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Guru and Teacher

A recent development that attracts the people is a suggestion from Human Resource Development Ministry of observing the Teacher's Day (5 September 2014) as Guru Utsav. Further the ministry suggests the state government to hold essay competition or the like on this Guru Utsav. So, at once a hue and cry, has been created by some politicians on the new terminology. The Ministry says it has no intention to change the name as such but insists on student know the age old guru tradition of the land.

In Hindu thought, we have four Gurus - Adi Guru (parents), Anadi Guru (the creator), Shiksha Guru (Teacher who imparts the worldly knowledge) and Deeksha Guru (Preacher who shows the vistas of wisdom and Divinity). Teachers call those who come to learn from them, students, whereas Gurus call those who come to them for spiritual knowledge and wisdom as disciple. Here lies the basic difference. The inculcate the Guru- tradition among the teachers, on the occasion of the auspicious Teacher's Day, the ministry of the new government advances the proposal. It is well and good and timely.

Now-a-days, except a few all teachers are employees. They get emoluments for their academic achievement rather than for their academic commitment in rearing the generation of tomorrow for the betterment of them individually and of the country as a whole.

Guru Parampara is a part and parcel of Hindu Heritage. It teachers the present day teacher his position as Guru next to Adi, Anadi. It inspires the present day pupil to recognize and revere all the four Gurus as earmarked by his Heritage.

A good start, before many yet to comes, indeed. We appreciate it and approve it whole heartedly.

Tailpiece: *Almost all schools authorities of the state have arranged and managed for viewing and/or listening to P.M. first ever address to the children of the country. The state govt. of Assam has issued a fatwa that listening to "Modi's lecture" is not mandatory, because, Perhaps, for the government it is not "Prime Minister's address".*

Editor

Article - 370 The National Shame A black spot over Indian Unity and Integrity

- G.K. Srivastava

During the hectic debate in the constituent assembly between Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru over Article 370, the former (read Dr. Ambedkar) chid Nehru saying that - "though this article-370, you want to give Kashmiris all including to settle reside in any part of India but non Kashmiris i.e. the people of India are deprived of such rights why? If India / Bharatvarsh is a nation (one country) then why this Article endorses Jammu and Kashmir to have its own constitution, flag and separate identity", he added.

The provisions of Article-238 shall not apply in relation to Jammu and Kashmir. The law passed by Indian Parliament would not come into effect in Kashmir until the state legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir approve it. Even the Prime Minister of India - Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi can not purchase a single yard of land in Kashmir nor reside, but the Kashmiris including Omar Abdulla may reside/settle in any part of India, why? Dr. Ambedkar was nationalist and visionary who understand that if this Article got continued then it could irrigate the plant of separatism, secessionism and anti-nationalism so he pressurised Nehru not to incorporate this Article-370 in Bharatiya Constitution. So under intense pressure from all corners including congress members of constituent Assembly, Nehru agreed to this Article-370 purely as temporary that finds mention in Indian

constitution, but why this Article-370 is still being continued that has become a major hurdle/hindrance in making bridge between Kashmir and rest of India. Nehru did it all to appease Seikh Muhammad Abdulla (the grand father of Omar Abdulla - the CM of J&K).

During the partition of India, in which 50 lakh Hindus were made into pieces by Muslim Fundamentalists (read Muslim League of Jinnah) and those ill-fated Hindus, who some how escaped the wrath of brutality experimented by the Muslim Goon in 1946-47, came in Kashmir for their survival with dignity and honour are still living in refugee camps deprived of basic needs being victim of hate, communalism and negligence meted out to him.

Even these Hindus are not allowed to cast their vote during the assembly local bodies elections. They cast their votes during the General election. What does it mean? But those Muslims, who came in Kashmir from Pakistan in 1946-47 under well planed strategy, have been given red carpet welcome by Seikh Abdulla, who got them settled in Kashmir valley that has become the hub of anti-nationalism, anti-Hinduism, anti-secularism and pro-secessionism - separatism with Mr. Alisah Gillani, Yasin Malik,

Sabbir Seikh, Mir Wayas oman Farookh and the like minded elements who determined to separate Kashmir for Pakistan.

Under this Article-370, the people of Jammu (read the Hindus) were in majority but now they are being minoritied with the dwelling of Muslims from the valley as well as the Pakistani migrant just to change the demography of Jammu thus converting this region to Muslim Majority so that, the demand of so called referendum could be fueled that endorses the secession of Kashmir from India (as months back both Kejriwal and Prashant Bhushan - the Maoist ideologues raised the demand of referendum favouring the Gillanis and Company

All kinds of help, finance and aid being given by the center is only meant for the people of Kashmir valley and not for those in Jammu and Laddakh region. The region of Jammu alone elects more member in state legislative assembly than the region of Kashmir valley as the population of Jammu is much more than that of Kashmir valley but the wind of development is far from them - the people of Jammu. In the Govt. Jobs, the Kashmir valley is having upper hand over Jammu and Laddakh region because of this Article-370.

It is to be noted that this Article was temporary then why it is not abrogated from the Bhartiya Sambidhan (the Constitution of
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“Glory to All Pervading Mother”

RIKKIR ZIRDO, Arunachal Pradesh

Mother is really one and she is the source of all.

When she is realize she uses us and she has written us. She proved me 3 things that is -

1. That she knows every thing about me. She told my one wrong doing that I did in my adolescent age which I totally had forgotten. Only after she told me that I realized that I really had done that guilt.

2. That she told me not to course any body (because all are manifestating of Mother herself).

3. That she directed me to burn down a pornographic CD (which was the last remaining of many).

Other than above she also helped me to avoid chewing tobacco. She taught me a lot. I cannot write down all that Mother made me to realize her. Mother is so intricate that we human being can never know in single birth. In short, it is to be known that Mother is all and all. It is quite true that everything depends on MAYA but it is also quite true that these Maya ought to be used in rightful way. I have realize Mother too is instructing to do.

Hinduism is so old and precise about knowing Mother that I seven times think not to write all these but I have to write to make known this to others. People should not/never think that I Rikkir Zirdo is something of my own it is all the works of Mother and I am just trying to be good. Mother loves mother India as her

describing of Mother and religion is very true. Let us know our selves and be ourselves (know yourself and be yourself).

I am also a simple human being and a son of a poor illiterate parents (farmer). I cannot write down all but when I was in the height of realization of Mother. I felt as if I was in an “Ashram” and then I felt I have to go to an “Ashram” and follwed sayings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhangsha which means is this way for this house holders the religious works should be done only after the children are made to stand on their feet. Whether this will happen or not I donot know but you all pray for me to happen in this life itself and I also pray mother to bless me.

It is quite true that we should not say anybody a sinner. See me or observe me, **I am getting payment more then Rs. 15000/- per month without sepending a single rupee for the society. Is this not sin?** To be true I am helpless as I have to rear up my children.

Nevertheless I still feel the effect of realization of Mother. I think a person cannot do his/her duty without having the realization of God. The effect cannot be explained but these feeling of God is very, very intriante. I still sometimes in loveliness cry. Such feeling and the messages coming from these feelings may be blessings for the society and the country but the person who feels

becomes like a cursed one.

It is known that our soul not body eternal and this soul has to return again and again with a new body, may be in a new community, caste or raw or in a new place or country. So, the place (Mother earth) to where we have to return again and again should not be made a “Hell”. It should be collective effort. Mother India is so pious that unless and until She is there is this Mother Earth she was/is /will be the soul of the Mother Earth.

Now a days the human role has changed so much that we have forgotten the Creator the Master of all, the master planner. We are thinking for our own only, even we who realized Mother. So we are having the curse of our own self and every birth is becoming more and more harder to live.

This body has the contributing of all the heavenly bodies likewise, I think I have been made to realize mother by the society. Knowledge comes from mother only. She “Uses” when I say “uses” it carries many meaning.

It is too early to unite too many things. So I want to stop here. Let us remember mother (God) as she is “EVERYTHING”.

Let us pray for the country as if the country will fall we all will fall.

Let us pray for ourselves as everything starts from us only (let us be guided by the Mother).

Why Not Hindu India?

- MARIA WIRTH

THOUGH I HAVE LIVED IN INDIA A LONG TIME, there are still issues here that I find hard to understand. For example, why do so many educated Indians become agitated when India is referred to as a Hindu country? The majority of Indians are Hindus. India is special because of its ancient Hindu tradition. Westerners are drawn to India because of Hinduism. Why then is there this resistance by many Indians to acknowledge the Hindu roots of their country? Why do some people even give the impression that an India which valued those roots would be dangerous? Don't they know better?

This attitude is strange for two reasons. First, those educated Indians seem to have a problem only with "Hindu" India, but not with "Muslim" or "Christian" countries. Germany, for example, is a secular country, and only 59 percent of the population are registered with the two big Christian churches (Protestant and Catholic). Nevertheless, the country is bracketed under "Christian countries" and no one objects. Angela Merkel, the Chancellor, stressed recently the Christian roots of Germany and urged the population "to go back to Christian values." In 2012 she postponed her trip to the G-8 summit to make a public address on Katholikentag, "Catholics Day." Two major political parties carry Christian in their name, including Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union.

Germans are not agitated that Germany is called a Christian country, though I actually would understand if they were. After all, the history of the Church is appalling. The so-called success story of Christianity depended greatly on tyranny. "Convert or die" were the options given—not only some five hundred years ago to the indigenous population in America, but also in Germany, 1,200 years ago, when the emperor Karl the Great ordered the death sentence for refusal of baptism in his newly conquered realms. This provoked his advisor Alkuin to comment: "One can force them to baptism, but how to force them to believe?"

