

PETRINE PULSE

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MANIPUR INCIDENT – A NATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT



On May 4, 2023, two women of one community– one in her twenties or teens and the other in her forties, were ‘captured’, stripped naked, paraded naked in the streets of Manipur’s Kangpokpi, sexually assaulted, their bodies desecrated, defiled by a mob of about 100 men from another community and finally at least one of the two women was brutally gang-raped. And all these happened in broad daylight.

The woman in her forties is the wife of a soldier of the Indian Army that protects our country from the foreign enemy forces. Later a complaint was filed with the police. No arrests made. Did the men in the video vanish in the thin air? Who are these men? What has turned them into such despicable brutes and criminals? May be our style of politics – the majoritarian politics and identity politics.

Then after about 77 days, a video of the harrowing incident goes viral in various social media. No man of clear conscience could watch it without feeling guilty, unsafe, embarrassed, ashamed, and responsible. Thank God, the Apex Court of our country has a clear conscience. The hon’ble Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of the disquieting event and made a few direct and strong observations. “The court is deeply disturbed by the visuals of the video which surfaced yesterday on the perpetration of sexual violence of women in Manipur. We are of the view that the court must be apprised of the steps taken by the government to hold the perpetrators accountable and that such instances are not repeated. The visuals which are portrayed in the media reflects gross constitutional infraction. Using women as an instrument to perpetrate violence in a charged atmosphere is simply unacceptable,” the Chief Justice said.

Then the governments and the concerned agencies sprang into action. The first arrest was made after almost 77 days immediately after the intervention of the hon'ble Apex Court. The Prime Minister of India – one of the most popular leaders in the world today, who had not made any appeal for peace in Manipur during the 70+ days of hatred, violence, and unrest in the state, finally uttered a few strong words of condemnation. Then followed another three arrests in the state of Manipur.

I feel angry and ashamed. I feel responsible for this demeaning scenario of our country. When our leaders, for their own chair and selfish interests, filled our society with hatred and venom, misinformation, fake news, twisted histories and false stories, we were SILENT. When our leaders and the media houses drove one community against another, one religion against another, one language against another, one region against another, we were SILENT. When our leaders and the media houses engaged us with diversionary tactics and futile issues, we were SILENT. It is because of this SILENCE, Manipur has happened.

Manipur is an integral part of India. It is Manipur today. It could be Jammu tomorrow. I am worried for my 1200 children in the school. Is my country a safe and right place for my children? Let us speak up for our children, and their future. Please, SPEAK UP.

God bless INDIA. God bless the PETRINE FAMILY. God bless our sparkling Jammu.

- Principal

Fr. S Joseph

'Can't let our tribal brothers, sisters be treated in this barbaric way': Jharkhand CM writes to President Murmu on Manipur video



Manipur Viral Video News Live Updates: Kuki tribal protestors participate in a demonstration against deadly ethnic clashes in the country's northeastern state of Manipur, in New Delhi, India, Saturday, July, 22, 2023. (AP Photo)

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Sangh Parivar agenda turned Manipur into riot zone, says Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said Saturday that the secular, democratic society in the country should realise that the "Sangh Parivar agenda converted Manipur into a riot zone". In a statement issued in Thiruvananthapuram, Vijayan said the Sangh Parivar has been sowing hatred in Manipur. "What is happening under the guise of a riot is a Christian hunt. Churches of Christian tribal groups have been attacked and destroyed in a concerted manner," he said. (Read More)

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PM must intervene to bring peace in Manipur: Irom Sharmila

Civil rights activist Irom Sharmila Sunday described the Manipur video case as "inhuman" and "very disturbing" and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately intervene to address the situation in her home state.

"It's inhuman and quite a disturbing incident. I could not hold my tears seeing the video I have received. I am deeply pained and shocked," Sharmila told PTI.

Sharmila who hailed from Manipur had been on hunger strike for 16 years demanding repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA). She was force-fed by food tubes during that period.

"It's clear that the state government in Manipur has failed totally. And when a state cannot control the situation, why is the Prime Minister silent? He should protect the people of Manipur. If he is concerned about the suffering of the people of Manipur, he must intervene... Like the people of Gujarat, the Manipuris also require his leadership," she said.

"The CM must talk to all 60 MLAs putting aside the differences. He must talk to them one-to-one and consider their opinions and decide how to stop the feeling of hatred between the two communities (Meitei and Kuki). That is the need of the hour," she said.

