

## PM Modi confers Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2021 on Civil Services Day 'Civil servant needs to lead India to newer heights'

New Delhi, April 21:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said there cannot be any compromise on integrity and unity of the country. He was addressing after conferring Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration on Civil Services Day. Modi said the nation was built by all those who followed the path of innovation with the mantra of 'Nation First'. Modi said, every decision should be evaluated on its capacity to provide strength to the country's unity and integrity. He said every civil servant needs to lead India to newer heights.

Modi added that governance reforms should be the goal and civil servants should work towards bringing change in the life of the common man. He said, Common people should not have to struggle in their dealings with the government, benefits and services



should be available to them without hassle. He highlighted that it is the duty of the government system to nurture, unleash and support the capability of the society.

He said India at 100 should

be a watershed moment and the next 25 years should be seen as single-time unit. He said each district in the country should set its objectives and aims for the next 25 years. The Prime Minister said that during the

last 8 years, many behavioral changes have been seen among the people due to government campaigns. Modi highlighted that India has created 14 unicorn startups in just three months of 2022. He called this a major achievement for the nation.

A total of 16 awards for five identified Priority Programmes and for innovations in the sphere of public administration and delivery of services were given this year. The awards have been instituted with a view to recognize the extraordinary and innovative work done by Districts, implementing units, and Central and State organizations for the welfare of common citizens. On the occasion, Prime Minister also released e-books on Priority Programmes and on Innovations comprising of the successes stories on the implementation of the identified priority programmes and Innovations.

## PMGKAY & PMUY Schemes: Free Rice, LPG connection for beneficiaries

IT News

Kangpokpi, April 21:

The District Supply Officer, Department of the Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (CAF&PD), Kangpokpi District today distributed free rice to the beneficiaries under the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)' during a function held today at the multi-purpose Mandap Hall in Kangpokpi District.

Free LPG connection were also provided to the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the function which was held as a part of the celebration of the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and also as an initiative under the State Government's 100 days Action plan.

Speaking during the function, Kengoo Zuringla, Deputy Commissioner, Kangpokpi stated that the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (Prime Minister's Food Security Scheme for the Poor) is food welfare scheme, which as



a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat the main objective is to supply free food grains to migrants and poor.

She urged the people who are ration cardholders and Antyodaya Anna Yojana card holders to avail the foodgrains through the public distribution system. The district administration is committed to ensure that no poor or vulnerable person or household goes hungry, she added.

Vahneiling Singson, District Supply Officer, CAF&PD, Kangpokpi stated that

PMGKAY is a food security welfare scheme under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution which was launched on March 26, 2020 with an intention to reduce the challenges encountered by the poor as a result of disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She said under the scheme, all National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries are entitled to 5 kgs of free food grain every month. PMGKAY is a unique scheme to combat the effects of the

COVID pandemic on the poor of the country, she added.

It may be mentioned that the Centre on March 26, 2022 approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) by six months till September 2022. PMGKAY scheme was earlier scheduled to end in March 2022. Under the extended PMGKAY, each beneficiary will get additional 5 kg free ration per person per month in addition to the normal quota of foodgrains under the NFSA.

## Block Health Mela & Telemedicine held at Kyamgei

IT News  
Imphal, April 21:

The Block Health Mela & Telemedicine was held in the presence of L. Rameshwar Meetei, MLA Keirao AC under "100 Days Action Plan" of new Govt. of Manipur and as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, organised by District Health Society, Imphal East at Multi-Purpose Hall near Dedicated 200 Bedded Covid Hospital, Kyamgei Mayai Leikai today.

The Block Health Mela to create awareness among the people about healthy lifestyle and preventive measures to safeguard ourselves from com-

municable and non communicable diseases.

Today Mela, more than 33 stalls were setup by the various departments. The aim of the Mela also provided free Covid vaccination facilities, Cataract Screening, Ultrasound facilities, OPD, Health ID Cards for CMHA & NCD, CMHT, PMJAY, Lab. Diagnostic and others in the Clinical stalls.

IEC and Awareness Generating Stalls of Poshan Abhiyaan, DAC program, National TB Elimination program, Indian Red Cross Society, Eat Right Movement India, AYUSH, School Health program & Family Planning Ser-

vices among other were setup in the said Mela.

Today Mela, Lourembam Rameshwar Meetei, MLA Keirao AC, Kh Daina Devi, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East, Th. Inaiyama Singh, Block Development Officer, Imphal East and K. Manishana Leima, Pradhan, Kyamgei GP took part in the inaugural function of the Megha Health Mela as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honours respectively.