Germany, with its minority religions, still calls itself Christian. Why not call India Hindu?

Those times, when one's life was in danger for dissenting with the dogmas of Christianity, are thankfully over. Today many in the West do dissent and are leaving the Church in a steady stream. They are disgusted with the less-than-holy behavior of Church officials and they also can't believe in the dogmas, for example that "Jesus is the only way" and that God sends all those who don't accept this to hell.

The second reason why I can't understand the resistance to associate India with Hinduism is that Hinduism is in a different category from the Abrahamic

religions. Its history, compared to Christianity and Islam, was undoubtedly the least violent as it spread in ancient times by convincing arguments and not by force. It is not a belief system that demands blind acceptance of dogmas and the suspension of one's intelligence. On the contrary, Hinduism encourages using one's intelligence to the hilt. It is an enquiry into truth based on a refined character and intellect. It comprises a huge body of ancient literature, not only regarding dharma and philosophy, but also regarding music, architecture, dance, science, astronomy, economics, politics, etc. If Germany or any other Western country had this kind of literary treasure, it would be so proud and highlight its greatness on every occasion. When I discovered the Upanishads, for example, I was stunned. Here was expressed in clear terms what I intuitively had felt to be true, but could not have expressed clearly. Brahman is not partial; it is the invisible, indivisible essence in everything. Everyone gets again and again a chance to discover the ultimate truth and is free to choose his way back to it. Helpful hints are given but not imposed.

In my early days in India I thought every Indian knew and valued his tradition. Slowly I realized I was wrong. The British colonial masters had been successful in not only weaning away many of the elite from their ancient tradition but even making them despise it. It helped that the

British-educated class could no longer read the original Sanskrit texts and believed what the British told them. This lack of knowledge and the brainwashing by the British education may be the reason why many so-called "modern" Indians are against anything Hindu. They don't realize the difference between Western religions that have to be believed (or at least professed) blindly, and which discourage, if not forbid, their adherents to think on their own, and the multi-layered Hindu Dharma which gives freedom and encourages using one's intelligence.

Many of the Indian educated class do not realize that those who dream of imposing Christianity or Islam on this vast country will applaud them for denigrating Hindu Dharma, because this creates a vacuum where Western ideas can easier gain a foothold. At the same time, many Westerners, including

staunch Christians, know the value of Hindu culture and surreptitiously appropriate insights from the vast Indian knowledge system, drop the original Hindu source and present it either as their own or make it look as if these insights had already been known in the West. As the West appropriates valuable and exclusive Hindu assets, what it leaves behind is deemed inferior. Unwittingly, these Indians are helping what Rajiv Malhotra of Infinity Foundation calls the digestion of Dharma civilization into Western universalism. That which is being digested, a deer for example, in this case Hindu Dharma, disappears whereas the digester (a tiger) becomes stronger.

If only missionaries denigrated Hindu Dharma, it would not be so bad, as they clearly have an agenda which discerning Indians would detect. But sadly, Indians with Hindu names assist them

because they wrongly believe Hinduism is inferior to Western religions. They belittle everything Hindu instead of getting thorough knowledge. As a rule, they know little about their tradition except what the British have told them, i.e., that the major features are the caste system and idol worship. They don't realize that India would gain, not lose, if it solidly backed its profound and all-inclusive Hindu tradition. The Dalai Lama said some time ago that, as a youth in Lhasa, he had been deeply impressed by the richness of Indian thought. "India has great potential to help the world," he added. When will the Westernized Indian elite realize it?

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Article - 370 The National Shame...

India). The fact is that no successive Govts. at the centre till date shown their political will courage even to take nation wide debate on this Article-370 whether it needs removal from the constitution.

What Dr. B.R. Ambedkar did foresee 67 years ago pertaining to article-370 has become bonafide and true with the mushrooming of various outfit in Kashmir and Pakistan, Organisation of Islamic Country (OIC) Jamate Islami and Indian Muslim League minded ones and the notorious leftists (who write and advocate that Bharat is not a country rather it is the country of various nationalities) dancing in the tune of Alisah Gillani and Omar Abdullah etc.

After a long gap, a nationalist Govt. under the dynamic vibrant leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has come to power at New Delhi, promised the country men to hold debate/discussion over this anti-national, anti-secular Article-370 that needs its abrogation from our constitution, thus making the bridge between the Kashmiries and the rest citizens that would strengthen the bond of unity and integrity, across the nation among the people that gave no chance to the enemies within and outside. Sooner this Article-370 is removed from the constitution better for the Bharat and Bharatiyata because the country is no longer ready to be further the burden of this Article that divides Jammu and Kashmir on communal line that made Hindus - The Victim.

U.S. Views on God and Life Are Turning Hindu

- Lisa Miller

America is not a Christian nation. We are, it is true, a nation founded by Christians, and according to a 2008 survey, 76 percent of us continue to identify as Christian (still, that's the lowest percentage in American history). Of course, we are not a Hindu—or Muslim, or Jewish, or Wiccan—nation, either. A million-plus Hindus live in the United States, a fraction of the billion who live on Earth. But recent poll data show that conceptually, at least, we are slowly becoming more like Hindus and less like traditional

Christians in the ways we think about God, our selves, each other, and eternity.

The Rig Veda, the most ancient Hindu scripture, says this: "Truth is One, but the sages speak of it by many names." A Hindu believes there are many paths to God. Jesus is one way, the Qur'an is another, yoga practice is a third. None is better than any other; all are equal. The most traditional, conservative Christians have not been taught to think like this. They learn in Sunday school that their religion is true, and others are false. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me."

Americans are no longer buying it. According to a 2008

Pew Forum survey, 65 percent of us believe that "many religions can lead to eternal life"—including 37 percent of white evangelicals, the group most likely to believe that salvation is theirs alone. Also, the number of people who seek spiritual truth outside church is growing. Thirty percent of Americans call themselves "spiritual, not

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religious," according to a 2009 NEWSWEEK Poll, up from 24 percent in 2005. Stephen Prothero, religion professor at Boston University, has long framed the American propensity for "the divine-deli-cafeteria religion" as "very much in the spirit of Hinduism. You're not picking and choosing from different religions, because they're all the same," he says. "It isn't about orthodoxy. It's about whatever works. If going to yoga works, great—and if going to Catholic mass works, great. And if going to Catholic mass plus the yoga plus the Buddhist retreat works, that's great, too."

Then there's the question of what happens when you die. Christians traditionally believe

that bodies and souls are sacred, that together they comprise the "self," and that at the end of time they will be reunited in the Resurrection. You need both, in other words, and you need them forever. Hindus believe no such thing. At death, the body burns on a pyre, while the spirit—where identity resides—escapes. In reincarnation, central to Hinduism, selves come back to earth again and again in different bodies. So here is another way in which Americans are becoming more Hindu:

24 percent of Americans say they believe in reincarnation, according to a 2008 Harris poll. So agnostic are we about the ultimate fates of our bodies that we're burning them—like Hindus—after death. More than a third of Americans now choose cremation, according to the Cremation Association of North America, up from 6 percent in 1975. "I do think the more spiritual role of religion tends to deemphasize some of the more starkly literal interpretations of the Resurrection," agrees Diana Eck, professor of comparative religion at Harvard. So let us all say "om."

(<http://www.newsweek.com/us-views-god-and-life-are-turning-hindu-79073>)

What ISIS's New 'Islamic State' Means for the World

July 1, 2014: What is a caliphate? How will it impact Muslims in India and across the world? Vicky Nanjappa speaks to experts who analyse the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria's declaration of an 'Islamic state'

Dreaded militant group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria on Sunday announced the establishment of a 'caliphate' that ended nearly 100 years ago with the fall of the Ottomans. Experts see this move as a "holy war" and a bid to challenge the central leadership of the Ayman Al-Zawahiri-led Al Qaeda that considered the ISIS too violent.

The ISIS renamed itself as the Islamic State in an audio message and written statement purportedly from its official spokesman Abu Mohammed al-Adnani al-Shami on Sunday.

He said ISIS chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is the caliph or head of the state. "It is incumbent upon all Muslims to pledge allegiance to and support him. The legality of all emirates, groups, states, and organisations, becomes null by the expansion of the caliph's authority and arrival of its troops to their areas," the statement said.

Sunday's development raises several big questions as experts try to analyse the ISIS's announcement.

What is a caliphate?

A Caliphate is an Islamic state, which heads all Muslims, and its emir is known as a caliph. The job of the caliph is to interpret and ensure the implementation of

God's will. The decision of the caliph is binding on all Muslims.

However, Sunnis and Shias have differences on the functioning of the caliph. The Shias believe that a caliph should be a religious teacher or an imam while the Sunnis are of the opinion that he should be elected by the people. How will the declaration of an 'Islamic state' impact the worldwide Muslim population?

Several analysts have termed this a development more important than 9/11.

Animesh Roul, executive director, Society for Study of Peace and Conflict, said, "Al Qaeda breakaway group ISIS's declaration of a caliphate on the day of Ramzan speaks a lot about the militant strategy of influencing the Sunni world for larger support. After taking over most of the border territories between Iraq and Syria, ISIS and its insurgent affiliates are expected to march further dividing the government forces and their supporters in this growing conflict. It could also create a rift within the global Islamist movement and one should wait and watch for any signs of infighting or any opposition from the Al Qaeda."

