

## CM inaugurates various projects through video conferencing

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated five Water Supply projects, one office building of Weight and Measures Department and Rapid Antigen Detection Testing Centre at Jiribam through video conferencing from the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Imphal today. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister informed that with a strong commitment, the government could complete various developmental projects in the State. With the co-operation and support of the people, such projects have been inaugurated within a stipulated time period. The Chief Minister said that the New Development Bank has sanctioned Rs 3,000 crore to provide potable water to every household of the state. All the necessary processes including tenders, issue of work order etc. have been completed and the State government has requested Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to grace the foundation

stone laying ceremony which will be held shortly, he added. He appealed to the CSOs, people and others concerned not to create any hindrances in the developmental activities being taken up in the State. Mentioning about the situation of COVID-19 in the State, the Chief Minister said that the recovery rate of COVID-19 patients have reached more than 53 percent and there is no casualty so far in the State. He mentioned that people should take all precautionary measures to fight the disease and should abide to all the protocols and SOPs issued by Health Ministry and Government. With the inauguration of Rapid Antigen Detection Centre in Jiribam, Chief Minister said that it will help in early detection of coronavirus infection and quick diagnosis. He said that the testing facilities will also be made available to other districts of the State very soon. Around 15,000 rapid testing kits have been supplied to the State government till now, he added. Regarding the opening of

Covid Care Centre at Jiribam district, Chief Minister stated that the government has not taken any decision to convert the Jiribam district hospital into Covid Care Centre. However, the government is planning to open a Covid Care Centre in Jiribam district so that the coronavirus infected patients can be treated at the district itself. Minister for PHE Losii Dikho said that the government is committed to provide potable water to all the household of the State by the year 2022. He mentioned that with the cooperation of the people, the construction of Water supply scheme for Churachandpur was completed eight months before the stipulated time period. He also appreciated the implementing agency viz. SPML Infra. Ltd. Kolkata for their dedication to complete the work before the stipulated time period. He appealed the people of the State to support and cooperation in developmental activities taken up by the government for the welfare of the people. Mentioned may be made that

the Integrated Water Supply Project for Imphal Planning Area Ph-I (15.89 MLD) at Koirengei was constructed at the project cost of Rs. 8.58 crores. The construction of 15.89 MLD (Million per day) capacity project was started in March 2018 and completed in March 2020. The Integrated Water Supply Project for Imphal Planning Area Ph-I (0.80 ML) i/c Pumping Station at Sangakpham was constructed at the project cost of Rs. 4.44 crores. The construction of 0.80 ML capacity project was started in March 2018 and completed in March 2019. The Integrated Water Supply Project for Imphal Planning Area Ph-I (Water Treatment Plant (9.08 MLD) at Canchpur was constructed at the project cost of Rs. 6.10 crores. The construction of 15.89 MLD (Million per day) capacity project was started in March 2018 and completed in March 2020. The Water Supply Scheme at Heingang Awang Leikai was constructed at the project cost of Rs. 5.88 crores. The

construction of 0.384 MLD (Million per day) capacity project was started in August 2018 and completed in March 2020. The Water Supply distribution network for Churachandpur for promoting tourism under NESIDS was constructed at the project cost of Rs. 2339.36 Lakhs. The construction of the project was started in February 2019 and completed in June 2020. The Office Building of Controller of Legal Metrology and R&D Centre, Lamphel was constructed at a project cost of Rs. 2 crores during 2018-19. Minister for CAF&PD Shri Karam Shyam, Minister for Agriculture V. Hangkhanlian, Deputy Chairman of State Planning Board S. Rajen Singh, MLA Okram Henry, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Principal Secretary (Health) V. Vumlunmang, Commissioner (PHE) Nidhi Kesarwani, Secretary to Chief Minister Ningthoujam Geoffrey, Chief Engineer (PHE) H. Sunil and others attended the function.

