

## International Women's Day Observed

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Bishnupur, March 8

The District Administration, Bishnupur observed International Women's Day 2020 at Panchayat Resource Centre, Mini-Secretariat campus today. The function was attended by DLOs, students, ANMs, ASHA and Anganwadi workers. Various cultural items, dance, skit play and various entertainment items were presented as part of the observance function. The event was organized by ICDS Cell, Bishnupur in collaboration with the district administration under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme. Gracing the function as the Chief Guest, Neeta Arambam, Deputy Commissioner of the district administered Poshan Pakhwada Pledge. She



highlighted the importance of women in all walks of life and urged the participants to continue elevating the status of women in the society. Priyadarshini Laishram, Superintendent of Police and Th. Shantibala Devi, District Programme Officer, ICDS

Cell, Bishnupur also attended the function as President and Guest of Honour respectively. The district administration honoured top performing ANMs, ASHA Workers and Anganwadi Workers on this auspicious day.

## 15 outstanding women honoured with Nari Shakti Puraskar by Prez on International Women's Day

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New Delhi March 8

President Ram Nath Kovind gave away the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 15 women in 2018. Another awardee 105 year old Bhageerathi Amma could not travel to Delhi to receive the award. The National Award is given annually to individuals, groups, institutions in recognition of their exceptional work towards the cause of women empowerment, especially for vulnerable and marginalized women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the Nari Shakti Awardees at his residence in New Delhi today.

Mountaineers Tashi and Nunshi Malik classical vocalist Kaushiki Chakroborty and 98 year old Karthyayini Amma who topped the literacy exam in 2018. Another awardee 105 year old Bhageerathi Amma could not travel to Delhi to receive the award. The National Award is given annually to individuals, groups, institutions in recognition of their exceptional work towards the cause of women empowerment, especially for vulnerable and marginalized women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the Nari Shakti Awardees at his residence in New Delhi today.

## Guv, CM greets people on occasion of Yaosang Festival

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Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh among others greet the people of the state on occasion of Yaosang Festival. In his message the Chief Minister said that Yaosang is one of the biggest festival of the Meitei community. It is celebrated with much joy and gaiety by everyone irrespective of age and gender. Although, playing with colours, Thabal Chongba and cultural performances are the important components of Yaosang, the festival has evolved into an occasion for promoting sports and social participation over the years. As such it also underscores the spirit of undivided excellence camaraderie and social harmony as well. I join the people of Manipur in the celebration of this colourful festival and extend my best wishes to all on the occasion of Yaosang Festival.

## 10 dead after coronavirus quarantine hotel collapses in China

Courtesy CNN  
Shanghai March 8

Ten people died after a hotel being used as a coronavirus quarantine center collapsed Saturday night in southeastern China, according to the Ministry of Emergency Management. Eighty people were inside the building when it came down. Nine escaped, while 71 people were trapped. Of those, 48 have been pulled from the rubble and 23 remain unaccounted for.

The Fujian Fire Department has deployed more than 1,000 firefighters and other emergency responders, who worked through the night to find survivors. "We are using life detection instruments to monitor signs of life and professional breaking-in tools to make forcible entries. We are trying our utmost to save trapped people," said Guo Yutuan, squadron leader of the Quanzhou armed police detachment's mobile unit. Among those rescued were a young boy, his father and mother. The family was taken to a hospital.

At the time of the collapse, 58 people were under quarantine in the hotel and all had tested negative for



novel coronavirus. There were also 16 hotel staff and six car dealership employees on site. The building's owner is in police custody, according to state news agency Xinhua. The hotel was a seven-story steel structure, built in 2013 and converted to a hotel in 2018, according to Xinhua. The owner began renovating the first floor in January.

Workers called the owner around 7 p.m. local time on Saturday and told him a pillar had become distorted during construction, according to Xinhua. The building collapsed a few minutes later.

Local officials told Xinhua that an investigation will determine if the building

collapsed due to structural issues or renovation work. Quanzhou is about 600 miles from Wuhan, the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in China, where more than 3,000 people have died from the virus.

## Bupenda Meitei applies for Congress Rajya Sabha MP from Manipur

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Ningombam Bupenda Meitei, Congress spokesperson of Manipur, has applied for Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament from Manipur under Indian National Congress. Bupenda Meitei, an AICC in-charge of North East India for Fishermen Congress, is a strong ideologue of Nehru-Gandhi philosophy. He was disgracefully terminated from teaching position at Manipur Central University due to his association with the Congress. He has defended the party and Gandhi philosophy. His association with the party began since his college days at St. Stephen's College, Delhi where Rahul Gandhi also studied. He taught Philosophy at Hindu College, University of Delhi. He is 32 and unmarried young Congress leader who has a good rapport with all the political leaders, cutting across the party lines both in Imphal and Delhi.