"I do not think this ban on the internet has helped in controlling violence in Manipur. On the contrary, Had the internet been working, the women (strip parade victims) could have got justice and the culprits were behind bars," she said. (PTI)

Courtesy Indian Express

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Kuki-Zomi Women Lash Out At Government Over Manipur Assault Video



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Women's bodies have become a battleground

By Geeta Pandey, BBC News, Delhi

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It's well known that women's bodies often become a battleground during riots and conflicts, and rape and sexual assault are used as instruments of violence to punish them.

Courtesy BBC News



People gather outside Town Hall in Bengaluru to protest the alleged sexual assault of two tribal women in Manipur. (PTI)

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Manipur Violence



This illustration has been trending heavily on social media these days.

The question we need to ask ourselves is- Does it take a woman, paraded naked on the streets, to gauge attention of the government? To make them realise that our nation is burning? Why is violence allowed to simmer, until a heinous crime is committed against women?

Does the "masculinity" of our government only feels threatened when they are unable to protect the "weaker sex", and that's when they decide to act? Is that the touchstone? How many women, paraded naked, killed, mutilated, does it take to make amends?

Two? Ten? A million?

#manipur

By Sargam Koushal, Mrs. World

Courtesy - Social Media: Instagram

17th July 2023



The Student Council Members welcomed the enthusiastic Petrines after a refreshing and rejuvenating summer vacations by enlightening the students on the importance and usefulness of the summer break on exploring new avenues in a creative and constructive manner. They encouraged the students to strive for excellence and become the best version of themselves. The students were also inspired to step out of their comfort zones, welcome the changes and utilise their potential to the utmost. They were also told to go through the instructions mentioned for them in their school diary.



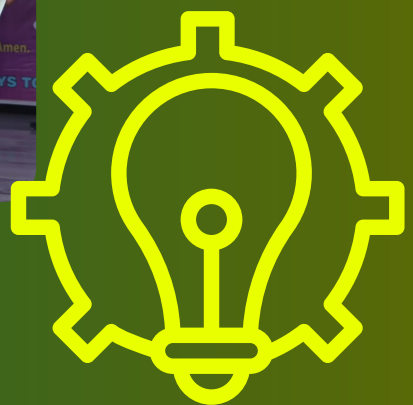
Our Principal, Rev. Fr. S Joseph and our co-ordinator, Rev. Fr. Peter Paul welcomes the students after the summer vacations.



The Petrines enjoyed their first day at school, after the summer break. It was a no bag day with a fresh up start for getting ready to learn better in the coming days.

Memories of Summer Break and How Education Teaches Life Skills

The talented Petrines of 7th A conducted a wonderful assembly on the cherishable and reminiscing memories of the summer break. Many students came forward to share their relishing experiences of the break. They also presented their thoughts on how education can teach us life skills that are vital. The students were reminded to follow proper discipline and adhere to the rules and regulations in the school campus.



20th July 2023

Dogri: An Indo-Aryan language

A smart group of Petlines organised knowledgeable assembly on Dogri being an Indo-Aryan language and its importance in today's era. Dogri was originally written in 'Dogra Akhar Script', a modified version of Takri. However more commonly it is written in Devnagari now and has rich literature, cultural traditions and heritage. The students were inspired to use take pride in studying this language at school and keep the spirit of this beautiful language alive. A mesmerising poem was also recited by a student in Dogri language.



डोगरी कविता : जम्मू दी चिड़ि ...

उडदी - उडदी आई चिड़ि पुजि जम्मू शौर,
खंड मीठे लोग इथे ना झगड़ा ना बैर ।

तवी जाइए पानी पिता तोतै अपने पैर,
बावे जाइए मत्था टेकेया परशाद आली बर्फी
लगी बड़ी शैल ।

दिखयां बहु फोर्ट दा बाग बगीचा और उत्तथे
दी चैल पैल,
राजे दे अमर महल दी बखरी ऐ डैल ।

मैटरडोर दी किती सवारी पूजी रघुनाथ
बाजार,
जम्मू दी मशहूर चीजां लबदिया उथे हजार ।

टक्की चढिए गई उपर खादा कचालू चार्ट,
फेर राजा रानी दे महल दी दिखि उनै ठाठ ।

मंदिरां दा शौर कुमि कुमिऐ पुजिगई चिनाब,
ठंडी ठंडी हवा उथुंदी, उथे दे नजारे लगे
लाजवाब ।

