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### Manipur High Court restrains 7 Congress MLAs from entering the state Assembly

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Manipur High Court today restrained 7 Congress MLAs who have defected and joined the BJP, from entering the Manipur Legislative Assembly with immediate effect until the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Manipur Legislative Assembly decides and disposed the final hearing of the petition filed under the 10th Scheduled of the Indian Constitution.

With the High Court order, the 7 MLAs - Sanasam Bira Singh, MLA; Ginsuanhau, Oinam Lukhoi Singh, Ngamthang Haokip, Yengkhom Surchandra Singh, Kshetrimayum Bira Sing, and Paonam Broien Singh may not be able to cast their vote in the upcoming Rajya Sabha Election scheduled on June 19.

The Manipur High Court order is significant in deciding the fate of the 7 Congress MLAs, as the Tribunal of Manipur Legislative Assembly had on Saturday dismissed the objection plea against the disqualification petition. Similar, ruling to bar MLA from entering the state Assembly premises was heard from Supreme Court of India in connection with a similar case before the tribunal of the Manipur Legislative Assembly disqualified him on March 28 this year.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal appeared for the petitioner.

#### Manipur COVID-19

IT News Imphal, June 8:

The number of persons tested positive with novel coronavirus has reached 209 today morning with 37 more persons confirmed with the virus late yesterday night at the VRDLs of RIMS and JNIMS. A total of 22 persons were tested positive at VRDL of RIMS while another 15 were tested at VRDL of JNIMS yesterday. So far 52 persons who were tested positive and have been in the COVID care centers at both JNIMS and RIMS have been recovered leaving the total number of positive cases to 157.

Among the 37 people who were tested positive, 13 people are from Imphal West, 12 from Churachandpur, 2 from Kakching, 5 from Kamjong, 2 from Bishnupur, 2 from Tengnoupal and 1 from Ukhrul. Those infected are returnee from Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai and Delhi.

In the miscellaneous petition submitted by him, it was stated that although the applications disqualification of the MLAs were filed before the

Speaker on November 8,2018, notices were issued only on 10-07-2019; that despite a number of opportunities being granted to the private respondents, no replies were filed by them and only on February 3, 2020 and that too, after the judgment being delivered by the Supreme in Keisham Meghachandra Singh Vs. The Hon'ble Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly & ors., CA No.547 of 2020 etc., the preliminary objections were filed; that the

Meghachandra Singh (supra), knew very well that was bound by the judgment of the Supreme Court and the petitions ought to have been decided by him within three months as directed; that the failure on the part of the Speaker to decide the petitions within three months from the date on which the judgment was intimated to him, is nothing but legally malafide as observed in Kihoto Hollohan Vs. Zachillhu, (1992) Supp (2) SCC 651 and that a preliminary objection similar to the one raised herein, has already been rejected by the Speaker himself in K. Meghachandra

# Manipur Muslim Students remain stranded in Gujarat

Due to obvious lack of coordination between Gujarat and Manipur Governments, nearly 200 Manipur Muslim students who were not accommodated on a Shramik special train that left Bharuch (Gujarat) for Manipur on May 23, still remain stranded at Tandalia, in Vadodara Gujarat, with no sign of sending back to their native

Nearly 21 students aged between 14 and 24, studying in Darul Uloom in Tandalia. were to travel to Manipur by Shramik special train that left Bharuch station, about 80 km from Vadodara on 23 May. But little did they know that their arduous journey had just begun. They were asked to pay Rs 6,510 as bus fare

Rs 310 each — from
Tandalia to Bharuch instead of the government picking up the tab. Reportedly there was no nodal officer to guide them during their two-hour trip.