"The declaration of caliphate and the caliph — al-Baghdadi — would undermine Al Qaeda's supremacy over the global jihadist movement and of course its core affiliate in Syria — the Al Nusra."

"However, it's very premature to conclude that both groups — Al Nusra and ISIS — would now confront over territory or ideology. There would be an increased

effort for reconciliations within the warring factions. And if support comes from Afghanistan and or Pakistan or from other Sunni-dominated countries, it would provide major boost for al-Baghdadi and the whole caliphate movement."

It is expected that the call of the caliph would influence Muslims across the world. But what about Indian Muslims? Roul said, "I doubt that any Indian Muslims would subscribe to the call right away. Those who are already radicalised, even though they are a minuscule number, would be ready to join or must be celebrating in their houses or secret camps."

"We received reports earlier that some Indian Muslims in Iraq and Syria have joined the movement, but we have no substantial information about them and their involvements. Scouring the social media would give us any immediate hint on radicalised Indian youths."

Other analysts point out that there is a possibility of a tussle between some of the Gulf states that are now left divided by the differences in the Al Qaeda and the ISIS. Many cadres of the Al Qaeda may switch over thus resulting in a power imbalance in the outfit.

The other concern is about Saudi Arabia where people subscribing to the extreme Wahabi school of thought could join the Islamic state declared by the ISIS, analysts said.

(<http://www.hindujagruti.org/news/19970.html>)

Pope Francis Says Communists Stole Christianity

RUSH, June 30, 2014 : The pope, Il Papa, Pope Francis - get this opening paragraph. By the way, this is a Reuters story. I want to see if this jogs your memory, just the first paragraph. "Pope Francis, whose criticisms of unbridled capitalism have prompted some to label him a Marxist, said in an interview published on Sunday that communists had stolen the flag of Christianity."

Does that ring any of your bells? Who was it that — I think it was me that labeled the pope. What I said was that his attack on capitalism sounded just like a Marxist attack on it. I said it sounds like Marxism and that made big news. Now, I didn't make the first paragraph, but they're referring, when they say that prompted some to label him

a Marxist.

"The 77-year-old pontiff gave an interview to Il Messaggero, Rome's local newspaper, to mark the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, a Roman holiday. He was asked about a blog post in the Economist magazine that said he sounded like a Leninist when he criticized capitalism and called for radical economic reform."

Oh, yeah, some obscure blog post in the Economist said he sounded like a Leninist, that got everybody riled up. We remember that. Don't you? I don't remember. Anyway, he said, "I can only say that the communists have stolen our flag. The flag of the poor is Christian. Poverty is at the center of the Gospel. Communists say that all this is communism. Sure, twenty centuries later. So when they

speak, one can say to them: 'but then you are Christian'," he said, laughing.

BREAK TRANSCRIPT

RUSH: I don't know if the pope is saying that Jesus was a communist. I mean some people could read it that way. He says the communists stole our flag, and if our flag is rooted in solving poverty, and the communists want to claim that's what they did, I mean, you connect the dots if you wish. He was asked about "you claim unbridled capitalism." I don't know, who practices unbridled capitalism? Hong Kong is as close as we've ever had to — unbridled capitalism? It was a false premise to begin with.

(http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/daily/2014/06/30/pope_francois_says_communist_stole_christianity)

Pope Says Communists are closet Christians

VATICAN CITY, June 29, 2014: Pope Francis conducts a mass before presenting Archbishops with their palliums in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 29, 2014.

Credit: Reuters/Alessandro Bianchi

(Reuters) - Pope Francis, whose criticisms of unbridled capitalism have prompted some to label him a Marxist, said in an interview published on Sunday that communists had stolen the flag of Christianity.

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"I can only say that the communists have stolen our flag. The flag of the poor is Christian. Poverty is at the center of the Gospel," he said, citing Biblical passages about the need to help the poor, the sick and the needy.

"Communists say that all this is communism. Sure, twenty centuries later. So when they speak, one can say to them: 'but then you are

Christian'," he said, laughing.

Since his election in March 2013, Francis has often attacked the global economic system as being insensitive to the poor and not doing enough to share wealth with those who need it most.

Earlier this month, he criticized the wealth made from financial speculation as intolerable and said speculation on commodities was a scandal that compromised the poor's access to food.

(Reporting by Philip Pullella; Editing by Stephen Powell)

(<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/29/us-pope-communism-idUSKBN0F40L020140629>)

USA, Barely a Christian Nation

An increasing number of Americans are identifying with Eastern spiritual religious practices. Just consider the growing popularity of yoga, meditation, tai chi, qigong. According to a Pew Forum Research poll, a whopping 24 percent of American Christians believe in reincarnation, a foundational concept in Hinduism. Even more striking is this: the same Pew Forum poll discovered 65 percent of American Christians believe that “many religions can lead to eternal life.” Included in that group were 37 percent of evangelical Christians who, in the past, argued fervently that salvation is through Jesus Christ alone. Again, the idea that there are many paths to God is a foundational Hindu principle as outlined in their scripture, the Rig Veda: “Truth is one, but sages speak of it by many names.”

It seems that though America is a Christian nation, it is only

barely so. More and more evidence continues to present itself that Christianity is losing its grip on many Americans. Why is this? Why are traditional Christians in America embracing Eastern spiritual philosophies in ever growing numbers? The answer is not complex: they’re tired of rigid theologies which separate people and suspicious of doctrines which are an affront to reasonable thought.

They are drawn to Eastern thought because practices such as yoga and meditation can give them a spiritual life without the baggage of Christian theology and doctrine. In the East, the spiritual approach is to harmonize, while in the West, Christianity has sought to categorize: the “saved” and the “unsaved.” In the East, they have spiritual teachers whose role is to expand consciousness. In the West, Christianity has theologians who define and therefore confine.

Christianity places the focus on differences. Hindus are comfortable with multiple viewpoints of truth, all facets of the same Ultimate Reality. Christianity has a much lower tolerance for differing viewpoints, declaring that there is but one truth, the one preached by Christians.

Given the corner which Christianity has painted itself into, it is not surprising that the number of Americans who say they are “spiritual but not religious” (meaning they don’t attend Christian churches) continues to grow. A recent Newsweek poll (2009) revealed that 30 percent of Americans define themselves that way, up from 24 percent in 2005. As more Americans discover the openness of Eastern spiritual paths, it’s a number which will continue to grow.

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Church turned into ‘temple’ after 72 Valmikis reconvert to Hinduism

ALIGARH, Aug 28, 2014: A church with a cross on it that belonged to the 7th Day Adventists overnight turned into a temple adorned with a portrait of Shiva after what some Hindu groups in Aligarh termed the successful “*ghar wapasi*” (reconversion) of 72 Valmikis who had become Christians in 1995.

There was an elaborate *shuddhi karan* (purification) ceremony on Tuesday inside the church in Asroi, 30km from Aligarh. Children from the village

soon took over the premises and were seen playing in it by afternoon on Wednesday. A cross was removed from the church and placed outside the gate and a portrait of Shiva installed.

Khem Chandra, Sangh pracharak and pramukh of Dharam Jagran Manch in Aligarh, said, “This is called *ghar wapasi*, not conversion. They left by choice and today they have realized their mistake and want to come back. We welcome them. We can’t let our samaj scatter, we have to hold it tight. I have told

them that honour comes from within the community and not from outside.” Chandra added that in the years that followed their adoption of Christianity, he met heads of the eight Valmiki families numerous times to convince them to reconsider their decision.

However, as news of the reconversion spread, tension started building up, with sleuths of the Local Intelligence Unit (LIU) converging on the spot. Some villagers told Times of India

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If you cannot find solace in your religion, you will never be able to find it in any other religion.'

- GRIMULFR LAUGRSSON

"I hear that many Hindus have wondered why many Americans and Europeans are rejecting Christianity in order to convert to Hinduism. 'Why would someone reject their own culture to embrace someone else's?' There are very specific reasons why this is the case. At one time, the people of the European countries did not practice Christianity. They practiced religions that were very similar to Hinduism. Hinduism and the various forms of Paganism that were practiced in Europe have a common root, hence the terminology 'Indo-European.' If you were to compare the Elder Edda (the sacred text of the ancient Northern Europeans) to the Rig Veda, you would find striking similarities.

"Christianity, on the other hand, is not really a Western religion. It was directly spawned from Judaism. Later on, it was embraced by power hungry Caesars and popes of Rome who in turn used this religion as a means of spiritual, mental and physical domination. All who did

not agree with their viewpoints were murdered, burned, raped and destroyed. Missionaries were sent to other countries outside of Rome as a means to spy on other religions as well as seduce leaders into giving up their native religions (usually with bribes of gold and land) and to join the Romans in their unholy mission of destroying other cultures—which they perceived as 'helping.'

"I would like to address a few points made by Sri Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati Tirtha Ma-ha-swamigal in his interview for your March/April, 2001, article 'On Dharma, the Pope, Kids, and More...' He said, 'When foreigners approach my guru's guru seeking conversion to Hinduism, he advises them to "become better Christians." That is the essence of Hinduism. If you cannot find solace in your religion, you will never be able to find it in any other religion.'

"I agree with his statement to a certain extent. True, folks should seek out their own roots first and

foremost. However, Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati may not realize that there is no solace or substance in Christianity for such seekers, as it does not truly resonate in the soul of the American or European, because it has roots outside of our blood and soul. If Euro-Americans or Europeans are ever to find solace and substance in anything, it will be found in the pre-Christian European religions. The reason for foreigners being attracted to Hinduism is based on the fact that it is more in line with their blood/soul than Christianity is (which has Semitic/Middle-Eastern roots).

