

Doctors at SHRI braves COVID-19 and save a critical patient by performing surgery at midnight without waiting for coronavirus test result

IT News
Imphal, Aug 1:

Amidst allegations over doctors' refusal to provide health care facilities to the patient in need to COVID-19 scare, doctors at Shija Hospital and Research Institute (SHRI) Imphal brave the dreaded virus and saves life of a 46 years old man by performing emergency operation at midnight yesterday without waiting result of whether the patient has been infected by COVID-19 or not.

Report said that the 46 years old man from Takyel Khongbal rushed to Shija Hospital after some hospital refused to provide treatment at around 10.30 pm yesterday (July 31). A write up along with two photos of doctors and nurses performing surgery at the operation theatre of SHRI caught the attention of this



Performing operation at midnight at SHRI amid COVID-19 scare (inset pic: Dr. Ajit Lukram)

newspaper and inquired on how the team at SHRI took risk and save the life of the patient when there were talk around the state about doctors' refusing treatment to needy patient.

"It was our duty to save life and we are not taking risk but doing our duty at our best", Dr. Ajit Lukram, Consultant Surgeon at Shija Hospitals

who led the operation team told Imphal Times over phone. "After I received a called from the hospital about a patient who need emergency surgery at around 11 pm, I rushed to the hospital and by around midnight we performed the operation and successfully save him", Dr. Ajit told Imphal Times. When he received the called

from the hospital he was resting with his two beloved daughter and son of around 7 and 5 years old after returning from the hospital. The life saving operation on the 46 years old man was conducted at midnight for hollow organ perforation in the abdomen, he said. Consultant Surgeon Dr. Ajit Lukram expressed his anxiety

as well as his responsibility as a doctor to perform the life saving operation. His team comprised of a junior doctor, two theatre staff, a consultant anaesthetist and two theatre technicians who were all in PPE and other protective gear.

Dr Ajit Lukram said that if we take the basic precautions meticulously, and necessary protective gear is used than emergency life-saving surgeries can be taken up safely. But having a COVID test before the operation is more helpful to reduce the anxiety among the caregivers, all the while taking all the necessary precautions irrespective of the test results. A mixed feeling of emotions was felt among the team yesterday when contacted by Imphal times today.

One more COVID-19 patient died, number reaches 6

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With one more patient succumbed today morning at Catholic Medical Center (CMC) Hospital today, the number of fatalities due to COVID-19 reached six (6) in the state of Manipur. The sixth COVID 19 victim is a 76 years old man from Chakpikarong in Chandel district. He has been undergoing treatment in the CMC hospital since last

Thursday evening. He has been undergoing treatment for diabetes and Hepatitis, a source from the hospital said. On the advice of the doctor he had tested for COVID -19 and found to be positive yesterday morning. Meanwhile number of active COVID-19 cases reached 931 till today afternoon. The total positive case is 2621 and among this 1689 have been recovered. The recovery rate is 64.44%, state Health department source said.

Local meira paibi seized and set ablaze foreign made cigarette



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Local Meira Paibi and club members of Waithou area of Thoubal district seized huge quantity of foreign made cigarette worth around rupees 5.76 lakhs at Waithou Chiru Konjin area today morning at around 6.30 am. The foreign made cigarette ESSE Lights, made in Korea was ferrying in two four wheelers vehicle - a Gypsy bearing registration No.

NM-04A-4121 and a numberless car. The seized cigarette were set ablaze by the local meira pabis and the club members.

Report said that the cigarette were carried by three persons including a couple identified as Mayengbam Utam Meitei (42) and his wife Mayengbam Sushita Leima (39) from Keithel Manbi Awang Leikai Andro and another person identified as Thangiam Kesho from Keithel Manbi Bazar.

RIMS is fighting COVID-19 pandemic with full preparation and commitment - MS

IT News
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A statement from the RIMS said that ever since the second case of Covid-19 patients admitted to RIMS hospital COVID block March 31, RIMS hospital authorities have been tracking the issue of covid-19 well. Clarifying to a news report published in a newspaper today, a statement by Prof Ch Arunkumar Medical Superintendent RIMS hospital said that the RIMS authority has been working tirelessly round the clock along with other frontline

workers i.e. Nurses, Technicians, attendants, Cleaners, etc. to contain the menace of Covid-19. The statement further said that so far RIMS hospital has treated 285 COVID-19 patients and 241 got well and discharged. Thanks to the Doctors and Nurses and other frontline workers who had worked tirelessly round the clock and on whose shoulders patients got well. "At the time of writing this clarification there are 44 patients in RIMS Hospital COVID ward", the statement by MS RIMS said. It further said that due to

increasing number of positive cases among Health care workers the authority issued a circular and tested large number almost all the staff for COVID-19 on 23rd, 24th, 25th, 29th, and 30th July 2020 and nearly 2000 employees including the patients has been tested so far by available resources. Still the testing process is going on at the VRDL through Flu clinic. RIMS is doing what it can and people should think of what can be contributed instead at this time of crisis, an authority talk to Imphal Times saying that any sort of

criticism to demoralized the health worker should not be encouraged. The MS statement further said that RIMS authority has been issuing the large number of PPEs for the personal safety of the Frontline workers and so far 5758 PPEs has been issued as per Hospital record while trying to contain this menacing contagion disease. There is no shortage of PPEs, N-95 mask, whenever on demand, promptly issued. Quarantine is one area where RIMS authority is talking kin interest. So far RIMS authority has opened up

