

Lawyers demand appointment of a regular Judge for Family Court, Thoubal

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Member of the Thoubal District Bar Association (TDBA) has demanded appointment of a regular Judge for the Family Court Thoubal district and expressed dissatisfaction over the non-transfer of Chief Judicial Magistrate even after five years.

With the Family Court, Thoubal having no regular Judge, all the matters are put up the in-charge i.e. District & Session Judge of the relevant times.

The Family Court, Thoubal is a peripheral Court having Jurisdiction over the vast Districts of Thoubal and Kakching. Even before the Corona Pandemic began the Ld. Members of TDBA approached to the concerned authorities and several memorandums have been submitted to meet their, however, no concrete action could be seen so far, the statement added.

The Lawyer's body of Thoubal district said that the

Family Court, Thoubal was inaugurated in July 16, 2017 by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in the presence of High Court Justice N. Kotishwar and the then Law Minister L. Jayantakumar. After the inauguration and establishment of Family Court, Thoubal was functioning smoothly for some years by appointing judge from time to time on Adhoc basis or re-engagement method.

The members of the Thoubal District Bar Association appealed to the MLAs of

Thoubal and Kakching Districts to extend their support to meet their demands.

The Association further notified to the concerned authorities that as earlier stated all the members of TDBA in consultation with All Manipur Bar Association will launch various protest, boycott of the Courts, agitation in a peaceful, non-violence and democratic way until their demands are met for the welfare of the people and to re-impose trust in judiciary system of Manipur.

Lt Gen Manoj Pande to be the next Army Chief

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, April 19:



Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lt Gen Manoj C Pande will take over as the Chief of the Indian Army Staff (COAS), replacing General Manoj Mukund Naravane, on April 30, official communication stated.

Gen Naravane had taken over as the COAS on December 31, 2019. The COAS reaches superannuation upon three years in the office or at the age of 62, whichever is earlier. Naravane served as COAS for 28 months. He also served as a temporary Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee since December 15, 2021, after the death of Gen Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash. Now Naravane completes 62 years of age.

Lt Gen Pande is the first engineer to become the COAS. He had taken over as the Vice Chief of the Army staff from Lt Gen C P Mohanty on February 01. He was part of Operation Parakram, the 2001-2002 India-Pakistan standoff, which led to the mobilization of troops in large numbers on both sides of the border and along the Line of Control in Kashmir.

Born on May 06, 1962, Lt Gen Pande was commissioned

mander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command and as the GOC-in-C of the Eastern Command at Kolkata before getting appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and has undergone courses at Staff College, Camberley (UK), Army War College, Mhow (Madhya Pradesh), and National Defence College, New Delhi. He was conferred with Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, and Vishisht Seva Medal for his illustrious service.

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In the meanwhile, the Central government is yet to announce the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) after the sudden demise of the country's first CDS Gen Bipin Rawat. Outgoing COAS Gen Naravane is the senior-most among the three service chiefs. Besides, former Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria is also seen as a possible contender for the post of the country's topmost military man. The Government is likely to consider both serving and retired officers for the post of CDS, which reports to the Prime Minister and Defence Minister.

Naga peace talks interlocutor in Nagaland, likely to meet NSCN-IM's Th Muivah at Camp Hebron

Agency
Dimapur, April 19:

For the first time in history, negotiations on the Naga peace process is likely to be held at the NSCN-IM headquarters in Nagaland.

Government of India's interlocutor for the Naga peace talks AK Mishra arrived in Nagaland on Monday on a week-long visit.

During his stay in Nagaland, interlocutor for Naga peace talks AK Mishra is likely to meet NSCN-IM general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah at the outfit's Camp Hebron.

The meeting between Naga peace talks interlocutor AK Mishra and NSCN-IM's Th Muivah is likely to take place at Camp Hebron as Muivah is reportedly ill.

Meanwhile, during his stay in Nagaland, AK Mishra – the interlocutor for Naga peace talks – is also likely to meet the working committee of the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs).

The Government of India has been holding talks with



both the NSCN-IM and NNPGs separately.

While talks with the NSCN-

IM have been taking place since 1997, NNPGs and the Government of India have been

in talks since 2017.

The Government of India had signed the "framework agreement" with NSCN-IM on August 3, 2015 and "Agreed Position" with the NNPGs on November 17, 2017.

Naga peace talks interlocutor AK Mishra is also likely to meet Nagaland government's core committee on Naga political issue.

The core committee of the Nagaland government on Naga political issue is headed by chief minister Neiphiu Rio and also comprises of several Naga civil societies organisations.

Body of 11-yr-old boy found after 3 days at Khoupum dam

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Imphal, April 19:

After an exhaustive search for almost three days, the decomposed body of an 11-year-old boy, who drowned at Khoupum dam on Sunday, was retrieved around 11:30 am today, said sources.

As per sources, NDRF, SDRF and local volunteers were trying to retrieve the

victim's body since the incident occurred on Sunday afternoon.

The victim has been identified as Pouchumei Riamei, son of Isaac Riamei of Duithanjang village under Khoupum police station in Noney district.

The incident occurred around 3 pm on Sunday when Pouchumei Riamei along with his friends were swimming in

the dam when he drowned suddenly where the water was 20 feet deep.

The victim was studying at Class 5 at English Boarding School at Khoupum, said the source.

On Monday, the Hill Areas Committee (HAC) chairman Dingganglung Gangmei (Dipu) visited the accident spot and took stock of the ongoing search operation.

Centre extends insurance scheme for COVID-19 health workers for another 180 days

Agency
New Delhi, April 19:

The Central government's insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19 has been extended for another period of 180 days.

