

2 persons reported getting the 2nd dose Covid-19 vaccination in third phase programme which started from May 17

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May be, it was an extraordinary case, best known to the State Health Department authority; reports received from the state government revealed that 2 (persons) between as of 18 years to 44 (forty four years) got second dose vaccination at a CVC opened at Kakching district yesterday.

This happens, at a time when thousands of people between this age group have been waiting desperately to get scheduled for vaccination after they have registered through Co-win applications. As per the guidelines is-

sued by the concern ministry of the Government of India dated May 16 minimum period between the first dose and the second dose has been set to 84 days i.e. 12 to 16 weeks. Even though the order relax for those registered for 2nd dose prior to the change of the guidelines, it is known fact to everyone that the third phase vaccination began from May 17, 2021.

Assuming the 2 person vaccinated first dose on the first day which the 3rd phase programme began in Manipur, the two of them get the vaccination of 2nd dose after 12 days, which is in violation of the government guidelines.

Covid vaccination from 18 to 44 years may put on halt till June 10

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Covid vaccination for the people of the state between age group 18 to 44 years, which the government had started vaccination from May 17, is unlikely to put on halt till June 10, 2021 as stocked of vaccine doses have been exhausted with the State Vaccine Store.

A high profile official of the State Health Department said that vaccines stock for the age group 18 to 44 years has been over. He however said that the vaccine will arrive in two or three days and people don't have to worry about it.

However, Imphal Times have procured some important document from the

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in connection with the delivery scheduled of the Covishield, that the state government has directly procured.

The Union Ministry letter sent to the Principal Secretary of the (H & FW), who is also in charge of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, V. Vumlungmang stated that 44,340 doses of Covishield has been allocated as demanded by the State Government, in addition to this another 17,550 doses of Covishield vaccines has also been allocated to Manipur as a part of direct procurement. The source from the Ministry also stated that 33,450 Covishield vaccine will be received on June 10, 2021

and another 28,440 will be received on June 26, 2021 by the state of Manipur.

Even as the source from the State Health department informed about the lapsed of stock of covishield released for the third phase, information with this newspaper says that the total number of Covishield doses received for the 3rd phase programme was 39,840 doses. As per report released by the government authority dated May 28, the total number people who are in-between the age of 18 and 44 is 25,744 plus the two person who got the second dose at a CVC at Kakching district. So, the total doses utilized should be 22,746.

This showed that there has been wastage of 17,094 doses.

Of the total vaccination session plan, 187 centers could not be held

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According to report prepared by the state authority dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, the total number of session plan for Covid vaccination centers starting from January 16 to May 28 is 6,573 with target population of 5,31,140 people. The data made available to media shows that the session plan could only be held at 6386, that means, Vaccination could not be held at 187 vaccination centers. As per the report the total number of people who got first dose vaccination is 3,75,518 people and 80,063 people got the 2nd doses. So as per the data number of people so far vaccinated is 4,55,581 people.

When the target population for the vaccination prepared by the Health Department authority was 5,31,140 people the department could only vaccinated just 4,55,581 people. This is an indication

of the incompetency character of the State Health Department authority.

If one goes to a deeper look, it can be easily found that at each of CVC center, just 71 persons are being vaccinated on an average. At some center the total number of people got jab cross 4 digits and at some center the number was just 3.

Interestingly, each of the vaccination team assigned at each CVC comprises of at least 5 employees.

Taking the case of Thoubal district the vaccination session planned was 10 and vaccination was held at all the plan session on May 28. However, the number of target for that day was 207 people only. That means at each center at least 20 people are targeted with manpower of 100 employees. The total achievement was however reached, with 196 giving the first dose and another 11 given the 2nd dose.

'There will be no need for testing prior to discharge of Covid-19 patient' – Dr. K Rajo

IT News
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A Revised Discharge Policy for Covid-19 issued by the Director of Health Services Dr K Rajo says that there will be no need for testing prior to discharge Covid-19 cases.