When they reached Bharuch station (339 kms from Mumbai) much before the scheduled 11 pm departure of the train, another over 140 more students from other Madrassas joined them They were made to stand in a queue for long time on the platform with all valid documents — Aadhar card, confirmed ticket and coronanegative certificate — ready in their hands.

in their nands. However, the young seminarians, already fagged out from a long wait, were thunderstruck when the 1,200-capacity Manipurbound train suddenly chugged out of the Bharuch station at 11.55 pm with 750 passengers without any railway official explaining One of the students Kamaluddin Manipuri (24) of Tandalja Darul Uloom, said that some of the coaches of the train were empty, but for some mysterious reasons, they were told not board the

After the train left Bharuch

station, the hungry students wandered on the platform in the dead of night to get some food. But they could not get it. Later they were taken to a shelter house at Bhayli in Vadodara by bus. They were told to stay put till another train was arranged for them Fortunately when Mufti Arif Hakim, Principal and Managing Trustee of the Darul Uloom, came to know about the developments, he brought back the students to the seminary by arranging special cars. Zuber Gopalani,

community leader said that a lack of coordination between

governments led to this fiasco. Many see this incident as a bid to humiliate Congress MP Ahmed Patel, who had been instrumental in sending migrants to their native place by Shramik special trains earlier from

Now the students hope that another Shramik train to Manipur will be organised so that they could return to their homes. Official sources said that these students will be accommodated on the train scheduled to leave for Nagaland shortly. While the Delhi Association

of Manipur Muslim Students has condemned the incident, the All Manipur Muslim Students Organisation has demanded an inquiry into the reasons why the seminarians were not allowed to board the train at the Bharuch station

#### CM inaugurates plant health clinic

Imphal, June 8:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated a Plant Health Clinic at the Directorate of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Sanjenthong, Imphal today.

Speaker being a party

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the economic growth of the state lies in the growth of sectors like agriculture, horticulture and MSME. Appreciating the officials of the Horticulture department, Chief Minister said that it is indeed an encouraging initiative taken up by the department to set up such plant clinic which would provide plant health diagnostic services to farmers. He advised the officials of the department to conduct awareness campaigns about such clinic

among the farmers.
The Chief Minister maintained that in this hour of the pandemic COVID-19, the state government has decided to give more emphasis on agriculture and horticulture sectors in the State. He informed that in this regard, the state government has formed a Task Force to boost the horticulture and agriculture sectors. He mentioned that the priority of the government is to make Manipur a self sufficient and self reliant region. The Government has taken up all the necessary steps in this

regard, he added.

N. Biren Singh informed that most of the indigenous crops and fruits are disappearing due to the lack of scientific research and practices. We should try to avoid the usage of chemical fertilizers during cultivation of crops, he added He hinted that many unknown diseases might have occurred due to the usage of toxic chemicals and

Mentioning about the COVID-19 cases in the State,



Chief Minister said that we have to learn to live with the virus. He appealed to the people to wear face masks. hand sanitizers and maintain social distancing. Strongly condemning the act of the inmates residing at Waikhom Mani Girls College quarantine centre, Thoubal for centre, Thoubal for vandalizing college properties yesterday, Chief Minister asked the parents of the inmates of quarantine centers maintain discipline, cooperation and adhere to the SOPs issued by the government. He said that in such short period of 5 days,

more than 35,000 natives have been returned to the State. He sought the cooperation and support of the people in the fight against dreaded disease. During the function, the Chief Minister also launched a Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory Van. Deputy Chairman of State Planning Board S. Rajen, Principal Secretary (Horticulture) P. Vaiphei, Director (Horticulture) N Joymati Devi, Director (Agriculture) Laltanpuii Vanchhong, Director (Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Services) Dr. H. Chaoba and others attended

#### Students' bodies react to permission for exemption of quarantine to doctors visiting the state

Six students' bodies – MSF, AMSU, DSAM, KSA, SUK and AIMS today strongly reacted to the granting of permission for exemption of quarantine to seven doctors who are visiting the state for consultative services and treatment of heart patients at Sky Hospital & Research Centre at Imphal.

In a press conference held today, the representative of the students' body said that quarantine should be made mandatory to the visiting doctors. The students bodies said that if the government allow them to continue their service here in the state of Manipur without

consequences arises out of it should be held responsibility by the government.
MSF President, talking on

behalf of the students' bodies said that earlier too, the government had issued an SOP which said that those coming on flight should be allowed for Home Quarantine and that SOP was opposed by the six student body .
"Hadn't the students' body

reacted and opposed the virus could have been transmitted at local level" the MSF president said.