"The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP): Insurance scheme for Healthcare Workers Fighting COVID-19 has been extended for a further period of 180 days from 19th

April, 2022. It has been decided to extend the policy so as to continue to provide the safety net to the dependents of health workers who are deployed to take care of COVID-19 patients," the government said in an order.

A letter dated 19th April 2022 to this effect has been issued to Additional Chief Secretaries (Health)/Principal Secretaries (Health)/Secretaries (Health) of all States/UTs for giving wide

publicity amongst the health workers in their respective States/UTs.

The PMGKP was launched on March 30, 2020 to provide comprehensive personal accident cover of Rs 50 Lakh to 22.12 lakh healthcare providers, including community health workers and private health workers, who may have been in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and may be at risk.

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Condolence



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Imphal, April 19:

Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol (CADA) has condoled the demise of Sanasam Ongbi Memma Leima (67 yrs), President of CADA, who had passed away after a brief illness on 13/4/2022.

As per the statement Sanasam Ongbi Memma Leima was a kind hearted, down to earth person. She was loved by everyone. She was also one of the Meira Paibis in her locality who strongly stand against the Drugs and alcohols in Manipur.

Courtesy: NDTV
New Delhi, April 19:

Assets worth over Rs. 757 crore belonging to direct-selling consumer goods company Amway India have been attached under the anti-money laundering law, the Enforcement Directorate said on Monday.

The provisionally attached properties of Amway India Enterprises Pvt Ltd. include land and factory building at Dindigul district in Tamil Nadu, plant and machinery, vehicles, bank accounts and fixed deposits, it said in a statement.

Attaching a property means it cannot be trans-



ferred, converted or moved. Out of the total Rs. 757.77 crore of assets attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), immovable and movable properties are worth Rs. 411.83 crore while the rest are bank balances of 1 345.94 crore kept in 36 accounts belonging to Amway, it said.

The Enforcement Directorate accused the company

of running a multi-level marketing "scam" where prices of most of the products offered by the company were "exorbitant as compared to the alternative popular products of reputed manufacturers available in the open market."

"A money laundering investigation by the ED revealed that Amway is running a pyramid fraud in the guise of direct selling multi-level market-

ing network," the agency said.

"Without knowing the real facts, the common gullible public is induced to join as members of the company and purchase products at exorbitant prices and are thus losing their hard-earned money. The new members are not buying the products to use them, but to become rich by becoming members as showcased by the upline members. Reality is that the commissions received by the upline members contribute enormously in hike of prices of the products," it added.

"The entire focus of the company is about propagating how members can become rich by becoming members.

There is no focus on the products. Products are used to masquerade this MLM Pyramid fraud as a direct selling company," the agency said.

Responding to the charges in a statement, Amway India said, "The action of the authorities is with regards to the investigation dating back to 2011 and since then we have been co-operating with the department and have shared all the information as sought for from time to time since 2011. We will continue to cooperate with the relevant government authorities and the law officials towards a fair, legal, and logical conclusion of the outstanding issues."

"As the matter is sub judice, we do not wish to comment further. We request you to exercise caution, considering a misleading impression about our business also affects the livelihood of over 5.5 lakh direct sellers in the country," the company added.

The government had banned direct selling companies from promoting pyramid schemes in December. The Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021 were aimed at protecting consumers' rights and restricting companies which are involved in direct selling like Tupperware, Amway and Oriflame from encouraging money circulation schemes.

International Relation and Foreign Policy

By: Themneivah Sithlu

A massive event that took place in 1900s named eventually as World War-1 and World War-2 has crumbled our flourish world history and left a great crash to its offsprings. There was a time where people were engaged only for daily bread. Very soon, the games of politics began. Politics is the struggle for power between two or more. There were various approaches which tried understanding and evaluating this power game. Such as realist approach and idealist approach. So, it was in 1950s after the end of world war a new independent discipline emerged known to be International Relations. The study of International Relation is very crucial as we are interdependent on one another in terms of economic aid, military support and moral values etc. One cannot stay isolated.

We can only understand international politics only once we understand our international relations. Nation is a primary actor. Using International Relation platform, nation strive to achieve its own objective which is marked as

national interest. To our grief, the recent incident of Russia and Ukraine brimmed the world with the fear of another disastrous war. To put it simply, Ukraine was once part of USSR. With its disintegration, many newly nations were formed including Ukraine. There are many outcomes of war which differ from nation to nation. But what we have in common is the fear of weaker nations towards powerful ones. This fear compel us to build our security tighter. That is why nations are obsessed in building their military stronger by any means. National power which comprises of military, economic etc. is our nation's identity. So even with the end of the two world war, we are left with the legacy of lust of power basically between two blocks mainly Russia led and US led, which we called cold war. Speaking of which, following the world war-2, NATO was formed to safeguard the Allies freedom and security. US had a dominant role in it. In retaliation to this, War Saw pact was formed to strengthen the

soviet and to balance the power by counterweighting the NATO. As being mentioned earlier, USSR disintegrated but the seeds of cold war even grew deeper. Ukraine which was once in USSR wanted to join NATO in respect to its interest which is invincibly opposed by Russia. To brief it up, Ukraine consists of Russian speaking population mainly in Donetsk and Luhansk where Russia recognised them as independent. Also, the nord stream pipeline that runs from Russia to Germany which pass through Ukraine will be disrupted if Russia lost its influence. Most eminently, many nations which fall to bits from USSR have joined NATO that directly or indirectly question Russia of its power and influence. Behind all these reasons, Russia took Ukraine as a bet and want Ukraine to be neutral and combat Ukraine to be NATO members. As put forward by Putin, Russia had no intention in taking over Ukraine but use this war as its last resort to uphold its influence and rebel US and NATO.

