

After COVID-19 control room, 1 more accident victim tested +ve at Shija hospital

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

After COVID Control Room located at Chief Minister Office premises has been announced as containment zone following the detection of coronavirus to employees, one among the most prominent private hospital here in the that Shija Hospital and Research Centre too have taken stringent measures after a critically injured accident victim have been tested COVID-19 positive today morning. A source said that all staff deployed at the COVID Control room at CM Bungalow have been tested and the state authority is facing a serious problem in chalking out plans to contain the various as well as gathering and assimilating

information about the situation of COVID -19 status in the state. All competent authority has been reportedly kept in isolation and coordination among the staff are reportedly done with the help of cell phones, while they are waiting for their result. Report however said that none of the staffs working at the COVID Control Room have been detected with the virus.

On the other hand, after a few staff and doctors at RIMS and JNIMS had been detected, a serious crisis nearly occurred however, has been contained on time. Today, after an accident victim who was rushed to Shija Hospital at Langol have been tested positive with COVID-19, the hospital authority of Shija Hospital

and Research Center (SHRI) have taken up stringent measures to make sure that the virus doesn't spread at the hospital. Following the detection of Coronavirus to the accident victim, the SHRI authority had sealed the male ward at 4th floor of the hospital building, and doctors, nurses, and staff who had treated the patient have also been kept in isolation for testing of the virus.

The report said that the accident victim who had been tested COVID-19 positive was brought yesterday night and the result of the presence of the virus has been known today morning. He has been shifted at RIMS Covid care Center for further treatment.

On the other hand, a fireman posted at Yairpok fire Sub-

Station has also been reportedly tested COVID-19 positive. Thoubal district administration had announced the Fire sub-station as a containment zone with immediate effect. The number of COVID-19 positive cases in the state has crossed 2176. However, the recovery rate too is high as compare to other states of the country reaching the figure to 1520 till yesterday. The rate of recovery is thus 69.85%.

On the other hand reporters who had attended Chief Minister's press conference had been advised to home quarantine by the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU). The AMWJU also appealed the journalist to contact at Whatapp number 961245159 if they have any problem related to COVID-19 symptom.

PM Modi salutes brave soldiers; lauds Indian Army on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas

Agency
New Delhi, July 26:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has greeted the nation on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas calling it a victory of high morale and bravery of armed forces. Addressing the nation in Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio today, Mr Modi saluted the brave soldiers as well as their mothers. He said it was on this very day 21 years ago that the Army unfurled the flag of victory in the battle of Kargil.

Mr Modi stated that India can never forget the circumstances under which the battle of Kargil took place. He said Pakistan had embarked upon this misadventure, nursing delusions of encroaching upon the Indian soil, to distract attention from the internal strife prevailing there. It happened when India was making efforts to foster cordial relations with Pakistan but the country

responded by backstabbing. He lauded the Indian Army, its valour and said the whole world witnessed the country's might.

Mr Modi said people are reminiscing the Kargil Victory, throughout the country today. They are saluting the brave heart heroes and paying tributes to the martyrs of the battle in Kargil. He urged the youth to share the stories of the heroic deeds of the nation's valiant warriors and their sacrifices throughout the day. He also called upon people to visit the website www.gallantryawards.gov.in. The website has an array of information on courageous warriors and tales of their valour.

Mr Modi recalled the address to the nation by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee made from Red Fort during the Kargil war. Vajpayeeji had then reminded the nation of a mantra of Mahatma Gandhi that in the face of any dilemma, one must think of

the poorest and the most helpless person of the country. Mr Modi said these words are relevant even today. Going beyond Gandhi Ji's thought, Atal ji had said that the Kargil war has given another Mantra that before taking any important decision, one must think whether the endeavor is befitting to the honour of the soldiers who laid down their lives in the remote mountains.

The Prime Minister said that in times of war, whatever people say or do has immense bearing on the morale of the soldiers. He stressed that the conduct, demeanour, speech, and statements of everyone must distinctly be conducive to enhancing the morale and honour of the soldiers. He said countrymen bound by a thread of unity, with the Mantra that the Nation is above everything else, bolster the strength of soldiers.