"If you wish to direct non-Indians away from Hinduism towards something that is of their own blood and soul, then direct them towards the elder ways of Europe, which capture the same spirit of polytheism, animism, mysticism and philosophical thought that is found in Hinduism."

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(TOI), on condition of anonymity, that the Shiva portrait had been removed and kept inside the house of a local resident. Anil Gaur, one of those who returned to the Hindu fold, said it was because they were unhappy with the caste system that they changed their religion. "But we found ourselves in no better position among Christians," he said. "As Hindus we had no status and were restricted to doing

menial jobs, but even after remaining a Christian for 19 years, we saw that no one came to us from their community. There was no celebration of Bada Din (Christmas). The missionaries just built a church for us in the vicinity where some of the villagers got married. That was all."

Seventy-year-old Rajendra Singh said he, too, was happy to reconvert. "While sleeping

outside the church one day I suffered a paralytic attack. I found myself unable to move. It happened last year and since then I have been thinking that it may have been Mata Devi's punishment for abandoning my faith," he claimed.

Osmond Charles, a lawyer and community leader in Aligarh, isn't convinced though. "Ghar

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Defaming America in the war of jihadists

- Er.Rajesh Pathak

Regarding Shia-Sunni communal-strife raging in Iraq there is also a section of people vehemently trying to show America's hands behind it. Seen today in the TV debates, these are the people who belonged to that very same jamaat [faction] which once did its' utmost to establish America as a villain against Saddam. But truly what America is, that may best be known from the people themselves living there in Iraq, who once suffered terror of Saddam; and communal frenzy of Sunnis today. The jihadists grew in influence in Iraq then, when they got unstinted support from Saddam. It was not difficult for Saddam to understand that it was not possible for him to run unchallenged, as also arbitrary rule in Iraq with the backing of military alone. And, as such, to have vice-like grip on the Iraqis one more section of people he found reliably suitable, other than military, were the religious fanatics. And there, on the other side, what the hell they could unleash when they have on their heads the hands of dictator like

Saddam to show this the fanatics spared no effort. How distressful the lives of people would have got to be then in that period one example alone is enough to have a glance of it: It was the time when no compromise was acceptable in the way of following Islamic-tenets. Such was the condition that the children with just the age of 10-12 were put into the jail ridiculously for the crime of not keeping the beards, so-called symbol of Islamic identity! Above this, there was none to show the courage of telling to these Saddam's trusted fellows that they should have at least waited the age when the children would get matured enough to have that much hair as to keep their beards.

Tormented this way, and such many other ways, people, more particularly Shias, therefore saw America as their savior. It was, notably, due to the support and help rendered by the local people that America faced not much difficulty in overpowering Saddam. No matter they who sit in TV channels' room and claim to have

the news of world over try to project America a villain, and whatever its'[America] vested interest be, but for the common men of Iraq it in fact did come as an angle of God. And, therefore, on the defeat of Saddam the streets of Iraq were outpoured by the crowd of people making jubilation.

To give one or the other excuse in favor of jihadists behind their misdeeds is very common thing, an old and oft-repeated practice. Who are finding fault in America for the plight of Iraq today, they have always done the work of blaming security-forces in India in Jammu-Kashmir, and police – force and administration in the rest of the country. As far as Shias are concerned their condition is no better in Pakistan itself. So worse is it that few months back Shias had to plead General Kyani for the military intervention, that's too, in order to recover and bury the bodies of their kith and kin died in terror incidents! Should America be blamed for these incidents here too in Pakistan?

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wapasi sounds like a conspiracy," he said. "Sometimes we hear 'love jihad' and now we have 'ghar wapasi'. Is this the sign of a Hindu Rashtra in the making?"

Father Jonanthan Lal, pastor at City Methodist Church, said, "The 'purification' pooja took place inside the church which belongs to 7th Day Adventists. Such an activity shouldn't have taken place there. Faith is a personal matter

but havan inside a church is not."



Meanwhile, there is a sudden, eerie quiet in Asroi. Villagers hurry inside their houses if they

are asked about the reconversion and most say they know nothing about it. The presence of cops has added to their anxiety. "Don't ask anything. I don't know what happened," a young man said, turning away swiftly from a TOI team.

(<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/Church-turned-into-temple-after-72-Valmikis-reconvert-to-Hinduism/articleshow/41029431.cms>)

Fact of the Matter

Now that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has confirmed the entry of Maoists in the Northeast and their association with several militant outfits of the region, the security scenario here has got a new dimension. The MHA document says that Maoists “are making incursions into Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, which will have serious long-term strategic implications”.

To a question whether the CPI (Maoist) has links with other terrorist organizations and foreign agencies, the document says, “The CPI (Maoist) has close fraternal ties with many insurgent groups of the Northeast, mainly the PLA of Manipur. Most of these outfits have links with external forces inimical to India. The CPI (Maoist) has also frequently expressed its solidarity with J & K terrorist groups. These strategic ties are part of their ‘Strategic United Front’ against India. The outfit has close links with Maoist organizations in Philippines and Turkey and is also a member of the Coordination Committee of Maoist Parties and Organizations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA), which includes Nepal Maoists.”

The MHA document has discussed the steps an ordinary citizen can take against Left-wing extremism. This includes launching an attack on social networking sites like Facebook. The ministry has asked the people to condemn the violent and brutal atrocities of the CPI (Maoist) and other Left-wing extremist groups on innocent civilians through any available media like social networks, learn to recognize propaganda against the country by

the Maoist front organizations, ideologues and sympathizers, sensitize fellow countrymen on the dangers of Maoist ideology, and cherish and nurture the democratic way of life as enshrined in the Constitution.

According to the MHA, front organizations that are offshoots of the parent Maoist party profess a separate existence to escape legal liability and carry out propaganda for the party, raise funds for the militancy, assist the cadres in legal matters and also provide shelter to underground cadres. “Functionaries of front organizations provide intelligence veneer to the inherent violence in Maoist ideology. They sanitize the bloodletting and attempt to make the Maoist world-view palatable to urban audiences and the media,” says the ministry document.

The MHA has added that Maoists are in the business of brainwashing and indoctrinating young children, as well as of threatening the poor Adivasi parents who usually prefer to part with their girl children. **“This is the reason behind the presence of large number of women Maoists who are also pushed to engage themselves with the security forces,”** says the document.

While the MHA document has not named any foreign agency, hostile to India, having links with Maoists, Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi, after a meeting with Union Home Minister P Chidambaram in Guwahati on February 19, said that “Pakistan’s ISI is trying to involve itself in the growing Maoist problem in the State”.

A media report has quoted highly placed official sources as saying that the Maoists have worked out a grand plan for creation of a confederation of States comprising the Northeast, parts of Myanmar and Sylhet area of Bangladesh. According to the report, they have also hatched a plan to set up a strong base in Myanmar, which is why they are concentrating on setting up bases in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Sadiya subdivision of upper Assam’s Tinsukia district and Tirap and Lohit districts of Arunachal Pradesh are now notorious for Maoist activities. These are also areas notorious for poverty and backwardness, which is a recipe for armed rebellion by a section of frustrated youths; due to poverty, backwardness, and injustices against them, their drift towards militancy can be construed natural — in a system that has only failed them.

Reports say that the police and other security forces had managed to obtain the names of at least a hundred Maoist cadres in Assam, of whom 27 were arrested but most of them were released on bail and they simply jumped bail. Of them, the most prominent one was Aditya Bora, who was arrested in a Maoist camp in a jungle bordering Orissa and Jharkhand.

The CPI (Maoist) is trying to forge ties with Northeast militant groups — and it has already an agreement with the Revolutionary People’s Front (RPF), the political wing of the Manipur-based People’s Liberation Army (PLA) —

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Tribal leaders call on Union Ministers over illegal settlement in tribal belts and blocks

An eight-member delegation of different tribal bodies, at the behest of Janajati Suraksha Monch (JSM), left for New Delhi and called on Union Ministers and Chairman of ST Commission, Government of India, to discuss the issue of illegal settlement in protected tribal belts and blocks in Assam and the BTC region.

During their three-day stay in New Delhi, starting from July 10, the delegation met the Union Home Minister, Tribal Affairs Minister, Minister of State Sarbananda Sonowal, Chairman of ST Commission and Registrar General of India and submitted memoranda demanding immediate eviction of all illegal settlers in protected tribal lands to ensure safety and security of tribal people.

The memorandum, which was signed by the president of the JSM, Bagiram Boro, Secretary of Kokrajhar district, Ashok Kumar Brahma, Senior Citizens' Forum leaders DD Narzary, Bakul Chandra Basumatary and president of Kokrajhar district Bathou Afat, Songraja Narzary, stated that the massive settlements in protected tribal belts and blocks land by suspected Bangladeshis had made the ethnic tribal people a minority in their land and the abnormal rise of certain communities had threatened the existence of the tribal people. The memorandum also stated that the illegal settlers were trying to capture political power in the region.

Talking to this correspondent,

senior citizen leader DD Narzary said the Chairman of ST Commission took serious note of the concerns raised by the tribal leaders and assured them that appropriate measures would be taken to meet their demands. He said the Chairman assured them that government officials would evict the illegal settlers in the protected tribal lands and return the land to the tribal people, as per the Prevention of Atrocities on SC and ST Act, 1989.

