

Editorial

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Be cautious; of the 30 countries affected by novel Coronavirus no case reported from Myanmar

Unofficial but convincing write-ups regarding the birth of novel coronavirus, which is killing thousands of people across the globe with the maximum casualty in China is noticed floated at many web portals.

As reported in the South China Morning Post, cases detected with coronavirus infection in 30 countries across the world are 75,725. The death toll reaches 2,126 among which the number is 2,118 in Mainland China. 3 cases have been detected in India and most country affected by the virus in South East Asia.

The most human disaster of this kind is the product of human error, but at a time when the world particularly, when the most powerful Asiatic country is facing its worst time, joining hands to find a way out for fighting the killer virus is the need of the hour. Criticism and blaming China for one reason or another is not timely and meaningful. What we the people across the globe should know is that of the total 75,725 cases 16,233 infected people have been recovered. This is an indication of the possibility of finding a cure that is affected by the dreaded virus.

What is worrisome for India is that among the 30 countries affected by the novel coronavirus Myanmar is not on the list. Myanmar shares 1,624-kilometre of a porous border. The country is a friendly neighbor of India with a trade agreement signed and still going on. Entry from Myanmar to India through Moreh town and up to 16 Kilometer inside Indian territory without a passport is permitted by the Indian authority.

The country Myanmar is also a friendly neighbor of China sharing 2,129 kilometers borderline. Restriction of border trade is reportedly nil as Chinese dominates the market.

One may wonder why no affected person is reported from Myanmar which is an immediate neighbor. May be poor status of medical science in the country may have failed to recognize people affected by the virus.

Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram government should take up immediate effective measures to put restrictions on cross border trade or entry until a solution to the virus is found. Having said so, Manipur being facilitated with high-class medicals should conduct camp inside Myanmar to find if the virus had reached the country or not on humanitarian ground.

An online portal www.gnews.org reports that the real source of the coronavirus is from "a lab in Wuhan" linked to its covert biological weapon programs. Some world-class media reported about Chinese government policy towards media saying that a disclosure at the time of the outbreak of the virus through media could have to save a thousand lives.

Playing criticism in China over the coronavirus is not the right time. But joining hands to find a way is the need of the hour

Eastern Suzuki Opens Authorised Sub-Dealer "Kamini Suzuki" at Thoubal



IT News
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Eastern Suzuki has today launched a new Authorised Sub-Dealership of Suzuki two wheelers for the people of Thoubal. The sub dealer named as "Kamini Suzuki" is an authorised sub dealer in sales, service and spares and located at Thoubal Bazar Opp. SBI ATM. The launch was attended by HDFC Thoubal Branch Manager Okram Arun Singh, Managing Director of Eastern Suzuki Hairidas Sinam and Laxmikanta Singh, Proprietor of Kamini Suzuki.

Speaking on the Occasion Hairidas singh has said that the opening of the Authorised Sub dealership will be a great help for the people of Thoubal as well as near it, people can now avail vehicles at dealer rates and will get Five (5) years engine warranty as well as free servicing. The sub dealer will also provide servicing to the old existing Suzuki customers of Access and Swish through Suzuki Trained mechanics.

The main purpose of the opening of this sub dealer is for the comfort of the people so that there is no need to travel all the way to Imphal to buy a vehicle and customers can just browse through the variety of scooters and take a pick. The models available are All New Access (BS-VI), Burgman S-VI, Gixxer (BS-VI) and Intruder (BS-VI). Also there is offer of Free Family Vacation stay from our side on purchase of Suzuki scooters for which destination include Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and many more including 26 Indian holiday destination.

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Four well-known Mumbai hotels get 'LeT' threat mail

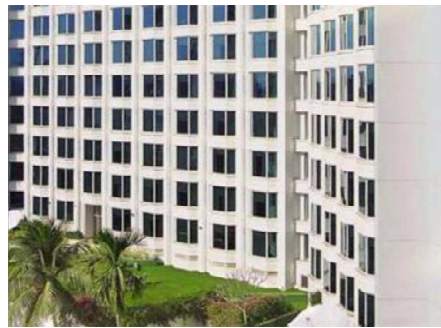
By Raju Vernekar

Four high-end hotels in Mumbai on Wednesday received threat e-mail, demanding Rs 7 crore within 24 hours, or else the hotels will be blown off with bomb, with its sender claiming to be a member of the terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

Hotel Leela (Andheri), Hotel Princess, Hotel Park and Hotel Ramada Inn (all the three located at Juhu, Vile Parle West) in North West Mumbai and Seven Eleven Club (Mira Road), near Mumbai, received the threat mails, following which they were thoroughly checked. However, nothing suspicious was found during the check.

"After the police were told about the threat mails, security was beefed up at these hotels. The Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) checked the hotels, but nothing suspicious was found in them," the official said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operation) Pranay Ashok said, "The anti-sabotage check of



Hotel Leela located at Andheri in North West Mumbai

these hotels was conducted in the presence of the local police. But nothing suspicious was found there. The sender of e-mail is being traced, he added.

Former BJP MLA who owns the Seven Eleven Club, said that he received the threat on hotel's e-mail. The e-mail stated that "we were prepared to become martyrs. But if innocent people die, you

will be responsible Deputy superintendent of police, Mira Road, Shantaram Walvi, said a former MLA and his hotel in the area also received the emails. The subject of the emails read: "Lashkar-e-Taiba wants management of your hotel". The police said the sender demanded bitcoins as ransom. "We rushed a team of ATS and BDDS to the

hotel and intensified security arrangement there," Walvi said. The anti-terrorism squad (ATS) and crime branch officials are conducting parallel inquiries. However, a crime branch official said the email appears to be a hoax. The Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) has been deployed in the premises of the hotels.