## Five more people from Kerala tested positive for coronavirus

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Thiruvananthapuram March 8

Five more people from Kerala have tested positive for coronavirus, Health minister, K K Shailaja said on Sunday. All the five hail from Pathanamthitta district. While three of them had returned from Italy on February 29, two others were their relatives, the minister said. All the five have been isolated in Pathanamthitta general hospital and are under observation. Their tests were confirmed on Saturday night. Earlier, India's first three positive cases had been reported from the state. All the three patients, medical students from Wuhan, have been treated and discharged from hospitals.

## Not a single passenger tested positive for coronavirus in Maharashtra

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Out of 245 passengers kept under observation for coronavirus, not a single passenger tested positive in Maharashtra even as the number of confirmed cases rose to 34 across the country with two cases detected in Ladakh and one in Tamil Nadu on Saturday. The number of confirmed cases of coronavirus went up to 34, with three more people — two from Ladakh with travel history to Iran and one from Tamil Nadu who had visited Oman tested positive. The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has asked all airports to segregate the

passengers arriving from China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Hongkong, Vietnam, Nepal and Indonesia, from other arriving passengers, till the conveyor belt areas at airports. The passengers from these 12 countries would not be allowed to mix with other passengers during "health screening, immigration and conveyor belt areas, the AAI tweeted. In another development, a flight from Tehran brought swab samples of Indians in Iran who are suspected of having virus infection, on Saturday. The flight returned with many Iranian nationals. The Indian

government also discussed with the Iranian authorities and a ferry flight to bring back Indians suspected to have contracted the coronavirus infection. The plane operated by Iran's "Mahan Air" would not be carrying any passengers and would ferry Iranians from India on its way back to Tehran.

In Maharashtra, while 15 passengers suspected to be infected by coronavirus have been admitted to hospitals (12 in Mumbai, 3 in Pune), 230 passengers kept under observation were allowed to go, Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope said. In addition to Chhatrapati Shivaji International airport in

Mumbai, thermal screening of passengers has been started at Pune and Nagpur airport. Till now 96,493 passengers arrived by 793 flights have been screened at the airports in Maharashtra. As of now total 532 passengers arrived in Maharashtra from affected nations, after the outbreak of coronavirus on 18 January 2020.

Maharashtra Government has banned the sale of N 95 respirators (masks) without prescriptions. N95 respirators can keep out airborne particles, although they aren't completely leak proof. But a run on such equipment during a public health emergency can create

a dangerous scarcity for medical professionals. The ban on the sale of N 95, came after the government received complaints about cases of panic buying and hoarding of N95. The run on protective equipment is not limited to Maharashtra. In Uttar Pradesh, Agra's district magistrate recently sealed three medical stores in a crackdown on black marketing. Mask and respirator prices soared in NOIDA when two schools were closed (a student's parent tested positive). The World Health Organisation has already clarified that healthy people don't need them unless they're caring for the sick.

## Coronavirus alert in Sivasagar

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Sivasagar, March 8

The district administration of eastern Assam's Sivasagar has urged the denizens not to panic over the outbreak of coronavirus. Meanwhile, the district Health department has taken all precautionary measures to prevent entry and spreading of the deadly coronavirus. The deputy commissioner Lakhinandan Gogoi is constantly monitoring the measures taken by the district administration, Health and Tourism departments in this regard. The deputy commissioner had already held a crucial meeting with district development commissioner

Nawab Al Azar Ali and joint director of health services of the district civil hospital to contain the deadly virus. Meanwhile, the district health department has arranged for health check-up of suspected coronavirus cases at Wood's Dispensary. Moreover, isolated rooms to quarantine suspected patients at the Sivasagar Civil Hospital have been set up. The district administration and the Health department have also urged the people not to panic over the outbreak of coronavirus across the globe. The authorities have also asked the people to take precautions and maintain certain hygienic habits in

this regard. People are urged to go for proper health check-up if someone is suffering from cold, cough and fever. People are also asked to frequently wash their hands at regular intervals and avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. People are also asked to maintain safe distance from those suffering from cough and cold. People are also asked not to remain in empty stomach for long period of time. The people are also advised to have proper nutritious food rich in protein and vitamins. The district administration has also urged not to organize any programme involving mass gathering.