The tribal leaders in their memorandum said that as per Section 164 of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation Act (ALRRA), amended in 1947, non-tribal people cannot settle in protected land belonging to tribal people. They said the Government of Assam, by notification No-RP 69/46/19 dated December 5, 1947 issued under sub-section (2) of section 160 of ALRRA and had notified the plain tribe and hills tribe as backward people for protection under the Act. Some communities like Scheduled Caste, Nepali, Rajbongshi and Santhali were added to the protected list as per provisions of Chapter X of the ALRRA in 1985.

Narzary said the illegal settlers should be evicted from the tribal belts and blocks as per the act. But the State government, instead of protecting tribal land, was encouraging non-tribals to settle in tribal land. As per Section 164 of the ALRRA, no person to whom any land is transferred in the belts and blocks in contravention of the provision of chapter X, will acquire

any right or title in that land by length of possession whether adverse or not, he said, adding that they were liable to be evicted from the tribal belts and blocks.

On the inclusion of six communities in the Scheduled Tribe list, the tribal leaders stated in the memorandum that most of them did not fulfil the criteria for inclusion in ST list as the Adivasis were brought by the British in Assam as contractual labourers and they had migrated for employment. The tribal leaders also said that the other communities who were demanding ST status were much advanced in all respects to be included in the ST list.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of ST Commission, Dr Rameswar Uraon assured the tribal leaders that he would visit tribal areas in Assam and the BTC region in September to study the ground realities of illegal settlement in tribal lands.

The tribal leaders expressed the hope that Uraon would take appropriate measures against illegal settlement. They called upon all tribal communities to extend their cooperation and come forward to deal with the issue of illegal settlement in tribal lands.

It may be mentioned that on July 3 different tribal organizations staged a three-hour demonstration in front of the DRDA office, Kokrajhar, demanding the implementation of Assam Land and Revenue

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Banana fibre has good market potential

- M. J. Prabhu

Banana is cultivated in Erode district all through the year. Every year, after the plant bears fruits the main stem (called pseudo stem) needs to be removed, since the main plant starts to wither and the crop continues to grow through offshoots for two or more years.

Normally farmers employ labour to either cut or uproot the pseudo stems and throw them by the roadside. For this, a farmer needs to invest Rs. 10,000 per acre as labour charge for cutting and removing the plant from the field.

Very few farmers show inclination to use the stem as manure by shredding and incorporating it in the fields. They feel that it is time consuming and laborious.

Not aware

The fibre from the plant has been traditionally used for stringing flowers and in the manufacture of paper and rugs. But farmers are still not aware of the potential of fibre generation from an acre of banana plantation.

As part of promoting rural entrepreneurs in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry, the Myrada KVK in Erode designed a skill training programme on banana fibre extraction for unemployed rural youth in the region.

Mr. S. Prasath, an unemployed youth from Alukkuli village near Gobichettipalayam, was also a participant of this training programme. Hailing from a

farmer's family, Mr. Prasath studied to be an engineer and was dreaming to become an entrepreneur.

With the help of Myrada he set up a small banana fibre production unit near his village and initially produced 10 kg of banana fibre from the machine.

However, he was not satisfied with the production, so he further approached the institute for a better and more efficient machine and was advised to make changes to his existing machine.

Income

"Since the innovator is basically an engineering graduate he understood our suggestions and made suitable refinements to the machine. This enhanced his production to 120 kg per day and now he produces about 5 tonnes of fibre a month. In a month he earns Rs. 4,200 as net income from this enterprise.

"In addition, he provides employment to 25 agricultural labourers on a regular basis," says Dr. P. Alagesan, Programme Coordinator, Myrada. Simultaneously the entrepreneur also worked to utilise the by-products of banana fibre extraction like pith and sap water.

Trials

"In case of managing banana pith, a series of trials has been taken up at the institute to find a suitable method for composting the pith, which can be mulched into the soil. The pith compost is a rich source of soil nutrient as it helps increase the beneficial

microorganisms in the soil. The sap water from the stem is being experimented to be used as dyeing material for clothes, and use for as growth promoter in crops," explains Mr. Alagesan.

"Since there is a huge demand and scope for banana fibre I am working on manufacturing bulk production, producing of yarn from the fibre and efficiently managing the waste generated from it. I am trying to manufacture household materials, agricultural inputs and handicrafts from the waste," says Mr. Prasath.

From an acre

An acre of pseudostem is required for generating about 120 kg of banana fibre a day. From an acre of land you can produce about 1,000 to 1,500 stems approximately.

Roughly 10-13 stems give you around one to two kg of fibre depending upon the soil, water and plant condition. Companies willingly pay Rs 110—200 for a kg of fibre today, according to Dr. Alagesan.

Apart from this Mr. Prasath is using the pith to make banana fibre pots and pellets as growth base material for nursery plants.

For more details interested farmers can contact Mr.S.Prasath, No 20, Mahalakshmi nagar, Modachur, Gobichettipalayam, Erode district – 638476, Phone: 9790039998, Email: bananafibres@yahoo.in and info.braydil@gmail.com

(<http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/agriculture/banana-fibre-has-good-market-potential/article6082539.ece>)

Mapping the Route to Minority Success

There are columns that get you into trouble, and this might just be one of them. However, some things must be said simply because too many hypocrites have run the minorities agenda for too long. The results are there for all to see.

While many individual success stories exist, Muslims, the largest minority, are still well below the national average in terms of income, education and levels of influence in society. It isn't easy for Muslims to live in a society that discriminates against them. However, even many so-called 'keepers' of Muslim causes (the same ones who will attack me on this column) have done little for the community other than suggestions such as: "Never vote BJP, always vote Congress".

Such over-simplification and politicization has done more harm than good. It pains me to see a talented community being represented by regressive, parochial and divisive leaders who frankly do not care about India or its youth, and therefore, don't care about the Muslim youth either. With the intent to get through to some positive thinking, open-minded people, I give some suggestions.

Take a leaf out of the book of other successful communities. The Jews in America, and the Parsis and Sikhs in India are examples of minorities that have done extremely well in their respective countries. Jews form less than 2% of American population, but dominate lists of Forbes billionaires, Nobel laureates, media moguls and Hollywood bigwigs. How did this happen? Several theories abound. However, some factors seem firmly in place.

Learning pays: The greater the emphasis on education, the greater the likelihood that members of a community will be successful.

Assimilating with the majority community : Assimilation does not mean abandoning one's culture, or bending to the majority. It simply means finding as much common ground as possible. It also means not heeding leaders who are encouraging people to vote along communal lines. Even if one ignores the right and wrong of communal voting, it's also not a productive strategy. Instead, Muslims need to put forth a checklist – a set of conditions – on what it would take for them to trust the BJP again. They mustn't only oppose the BJP. They must also entice them with support if their conditions are met. Keeping all political parties on their toes, and lobbying for your own cause is perfectly acceptable and even necessary. However, taking permanent sides is not. Please note, this doesn't mean Muslims should vote for the BJP. It just means they engage with it rather than shun it completely. There is another important point about assimilation. It can't happen without trust, and assuming the best in people. It is understandably difficult to trust when that trust has been broken in the past. However, successful minority communities have been able to do that and allowed the wounds to heal.

Politicians often scare minorities, making them believe the worst in people. It isn't a great way to live. Hope for, and spread as much goodness as possible in your lifetime.

Accepting liberal values and personal liberties: Most minority communities that have done well have also represented the liberal cause. This helps increase influence in society for a simple reason: most intellectuals are liberal. The youth, too, is attracted to liberal values. If you have intellectuals and youth by your side, you already have a disproportionate influence compared to your actual population. Thus, the ultraconservative and orthodox interpretation of religion will not find as much traction as a modern, open-minded approach. Indian Muslims are more liberal than Muslims in many other Islamic countries. Such voices should be encouraged.

Encouraging merit: As a shortcut to appease Muslims, too many politicians have been suggesting quotas and waivers for the community. What makes communities rise is their own internal talent and merit, not handouts. Reservations on offer are minuscule. However, it tags the community as in need of grace marks and antagonizes the majority. It isn't worth it. Rise with education, hard work, creativity and business acumen. There really is no other way.

Our minorities are not minor; they are an important part of India. In their success lies India's success. About time we focus on what would enable them to do so.

(<http://blogs.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/The-underage-optimist/mapping-the-route-to-minority-success/>)

Mind-blowing Facts of Love Jihad : Planned Methods of Luring Hindu Girls

August 30, 2014: The Jihadi organisations active in the field of 'Love Jihad' in Kerala have fixed a time of 2 weeks for establishing an affair with a young Hindu girl and 6 months for marrying and converting her. If a girl does not fall into the love-dragnet within 2 weeks, the Jihadi boy is supposed to try for another girl. A list is prepared of young Hindu girls who have recently taken admission in colleges and are likely to fall into the trap.' (Kerala Kaumudi [Malayalam Daily], Feb. 2009) Given ahead are some methods adopted to lure these girls into the love-dragnet.

1. Loitering around schools and colleges on two-wheelers

'This is a routine method used for luring Hindu girls from schools and colleges. Pretending to have a sophisticated life style, they move around schools and colleges like 'Road Romeos'. - Ms. Mamata Tripathi, Columnist

'Jehangir Razzak, a student of the Kozhikode Law College, deceived 42 girls using this method.'

2. Contacting on the mobile phone

'Mobile phones are used on a large scale for contacting Hindu girls. Jihadi boys are trained in how to sweet-talk Hindu girls on mobile phones. This method is mainly used against the school and college-going girls, working-women and girl students of 'Information Technology' branch of engineering.