The students' body also condemn the incident at Waikhom Mani Girl College where the inmate on quarantine destroyed the

#### Two COVID-19 hospitals in Thane fined Rs 16 lakh for over charging

By IT Correspondent

Two hospitals, designated as COVID-19 facilities, in Maharashtra's Thane district were fined Rs one lakh per patient for violating regulations laid down by the state government, a senior civic official said on Sunday. Thane Deputy Municipal Commissioner Vishwanath Kelkar said the two hospitals were given several warnings before the fines were imposed under the Maharashtra COVID-19 Rules and the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 (as amended).

'The two hospitals were for critical COVID-19 patients and not ones who were asymptomatic or showed mild symptoms. They also kept

patients for durations longer than prescribed. The two hospitals have been fined Rs 1 lakh per patient, which added up to Rs 13 lakh for one hospital and Rs 3 lakh for the other," Kelkar said.
As per notification issued by

Maharashtra government, private and charitable hospitals can charge up to R 4,000 for general ward and isolation, Rs 7,500 for ICU( without ventilator and isolation), and Rs 9,000 for

ICU with ventilator and The services include nursing and bed charges, drugs consultation, tests like 2D Echo, X ray, bed charges among others. However these hospitals were found to be charging much more and were also adding up the cost of other accessories like PPEs indiscriminately. A few days back, the Thane

Municipal Corporation (TMC) had also issued an advisory to all the private hospital in Thane treating COVID-19 patients to charge as per the TMC rate cards, since the health department received complaints from COVID-19 patients about the high rate charged to by the hospitals. In response to the complaints of over charging, the TMC has formed a committee to observe the hospitals charging unnecessarily. The private hospitals are supposed to display the rate cards prominently in the hospital. The committee is empowered to inquire about the complaints related

to bills and shortage of beds etc. If any hospital is found guilty for such type of complaints, then the hospital management should be ready to face action that will be taken by committee, , TMC PRO Sandeep Malvi said.

The designated private hospitals for COVID-19 treatment include: Vedant (Ghodbunder road), Horizan Prime hospital. (Ghodbunder hospital Kaushalya hospital (Panchpakhadi), Bethani hospital (Varta nagar), Thane health care (Naupada), Sapphire hospital (Kalwa) and Kalsekar hospital in Mumbra. In the meanwhile 2012 patients are under treatment, while 1670 patients have been discharged in Thane.

#### AR seizes illegal Pine Wood at Ukhrul

IT News Imphal, June 8:

Shangshak Battalion of Ukhrul Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) seized a truck carrying illegal pine wood on

A statement by AR said that a team of Assam Rifles from Shakpao post activated the vehicle check post at Lambui. A TATA truck carrying 420 cubic feet of pinewood planks was stopped for inspection. On checking it was found that the wood was being transported without a permit for the same. The wood was obtained from Phalang saw mill and was being illegally transported to Imphal via the Phalang-Shangshak-Lambui-Imphal route. Driver Mr Aruniit Meetei (32vrs) S/ o Mr Khomil of Khurai village and co-driver of the vehicle

alongwith the illegal consignment and the apprehended vehicle with registration number MN 07 C 4145 have been handed over to Forest beat officer at Litan as a rep of DFO Ukhrul

on Friday. It is despicable that during the current pandemic situation when the entire civil administration is focussed on ensuring the safety of the people, some inimical elements like these are trying to take undue advantage of the situation and carrying out nefarious activities, the AR statement said.

The DFO appreciated the swift action and assistance provided by Assam Rifles in preventing illegal timber smuggling in the State and added that the sincere efforts of the Assam Rifles is the sole reason for catching such a illegal consignments in a short span of time.

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## \*Editorial

#### The Check and Balance in Indian Democracy

With the ruling of the Manipur High Court today in connection with the miscellaneous petition filed against the 7 congress MLAs who have defected the Congress party and unofficially joined the ruling BJP, the congress party have almost reached the endpoint in reaching their goal. But it is not sure in assuming whether the Congress party is positioning in the upper hand in the game of politics or is it a mere victory that will have no significance is matter that need to be ponder upon.