Quarantine sites at New Nursing college, Old Nursing College, Gymkhana, Guest House and recently some of the ward inside RIMS Hospital and so far 213 are in Quarantine centre of RIMS as per the prevailing protocol. Regarding the nursing duty there is no bias in arranging COVID-19. It is done on lottery system and by concerned ward Nursing sisters and staff. RIMS authority appealed to all the staff to co-operate the authority to fight the disease unitedly and only working unitedly the COVID-19 can be contained.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar appointed as the new CS

IT News
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ACS of the Government of Manipur Dr Rajesh Kumar has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Manipur, succeeding his predecessor J Suresh Babu. Kumar is currently serving as the additional chief secretary (finance) of the state. An order issued by Governor Najma Heptulla said that Kumar will hold the charge of chief secretary of Manipur with immediate effect until further orders in public interest. In addition to the additional chief secretary post, Kumar, who is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre, will take charge as the chief secretary of the state, it said. As per reports, Kumar ranked



10th among the Manipur cadre officers of 1988 batch. Former chief secretary Suresh Babu retired on July 31 after having served the illustrious position since 2018. A farewell programme was held for the outgoing chief secretary by the general administration department in Imphal on Friday. The latest development comes after the state-based student organisations had been demanding the government for an appointment of native IAS officer for the post.

International Human Rights Association Manipur demand justice for late Nianguankim

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The International Human Rights Association Manipur, expressed strong condemnation terming the murder of Nianguankim as horrendous. The Right body while showing solidarity with the families and relatives of the deceased urged the state government to compensate the family of the deceased on the basis of social justice, equality, and the respect for women's rights and integrity. A statement by the rights body alleged that late Nianguankim @ Kim was murdered by her own husband, identified as Siammuansang of Joshua

Road, Zion Veng, New Lamka on the fateful night of July 28, 2020 at Singat Sub-division. "It is concerning that notwithstanding the progress in the state's legislation and institutional structuring; violence against individuals, especially women is still pervasive. It must also be noted and taken into genuine concern that violence that is often threatening to the life and liberty of a person has serious consequences as it negatively affects families, the community and the country at large", the statement said. It further added that the notion of women welfare and empowerment has yet again come into question. As such, we, the International Human

Rights Association Manipur, welcome the lone female MDC of ADC and women right activists Grace Zannu condemning of the murder and asking of a stringent action from the law enforcement agencies. "We would like to add that violence of any kind, and against anyone, must be discouraged, and strict actions must be taken against any offender. Therefore we earnestly request the Government of Manipur to look into the matter and put an end to such intolerable crime in the state in promoting and strengthening the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Act, 2015", the statement said.

EECHAL observes 15th foundation by following SOP



IT News
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Ereipak Enaat Chanura Loinsinlon (EECHAL) today observed its 5th Foundation Day at Poirei Nawakon, Children Home at Achanbigei, Imphal East. The foundation day was observed by maintaining Standard Operative Procedure (SOP). Sunil Karam, President of United Committee Manipur (UCM), Sc Rita Joint secy Leimakon and President Tongbram ongbi Ibemcha

attended the function as presidium members. As a part of the foundation day, EECHAL presented edible items to the children home. Publicity Secretary of EECHAL, Silhenbi said that during the COVID -19 pandemic people need to follow the SOP of the Manipur government and the health dept. "If we followed the guided line we will win the fight against COVID-19", she added.

★ Editorial

Are the people being cheated? Why only 5 Kg of rice to cardholders?

The last few days Imphal Times received several calls from various people enquiring about the changes in the distribution of PDS items particularly Rice to marginalized people during the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Minister of CAF and PD during a press conference had announced that there will be no free distribution of rice under PMGKY. However, what class of citizens are entitled to get how much share of rice under which scheme has not been properly mentioned by the Minister K. Shyam while briefing the reporters. In addition to this, no official circulation in connection with the distribution of essential items during COVID crisis has been made available from the concerned government department. People are not informed properly on how much amount of rice are they suppose to get at which price.

Right at the moment, people with AAY cards are getting only 5 kg of rice at various places for July. When enquired by the beneficiaries those agents distributing told them to enquire at the Deputy Commissioner office, which is next to impossible for the marginalized people who live on hand to mouth.

It may be mentioned that a division bench of the Manipur High Court on July 16 has directed the state government to furnish all information relating to all kind of action taken up for combating

COVID-19 crisis including the one relating to spending public money, infrastructure, manpower, facilities etc. in the quarantine centers and in particular, the institutional quarantine centers. These include the dissemination of detailed information on what the people should get during the pandemic.

Only a few days back the union government had stated that people are benefitting from PMGKY (Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana), and stated that the scheme will continue till November this year. However, on contrary to the Union government commitment, CAF and PD Minister said that the government will stop the distribution of rice under PMGKY.

In an awareness campaign conducted by the Human Rights Alert, Babloo Loitongbam stated that all people have the right to food and under this people cannot be denied of their food share allotted by the government. According to him AAY, BPL, and NFSA cardholders are entitled to get 35 KG of rice per month. 35 kg of Rice under the Right to Food guaranteed by the constitution of India is being mocked by some so call agents distributing the PDS items under the CAF and PD Minister by distributing only 5 kg of Rice to cardholder.

Looting peoples' share and that too during crisis time is no less than the most heinous crime.