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IMC defunct; piled up garbage seen everywhere in Imphal

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

When people in the state are facing taught time due to the COVID-19 pandemic and when people started taking extreme seriousness of cleanliness, failure of the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) is causing scare to the people as they have stopped collecting garbage pile up at the roadsides. Stinking smells of rotten garbage is likely to cause serious health hazard to many people and it is likely that people succumbed to diseases borne by the garbage rather than the COVID-19 pandemic. Most household in greater Imphal area said that they have paid for collection of the garbage to collector but they never come in time causing serious inconveniences to the people. In the middle of Khwairamband Keithel and its periphery too garbage were seen piled up at most places with no authority picking it up.

Lifting of PDS items continues in the state

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

PDS rice allocated to Assembly Constituencies (ACs) of the State continues to be lifted from several godowns located at various parts of the State.

In Senapati District, Karong AC had lifted 1757.85 quintal of rice under PMGKAY and 2039 quintal of rice under NFSA for the month of August on July 25. The same AC also lifted 1026.85 quintal of PMGKAY and 1049.50 quintal of NFSA for August on July 24.

With the lifting of 449.75 quintal of rice under PMGKAY in respect of Churachandpur AC of Churachandpur district on July 25, the AC had completed

lifting of its allocated quota of PMGKAY rice for the month of July.

Ukhul AC of Ukhul district reported lifting of 1522.75 quintal of rice under PMGKAY for August on July 25 from FCI godown, Ukhul. Chingai AC of Ukhul District too lifted 1495.15 quintal of rice under PMGKAY on July 24 from the same godown. The AC had completed lifting of its allocated quota of PMGKAY for the month of August, 2020.

In Imphal West district, 2199.85 quintal of rice under PMGKAY for July had been lifted on July 25 which consists 1419.35 quintal for Uripok AC while 780.5 quintal for Langthabal AC respectively. The district also reported providing food

items to 28,543 persons till July 25. 12,420 stranded persons were provided rations items such as Rice, Dal, Salt and Cooking Oil another 16,123 stranded migrant persons were provided 5 kg each of rice and Dal (Chana).

In respect of Kakching district, Hiyanglam AC had fully lifted its allocated quota of 1628.20 quintal of rice under PMGKAY for July, 2020 from FCI godown, Sangaiprou on July 25.

It may be mentioned that PDS rice and dal under various schemes namely NFSA and PMGKAY are being lifted for distribution to the residents of the State to ensure availability of foodgrain during the ongoing lockdown.

Covid-19 recovery rate in country stands at 63.92%

Agency
New Delhi, July 26:

The country recorded highest number of recoveries in a single day since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in India. A record 36 thousand 145 people recovered in 24 hours pushing the recovery rate to 63.92 per cent. The case fatality rate has further declined to 2.31 per cent in the country.

The Health and Family Welfare Ministry today said the total recovered cases climbed to eight lakh 85 thousand 577 while active corona cases in the country reached four lakh 67 thousand 882.

The Health Ministry said, a total of 48 thousand 661 new Covid-19 cases have been reported in the country within 24 hours taking the total number of cases to 13 lakh 85 thousand 522. In a single day, 705 deaths have also been reported taking the nationwide toll to 32 thousand 63.

Meanwhile, Indian Council of Medical Research said that a record four lakh 42 thousand 263 tests were conducted by various laboratories in a single day. So far, one crore 62 lakh 91 thousand 331 tests have been conducted in the country. ICMR is continuously ramping up the testing facilities and at present, one thousand 307 laboratories across India are conducting Covid19 tests that includes 905 government laboratories and 402 private laboratory chains.

JNU scholar booked for promoting hate through his tweet on Indian Army

IT Correspondent
New Delhi, July 26:

Delhi Police on Saturday booked JNU scholar Sajid Bin Sayed for promoting hate through his tweet accusing the Indian Army and the RSS of 'devising genocide of Kashmiris', based on the complaint of a local resident of Kapasheera in South West Delhi.

"We have received a written complaint and on the basis of the complaint an FIR under sections 153 A and 504 of IPC has been lodged. Legal action will follow, a police officer said.