## Robinhood on 5<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Robinhood

JCILPS not satisfy with the present ILPS in Manipur, calls it toothless regulations

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Amidst the lockdown called to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, people from all wakes of lives today paid fitting tribute to the memorials of Sapam Robinhood on his 5<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary observance at Lamjing Mera Ching formerly known as Awa Ching at Nongmaiching in the Imphal East District of Manipur. The number of people attended today is comparably less due to the ongoing lockdown but the observance is significant as it reminds the sacrifice of Robinhood to protect the indigenous people of the region. "We have no reason to be happy about the introduction of the Inner Line permit system under the Eastern Bengal frontier regulation, it is a toothless regulation that have no proper provision to protect the indigenous people", YK

Dhiren Convenir of the JCILPS said talking to reporters at the sideline of the observance. He further added that the base year demanded has not been heard and the definition of who are the indigenous people has not been properly mentioned in the regulation. Dhiren further cautioned the government of India for playing divide and rule among the communities of the reason by implanting various plots. He said the JCILPS vehemently opposed the delimitation based on the 2001 census data and this is also being played as a tool to divide the hill and plain people. Sapam Robinhood a student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School, died after he was hit by bullet fired by security force while demonstrating a protest demanding implementation of inner line Permit system in the state Manipur on this day of 2015.

## COVID-19 vaccine is 6 months away says SII CEO

By Raju Vernekar  
Pune, July 8:

"Mylabs Discovery Solutions"(MDS) and Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) on Tuesday launched an automated test kit to detect Covid-19 and claimed that it minimises human interaction and reduces time and can conduct 32 tests per hour. Launching the test kit, an "Automated Molecular Covid Test Machine"(AMCTM), SII CEO Adar Poonawalla said increasing testing rate in India is the "need of the hour" and AMCTM eliminates the infrastructure and capital requirement needed to set up a molecular lab. At present there is a backlog

of more than two to three days in testing swabs for Covid-19 in Mumbai and Pune and this machine can ease out that backlog. Poonawalla said and added that the AMCTM, is also capable of carrying out tests for other ailments as well. The private labs would be paying Rs 1,000 for every test conducted using this machine and for public the price would be around Rs 2,500 per test. MDS Director Hasmukh Rawal, said at present there are two variants of AMCTM. The bigger machine costs Rs 40 lakh and the smaller one (having the capacity to test eight samples per hour) is relatively cheaper. SII, which produces 150 crore vaccine doses a year across

the globe, is working on three vaccine candidates developed by the UK's University of "Oxford", US-based "Codagenix" and Austrian biotech firm "Themis". When asked about a vaccines for Covid-19, Poonawalla said that they are at least two years away, but a few may get ready by the end of the year. "We don't want to take any step in a haste," he said, adding that a vaccine is at least six months away from today. If the vaccine currently under trials by Oxford University in collaboration with British pharma giant "AstraZeneca" succeeds, it may become the first to come out by the end of the year. Some companies like US-based "Moderna" and

"Oxford" are ahead in the development of a vaccine, Poonawalla said. SII plans to manufacture 50 lakh dosages in the first six months. After clinical trials prove successful, we will be able to produce 100 crore dosages per month and our effort will be to provide maximum dosages to India, he added. It is to be noted that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has already announced to introduce anti-COVID-19 vaccine (Co-vaccine) being manufactured by the Hyderabad based "Bharat Biotech International Limited" by Independence day. Poonawalla's statement assumes significance in this context.

## Webinar Workshop on Adventure Sports concluded

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Two days Webinar Workshop on Adventure Sports jointly organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Science, Manipur University, Fit India Campaign Committee and Fit India Club Manipur University, Canchpur in collaboration with Indian Mountaineering Foundation, North East Zone which begins from July 7 at Manipur University, Canchpur concluded today. Around 200 participants attended in this Webinar Workshop from entire country. The main ideas of Two days Webinar Workshop

on Adventure Sports is to provide a carefully planned stimulating environment which will help each individual and excellent foundation for creative learning. Jamail Singh, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University, and chief guest of the inaugural function expressed with his happiness that an adventure is an exciting experience that is typically some potential for physical danger and participating in extreme sports. Dr. L. Santosh Singh, Coordinator, Adventure Sports, he addressing as key note address for this 2 day State Level Webinar Workshop on Adventure Sports. During this Workshop,

three eminent speakers namely Dr. K. Romeo Meetei, State Awardee, Secy. IMF NE Zone, presented the topics on "Introduction of adventure sports and its importance", The session was conducted by Dr. M. Nodiyachand Singh as moderator. Dr. L. Surjit Singh, former president of MMTA, Imphal presented the topic on "Prospects of adventure sports and adventure tourism in Manipur" and Dr. L. Thambal Singh, as moderator. Smt. G. Anita Devi, Padmasree Awardee Chairperson, IMF NE Zone presented topic on "My Journey to Mt. Everest" and Dr. M. Chourjit Singh as moderator.

