

## CM, Thangmeiband MLA and AMWJU President visit injured Editor



**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 10:**  
Chief Minister N Biren today paid a visit to

Shija Hospital, Langol and inquired about the health of Rinku Khumukcham, Editor of

Imphal Times who is undergoing treatment following an accident. The Chief Minister also

extended financial assistance to the injured Editor. Thangmeiband AC MLA Khumukcham Joikishan also visited the injured journalist and extended monetary assistance while Bijoy Kakching Tabam, President, All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) also visited the injured Editor and enquired about the condition of the injured Editor admitted at the Hospital. It may be mentioned that Rinku Khumukcham, Editor of Imphal Times has been undergoing treatment at Shija Hospital and Research Institute after an accident at Wathou area of Thoubal District on May 8.

## CM inspects repairing work at Ima Keithel; extends warm greetings on the occasion of Mother's Day

**IT News**  
**Imphal, May 10:**  
Recognizing the patience, strength and unconditional love and support of a mother, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh shared his warm greetings to all the mothers of the State for their indomitable spirit on Mother's Day. He informed that we should seek blessings and pay rich tribute to all our mothers on such special day. He shared his greetings during his visit to inspect the ongoing repairing work at Ima Keithel, Imphal today.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by MLA of Yaikul AC Th. Satyabrata, Principal Secretary (MAHUD) Rakesh Ranjan, Municipal Commissioner and officials of Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC).  
Talking to the media persons about the traffic congestion in the Thangal Keithel, Paona Keithel, Khwairamband area and Keishampat to Khuyathong stretch, Chief Minister urged the residents, shop owners, shopkeepers of this area to refrain from parking their vehicles on the roadside. He maintained that they should be dropped and picked up by drivers or family members to their respective shops and

no permanent parking will not be allowed in this area. For those residents of the Thangal and Paona Keithel who do not have parking space, the IMC will make arrangements to park their vehicles on the parking lots constructed over the Naga Nullah. He informed that the encroachers and illegal shops constructed over the Naga Nullah have been evicted by IMC and police lately.  
Taking the advantage of the current nationwide lockdown the repairing work is being taken up at the historic Ima Keithel by the IMC since April 22nd, 2020.

### Birds recovered, nets confiscated

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, May 10:**  
Volunteers of Joint co-ordination committee on wildlife and Biodiversity (JCCWB) Manipur- a joint team of Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) and Unique Wildlife Protection Committee (UWLPC) confiscated 16 nets and rescued 1 live and 7 dead birds from the Ikopat and Leishangthem Khong area of Thoubal District. According to a press statement issued by Convenor Romes Ningthoujam, the raid was conducted after receiving reports of illegal poaching from a reliable source and the volunteers rushed to the spot at around 3 am under the supervision of Thoubal SP Dr S. Ibomcha and Ningombam police out post SI O. Rabikanta.

## 5 Air India pilots, 2 engineers test positive for Covid-19

**By Raju Vernekar**  
**Mumbai, May 10:** As many as 5 pilots and 2 engineers of Air India, have tested positive for Coronavirus, during the routine pre-flight test that was carried out 72 hours before they were to be rostered for the flight duties, as part of "Vande Bharat Mission" (VBM), to repatriate Indians stranded abroad.  
All the pilots are based in Mumbai and are reportedly asymptomatic and have been admitted to hospital. They had undertaken a cargo flight Boeing 747 flight to Guangzhou, China from Delhi on 18 April to pick up medical supplies. Air India has been operating international cargo flights to different destinations ever since a nationwide lockdown has been enforced. It has operated medical cargo flights to Shanghai and Hong Kong as part of relief work.  
Many pilots have been rostered to operate repatriation flights under ongoing VBM to repatriate

Indians stranded in different countries. Usually the night halts are at destinations including New York, San Francisco, Washington, Chicago, London and Singapore. Some of the pilots have layovers also in New York, where the number of COVID 19 cases is high.  
The pilots operating flights don PPE gears, Hazmat suits and goggles. The airline undergoes swab test before and after they operate the flight. Post flight they proceed to a hotel, where they wait for test results which takes 24 to 48 hours. If they test negative, they are dropped at their residence by airline cars. They have to undergo COVID-19 test after 5 days again. If they test negative they can be restored for further flying duties.  
These pilots were tested 72 hours before they were out on the duty roster. We suspect it could be a case of faulty testing kit, an AI source said.