Sayed, President of "Campus Front of India" in his post on Twitter said, "Indian Military executes genocide of Kashmiris which is devised by RSS. The BJP govt should stop their territorial greed and ready to accept Kashmiris' right to self-determination guaranteed by the UN. It's high time to intervene in the issue by international bodies. #Kashmir"

This is not the first time Sayed has spewed venom against the Army and the BJP government. In his 12 July tweet, he had accused the Centre of plotting ethnic cleansing in Kashmir. #Kashmir is the most militarised place in the globe where human rights violations mountain every other day. The



government plots ethnic cleansing in Kashmir like illegal state Zionist Israel executes in Palestine but still, they couldn't succeed as they dream," he tweeted. Sayed has been regularly posting on CAA, BJP and RSS. On Saturday the Delhi police also said that it will file a charge sheet against JNU PhD scholar Sharjeel Imam under terror charges of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Imam, who is being probed for violence that broke outside the Jamia Millia Islamia, A Central University in New Delhi in December 2019 and Delhi riots this February, had recently tested positive for the coronavirus. As per the Delhi Police, Sharjeel gave an inflammatory speech last year in December outside the Jamia campus. He has been booked for sedition, rioting and disturbing communal harmony by five states including Delhi, Assam and Uttar Pradesh.

Congressmen to "gherao" Raj Bhavans across the country

IT Correspondent
New Delhi, July 26:

The Congressmen are planning to "gherao" Raj Bhavans, across the country on Monday, as a protest against Rajasthan Governor's alleged dithering stand in convening special session of the Rajasthan legislative assembly, to resolve the political crisis.

Congress General Secretary K C Venugopal in a tweet said that the Congress workers will gherao, all Raj Bhavans across the country as a protest against Rajasthan Governor's alleged attempt to "throttle the democracy".

On Saturday Gehlot said that if necessary Congress MLAs will meet the President and will hold sit-in outside PM's house. On Friday Gehlot had taken MLAs supporting him to Raj Bhavan at Jaipur. They sat on laws and staged agitations. On the occasion,

Gehlot insisted that Governor Kalraj Mishra should convene the assembly session by Monday, so that he can prove the majority on the floor of the house.

However the Governor did not give consent and raised 6 points. The Guv asked if Gehlot had majority why he is required to prove it on the floor of the house? The 21 days notice is required for convening special session of the Assembly. Besides, how the norms of social distancing will be implemented if the MLAs in large numbers attend the assembly.

But Gehlot alleged that entire conspiracy was hatched by the BJP leadership, as they did in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. However, they won't succeed in Rajasthan, since MLAs and the public was with him. He alleged that the rebel MLAs were held hostage under BJP-ruled government in Haryana and claimed that they

have been pleading for a rescue mission. In a thinly-veiled warning, he also said that his government should not be held responsible, if the public gherao the Raj Bhavan.

The high pilot drama began after former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and 18 other MLAs, rebelled against Gehlot. Resultantly Pilot and two of his colleagues were suspended. Subsequently 19 MLAs were disqualified by the Speaker Dr C P Joshi after they skipped two meetings of Congress MLAs called by Gehlot.

However Pilot camp which moved the Rajasthan High Court challenging their disqualification, got relief when the court reserved its order till such time the hearing in the Supreme Court was completed. The court also ruled that a status quo be maintained on the disqualification notices given by the assembly speaker.

The Present Pillars

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” – Exodus 20:12



By: T S Haokip

The sacrifice made by parents, only fathomable to some at a much later stage of life, is, without doubt, the manifestation of loving someone beyond oneself. Across the world, irrespective of nationality, faith, and colour, parents stood up to give life to their children by spending theirs'. How does one judge the success of parents? Are there yardsticks and if so, how fair are those? Irrespective of the outcome children eventually become in life, all parents deserve phenomenal respect for having brought up a life.

From the moment a child is born, sleepless nights and tiresome days delimit the lives of parents who have their desires and interest side-lined to make sure the young ones enjoy things as basic as sufficient sleep; places they would want to go have to be forgone; some have to even give up particular foods no matter how strong is the urge; it goes on. As the children grow up, the challenge seems to only escalate to a higher level, like in games; tougher and more complex. Schooling and disciplining become the next ordeal, requiring meticulous planning. Then they'd

grow up and may eventually get married. But the role of parents does not stop there, even after the children become parents themselves.

Have you ever compared your parents to others? There was a time when I would have a bucket list of things I'd do and not do when I become a parent myself; a list which records the presumed drawbacks of parenting styles of my parent. These thoughts do not last long, especially when one shoulders the role of a parent and when a simple thing like 'raising the stick is right or wrong' bothers you for days without any conclusive take on the issue. Fortunate are those who realised this before circumstances compelled them to. There is absolutely no 'one size fits all' parenting style. Each child is precious in their own way. The same case is with parents; each has its own unique style. It is the duty of children to trust and obey their parents; for, no parents would wish for the misgivings of their children.