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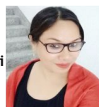
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# Yaoshang thabal

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Feeling awesome, when in I join;  
Feeling great, when in I participate;  
Feeling good, when in I never missed the moment;  
One factual truth I carry, confident;  
Never delayed and never lazy,  
Season! I knew it and I remembered that,  
The breeze, the essence all in the air;  
How chaotic! The feelings and the happiness;  
How confusing! The eagerness within;  
How passionate and tumultuous! Every single soul,  
Leaves fallen apart, hairs flowing unbroken;  
Come anew spurting, dazzling and colorful;  
Red, blue, green and white  
Yellow! O yellow, the season of yellow;  
Come again showering love and fondness.

Something's rhythmic, something's servicing;  
All in all, all in one performing;  
Girls! Oh beautiful maiden girls,  
Digging and spading, cultivating poles;  
Begging and beseeching money;  
Requesting and asking charity;  
Inviting and alluring and winning all;  
Uniting and compromising and cherishing hearts;  
All for a thabal and all for a compromise;  
Sailing wildly through the ocean of love;  
Amidst the wilderness friends for a friend,  
'Color me red, color me not blue;  
Color me your passions and  
Ease me my emotions, Oh! The unholly,  
Laughter and cherishing filled this smoky air.

Feeling awesome, when in I join;  
Feeling great, when in I participate;  
Feeling good, when in I never missed the moment;  
How energetic! The moon lit night  
Too shadowy as I emerged thrilling kak-kak-kak;  
How lyrical when you merged?  
With that green velvety blouse of mine;  
Thabal! Oh thabal, yaosang thagi thabal  
How graceful! The love hands swings folding,  
To and fro, wide and open, soft and greasy;  
Beating those melancholic tunes,  
Oh! The drums, those drum sounds,  
Echoing hard and again, far and near;  
Kicking through the air blushing,

Carry me in and carry me out,  
All through the musical lines;  
Swinging and swaying, jumping in and out;  
Flapping in and out, High and low,  
Thumping up and down, so madly and wildly;  
Dancing through the light all I could,  
Wasting not a minute dancing,  
Holding in my hand so tightly compromising;  
Holding me nearer whispering and embracing;  
Leave 'him' not; leave 'him' not unattended;  
Oh 9'oclock! The clock struck nine,  
Hurry! Hurriedly I bade 'him' last good step dancing;  
Alas! 'His' holding I released,  
Too hard it hurts inside just the way it is.

## Assam Rifles conducts medical camp in Chandel



IGAR (South)  
Imphal/March 8

Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a Medical Camp at Lamphou Charu village in Chandel District on yesterday. Keeping in mind the difficulties faced by the villagers due to socio-economic conditions and remoteness of the location, the camp was organised on the request of the villagers as there is no medical facility available in the vicinity. Total 65 villagers including 21 Men, 29 Women and 15 Children attended the camp and were provided with a free

health check-up, primary medical consultation, advance prescription and medicines by the Regimental Medical Officer (RMO) and Medical Staffs of the battalion. Villagers from surrounding villages also attended the medical camp. Apart from providing medical attention, basic knowledge on health education, hygiene, sanitation and awareness on Corona Virus was also imparted. The medical camp also provided opportunity to interact with the members of village authorities of remote villages to ascertain their needs and expressed gratitude for organising the medical camp and constant support by Assam Rifles.

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## EconomicGrowth or Grimmer : Amidst the Coronavirus

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Coronavirus outbreak is becoming the most infamous distressing news for human beings at the moment as if the spread of this new virus kills millions all over the world. Now, my curiosity is that how we will rationalize the fact that air pollution kills more than 6 million people every year leaving more millions suffering from air polluted health problem. Airborne pollutants are responsible for about one third of deaths from stroke, chronic respiratory disease, and lung cancer, as well as one quarter of deaths from heart attack. Whether one likes it or not, in the meantime one aspect of the coronavirus outbreak is the profound reduction of toxic air pollution in China, South Korea and some other countries as well. It is because human activities of market economy and consumerism have been axed. How will we rationalize this fact? Will we relate it in a perspective of bright side of the virus? Will we rationalize it again in a rebuttal way that this clean air comes down at the cost of thousands of lives and businesses and market economy? Then go reverse and rewind today's modern world of economic development at the height of comforts and conveniences in the era of artificial intelligence, we do find that it comes down at the cost of Mother Nature, poisoning the air and water, and future offspring. Further with the little notice and awareness, the ever growing gap between haves and have nots, the ever distressing spread of inequality is rather spiral going out of proportion. Interestingly, respective governments across the world show their serious concerns too over the virus activity. On a worry and misery spectrum, no doubt COVID-19 displays many a dark lights of deaths, massive infection,