Well, there has been many sessions witness in the 11 Manipur Legislative Assembly and since the beginning of the session of this 11th Manipur Assembly, the house was never in order with MLA who 11" Manipur Assembly, the house was never in order with MLA who won in the Congress Party seat sitting with the ruling party as Minister and latter, the 7 Congress MLAs supporting the BJP by sitting in the opposition bench. The so called seven congress MLAs have declared to have joined the ruling BJP. And there were photos in various media showing their picture of joining the BJP, however, the unfortunate part of the 11th Manipur Legislative is that the 7 Congress MLAs who had declared to have joined the BJP are officially recorded as Congress MLAs in the Manipur Legislative Assembly.

There were severe criticisms to the way of the Manipur Legislative

Assembly terming it as a direct threat to the Constitution of India.

The span of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly is just about 1 years and 8 months to go and it is only at this moment that the face of the democracy is slowly turning to the right direction. After Shyamkuamr's disqualification, it is likely that the fate of Shyamkumar is met to all the other 7 Congress MLAs. However, will the disqualification of the defected Congress MLAs a victory for the

Gongress party? A matter, that needs to be discussed.

First the aimed of the Congress party was to topple the BJP led government. This will not happen as the BJP still hold the number even assuming that the 7 MLAs are disqualified. Second, the Congress party may have plan of winning the RS seat, which is also not possible as at the moment. In both case the Congress defeats. Saying so if the motives of the Congress party is solely to save the Democracy as per the constitution of India then the Congress Party

Whatever be the motive, the attempt by congress party as opposition, and the case filed against the defected MLAs under the 10th Scheduled of the Indian Constitution is the revelation about the existence of check and balance system to the working of the Indian Constitution. The autocratic nature of any government in the power is checked with the existing provisions under the law of the country even as there are rumours about the judiciary being controlled by those in the government. The beauty of the Indian Constitution finally is shown with the series of events in the political theatre of Manipur. As for those MLAs who are going to face the music they should now admit that they are not liable to be representative of the people. If in case they don't accept they mistake then people should



By-Kamal Baruah

After the Jonga began to climb on the rocky plateau, the area resembled a war-torn battlefield. The jeep has iconic status in Army for its high ground clearance and powerful engine and it can be mounted with Antitank gun. We saw the entire province relatively a dry and arid landscape of Banni grassland. The gruelling severe heat wave was almost intolerable and the presence of strong wind threatened us. I had sojourned once in the Great Rann, a frightening, ghostly barren region that stretches before the eye to the horizon and beyond into the enemy border at the Gulf of Kutch

Though we steered through the valley of the shadow of death. we feared no evil as Para-military diligently protecting us. There were virtually no signs of human habitation to twenty km radius from our detachment camp at Indo-Pak border. We rested on the heat of the day after a long drive on rough road. The moonlight sky was spectacular and worked wonders to rejuvenate in hostile terrain. It was serene in this lonely planet. The emitting light of Karachi was seen from our location. Suddenly a noise of a chopper scared us. It was enemies flying Drone hovering at the top for border surveillance and flew away with airborne imagery. And I sing along "You can't quit until you try. Just open your eyes and see that Life is beautiful" and lonely there.

Morning shows the day and we wish a new morning for a clear

#### PAK-1 Crash-Landed

We called it as early party. It's no bliss for hiking on dead stone but for the call of the nation. We climbed the mountain slowly towards the peak for Ops Room situated at the top. It has high end Trans-receivers to monitor enemy activities. It sounded like the French word m'aider (help me) May Day. And there is distress signal of SOS at 121.5 or 243 MHz channels (now at 406 MHz). Our base is operational 24x7 in a secret location

With all that, Radio personnel work day and night, sending Morse code with headphone on and monitoring activities of Fighter aircrafts thereby patrolling India's air space to exercise sovereignty. The background noises are part of our companion as on High Frequency receiver, there is always an ambient radio noise that picked up by the antenna, however well it is sited. Those mysterious sounds from VHF Omni-directional broadcast of Aerodrome identification are actually weird Morse Codes heard over Short Wave.