It is often said that youths are the pillar of the future. But it is not generally bothered- then, who are the present pillars? I have witnessed many young people with brilliant minds slowly fading into obscurity not because of any wrong parenting styles but due to the failure of those youths in heeding their parents' loving words. Similarly, I have seen people with average intellect excelling in life, all because they remember their parents' humble



words. While the future may hold promising and hopeful, it is the efforts rendered at present, which can make or mar our future. This is where the role of parents deserved an acknowledgment at the highest level; they are the present pillars of society. The advice to sleep early and rise at the cock's crow; punitive measures for flouting study schedules; unsolicited restriction of all possible exciting activities like swimming in the river, loitering at night with friends, etc. and the relentless insistence to maintain both physical and mental cleanliness, though difficult to endure then, were signs that now clearly depict how much they cared. At times, it might appear that parents have encroached into our lives and we might feel the sudden urge to rebel for a free-bird like life,

which is when we should remember that a day will come when we'd wish with all our hearts for them to come into our lives; only that it usually is too late for most people should be a precious lesson we'd want to treasure for long.

As children there are plenty of ways to show our love for parents; there is no such small or big gesture. What is important is our intention; to acknowledge their unconditional love and sacrifice. The best we can give to our parents is among all things to be their children always and to honour them as our parents always. For, what is more as parents, to have children who appreciate their parents just the way they are; just the special way they are! Happy Parent's Day! (The writer is author of the book HILLY DREAMS)

Today's Youth & Narcissism

By - Kaustov Kashyap

Narcissism is a personality disorder in which a person thinks extremely highly of himself or herself and lacks the empathy of a normal human being. This person only thinks about what he can gain from a situation which is attention and control in most of the cases. He is ruthless when it comes to achieving his ends. The narcissist has no qualms of guilt for whatever he does; he is better than the rest of the people; he is grand and faultless. Does that not ring a bell? Narcissism is an age-old phenomenon and there are numerous books and movies based on such people. Unfortunately, it is something that has become a common phenomenon among the youth in the Indian society. What is causing this narcissist epidemic?

Narcissists have a poorly developed self-esteem. A healthy self-esteem is built on one's achievements and abilities. With the advent of electronics and more and more video games, children spend their maximum time with them instead of engaging in constructive activities for self-improvement and growth. Consequently, the young adults today suffer from feelings of insecurity and shallowness deep inside.

On various social media platforms, as people view one another's profiles, they compare a lot as well. They wish to portray their lives in as perfect a way as possible. With the number of followers they can have on Instagram and the number of likes they can get on Facebook, they can enjoy the status of a celebrity. They start thinking extremely highly of themselves. Moreover, they have become more and more obsessed with their pictures and the attention they receive through them. Not only does this add on to their craving for attention but also it diverts their attention from indulging in any useful activities to develop themselves which causes them to become even

more and more insecure. Sadly, many of our youth have become trapped in this vicious cycle.

According to a spiritual leader, people today are being manufactured to be able to serve the economy. People are incentivized to get higher and higher offices for themselves. There is a dark cut-throat competition amongst the employees. People are ready to do anything to outshine their colleagues and do not mind being ruthless. Here, there is no place for empathy and compassion for one's fellow beings. Inter-personal relationships do not count. People are ready to manipulate and misguide other people for the sake of their ambitions and the person who is able to do this is considered to be 'smart'.

Lack Of Parental Love is also another reason of narcissist epidemic. The attention and affection that a child receives in his growing age are very important for his perception of himself and the world around. Children are increasingly becoming subject to neglect. Their emotional needs from the primary care-giver remain unmet. As a result, they look for ways to fulfill their need for attention. They could become histrionic and frustrated within. Further, the modern youth is brainwashed to make a name for himself. Often, contacts are made with people so that they are useful for the other person. The bonds of friendship and genuine care and concern are absent. In the past, people were obliged to be kind to and help their fellow beings. This ideology is becoming less and less important now.

The healthy self-love is being replaced by an unwholesome obsession with one's wants and desires. Beneath all the show-bizz and glamour, the human is becoming more and more lonely and self-absorbed. The narcissist epidemic could be carried to the generations to come.

Mind Mapping Benefits: Based on Research!