This revised discharge policy is developed in alignment with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India's "Revised Discharge Policy for Covid-19" dated the May, 8 2020 and "Revised guidelines for Home Isolation of mild/asymptomatic Covid-19 cases" dated the 28th April, 2021, an official memorandum said.

The revised version also

encouraged home isolation saying that the asymptomatic cases not experiencing any symptoms and having oxygen saturation at room air of more than 96% are to be monitored under home isolation.

The patient under home isolation shall stand discharged and end isolation after 10 days from the date of sampling.

In connection with mild cases, the revised version of dealing the Covid-19 says that Mild/ very mild cases (SPO2>94) admitted to a Covid Care Facility will undergo regular temperature and pulse oximetry monitoring.

The patient can be discharged after 10 days of

symptom onset and absence of fever without antipyretics for the last 3 days.

In this case too no testing is needed prior to discharge, the memorandum added.

At the time of discharge, the patient will be advised to isolate himself at home and self monitor their health for further 7 days.

After discharge from the facility, if he/ she again develops symptoms of fever, cough, or breathing difficulty they will contact Covid Care Centre or State Covid Helpline/Control Room No.1800-345-3818 or respective District Covid Helpline Nos.

In regards to the moder-

ate cases whose symptoms resolve within 3 days and maintain oxygen saturation 95% for the next 4 days (without oxygen support), such patients will be discharged after 10 days of symptom onset in case of: absence of fever without antipyretics resolution of breathlessness no oxygen requirement. And there will be no need for testing prior to discharge.

At the time of discharge, the patient will be advised to isolate himself at home and self monitor their health for further 7 days.

Moderate cases of oxygenation whose fever does not resolve within 3 days and demand of oxygen therapy

continues.

Such patients will be discharged only after Resolution of clinical symptoms and ability to maintain oxygen saturation for 3 consecutive days

In this case too there will be no need for testing prior to discharge.

At the time of discharge, the patient will be advised to isolate himself at home and self monitor their health for further 7 days.

Severe cases including immune compromised (HIV patients, transplant recipients, malignancy) Discharge criteria for severe cases will be based on Clinical recovery.

Patient tested negative once by RT-PCR (after resolution of symptoms).

Jiribam defunct Sub-Jail will be temporary lock-up for detention & accommodation of COVID positive accused persons



IT Correspondent
Jiribam, May 29:

The Jiribam Sub Jail which had remained defunct for a long time has been making temporary lock-ups for detention and accommodation of COVID positive persons.

The jail compound which remained unused for a long time was in pitiable condition as the surroundings of the jail compound turned to be a jungle and civilians also en-

croached the land.

Today, the District Police, Jiribam under the supervision of S.P Jiribam A. Ghanashyam Sharma took up jungle cutting and repairing works of Jiribam Sub Jail in a war footing steps to make it functional as a temporary lock-up for detention and accommodation of COVID positive persons in Jiribam District.

Speaking with media persons, S.P Jiribam said as per government order the District Police, Jiribam took up the

steps for cleaning and repairing works to make it functional as a temporary lock-up for accommodation of COVID positive accused persons.

The condition of infrastructure in the Jail is in deplorable conditions but the district police are making its utmost efforts to make it functional within a few days.

The District Police will also try to make it functional as a Sub Jail in the district, S.P added.

India 1.73 lakh cases, Daily New Cases are lowest in last 45 days

PIB
New Delhi, May 29:

India's Active Caseload has reduced to 22,28,724 today. Active Cases have decreased since the last peak on 10th May 2021.

A net decline of 1,14,428 is witnessed in the last 24 hours and active cases are now only 8.04% of the country's total Positive Cases.

As part of continued decline in the daily new cases, the country has recorded less than 3 lakh Daily New Cases for thirteen consecutive days now. Less than 2 lakh daily new cases are being reported since the last two days. 1,73,790 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.