India, as a nation which had good relation with both Russia and US, which are against each other over Ukraine, is looked upon by the world towards its decision against this issue. To analyse this matter, we could not forsake our past and deny our present. Not to forget our landmarked history of 1962 war with China and 1971 war with Pakistan. When India was crippled economically and militarily as a consequence of colonisation and partition, Russia took our helpless hand and help us stand to where we are today. Presently, we have a deal with Russia over S-400 missile. Also, Russia accounts 75% of India's coffee export. On the other hand, India had a good relationship with western countries through look west policy basically with US in terms of trade etc. India is the largest democratic country. With the present scenario, it is a wise decision of India to follow its national interest of NAM once again by abstaining its vote in the UN. Not able to turn back to Russia nor not being able to turn blind eye to Russia aggression against Ukraine, India

should be very careful of its decision. To recap, India accepted the resolution of panchsheel in 1954 with China which consist of 5 principles that includes respect for sovereignty. India is constantly engaging in border conflict with our neighbouring countries. Future holds no sorts of good day nor bad day. So, to keep in mind our decision today will decide of our fortune or let us hold accountable in future.

What now and what is our way forward? We have been expecting for a swift action against Russia aggression. But what we see is none other than a moral support which anyone could do it easily from our comfort zone. The realistic hits hard. No nation would like to risk its national interest for the sake of kindness unless something beneficial is given. Russia is a super power nation that alone constitute 40% of oil supply to EU. US accounts 10% of Russia oil export and US imposed sanction on it. This is not the first time. There are many sanctions against Russia which includes CAATSA by US. As known to all, if Russia is

not prepared for this it would not start its aggression at the first place. No one dares to stand against Russia fearing for their loss of power and international relation. Future holds nothing as certain but what we can expect and we have been facing after every war is, there is no winner in war. It will affect all of us in one way or the other. 7th March 2022 is marked as the highest rise in oil price for the last 14 years at \$139.13 per barrel. In international relation, there is no permanent friends nor enemy. It is dynamic in nature. The world should uphold humanity over violence. Ukraine is a victim now and it can be anyone in future. The world should learn a lesson from this and take a swift action against this. What if there is no thirst of power, what if we uphold international norms and humanity, what if our common enemy were violence and war and not among ourselves, what if we had listened to Russia grievance better and what if we attend to Ukraine needs at an accurate time, this war would not have been an answer.

Special Education for Children with Intellectual Disability

Intellectual Disability or Mental Retardation is considerably sub-average brain functioning, existing from the early infancy or birth and results into limitations of the capability of conducting normal activities for the everyday living.

Definition: Intellectual disability, also known as "mental retardation," is described by the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) as "considerably sub-average common intellectual functioning, offered concurrently [altogether] with the deficits in adaptive actions and clear during the development period which adversely affects child's educational operation." Two main components are there in this definition: student's IQ as well as his or her ability to work independently generally known as the adaptive behaviour.

Common Traits of Intellectual Disability

According to the NICHCY (National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities), the IQ under 70-75 specifies an intellectual disability. The deficits of "adaptive behaviour" quoted by IDEA prove to be trickier to assess. Factors considered consist of the ability to comprehend and take part in the conversations, to understand and pursue social norms as well as to do activities like getting dressed or using the bathroom. NICHCY clarifies that the sources of intellectual disabilities differ from pregnancy problems and complications during birth to general conditions (like fragile X-syndrome or Down syndrome) and physical problems early in the life, together with diseases like measles, contact with toxic substances like mercury or lead, etc.

Many traits may point towards the intellectual disability. The NICHD (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development) has listed the following early indicators:

Delay in reaching developmental milestones like talking and sitting up

The problem in comprehending conventional social behaviours or understanding the action consequences

The problem in remembering things

Weaker problem-solving skills

Mentally retarded children lack social and theoretical abilities. They can't match well with the others be-

cause of language underdevelopment and face difficulty in education as well as dealing with everyday actions. Their IQ ranking is lower than average however this doesn't indicate that these kids can't learn how to look after themselves. The level of learning relies on the problem's difficulty level. Majority of children can be taught a sufficient amount if suitable care and the environment is given to them. They can live a partly independent life.

Need for Special Educational Curriculum for Them

The children who are suffering from the intellectual disability need a special education curriculum. Certain other activities like music, dance, yoga, art & craft etc. may be introduced for these children so that they can understand how to work together while doing the activities. They must also get physical training that can include games, sports, and drills. Their interaction skills may be improved using the sign language. This entire procedure of conveying education to them relies on the aim to make these children as much autonomous as possible. Rather than offering them studious knowledge, they need to be taught everyday activities and skills.

The myth is that intellectually disabled children can only be educated if they are trained together in an institution. They need care and inclusion to find out the ways of autonomous living. The government also promises educational and more services for them.

Their wide-ranging educational plans need to be developed through a team of paediatricians, physicians, speech therapists, and adolescent psychiatrist with the help of school authorities and family as per the retardation level. Before you introduce the child in a classroom, his mental issues should be tackled properly. No weakness should be build up in the child because it can obstruct the enthusiasm of learning. Great care should be taken while choosing whether a child should be sent to a normal school or should be sent to any special school. At times, some wrong decisions may overburden his capabilities and put extra strain on the limitations also. Despite offering academic awareness, they need to be taught activity modification methods and must be vocationally trained for the oc-

cupations as well as live autonomously.

In India, significant prevalence is there for mental retardation with urban and rural areas. According to the Persons with Disabilities Act, there needs to be obligatory support for early detection, prevention, employment, education, and personal facilities with psychological retardation.

Special education has become one type of treatment for a person suffering from intellectual disabilities. All these children need services of different experts. Special education may aid in assimilating the skills and knowledge from different disciplines and may join them. Special educators may prove to become the most important and inventive persons for children dealing with intellectual disability problems.