2A. Mobile phone numbers

of Hindu girls are provided to Jihadi boys by shop owners who provide the facility of recharging mobile phones :

According to information provided by a Malayalam Daily in Kerala, mobile numbers of Hindu girls are supplied to Jihadi boys by shops that provide phone recharge facility in Jihadi dominated areas of Mallapuram-Edappal and Kozhikode-Palayam.

2B. Method of luring a Hindu girl using a mobile phone :

Once a Jihadi boy receives the mobile phone number of a Hindu girl, he begins to send her SMS' on her mobile and contacts her in the night. Initially she resists, but he persists with sweet-talk. Later, she eagerly waits for his calls. At this juncture, the Jihadi boy begins to talk to her in somewhat obscene language and she is then ensnared in his love-dragnet.'

2C. Luring the girl students by gifting them mobile phones :

'Jihadi boys gift mobile phone to those girls who do not have ability to purchase it. While personally visiting the houses of the girls who had committed suicide due to 'Love Jihad' I found a common thing that, in all those cases the girls had received a mobile phone handset from their lovers. When I studied several such cases in Kerala as a journalist, I concluded that mobile phone is the single most effective weapon of 'Love Jihad'. - Mrs. Leela Menon, Editor, Janmabhumi (Malayalam Daily)

3. Giving prizes to Jihadi boys in cultural programmes to

impress non-Jihadi girls

Young Jihadi boys from economically weaker sections are encouraged to participate in 'Love Jihad' by providing them economic assistance and other facilities for taking admission in professional colleges and technical institutes. Subsequently, various cultural programmes are arranged and these boys are given prizes to enable them to impress Hindu or Christian girls. After this initial preparation, the sinister plan of false love is put into action. (Kalakaumudi [Malayalam Weekly], 10.6.2012)

4. Internet

Internet is used on a large scale to develop closeness with Hindu girls. This conspiracy consists of using websites such as 'Facebook' and 'Orkut' for developing friendship with Hindu girls, enhancing relationship further and later accomplishing their objective.

4A. Facebook : 'Waseem Akram cheated a girl called Daksha through a facebook account using a false Hindu name - Sharma. Upon realising that she had been cheated, Daksha refused to marry Akram. Subsequently, Akram started defaming Daksha on facebook. His Jihadi friends went to Daksha's house and demanded Rs. 5 lakh so that Akram would agree to 'not marrying her'. They also threatened to attack Daksha with acid and blades if the payment was not made. New Delhi Police have arrested Akram

in this case.’ (Daily ‘Indian Express’, 30.8.2012)

4B. Shaadi.com : ‘Some cases have come to light where Hindu girls were repeatedly contacted through this website and compelled to marry.’ (Monthly ‘Ekata’, September 2011)

5. Taking the help of Jihadi girls to lure Hindu girls

Help from Jihadi girls is also sought for success of ‘Love Jihad’. These Jihadi girls do the job of introducing their Hindu friends to Jihadi boys.’

6. Arranging a fake incident and coming to the rescue of a Hindu girl

As part of the conspiracy to pull a Hindu girl into the love dragnet, some Jihadi boys indulge in eve-teasing. Thereafter, a Jihadi boy pretending to be virtuous comes forward to her rescue. Later, he develops closeness with her through meetings over tea, coffee etc. and achieves his objective. In Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) alone, nearly 300 girls have been ensnared in the love-dragnet using this technique; they were later converted. (Year 2010)

7. Adopting Hindu etiquettes

Jihadi boys wear religious threads and amulets around their wrist to sham that they are Hindus. Similarly, they also adopt names that resemble those of Hindu boys such as Sameer, Raju etc.’ - Ms. Mamata Tripathi, Columnist

8. Utilising occasions like ‘Valentine’s Day’, that are celebrated in the west

Girls who are given unlimited freedom in their house celebrate ‘Valentine’s Day’, ‘Friendship Day’, ‘Rose Day’ etc. along with their friends as per the western culture. Jihadi boys become friendly with such Hindu girls, and taking advantage of occasions like ‘Valentine’s Day’, drag them into their love-dragnet.

9. Participating in garba (A



dance form prevalent in Gujarat, played during Navaratra) dance along with Hindu girls during Navaratra festival

‘At many places, Jihadi boys try to entice Hindu girls during the Navaratra festival of Goddess Durga by participating in the garba dance (or Dandiya Ras). Such incidents have taken place in Belgaum (Karnataka).’ - Mr. Shivajirao Gaundadkar, Editor, ‘Saptahik Rashtraparva’, Belgaum, Karnataka.

10. Hypnotising

‘Sometimes, Jihadi boys use hypnotism to ensnare Hindu girls in the love-dragnet. Girls who are thus hypnotised do not listen to their parents, nor do they care for

their sentiments.

11. Use of some special medicines for brainwashing Hindu girls

In order to develop a ‘love relationship’, sometimes Jihadi boys take Hindu girls to ice-cream parlours or juice centres owned by Jihadis. There, some special medicines are mixed with the drinks to be served to these girls. These medicines are meant for taking control of the intellect of a person.’ - Prof. Unnikrishnan (Pharmacologist)

12. Vashikaran or karni (Black magic)

Vashikaran technique is used at times to lure Hindu girls into the love-dragnet after befriending them. (Note : Vashikaran - A tantrik method

that uses mantra, yantra, bhasma [Ash] and various types of medicine to bewitch, subjugate, attract, influence, allure, excite or entice the desired person; Karani - The method or technique of performing it. In other words, vashikaran refers to bringing a particular person under your complete control. Similarly, evil experiments like witchcraft, magic-spells, subtle-attacks directed at a person etc. are known as karni)

12A. A Hindu girl who had fallen prey to ‘Love Jihad’ through black-magic behaving according to Jihadi customs despite being brought back to her home, and coming to senses after spiritual remedies : ‘A young girl, Preeti

(name changed), from an immensely rich Rajasthani Hindu family, eloped with and married Abdul, a Jihadi who was staying in a local slum. The Police located her and took her to a remand home. However, it was difficult for the Police to keep her there for long as she was over 18 years of age and hence, legally a major. Therefore, her family members came to me with high hopes. On collecting full information about Abdul, it became clear that he was earning his bread by working as a coolie. We also came to know that Abdul had received Rs. 50,000 for having ensnared Preeti in the love-dragnet.

Then, we chalked out a plan with the help of Preeti's family. Accordingly, as soon as she was released from the remand home, we took her to an unknown place. Upon reunion with her family members, there was no visible guilt on her face. She kept addressing herself as 'wife of Abdul, Ayesha'. According to our plan, Preeti was told that if Abdul became a Hindu, her family would allow them to marry. She then called up Abdul from her mobile and asked him to become a Hindu; but he categorically refused and on the contrary, threatened her with 'talaq (Divorce)' in a forceful voice. Despite this insult, Preeti shouted at her mother in Urdu that she would go to her husband and stay with him in any state he kept her. Preeti was an educated girl who spoke pure Hindi; here she was speaking like a traditional Jihadi girl. Her attire too was

Islamic.

Realising a sudden 'Islamic' change in her attitude, I consulted a renowned astrologer. After an astrological study, he concluded that Preeti was a victim of 'black-magic'. The next day he went to her house and recited some mantras for two hours. Using lemon and Vibhuti, a ritual of utara was also performed on her. That night she was able to sleep peacefully for the first time in many days. When she woke up the next morning, she asked her

together. Her family members opposed her affair and in her presence warned the youth not to have any relationship with her. Despite this, she was hell-bent on marrying him. On further inquiry it was found that a person with that name did not exist at all. Besides, his address was also false. She was not allowed to go outside the house for two months. She was also told that her lover was a fraudster and was counselled on the dangers of 'Love Jihad'. Despite these attempts, she was not ready to listen to her family. Several months have passed now but she is still adamant on marrying the Jihadi. It is possible that she was subjected to vashikaran.' - Dr. Mallika and Mrs. Sangeeta Sharma, 'Manahshakti Samupadeshan Kendra', Kerala

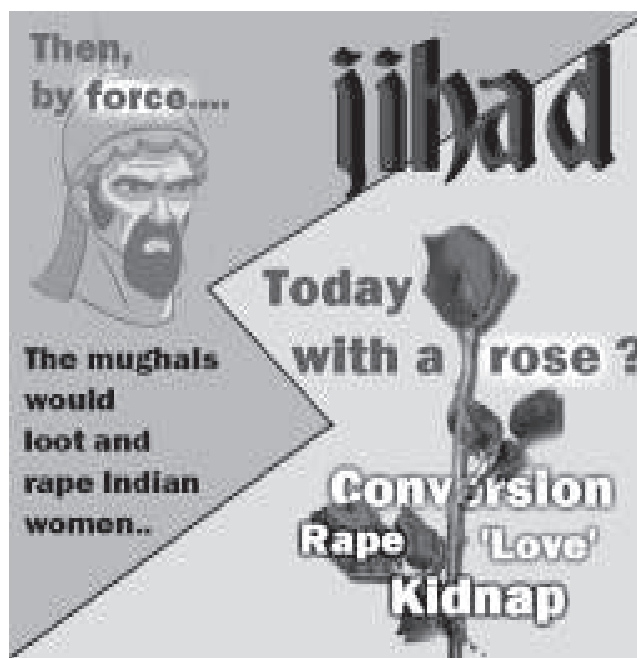
12C. Precautions Hindu girls should take to avoid vashikaran

A. Do not give your undergarments to anyone for washing or any other purpose.

B. Dispose fallen hair or cropped nails by burning them, so that no one can misuse them. In some beauty parlours, men are employed to cut the hair of women or massage women. The possibility of these women falling prey to vashikaran are greater.