suspension of daily activities, closures of offices, more importantly paralyze of market, trade and commerce. It appears that, this time around it most of the governments, their diplomacies, a good few commercial agents, though there may be some doubts profiteers of pharmaceutical industry and bankers be sincere and serious. The eventual issue and apprehension is the loss in businesses. Economic damage done by this virus seems to be rather more important than the actual challenge in health sector, and of course, the loss of human lives.

The big worry is economic side of the COVID-19. As we the humans are so accustomed to profit making activities of selling and buying of goods and services, we do forget bad side caused by consumerism and market economy. We do not want to talk about the serious adverse impact of market economy. Once this killer virus is gone, and businesses come back to their normal places, remember we will start exploiting Mother Nature again, producing more toxic substances making air and water dirtier towards making up the previous losses. Here the simple question is that why all these businesses for? The answer is for growth and money. Regarding money, in fact we need money but not for fulfilling our real needs any longer. We want money to satisfy our greed otherwise. The money is not anymore for a modest livelihood but buying cars, flashy gadgets, clothes and endless items.

Here I am going to relate coronavirus to my earlier write-up Growth but the Grimmer. The extraction of natural resources increased from 22 billion tons in 1970 to 70 billion tons in 2010 (Reuters); now, it is about 180 billion tons annually. The world emitted 37 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2017 (CarbonBrief). Consequently, global solid waste generation is on a pace to increase 70% by 2025, rising from

3.5 million tons per day in 2010 to more than 6 million tons in 2025 making unclean Mother Earth. The global cost of dealing with all that trash is rising too; from \$205 billion a year in 2010 to \$375 billion by 2025, with the sharpest cost increases in developing countries (World Bank). The earth is losing 18.7 million acres of forests annually impacting increased greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, disruption of water cycles and water scarcity, increased soil erosion, disrupted livelihoods and overall ecosystem of the blue planet (WWF).

The global solid waste generation is to increase 70% by 2025, rising from 3.5 million tons in 2010 to more than 6 million tons per day in 2025 making unclean the mother earth. Every minute, one garbage truck worth of plastic is dumped into the ocean. Yearly, a colossal 1.4 billion pounds of trash end up in our beautiful oceans. Of this waste, much of it is plastic. There have been 275 billion plastic bags produced worldwide in just 2017 alone. Every second, a massive amount of 160,000 plastic bags are being produced and used. By the end of this year, we will have used 5 billion plastic bags. According to The World Count of these 5 billion bags, 5 million of them will make their way into the ocean.

Global water pollution caused by untreated toxic industrial discharge, contamination with chemicals from modern market and human waste makes 80% of wastewater of the planet. This impacts the habitat and quality of life of fish and other wildlife.

About 1.2 billion world population live in water-stressed areas. Some 600 million Indians are facing severe water crisis. Indian 21 cities are likely to run out of groundwater by 2020 (NITI). To achieve its goal of becoming a leading global power by 2050, China which hold 20% of the world's population is also facing its looming water shortage.

Human wants are unlimited therefore we get always confused our real needs with greed. Usually, we want to gather things as much we can. What's why through selling and buying activities, humans work to get more than what we had before, which called profit.

On top of this, humans sacrifice our lives and time to make new ideas or products, sometimes out of thin air to sell to someone in order to make profit. Inequality in society gives opportunity for market. If we all have same amount of wealth and wellbeing, no one will sell and buy kidney. If all people are healthy, doctors and chemist related industry will lose their market and business, people in health sector are not happy when there occur little diseases and deaths. So, more medicines are made by pharmaceutical companies in order to generate job employments and business growth.

