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## Opposition questions DMK's mismanagement

Jeba Janet

Anna Dravida Munnetra Kalagam (AIADMK) held a state-wide protest against the Dravida Munnetra Kalagam (DMK) against rising prices of necessary vegetables.

Former CM of Tamil Nadu, Eddapadi Palani Swamy, has accused the DMK of mismanagement and inadequate implementation of their initiatives.

In an interview with The Beacon, communist Sundaravalli, said, "Apart from the weather conditions, inadequate post-production infrastructure is also one of the main reasons for the inflation and this issue has been existing in AIADMK's period as well."

She also added that the DMK government should implement a minimum price policy for vegetables in Tamilnadu to solve this issue and avoid the issue in the future. Sundaravalli said, "The AIADMK's protest against the DMK is appreciative because the opposition party should question the ruling government for the benefit of the people. But they should also address the flaws of the central government in their protest."

The government and its policies should work for the benefit of the people, she added. She also mentioned how DMK has accomplished the plan of selling tomatoes and other essential vegetables at half price in ration shops to support the middle class and the lower class.

## Revealing the darker side of humanity

Ishika & Sreeja

The parading of naked women is not the only heinous incident that happened in the past two months of ethnic strife in Manipur. Hidden among many incidents is an episode of two girls being brutally tortured, raped, and killed by the Meitei men, and this is yet to be known to the rest of India, said Amelia Gangte (name changed,) a women's rights activist in Manipur.

On May 4, two Manipur women were paraded naked and the video of the incident went viral on July 19, triggering outrage on social media, and many raised questions about the silence of the administration and the Central government. Exactly on the evening of May 4, the Meitei Leepun attacked a Kuki village, burned it down, and massacred the residents. The villagers fled to the



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field for safety, where the Meitei mob caught two girls, stripped and gang-raped them, and paraded them in the field naked. The mob also killed the brother of one of the two girls who tried to protect his sister. Another incident that did not come to light is of a Kuki man who was denied help by the commandos,

added Gangte while speaking to The Beacon. "On the night of May 3, a Kuki man was killed by the mob and his body was thrown into his house which was burning. During the attack, he hurried to the closest commando post in the hopes that they would help him, but they instead shut the doors on him."

The Prime Minister, the higher authorities, and the mainstream media which is supposed to be the fourth pillar of democracy were silent for two months until the video went viral, added Gangte. "This shows that there might be some connection between the political party and the Meitei community. There are many shreds of

evidence that prove that the police administration has joined hands with the Meitei community. The majority of the population and the police force is Meiteis. Non-Meitei police including the Director General of Police (DGP) have been transferred and are being targeted," Gangte continued.

While speaking to The Beacon, Abhishek Bora, human rights activist, in Assam, said, "It is still unclear why the central government remains silent on the Manipur issue. It seems that the state government appears to be attempting to hide many more such cases that deserve to be known and addressed." The silence of the Prime Minister and Home Minister on the Manipur situation is concerning, raising questions about their stance. Leaders must address critical issues with transparency and accountability, particularly during distressing events, added Bora.

## Revolutionary anti-ageing drug unveiled

Nikita Priya

The recent groundbreaking development of an anti-ageing drug combination was unveiled by scientists aimed to reverse ageing in record time. The development has been applauded by dermatologists who also believe it can create a great impact in the field of dermatology.

A group of researchers from Harvard Medical School recently discovered a drug that can stop the ageing process within a week. They used three separate drugs that are growth hormone, metformin, and one that activates the AMPK enzyme and was



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given to the mice used in the study. The therapy caused the liver tissue, muscles, and other organs to regenerate.

Dr Richa Sharma, a dermatologist, said, "The uniqueness of the drug combination lies in its approach, it may offer more long-lasting and effective treatment as compared to existing treatment."

She also highlighted the significance of clinical testing to avoid any side effects or risks. She explained that medicine combination targets particular ageing-related biological processes, and animal testing has shown encouraging outcomes. "If successfully applied to human applications, this

treatment might completely alter the anti-ageing market," said Dr Sharma.

Regarding affordability and accessibility, Dr Sharma expressed hope that future developments would result in greater accessibility of this cutting-edge treatment for patients across the world. Dr Sharma advised individuals "to maintain healthy skin by developing habits such as the use of regular sunscreen, a balanced diet, and following proper skin routine." She also emphasised the importance of remaining up to date on the recent developments in anti-ageing science.

## A rejoice for bibliophiles

Bibhash Kalita

Bengaluru: The week-long event hosted by Bookchor.com showcased an extensive range of genres including, classic literature, contemporary fiction, academic textbooks, and children's books, promoting sustainable reading habits and offering budget-friendly treasures and rare editions for book lovers, according to Bookchor.com founder Vidyut Sharma.

Bookchor.com, an e-commerce platform specialising in the sale of pre-owned books, hosted India's largest book fair at the Vega City Mall in Bengaluru from July 14 to 23. The event was named Lock the Box, as customers did not have to pay for the books; rather, they had to pay for the box size they selected to buy books.

"The event showcased an unparalleled assortment of literary gems, catering to diverse interests and offering budget-friendly options for avid book enthusiasts. Our platform believes in making reading accessible and affordable for everyone. Our book fairs bring together people from different walks of life to celebrate reading," added Vidyut.

## 'Prize experience over glory'

Shariq Ahamed

After the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chose not to send the national football team to the Asian Games in 2023, Nawas K, a former Santosh Trophy player from Kerala, remarked that the team would be missing an excellent opportunity to advance in the sport.

The IOA decided not to send the football team to the 2023 Asian Games as the team does not meet the Sports Ministry's criteria of being a sport that ranks among the Top eight in Asia. The team is now set

to miss the tournament for the second successive edition in a row despite winning the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship earlier this month. "In the current situation, the team should definitely be going to the Asian Games this year. This is not based on the results or bringing glory but on the experience and exposure that the team will gain," said Nawas, highlighting the importance of this opportunity.

Nawas believes that the style of play has improved a lot recently and the team

is playing with a lot more finesse and said that it is a joy to witness them on the field. He also praised the players for playing better and more beautiful football which drew in more spectators. "The squad is also missing out on a chance to play against many excellent teams, improve, and learn how to handle the pressure of competing in major matches or tournaments," he added.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary has said that the federation will be appealing to the Sports Ministry for reconsidering their decision.

## Uniting against injustice

Angeline Claudia

The All India Students' Association (AISA) is gearing up to hold its first-ever Bangalore district conference to sharpen its combat to pursue certain goals and demands. The conference will be held in Bangalore on 30 July at 5 pm at Ashirwad, St Mark's Road, to form a district committee.

The association has scheduled a public event along with a panel discussion with renowned figures as panelists. AISA has been campaigning against NEP for a long

period, and the association has chosen to strengthen and intensify the campaign, "We will present it to the people and the students that we are trying to sharpen our struggle against NEP, fascism, and all sorts of injustice that are prevalent in the society," said Aratrika, a member of the ASIA. "Only through our united front can we defeat fascism, which is increasing in everyday phenomena. Thus we have to put up a front not just as an economic demand, but as a political demand as well," she added.