C. Possibility of falling prey to vashikaran through consumption of a pan (Betel leaf) offered by someone is high. Hence, never accept pan from a known individual or a stranger.

D. Jihadis practice vashikaran



parents to forgive her. Presently, she is advising her friends also to be vigilant about 'Love Jihad'.' - Ms. Arunatai Acharya, 'Nari Raksha Manch' Section (Chembur, Mumbai), Vishwa Hindu Parishad

12B. A Hindu girl ensnared in 'Love Jihad' could not cooperate in counselling because of vashikaran ! : In Kottayam, a young Hindu nurse was lured by a Jihadi youth with his sweet-talk on mobile phone, and later they began to roam

by offering objects such as taviz (Charm used to enslave the individual) that is worn around the neck, surma (Kohl) that is to be applied to the eyes, flowers to be worn in the hair etc.

O Parents ! Advise your daughters to be cautious !

12D. How to identify if a girl has been affected by vashikaran ?

1. After vashikaran, changes are noticed in the normal behaviour, nature, style of speech, commonly used words etc. The relatives of a girl who has fallen victim to 'Love Jihad' should be advised to note such changes in her.

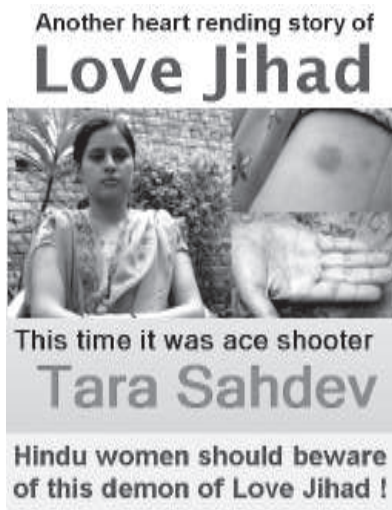
2. Pray to Shrikrushna - 'May the distress of _____ (Name the girl) be eliminated and may a protective sheath of God's Name be created around us'. Also, to dispel the distress, chant the Name of Bhagawan Shrikrushna - Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya. This distresses the energy bringing about vashikaran and the individual begins to shout, scream etc. Such symptoms help confirm that vashikaran has been effected. Since the help of vashikaran is sought in most cases of 'Love Jihad' (about 30%), it is advisable not to waste any time in trying identifying if the cause is indeed vashikaran; instead, take corrective action as listed ahead.

12E. Some spiritual remedies to eliminate the harmful effects of vashikaran or karni

In some case, if it is felt that a girl has been affected by vashikaran, besides medical and psychological treatment, also try

spiritual remedies on her as given ahead.

12 E 1. Take away objects such as taviz, various types of threads (charged with mantra), bhasma etc. in her possession and destroy them in a fire : As the first step, take away objects used for affecting vashikaran with the girl such as taviz, bhasma, various types of threads, etc. on her body, or kept in her purse. These objects are used for vashikaran and should be destroyed in a fire. In fact, take away all objects in her possession.



12 E 2. Give the girl gomutra (Urine of a cow of Bharatiya breed) to drink; also sprinkle some gomutra on her. Subsequently, chant the Name of the girl's Family Deity for half-an-hour by placing your palm on her head.

12 E 3. Eliminating the harmful effects of evil-eye using lemon and Vibhuti (Sacred ash) of burnt incense-stick as utara (Waving around a possessed individual in order to eject negative energies and casting off the

evil-eye mentally) : The affected girl should be asked to sit on a wooden seat facing the east. The individual performing the utara should stand in front of the affected girl holding uncut lemons and Vibhuti of burnt incense-stick in the hands and pray thus - 'May the distress due to negative energies be eliminated through the medium of this utara (of lemon and Vibhuti)'. Then, he/she should move the hands holding the lemon and Vibhuti thrice around the girl's body, starting from the feet and proceeding towards the head and back to the feet clockwise. In the end, the utara should be immersed in flowing water. The individual performing the utara should continuously chant the Name of his Deity of worship till the immersion of utara. Afterwards, he/she should wash the hands and feet. The girl should also be asked to wash her hands and feet. Then, gomutra or water mixed with a little Vibhuti should be sprinkled on the girl as well as on the self by the individual. Vibhuti should be applied to the forehead of the girl.

12 E 4. Casting off the evil-eye using a coconut, followed by breaking the coconut in a Hanuman temple or offering it to fire : Despite performing the above-mentioned remedies, if the harmful effects of vashikaran continue and if the girl's abnormal behaviour and craving for the Jihadi who has affected the vashikaran continues, then the evil-eye should be cast off using a coconut. Casting off the evil-eye eliminates the distress due to karni. The affected girl should be asked to sit on a wooden seat facing the east. A shelled coconut with a tuft should be used. The

individual casting off the evil-eye should hold the coconut in his hands with the tuft facing the girl and pray thus - 'O Hanumanji ! Please draw all the distressing vibrations affecting the girl that are inside and outside her body into this coconut and destroy them completely'. The coconut should be moved around the body of the girl thrice, starting from her feet and proceeding towards her head and back to the feet clockwise. Then, the individual casting off the evil-eye should circumambulate the girl thrice holding the coconut in a manner that the tip is always towards the girl. Subsequently, the coconut should be broken in a Hanuman temple or offered to fire. While doing so, hail thus - 'Victory to Hanumanji'. (Even if the girl who is trapped in 'Love Jihad' has not returned, the harmful effects of vashikaran or karni can be eliminated by

casting off the evil-eye using a photograph of the girl.)

12 E 5. Asking the girl to bathe in salt water : After performing the remedies of utara or casting off the evil-eye with a coconut, the girl should be asked to bathe with a bucketful of water in which a fistful of rock-salt has been dissolved.

12 E 6. Asking the girl to chant the Name or reciting the Maruti stotra (Spiritual verses in Marathi in praise of Hanuman) or Hanuman chalisa (40 spiritual verses in Hindi in praise of Hanumanji) : To ensure that vashikaran or karni do not recur, the girl should be asked to pray to God and chant the Name of her Family Deity or Deity of worship for an hour. She should be asked to recite Maruti stotra or Hanuman chalisa once. She

should be asked to perform this worship every day.

12 E 7. Residing for some time in a place of pilgrimage such as Ganagapur, where the Deity is in an awakened state or in the Ashram of a Saint. The remedies mentioned above will certainly restore the original state of the girl affected by vashikaran.

13. Abduction

'For targeting Hindu girls, not just weapon of love but force is also used if required. Jihadis from metro cities like Delhi and Hyderabad abduct 15,000 Hindu girls every year. From this, a conclusion can be drawn about the real number of victims in the entire country.'

(http://www.hindujagruti.org/news/20480_mind-blowing-facts-of-love-jihad-planned-methods-of-luring-hindu-girls.html)

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Tribal leaders call on Union Ministers...

Regulation Act, 1886 and amended in 1947 to save the land belonging to tribal people from the systematic occupation by non-tribals and suspected Bangladeshis. The demonstration was brought out in Kokrajhar at the behest of Janajati Suraksha Monch (JSM) where the leaders and activists of Senior Tribal Citizens' Society, Dularai Bathou Afat and Tribal Sangha took part. They also submitted memorandum to Kokrajhar DC urging him to take effective measure for implementation of the protective provision of chapter X of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation.

The chairman of newly floated

All Assam Bodo People's Confederation (AABPC) and former MP SK Bwiswmuthiary recently said a delegation of the confederation would move to New Delhi soon to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and other Central Ministers to urge them to take steps for bringing about a lasting and amicable political solution to the long-pending issues like the question of creation of separate state of Bodoland, granting of grand autonomous councils to the Bodo tribal people living outside BTC and Dima Hasao Autonomous Council, inclusion of Bodo Kachari living in Karbi Anglong and NC

Hills districts in the list of ST (Hills) as per clause 8 of BTC accord signed in 2003.

He said the confederation would also pressurize the NDA government for granting of permanent land pattas to the indigenous tribal people, restoration of illegally encroached land of the tribal people, enforcement of ST reserve quota in the State government services and in admission in to various educational institutions from the present quota of 10 per cent to 20 per cent, maintenance of reserve quota in promotion in services of the ST (P) and maintenance of law and order in the BTC region.

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Spiritual Retreat Programme Concluded

- Latsam Khimun

The Spiritual Retreat programme concluded at Golden Pagoda, Tengapani district Namsai of Arunachal Pradesh on 24th August 2014. The programme was organised by Janjati Faith & Culture Protection Forum. While delivering his blessings for the audience Revered Pragma Sara, Delhi expressed, "for universal peace and harmony, tolerance and non violence are the most essential values which we Indians have in heritage and every community of this earth has to inculcate it".

Chief Guest of the Valedictory function Shri Chawna Mein, Minister Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Dairy of Arunachal Pradesh stressed on the importance of spiritual education for strengthening vital values of tolerance and non violence. "We the people of northeast are sentinel of eastern border of our motherland, we are Indians and all the countrymen should recognise this fact. We have to develop institutes for such spiritual, philosophical guidance and its documentation." He said further that he is very much impressed with the newly modified system of worship in Tani belt like weekly prayer halls namely Nyedar Namlo, Medar Nello, Ganggiing etc.