## Sanitization drive carried out by 12th Bn NDRF

**IT News**  
**Doimukh, May 10:**  
Two Sub-team of 12th Bn National Disaster Response Force Carried out Sanitization drive in Hollongi Check Gate, Gumto Check Gate, Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh. Another 01 Sub-team of 12th Bn National Disaster Response Force Carried out Sanitization drive in different Villages of Imphal, Manipur to combat the spread of pandemic COVID-19.

## Huge consignment of WIN cigarette seized



**IT News**  
**Thoubal, May 10:**  
Acting on a reliable information regarding the trafficking of foreign cigarettes, a team of Police under the command of OC/HRK-PS Inspt. N. Premjit Singh and a team of HRK PS led by SI Th Anand Singh and SI Yunush Khan assisted ASI M lodash Singh rushed to

Heirok part 2 Bazar area and on arrival two individuals namely Ningthoujam Anand Singh aged 25 years of Heirok Part II & Mahesh Laishram aged 21 years of Heirok part II were apprehended along with 9500 packets i.e 950 boxes of banned foreign Cigarettes (WIN King size cigarettes made in

Myanmar) from their possession. The same were seized by preparing formal seizure memo, the apprehended persons and the seized items were brought to Heirok PS. The apprehended individuals along seized items are being handed over to Superintendent of Custom Preventive Force, Pallel for further formalities.

## Court directs Maharashtra Government to decide about migrants' transport cost

**IT Correspondent**  
**Mumbai, May 10:**  
The Bombay High Court has directed the Maharashtra government to take a decision on whether it would bear transport costs of migrant workers returning to their home states amid lockdown for coronavirus.  
The above directions were given by Justice S C Gupte while hearing public interest litigations, via video conferencing, filed by non-government organisations seeking that the state bear the cost of medical screening and transport expenses of

migrant labourers.  
The petitioners- "Sarva Hara Jan Andolan", "Angmehanti Kashtakari Sangharsh Samiti", "Movement for Peace and Justice Welfare" and "Shramik Mukti Sangathan" sought relief from the state government in terms of food and sanitation, to migrant workers, slum dwellers, homeless persons in the state amid lockdown.  
On 5 May, Justice Gupte had directed the government to file a reply clarifying its stand on bearing travel expenses and cost of medical screening. On Friday, the

state government lawyer B P Samant, told the high court that on 7 May 2020, the Maharashtra government had modified its earlier orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, regarding transportation of migrant workers and provided for free of cost medical screening.  
Each passenger (travelling on special trains provided for migrant workers) will not need an individual medical certificate but instead there, will be a common passenger information about the travellers who have successfully

completed screening before beginning their rail journey.  
On the issue of transport expenses, Justice Gupte referred to the Supreme Court's May 5 order which noted that the railways would subsidize 85 percent of the fare and the states can take a decision on the balance cost. Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh confirmed the position of the Central government on rail fare subsidy. The Maharashtra government could take a decision accordingly, the high court said while disposing of the matter.

## 2 NSCN cadres arrested from Assam & Arunachal Pradesh

**Agency**  
**Dibrugarh, May 10:**  
Two cadres of separate factions of the NSCN have been arrested during joint operations by security forces and police carried out in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.  
Assam Rifles in a joint operation with Arunachal Pradesh Police apprehended a revenue and political officer of NSCN (Khaplang-Kitovi) in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday.  
"After receiving specific intelligence regarding the presence of a senior cadre belonging to the proscribed group, a joint team launched an operation in the area and nabbed the cadre," said a police source.  
The apprehended cadre has been identified as SS Captain

Hangnong Pangtha.  
According to police, it is suspected that the individual on behalf of this group was involved in extortion activities and extorted money from locals, contractors, and government officials.  
He was allegedly involved in extortion in Tirap-Changlang-Longding belt of south Arunachal Pradesh.  
The apprehension of the cadre has brought relief to the PSUs and locals of Changlang who have been facing trouble due to extortion.  
The apprehended individual has been handed over to Changlang police station for further investigation.  
In another joint operation, carried out by Army troops with Assam Police, a hardcore cadre

of NSCN (K-Yung Aung) was arrested from Singphan reserve forest of upper Assam's Sivagang district.  
The apprehended cadre has been identified as 37-year-old SS Private Laipa Konyak of Namsa village in Mon district of Nagaland.  
Based on a specific input, the joint team launched a swift operation and apprehended the cadre from the forest located along the Assam-Nagaland border.  
"It is suspected that the individual was actively involved in extortion activities in the region. The team also recovered one 22 Bolt Action Rifle and five live rounds of ammunition from the insurgent," said Guwahati-based defence PRO Lt Col P Khongsai.

**PEMS**

**In Between Life and Death**

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All of us know that all of us will die. But what is life after death is one question usually answered by all the existing belief systems around the world.