## CORCOM convey wishes in connection with its 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

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Proscribed group the Coordination Committee (CorCom) has conveyed solidarity to the people who have been reeling under extreme misery on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. A statement issued by CorCom convenor I. Choren on the occasion of its 9th foundation day conveyed best wishes to all revolutionary groups and the peoples of WESEA. Since Manipur (Kangleipak) was "forcibly merged" into the Indian Union in 1949, people are being denied the right to self-rule, alleged CorCom and added that on the other hand, the electoral system followed in India is the lowest form of democracy. In terms of freedom of press and democracy, India is placed

among the lowest ranked countries. The Constitution of Manipur which was drafted in 1947 testifies that democracy had taken firm roots in the State. But India which was built up under British colonialism and is based on casteism has been working hard to turn Manipur into a captive market of intoxicants, alleged CorCom further. By driving wedges among the indigenous people, the Government has also groomed many compradors and puppets, the CorCom alleged. With the State Government always acting at the behest of the Government of India, it is still unable to formulate any comprehensive and effective health policy. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a case of purchasing sub-standard masks and medically unapproved PPE by the State

Government. Even though Manipur was initially categorised as a green zone, it is now one of the States in the entire WESEA which have very high COVID-19 cases, the committee noted. It said that the Government is still unable to work out a feasible plan to bring the State out of the lockdown successfully. All the people of Manipur and daily wage earners in particular have been reeling under extreme misery on account of the protracted lockdown. The Government has not yet bothered to think about how rickshaw pullers, auto drivers, porters, construction workers, sand miners, vegetable and fruit vendors have been living all these days of lockdown, it remarked. Even though the COVID-19 pandemic brought an opportunity to the State to develop an economy of its own, the State would certainly

miss this opportunity because the principle of peace co-existence has been poisoned, CorCom said. It asserted that politicians of the State who have been intoxicated by the Indian electoral system are not in a position to take a single decision for the State independently. With the politicians highly corrupted and given to a habit of dependence and begging, the Government can never save the masses from any pandemic or epidemic like COVID-19, it alleged. "The petty politics of hopping from one party to another witnessed recently in the State in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic only exposed that our National character has been corrupted to the extreme", the CorCom remarked. The Machiavellian politics of justifying everything with power and money and an ugly fight for

seats of power are clearly visible in the State. Manipuri people will become a subject of scorn and mockery if such ugly and shameless politics are not checked in time, it cautioned. Confirmation of groups of people staying together in quarantine centres as COVID-19 positive is a clear indication that there is 'lateral transmission'. Another factor for transmission of COVID-19 among inmates of quarantine centres is poor accommodation facility. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has been saying that community transmission is a strong possibility once there is lateral transmission. As such, the Government as well as the people should be very careful, it said. Even though leaders of the incumbent State Government are arrogant and do not listen to each other, there are signs that they are easily swayed by

non-local bureaucrats. These politicians have been treating the institute of Government as a commodity. That was why, they were fighting for Ministerial posts shamelessly, without giving any thought to the suffering of the masses. With the politicians fighting against each other for power and money, people have been left to themselves to fight the COVID-19 pandemic with their own resources and wisdom, it asserted. Had the people of Ukhrul and Tunglej not taken up stringent preventive measures at the community level and set up quarantine centres, Manipur would have been facing serious crisis of community transmission. What the people of Ukhrul and Tunglej did is worth emulating, it said. Instead of putting faith in the Government, people need to enforce strict disciplinary

rules at the community level so as to thwart any chance of community transmission in the State, the CorCom continued. One should not let one's guard down just because one's sample has been tested negative. There is a term 'false negative' in the terminology of COVID-19. 'False negative' means a person with COVID-19 tests negative for COVID-19. There is also another term 'false positive' which means a person without COVID-19 tests positive for COVID-19, it elaborated. Experts have pointed out that 30 per cent of the PCR test results for COVID-19 may turn out to be false or erroneous. As such, even if one's sample has been tested negative, physical distance should be maintained at home so as to save young children and elderly people from COVID-19, it continued.