आखदी मै इथुंदी चिड़ि इथे गै रौना,
जम्मूआ बार जाइए मिगी कुछ नी थौना ।



21st July 2023

A heart without dreams is like a bird without wings

The enthusiasts of 7th B imparted the message of relevance and importance of dreams with utmost originality and skill and was a grand success. The astonishing feature was they dramatized the character of Walt Disney who spoke about his journey towards success with the message that as long as your dreams appeal more to you than your fears, you will find the energy and courage to achieve your biggest goals. A beautiful poem on dreams added vibrant shades to the entire theme:



आँखों में हैं सपने पलते
साँसों में हैं सपने ढलते,
कुछ सपने होते हैं पूरे
कुछ सपने रहते हैं छलते।
रात दिवस ये दौड़ लगाते
हमसे आगे भागे जाते,
जब इच्छाएँ सो जाती हैं
सपने आकर इन्हें जगाते।
सपनों से जीवन में आशा
ये खुशियों के खील - बताशा,
धारण करके रूप बहुत से
दिखा रहे ये खेल तमाशा।
हैं छोटों के सपने छोटे
और बड़ों के सपने मोटे,
कुछ सपनों को धार मिले तो
कुछ सपने रह जाते भोटे।
सपने टूट कभी हैं जाते
दूर कभी हम इनको पाते,
कभी कभी तो मृगतृष्णा बन
ये हमको रहते भरमाते।
करें सहन सपनों की टूटन
हैं सपनों से बढ़कर जीवन,
कुछ फूलों के झर जाने से
मरा नहीं करता है उपवन।

21st July 2023

*Dreams are not what you see in your sleep,
dreams are things which do not let you sleep.*

Dreams are a part of achieving success. This day was embarked with a milestone towards achieving a step ahead towards their career by the ex- Petrinees of class 10 (batch 2022-2023). They visited the campus and distributed sweets and cherished their memories with our principal, Fr. S. Joseph and the teaching staff members.

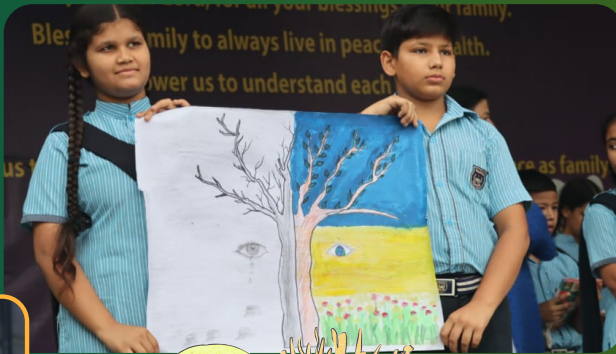


22nd July 2023



Ecosystem Restoration

The Nature friendly contenders of Nature Club very intelligently and smartly awakened the hearts and minds of the respected Petrine family towards Climatic Changes and the resulting ecological disbalance, through their articles and poetry they also stressed on the utmost need of taking individual initiative towards ecosystem restoration. They were further guided to take care of unnecessary wastage of water and electricity.



**We Have to Change
to Save The World from
Climate Change.**

Weekly Glimpse



The language teachers organised a debate on 20.07.23 for the students of grade VI-X as a part of Class activity. Students took part in the activity with great enthusiasm and it helped in improvising their speaking skills and providing them the opportunity to explore real-world topics and issues.



Jhanvi Sharma (ex-Petrine, Batch 2022-2023) has scored 98% reserving her position as the school topper for this year. Our principal, Fr. S Joseph and all the Petrine staff members and students appreciated her on her achievement.



The Inter House Table-Tennis match was organised on 22.07.23 for the senior boys of classes VIII-X. Since school has got affiliated with CBSE a good number of completions, events and activities are being organised by Jammu Sahodya School Complex students must inculcate themselves with learning strategies in sports, games, music, literary fields so as to record their participation successfully.





Our own superannuated teacher Mrs. Nidhi Chopra has donated `25000/- as financial aid for the Retired Teacher's Scholarship. This scholarship was started in 2018 with the contribution by Mrs. Sunanda to her retirement earlier and it was known as Mrs. Sunanda Retired Teachers Scholarship. Afterwards this is the first time we have another retired teacher contributing an amount for the noble cause. Hence, now onwards the scholarship will be named as Retired Teachers Annual Scholarship (RTAS).

Our teaching faculty, Mrs. Gharo Rani, Mrs. Rajni Sandhu and Ms. Geetika Sharma participated in a CBSE Generic- capacity building programme on 'Inclusive Education' on 21.07.23 and 22.07.23 at G.D Goenka School, Jammu.



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UPCOMING

Events

Death anniversary of our former Principal, Fr. Adrian (Harry) Bijvoet, MHM on 24 July 2023.



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