

## **Stem Moral Decay of Naga Youths**

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### **What is pub culture?**

Pub culture decoded the term stands for women drinking and socializing with men in public places, the desire behind this is obviously carnal between males and females who are not husband and wife. By and large youths go to pubs to satisfy their sensual desires without realizing that it is sure to result in moral and material abandonment and they will become unfit to bear the family or social responsibilities. Therefore, it is wrong to call it culture as it is a vice and not a virtue. Pubs and liquor shops belong to the same category and they are injurious to body and mind of the society and the nation at large. This is an onslaught of our cherished values. The wide and expanding pub activities and the importance attached to sensual desires by large number of youths indicate the views of Swami Vivekananda stated over a century which has come true. He had said: "Shall Bharatvarsh die? Then from the world all spirituality will be extinct, all moral perfection will be extinct, all sweet-souled sympathy for Dharma will be extinct, all ideality will be extinct and in its place will reign the duality of lust and luxury as the as the males and females deities with money as its priest; fraud, force and competition as its ceremonies and the human soul as its sacrifice."

### **What did Mahatma Gandhi said?**

Mahatma Gandhi was totally opposed to the consumption of liquor and Prohibition was a major agenda of Indian nation Congress during freedom movement prior to 1947. Picketing of toddy and other liquor shops by congress volunteers was part of struggle for independence. Gandhi said, "I hold drinking spirituous in Bharatvarsh to be more criminal than the petty theft.....". For years, congress governed states had Prohibition as part of state policy. It is a surprising u-turn and disturbing development that same people support not only the contemporary pub culture but all that is indecently associated with it. It is an insult to Father of Nation to defend vulgarity called pub culture in the name of human rights and civil liberty.

### **What does Constitution say?**

Article 47 of the constitution directs the Union and the states to make law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Article 39(e) mandates the Union and the states to take necessary steps to protect children and youths against their moral and material abandonment. The Karnataka was first to enact the Prohibition law but it is not implemented. It is dormant due to state government's inaction allegedly under the pressure of liquor lobby.

### **Bharatiya Ethos**

The Sloka in Sanskrit – *Yatra naryastu poojayante, ramante tratra devata.* (Where women are worshiped, God dwells). In Hindu mythology, women have higher status than men. They are termed as Laxmi – Goddess of wealth women and men are not two separate identities in the context of family life, in the context of nature. They are one and the same without the one, the other has no existence. They are the integral part of the absolute one. The man and woman are supplement to each other. But the “rights” slogan shouted by unrighteous men and women are trying to bring face to face at warpath. The unrighteous men in society media, politics and rightist NGOs (non governmental organizations) are projecting man and woman as rival to each other. The self proclaimed “rightists” do not advocate for righteousness and righteous people. They defend anti-social elements, terrorists, pub-goers and anti-national elements. This is unfortunate.

### **Harassment of Women in Educational Institutions, working place and in the family-**

There has been reports that girls and ladies are eve-teased, molested and sexual harassed and in some cases raped in educational institutions, offices, markets and melas, in over-crowded buses and trains and many more places. The reason is pseudo-secular education devoid of deo and spiritual orientation of the pupils and giving excessive emphasis to acquire material information needed to secure a government or private job. Today’s consumerist education does not elevate the status of mind and wisdom but gives rise to vices and immorality. The more one is purportedly educated, the more he is far from virtues and righteousness. To fill up the void, the vices are coming. The schools and colleges are the first casualty. Rapid westernization and conversion to foreign religion manifest in the form of pubs, alcoholism, spread of vulgarity in beauty pageants, cinema, TV serials, print media, flesh trade and hedonic consumerism. The vulgar advertisements in print and electronic media, sex- education and injurious publicity condoms and contraceptives to prevent HIV/AIDs are adding fuel to fire. The revealing dresses and provocative postures of young ladies invite attention of men of criminal instinct.

### **How to prevent crime?**

To prevent crime against women there should be dos and don’ts for both men and women. For that, no research is required. It is embedded in Bharatiya Sanskriti (Indian culture as *Dharma*); in Bharatiya way of life. The various societies are required to remind them and educate the students accordingly. But if any government or a particular society promote vices in the name of pub business, free sex in the name of sex education , live-in relation and gay marriage etc, nobody can stop the crime , nobody can stop the spread of HIV/AIDs and nobody can stop corruptly and immorality. Practice of martial arts, carrying of lethal weapons, deployment of security personnels- such measures will not guarantee the safety and security of women. The problems require motivational approach which ultra-modernists, pseudo secularists and ultra- progressivists do not fancy. When you cut off a society from its religious and cultural roots, such problems do occur. All the western countries viz USA, UK, France etc and Africa sub-continent have suffered because of religious and cultural carnage. Though they have accumulated enormous wealth and are controlling the world economy, they are very often refer as demon countries because of lack of virtuous living and absence of righteousness. Naga society

need not pass through the process of religious and cultural genocide like the western countries and then return to the same point after completion of the circle. They should learn from the history of Christianity in the west and do not needful to preserve, protect and progress the ancient virtues and converted society has to return to their cultural roots.