# ★ Editorial

## Conquering the art of bloody politics

An egalitarian society runs with the wisdom of good politicians. And the wisdom of a politician comes from a good company. That is perhaps the reason for the human being to believe in a democratic form of government rather than living in a monarchy or autocratic state. But when the company of the politician turns rather like a prostitute, then anger, anguish, and frustration haunt the people including the state subjects. According to Indian great scholar Chanakya, "The prostitute deserts a customer when he becomes bankrupt. The subjects desert a powerless king". So, it is not only important for a politician who takes the lead role in running the state, to segregate who are prostitutes and who are real friends among those who actually or pretended to give the so called good advice. Or else, politics which is an ingredient part of running an egalitarian state sometimes turn bloody, either due to the arrogant nature of the man leading the society or due to lack of understanding in the segregation of who is a prostitute or who are real friends encircling around him.

It will be over speculation to consider all politicians who have been elected by the people to represent them and run the society as bloody politicians. But those around him are those making him performing the role of bloody politics. Again, it is worth remembering Chanakya's word - "Shun a friend who speaks fair on the face but acts foul in the absence, like a pitcher filled with venom but having milk in the opening". Such a friend or in other words such advisors or close associates who use to be near and dear ones of the politician are not friends at all, and the leader should understand that such people are more dangerous than enemies.

Bloody politics is what the people of Manipur have been witnessing since the last many decades. The picture comes clearer during the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly where a coalition government led by the BJP, with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh runs the state. The unfortunate part is that there has not been a game of first among the equals - a political revelation of who should be leading the team who has been elected by their respective people on equal status. Thus, the present team running the state has no idea that a separation from the team, an insult by the close relations, unpaid debt, and association with the crooked incinerate the whole team even without fire.

This is what we the people of the state of Manipur have been seeing. As the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly has been crowded with many newcomers, who had never tested to prove themselves as first among the equal, many played games with fire for some selfish gain. The bloody game has started since the inception of this government and it is not yet over now.

To all the politicians, who have been handed over people's mandate to run the society - "A man doing some noble deeds and living for a very short duration is more welcome in this world than a man living for many years but working against the welfare of the world?" - Chanakya.

## IJU Concern over Police Complaint Against Shillong Times Editor

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The Indian Journalists Union (IJU) has expressed serious concern over a police complaint by Laisohtun village council against *The Shillong Times* editor Patricia Mukhim on Monday for a social media post. The village council filed the complaint against Mukhim, alleging that her comments on Facebook about the attack on six non-tribal youths in Laisohtun village last week could incite communal tension. He further state that IJU President and former Member, Press Council of India Geetarth Pathak and Secretary General and Vice President, International Federation of Journalists Sabina Inderjit said that if the village council is aggrieved on Mukhim's Facebook posting or writing in any media outlet it may issue a clarification on her comments/report in concerned media which is the norm set by Press Council of India and other international media regulatory bodies. Filing police case for an opinion or any posting in social media/report in newspapers/electronic media/portals against a journalist is

nothing but violation of freedom of press and freedom of speech it added.

The IJU appeals to concerned leaders of the village council to withdraw the complaint and issue a press release and express its stands. Since a village council is a democratic institution it is expected it follow norms and respect freedom of press, the statement said.

The media had reported that on July 3, some masked miscreants armed with iron rods and sticks had attacked six boys on a basketball court in Laisohtun village. Mukhim had in her FB post tagged to Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said the incident was "unacceptable". No arrests have been made in the case so far. Eleven suspects have been detained for questioning, East Khasi Hills district Superintendent of Police Sylvester Nongtynger had told PTI.

IJU leaders said the incident is unfortunate and the matter should be settled through dialogue and mutual understanding on the basis of the doctrine of freedom of speech and responsibility on socially sensitive issues.

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In Computer Science, artificial intelligence (AI), sometimes called machine intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans. Colloquially, the term AI is often used to describe machines (or computers) that mimic cognitive functions that humans associate with the human mind such as learning and problem solving. As machines becomes increasingly capable, task considered to require "intelligence" are often removed from the definition of AI by a phenomenon known as the A.I effect. In 21<sup>st</sup> century, AI techniques have experienced a resurgence following concurrent advances in computer power, large amounts of data and theoretical understanding; and AI techniques have become an essential part of the technology, industry, helping to solve many problems in computer science, software engineering and operation research.