Educational Challenges

Being parents you can have doubts about education and the long-term future of your child. Teachers can definitely see that giving education to students having intellectual disabilities associated with many challenges. However, the fact is that they will study but they will take longer time. Clearly, intellectual disability produces a lot of educational challenges which must be defeated. These include:

Difficulty in completing difficult tasks

Improper behaviour

Limited vocabulary

The problem in understanding new thoughts

Tips for Parents and Teachers

Educating people who are suffering from intellectual disabilities needs patience and awareness. Awareness engages a serious effort of choosing words and activities wisely. For example, if a student shows artistic talent, support him or her through offering assignments related to the skill. Parents can aid by suggesting associated activities which their children may use as hobbies. Additionally, carefully choosing your words can reduce possible problems sourced by students' restricted vocabularies.

Patience is an essential part of addressing the above mentioned educational tests. You will probably need to check lessons or fix student's improper behaviour many times. Another way of making the repetition more efficient is to con-



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voy verbal instructions with extra cues; for instance, show pictures for repeating spoken directions.

To fight difficulty in completing compound tasks, NICHCY recommends dividing these jobs into smaller steps. This organization also suggests providing instant feedback for helping a child to learn while he or she performs a step properly.

One last advice does not inevitably correspond to some particular academic barrier however rather attends to the educational focus, at least with higher school level. Examine student's skills to choose how to carry on with the transitioning to maturity. For example, do the students having the capabilities which will allow the students to survive on their own? If yes, the later years of school need to concentrate on enhancing the ability which will let them live without help.

Effective Teaching Techniques for People Having Intellectual Disabilities

Individuals having intellectual disabilities advantage from same teaching techniques used for teaching people with the other learning disabilities. It includes studying disabilities, autism, and hyperactivity disorder.

One such technique is breaking the learning jobs in smaller steps. Every learning job is introduced, with one step with one time. It avoids overwhelming the students. When the student masters one step, then the next step is initiated. That is a step-wise, progressive, and learning approach. This is an attribute of several learning models. Only one difference is size and number of chronological steps.

The second technique is to transform the approach of teaching. Extensive verbal directions and theoretical lectures are useless teaching techniques for most of the audiences. Majority of people are kinesthetic students. It means they study best when doing an assignment "hands-on." It is contrary to thinking about doing it in the abstract. The hands-on tactic is particularly useful for students suffering from Intellectual Disability. They study best while information is real and observed. For instance, there are many ways of teaching the gravity concept. Teachers may talk about gravity theoretically. They can explain the force for the

gravitational pull. Secondly, teachers might show how the gravity works through dropping something. Thirdly, teachers may ask the students directly about the gravity by doing an exercise. Students might also be told to jump or drop the pen. Majority of students keep more details from experiencing the gravity firsthand. The concrete gravity experience is much easier to recognize than theoretical explanations.

Third, people having Intellectual Disability do best with learning environments where visual support is used. It might consist of pictures, charts, and graphs. The visual tools are valuable in helping the students to recognize what actions are projected of them. For example, using the charts of mapping students' development is extremely effective. Charts may also be used as the means of offering positive support for suitable and on-task performance.

A fourth teaching technique is to offer direct and urgent feedback. Individuals having Intellectual Disability need instant feedback. It allows them to create a connection between their activities and the teacher's response. Delay in offering feedback makes that hard to make a connection between the source and effect. Therefore, the knowledge point can be missed.

While we teach children having intellectual disabilities, we should remember many factors. Initially, we should set goals which are most significant for the children. Learning names of planets cannot be as significant as learning on how the plants grow. Then we should make the materials as well as set the environment in order that it supports a child's learning. In conclusion, we should use a few teaching methods for teaching and motivating the children to learn. Let's explore some efficient teaching methods for students having intellectual disabilities.

Baby Steps: Children suffering from intellectual disabilities should be learnt using baby steps. Each skill, task, or activity should be crashed into smaller baby steps. The children are taught one step at a time. Gradually, they learn to merge the baby steps for learning a better concept. For instance, we won't teach the concept of the red colour within one day, so initially, we will teach sorting of red and then matching of red, after that identifying the red, and then naming the red and lastly generalizing the red. Using that way try to break all skills into smaller baby steps.

Chaining: Chaining is a proce-

dure of breaking the task into smaller steps and teaches them in a chronological way. This is generally used for teaching everyday living skills. For instance, we initially teach a child for holding the pant with both hands, and we teach him to grip it and take it down on his legs. Subsequently, we teach to hold that, bring that down to the legs, as well as put a leg inside. The procedure is named forward chaining. In backward chaining, you teach children last steps first. We complete the activity for the child as well as allow the children to do last steps on their own. After that, we do this movement until the second last step. In that way, a child does some activities and we do less till child can do the entire activity by his own.

Group Learning: Group learning is among the most efficient teaching methods for students having intellectual disabilities. That is when you bring the children together with the group of teaching different skills. Children usually do better while they are within the group. Behavioural difficulties are fewer and children encourage each other. One difficulty of the group learning is you need sufficient hands for helping children learn mutually.

Hands-on Learning: Hands-on learning is the procedure of user actions and on the tasks of teaching skills. All the children particularly children having intellectual impairments study best using this procedure. An example might be to do science experiments and discover science concepts. One more idea is using play dough plus making letter shapes and learn letters. Hands-on learning is an enormous way of learning math.

Play-Based Learning: Play-based learning is while we use play activities for teaching cognitive skills. For instance, if a child is playing with cars, we can just sit there and play too. During our play, we use statements like "Can you give that to me? May I play with a red car?" In that way, we help children to learn skills while they are playing.