By- Joyshree Heisnam

We hear the word 'Justice' everyday but the idea of justice is different from one another. Political thinkers since earliest time have been formulating the concept of justice. Under the influence of the principles of democracy and socialism, this view of justice has been thoroughly transformed along with the dawn of modern consciousness. If we lived in a world of abundant unlimited resources, then perhaps the question of justice would not have arisen. Since we don't the question of who should get what and why will always be an important one. We live in a society full of differences, inequalities and different capabilities and non-capabilities. A society where rich, poor, strong, weak, man, woman, capitalists, workers, etc share a huge gap between them in matters of rights, opportunities and use of resources socially, politically and economically.

Justice is architectonic principle, which means foundational principle. Because all other values such as liberty, equality, rights, dignity etc are derived from justice. It is the foundational principle of state in normative sense. Justice is about giving each person what he/she is due. However it is not an easy task to define what that due might be. Justice thus, remains an essentially contested concept. On the other hand, it is quite impossible to construct an overriding principle of justice applicable to all areas of life as Michael Walzer argued different principles of justice may be appropriate in different spheres of life.

In everyday life, justice is seen as an attribute of law or part of judicial system. But if we think closely, we shall realize that all laws are not

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always just. In fact, many great political and social movements the world over have focused upon opposition to unjust laws. The other commonly held belief about justice is that it is always impartial. Thus, impartiality and fairness are understood to be aspects of justice.

Search for justice would be relevant only in an open society in a situation of scarcity. The question of justice is significant in a situation where there is a widespread demand of social advantages that are in short supply, and where the criteria of allocation of these advantages can be openly discussed and adopted. Mainly we can categorize justice into two broad types: Procedural justice and Distributive justice.

Procedural justice: It believes that it is necessary to determine a just procedure for the allocation of social advantages then its outcome will automatically be accepted as just. Demands of justice are justified if certain rules are followed. They reward and give punishment according to merit. The procedure of laws in a court is such an example. Distributive justice: It believes that the allocation or distribution of social advantages among various sections of society itself should be just. Affirmative action is a form of distributive justice for example reservation of Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes and Other Backward Classes in India.

The core concern of political theory is justice. Through the ages political thinkers have portrayed a good society as a just society. One of the earliest accounts of justice is found in Plato's 'Republic'. Its subtitle being 'concerning Justice'. For Plato, justice was one of the four principles of virtue- the other being temperance, wisdom and courage. To him, Justice in state means that the society should recognize and educate every individual's talent according to their aptitude. Justice, according to Plato is "one class, one duty"; one man, one work. He believed that doing one's own duties without interference among them would bring peace in the state; and that would be justice for everyone.

Aristotle's justice lies in incorporating concerns of equality, proportionality and maintenance of equilibrium in society. Later, Utilitarianism made the greatest happiness of the greatest number as the principle of justice and public policy. Contemporary debates began with the publication of John Rawls' "A theory of Justice" in 1971. Rawls argues that any theory of justice has to base on the invariability of the individuals neither liberty nor dignity should be sacrificed. He attacked Utilitarianism because in calculating the greatest happiness of the greatest number, utilitarian does not care if it leads to extreme hardships to any particular individual. He postulated two theories: the principle of maximum equal liberty and the difference principle. According to this principle, any departure from equal distribution can be justified only when it brings greatest benefit to the least advantage. Inequalities should be so arranged that they benefit the worst off.

Amartya Sen has certain reservation about Rawls freedom oriented evaluation of justice. According to him, it is not just access to primary goods but the extending of capabilities that each individual has, to convert the primary goods into the kind of life that a value living would determine freedom and ultimately justice. Similar access to primary goods does not necessarily mean that people will have similar capabilities to convert the goods into freedom. There can be physical limitations and challenges that impose

restrictions on capabilities. Equality of freedom to pursue our self appointed goals cannot be guaranteed by equal distribution of primary goods. There is the need of examining the inter personal variations in people's capabilities to achieve ends and objective.

Feminists like Susan Moller Okin has criticized Rawls as he has taken women for granted in his theory of justice, he has not explicitly mentioned that women were also an active participant in the process of contract. Any theory of justice which is silent about inequalities within the families is an incomplete one. Rawlsian theory fails to consider the working of the family as being significant for his discussion on justice. In Rawls scheme it is only men who come together and argue to accept the principles of justice. The model of a self interested, rational and individualistic person is typically a male conception; female qualities are not represented and so feminists do not consider it appropriate to accept justice agreed to by man alone in the absence of women participations.

Robert Nozick, Michael Walzer, Mac Intyre, Charles Taylor and Michael Sandel also has given different views on justice against Rawls. The idea of justice is really vast and inclusive from just knowing one's duties to environment rights; it has evolved a lot. We must bear in mind that justice is not a static thing but a dynamic one. It can change according to the sphere of time that we used.

My idea of justice would be by making people realize their abilities and errors, by acknowledging their worth at the same time not abusing power and respecting others too. Each of us must recognize the other as a person and not as an object. The other way to fail justice is by judging ourselves to be less worthy than we truly are. This is sadly common among oppressed people. Each one of us must have a moral and ethical reasoning and enhancing it through education is the role of government. The societal practice of dominance of elder people over younger just because they provide financial assistance is not just. Justice is when one acknowledged mutual differences and respecting younger too is really important. Determining income based on the merit system of society where they determine who gets what and how much needs to be changed. Equal respect regarding of the work we do, regardless of gender is important.

Women are often abused by in laws and their works are not appreciated. But if we convert the household activities and chores done by women into income, it would huge amount. Respecting women and paying them back is important as society exploits them in both ways. We need equity not equality. Women being an income earner as well as engaging in household activities and at the same time being a victim to discrimination, harassment, sexual abuse is a really unjust thing. Thus justice can only be understood within a communal framework and not on the basis of abstract universal principles.