In between life and death there exists the cycle of cause and effect, both secular and spiritual – the Karma and its theory. What happens to a person happens because they caused it with their actions.

Therefore, our intentions and actions are two most important things before us that affect others positively or negatively.

Causing harm to another is a direct invitation to bad karma. Bad karma waits with impatience. Sooner or later hands that cause harm to another including those hands behind the attacking Coronavirus pandemic will be brutally destroyed. Good karma produces good effects on the actor or actors, while bad karma produces bad effects. All accounts will be settled, all actions will be questioned and light of God will prevail.

**More News**

**CSIR receives approval for clinical trial of two drugs to treat COVID-19**

Mumbai, May 10:

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has received approval for clinical trial of two drugs-phaytopharmaceutical and favipiravir from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to treat COVID-19.

CSIR Director-General and Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Research (DSIR) Dr. Shekhar Mande said that the drug trial will begin within a week. He also stated that CSIR has already been working with pharmaceutical companies for the solution to control COVID-19. He said that "Favipiravir" is a proven anti influenza drug commonly used in Japan, China, and other countries, while "Phytopharmaceutical" is a herbal medicine extracted from plants.

"Favipiravir", is a safe drug and its trail is expected to be completed in about 1.5 months. If the tests are successful with the expected results, then this drug will be available soon at affordable prices. A big reason for this is that favipiravir is an old medicine the patent of which has now expired, he said.

"Phytopharmaceutical" is a biological medicine, which is already being tested as medicine for dengue for its efficacy to combat COVID-19. "The CSIR is working with multiple renowned pharmaceutical companies and trying to see whether we can bring a certain solution to the

market as an intervention against COVID-19. In this regard, few clinical trials have already been initiated in partnership with certain companies." Dr Mande said.

"Phytopharmaceutical" is a cocktail of different compounds but has a biological origin from a plant. In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) terms it botanical, however, in India the DCGI calls it "phytopharmaceutical".

In May 2016, a renowned pharmaceutical company and International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Delhi, had signed an agreement to develop a botanical drug for treatment for dengue. "We are already testing the efficacy of this medicine and it is in the advanced stage in phase-II human trials. The mechanisms of treatment are similar," Mande said.

Dr. Mande is a structural and computational Biologist. He did his M.Sc. in Physics from University of Nagpur (Maharashtra) and holds a doctoral degree in Molecular Biophysics from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. Following his PhD, he joined Prof. Wim G. J. Hol as Post Doctoral Fellow at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen in the Netherlands in 1991 and in 1992 joined as a senior fellow at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

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**Lenin's Development of Marxism in Russia: An Impact in the 21st Century**

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V.I. Lenin, original name Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov a brilliant scholar, an advocate, a social engineer, a great political philosopher, a Bolshevik leader, the first world socialist builder as well as the greatest political socialist revolutionary hero of the world was born on the April 22, 1870 in the provincial city of Simbirsk which was renamed Ulyanovsk in his honour on the Volga river under the Emperor Tsar Nicholas II. There were two situations in shape for his life. The first came when Lenin was a boy and his father was threatened with early forced retirement by a suspicious government official in general and the more significant and more tragic situation came in 1887 when Lenin's older brother Alexander, a University student at the time was arrested and executed for being a part of group planning to assassinate Emperor Tsar in particular. After the tragic situation, he became the only man of his family. In fact, all of Lenin's siblings would take part to some degree in revolutionary politics and activities. Besides he extremely soaked up and activated a hunger of knowledge and wisdom of Marxism about the writings of Marx whose famous books, Communist Manifesto, and 'Das Kapital would have a huge impact on Lenin's thinking so that he declared himself a Marxist in January 1887. He is generally known to the world as the architect of socialist revolution and the champion of Bolsheviks party on development of Marxism in the society during the 20th century. He published a pamphlet entitled "What is To Be Done? One Step Forward, Two Steps Back, The Development of Capitalism in Russia respectively for the cause of social awakening for future masses. It is highlighted about the importance of Leninism to the study of the development of Marxism in the modern context of political thought.