Computer science defines AI research as the study of "intelligent agents": any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chance of successfully achieving its goals. A more elaborate definition of characterizes AI as "a system's ability to correctly interpret external data, to learn from such data and to use those learnings to achieve specific goals and tasks through flexible adaptation. Compared with humans, existing AI lacks several features of human "common sense reasoning", most notably humans have powerful mechanisms for reasoning about "naïve physics" such as space, time and physical interactions. This enables even young children to easily make inferences. Humans also have a powerful mechanism of "folk psychology" that helps them to

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interpret natural language sentences. This lack of common knowledge means that AI often makes different mistakes than humans make in a way that can seem incomprehensible.

There are four types of Artificial intelligence viz: reactive machines; limited memory; theory of mind & self-awareness. Theoretical AI says that intelligence ( be it natural or artificial) has three types: Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI); Artificial General Intelligence (AGI); Artificial Super Intelligence (ASI). Artificial Intelligence (AI) is bringing a drastic changes in technological fields, where it can be implemented to automate the system for more efficiency and performance. AI is now getting used in multiple fields from simply your mobile phone to diagnosing the diseases providing a high -performance and accurate system work with efficiency. Alexa, Siri and Google Assistance are the virtual assistance services while automated bots answering the questions of customers are AI based chatbot's working with best performance. In agriculture sector Autonomous Tractors and Drone monitoring are used to enhance the productivity and crop yield of farm lands. Robots and automated machines are also used in these fields to monitor the health condition of crop and harvesting. Autonomous Vehicles or Self-driving Cars are the other examples of AI, fully integrated into such system to make the machine work automatically while understanding the nearby surroundings and real life scenario of the environment. AI based face recognition and biometric system helping to keep track the humans' beings and provide them a safe zone to live. Security cameras and other surveillance equipment's are widely used to keep the cities and habitat safe. Automated warehousing and supply chain management is reducing the manpower and helping storage companies to manage the huge amount of stock or inventory with proper management and supply system. This system is also helping e-commerce sector to operate with better efficiency and improve their operating margins. AI based

automated warehousing management system is not only getting benefits but machine learning is improving the online shopping experience of customers. This technology is also providing the insights or the customers to companies using the sentiment and analysis services to understand their customers' sentiments and offer them better products and services to gain more market share in the industry. Similarly, in healthcare sector, AI is playing a vital role in empowering the machines to diagnosis, analyse and predict the various types of diseases, monitor the patients' health conditions and help scientists to explore the new drug discoveries and medicine development helping people to get well soon and avoid health problems in their life. However, AI is possible into these things only when a model is well trained through right machine learning data using suitable algorithms to make it fully functional into their relevant fields. Java, Python, Lisp, Prolog and C++ are major AI programming language used for AI capable of satisfying different needs in the development and designing of different software.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is doing a lot of good and will continue to provide many benefits for our modern world, but along with the good, there will inevitably be negative consequences. The sooner we begin to contemplate what those might be, the better equipped we will be to mitigate and manage the dangers. Legendary physicist "Stephen Hawking" shared this ominous warning: "Success in creating effective AI could be the biggest event in the history of our civilization or the worst". So we cannot know if we will be infinitely helped by AI or ignored by it and side-lined or conceivably destroyed by it. The first step is being able to prepare for the negative impact of artificial intelligence is to consider what some of those negative impacts might be. Since AI algorithms are built by humans, they can have built-in bias by those who either intentionally or inadvertently introduce them into the algorithm. If AI algorithms are built with a bias or the data in the training sets they are given to learn from is biased

