

# Editorial

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## The way forward towards civility

Change- an attribute easier to wish than to implement. Desired change- an almost impossible challenge, especially when it relates to humans who are creatures of habit. Everybody has their own unique perspective of the world which is perhaps the most interesting aspect of human beings. But sometimes, along with these different perspectives rises different conflicts of interest. An ideal society resolves these conflicts for the greater interest and benefit of its members. Our present society, like most others prevailing today, unfortunately is far from perfect, yet we negotiate, bribe or just barge our way through in our daily struggle to survive.

Every so often, individuals with altered mindsets or depraved morals continue to commit acts considered as aberrations, heinous or even bestial in nature. Understandably, the society spontaneously voiced its resentments and anger -demanding, and rightly so, a swift and exemplary justice for the crimes. Whatever be the reason or compulsion that led to these drastic incidents, there obviously is not one single reasoning human who does not condemn these acts. Yet condemning an act for which the perpetrator/s are yet to be identified or apprehended as the case may be, by burning down houses, destroying their properties or directing our ire against another fellow citizen has become the order of the day.

While we should be steadfast and unrelenting in our demand for justice, excessive violence and prolonged acts of destruction of public property which are there for our own benefit and convenience should be curbed. This form of agitation which has been used for a long time, with a quite high level of success, needs to be changed. It is time to bring in a change in our mindset and try out other more subtle yet effective means of protesting against injustice and crime. One of the many ways which, perhaps we should try out is giving a reasonable amount of time for the Government and its concerned authorities to bring out the truth and identify the criminals, and to act accordingly as per the law in such a manner that would deter such acts in future. Failure of these concerned parties to bring results within such time may be countered with social boycott form all sections of the society in unison. Such a move would also enable the police and other concerned agencies to investigate the case in an orderly manner instead of mayhem and disruptions that will hamper the ultimate objective for which everyone is shouting for- to uncover the truth and act on it as per the law.

A cohesive unit- that of the Government, the concerned investigating authority, the security and police, the judiciary and most importantly, the general public, working hand-in-hand would prove more productive and fruitful in bringing out the truth, rather than putting the blame squarely on the Government. Mutual trust, understanding and cooperation, and most important of all, restraint is called for in such circumstances. If each section of the society carries out its part earnestly, there will not be a stronger force. A change in our mindset- a change in our approach and game is all that is called for to set the wheels of change in motion- a change towards a better society and a better life.

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## Coronavirus: .....

In Kerala, officials said another 73 people were being kept under medical surveillance at their homes in the state. According to Kerala state health ministry officials in Thiruvananthapuram, 7 persons, who had shown mild symptoms of fever, cough and sore throat are under watch in state-run hospitals in different districts. Among them, two of them are in Kochi, while one each is in observation in the state capital, Thiruvananthapuram and Pathanamthitta. The Kerala government has advised those under home surveillance to remain at home for 28 days from the date of their departure from China. The coronavirus is a large family of viruses that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to acute respiratory syndromes, but the virus in China is a novel strain and not seen before. It has killed 26 people so far, and has caused alarm because of its similarity to SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). According to a union health ministry official, no positive case has been detected in the country so far. Coronavirus cases were first reported from Wuhan, the capital of central China's Hubei province.

## Gas Book lost

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# Assamese documentary film in Mumbai Intl fest.

By Raju Vernekar

Assamese film maker Joor Baruah's documentary film "Voice of Siang" has been selected for screening at the Mumbai International Film festival 2020, organized by Films Division. MIFF is the oldest and largest festival for documentary films in South Asia.

This year's showcase will include a special section on Satyajit Ray and select film from North East. The festival will be inaugurated on 28 January, 2020 at Nehru Centre auditorium, Wppli and will conclude with award ceremony on 3 February 2020. Voice of Siang will be screened on 2 February at 2.30 PM.

The documentary of Voice of Siang is about the indigenous Adi people in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. Their culture is unique with mythological chants and animistic rituals around nature. With memories of 1962 Indo-China war still fresh, China continues to reassert its territorial claim of Arunachal Pradesh, the land of the Adis. The elegant Siang that originates in Tibet, and flows down through the Adi villages.. is now new battle ground for power. A series of encounters with the Adis, near the old town of Pasighat, this tale portrays their inspiring resilience and hope.

