

## Sports

5 state players selected for training at Indonesia for the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games

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5 state pencak silat players including a girl were among the 22 Indian team players selected for getting advance training at Indonesia to prepare for the upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, 2018

scheduled from August 18 to September 2 at Palembang in Jakarta.

The Indian team will attend 10 days advance training camp from June 20 to June 30 at Padepokan-Tamii-Pencak Silat of Jakarta. The five state players are Naorem Boynao Singh,

Phijam Australia Singh, Huidrom Bishan Meetei, Thounaojam Johnson Meitei and Ahongshangbam Sarjubala (the lone girl player). The 22 players including the Coach and officials is scheduled to leave India on June 18.

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## O. Joy writes to Javadekar and Dr. Heptulla for immediate intervention to the present impasse at MU

“Such highhandedness and arrogance of the present Vice-Chancellor gives a wrong indication to the general public and it has been perceived by public on communal lines. It is also disturbing to note that the nefarious administrative design of the present Vice-Chancellor is not only disturbing the academic atmosphere but also it has created chaos in the relationship between the university and student community”, O. Joy stated in the letter.

Re iterating on how the Manipur University came into being the veteran politician wrote, “the foundation of the JNU Center of PG studies was laid by Md. Allimuddin, the then Chief Minister of Manipur on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1972 at Canchipur (Present site of the Manipur University). The erstwhile Post-Graduate Departments of Guwahati University run by the govt. of Manipur at the Youth Hostel of DM College,

Imphal was taken over by JNU Center including all the infrastructure as per decision of the Govt. of Manipur. The PG Center of JNU started functioning at Canchipur in the year 1973 and it continued upto 1980”.

He further stated that the Manipur University Act, 1980 (Act No. 8 of 1980) was passed by the Manipur Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> June, of the same year. The Manipur University was again established in the year 1980 at Canchipur (The present site of JNU). All the PG Department of JNU were merged with the newly established Manipur University including all staff, faculty-member, land, moveable and immovable properties under a resolution passed by JNU Center. Further, the Manipur Assembly passed a unanimous resolution for establishment of a full-fledged Central University in Manipur on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2003 and thus the Manipur University

became a Central University w.e.f. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2005 at Canchipur (at the site where the JNU, PG center and Manipur University were established in 1972 and 1980 respectively).

The foundation stone laid by Md. Allimuddin for JNU Centre for PG Studies at Canchipur on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1972 has remained unchanged. As a mark of memory recognition and honour to the initiative, effort, sacrifice of the local people and its leader and the Govt. and also former vice-chancellors, professors, academicians etc as well, a group of people with the family member of Md. Allimuddin, the then Chief Minister, Manipur have been observing and celebrating the foundation day every year in a very humble way in the Manipur University Canchipur till 2015. The said function was attended by Vice-Chancellor and senior professors on many occasions.

## National &amp; International News

## Fate of 150 medical students in MP college uncertain, SC asks MCI for solution

Agency  
New Delhi, Jun 17

The Supreme Court has taken a serious note of 150 medical students in Bhopal being left in the lurch after permission of a college for admission in the academic session 2017-18 was denied by the Medical Council of India (MCI).

The top court has asked the MCI to suggest a solution to thwart the crisis and place on record the details of vacant seats in Madhya Pradesh and adjoining states for the academic session 2017-18.

A vacation bench of justices U U Lalit and Deepak Gupta expressed concern of the situation and wondered as what should be the approach to deal with the matter where the students were allocated seat by the central counselling agency to a particular college, which had later ran into difficulties.

“It is not as if the admissions in question were not in fair and transparent manner. On the other hand, the state authorities sent or directed the students to this college. Can the students be now left in the lurch,” the bench asked.

During the hearing, advocate Arjun Garg, appearing for the Madhya Pradesh government, said not a single seat was available in any of the medical

colleges in the state for the academic session 2017-18.

The bench asked Garg on whose instructions he has been making such a statement and warned that if at a later stage, the submission was found to be wrong, it would haul up the official concerned. Garg said he has instructions from additional chief secretary for medical education in the state and named the official as

RS Julani.

“The correctness of that statement will certainly be considered but at this stage it must be stated that the status report on record filed on behalf of the state of Madhya Pradesh on May 2, 2018 does not indicate the stand which is now projected on behalf of the state of Madhya Pradesh,” it said. It said that the MCI should place its view in the matter and

suggest a solution, if any.

“We also direct the MCI to place before us the details as to vacant seats available in colleges in state of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining states for the academic session 2017-2018. The MCI shall file appropriate affidavit within two weeks giving complete details of vacancy situation as indicated above,” the bench said.