By- Md. Nasir Khan

During a training session a student asked me: How is Mind Mapping linked to thinking? My answer was simple: "The soul never thinks without a mental image." ~Aristotle. During June this year (2020), I coached a small team of graduates on how to Mind Map and memorize anything you learn; a few tips on note-taking and productive learning. Few days later some of the delegates visited me and expressed how easily they could capture and learn any information within few minutes after they Mind Mapped an information. Learning has now become more fun and a never tiring brain exercise as was before. The visual nature of a mind map helped you recall information better. The simplicity of mind mapping allowed you to capture your ideas more quickly.

Research-Backed Benefits:

According to research, mind mapping improves learning, information recall, productivity, creativity, and more.

1. It Enables Meaningful Learning In "Making Learning Visible: The Role of Concept Mapping in Higher Education," researchers define three levels of learning:

Non-learning is used to describe a state where there's no measurable difference between a student's knowledge before and after being taught new material.

rote learning is used to describe

when new knowledge is learned but not connected to any existing knowledge a student has on the subject.

Meaningful learning is used to describe when students have acquired new knowledge and have connected that new knowledge to knowledge they already had.

The researchers define meaningful learning as change, which is "a consequence of the integration of new material and the prior knowledge structure." It was confirmed during the research that Mind Mapping helps a learner connects existing ideas with the new knowledge. Mind Map evolves around a central idea and form connections between ideas; existing and new; and begin to exaggerate the information making associations.

2. It Helps with Memorization and Retention

Back when writing things down was much more expensive and time-consuming, Greeks and Romans used a visualization technique called loci to memorize and recall information. Essentially, they would develop mental visuals for the things they needed to remember, allowing them to recall large amounts of information—such as an entire speech—at will. Mind mapping is a similar technique to loci, and as W. Martin Davies writes in his study "Concept Mapping, Mind Mapping and Argument Mapping: What are the

Differences and Do They Matter," it provides the same benefits for memorization and information retention.

"Diagrams are more easily stored in memory than other kinds of representational formats," Davies writes. "Mind Maps allow the separate encoding of information in memory in visual and well as propositional (written) form."

In another study—**"The Efficacy of the Mind Map Study Technique"**—researchers found that studying with mind maps helped boost retention by 10-15%.

3. It's a More Engaging Form of Learning Davies also argues that "meaningful engagement is a critical factor in promoting deeper learning." Unfortunately, some of the most common learning methods—such as listening to a lecture or reading a textbook—do not create meaningful engagement. When you Mind Map you actively engage in the process of brainstorming, generate ideas by making associations and connections. Davies suggests the use of Mind Maps as a process of active learning tool and insists students to create Mind maps of their learning and compare it with their classmates for additional learning activities.

4. It Makes Complex Issues Easier to Understand In his 2017 survey, Chuck Frey of Mind Mapping Software Blog, most respondents said that the biggest benefit of mind mapping is that it helps them form an "improved understanding of complex issues." One major factor how a complex issue can be made easier to

understand using Mind Map is its power to overview and its radiant and organic nature.

Survey results show that mind mapping simplifies these complex tasks:

92% of respondents said that mind mapping helps them "distill information and reach clarity faster" 83% said mind mapping helps them "share their ideas with greater clarity and impact"

81% said mind mapping helps them "manage projects more efficiently" 67% said it helps them "identify the root causes of business problems" And when Frey asked respondents "Does your mind mapping enable you to tackle more complex tasks and projects that you would have previously avoided?" 67% said yes.

Chuck Frey conduct this survey every two year to uncover the use cases for and benefits of Mind Mapping in business.

5. It Improves Your Productivity One key takeaway from Frey's survey was that it boosts your productivity. Frey writes: "On average, mind mapping helps executives to be 20-30% more productive in their work." That finding, he says, has been consistent across every survey he's conducted in eight years.

16.7% of the respondents to Frey's survey say that mind mapping saves them 7+ hours a week. Another 30.7% say it saves them 3-7 hours per week, and 41.4% say it saves them 1-3 hours per week.

6. It Ignites Your Creativity Frey's survey uncover that Mind Mapping ignites creativity. In fact, beginner and expert users alike said that mind mapping provides them with a 50% increase in creativity.

According to Mark Dykeman, mind mapping helps ignite your creativity because you can "get your ideas on paper as quickly as possible, and "you can empty out your head when inspiration strikes."