Lenin derived his outlook and ideology from the world events so that he opposed WW I, which began in 1914 as an imperialist conflict on the basis of market economy or liberalize economy so far. He was the first leader of the erstwhile USSR and the communist government that took over Russia in 1917 on the eve of Great October Socialist Revolution which would bring a new and better society is so called socialist society against the Russian Emperor. The real name of Lenin was Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov. Lenin was merely his pen name. The most important of Lenin development of Marxism was that he adapted Marxism to Russia in practice under a well organised group of highly discipline and professional revolutionaries who must be in a position to take over the Russian Emperor. Lenin came to understand that revolution could take place in Russia if emperor rule was defeated in the war and a most disciplined and secret cadre of the communist party was ready to take the reign of the government in order to form a new socialist government in Russia. By the help of Lenin's slogan of peace, land and bread used by him to win the three years Russian civil war (1918-1921) by the support of the masses so as peace appealed to the soldiers, land to the peasants, breads to the workers respectively. Indeed his life has gone however his thought and action are existed and undergoing in the present society so that Leninism is still relevant

to the modern society. In this regard his contribution to the development of Marxism was a very must significant and important to the mankind in order to make Marxism as a profound and living philosophy. It also highlighted about the importance of Leninism to the study of the development of Marxism in the modern context of political thought. Actually, Marxism is not a dogma but it is a dynamic philosophy. It is living Marxism which modifies to fit in with new conditions and problem situation. Lenin, Stalin and Mao have expanded and revised Marxism. Lenin had the task to adapt and suit the 1st Marxist thought to the living conditions of his time. He had to apply them to the conditions of Russia. Hence as a living Marxist he had to modify Marxism and give it a new orientation. The workers even in a early capitalist economy may not automatically and spontaneously possess revolutionary consciousness of socialist ideology. Instead of revolutionary consciousness they may develop trade union consciousness. So Lenin thought that some outside force is necessary to inspire the proletarian class with a socialist awareness and revolutionary spirit. The middle class intellectual leadership can inspire the workers with a burning consciousness. Lenin assigned the pivotal role to the party which can generate and spread the socialist ideology. Marx regarded it automatic and normal outcome of class struggle. The Communist Party will act as vanguard. Lenin brought Marx down to date, taking account of the further evolution of capitalism. Leninism is regarded as Marxism in the imperialist stage of the capitalist system. In the advanced stage of capitalism, there is the growth of giant monopolies. The market becomes world-wide and there is rivalry between national monopolies and international scramble for control of industrially backward area. This is the imperialist phase of capitalism which leads to war between imperialist states for the control of underdeveloped regions. War becomes the inevitable consequence of the conditions of capitalism. The war of 1914 was an imperialist war between the syndicates of German capitalists for the control and re-division of Africa. This is the beginning of the end of capitalism. The working class will overthrow capitalism and turn the imperialist war into a proletarian revolution and build up a new power of the workers against the bourgeoisie. Marx could not visualize this development of capitalism with dictatorship of finance capital. Lenin's main addition to Marxism was to give about the role of party, the membership of the party and the ultimate aim of the party that Marx did not give when he began his theory of Marxism. Lenin's additions came to understand with significant consequences that would affect the future of Russian Politics.

Lenin was a living Marxist and his entire outlook and approach are based on Marxism. Lenin was a living Marxist in the sense that he further contributed and added up to the theory of Marxism in the form of practical manner. This distinction and the new elements in the works of Lenin which developed Marxism are called Leninism. Some have defined Leninism as an application of Marxism to the peculiar historical situation prevailing in Russia. This is partly true. If this is wholly true then Leninism becomes only a national or a Russian phenomenon. Leninism is not a local but an international phenomenon.

There is another wrong version in this context. According to some others, Marxism is said to contain a revolutionary elements. Lenin is credited with the revival of the revolutionary concept of Marxism but also developed it under the new conditions of capitalism and the proletarian class struggle. Leninism is Marxism in the period of imperialism and the proletarian revolution. Here V.I. Lenin pointed out it is that it brings out the historic role of the proletarian as the builder of socialist society. Leninism was rooted under the conditions of imperialism. It was then at the point of death. So Lenin called imperialism as moribund capitalism. The first contraction is between labour and capital. The omnipotence of the monopolists and its ruthless exploitation were such that the workers were forced to wage a military revolutionary struggle, imperialism brought the working class to revolution. The second contradiction is found in the imperialist struggle for foreign territory, for sources of raw materials. The imperialist seek revision of the world by the new power seekers against the old power holders. This capitalist struggle leads to imperialist wars for acquiring new territories. This leads to proletarian revolution. The third contradiction is between the few ruling nations and the colonial and dependent peoples of the world. There is naked exploitation of the colonies countries. All these contradictions convert the movement in the colonial countries. All these contradictions convert the flourish capitalism into moribund capitalism. This international situation of a new character gave rise to the birth of Leninism. Lenin primarily worked in Russia and for Russia. In the era of imperialism, Lenin adopted his theory and tactics of proletarian revolution in Russia but it was Russia the land of imperialism. How could proletarian revolution take place in the capitalistically developed country? Lenin says that all the contradictions of imperialism were focused in Russia. Czarist Russia was a land of all kinds of exploitation. It was what Lenin called military feudal imperialism. Tsarism promoted Russia nationalism by suppressing the non-Russian people and seized foreign countries by conquest. Again, it gave free entry of foreign capital which controlled the basic economy of Russia. It fought for the western powers to safeguard its profits. Hence, it acted as the watch-dog of imperialism in other words. Tsarism and western imperialism were tied together for imperialist interests. Naturally, defence of Tsarism was vital to the imperialist powers. A revolution against Tsarism was also a revolution against imperialism. The revolutionary proletarian in alliance with the peasantry took up the banner of proletarian revolution which could resolve the contradictions of imperialism. The proletarians of all the countries naturally strengthened the work of the Russian revolution. That is why