Pub culture is against the Indian ethos and national alcohol policy must be made more effective to curb pub- expansion and alcoholism. Union Health Minister Ambumoni Ramdoss said on Jan 31.01.2009 at New Delhi “The pub –culture must stop. It is because of this that, youth in the country have taken to drinking in big way,” He said further, “In India, 40% of road accidents are alcohol related. These young people not only jeopardize their life but also become a danger to others on the road.”

### **Naga Society: The Worst Victim of conversion and perversion**

Nagaland is far behind in all respects in comparison to national scene: be its economy, agriculture, industry, work-culture, virtuous living and righteousness, art and culture etc. The Nagaland media is still an infant stage. But they are very quick in aping the west and anybody hostile to Hindus. It is, therefore, surprising to see an editorial in Nagaland Post – Saffron Talibans on 27.01.2007 supporting the vices of pubs when Naga society is engulfed by this culture accompanied with alcoholism. Condemning Hindu and Hindu ethos in Nagaland media is understandable because they are motivated in that way. Hindus don't expect any appreciation from Hindu baiters but it is not understood why Naga media men are harming their own kith and kin by encouraging and promoting bar-culture in reaction to opposition to this evil by Hindus. An editorial with similar central theme appeared in Eastern Mirror – “Dangerous Trends” on 28.01.2009 where in the editorial has condemned the reaction of the society against the pubs – the breeding centre of evils and supported the alcoholism and resultant vices. In the eye of Nagaland Post, the drinking, dancing and eloping hussies with chandal boys were “innocent and helpless” and those who opposed were guilty. In an editorial Eastern Mirror- “of pub culture & etc” (feb2, 2009) it is said, “Remove the frills. All these foam and froath against pub- culture is just another instance of gender bias and the term is simply directed against women drinking and socializing with men in these public places.” Are pubs, bar-hotels and red light areas fall under the category of public places worth visiting for virtuous people? Certainly not. These are unholy prohibited places for every righteous people in every walk of life including media are duty bound to opposed to. This editorial is nothing but granting sanction to this malady, called pub- culture, nay, pub-crawl and alcoholism. It is also giving glory to this growing dangerous trend. The editorial in Eastern Mirror goes further, “Pubs and bars have been around for quite sometimes and growing ever more popular with every passing year with men as their steady clientele..... But moving along with changing times women have now increasingly started becoming a part of pub-crowd, either in company of men or even by themselves. This has unsurprisingly made the conservative lot very uncomfortable leading to this present unsavoury instance of assault and subsequent debate.”

In Bharatiya ethos, not only the healthy competition between men and women are encouraged but mutual cooperation on the line of symbiosis is practiced. In our country,

the fiery women like Rani Laxmibai, Rani Durgavati, Rani Gaidinliu, and many more women crushed the enemies beneath their feet. After independence, a woman was Prime Minister. Today a woman is president (Smt. Pratibha Patil) , a woman is chief minister of Delhi (Smt. Sheela Dixit) , several women are Union and state cabinet ministers, the number of women in IAS, IPS, IFS(forest) and IFS(foreign) cadres manning even the highest crucial executive posts are innumerable and ever increasing. Who does not know the legendary IPS officer Kiran Bedi, renowned NASA (National Aeronautics Space Association of America) scientists and aeronauts Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams? The women litterateur Amrita Pritam, Mrinal Pandey, poetess Mahadevi Verma, noted singers Lata Mangeskar and Usha Mangeskar are internationally revered figures from women folks. Ladies in corporate sector, banks army, navy and air-force are climbing higher and higher. In Bharatiya ethos, men don't envy it. Rather the advancement of women in righteous fields is ever appreciated. But if men are doing something wrong and picking up any from of vices. Women are expected to correct them as a mother, sister, or wife. However, the wrongs of men are also punishable act. The guilty must be punished whether a men or a women. Therefore, the opposition of pub-crawl is never an action of gender bias.

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