Social goods should be distributed for different reasons according to different procedures and by different agents in other words social goods should be determined according to the right reason as applicable in each sphere for example; the sphere of politics should not be corrupted by domination of money because money should be in the sphere of commodities. The sphere of office should not be contaminated by nepotism because it belongs to the sphere of kinship and love. The kinship and love should not be contaminated by the consideration of profits and laws since they are

relevant only on the sphere of market. We should not mix different spheres into one. Family organization should not be patterned after male domination because male domination belongs to the sphere of military organization.

Justice when implemented fails in many strata, from state machinery, institution level, individual, societal level; everyone is responsible for the abuse of power and the delayed of justice. In India, there are more than 3 crores cases pending, so delaying a due process is also an injustice. Leadership without an inner moral compass inevitably ends in abuse of power. The biggest controversy involving the Chief Justice of India as a potential threat to the institutional purity and purity of the biggest judicial office is not only highly desirable as well as witnessed by The Ranjan Gogoi case on April 2019. The slow delivery of justice, pending in courts also often attributed to the lack of facilities for judicial functionaries. It is time to dispassionately examine the functioning of courts and signs of an increasing loss of public faith in judiciary. The prosecution failure to establish the charges beyond reasonable doubt, an alleged criminal of limited means get acquitted but only after suffering incarceration for a term that ends up being longer than the maximum punishment under law. But resourceful defendants are seen escaping culpability not necessarily on merit but due to their ability to quickly manage judicial processes to their advantages. Judges are often found focusing on procedural rituals rather than substantive issues. The purge of malpractices has to come from within as no real judicial reform can be enforced from outside. The judiciary needs to overhaul and regulate itself as none other is empowered to do this under the constitutional architecture as interpreted by apex court. When we all try to correct ourselves justice will be served.

Despite of all these, judiciary has given a battle from human rights, privacy, women's right even as it stumbled over archaic laws and entrenched patriarchy. From declaring un-Islamic the 1400 year old practice of instant talaq and holding privacy as a fundamental right to challenging the logic behind banning women of a certain age from entering Sabarimala temple to playing the indignant uncle to an adult Hadiya and condemning to death the four rapists in the Nirbhaya case, the Supreme court has shown nerve even as it searched for sure footing. The court swayed to populism in 2016 when it forced citizens to stand up in cinema halls for national anthem and later to retract saying one does not have to wear patriotism on one's sleeve. The court bat for human rights by declaring that sexual intercourse with minor wife is rape, freezing a government more to deport over 40,000 Rohingya refugees, giving convict Perarivalan a second chance to present his case in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination probe and coming down on corruption and crime in public life. It sent to prison those convicted in Jayalalitha wealth case.

There is no best system in the world. But to reform on the existing government and inflicting our minds with ethical values is the best way to solve the existing problems. We need the coordination of the individuals and the government and its machinery to bring justice to solve the problems.

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Bold, Comprehensive and Transformational –the New Education Policy

By- Amitabh Kant, PIB

An astounding 34 years since it was last revised, India is again at the cusp of glorious and historic reform with the announcement of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Timely and progressive, it certainly marks a monumental occasion for the country's education system. In fact, the document iterated over the last few years, is an ode to the ideals of public policy, factoring in voices of every single stakeholder – from the experts to the teachers, right up to the common man, gauging insights from across 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country. While the systemic reform agenda has gained ground in recent years through initiatives such as the NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index (SEQI), the Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education (SATH-E) and even the Aspirational Districts program, the NEP will drive transformational change in alignment with the system's need to holistically focus on the most

critical tenets of access, equity, infrastructure, governance and learning. Advocating forward-thinking and cogent reform, the NEP 2020 is an amalgamation of need-based policy, cutting-edge research and best practices, paving the path for a New India.

First, with an extensive focus on universalizing access from early childhood to higher education, integrating over two crore out of school children, and concerted efforts for socio-economically disadvantaged groups, the policy ensures last mile delivery, embodying 'antyodaya'. Second, through a convergence of efforts, erasing traditional silos in work flows, Early Childhood Care and Education will be delivered with a new curriculum and play, activity-based joyful learning. Along with a dedicated national mission for foundational literacy and numeracy, NEP 2020 will be significant to bolstering the most critical phases of learning, building the strongest foundations of education.

Third, the NEP marks a departure from archaic practices and

pedagogy. The dismantling of the rigid distinction between curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular subjects in school, and the provision of multiple entry and exit options in higher education brings in the much-needed fluidity and flexibility for students to hone their skills and interests. Revamped curriculum, adult education, lifelong learning and the vision to ensure that half our learners have exposure to at least one vocational skill in the next five years is characteristic of the shift from rote to applied learning. Through a skill gap analysis, practice-based-curriculum and internships with local vocational experts, NEP 2020's Lok Vidya, resounds the Prime Minister's clarion call of being Vocal for Local. Fourth, with NITI Aayog's mandate to facilitate evidence-based policy, there is strong belief in the fact that what can't be measured, can't be improved. Till date, India lacks a comprehensive system for regular, credible and comparable assessments of learning outcomes. It is heartening to see the establishment of a National Assessment Centre called PARAKH (National Center for Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic (Contd. on Page 3)

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BSNL revises monthly charges of seven broadband plans

IT Correspondent

New Delhi/Mumbai, Aug. 1:

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has revised its seven broadband plans (out of its 17 plans) with an increased monthly rental by up to Rs. 30 and the new revision will be applicable on a pan-India basis across all telecom circles where the state-owned operator provides its services starting Saturday, first August.