Positive Reinforcement: Positive reinforcement is reinforcing the children positively when they learn new skills or practice or do known skills. It is an enormous way of motivating children having intellectual disabilities. Employ reinforcements which are suitable for the children.

These are only a few efficient teaching tactics for students having intellectual disabilities. The finest way to teach is understanding the child, understanding his capabilities and his requirements.

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After Mizoram, African Swine Flu is now killing pigs in Tripura



Agency
Agartala, April 19:

The Animal Husbandry department of Tripura has sounded alarm after samples from a government farm sent to the North Eastern Regional Disease Diagnostic Lab for PCR test showed positive results for African Swine Flu.

The highly contagious disease had already ravaged neighboring Mizoram, causing deaths of hundreds of pigs, said a senior official of the department on anonymity.

The samples were sent on April 7 and the report reached Tripura on April 13. A team of experts headed by ARDD (Animal Resource Development Department) department's Disease Investigation Laboratory visited the farm located at Devipur village under Sepahijala district to inspect the ground situation.

"Confirmation of the outbreak came on April 13. Symptoms in the now sheltered pigs at the farm indicate that the remaining ones are also infected. Another report that was supposed to come from Bhopal's National Disease Diagnostic institute is yet to reach Tripura," officials said.

During the visit, the experts' team advised the farmworkers to be cautious and recommended they use safety gear.

"Two rapid response teams comprising ten people in each have been constituted. The teams will be headed by a veterinary officer and they will

directly report to the panel of nodal officers. Chief of ARDD's Disease Investigation laboratory, Dr Mrinal Dutta, Deputy Director of the district and SDM Bishalgarh are monitoring the developments very closely," a source said.

On being asked about the future course of action, sources said, "If we don't receive the Center's order we can't do anything. But preliminary works have been done already. We have managed to dig up 8 big graves in an area of 64 square feet each. The infected ones will be administered anesthesia and later buried inside the graves. Our primary goal is to contain the disease within the farm. Testing will be ramped up for the pigs being reared by locals as well. Our main focus is now one kilometer radius of the farm."

According to officials, a total of 63 pigs of different sizes have died since March 25. Before the outbreak, there were 265 mature pigs and 185 piglets in the sheds, including 50 pigs that were imported from abroad for research purposes.

Staff Duty Room inaugurated by Director, RIMS



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Imphal, April 19:

Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal inaugurated Staff Duty Room at the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Block, RIMS, Imphal yesterday.

The Director also inaugurated to unisex washroom facilities attached to Operation theatre Waiting Room. During the inauguration, Prof. N. Sanjib Singh, Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital, Shri Y. Jogeshwar Singh, Consultant (Civil), RIMS, Imphal, Prof. M. Rameswar Singh, Head of Obst & Gynaecology Department, RIMS, Imphal, faculty, Nursing officials and staff were present during the inauguration.

Later on, a Mock Drill on fire safety in front of Dental College OPD Block, RIMS, Imphal was organised in presence of Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital, Prof. N. Sanjib Singh, Additional Joint Director, Fire Services, Govt. of Manipur, Principal, Dental College, faculty members, Nursing official and staff. The program was organised as a part of National Fire Service in collaboration with Fire Service, Govt. of Manipur.

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India logs 43% drop in daily numbers with 1,247 new Covid cases

Agency
New Delhi, April 19:

A day after reporting a worrisome 90 per cent jump in daily Covid numbers, India on Tuesday logged 1,247 fresh cases and only one death in the last 24 hours, according to the health ministry data. The country's coronavirus have been fluctuating, while mostly on a downward trend, for the

past few weeks as governments slowly started lifting pandemic restrictions.

The number of infections on Tuesday are almost 43 per cent fewer than Monday when India saw a spike of 2,075 cases in a day, the first time in nearly a month.

The daily fatalities reported, too, were drastically less than Monday's data that showed 214 deaths. The government cautioned that most of these were because of Kerala's reconciled records of unregistered past deaths. Experts also warned against reading too much into the trend since hospitalisation and death rates had not risen in tandem.

After a dreadful third wave of Covid-19 pandemic that pushed the daily tally above the 3-lakh mark in January, coronavirus cases have significantly dropped in the country. However, a new threat arose due to the rising rate of infections in neighbouring China and several European countries.

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ASI celebrates World Heritage Day in Manipur with function at the Vishnu Temple, Bishnupur

IT News
Imphal, April 19:

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) celebrated World Heritage Day in Manipur with a simple function at the Vishnu Temple at Bishnupur yesterday.

A rally, drawing competition and Swacchta activities were carried out at the recently renovated temple, which is the only ASI-protected monument

in the State. Manipur comes under the aegis of the Aizawl Circle of the ASI.

The Bishnupur Temple of Vishnu is one of the oldest known-brick temples in Manipur. The temple was built during the reign of King Kyamba (1457-1508 CE) of Manipur. It is believed that he constructed this temple after receiving a Vishnu emblem from neighbouring Shan King (Upper Burma).

Under the supervision of Sh. Ramakrishna Reddy, Superintendent Archaeologist, Aizawl Circle, the ASI recently completed conservation, development and providing of amenities at the temple. The work, which took 6 months to complete, includes construction of boundary walls, solar lighting and laying of garden etc.

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India may face serious fiscal challenges due to energy transition

Reforming skewed direct and indirect Tax Regime will not be easy

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New Delhi, April 19:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced at the Glasgow UN climate change conference that India will meet a target of net-zero emissions by 2070. This means that India will face major energy transition challenge moving away from fossil fuels, which accounts for significant share of Indian government's tax revenue.

The Centre for Social and Economic Progress, has come out with a new technical paper identifying India's fiscal challenges that will accompany the energy transition from fossil fuels to green energy like solar, electric vehicles, wind and hydel power.