India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 16th consecutive day. 2,84,601 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.

1,10,811 more recoveries during the last 24 hours as compared to the daily new cases.

Out of the people infected since beginning of the pandemic 2,51,78,011 people have already

recovered from COVID-19 & 2,84,601 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours. This constitutes an overall recovery rate of 90.80%.

A total of 20,80,048 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country and cumulatively India has conducted 34.11 crore tests so far.

While on one side testing has been enhanced across the country, a continued decline in weekly case positivity is noticed. Weekly Positivity Rate is currently at 9.84% while the Daily Positivity rate has reduced and is at 8.36% today. It has remained less than 10% for 5 consecutive days now.

The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has exceeded 20.89 Cr today under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive. India is the second country after the US to achieve the vaccination landmark of 20 Crore.

A total of 20,89,02,445 vaccine doses have been administered through 29,72,971 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today.

Pawar, Rahul seek PM's intervention in scrapping new regulations in Lakshadweep island

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, May 29:

NCP Chief Sharad Pawar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and certain leaders from Kerala have sought intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to stop the new regulations in Lakshadweep island.

The draft Lakshadweep Development Authority Regulation (LDAR) 2021 introduced by Lakshadweep Administrator Praful Khoda Patel, a former Gujarat BJP leader, stipulate some sea changes in the administration of the tiny island.

The three policies, which have drawn the ire of local populace and politicians include the proposed cow slaughter ban, the Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, which allows the police to detain a person without any public disclosure for a period of one year, and the draft

panchayat notification, where a person with more than two children is disqualified from being a panchayat member.

Pawar and Gandhi in their letters have urged Modi to intervene and remove "draconian" causes in LDAR. Similarly Elamaram Kareem, the CPI(M)'s Rajya Sabha MP from Kerala, which neighbours Lakshadweep, has alleged that the draft LDAR is meant for big corporate since the land of the farmers will be acquired arbitrarily in the name of development.

The Congress has also written to President Ram Nath Kovind seeking his intervention in recalling Patel. Besides the people of Lakshadweep have approached United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, as well as the United Nation's Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, against the actions of Patel.

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Third lecture Series on Covid-19 Second Wave Pandemic

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As a third lecture of the Virtual Series of National Talks organized by Fit India Campaign Committee and Fit India Club, Manipur University as a part of Fit India Movement, Dr. T. Manihar Singh, State Immunization Officer, Directorate of Family Welfare Service, Govt. of Manipur has delivered a talk on "Covid-19 Vaccination". The programme has been moderated by Prof. Jibon Kumar

Sharma, Director, MIMS, M.U. and co-moderated by Dr. Rajkumar Suresh Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, M.U. Dr. Laishram Santosh Singh, convener of the programme, welcomed all the panelists and participants of the third lecture of the Virtual Series of National Talks. Dr. Rajkumar Suresh Singh, Co-moderator, introduced the speaker, Dr. Tongbram Manihar Singh to the participants.

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In universities and colleges, students learn to read and write as well as live life



By: Vijay GarG

In universities and colleges, students learn to read and write as well as to test their lives. While there, students learn to communicate well, to recognize right from wrong, to face difficulties in life, and to walk in society. That is why it is so important in the life of any human being. Your friends play an important role in determining what kind of person you will be in life. Most of these friends are found at school, college, or university. When you are in college or university, friends are not as close as they used to be. That is why you will remember the days spent in university, college.

The way you act, behave, and communicate will always reflect that experience. You will always remember the friends, love, teachers, canteen, class and hostel made at that time.

You will always be eager to relive the memories of college and university. In fact, remembering that time makes everyone happy. Even if you have nothing, you will feel rich with those memories. At that time, the desire to live again always arises in the heart.

Everyone likes their college, varsity time better than anyone else. It is not possible to learn what we learn in the days of student life and struggle before or after.