BSNL is also notifying its existing broadband users about the update. Alongside

the changes with respect to its broadband plans, the operator has also increased its fixed line plans for both new and existing subscribers. The Chennai division of BSNL has released a notice on its site to announce the revision in its broadband plans. The changes are there for seven broadband plans for new as well as existing subscribers.

As per the tariff revision, the 2GB BSNL CUL plan that is available at a monthly charge of Rs. 349 will be available at Rs. 369. The plan offers 2GB

data allocation for up to 8Mbps speed as well as unlimited voice calling on BSNL network and Rs. 600 worth of talk time for other networks. It also provides benefits including free night calling between 10:30pm and 6am as well as unlimited calls on Sunday.

The second plan that has been revised by BSNL is the 2GB CUL, which has been hiked from Rs. 399 to Rs. 419. It offers 2GB high-speed data, just like the 2GB BSNL CUL. However, there is also unlimited voice calling support across all



networks in the country. BSNL has also increased the monthly rental of the 3GB CUL

plan from Rs. 499 to Rs. 519. It has 3GB high-speed data quota as well as unlimited

voice calling benefits.

Further, the 4GB CUL plan that is currently available at Rs. 599 has been revised to Rs. 629. It comes with 4GB data allocation for up to 10Mbps speed. The plan also provides unlimited voice calling.

BSNL has also changed the monthly rental of the 5GB CUL broadband plan from Rs. 699 to Rs. 729. It comes with up to 10Mbps speed until 125GB and unlimited voice calls. Similarly, the Superstar 300 plan that was launched last year with Hotstar subscription has been revised to Rs. 779

from Rs. 749. The plan delivers up to 10Mbps speed until 300GB and has unlimited voice calling.

The last plan of the latest revision is the 15GB CUL that is available only to existing BSNL subscribers with 15GB high-speed data per day. It has been revised from the monthly rental of Rs. 999 to Rs. 1,029. In addition to the revision for its broadband plans, BSNL has revised its 10 headline plans that are starting from Rs. 129 and going up to Rs. 495. The increased prices are applicable starting Saturday.

“With Love” pray and encourages unsuccessful students

IT News

Kangpokpi, Aug. 1:

In a time when people are all hearts and hands to felicitate the successful candidates of the recently declared board and council examinations, “With Love”, a small group of youths from Saitu Gamphazol Area, devoted to humanitarian services had organized career guidance and counselling, and a prayer for the unsuccessful candidates.

According to Lalcha Haokip, a member of the group, every year various individuals and groups, and CSOs and government

are engaged in felicitating the successful candidates and organizing career guidance and counselling. However, the plight of the unsuccessful candidates remains unaddressed. Consequently, we as individuals and society fail to uphold the very essence of our humanity that is to love and have concern for all.

He added that we as a society tend to ignore the mental and emotional stress that these students must be going through. We, as parents and teachers, and as the society fail to be kind and considerate but instead we become pressure sources rather than understanding and



encouraging them. This grows to be detrimental as it can affect their lifelong mental and emotional health. The career guidance and counselling group blessing prayer was organised under the theme “Towards inspiring the youth”. The programme seeks to educate

and guide the students towards exploring well beyond academic opportunities. It aims to impart the fact that not everybody will be good in academics, but that there is something else for each of us to explore for our own. Pastor Kluptinlal Hangshing,

Pastor KBC no.4, and Letginlen Doungel, a research scholar from Delhi University attended as resource persons.

In his speech, the pastor reminded the students that their failure is only a stepping stone to greater heights. He also encouraged the students to refrain from unfair means especially inside the examination hall. On the other hand, Letginlen Doungel enlightened the students with the possibilities of different career choices beyond academic opportunities, while also inspiring the youth with his own story of hard-work and persistence. According to a member of the

organising committee, they had decided to organise the small programme with a goal to set a trend and shift ourselves towards inspiring despairing students and giving hopes to the hopeless. In addition, they opined that it is the duty and obligation of every concerned individual and group to encourage and help students to discover their dreams. The committee stated that it is their hope and prayer that more programmes and initiatives as this will be taken up all over the state, with Love. The programme ends with a blessing prayer.

Sanitization drive

IT News

Imphal, Aug. 1:

Gaidon Gammei Corporator, Ward No. 1 Imphal Municipal Corporation in a press released stated that to the fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic, a mass sanitization measure of spraying of Sodium Hypo-chloride has been effectively done at all the Leikai and Villages of Ward No-1, Imphal Municipal Corporation, Thangmeiband A/c on the 29th and 30th July 2020. He further stated that the sanitization was also done on the adjoining areas of the hill side of the Charitable Hospital. The sanitization drive was conducted in compliance with the SOP guidelines laid down by the State Government. He expressed heartfelt appreciations to all the frontline workers, Doctors, Nurses, and active workers and Police fighting the COVID-19.