With the Indian government beginning to depend less on fossil fuels relative to the size of its budget, it will be crucial to explore other sources of revenue. Needless to state that the overall impact across India's states will vary widely, necessitating separate targeted energy transition strategies.

According to the CSEP technical paper, the Indian government, both at the Centre and the States, impose taxes, cesses and duties on all fossil fuels. That apart, there are non-tax revenues including royalties from domestic

mining operations as well as dividends from public sector fossil fuel companies. This non-tax and tax revenues have been growing steadily over time.

This study is part of the efforts to mitigate fiscal impacts of net-zero transitions and findings of the task force on climate, development and the IMF.

The study points out that the current revenue from fossil fuels in India is more than double the entire defence expenditure. It is three times the health expenditure of the central and state governments. However, through 2040, fossil fuel revenues would fall significantly as a share of the overall government revenue — from 13.3 per cent in 2019 to just 3.8 per cent at the lowest bound.

States across India will face vastly different challenges as some rely heavily on fossil fuel revenues. But the Centre will face the brunt with it being the greatest beneficiary of fossil fuel taxes. Moreover, the study says that adding a carbon tax would not be sufficient to off-set any budgetary pressure from the decline in fossil fuel revenues.

One estimate suggests that the central and state governments put together earn a tax revenue of nearly

Rs 6 lakh crore. With gradual reduction in fossil fuel and moving towards green energy, we will see considerable reduction in this mammoth revenue from just one source. If fuel is brought under GST, the reduction in revenue is going to be even more pronounced. This is precisely the reason for which India will have to carry out drastic tax reforms to ensure the net is widened and broad-based so that it does not overly depend on just one source.

As it is, India is still far from OECD recommendation of direct tax, considered to be the progressive tax, at about 60 per cent of tax revenue. Indirect tax is considered as a regressive tax now, yet accounts for nearly 55 per cent of India's tax revenue. This is not a happy situation as the poorer sections of the society pay a higher proportion of their income as taxes if the indirect taxes are higher. In case of direct taxes, the rich proportionately pay much more taxes in view of the slab system. That apart, agriculture income is not taxed in India, so there is no equity in direct tax system. Also with the plethora of tax exemptions to attract investments, there is a huge loss in possible direct tax revenue sources. As it is, corporate taxes are low in India and exemptions make them even lower. PLI and SEZ

schemes provide incentives to investments and these are too, in a way, revenue foregone by the government. One estimate suggests that the revenue foregone by way of tax exemptions is as high as Rs 6 lakh crore at one point of time, which is equivalent to the total revenue earned by central and state governments through taxes and cesses on fuel. This is not a happy situation.

It is precisely for this reason that the government should expedite the ongoing process to bring in a new direct tax code which is more equitable and broad-based, so that while the government revenue goes up on one side, on the other, imposition of tax is not too high on the poor and the middle classes. Unfortunately, India's rich do not pay as much tax as the rich in advanced nations in view of all sorts of exemptions and avoidance. Also, the rich farmers do not pay any tax on their agricultural income unlike in the advanced economies. This is an issue that has been debated on several occasions, but the government seems to be reluctant to make any headway as the rich farmers have a very powerful political lobby in India. Also India would have to move towards a single rate of GST, which again is a difficult

task as it is nearly impossible to bring about a consensus at the GST Council.

The task of reforming the direct and indirect taxes is not going to be all that easy, but the exchequer will certainly have to think out of the box to augment its tax revenue, as the share from taxing fossil fuel starts decreasing. But the fiscal challenges that may arise as a result of the energy transition are real and solutions would have to be found sooner or later.

An IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report on climate impacts underscores that the next decade requires decisive action to reduce irreversible consequences. Transitioning away from fossil fuels requires finding new sustainable revenue streams, and countries rapidly implementing climate policies, like carbon taxes, can have spillover impacts on other economies, particularly emerging market and developing economies. A coordinated global approach will be crucial to ensuring a swift and inclusive green transition. With its mandate to maintain international financial stability, the IMF is uniquely positioned to lead in a new era of climate-resilient development, as the Global Development Policy Centre has said.

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44 AR celebrates Heritage and Climate



IT News
Imphal, April 19:

Every year on 18 April world heritage day is celebrated with the aim to spread awareness about the dying cultures and natural heritage around the globe.

This year's theme for World Heritage Day is "Heritage and Climate". Contributing towards heritage and climate in Tamenglong, 44 Assam Rifles under the aegis

of 22 sector/ IGAR (East) kickstarted two days exhibition of exotic plants found in Tamenglong district. It aims to highlight how heritage can be a source of knowledge to fight climate change.

Commandant, 44 AR has opened the two days plants exhibition on 18 April at its battalion Headquarter. Various variety of plant species collected from different parts of the district are on display for the visitors.

AR conducts Medical Camp

IT News
Imphal, April 19:

Khoumpur Battalion under the aegis of IGAR(S) conducted a medical camp at Lamdangmei village, Noney district yesterday.

In continuation with the efforts of Assam Rifles to reach out a helping hand for

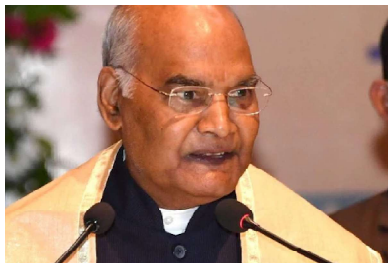
the local population and assist them in humanitarian aid, the medical camp was organised to provide medical checkup and treatment to those who have no access to basic healthcare services. Medical team from Assam Rifles carried out health checkup of 117 villagers.

President Ram Nath Kovind Gives Assent to Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill

Agency
New Delhi, April 19:

President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, which empowers police to obtain physical and biological samples of convicts and those accused of crimes. The Act, which replaces the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920, was passed by Lok Sabha on April 4 and Rajya Sabha on April 6.