Students living in hostels also live very easily in less money, space etc. One can learn to keep oneself happy even in the least facilities. No matter how rich a student is from home, he always has a shortage of money. That is why money transactions often take place among friends who teach them to behave properly and to help unselfishly.

Students often fall in love at this time of life. If this love succeeds then one finds a spouse who knows everything from the heart and fully understands the spouse. When love fails, they learn to control their mind and emotions, which is the key to a happy life. At the same time, they learn that life will not always be what you expect it to be. The opposite can also happen. Therefore, we need to be prepared for any situation that may arise.

Adapting to the situation is also one of the qualities learned from student life. While staying in the hostel, they hang out with a lot of people. Gradually, the difference between a good and a bad person is experienced, which helps in deciding what kind of person to treat. Jokes made by friends teach tolerance. To get to school and college, students get up early, eat their meals on time, and follow a number of other rules that guide them to live a disciplined and orderly life.

A disciplined and disciplined person always succeeds in life. While studying there, one acquires the skills to make the right decision at the right time and solve problems. In the old days we could learn these qualities from family, neighborhood and work but nowadays due to busyness and increasing use of mobile phones people are less able to communicate with each other and do not get along with each other.

Today this is possible only in schools and colleges. Therefore, their importance has increased even more. Today, all schools, colleges and universities are closed due to the Covid-19 epidemic, which has led to the provision of online classes by these institutions, which was necessary at a time when it has prevented students from losing their education.

If the trend of online classes becomes permanent then students will be deprived of acquiring the above qualities due to which their education will be used only for earning a living, their social, physical and intellectual development is not possible. Students who are interested in folk dance (bhangra, giddha), folk song, reading literature, painting, sports etc. are also provided opportunities by the schools and they succeed in the related field.

Online classes can be a means of teaching but can never take the place of educational institutions as the learning environment created by educational institutions is not possible through online classes. This logic of English read from social media seems to be perfect. The good news is that things are getting better now. Corona cases have dropped significantly and deaths have dropped significantly. The government is also making efforts to gradually open schools and colleges following the instructions given for Covid-19.

The epidemic should end as soon as possible and colleges, universities, hostels should be fully open and never close again. Students want to come back to school, college and experience life again and enjoy this beautiful period of life as before.

Third lecture Series on Covid-19 Second

Dr. T. Manihar Singh has started the lecture with a brief sharing on the how the Covid-19 disease been originated and its present situation and its impact on the economy, social and health systems in the country. As there is no exact medicine for its treatment at present, it's the time to focus on preventive measures. He explained when and how the vaccines for covid-19 has been produced and how the vaccination has started in India and Manipur along with different timeline for vaccinating different categories of people in the country and state like health workers, frontline workers, citizens of India above 60 years of age, persons above 45 years of age with co-morbidities, persons above 45 years of age, and later on the persons in the age group of 18 to 44 years. He also highlighted the planning, preparations and training programmes conducted in order start the vaccination in the state and how it keeps on expanding. He has also explained details about the 3 vaccines - Covishield, Covaxin and

Sputnik V - presently available in the India.

Regarding vaccination of Covid vaccine, he mentioned that if any person recovered from covid-19 infection, they should get vaccinated after 3 months of recovery. Any person recovered from any sickness after getting ICU Ventilator support, they should wait for 4-8 weeks for getting Covid-19 vaccination. Any person if no severe case of uncontrolled high sugar (diabetes), no severe case of Asthma or person having no history of allergies in any vaccination before should go for Covid-19 vaccination. Even lactating mother (breastfeeding mother) can go for Covid-19 vaccination according to latest studies. But as of now, pregnant women should not get vaccinated as there are no studies done on the vaccines side effects on them. He also mentioned that either after 14 days of 1st or 2nd dose of Covid-19 vaccination, one can donate blood. He has requested people to continue following Covid-19 guidelines even

after taking vaccine as there is no history of 100 per cent protection from any disease by vaccinating against them.