Education Minister meets Sainik School officials; Looks into the preparedness for admission of girls' from next academic session

IT News

Imphal, Aug. 1:

Education Minister Dr Thokchom Radheshyam today held a meeting with the officials and the faculty members of Sainik School Imphal and inspected the ongoing infrastructure development at the campus and other essential requirements which is mandatory for admission of girls in the establishment. During the meeting, Principal of the school Gp. Capt. HCS Chauhan apprised the Minister that admission of girl cadets will begin from the next academic session as per the directives of the Union Ministry of Defence. He also highlighted the need for a separate dormitory section for girls, which is not available at the moment. The Minister said that many states have already begun



admission for girls in their respective Sainik Schools. The National Defence Academy is preparing to include girls and groom them for the three wings of the country's Defence Services. The state should not lag behind in providing opportunities for girls to be part of the Defence Services. He assured that all possible

assistance will be extended to the School for admission of girls in the next academic session. Dr Th. Radheshyam also enquired about the preparedness of the cadets for the ensuing UPSC examinations for National Defence Academy and the challenges and shortcomings faced by the

cadets and the teachers, including the school administration following the lockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Congratulating the Cadets who have cleared the written examinations and are awaiting medical tests, the Minister said that the government will look in the areas of possibilities for scholarships for Cadets in the NDA. He emphasised that the sole purpose of the Sainik Schools is to groom the young minds to build a strong nation.

The Principal apprised that online classes are being conducted for all the Cadets as per the directives of the Sainik School norms. The meeting was attended by Jt. Secretary, Laishram Nandakumar; Vice-Principal, Wg. Cdr. Sreeparkash J. Adm. Officer, Lt. Cdr. Inderjit Yadav, Senior Master, A Romel, among others.

Defence ministry asks producers to take NOC before telecast of Army based films”

By Raju Vernekar

Mumbai, Aug. 1:

The Defence ministry has advised producers making films, web series based on an Army theme, to seek an NOC from it, before telecast, since there are instances of the Indian Army personnel being depicted in a distorted manner.

In a letter 27 July, 2020, addressed to Regional Officer, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), Mumbai, Sundershan Kumar, Under Secretary to the Government of India, has stated that the film makers producing the films/documentaries based on Army theme, be advised to seek an NOC from Ministry of Defence, before their telecast, since production houses are using contents which are distorting the image of Indian Army. They may also be advised to ensure that any incident, which distorts the image of defence forces or hurts their sentiment is prevented, the letter added.

The letter has drawn attention towards web series “XXX Uncensored (season 2)”, which according to the ministry has presented the army in poor light. The copies of the letter have been sent to the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

The controversy triggered off when the Indian Army was allegedly projected in a “distorted manner”, on producer Ekta Kapoor's show on video-streaming platform ALT Balaji. The Defence Ministry had received some complaints raising strong objections about portrayal of Indian Army personnel and Military Uniform in an insulting manner. In some of the web series like “Code M” on Zee 5 and “XXX Uncensored (season-2)”, the scenes related to the Army are far from reality and present a distorted image of the Armed Forces. “XXX” is an erotic comedy-drama directed by Ken Ghosh.

It revolves around five different stories and explores varying aspects of relationships. The first episode of the web series was aired on 27 September 2018. Some concerned citizens and ex-servicemen associations have even lodged FIR against ALT Balaji seeking legal action. Similarly in June, “Bigg Boss 13” contestant Hindustani Bhau had filed a police complaint against Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor for “disrespecting” the Army in their show. However, the CBFC — which functions under the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry — does not have the mandate to regulate content on video-streaming platforms, and its role is restricted to films that are released in theatres and television satellite channels. Content in OTT platforms are, in fact, not regulated by any specific body. The platforms are still in the process of finalising a self-regulatory code for the content they stream.

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development) coming to fruition. Continuous tracking of learning, flexible board exams, conceptual assessments and AI-enabled data systems will be critical to orienting the entire organization around outcomes (as opposed to the traditional excessive focus on inputs), providing a systems-health check, as well as steering the right reform and requisite course-corrections. Fifth, teacher education is reimagined with a new

comprehensive curricular framework, multidisciplinary programs and stringent action against substandard institutions, bolstering education through bold reform. Propelling SEQI's vision for teacher adequacy and transparent systems for merit-based selection and deployment, the institution of online systems for teacher transfer and planning will be of essence to ensure the right teachers in the right institutes. Sixth, the creation of an

academic credit bank, the impetus to research, graded a t o n o m y , internationalization and the development of special economic zones are vital to rebranding India as the higher education destination. Further, multi-lingual education and efforts to enhance the knowledge of India, could restore the country's educational heritage from the glory days of Takshashila and Nalanda. A system that's modern yet

rooted, sitting at the threshold of the old and the new. Seventh, the NEP marks an overhaul of the governance architecture from overregulation and complex, diverse norms to a simplified and cogent structure. School complexes and clusters will bring about efficient resourcing; common standards and norms will boost the quality of institutes across all levels; a single regulatory body for higher

education will serve as a template for minimal, essential regulation and maximum, effective governance. O u t c o m e s - f o c u s e d accreditation will be critical to leapfrogging India's journey towards Quality Education, the fourth goal of Sustainable Development. The NEP 2020 is a welcome step in the right direction, signaling the 'new normal' in education with its pivotal focus on critical thinking, experiential learning,

interactive classrooms, integrated pedagogy and c o m p e t e n c y - b a s e d education. Inclusive digital education features as a crosscutting component throughout all reform areas, powering India's journey towards the fourth industrial revolution. It's truly a multi-faceted policy made in India, by India and for India — the right balance of autonomy and direction. Contextualizing its reform elements will be key. As with every other policy, the

real test would be its translation from policy to action. Backed by expeditious and effective implementation in sync with its spirit, the NEP will shape the lives of our future generations. Through a robust education system leveraging the full potential of its demographic dividend, India has taken a giant leap towards establishing itself as a true knowledge superpower. *Amitabh Kant is CEO, NITI Aayog. Views expressed are personal.