"Mind mapping is a technique based on memory and creativity and comprehension and understanding, so when the student or a child uses the mind map, they are using their brain in the way their brain was designed to be used, and so the mind helps them in all learning and cognitive skills. It simply helps them in what the brain does naturally." ~ Tony Buzan, Inventor of Mind Mapping.

7. It Improves Your Writing

In a 2009 study, researchers looked at the writing of two groups of students. One group received traditional in-class writing instruction with textbooks and lectures. The second group received this instruction as well as mind mapping that they were instructed to use for each writing assignment. The study found that students in the group that used mind mapping "made higher gains in writing achievement as a result." Their results "showed more relevant details and better organized and connected ideas than paragraphs written by the control groups."

In my research between 2018 and mid of 2020, to 1000s of teachers and over 1000s of students which I personally coached; 90% of the respondents says they are more organized and improve their comprehension after using Mind Maps. One reason they cited is the use of key words, images, codes, colors and the organic nature of the Mind Maps.

The Biggest Mind Mapping Benefit Is Its Flexibility

We've seen that there are no limitations on the use of Mind Mapping. Ranging from a school child to an administrator of an office, Mind Mapping generates creative thinking skills, presents an idea into pictures in a single page and help solves complex problems with easy overviewing nature, easy to memorize an information and easy reviewing; and the best note-taking tool.

Here are a few examples:

Ø Teachers can use Mind Map to lesson plan, prepare presentation, analysis, reviews etc.

Ø Students can use to take notes, exam revisions, memorizing, brainstorming, creativity etc.

Ø Research team can use to brainstorm and collaborate

Ø Writers can use to sketch out their stories and character profile

Ø Speakers can use to sketch out their speech and talks non-stop without looking at any hand out notes

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Procurement of goods from bordering countries barred

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, July 26:

The Union Government has amended the "General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017" to enable imposition of restrictions on bidders from countries which share a land border with India on grounds of defence of India, or matters directly or indirectly related thereto including national security.

But the notifications did not mention names of any particular country or group of countries. The GFR laws regulate all matters related to public finance. The order takes into its ambit all public sector companies, autonomous bodies and public-private partnership (PPP) projects receiving financial support from the government. State government and its undertakings have been also directed to follow the suit. However, countries to which India extends lines of credit or provides development assistance have been exempted from the requirement of prior registration. The new provisions will apply to all new tenders. In respect of

tenders already invited, if the first stage of evaluation of all qualifications has not been completed, bidders who are not registered under the new order will be treated as not qualified. But relaxation has been provided in certain limited cases, including for procurement of medical supplies for containment of Covid-19 global pandemic till 31 December, 2020. The Department of Expenditure, an arm of the finance ministry, issued two separate orders on late Thursday night. While the first order barred public procurements from countries sharing land-borders with India, the second gave exemptions to certain

neighbours whom India offers lines of credit. The countries could be neighbours such as Nepal and Bhutan. Bidders from countries that are barred could bid in any procurement whether of goods, services, including consultancy services only if the bidder is registered with "the Competent Authority", the order said. "The Competent Authority for registration will be the Registration Committee constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Political and security clearance from the Ministries of External and Home Affairs respectively will be mandatory".

PCA endorses Padma Shree to Guwahati Praan Dhiren Barua

IT correspondent
Guwahati, July 26:



Press Club of Assam (PCA) bats for due national recognitions to Guwahati Praan Dhiren Barua, who has been leading voluntary organisation Save Guwahati Build Guwahati (SGBG) for decades. Nonagenarian Barua is synonymous to various social activities for the development of the pre-historic city of Guwahati. Resident of Ambari lamb road locality in the city, Barua was conferred the honour as Guwahati Praan (life/soul) by more than ten active organisations in a public meeting held at Vivekananda centre on 10 August 2013 as an acknowledgment to his selfless services to the city and its millions of residents. An active participant in the socialist movement during Sixties, Barua remains a voluntary worker since early Seventies. He was a part of the movement for Gauhati Medical College and Dr Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute in the city. The founder secretary of Uzanbazar market committee, Barua was instrumental in the formation of Guwahati Mahanagar Suraksha Samiti with the legendary socialist leader Lakshyadhar Choudhury in