Dr. T. Manihar Singh, on his lecture, has stressed that as fast as possible all the people should get vaccinated so that a hard immunity can be developed against the virus. Hard immunity can be developed either by making all the people get sick with Covid-19 or by getting vaccinated all the people. We should increase the speed of vaccination to achieve hard immunity against this fast mutating virus. It is also people's responsibility now, so let us not think government to handle it alone.

Answering the questions, Dr. T. Manihar Singh said that we have shortage of vaccines for 18-44 age groups as it is being purchased separately by the state government from the Serum Institute of India. No vaccines are being supplied adequately though money has been paid along with orders. Maximum care should be taken in order to avoid wastage of vaccine. In case booked beneficiaries did not turn up for vaccination, on the spot registration may be permitted to avoid the wastage of vaccine. Answering a

Is it really a small thing?

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started thinking it as kind of socially and morally acceptable behaviour.

You must be thinking what am I talking and why I am putting my head on this small matter? The amount is small; therefore often we are ignorant of such matter. But it is not a small matter, how come compromising our personal value because of few bugs can be a small matter? He compromised his integrity (personal) for only Rs. 800/-, how cheap he becomes and I am sure there are thousands of us doing this thinking the amount is small. I happened to hear people giving excuses mentioning their hard labour for doing such cheap things, but that is just excuse, he was hired and given salary for his work.

There are stories, one example - my late Grand Mother once told me, before the govt. employees' salary was given through bank, they had to collect the cash by standing in the front of cash counter with their pension book. The authority didn't tell them to stand in queue; the reason is they give first priority to the pension book which consists of few bugs inside. Therefore they used to insert few amount to the pension book while giving it for processing, it becomes so understanding that they don't have to speak a single word in such transaction.

There are so many such small cases happening around, and we are always ignorant of it. The biggest problem with the majority people liv-

ing in our society is their self-worth is very cheap; they sold their personal value in few notes. Because of this winning an election in such society is not difficult, they can buy most of them with money. The only matter is money, whether you have it or not.

Medium of Education - in English or Mother Language?

People think Students who studied in English Medium has many advantages over those students who studied in their own mother language, because English is a global language, and it enhances the rate of employability of a person. I don't know how far the statement is correct.

I agree the part that learning English enhances our employability rate in this globalized world. But I don't want people to forget few benefits or advantages of studying or providing education in our own mother language, especially to the growing up children. Education is not learning language, it is not learning speaking English or any other foreign language. The actual purpose of the education, as Swami Vivekananda said, is the manifestation of the perfection already in man. This statement seems very simple, but its meaning is deep and explains the actual purpose of the education. The purpose of education is to provide knowledge and developing wisdom to the individuals. Like water and mineral is to the plants, education is to

the human being. A well educated person knows his responsibility towards the society, nature and his surroundings. In different civilization era the mode or system of education might be different but the purpose of education remains the same. It all started with understanding, understanding is like absorbing - plants absorb water and mineral for growth. Likewise young mind must absorb the best things to become a good man. And how well we absorb defines how well we are educated. Language is a medium through which the knowledge is pass to our mind, if it is in some foreign language which we do not understand properly, how much I will able to absorb and understand?

There are more than 100s of English medium schools in Manipur. Among these only few are considered as good institution, which means teachers are good and explain properly to the students. What about those students who are studying in English medium and teachers do not take regular classes? May be that is the reason of mushrooming tuition culture in Manipur, in-fact taking tuition becomes a necessity in Manipur. Manipuri medium schools are dying and most of the Manipuri medium institutes were already converted to English medium. People think it is a good change, but I doubt on this.

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Also the Shiv Sena has pointed out that the Muslims constitute 93 per cent in Lakshadweep. As such the ban on beef is unwarranted. No such ban exists in BJP ruled Goa. Similarly no such ban exists in most of the north eastern states. Then why the ban on consumption of beef in Lakshadweep, the Shiv Sena has questioned in an editorial in its party mouth piece "Saamna".