This 57 minute feature-length documentary film was commissioned to Joor Baruah as part of a prestigious fellowship by Public Service Broadcasting Trust, Prasara Bharati and Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

In the meanwhile some of the films that will be screened in the festival include:

International competition: 29 January 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM—"Karbala Memoirs"/Dir : Sourav/40 Min./Bengali/ Documentary/India/2019, 11.45 AM to 30 PM-"And What is the Summer Saying"/Dir : Payal Kapadia/20 Min./Marathi/ Documentary/India/2018, "Swimming Through The Darkness"/Dir : Supriyo Sen/76 Min./Bengali/Documentary/India/2018, 2.30 PM to 4 PM: MIFF Prism-"A Dying Wish"/Dir : Shubhra Dixit/14 Min./English/ Documentary/India/2019, "Wings of Desire"/Dir : Pratibha Kaur Pasricha/59 Min./English/ Documentary/India/2018, International competition: 4.15 PM to 6.15 PM-"Shot Awake: The Making of Changlangshu's "New Llogdrum"/Dir: Anungala Zoe Kongyak/Documentary/India/2018, "Blue Breath"/Dir: Rodrigo Arias/ 78 Min./Portugal/Documentary/ Portugal/2019. Country Focus: 6.30 PM to 8.00 PM Atlantic/Dir : Ristead O'Domhnaill/80 Min./



English/Documentary/Ireland/ 2016.

Other films in international competition include: "Seconds Divorce"/Canada-54 minutes- Documentary-Director-Shazia Javed, "A Brave Bunch -Uprising through children's eyes"/Poland-29 minutes, Documentary-Tomasz Stankiewicz, "Abdul and Jose"-Australia, 52 minutes, Documentary, Luigi Acquisto & Lurdes Pires, "Atul", India, 52 minutes, Documentary, Kamal Swaroop, "Born Together", Bangladesh, 72 minutes, Documentary, Shabnam Ferdousi, and "Brother Jakob, Are You Sleeping", Austria, 86 minutes, Documentary, Stefan Bohum. "Campus Rising", India, 74, Documentary, Yousuf Saeed, "Charlie vs Goliath", USA, 80 minutes, Documentary, Reed Lindsay, "Earth Crusader", India,

55 minutes, Documentary, Shabnam Sukhdev, "Grandfather", India, 22 minutes, Short fiction, Amar Kaushik, "I am Bonnie", India, 45 minutes, Documentary, Satarupa Santra, Farha Khatun, "Ice", France/Estonia, 15 minutes, Short Fiction, Anna Hints, "My Secret Forest", Finland, 56 minutes, Documentary, Niina Brandt, "My Turn", South Korea, 15 minutes, Short Fiction, Nakyung Kim, "Rice", UK, 35 minutes, Documentary, David Blamey and "Salam", USA, 75 minutes, Documentary, Anand Kamalakar. "That Gutsy Morning", India, 22 minutes, short fiction, Jahn Barua, "The Cinema Travellers", India, 96 minutes, Documentary, Shirley Abraham & Amit Madheshiya, "Velvet Revolution", India, 56 minutes, Documentary, Nupur Basu, and "Wabi

Sabi", "Surabhi Family", France, 52 minutes, Documentary, Neeta Jain Duhaut, "The Baulkham Hills African Ladies Troupe", Australia, 84 minutes, Documentary, Ros Horin, "The Dispossessed", Canada, 183 minutes, Documentary, Mathieu Roy, "The Egg", Israel, 19 minutes, short fiction, Nadav Direktor, "The Poetics of Fragility", USA, 64 minutes, Documentary, Nicolas Grandi and Lata Mani, Singapore, 25 minutes, Short fiction, Anshul Tiwari.

Some of the 43 documentaries selected in national competition are: "1984, When the Sun Didn't Rise", 57 minutes (Documentary up to 60 minutes), Director- Teena Kaur, "Aaki", 14 minutes, short fiction film, Harshwardhan Bhalariao, "Ask The Sextet", 83 minutes (Documentary above 60 minutes, Vaishali Sinha, "Beloved", 18 minutes, short fiction, Ranjan Chandel, "Catharsis", 34 minutes, short fiction, Indira P, "Chasing Tails", 49 minutes, Documentary (up to 60 minutes), Tangella Madhavi, "Comeback WOOLE E, 10 minutes, animation film, Sumata Ghosh, "Conversation" 22 minutes, short fiction, Harshal Wadkar, "Duality", 15 minutes, short fiction, Vishal Vasant Ahire, "For Susan", 25, Documentary (up to 60 minutes) Arunima Tenzin Tara, "I am Jeja", 28 minutes, Documentary (up to 60 minutes)-Swati Chakraborty and "Ima Sabitri, 57 minutes, Documentary (up to 60 minutes)-Bobo Khurajam.