The president BJP Keirao Mandal, Thingujam Tiken Singh expressed sincere gratitude to all of you for your presence today Megha Health Mela 2022.

## Manipuri Cinema can leap forward if infused with its way of life, aesthetics, culture: Aribam Syam Sharma

IT News  
Imphal, April 21:

Eminent filmmaker Aribam Syam Sharma categorically stated that Manipuri Cinema can leap forward if filmmakers study and infuse the Manipuri way of life, aesthetics and culture into the films.

"Manipur being endowed with rich culture and aesthetic values has huge potential for production of good films," he said.

The 87 year old filmmaker was speaking during the second session of the 'Talk Series on Film Direction' yesterday at Preview Theatre, MSFDS, in Manipur, being held as part of the Festival of Cinemas of Manipur, the con-

cluding event of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Manipuri Cinema.

Syam Sharma said that he takes pride in asserting that being born a Manipuri, enabled him to make celebrated films like 'Imagi Ningthem', 'Ishanou', 'Yelhou Jagoi', The Marams, Sangai- The Dancing Deer etc. He added that such films are the product of Manipur, particularly its culture.

He called on filmmakers to understand the nuances of Manipuri way of life. He also noted that Manipur probably could be the only small state in the world to have consistently sustained motion picture storytelling in its own language for 50 years.

He further advised budding as well as experienced filmmakers that Manipuri Cinema will suffer without 'discipline'. Admitting lack of professional training among filmmakers and technical crews resulted in naive works, he asserted that it will be difficult to upscale the status of Manipuri Cinema without 'formal training and film education.'

"Discipline with space for individuality is inevitable while ego and false pride will lead to the downfall of Manipuri Cinema. The film community in Manipur is quite small and should consider themselves to be family and strive together for collective growth," Aribam added.

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## Inflation is the major challenge to the reviving Indian economy now

By: K R Sudhaman  
New Delhi, April 21:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done reasonably well in managing the Indian economy during the difficult two years of covid pandemic despite several challenges by ensuring food security to millions of people who became jobless. This has won accolades from World Bank and International Monetary Fund. But the major challenge is now when Inflation has started raising its ugly head at a time when the Indian economy is on a revival mode making it that

much difficult to maintain growth momentum.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman however maintains that India has not breached the inflation target "so badly" while referring to the recent surge in consumer price inflation, which hit a 17-month high of 6.9 per cent. Consumer price inflation is also called retail inflation. But at the same breadth, she admitted that the economy faced several challenges such as rising global crude oil prices, which is the main trigger for inflation. Rise in Fuel prices has a cascading effect on prices and any re-

duction on high taxes on fuel in India will reduce government revenue drastically which in turn will reduce government's capital expenditure thereby retarding growth momentum.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh used to repeatedly say Inflation is a way tax on poor. High Inflation coming at a time when jobs are scarce is even worse. So it is therefore going to be tight rope walk for the government to balance growth and inflation that too at a time when the economy needed to be kick-started. Already

growth projections have been recalibrated to a lower level by several think tanks including multilateral agencies.

It is therefore worth analyzing how the inflation is surging in India and its impact on the economy in the coming months. Crisil research has recently analysed the rising inflation. According to Crisil chief economist Dharmakirti Joshi Inflation based on consumer price index surged to 7 per cent on year in March 22, compared to 6.1 per cent in February and 5.5 per cent in March 2021. With this, the headline inflation has climbed

a full 100 basis points above the Reserve Bank of India's upper band of tolerance set at 6 per cent. Food, the most volatile component of CPI, has been the key driver of inflation surging 7.7 per cent in March from 5.9 per cent in February.

Crisil study also shows that all commodities except pulses saw a rise in inflation, with the sharpest jump seen for vegetables at 11.6 per cent in March versus 6.1 per cent in February. Meat and Fish increased by 9.6 per cent in the same period. Cereals rose by

4.9 per cent as against 4 per cent. Pulses however provided a respite at 2.6 per cent as against 3 per cent.

Core inflation rose to 6.4 per cent from 5.8 per cent with a broad based rise across goods and services inflation. The sharpest rise was seen in personal care and effects at 8.7 per cent from 5.5 per cent. Clothing and footwear 9.4 per cent versus 8.9 per cent and household goods and services 7.7 per cent versus 7.2 per cent and health services 7 per cent versus 6.8 per cent.

Strangely Fuel inflation moderated to 7.5 per cent from

8.7 per cent as domestic prices of petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas were only raised in the second half of the month. But going forward fuel inflation will be a matter of concern with the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war that would disrupt supply of crude oil. India imports 80 per cent of its crude oil requirement.