"The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 18th April, 2022 and is hereby published for general information: The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 No.11 of 2022," a gazette notification issued by the government said. Apart from providing legal sanction to police to obtain physical and biological samples of convicts and detainees for investigation in criminal matters, the



legislation also empowers a magistrate to order measurements or photographs of a person to be taken to aid the investigation of an offence.

In case of acquittal or discharge of the person, all material must be destroyed. The Act explained the types of data that may be collected, people from whom such data may be collected and the authority that can authorise such collection.

It also provides for the data to be stored in a central database. Both the 1920 Act and the 2022 legislation clarified that resistance or refusal to give data will be considered as an offence of obstructing a public servant from doing his duty.

While participating in the debate on the legislation in Rajya Sabha, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said the biometric data of political

detainees would not be collected and the proposed law would exclude brain mapping and polygraph test from its ambit. "Under section 3, the government of India has the right to make rules. We will define it and ensure that no person involved in a political agitation has to give (physical and biometric) measurements only for political agitation. But, if a political leader is arrested in a criminal case, then he will have to be at par with a citizen," Shah said.

Several opposition parties slammed as "unconstitutional" and "draconian" the legislation and claimed it could be misused. Shah said no measurements will be taken of any political person for violation of prohibitory orders promulgated by police.

He said the legislation is aimed at improving the conviction rate. "It is aimed at building capacity for the police and forensic teams," he said.

Kongjom Day & Sajibu Cheiraoba Celebrated at Toronto Canada

IT News
Imphal, April 18:

Manipuri Association of Canada (MAC) celebrated Kongjom Day and Sajibu Cheiraoba on 17th April 2022. As part of the celebration the association paid a

one minute silent tribute to the martyrs of the Anglo-Manipur war, 1891.

As part of the celebration of the Manipuri Association of Canada (MAC) the families in Toronto celebrated Cheiraoba with many different Manipuri traditional cui-

sines & the celebration were includes lots of Laughs and excitement with Thabal Chongba, fun activities, cultural programs , entertainment programs, kid's talent show and karaoke with the rice traditional dress of Manipur.

Probe ordered against Assam CM for alleged model code violations

Agency
Dispur, April 19:

The Assam State Election Commission on Monday instructed to initiate a probe against Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for alleged MCC violations during campaigns for Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) polls. The GMC elections are scheduled to be held on April 22.

A complaint filed by re-

gional party Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP) against Himanta Biswa Sarma lead to the probe. AJP president, Sanjeev Bora alleged that the Assam CM violated the poll code of conduct by promising 'land patta' to landless residents of Guwahati during the election campaign.

The complaint further cited that CM Sarma lured the voters by promising an extension of 'Arunodoi scheme' by including 1000 more persons

from each ward and offering Rs 10 crores to each ward if they vote for BJP candidates.

"This is tantamount to a deliberate attempt to interfere with respect to free exercise of electoral rights of voters and an inducement/undue influence to voters within the meaning of Section 123 of the RP Act and Section 171 of the IPC apart from gross violation of the model code of conduct," Sanjeev Bora wrote in the complaint.

3 Killed as heavy rains ravage Arunachal Pradesh's Kurung Kumey; Landslides snap road connectivity

Agency
Itanagar, April 19:

Three persons were killed in Arunachal Pradesh's Kurung Kumey district in a massive landslide triggered by heavy rains, officials said on Tuesday. Incessant rains over the last one week have ravaged the state, snapping road connectivity in several areas, besides uprooting trees and damaging houses,

they said.

A massive landslide hit Sulung Tapin village in Koloriang circle on Monday, damaging at least 15 houses and burying three people alive, Additional District Commissioner (ADC) Ocean Gao said. The deceased were identified as Sariu Tongdang (52), Sariu Yajik (47) and Sariu Takar (nine), he said.

One person was critically

injured in the incident, he said. The affected families have been put up at a rehabilitation centre and relief grants were given to them, Gao said.

Heavy rains posed a serious challenge to the movement of security forces on the border roads, particularly the Koloriang-Sarli-Huri road in Kurung Kumey district, Border Roads Organisation's Project

Arunank Chief Engineer AK Konwar told PTI. The road witnessed a series of landslides, including seven landslides of 90 metre long and six metre high on Monday night and another landslide of 90 metre long and six metre high at 5 am on Tuesday, he said.

The BRO worked round-the-clock to clear debris at all 21 landslides sites to facilitate movement of traffic, he said.

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Further, on account of the unprecedented situation, private hospital staff/retired/volunteer/local urban bodies/contract/daily wage/ad-hoc/outsource staff requisitioned by states/central hospitals/autonomous hospitals of central/states/UTs, AIIMS and Institute of National Importance (INI)/hospitals of Central Ministries specifically drafted for care of COVID-19 patients are also covered under the PMGKP, the government said.

Since the launch of the scheme, so far, 1905 claims of health workers who died while being deployed for COVID-19 related duties have been settled.

Meanwhile, India recorded 1,247 fresh COVID-19 cases over the past 24 hours, registering a huge drop of nearly 43 per cent from yesterday.

Active cases now constitute 0.03 per cent of the country's total Positive Cases. According to the ministry, 928 patients have recovered in the

last 24 hours and the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) is now at 4,25,11,701 with which the country's Covid recovery rate stands at 98.76 per cent.

The weekly positivity rate in the country currently stands at 0.34 per cent and the Daily Positivity rate is also reported to be 0.31 per cent.

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Sports

I-League: NEROCA hold Mohammedan SC 1-1 in thriller

April 19:
Kalyani, April 18:

Mohammedan Sporting Club and NEROCA played out an exciting 1-1 draw in the Hero I-League 2021-22 at the Kalyani Stadium here on Monday.