1990. Later it was reorganized as the SGBG in 1998 and Barua served as its founder president. He also served Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) as its chairman. Barua was also a part of the memorandum sent to then Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh along with 85 Parliamentarians for constitutional safeguards to the indigenous people of Assam on the basis of 1951. He was lovingly called as Soru (young) Barua by Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika and appreciated his works as a social activist. Barua was a close associate of eloquent Assamese Parliamentarian Hem Barua. He was also associated with revolutionary

stalwarts like Radha Govinda Baruah, Dr Bhubaneswar Borooah and a few others who served the flavor of Ronagli Bihu to Latasil playground in 1952. He remained a trusted associate of RG Baruah to start the Nehru stadium project in the heart of the city. "We believe that it is high time for Assam government to take initiative for a national award conferred on Dhiren Barua as an appreciation to his prolonged services to the face of northeast India," said a statement issued by PCA president Er Kailas Sarma, working president Er NJ Thakuria and general secretary Hiren Chandra Kalita adding that a distinguished personality like Dhiren Barua should duly be honoured with Padma Shree.

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PM Modi salutes brave soldiers..

He said that these days, battles are fought not just on borders but within the country too on many fronts simultaneously. He said every citizen has to decide his or her role in that. Mr Modi said India has fought against COVID 19 unitedly and the recovery rate is better as compared to other countries. He said the mortality rate is much less as well compared to most countries. He said the loss of even one life is saddening, but India has succeeded in saving the lives of millions of people. The Prime Minister cautioned the people to remain extra vigilant as the hazards of Corona are far from over. He advised everyone to wear face masks whenever they are out in public in order to protect themselves and others from the disease. Mr. Modi urged the youth and people to take a pledge of freedom from the pandemic this Independence day. He asked people to take a resolve for a Self reliant India, a resolve to learn and teach something new and a resolve to earnestly carry out duties.

Madhubani motifs which are very popular. These Madhubani masks propagate regional tradition, protect health and also create opportunities for livelihood. He praised artisans of Tripura, Manipur and Assam for crafting high quality eco friendly water bottles and Tiffin-boxes from Bamboo. He also mentioned in Bishunpur, Jharkhand are collectively cultivating lemongrass. Mr Modi said many innovations are taking place for enhancing fruit quality, productivity and yield. He named the chooli or apricot fruit in Ladakh and Dragon Fruit in Kutch which have the power to transform the economy of the region. He said innovations are being adopted by local growers to avoid spoilage. Stressing on the need for innovation, Prime Minister Modi talked about how the youth in Bihar have started to cultivate pearls after gathering information and taking training in Jaipur and Bhubaneswar. They are not only earning and becoming self reliant but also training the migrant labourers returning from other states at Muzaffarpur, Begusarai and Patna.

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Managing Director of Coconut Media Box LLP, Mr.RashminMajithia shared that Chai-Wai&Rangmanch is the biggest activity for

theatre practitioners, speakers from various cultures, age groups and despite not being conversant with the online process, willingly consented. A Few senior Theatre Experts who are 80+ years old too, enthusiastically joined the fray.

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Unfortunately the Indian Theatre Industry has minimal support from the audience, corporates and other bodies compared to Bollywood, Sports, Music and other Digital Entertainment Platforms but this rising IP has made a promising start by showcasing the best names during this pandemic. The response too is very encouraging. Both Indian and International Theatre Fraternity appreciated the initiative of these sessions.

"The objective is to connect entire Theatre Fraternity LOCALLY & GLOBALLY be on one platform to emphasize avenue of learning also to build a career. Our vision is to achieve 108+ sessions by 3rd August 2020. This archive will be available shortly on Coconut Theatre YouTube Channel with no cost."

(Shared by Mr. RashminMajithia - Managing Director - Coconut Media Box LLP)

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In Assam, 26 lakh people are still reeling under the fury of flood though the situation is slightly improved in the state. 3 persons died today taking the death toll to 100. 48 thousand people are staying at relief camps and relief materials are being distributed to them. Dhubri, Barpeta, Morigaon, Goalpara are among the worst affected districts.