Russia became the centre of Leninism. Germany for Marx and Engels became the home, for proletarian revolution. Germany was the birthplace for scientific socialism. In the 21st Century, Lenin said that Russian proletariat was the vanguard of the international revolutionary proletariat. The historical roots of Leninism are to be found in these historical developments.

The role in the country's liberation movement, his struggle against autocratic monarchy, his pioneering work in many fields, his tireless efforts for the social transformation that caused him imprisonment and exile in the remote area of Siberia from where he worked restlessly and broke out "The Great October Socialist Revolution by the support of peasants and workers could not be forgotten by us. Not only this, under the unavoidable circumstances, he went to Europe and other part of the world to organise and convey the message of humanism, the feeling of oneness, arousing the mass movement against the autocratic-monarchy Czar with the full spirit of integration on the foundation of his slogan, "Peace for Soldiers, "land for peasants and "bread for labour etc. Remembering his remarkable words, we need to respect and honour his service for the mankind forever as a socialist revolutionary. Today, he not only belongs to the Russia, but also to the entire people of the globe. Indeed, he is a leader of the masses who sacrificed everything for the cause of humanism, setup democratic socialism. To conclude he was regarded as the revolutionary hero as well as architect of socialist revolution in Russia, without Leninism, Marxism is not meaningful so that the philosophy of Marxism is now modified as the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism.

The first step in the shaping of world socialism was the Great October Socialist Revolution, which split the world into two social systems. Then Mongolia effected a revolutionary transition to the building of the new society. The Soviet Union was the first country to apply the Marxist-Leninist principles of relations between nations, and this laid the beginning for the formation of international relations of a new type, the experience of which was used to establish relations between socialist countries. At the close and after the Second World War chiefly on account of the victory of the Soviet Union and other progressive forces in that war socialism became a world system as a result of the socialist revolutions in a number of European and Asian countries situated in three continents- Europe, Asia and (with the victory of the Cuban revolution) America. When we study the essence and regularities of the emergence and development of the socialist world system we must, first and foremost, theoretically differentiate between the objective need for relations between the socialist states and the consciously established relations between them. Actually, both are closely interrelated. However, a clear understanding of the distinctions between these two aspects of the relations between socialist countries is vital for a scientific study and of direct practical, political importance.

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**The International Mother's Day 2020**

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Today, the 10th May is the "International Mother's day". This day was started to celebrate since 1905 by a United States woman called Anna Jarvis after her mother's death.

Someone might be having their mothers and someone might not be, but the love for mothers are the same. Mothers are the origin of our lives. From giving us birth to the moment they departed from this world, she always care for us. True kindness and affection is her pulse. Immeasurable love, prolonged

struggles and caring for us is her nerves and arteries.

Mother has every right to get her respect because she is part of our life for all living beings in every bad and good situations. She cares for her children only for safety and betterment in all the moments. She makes the child to live with respect and to behave for the best in the society.

Mother sacrifices everything till the child becomes standing on his own feet in this world. She works hard daily for a positive attitude to her child and also in the family. Sometimes mother

becomes angry but while seeing the result, it was only for our goodness.

Mother's day celebration is observed in the honor of all the mothers across the globe, thanking them for their motherhood, their teachings, and their contributions to the society. This day reminds us for the strong bonding that exists between a mother and child and how it is important to uphold that relationship to the very end of life.

But Mother has the power to create her child on the other sides

of the world also. Therefore, Napoleon once told, "Give me a good mother, I will conquer the world".

Therefore, today, amidst the worldwide invasion by COVID-19, to celebrate with a meaningful International Mother's Day, 2020, let's observe stay home and do something that will be for the best of our mothers and for those departed, may please plant a tree in their memory for the peaceful rest in their heavenly abode and for an early corona free world.