, they will produce result that are biased, this reality could lead to unintended consequences. While many jobs will be created by artificial intelligence and many people predict a net increase in jobs or at least anticipate the same amount will be created to replace the ones that are lost thanks to AI technology, there will be jobs people do today that machines will take over. If AI takes over menial tasks and allows humans to significantly reduce the amount of time they need to spend at a job, the extra freedom might seem like a utopia at first glance. However, in order to feel their life has a purpose, humans will need to channel their newfound freedom into new activities that give them the same social and mental benefits that their job used to provide. While our World is a much smaller place than even before because of technology this also means that AI technology that require new laws and regulations will be used to be determined among various government to allow safe & effective global interactions. Since we are no longer isolated from one another, the actions and decisions regarding artificial intelligence in one country could adversely affect others very easily, so global AI regulations are very important. Artificial intelligence accelerate hacking, because with automation nefarious act such as phishing, delivery of viruses to software and taking advantage of AI system because of the way they see the World, might be difficult for humanity uncover until there is a real quagmire to deal with, similarly, there may be new AI-enabled form of terrorism to deal with too. AI has made so many things deemed impossible years ago, possible today. It is transforming industries and impacting our daily lives. There is no doubt it's going to play a major and positive role in the future of mankind. But one cannot ignore its disadvantages (dark side). It is important to keep in mind that AI today is just getting started. There will be more advancement in AI and with these advancement comes more advantages and disadvantages.

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## Combating Covid-19 pandemic by empowering the youth

By- Alex Naoroibam

India is in the midst of a raging battle against the Covid-19 pandemic and so far, we have managed to check its spread and limit the number of fatalities.

There are many dimensions to this battle being waged by the Indian government. One crucial aspect of the fight is to keep the economic cycle rolling, to help people earn their livelihood. One strategy in this effort has been to empower the youth in the field of Animal Husbandry, to enhance their skill and learning capacity.

A recent Cabinet Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has introduced a Rs. 15,000 crore Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund for infrastructure related development in animal husbandry, dairy and livestock related enterprises. The scheme is aimed at providing employment to nearly 35 lakh youth of the nation. Under the scheme, banks will provide upto 90 per cent loan for starting such enterprises.

For the first time the Government has extended an interest subvention of 3 per cent on all such loans under the scheme. The Development Fund will incentivise infrastructure

investments in dairy, meat processing and animal feed plants. Eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme would be Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), MSMEs, Section 8 Companies, Private Companies and individual entrepreneurs.

Animal husbandry plays a vital role in the rural economy of the country. Many depend on this for their livelihood. In most of the North East states, and especially so in Manipur, many from rural areas are depending on animal husbandry. Cattle rearing, pig farm, poultry farm, etc. are quite important in sustaining the livelihood of the people in rural areas.

Proper animal husbandry practices are crucial in providing correct feed, proper shelter and protection against diseases to the domestic animals. So they can be economically productive. It also helps in developing high yielding breeds of various domestic animals through cross breeding. It increases the availability of various food products such as milk, eggs and meat to the family and the local communities. Ipeole learn ways in systematic disposal of animal wastes, which helps in maintaining healthy environment.

In Manipur, animal husbandry is an opportunity area as a wide

range of animal breeding and raising of livestock are yet to be explored. With the introduction of this scheme, youth can now explore the field of animal breeding and raising of livestock with necessary financial assistance.

In Manipur we are witnessing a start of small units for processed meat products. However, such processed meat products can be enhanced through value addition and bring them up to international level by utilizing the scheme.

One of the best opportunity brought by the introduction of the scheme is that it can be utilised in horse breeding. It is a known fact that Pony (Manipur Horse breed) played an important role in introducing the game of Polo to the world. However, it is very unfortunate that in Manipur very few people are engaging in horse breeding and rearing. Taking the opportunity of the scheme, people who are engaging in horse breeding can now expand their business and improve their stocks and as a result grow economically.

Recently, an American giant food chain KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) has shown interest in Manipur. As a result of this, many youth have started engaging in poultry farming. Taking a cue from this, and with the help of this

scheme, Manipuri youth can start up such food chain businesses that can spread up to the whole nation and even at international level in a few years.

In tune with the Central Policy, Manipur Government has started giving opportunity to the eligible farmers of the state under the PM Kishan scheme. Earlier the PM Kishan scheme only covered farmers but now it has included people in animal husbandry business. The benefit provided under Kishan Credit Card would ensure a sum of Rs 1.6 Lakh to every farmer. The scheme would also ensure the farmers to procure loan without guarantors.

Such initiative of the State Government would surely ease the problems being faced by the animal husbandry farmers, and would also help in attracting more unemployed youths in the sector. This policy of the Government in the Centre would not only help the youth in fighting against the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic but also help in generating income forcing the rural and semi urban unemployed youth. This will also help in the realisation of the dream of expanding entrepreneurship, promote the ideal of Atmanirbhar Bharat and strengthen the weakest sections of our society.