Zeliangrong Baudi (AMN) reiterated stands on their movement

IT News
Imphal, Aug 1:

Athuan Abonmai president Zeliangrong Baudi (AMN) in a press released stated that the Zeliangrong people's aspiration to live together under one single administrative unit was based on the firm foundation laid down by Haipou Jadonang, the Founder of the "Naga Raj" and Ranima Gaidinliu the Veteran Freedom Fighter of India. The Zeliangrong people political demand is one of the longest political demands in the North East India which was well recognized by the Government of India. But the political journey of Zeliangrong people had witnessed different situations during the past many years from time to time due to various reasons. The untimely demise of Ranima Gaidinliu, the Veteran Freedom Fighter of India prior to attainment of Zeliangrong people political demand had greatly impacted on the movement where her successors were unable to carry the baton forward. The rise of Naga insurgents movement with physical and psychological threat and

intimidation meted out to Zeliangrong leaders to discontinue the demand for which some prominent leaders were shot dead by the Naga insurgent groups in the name of Naga National movement has also been an impediment to the Zeliangrong people's aspiration it added. He further pointing that under the barrel of booming guns of the Naga insurgent groups the movement has been lying without any progress all these years despite the fact of burning spirit inside the hearts of the Zeliangrong people to carry forward the demand. In the name of Naga political movement many innocent and promising Zeliangrong people had sacrificed their precious lives at the altar of the Naga National movement and the reciprocation for the contribution and supreme sacrifices of Zeliangrong people towards the Naga cause are injecting the feeling of hatred, instigation for social disharmony and confusion. The contribution and supreme sacrifices of Zeliangrong people for the Naga political cause have been ignored and sidelined out of jealousy. But the

contributions and supreme sacrifices of Zeliangrong people rendered for the Naga cause will be recorded and remain in the pages of history which can never be erased it said. Unable to bear the ill treatment and undue interferences poked into the affairs of the Zeliangrong people, the Zeliangrong Baudi (Assam, Manipur and Nagaland) during the 10th Oimki (Assembly) held on 15th July, 2020 have withdrawn the Zeliangrong people's mandate given to NSCN (IM) some years ago. Now the Zeliangrong people are free to take any decision to shape its own future and destiny to live and prosper as respected and dignified people without any dictate, interference, threat and intimidation from the outsiders in the pretext of Naga national movement. With the passage of time coupled with the increasing spirit of the Zeliangrong people to continue the movement had at last destined the Zeliangrong people to take resolutions to pursue and carry forward the struggle till the attainment of the long cherished dream of great

leaders like Haipou Jadonang, Ranima Gaidinliu and many others. To accomplish the task and to achieve the cherished dream of our great leaders, the collective responsibility of every Zeliangrong is the need of the hour. No individual or group interest or petty issues should be allowed to overshadow the common interest and aspiration of the Zeliangrong people. The question of misunderstanding or ideological differences does not arise when it comes to collective future of Zeliangrong people. It is high time we should uphold the uniqueness and inseparable bond of Zeliangrong people and build our collective future on the firm and solid foundation laid down by our great leaders whose spirits have been guiding us always. Despite facing many obstacles and disturbances the Zeliangrong people have come thus far. The Creator of Zeliangrong is the Almighty God. Zeliangrong people have a great future. Let us unite and march ahead until we establish a rightful and dignified place for ourselves in the comity of states it added.

UZO queries on the battle between Th. Brinda and GOM

Zoveng, Aug. 1

The United Zou Organisation (UZO) General Headquarters has been extremely concerned on the unending battle going on between Mrs. Th. Brinda and Government of Manipur so much so that the organisation is compelled to put few pertinent queries on this regard.

Closely monitoring the nature of war of words unfolding on daily basis, the United Zou Organisation (UZO) like to ask : Is such indignity and excess being meted out to the accused Lhukhosei Zou because he belongs to the minority community? Is Th Brinda former ASP-NAB now attached to Police HQ Imphal deliberately harboring contemptuous and scornful prejudice towards Lhukhosei Zou as the latter hails from a tribal community? The United Zou Organisation also take a serious note on her disdainful "Quota-IPS" tag against a tribal police (IPS) officer on social media recently. We fear such a scornful attitude and derisive statement may hurt the healthy relations of different communities living together in Manipur for ages.

Now, it is unfortunate to see that Lhukhosei Zou's case has been politicized by the Congress (I) Party which decided to stage a No Confidence Motion in coming Manipur Assembly to demand the case of Lhukhosei transferred to the CBI. Such level of cheapness is least expected from the oldest Political Party of India.

Failing to weave the case proceedings as she desired, frustrated Brinda scorned the honourable judge, threatened the witness doctors, squabbled with her superiors in office, and challenged certain politicians. Such reckless disposition is the first of its kind in the history of Manipur. She is currently working overtime to even blackmail the public emotion by posting her narratives in facebook continuously. Brinda's attempt to derail the judicial proceeding continues unabated.

So, we appeal the concerned authorities and right thinking citizens not to disrupt the flow of judicial proceedings so that the guilty, whosoever be, punished and justice served to all. We also urge the state authority to curb Th. Brinda from conducting 'media trail' over and over again. Let her conduct be appropriately dealt with by the concerned authority as per rule of service. It is learnt that there are ordinary citizens sent to jail for talking against the Government and NSA labelled on them, while Th. Brinda a Government servant challenging the Judiciary, Executive and the Legislature and what not but still immune from Departmental Enquiry, Suspension, Termination or dismissal from service. Is it because of her background or is her status above the law of the land? We repeatedly demand justice be not delayed.

