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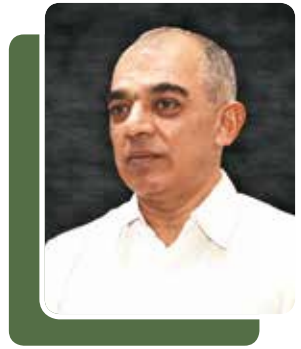


**The power of a King lies in his mighty arms...**

Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

# DSA IS AS MUCH YOURS, AS IT IS OURS!



**M**anipur melted down socially in the first week of May 2023, and it hasn't been able to return to its previous pacific state of being since then. In actual fact the social cleavages must have been in existence long before the date hangs as day of infamy for the country. For on that day society, civilians, came apart with a brutality not seen since the bigoted assaults on Kashmiri Pandits in early 1990. Plains versus hills, valley versus woodlander, native versus intruder, original versus tribal, and Manipur versus Myanmar. So the list of exclusivity goes on and on, endlessly expanding.

This exclusivity has yet not been adequately tackled by the state government, and it remains a deeply divided set up. In that sense it is simply mirroring the social conditions of Manipur as a whole. An initiative from Imphal with a modicum of integrity would have sent a message of unity and harmony. Any initiative would have

sent a positive signal, but that, alas, has not been coming from the Government of Manipur. As a rule the initiative should always come from the ruling establishment which aspires to govern for all citizens, irrespective of any affiliation other than local residency.

Manipur's social breakdown is akin to a split, a civil war in some senses. When that is the condition, with civilians carrying arms, donning combat pattern clothing, and standing guard at village check posts, it really appears to be a civil war. And then it becomes a pattern, globally too, to pin blame on one party or the other. But the bitter truth is that any civil conflict, violent or otherwise, requires two to tango. So to blame one party over all others is a serious mistake which can only go on to prolong the problems, adding to the agony.

Manipur is a border state in one of India's most sensitive sectors. It may not garner the eyeballs that the border with Pakistan does, or as the Line of Actual Control issues

do with China, but this is no less important. There are vital security issues at stake here as well long term economic concerns that require immediate attention. While long running insurgencies surround the state, there is also the specter of transnational smuggling of narcotics from Myanmar, and beyond. And it is the beyond that is vitally important to India, for the economic future of the country lies eastward.

India needs to rapidly expand trade ties with countries to the east for that is where the future of global economic growth is expected to be focused. The energy and dynamism of South-East and East Asian economies is the envy of most around the world. So India must focus its energies in that direction, but before that can be a fruitful success story there is much to do in Manipur. The best trading points are across the Manipur border, and so it makes sense to develop the infrastructure accordingly. But it'll come to nothing if Manipur's social conditions remain fractured.

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# DISTINCTIVE VALOR: THE UNIQUE PRESENCE OF THE INDIAN ARMY GLOBALLY



We are observing two major wars on the Globe for the past two years: Russia and Ukraine and Israel and Hamas. What's the difference between the two? Are both really to be considered as wars? These two are big questions for every policy and decision maker on the Globe. If we see there is a big difference between Russia and Ukraine if we compare and the shocking scene is that for more than one and half year Ukraine has brought Russia to an edge where it's not at all ready to give up. Whereas Russia itself is a mighty state and Ukraine stands nowhere as far as the military capabilities are concerned. But this war has continued for such a long time with no net result at all for anyone of the two states.

The latest conflict between Israel and Hamas cannot be considered as a war as this is a conflict that has been in existence for the past more than seventy years between the Jews and the Muslims in the region. It only got aggravated after the terrorist outfit Hamas killed innocent people and abducted hundreds of Israeli nationals and Israel retaliated on Hamas and thus it converted into a war.

What happened between Russia and Ukraine could have been managed to stop to save human lives and wastage of resources but it could not happen and similarly the conflict between Israel and Hamas could have been stopped getting converted into a war but due to interference of some other Islamic states like Turkey and Iran poured more oil in the fire and it's still continuing. In both the wars, the pivot role is of their armies who have been trying to capture the other side's land.

We, India, are one of the most important democratic states on the Globe and have learnt many things in the past from the 1965 war with China till the last war of Kargil. The Indian Army is one of the best and finest and has transformed multifold in the past seventy years and with the view of keeping an eye on every military happening has also made our Army more vigil and strong. I'm sure keeping an eye on the above mentioned two wars, Army is very well prepared for any kind of such conflicts or war against India. Despite a relative decrease in activity along the Line of Control (LOC) and Line of Actual Control (LAC) by our principal adversaries, China and Pakistan, due to internal challenges within their borders, the Indian Army remains consistently vigilant and prepared to address any potential challenges from either of them.