Every country wants to build up her Air Force as an efficient force, second to none. Without that, it's at the mercy of an aggressor. Thereby Pilots practice to pursue perfection as it is a matter of fractions of a second to make decision to hit or eject inside cockpit and endangering safety of aircraft too And at the same process, ground crew provide direction and advisory services very nearly to aircraft through controlled / non-controlled

airspace.
Pak fighter pilots have a strong American accent as they are mostly trained in foreign soil and we were amazed to hear their Flyer Talk on board so well, so does with signal strength and readability. It is always 5X5 (the term means understand you perfectly") in the border. A clean sky makes us worry



for the day as there would be nonstop flying for hours. It was harrowing task to record how complex the communication between F16 Pilots and Air Traffic Control. Yet we were interpreting those phonetic alphabet, phraseology and clearance at ease. It's 11:00 Zulu time or Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Pilots have their own secret language. Here's what they are really saying some sweet Urdu at the end. My plane started to utarna (descend). I can discern no difference between the two countries. The visibility was 6/6 and we hovered overhead searching for an enemy.

ATC sent four fighter jets F16 to escort one Transport aircraft C130. They were all on air. Suddenly my HF Receiver went on clear and precise voice "Pakistan Air Force One" (Pak One - call sign of military Transport aircraft for Pakistan President). I had just heard something socking and asking for myself, "Did I hear right?". I was frantic with worry and pressed the record button on receiver instantly. It went on again "crash-landed, Pakistan Air Force One, crash-landed". All flying came to a grinding halt and SAR (search and rescue) for emergency evacuation on land

The troops felt like winning a war after I caught Mr President on board. Yeah, that too happened

with an incident. Only a few had the luck to witness such heroic performance on a life time. Also I soon realized that I could record the repetition of second line at least of that Radio Telephony else I would have been severely reprimanded as there are other bases for the simultaneous reception. Combatant personnel were trained hard and got to catch them all on any situation. We all saw the disaster film how the Titanic sank. The Wireless Controller did not deliver the ice warning to relieving operator at the ship for clearing a backlog of passengers' personal messages. But I instantly reported the matter to higher authority through satellite.

General Pervez Musharraf was then the President cum Military Head of Pakistan. There was full of suspense and thrilling excitement amongst us. An hour of burst of heart stopping action was messages from the beyond. What were we thinking about? We were miles and miles away from that incident. After half an hour, the runway became operational again; it was the mock drill at Keti Bandar near Karachi. We relieved off after such aviation adventures. We almost caught a plane (PAK-ONE) crashed with Mr President on board for a while.

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### The pleasure in pain: Understanding and accepting adversities



By - Janghaolun Haokip

The one message I had had as an outsider studying in Delhi was to Understand and accept people as they are. I bore that message because of the racism that surrounds the capital, because of being called a foreigner in my own country, because of being called a Chinese or Chingki, and because of being the victim of various other racist remarks that makes someone feel extremely offended.

In the midst of our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the unheaval around it I came to realize that the message that I had whispered to every native friend's ear is becoming all the more important today, in fact, not for the people of Delhi and those friends

I once had, but for the people of our own beautiful state. The message shouldn't necessarily be literal in its meaning, but more as a metaphor as it implies comparison of people from the above message with the adversities of life; and what then comes out of it is to "understand and accept adversities as they are" -as I feel sometimes that adversities must be constantly offended by human

The argumentation is thus that we have differences as different individuals, and we must learn to accept those differences. It is so not to create any environment of hate or enmity because of differences but to rather see it as the natural setting of mankind and thus learn to conform and live with it. It is likewise all the same with the entirety of our existence and the nature of adversities that we come to face in our lives. Just as differences are inherent in Human nature so are adversities intrinsi to our Human society, and problems arise when we fail to acknowledge this undeniable fact that all of 'reason' and 'rationality'

I, indeed, strongly believe that this is the point where mankind fails in its venture towards an ideal society or the way it wants an ideal