The emails that most of the Mumbai hotels received were generated by their websites after the sender wrote the threat messages in the comments section. Joint commissioner of police, Santosh Rastogi, said, "Four five-star hotels in the western suburbs have received threat emails and we are looking into it." A senior ATS officer said they are trying to trace the sender. In the meanwhile the Mumbai Police have beefed up security in five-star hotels located near the international airport and in Andheri, Juhu, Santacruz and Mira Road after a few of them received emails from an unknown sender threatening a bomb blast by Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Cinema has potential to build collaboration and partnerships between India and the world: Dr Jaishankar EAM invites Berlinale participants to the 51st IFFI

PBB
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External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar inaugurated the India Pavilion at the Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale) 2020 yesterday.

During the inaugural ceremony Dr Jaishankar said that the medium of cinema has potential to build collaboration and partnerships between India and the world. Co-production agreements, the Film Facilitation Office (FFO) and India's premier film festival - IFFI - have showcased India as an emerging market and a filming destination. It has opened opportunities for excellence in different aspects of film making.

The EAM also mentioned that India's partnership at Berlinale offered tremendous opportunities to further strengthen bilateral relationship in vertical of film making and taking forward the co-production platform. Dr Jaishankar also invited Berlinale participants, directors, film makers to participate at the 51st IFFI through films, delegations & partnerships.

Ms Mukta Dutta Tomar, Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany; Ms T.C.A



Kalyani, Joint Secretary (films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Mr. Shilpak Ambule, Joint Secretary, Office of Hon'ble EAM, Ministry of External Affairs; Mrs Paramita Tripathi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Berlin; Mr Chaitanya Prasad Additional Director General Directorate of Film Festival (DFF) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting; Ms Dhanpreet Kaur, Deputy Secretary (Films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Ms. Neerja Bhattia, Executive Director, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Mr Peter Domsch, Head of Sales & Technical

Department, EFM were also present on the occasion. The poster and brochure of IFFI 2020 was also inaugurated by the dignitaries during the inaugural ceremony.

Background Ministry of I&B in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry, is participating in the Berlin International Film Festival being held from 19th February to 01st March 2020 at Berlin, Germany. An India Pavilion is being set-up at the Festival to act as a platform to popularize Indian Cinema in overseas market and facilitate new business opportunities. The Indian Delegation at Berlinale

2020 aims to promote Indian films across linguistic cultural and regional diversity so as to forge international partnerships in the realms of distribution, production, filming in India, script development and technology, in order to accelerate the growth of film sector in India.

The Delegation will also promote the 51st edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) along with popularizing the steps taken to ease shooting films in India through Film Facilitation Office that facilitates Single Window Clearance for film-makers and provides the platform for 'film tourism' in India. To take advantage of availability of technicians and skilled professionals, India will be showcased as a post-production hub to promote collaborations for films with international production houses.

The Indian Delegation will meet officials from countries including Israel, Portugal, South Africa, USA, Germany, France, and UK. The delegation will also meet with officials from Raindance Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, EFM Director, Cannes Film Festival, Edinburgh International Film Festival, among others.

Assam Rifles conducts anti drug awareness drive

IGAR (South)
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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted an Anti Drug awareness drive for Drug Free Manipur at Awang Leikhabhi village on yesterday.

The awareness drive under the theme "United we stand to fight against drugs for a drug free Manipur" was organised by Koirenggei Company Operating Base (COB). The drive was planned in response to the concerns of Villagers, Parents and Meira Paibis respect to the youth of the area under danger of falling prey to the drug menace.

As part of the drive, an interactive lecture on harmful effect of drugs was conducted to generate awareness about the ill effects of drugs and to

guide everyone to lead a healthy life. In addition, an interactive session was also organised in which various queries of the attendees were answered followed by an awareness rally. The event gave an insight to the locals about harmful effects of drugs on the human body. The drive was a success in educating the locals and youth on this

sensitive issue and various measures to counter the drug menace. A total of 80 villagers participated in event.

The locals expressed profound gratitude to the Assam Rifles for organising such educational drive and appreciated the efforts and commitment of Assam Rifles to the cause of making Manipur a drug free state.

45 Days Training Programme For Kouna Craft

A Skill Development programme on Kouna Craft is to be organised by Social Culture and Rural Development Organisation (SCRDO) under the sponsorship of SIDBI at Kiyamegi Mayai Leikai, near Thongkhong in Imphal East. The said programme starts on 18th March 2020. Interested women may contact SCRDO office on or before the date mentioned above.

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Asian Wrestling C'ships: Indian wrestlers win three bronze medals in Greco-Roman events

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Ashu, Aditya Kundu and Hardeep have won a bronze medal each in their respective weight categories as Indian wrestlers bagged five medals in Greco-Roman events of the Asian Wrestling Championships in New Delhi yesterday. While Ashu won a bronze in 67kg category, Aditya and Hardeep also bagged the medals of same colour in the 72kg and 97kg respectively on the second day of the competitions.

Ashu beat Syria's Abdulkarim Mohammad Al-Hasan 8-1 while Kundu defeated Nao Kusaka of Japan 8-0 inside one and a half minutes in a lop-sided 72kg bronze medal bout. Later in the evening, Hardeep beat Kyrgyzstan's Beksultan Makhmadzhanovich Makhmudov 3-1 to register India's third podium finish of the day. India has so far five medals in the championships, after Sunil Kumar's historic gold in 87kg and Arjun Halakurki's bronze in 55kg Greco-Roman category on Tuesday.