NDRF and SDRF are carrying out relief and rescue works. Meanwhile, official sources said that social audit will be conducted to ensure transparency of relief measures once the situation improves. In Bihar, the situation continues to be grim in flood affected areas of the state. The worst affected districts are Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Sitamarhi, Supaul and West Champaran. About 11 lakh

people spread over ten districts are reeling under the impact of flood. Relief are rescue operations are in full swing. Three helicopters of Indian Air Force are carrying out relief operations in flood affected areas. Over twenty thousand dry food packets along with essentials have been dropped among marooned people. 22 teams of NDRF and SDRF have been pressed into service. About one lakh

affected people have been shifted to safer places and 15 thousand people have taken shelter in 28 relief camps. 34 people lost their lives in flood related incidents. Vehicular traffic has been disrupted. Train movements on Darbhanga- Samastipur and Narkatiaganj - Sugauli rail section of East - Central Railway has been suspended on the third consecutive day. Long route trains have been diverted on alternative

routes. Major rivers including Bagmati, Burhi Gandak and Kamla Balan are flowing above danger marks. Ganga, Punpun and Ghagra are maintaining a rising trend. Met Department predicts heavy rainfall in catchment areas of Nepal and Bihar in the next 24 hours. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced a gratuitous relief of rupees six thousand to each flood affected family through direct benefit transfer.

Sports News

Premier League reaches climax with plenty still at stake

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After nearly 12 months, here's what is still at stake in the Premier League: CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Manchester United, Chelsea and Leicester are fighting for the remaining two Champions League qualification positions behind champion Liverpool and second-place Manchester City, and only one point separates the three teams.

Intriguingly, two of them face off on the final day, with Leicester hosting United at King Power Stadium. United is third on goal difference ahead of Chelsea, with Leicester a point behind. A draw guarantees United a top-four finish and would also see Leicester qualify if Chelsea, which has a vastly inferior goal difference to its two rivals, loses at home against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Chelsea is guaranteed a return to the Champions League with a win or a draw. EUROPA LEAGUE The teams finishing in fifth

and sixth place will qualify for the Europa League. So, too, will the seventh-place team if Chelsea wins the FA Cup against Arsenal. One of Chelsea, Leicester, and United is sure to take one of the spots while the other will go to Wolves or Tottenham. Wolves, currently in sixth place and a point ahead of seventh-place Tottenham, is guaranteed a second straight season in the Europa League with a win at Chelsea. If Wolves lose, Tottenham can climb to sixth with a draw or win at Crystal Palace. If Arsenal wins the FA Cup, it will qualify for the Europa League and deny the seventh-place finisher that reward.

RELEGATION Three teams — Aston Villa, Watford and Bournemouth — are battling to avoid the two remaining relegation spots alongside already-demoted Norwich. Villa is the team outside the bottom three, but only because of its superior goal difference of plus-1 over Watford. Bournemouth is three points back in next-to-last place and has the same

goal difference as Watford (minus-27). All three teams are away, Villa at West Ham, Watford at Arsenal and Bournemouth at Everton. Not only does Bournemouth have to win to stay up to ensure a sixth straight season in the top league, it also needs both Villa and Watford to lose. GOLDEN BOOT Leicester striker Jamie Vardy is on course to win the Golden Boot scoring trophy for the first time.

Vardy leads the league with 23 goals for the season, two clear of Southampton striker Danny Ings and three ahead of Arsenal forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang. A goal further back are Manchester City winger Raheem Sterling and Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah, who is looking to collect the Golden Boot for the third straight season since moving to Anfield. Salah has four goals to make up on Vardy, though, in Liverpool's match at Newcastle. Sterling is up against Norwich. Ings, who plays at home

against Sheffield United, looks the likeliest to catch Vardy in what is his most prolific season in the top division. FAREWELLS David Silva will play his final Premier League game for Man City before he leaves the club after 10 years.

It is unlikely to be the last time fans see the man they call "El Mago" in a City jersey, though, with the team still involved in the

Champions League. Adam Lallana is leaving Liverpool after six years so he should get some game time in the champions' last outing of the season, while this could be the last match for their clubs for Chelsea wingers Willian and Pedro Rodriguez, Tottenham defender Jan Vertonghen and Arsenal midfielder Dani Ceballos. They have contracts only until the end of the extended season.

Haryana to host 4th Khelo India Youth Games

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Haryana will host the 4th Khelo India Youth Games. Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced this through video conferencing. Khelo India Youth Games is scheduled to take place after Tokyo Olympics next year. The Games will be held at Panchkula in Haryana. Mr

Rijiju said, usually the Khelo India Youth Games take place in January every year. He said, however, this time owing to the pandemic, we have to postpone it. The Minister has expressed confidence that by the time we host the Games the pandemic will abate and we will be able to host the Games at the same scale, with participation of all states and over 10 thousand participants.

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