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society to be. We fail to put the effort to balance the sheet of life even while we ostensibly understand its very nature. We fail to accept the adversities of life only hoping for a natural good which we know, and as stated, is naturally impossible. We fail, therefore, to discern the adversities of life as we must, having lost it in our own expectations about life, becoming either blind or ignorant to the fact that the problem is in the difference between the nature of our existence and our expectations, which requires us to suffer pain to get to equilibrium. The confusion and uncertainty that entraps our state today, in special regards to the Quarantine centres meant for returnees from different cities across India and abroad, is apparently, in some ways and more, related to the failures mentioned above. As these centres are witnessing desperate situations rising out of poor management or either of poor discipline -whichever, it is shocking as to why at this critical juncture of life and death, people and the government bodies should be caught in an ugly stand-off as witnessed in few Quarantine centres. While the rationale behind may have enough reasons piled-up for both the parties, ready for any serious judicial and extrajudicial brawl, this is rather a much bigger case of our ignorance and oblivion of the nature of mankind and his/her society and the psychological

As unrealistic, dreamy or weird as this may sound, we are actually dealing with a secondary problem without making it right with the primary -the ultimate necessity, which then points to nothing more than endless accusations. This simply means cutting the branch without cutting the tree, and ostensibly the root remains, and the problem remains. We need to therefore make it right at the start, starting from self introspections on our assumptions of life, and also balancing the nature of existence and of our expectations of life. Otherwise the accusations today will only lead to more accusations until we are run over by economic and political instability, affecting our lives and livelihood, and threatening even our very own

existence.
It is critical because the data readings are surging every day with more positive cases and more confusion among the people and as well as the government on how to tackle the reality of a war-like emergency. Our situation will worsen and in case we do not learn anything new, we will be most affected by the chaos that we will create ourselves more than that which will come from the virus. We will be severely affected if we do not but rightly face these challenges and tackle the issue at its core, giving not just our frustrations and foul but our heart and soul in heedfully standing against any social evil that could do major harm to our society.

Important hence is to come to a realisation that there has to be a breaking point somewhere in between the tantrums tossed at each other. We need to realise that we must accept our share of burdens without necessarily throwing it at others. It requires boldness and the understanding of our responsibilities as individuals and the will to contribute, as we must, of much as we can, for the society that we live in, even if it means suffering. It demands a change in our perspective from taking from the society to giving for the society, from expecting from the society to being perceptive towards what the society expects from us as individuals. Wherefore the failure of the

government must also be considered as the failure of the people, and the failure in the part of the people also considered, in the same manner, as the failure of the government. It is because the government and the people are of the same entity, belonging to each other and without one the other is simply non-existent. Such, I believe, is the nature of our society -people shaping the society and the society in return shaping the people -each for another. Our responsibility then is not just about ourselves, which, if everyone is inclined towards, will create a world of chaos and even threaten the existence of mankind, but also for the society, and hand in hand it must go because the society is us and we are the society.

The breaking point must be the acceptance and understanding of

adversities. It indeed is highly demanding but that is largely the nature of our very own existence and hence inevitable. We need to and must accept and understand that we are at a tragic point that demands us to be calm and tolerant. We need to and must realise that violence is not the answer and all it can do is add fuel to the fire. We need faith and hope that we can overcome this without bringing chaos to our land. We can overcome it in a much kinder way of understanding, acceptance, and endurance. And if you believe, faith and hope comes from each of us, springing freshly from within us, when we with the right mindsets and the will to endure any pain, boldly walk through dversity. And if you believe, not far away, you will come to feel the pleasure in pain that you have endured, because life after all is a bouncing ball and it always comes back to you.

It is an imploration, my dear government and my dear people; let us accept that we have failed for the larger part so far until now, the government had its failure and so do we. But today is no time to accuse and find faults, but a time to unite and suffer if we must, keep aside our angers and frustrations if we must, sit together and reason if we must, be advocates of goodwill if we must, not for vanity, but for hope with faith, and believe me, I've never seen a person who owns a prettier smile than those who have faced adversities and been through a hell lot.