out the desires of many people of the state.

After thorough investigation, the Medical directorate authority recommended to instruct the medical Superintendent of JNIMS to "refund" Rs 20,000/- to the beneficiary for "out of pocket expenditure" incurred during hospitalization under CMHT in JNIMS subject to production of actual bills by beneficiary for medicines/ tests purchased/done outside JNIMS.

The courage of the Health Directorate of the government of Manipur under Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to report the truth needs to be appreciated.

But one thing need to remind is that some of the work being implemented does not reach up to the mark that people expected.

President trolled for 'Bohag' Bihu greetings

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President Ram Nath Kovind on Wednesday was trolled after he had extended Bohag Bihu greetings through the social media site Twitter. A statement that had been earlier posted on the official Twitter account of Rashtrapati Bhawan that read 'On the occasion of Bohag Bihu, I extend my good wishes to the Assamese brothers and sisters in various corners of the world. May this festival bring happiness, peace, prosperity and joy for every family.' However, Twitterati was quick to point out the mistake and asked Kovind to immediately make corrections in his post. The mistake had now been corrected and the old tweet had been deleted from the official Twitter account of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

The new tweet states, "On the occasion of Bhogali Bihu, I extend my good wishes to the brothers and sisters of Assam along with the Assamese people who resides in various corners of the world. May the light of Meji destroy all kinds of evilness. May this festival bring happiness, peace, happiness, prosperity and joy for every family. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also extended his wishes to the Assamese people on the occasion of Magh Bihu. In his greeting written in English and Assamese, he said, "Magh Bihu signifies hope and prosperity on this festival. My greetings to everyone especially my sisters and brothers in Assam. May this special occasion further the spirit of joy in society."

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Adventure Tourism in Manipur



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As travelers seek new and different experiences, adventure tourism, according to **Adventure Travel Trade Association**, is a tourist activity that includes a physical activity, a cultural exchange or activities in nature. You don't necessarily have to go base jumping or go Scuba diving with sharks to be an adventure tourist. Adventure tourism is about connecting with a new culture or a new landscape and being physically active at the same time. It is not about being risky or pushing your boundaries. In fact it is especially important to know and respect your limits while you are in an unfamiliar area. Lists of adventure tourism activities has plenty of options if you are not necessarily a thrill seeker. Adventure travel is a type of niche tourism involving exploration or travel with a certain degree of risk (real or perceived) and which may require special skills and physical exertion.

Adventure tourists may have the motivation to achieve mental states characterized as rush or flow resulting from stepping outside their comfort zone. This may be from experiencing culture shock or by performing acts requiring significant effort and involve some degree of risk, real or perceived or physical danger. This may include activities such as: mountaineering; trekking; bungee jumping; mountain biking; cycling; canoeing; Scuba diving; rafting; kayaking; Zip-lining; paragliding; hiking; exploring; canyoneering; sandboarding; caving and rock climbing. Some obscure forms of adventure travel include disaster and ghetto tourism. Other form of adventure travel include Social and jungle tourism. As a closely related sub-piece of adventure travel "Event trips" involve various kind of touristic travels that aims at particular activities as an important part of the travel which don't necessary fulfill the criteria of being proper adventures. Activities comprised under the term "Event Trips" range from the international sports events

(i.e. FIFA World Cup, Super Bowl) to renowned cultural events (i.e. Bayreuth Festival, Venice Film Festival). Access to inexpensive consumer technology with respect to Global positioning system, flash packing, social networking and photography have increased the world wide interest in adventure travel. The interest in adventure travel has also increased as more special travel websites emerge offering previously niche locations and sports. Some of the important type of tourism which may or may not belong to adventure travel are :**Accessible tourism** a trend for developing tourism specially for the disabled ;**Culinary tourism** is the pursuit of unique and memorable eating and drinking experiences ;**Cultural tourism** is the act of travelling to a place to see that location's culture, including life style of the people in that area, the history of those people ,their art, architecture, religion and other factors that shaped their way of life; **Ethno tourism** refers to visiting a foreign location for the sake of observing the indigenous members of its society, some extreme form of this include attempting to make first contact with tribes that are protected from outside visitors ;**Extreme tourism** involves travel to dangerous (extreme) locations or participation in dangerous events or activities; **Disaster tourism** is the act of travelling to a disaster area as a matter of curiosity and it can be cataloged as disaster learning; **Jungle tourism** is a rising subcategory of adventure travel defined by active multifaceted physical means of travel in the jungle region of the earth, it pertains specially to the context of region, culture and activity. Besides these **Overland travel, urban exploration and Spiritual tourism** may also be mentioned. Manipur's valleys and hills provide the ideal platform for a range of adventure sports and outdoor activities. From rock climbing to trekking, adventure activities are plenty like: rafting; rock climbing; wind surfing; paragliding; Eco-tourism; caving and trekking. Manipur Mountaineering and Trekking Association (MMTA), located in Khuman lampak sports complex, Imphal is a deemed State Institute of adventure and affiliated to the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF), New Delhi; Manipur Mountaineering Institute (MMI) is a part of MMTA that organizes various adventure programs focusing on hot