Main speaker of the session Shri Sureshji Soni, Delhi ventilated his thoughts and said, "Diversity is plan of nature which is widely accepted in all Janjati faith and beliefs. Denying this beautiful diversity is denying the will of God. Janjati communities don't

have any religion; it is a myth which is intentionally propagated by western thinkers. This seminar proved that the myth is absurd". He emphasised the necessity of modernisation with retaining moral values. He depicted the resolutions of the world summit of 127 countries at Rio di Generio in 1992; it discussed and resolved on 'Sustainable and equitable development, Peace and protection of environment'. But even after 21 years, the world is facing huge and ever increasing gap between rich and poor, global terrorism instead of peace and destruction of natural resources in place of protection of environment. Now, the scholars are rethinking saying that the whole universe is inter related and they analyse that root cause is limitless greed of human being. Therefore, if we want sustainable development, sustainable consumption is must. **The western thought 'earth for the pleasures of human being only', has to be changed and world should recite the hymn of Indian thought "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah (may all the beings be happy), Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (whole world is one family), Sarvam Khaluidam Brahma (to see divinity in each and every thing)." He also stressed on to develop the oral tradition of tribal communities of North East into written form as it has the treasure to save this beautiful mother earth from destruction.**

While explaining the objectives of the programme Shri L Khimun, convenor said, "**We are assembled here to discuss philosophical aspects of our faiths. After thread bare discussion on various topics like concept of God, nature, man, Dharma and culture we realise that basics of our philosophy are same and vary only in interpretations. Our faith teaches us to remain synchronised with nature and achieve perfect evolution. We also understood that we have our own religion and culture, we have to protect, promote and practise it**".

The prominent personalities like Shri Y D Thongchi, Shri Tabin Karlo, Shri Gyatio Rana, Shri Amoso Khamlai of Arunachal Shri Ratneswar Deori, Shri Lunse Timung, Shri Jaleswar Brahma, Smti Pratibha Brahma of Assam Shri R Sungho, Smti Mira Dakhar, Shri Arnab Hajong of Meghalaya Dr Lozhoho of Nagaland, Pu Rorerliana of Mizoram were the resource persons of the seminar. Total 119 delegates representing 33 tribal communities of North East participated in the seminar.

In the presidential speech Shri B B Jamatiya, President of Janjati Faith & Culture Protection Forum appealed the delegates to protect traditional faith and culture which is based on truth for the sake of humanity. Shri Jaleswar Brahma, General Secretary of the forum gave vote of thanks to all. Programme ended by Donypolo prayer presented by Dadumjona villagers.

Design in Mayhem: The Making of a Mini-Bangladesh

Armed Naga miscreants leave unharmed suspected Bangladeshi migrants, whom they will need later as cheap labour after gaining control over the disputed land

Guwahati, August 17: Smoke still bellows out of the embers of the razed houses at Yampha in B Sector of Golaghat district. Almost all the hard-earned belongings of the Adivashi villagers have been gutted in the raids by marauding Naga miscreants that have taken over eleven lives so far.

"It was on Tuesday morning. They (armed Naga miscreants) barged into our village and raided the houses one after the other. Some of the villagers fled instantly. Those who were inside the houses were assaulted and beaten up. They even fired shots and bombs," recalls Vikram Ekka, who is now taking shelter at a relief camp at Uriamghat.

"They looted all our belongings, including our savings. We have lost everything," he says in despair.

"Surprisingly, they left some of the families unharmed... the Miyas... They migrated here from places like Nagaon and Dhubri. These people also work for them (Nagas) in their fields," Ekka said.

A police officer who led a patrol team to Yampha noticed that while almost the entire village was ravaged by the Nagas, some houses were ostensibly left unharmed and the migrants unscathed.

"In fact, though all the Adivashi villagers ran for their lives in the wake of the rampage, the families of the immigrants are still living in their houses and going about their regular chores without any trepidation whatsoever, as if

nothing has happened," the officer said in a tone of surprise. "Only a few immigrants whose houses were inadvertently set on fire, are now taking shelter in the relief camps at Uriamghat."

The design is clear. The Adivashi settlers own the lands, not the migrants.

"Perhaps, the motive of the Nagas is to gain control of the land from the hands of Adivashis. They left the migrants unharmed, because they will need them to till and cultivate the lands and for other such laborious jobs," said an official of an intelligence agency who is observing the situation.

This pattern has now become common throughout the A, B and C Sectors of the inter-state border with Nagaland.

The population of illegal migrants has been rapidly increasing in the A and C Sector of the border, where they are cultivating the fields for the Nagas.

The B Sector has around 171 villages, of which around 110 belong to people from Assam. The population ratio of Assamese and Nagas is 50,000:25,000. Of late, the population of the illegal migrants is also said to be increasing in this Sector, especially in places like Nokhuti.

Not far from there, the commercial hub of Dimapur is estimated to have several thousand of Bangladeshis and has become a den of illegal migrants. These illegal migrants

constitute the leading labour force in the agriculture sector owned by the Naga community. The majority of rickshaw-pullers, auto-drivers and other manual labourers belong to the Bangladesh-origin Muslim community.

The State population of Nagaland as per the 2001 census had shown a decadal jump from 56.08 per cent in 1981-1991 to 64.41 per cent between 1991 and 2001. The decadal growths were highest in the country.

The decadal growth rate of Dimapur was further high. Between 1981 and 1991, the population grew by 67.53 per cent. In the next decade, the growth was 57.35 per cent.

The Bangladeshi immigrants often marry local tribal girls to secure social sanction for their stay in the State. This intermingling has in fact given rise to a new community called Semiyas - resulting from the matrimony between a Sema and a Miya.

It is said that on any Muslim religious holiday, more than half of the shops in Kohima and some 75 per cent in Dimapur remain closed. The control over the business establishments is fast going out of the hands of the local tribals.

According to a survey conducted some time back, 71.73 per cent of the total business establishments in the State are being controlled and run by non-locals. Out of the 23,777 numbers of shops in the State, the local people own only 6,722 shops.

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National Seminar on the occasion of the Birth Centenary Celebration of Rani Ma Gaidinliu at Guwahati on the 24th & 25th November 2014

As a part of the Birth Centenary Celebration of National freedom fighter Padmabhushan Rani Ma Gaidinliu, a Two-day long National Seminar is going to be organized jointly by the National Committee for Birth Centenary Celebration of Rani Ma Gaidinliu and Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Assam in collaboration with Cotton College, Guwahati on **24th and 25th November, 2014** in Cotton College premises. The theme of the Seminar is **Freedom Struggle of North – East Bharat against the British (from 1828 to 1947) with Special Reference to Rani Ma Gaidinliu**. Academicians from various departments or any interested person may attend the Seminar and present paper on any of the following sub- themes:

- (a) Struggles against the British by the Khasi, Jaintia and Garo Community.
- (b) Struggles against the British by the Manipuri Community
- (c) Struggles against the British by the Naga Community
- (d) Struggles against the British by the Arunachalies (Adi, Aka, Daphala, Michmi etc.)
- (e) Struggles against the British by the people of the Brahmaputra Valley and Barak Valley
- (f) Struggles against the British by the Mizo Community
- (g) Struggles against the British by the Tripurians
- (h) Role of Women in Indian Freedom Struggle with Special Reference to Rani Ma Gaidinliu
- (i) Any other topic related to the main theme.

The abstract of the papers (not more than 500 words), duly typed in A4 size paper should reach the organizers on or before **30th September, 2014** either through post or through email, and the full paper (within 3000 words) should reach the organizers on or before **31st October, 2014**, through same process. The papers should be sent along with the CD. The papers can be written either in Assamese or in Bengali or in Hindi or in English. Selected papers will be published in due course. The Registration fee is Rs 500/- (Five hundred) only. The paper presenters while writing their papers are requested to emphasize on Indian Nationalism & Indian Heritage and Culture. Research papers should be sent to co-ordinator of the seminar Dr. Sudeshna Bhattacharjya, Associate professor, Dept. of Sanskrit, Gauhati University, Jalukbari, Guwahati -781014 (Mob. No. 9435102228) or Joint coordinator Shri Hemanta Dhing Mazumdar, Organising Secretary, N.E. States, Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana, Keshab Dham, K. B. Road, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781008 (Mob. No. 9435043359) or Joint co-ordinator Dr. Paramita Dey, Dept. of Political science, Cotton College, Pan Bazar, Guwahati -781001. The same can be sent through email to sbmgu2010@gmail.com or itihaspurush@gmail.com

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Fact of the Matter...

not so much because the outfit shares any ideology with them as it is because of the common denominator called "India is our enemy" that characterizes them. The Maoists are not secessionist, while most of the Northeast militant groups are so — the former want to topple the Union government in the next two–three decades and wield power from Delhi, while the latter want to separate from the country as they believe they have the right to the sovereignty as defined by their "unique histories".

The fact of the matter is that violence in the Northeast has stemmed primarily from lack of development and a sense of alienation among its people from the so-called mainland, and it is this lack of development and sense of alienation, still persisting, which the CPI (Maoist) is trying to exploit in order to expand its corridor of influence. The alarming rate of unemployment in the region is one of the chief reasons behind militant groups, including the CPI (Maoist), finding it so easy to add to their rank and file. The most effective way to counter the above problem is, therefore, development — which is a function of political will, including the will to fight the canker of corruption, responsible for underdevelopment in most of the cases. (*The Sentinel*. 19.08.2014)



Birth Centenary Celebration of Balasaheb Deshpande at Aizawl, Celebrated by Kalyan Ashram Mizoram



Rskhya Bandhan Programme at Basar, Arunachal Pradesh by Nybom Balwadi (Run by Arunachal Vikas Parishad) on 10.8.2014