Marcus Joseph headed Mohammedan into the lead, before Sergio Mendigutxia scored an opportunistic goal to level and ensure both teams shared a point each in a match of missed chances.

The draw meant that Mohammedan continue to occupy second position in the league table, while NEROCA moved into fifth position, ahead of Churchill Brothers who have played a match less.

Mohammedan Sporting kicked off with clear intentions and hit top gear early. Andelo Rudovic, from the left, put the pressure on NEROCA early by floating the ball into the box which had no takers at the far end.

Against the run of play, Mohammedan won a never-to-be corner-kick, which led to the opening goal which also included casual defending by NEROCA. Off the corner, Brandon Vanlaarremika played back to Rudovic, who in turn intelligently put Brandon into possession. Moving deep into the box, Brandon crossed and to



his delight found striker Marcus Joseph to utilise the opportunity of not being marked by defenders Md. Abdul Salam and Thokchom James Singh and head home his 11th goal of the season past goalkeeper Prateek Kumar.

Stung by the goal, NEROCA upped their ante and began to attack. For the next few minutes, they were all over the Mohammedan half. During this period of dominance, the closest they came was when Md. Abdul Salam's cross that dangerously hung in the box before the Mohammedan goalkeeper Mithun Samanta did well to collect ahead of Sergio Mendigutxia who was just arm length away.

NEROCA were finally rewarded for their effort once

again off a corner kick. Yumkhaibam Jiteshor Singh drove the ball across the field and found an unmarked Sweden Fernandes inside the box. An angular drive by Sweden was well read and covered by 'keeper Mithun, but a fumble in collection was just enough for NEROCA striker Mendigutxia to capitalize and tap home his 10th goal of the campaign ahead of defender Sujit Sadhu.

Mohammedan were first up when Joseph headed over a cross that Brandon played from the left after the NEROCA defenders were once again caught napping. Another chance came by when Nikola, from the top of the box had his left footer get a deflection but agonisingly miss the post by inches and roll out for a corner.

NEROCA had their share of luck also get wasted. Mendigutxia, on the left, found himself in the clear after defender Asheer Akhtar was found napping, but a feeble try from inside the box was well covered by the 'keeper Mithun.

Closing in on half time, Sweden Fernandes swung a measured cross for Mendigutxia, but Mithun did well to collect ahead of his attacker.

Mohammedan had the last say before the break with a chance they would want to forget. From the left, Rudovic chipped well to create confusion in the box. With the NEROCA defence failing to clear Joseph, who did not expect the ball to fall in his path squandered a chance from handshaking distance.

The second half began with Mohammedan almost scoring. Joseph had his header rock horizontal which fell in the path of Stojanovic, whose attempt was put away by goalkeeper Prateek for a corner-kick.

The game thereafter was a case of desperate moves. Both teams defended well, and the game was a battle in the mid field with a rare case of attempts. Bot teams picked up a yellow card each - Peter for NEROCA and Lalramchullowa (Mohammedan) for unnecessary fouls.

Chahal and Buttler star as Rajasthan Royals beat KKR by 7 runs



Agency
Mumbai, April 19:

Out of form Indian bowler Yuzvendra Chahal has managed to claim a hat-trick after Englishman Jos Buttler scored a blazing century as Rajasthan Royals bagged their victory against Kolkata Knight Riders by 7 runs in a thrilling encounter in Match 30 of the TATA IPL 2022 at the Brabourne Stadium on Monday.

Some brilliant batting performances by Shreyas Iyer (85) and Aaron Finch (58) were overshadowed by Chahal's brilliant bowling spell who claimed the wickets of Shreyas, Shivam Mavi and Pat Cummins off consecutive deliveries in the 17th over and turned the match on its head. He ended with 5/40 in his four overs.

However, there was some late drama in the match as well as Umesh Yadav and Sheldon Jackson dragged KKR to the verge of victory, 11 runs off the last six deliveries before they fell short by seven runs in the edge-of-the-seat thriller.

It seemed like KKR were

cruising to victory after opener Aaron Finch struck a quick-fire 58 of 28 balls and skipper Shreyas Iyer, who scored an impressive 85 off 51 deliveries. Both Finch and Shreyas shared a partnership of 106 runs for the second wicket in quick time.

But Chahal turned the tides by claiming the 21st hat-trick of Indian Premier League (IPL) as he dismissed Shreyas Iyer, trapped low trying to whip a delivery pitching on the middle. On the next delivery of the 17th over, Chahal had Shivam Mavi caught by Rryan Parag and completed his hat-trick when Pat Cummins edged back to Sanju Samson — going off for a lengthy celebration. That completed a five-wicket haul for Chahal as he had claimed the wickets of Nitish Rana and Venkatesh Iyer earlier — the pencil-thin spinner ending with 5/40 off his four overs.

Just when it looked like Rajasthan Royals would wrap up the innings with KKR need-

ing 38 runs off 18 balls and two wickets in hand, Umesh Yadav blasted 20 runs off the 18th over bowled by Trent Boult and raise KKR's hopes again. He and Sheldon Jackson took made it 11 needed off six balls but could not complete the task as both of them were out in the last over bowled by Obed McCoy as the Knight Riders ended with 210 all out, falling short by seven runs.

Earlier, Englishman Jos Buttler (103) struck his second century of IPL 2022 to help Rajasthan Royals post a massive 217/5 in 20 overs.

Jos Buttler, opening the innings, blasted nine boundaries and five sixes as he shared vital partnerships of 97, for the opening wicket with Devdutt Padikkal (24), and 67 for the second with skipper Sanju Samson, who played a superb cameo of 38 off 19 balls, to put Rajasthan Royals on course for a big total.

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