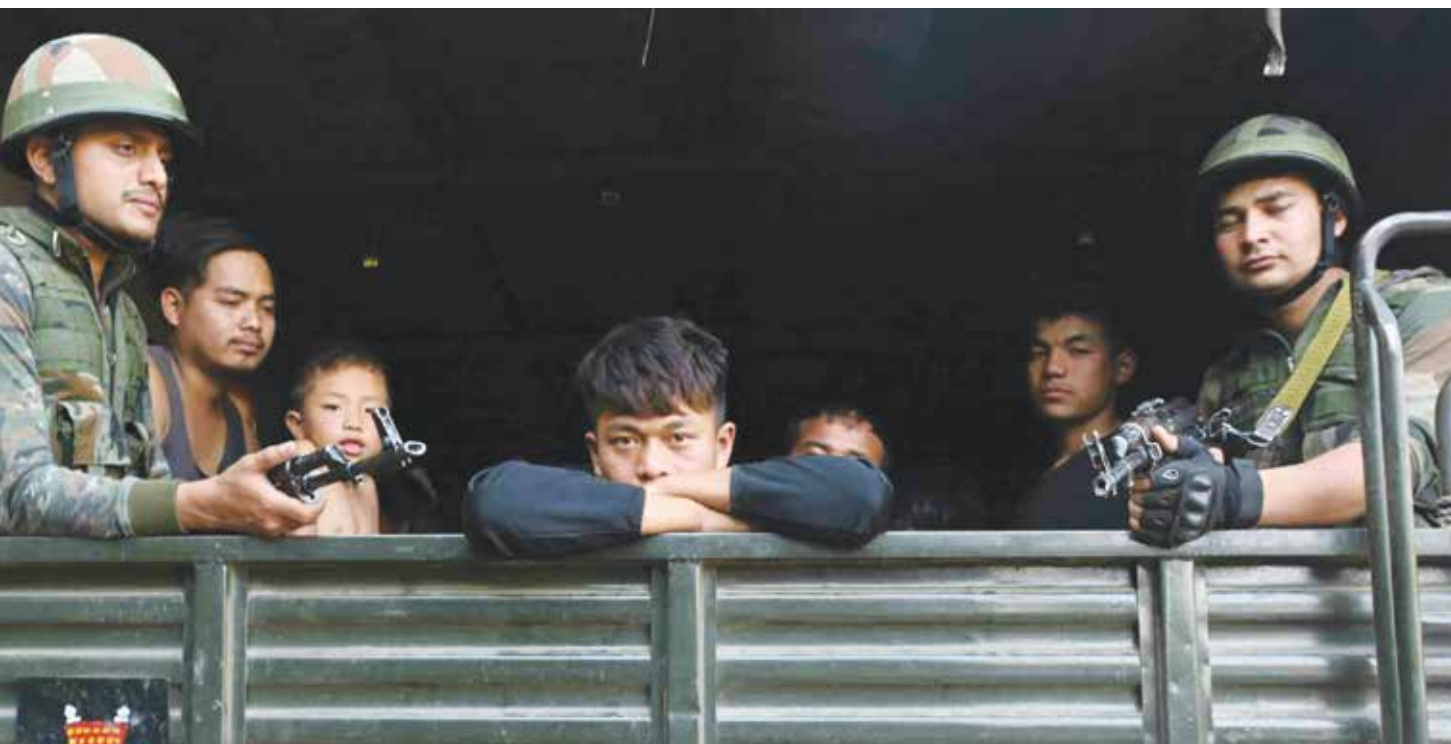
With the new DPP, the Indian Army is well equipped now and we are having the best arms and ammunition with the support of the Air Wing too which has been very well reformed in the past three – four years with the various logistic apparatus which has made transportation of everything quite easy. The induction of women in the Indian Army has also been a priority in the past few years and has given a positive view of the policies.

On the occasion of Army Day, team DSA congratulates all the Men and Women in Green for their Safety and Security while guarding India and Indian.

We also extend our Good Wishes to everyone on the occasion of New Year 2024! May everyone is safe, secured, happy and prosperous in 2024 and ahead.

JAI HIND!

**Pawan Agrawal**  
Chief Executive Officer



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