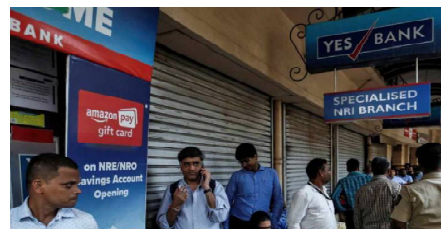
Coffin makers are not happy when less deaths happen there. Hence, do we need maintain a potential gap between where the demand and supply flow to run market dynamic always profitable? The simple fact is that market economy is vigorously selling products to the consumers with persuasive advertisement taking advantage of the "human wants are unlimited". It is done without disturbing interference from the governments. Therefore, to make money, in the process, the resources and energy are snatched ever more freely from the Mother Nature as if they were unlimited, and consume them ignoring that our offspring also need this same limited resources.

For sure, market economy always lose its take into account the fact that growth of balloon is limited, cannot be inflated beyond a certain bulging size. The frequent forgetfulness among the profit hungry makes growth mere bubbles. That's why now and again the bursts bring all sort of miseries to the highly industrialized world.

## YES Bank Collapse: ED grills Rana Kapoor; raids continue on second day DHFL-Iqbal Mirchi connection ?

By Raju Vernekar

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) interrogated Rana Kapoor, founder and former managing director of "Yes Bank" and also raided residences of his daughters- Rakhi Kapoor Tandon, Roshni Kapoor and Radha Kapoor, located in Mumbai and Delhi on Saturday. The "Yes Bank" has been placed under moratorium till 3 rd April, its board of directors has been suspended and Prashant Kumar, ex-DMD and CFO of State Bank of India (SBI), on charges of financial mismanagement. The RBI has also limited cash withdrawals to Rs 50,000 for a month. The ED's raids are a part of the ongoing investigation into the money laundering case concerning Dewan Housing Finance Corp Ltd



(DHFL), under which the company siphoned off Rs 13,000 crore via 79 shell companies. The ED has also issued a look out notice against Kapoor and his wife to prevent them from leaving the country, before investigation is over.

DHFL owners Dheeraj Wadhawan and Kapil Wadhawan allegedly purchased certain properties from

underworld figure Dawood Ibrahim. YES Bank had extended massive loans to DHFL, which later turned bad loans. Rana's family has been accused of receiving crores of rupees from DHFL. The money was allegedly transferred in the accounts linked to Kapoor's family members, including his wife.

According to the latest

developments in the investigation, between April and July 2018, DHFL gave a loan worth Rs 600 crore to Doit Urban Ventures, which was reportedly controlled by the Kapoor family. This loan was issued at a time when DHFL itself failed to pay back the debts it owed to YES Bank. YES Bank's debt exposure in DHFL in terms of short-term debentures during this time period in 2018 was Rs 3,700 crore. At the same time, YES Bank had also given a loan worth Rs 750 crore to RKN Developers for a project near Mumbai's Bandra Reclamation.

DHFL and RKN Developers are both under the ED scanner for financing a deal between Dheeraj Wadhawan and Kapil Wadhawan of DHFL and Dawood Ibrahim's aide Iqbal Memon (Iqbal Mirchi), an alleged Indian drug trafficker who died on 14 August 2013 in London. The agency came across this transaction during its probe into the DHFL promoters' role in financing funds to gangster Iqbal Mirchi. The agency might also register a separate case against Kapoor. However, for a separate case, a police complaint has to be registered for predicate offence to probe the matter under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

As per the charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate, PMC bank (shut down in September 2019) had also loaned Rs. 50 crore to HDIL before a Rs 6300 crore scam came to light.

In the meanwhile huge queues of account holders were seen in front on Yes Bank branches to withdraw money on Saturday.

## JNIMS Included as testing centre for Covid-19

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Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), the State's only medical college, will now be included as a testing centre for COVID-19. This was agreed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, when Chief Minister N Biren Singh briefed the leader today about the prevailing situation in the State in the aftermath of the outbreak of the disease reaching the country.

Chief Minister N Biren Singh met Union Home Minister Amit Shah today and briefed him in detail regarding the precautionary and preparatory measures taken up in



the State in the wake of the outbreak of COVID 19. The surveillance mechanism put in place in Moreh for screening of persons crossing into India from across the international border was discussed in detail in the meeting. Similar systems put in place at the Bir

Tikendrajit International Airport and land entry points at Mao and Jiribam were also discussed. Chief Minister also apprised the Home Minister on the demands for closing down the international border at Moreh. It was agreed that for now, the situation will be closely monitored for taking a decision in future.

During the meeting, the achievements of the N Biren Singh-led government which is completing 3 years on 15 March later this month was also reviewed and deliberated upon. Chief Minister also invited Union Home Minister for gracing a programme planned to be held to mark the completion of three years of his government.