## Clean Sweep for ABVP in Student Council Polls at Central University of Gujarat

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In the first time, winds are changing in Central University of Gujarat. From the foundation of the university till date, ABVP remains dominant in the student council. However, this time ABVP lost its fight in five departments. On Friday, there was polling for five seats at Central University of Gujarat. There was alliance against the ABVP. Out of 11 schools, six schools did not contest the election as there was no opposite candidate. Among them are Nano Science, Chemical Science, Life Science, School of applied chemistry and Security studies. However, ABVP filed candidates from all science schools and School of Diaspora Studies, who won without contesting election. However, the independent candidate of security studies also won his seat without contesting. The

main fight was on five schools includes, School of school Science, International relations, library science, Environment Science and School of languages. In Social Science, the Bisra Phule Ambedkar Student Association (BAPSA) candidate Ashraf won 114 votes out of 167, Prachi Lokhande of Left Democratic Student Front (LDSF) won 30 out of 38 votes in School of International Relations. Meanwhile, the Student Federation of India (SFI) candidate Chittaranjan got 94 out of 166 votes in school of Languages. Besides that, Vijander Kumar

(Independent) of Library science defeated Ambreen Taj of ABVP with huge margin. Tarun Kumar of Environment Science also won with two votes against the ABVP candidate. The President of LDSF Sheeraz Ahmad said that it was a tough fight after losing ICC election against ABVP. He further said that Gujarat is dominated by the right-wing ideology and it is not easy to win against this ideology. It is interesting that left ideology students contested the election first time and won their seats. While as BAPSA remained winning from School of science from past three years.

## Mansi Singh wins second successive Yonex-Sunrise All India Junior Ranking tournament

From a Correspondent  
Bengaluru, Jan. 27

Haryana girl Mansi Singh continued her dream run to beat M Meghana Reddy in straight games to bag her second successive Yonex-Sunrise All India Junior Ranking badminton tournament on yesterday. Mansi, who has won the junior ranking event in Chandigarh last week, had dropped just one game enroute to the final and displayed the same form as she won 21-10, 21-14 in just 25 minutes to clinch the girls singles title at the Karnataka Badminton Association courts in Bengaluru.

Sixth seed Harsh Arora clinched the boys singles crown after second seed and last week's winner Ravi conceded the match. Arora was leading 13-4 in the opening game when Ravi opted to concede. The Chandigarh and Bengaluru junior ranking tournaments were earmarked as selection events for

picking the Indian squad for the Dutch and German Junior Open to be held next month.

In the paired events, Edwin Joy and Shruti Mishra were lining up for a double crown after reaching the summit clash in two events. The day, however, did not start on the right note for the top seeds who began as favourites against third seeds Sankeerprasad Udaykumar and Teresa Jolly.

The top seeds did not find their rhythm and went down 21-14, 22-20.

However, Joy put behind the disappointment and ended the day on a high as he teamed up with Achutaditya Rao Doddavarapu to defeat second seeds Venkata Harsha Vardhan Ra V and Aravind V Suresh 21-19, 21-18 in the boys doubles final.

Mishra also made amends in the girls doubles category as she partnered Shailja Shukla to upset fourth seeds Abhishatha A and Srivedya Gurazada 21-15, 21-11.

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## State Celebrates 71st Republic Day Of

The Governor also handed over Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training to Subedar Kh. Naba Singh, Havildar Y. Guneshore Singh and Havindar D. Mathew Maring and Rifleman Y. Sundar Singh of Manipur Police Training College.

While delivering the vote of thanks at 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. M.R. ground, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh stressed that the Government is striving towards inclusive and all round development for all for both hills and valley with a sense of unity, peace and harmony. He expressed that the participation of all communities in the Republic day parade signifies the revival of the close bond between people of

different communities residing in the state. The main objective of the BJP-led coalition government in the state is to ensure equal opportunities and participation for all, he said. It is under this objective that the State Government have initiated Go to Hills and Go to Village, he asserted. CM further stated that such programmes of the government is reaching out to every nook and corner of Manipur including the remotest part which have been unreachable so far. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Cabinet Ministers, MPs, MLAs, top civil, police and military officers, Government employees and general public also took part in the celebration.