The LDAR draft regulation grants the administrator the power to "declare any area to be a planning area" on the islands, for the purpose of development, and will also allow the administrator to acquire any land required for a public purpose under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

However Patel has maintained that he intends to develop

Lakshadweep like neighbouring Maldives, a renowned international tourist destination. "The draft LDAR will usher in development and go a long way in improving the social and economic indicators on the islands, which have so far lagged behind despite having the potential," he has said.

"The islands are similar to Maldives and we want to develop them on similar lines. We want to develop sustainable infrastructure and promote sustainable tourism. You see Maldives... tourists are waiting in a queue to visit there." As against this, on an average, 5 lakh travellers land in Lakshadweep every year. At present, tourism activity is restricted to only government operations and an entry permit is mandatory for all tourists visiting the islands. The Lakshadweep has lagged behind in key develop-

ment indicators, Patel has said.

Lakshadweep is an archipelago of 36 islands, of which 11 are inhabited. They have a total geographical area of 32 sq km and the population of approximately 70,000 has a low per capita income and high unemployment level of 13 per cent, according to the statistics made available by the authorities in the UT.

LDAR in detail

1. Prohibition of slaughter without certificate from competent authority

Praful Patel has proposed the Lakshadweep Animal Preservation Regulation, 2021, which bans slaughter of the cow, calf, bull and bullocks. Animals should be slaughtered only at places specified for the purpose. The sale and purchase of beef and beef products are banned under the proposed law. Persons who slaughter animals without a certificate are liable to be punished with imprisonment extending to one year and a fine of up to Rs 10,000. Besides, in February, mutton and chicken were removed from schools' midday meal menus. Children had been provided nonvegetarian meals at Anganwadis till then

2. Land regulations

The draft Lakshadweep Development Authority Regulation proposes changes in the existing land ownership and usage by giving sweeping, arbitrary and unchecked powers to the government to directly interfere with the islanders' right to possess and retain their property. It empowers the government to pick any land for development activities including building, engineering, mining, quarrying and other operations have been listed under development activities

3. Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act 2021

The proposed law gives powers to detain a person without any public disclosure for a period of up to one year. Locals fear that bill will pave the way for detention without a trial and say that such a harsh law is not required. The island has a negligible crime rate, all the more

reason why the law is suspect

4. Bar on election contest

The draft Lakshadweep Panchayat Regulation, 2021 says if a resident has more than two children, he/she cannot contest a panchayat election. "No person who has more than two children shall be a member of a gram panchayat or continue as such..." the draft text of the regulation says

5. Plans to allow sale of liquor

The administrator allowed sale of liquor at hotels and resorts in three islands in the name of tourism promotion. The Muslim majority island territory has remained a non-alcoholic zone for decades. Liquor sale was allowed only in Bangaram islands till now. Liquor was not allowed in other islands and travellers were not allowed to carry liquor

6. Winding up of dairy farms

Dairy farms operated by the Animal Husbandry department have been shut down. On May 21, dairy farms of the local government were also ordered shut; all animals are to be auctioned by May 31

7. Coastal regulations

The island administration has demolished huts erected by fishermen along the coastline alleging violation of Coastal Regulation Zone and Coast Guard Act. These sheds were built by fisherfolk to keep their nets and fishing gear. The sheds were constructed under the exemption provided to the fisherfolk

8. Cargo diverted to Mangalore

The administration has diverted freight transit to Mangalore, ending the trade ties between the islands and Kerala. The islanders depend on ports of Bepore and Kochi for logistics and medical facilities.

9. Termination of services of employees

Services of hundreds of contract labourers working under various departments of the Union territory have been terminated. Casual and contractual workers of various government offices have been dismissed. The recruitment rules will be reviewed where the educational qualifications do not match the latest developments.

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