ballooning; paragliding; rafting; rock climbing and other sports. The Association also offers Eco-tourism and trekking packages. The MMTA, featuring Kangla Rock and sports climbing wall, hosts climbing competitions regularly. The adventure and Leadership Park run by MMI of the MMTA located at Lamdan, near the Loktak Hydro Electric Project about 35 Km from Imphal, over an area of around 250 hectares with natural rocks is the first of its kind in India. The park features Natural Rock, spider Net, Burma Bridge and other obstacles. Plenty of adventure tourism facilities are available in the state of Manipur. MMTA, MAASI (Manipur Adventure and Allied Sports Institute) and Adventure Academy of Manipur (AAM) are engaged in promotion of these facilities. There are numerous land, water and air based adventure sports sites across the state such as the Loktak Lake, for water sports the Barak River for rafting ; the Mount ISO along the Dzuko valley, famous for its endemic Dzuko Lily (Lilium Chitragada) and shirui Hill, famous for Shirui Lily (Lilium Mackliniae) for mountain climbing and trekking ;the Tharon and

Kangkhu Caves for caving adventures; Koirengi Old airfield and Nongmahlang foot hills at wakha for hang gliding, paragliding and parasailing adventure sports and eco-tourism sites. In fact, Manipur is paradise / heaven for all sorts of Adventure Tourism. Manipur has always been one of the least-explored places in India. Despite being home to the best of natural beauties in India, it is nowhere close to being a most - visited place. However Manipur is assuredly a must-visit destination, especially for the nature lovers and adventure seekers. From deep echoing valley to thick forest and dazzling lakes to prolific plains, this beautiful state of India has everything in its arms to surprise its visitors. If you are amongst the adventure-loving people, then pack your bags and be on the route leading to Manipur. There is nothing better than getting that awesome kick of adrenaline while inhaling a breath of fresh air. The adventure refreshes our minds and gives us a better perspective of our lives. So how about some adventure on the wonderland of Manipur?

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Anti-CAA protest during Indo-Australia ODI at Wankhede Stadium

One of the spectator, who was present at the stadium during the incident, argued that cricket ground was not an appropriate place for a political protest. "You cannot stage a protest wherever you want. The protests are everywhere, they disturb the common people's life. We are here enjoying the match and some group comes and does politics by protesting. This has to stop," he said. The social media was abuzz with the message that people wearing black clothing were not allowed inside the stadium by security guards fearing protests, but an official of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), maintained that no such diktat was issued and added that "There was no diktat about any colour. No posters of any sort were permitted inside the stadium as per the instruction from the local police." In another incident the first ODI between India and Australia Mumbai saw a brief halt when a kite

landed on the field at Wankhede Stadium. The incident happened after the 49th over of India innings. Finally Australia rode on hundreds from openers David Warner and Aaron Finch to cruise to victory and record their first 10-wicket win over India and 5th overall in ODIs. David Warner, Aaron Finch hit hundreds as Australia thrashed listless India. India suffered an early blow when Rohit Sharma was dismissed for 10 in the fifth over by Mitchell Starc. Shikhar Dhawan and KL Rahul, who was promoted to No. 3, steadied the innings with a partnership worth 121 runs for the second wicket. Dhawan went on to score his 28th half-century in the format but Rahul missed out by 3 runs, getting out for 47 by Pat Cummins in the 28th over. Dhawan departed in the very next over after top-scoring for India with 74 off 91 balls. Caption Members of the "Mumbai Anti-CAA", displaying anti-CAA message at Wankhede Stadium.

Greetings for Sükrünye, Tsungkamne and Mimkut festivals

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Nagaland and Meghalaya Governor, R N Ravi has extended greetings to the people of Nagaland especially, the Chakhesang community on the occasion of Sükrünye festival. Governor Ravi in a press release said Sükrünye is one of the most significant festivals of the Chakhesang community and wished the community prosperity in all spheres of life. He prayed 'to Almighty to bring about success to the people of the State in general'. He observed that the rich culture and tradition of the Nagas need to be preserved and promoted while keeping pace with modernity. The Governor added the festival should be a source for building unity and called upon everyone to come together 'in our common enterprise of building a happy and prosperous Nagaland'. Deputy chief minister Y Patton also extended warmest greetings to the Chakhesang, Yimchunger and Kuki communities on the occasions of Sükrünye, Tsungkamne and Mimkut festivals which fall simultaneously on January 15, 16 and 17 respectively.



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