Let us not forget that Mr Lhukhosei Zou is an elected politician of the State, and has a family, community, friends and well-wishers too like Mrs. Brinda. It is sad that the word 'drug lord' has been tag to Lhukhosei Zou which in fact has assassinated his career and character again and again as if he is already proven guilty by the court. Let us all have faith in the law of the land. Are we heading toward anarchy, let the law of the land prevail.

Last but not the least, the United Zou Organisation earnestly request student bodies, Congress (I) and other Political Parties and civil bodies of hill and valley to refrain from publishing unnecessary statement which may spoil the court proceedings.

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World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, 2020 observed amidst Covid 19 Pandemic

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Imphal, Aug 1:

The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed every year on 30th July, to raise awareness about the menace of human trafficking and to protect the human rights of the victims by bringing all stakeholders working in the field of Anti-Human Trafficking. This year, due to the present pandemic, the event could not be organized physically as done in the past. However, the Department of Social Welfare , Government of Manipur in collaboration with a National level NGO, FCB India Suraksha and with the support of ECPAT Luxembourg observed World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2020, by releasing a music video "Emagi Phiji Marumda" as an Anti-Trafficking awareness tool to reach the general public. Apart from depicting the ordeal of the survivors of



trafficking, the music video contains important messages from Mr Ngamot Uttam Singh, Director, Department Social Welfare, Ms. Binobala Nongmeikapam, Deputy Director (Women Programme), Department of Social Welfare, Mr. Thomas Kauffmann , Director, ECPAT Luxembourg, Ms. Mamta Borgoyary, Chief

Executive Director, FCB India Suraksha on inter-agency collaboration and the need of awareness to combat the organized form of crime. The artists in the music video are Ms Pushparani Huidrom, Guru Rewben Mashangva, Ms Pinky Saikhom and Mr Sorri Senjam. Lyric for the said song is written by Mr. Sunil Meitei,

Project Officer, FCB India Suraksha and Direction for the music video is given by Mr Tarun Wang. The music video is released under the banner of Wang Motion Pictures. This music video will be available on the sites of Mami Taibang, YouTube Channel, ISTE, Impact TV, TOM TV and MAMI TV.

One Nation One Ration card scheme extended to four more states including J&K

Agency
New Delhi, Aug 1:

Ambitious One Nation One Ration card scheme has been extended to four more states from today. They are Manipur, Nagaland, Jammu and Kashmir and

Uttarakhand. With this, now 24 states have the facility of ration card portability covering more than 65 crore beneficiaries of National Food Security Act. Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said these beneficiaries can now lift

their entitlement of ration from any Fair Price Shop across these states. By 31st March next year, all the states will be covered under One Nation One Ration card so that all 81 crore beneficiaries can avail benefit under this scheme.

Sports News

First FA Cup final without fans becomes campaigning platform

Agency
London, Aug 1:

There will be no walk up to the royal box. No Prince William to hand over the trophy. Either Arsenal captain Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang or Chelsea counterpart César Azpilicueta will have to pick it up themselves on the pitch. Even the traditional pre-match "Abide With Me" hymn will be a prerecorded version by Emeli Sandé at Wembley Stadium.

Played without any crowd due to pandemic restrictions, the 139th FA Cup final on Saturday will be the most unusual in the history of the world's oldest football competition. And it will be played more than two months after it was originally scheduled, on an August day when England would usually be preparing for the start of a new domestic season rather than completing the last one. "It's definitely been a crazy season for everyone," Chelsea winger Christian

Pulisic said. The American will be one of only up to 300 people allowed in a stadium that fits 90,000. Fans will still be heard ahead of kickoff for a minute when conversations about mental health involving fans and players are played out as part of a soundscape. Before kickoff — like every English game in the last six weeks — players will take a knee to show solidarity with campaigns against racial injustice. It's why this is being called

the Heads Up FA Cup final — with Emirates airline handing over the title sponsorship to the mental wellbeing campaign spearheaded by Prince William. "I believe more than ever that football can be the catalyst that drives this change and brings us closer together," said the second-in-line to the British throne. And in a rare moment of footballing candor this week, the Aston Villa-supporting Duke of Cambridge said he would previously have been

a "bit concerned" about his son, Prince George, supporting Chelsea. "But now," he said, "Frank's come in I feel the culture's a bit different at Chelsea and I'd be OK with it." Chelsea's all-time top-scorer, Lampard has exceeded expectations in his first season back at the west London club as manager. The former midfielder was unable to make any signings when he took charge a year ago due to a FIFA transfer ban, with Pulisic the only addition to the squad before

the deal was already in place. But Lampard led Chelsea to a fourth-place finish to ensure Champions League qualification and now has an early chance to pick up a cup. "At this stage in my career, my first year at Chelsea then of course I'd love to do that," Lampard said. "Many a great manager over periods of time have not been able to win things." Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta has certainly been impressed by the 42-year-old Lampard's introduction to the Premier League.

"The consistency he was able to play for that many years, in the position that he played at such a big club, and doing what he did, was incredible," Arteta said. "Big credit to him on that. As a manager he has shown, since he went to Derby (before Chelsea), the kind of person and ambition that he has, and the way he encourages his team to play. "Again this season he has done a really good job. We are both young, we are both trying to learn as well our positions."