## Niti Aayog's 4th Governing Council meet begins

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New Delhi, June 17

The fourth meeting of Niti Aayog's Governing Council began here today with main agenda of deliberating upon measures taken to double farmers' income and the progress of government's flagship schemes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is chairing the meeting, which is being held at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

“Chaired by PM @narendramodi & consisting of Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors, Union Ministers and Special Invitees, the Fourth Meeting

of the Governing Council of #NITI Aayog begins. #FourthGCM,” the government think tank said in a tweet.

The Governing Council is expected to take up issues such as measures taken to double farmers' income, progress made by flagship schemes such as Ayushman Bharat, National Nutrition Mission, and Mission Indradhanush and development of aspirational districts.

It will also take stock of the work done during the previous year and deliberate upon development agenda for 'New India 2022'.

The council, apex body of Niti Aayog, includes all chief ministers, lieutenant governors of union territories, several union ministers and senior government officials.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Karnataka CM H D Kumaraswamy, Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Aditya Nath are among the chief ministers attending the NITI Aayog meet.

Among others attending the meet are Union ministers JP Nadda and Nitin Gadkari.

## PM vows 'important' measures to take growth to double digits

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New Delhi, June 17

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the challenge now before the government is to take the economic growth rate to double digits, for which many important steps would have to be taken.

In his opening remarks at the fourth meeting of the Niti Aayog Governing Council, the prime minister also assured the chief ministers of flood-affected states of providing all central assistance to deal with the situation.

Observing that the Indian economy has grown at a healthy rate of 7.7 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2017-18, Modi said the challenge now is to take this growth rate to double digits, which requires more important measures.

The conference among other things would deliberate on issues like doubling of farmers' income, development of aspirational districts, Ayushman Bharat, Mission Indradhanush, Nutrition Mission and celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. These steps, Modi said, were essential to achieve the vision of New India by 2020.

The prime minister said the Governing Council was a platform that could bring about “historic change” in the development of the country. He assured the chief ministers from flood-affected states that the Union government would provide all assistance to them to deal with the flood situations.

Modi further said the council has approached complex issues of governance as “Team India”, in the spirit of cooperative, competitive

federalism.

The prime minister said chief ministers of states had played a key role in policy formulation, through sub-groups and committees on issues such as Swachh Bharat Mission, Digital Transactions and Skill Development.

The recommendations of these sub-groups have been incorporated by various ministries of the Union government, he added.

The prime minister said that 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres are being constructed under the Ayushman Bharat programme.

He said about 10 crore families will be provided with health insurance worth Rs 5 lakh every year.

A comprehensive approach was being adopted for education, under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Modi added.

Observing that schemes such as Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana and Stand Up India were helping in greater financial inclusion, the prime minister said it was imperative to tackle economic imbalances on priority.

He said that all aspects and parameters of human development need to be addressed and improved upon in the 115 aspirational districts.

The Gram Swaraj Abhiyan has emerged as a new model for implementation of schemes, he said, adding that it has been extended to 45,000 villages in the aspirational districts. Modi further said India has no shortage of capabilities, capacities and resources and in the current financial year, the states would receive over Rs 11 lakh crore from the Centre, which is an increase

of about Rs 6 lakh crore from the last year of the previous government. The day-long Governing

Council meeting is being attended by chief Ministers, several union ministers and Niti Aayog officials.

## Wintrobe Hospital conducts media clinic



By NJ Thakuria  
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Sun Valley Hospital, Rahman Hospital etc.

The city based Wintrobe Hospital on 15 June 2018 conducted a brief weekly OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club, where the participants got the opportunity to check their blood sugar & pressure. Health workers Chitra Doley, Sabita Singh and Archana Haloi conducted the camp, which was organized for the benefit of press club members along with their dependants.

Till date, the weekly media camp has been supported by Down Town Hospitals, GNRC Hospitals, Apollo Hospitals, SIMS Hospital, Medanta Hospital, Manipal Hospital, Fortis Hospital, Dispur Hospital, GATE Hospital, Ayursundra Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, Health City Hospital, Narayana Hospitals, Barhakur Clinic,

**Film screening:** Italian film maker Vittorio De Sica's internationally, acclaimed movie 'Bicycle Thieves' was screened at Guwahati Press Club on Friday. Widely regarded as a masterpiece of Italian neorealism, the movie narrates the story of a poverty stricken unemployed worker of Rome along with his young son in the backdrop of devastating world-war.

Hailed as one of the greatest movies ever made, the 93 minutes film received an Academy Honorary Award in 1950. Produced in 1948 with the screenplay by director De Sica himself, the black & white movie has cinematography by Carlo Montuori and music by Alessandro Cicognini. Casts include Lamberto Maggiorani, Lianella Carell, Enzo Staiola etc.

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