Justifiably, Crisil analysis shows the poor are bearing the burden of inflation the most, given that food, which occupies the largest share of their consumption basket - recorded the sharpest rise.

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# You cannot fool all the people all the time

## Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



Such people are very harmful who take you to an unknown place without your knowledge, where deceitful promises are made on the basis of an imaginary business and in the

end you are pressured to participate in their doubtful schemes and invest money also. In these deceitful meetings some of the organisers show off their luxurious lifestyle, and tell you that if you want to lead such a fabulous lifestyle, then join their scheme immediately and also bring your friends and acquaintances to the next meeting. Going to a few such meetings, a question always arose in my mind that if these people are right then why do they call everyone in a suspicious manner? If good money can be made in this way, then why is there no open discussion about it in the media or in the markets? When there is so much unemployment in the country then why not everyone take up this business openly? Why do these people run their business discreetly? The question also arose in the mind that do such people really earn good money? Besides losing my money in such ventures, I lost a few of my friends too.

When the reality of such fraudulent firms and their agents came to light, I wondered why not a single news or analysis was found in the media about such misleading operations? No newspaper ever published a report about such businesses. Now when the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has cracked down on one such big multi-level marketing (MLM) company, news appeared in the media. I am talking about Amway India, whose property and bank accounts worth Rs 758 crore have been attached by the ED. The company is accused of money laundering by selling its costly goods to the gullible people on the pretext that by doing so they will become super rich. The entire promotion of the company is based on the promise of high income, not on the quality of the products and their price. The firm asks the agents to approach their relatives and friends to spread the network.

In Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party made many lucrative promises to win the polls. When the government was formed, people started asking questions from where they will get the funds to fulfill the promises, because the state has been under debt of 3 lakh crore rupees. Disturbed by this, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann called on Prime Minister Modi just after taking oath and demanded one lakh crore rupees in grant. Where did the loan amount disappear? This question was arising in his mind again and again. When the records were checked, it was astonishing to know that for the last several years, neither a single government hospital nor a government university was opened in Punjab. The highways that were built were made by private companies, so who took away the money? Akali Dal and Congress have ruled in Punjab so far. Therefore, Mann has announced that the heavy loan incurred on the state will be investigated and recovery will be made from those found guilty. It is truly said that you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time!

# Policies and the implementation gap! (Assessing the need for policy implementation support)

changes to the country if properly implemented.

For instance, in the education sector, as per *Educational Statistics at Glance* (2013-2014), a data report by the Statistics Division, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, there are over 1,186,570 Government and Government aided schools and 786 institutions for Higher Studies. Moreover, the total expenditure on education (revised estimate, 2013-2014) is 441629.04 crores, with an estimated yearly expenditure (in rupees) of 4610 for a primary student, 5386 for upper primary, 7459 for secondary, 12619 for higher secondary, 13478 for graduates, 15999 for post-graduates and above, and 15997 for Diplomas per student. Subsequent rough data estimation shows that there is one government school for every 250 children in the country.

While the Education sector is said to be far lacking behind with the literacy rate standing at 74.04 per cent (2021), the approximate data assessment however shows that we have enough institutions, if not many, to properly furnish education in the country. As a result, one could therefore notice that the failure in quality education is largely due to problems with the implementation of the educational policies and not the policies themselves. Unfortunately, this is higher in rural areas as compared to urban areas. While government



By: Janghaolun Haokip

schools and colleges in cities and towns, more or less, function well, it is poles apart in rural areas where government schools only function in record papers. This may also be one reason why the number of private institutions is rocketing, especially in rural areas and small towns with unregulated fees adding to the burden of school-going children's parents.

Further, government Health Centres including Hospitals are an issue to deliberate. There are not many Health Centres (PHCs/CHCs/DHs) that are functioning properly. In a recent case in the state of Manipur, a retired footballer died due to the absence of doctors and proper medical facilities in a nearby Health Centre. Such could be the case for a thousand more people who had lost their lives because of the lack of doctors and proper medical facilities. A key question is: is it because of the lack of doctors or the gap in proper implementation? Moreover, it is common that most doctors employed in government hospitals establish their own private clinics or hospitals, eventually failing to look after their roles and responsibilities as government employees.

Likewise, there are a number of schemes and projects in almost all departments under the government for poverty upliftment and social security and prosperity. Notable is the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), the world's largest health

insurance scheme fully financed by the government, and provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year. In addition, the popular PM-KISHAN is also another commendable policy of the government for the poor farmers of the country. However, whether these policies and programmes reach and serve the needy and the poor is a question to ponder.

For these reasons, it is evident that the disparity between policies and their actual development is because of the wide implementation gap that exists between them. If the implementation gap could be bridged, it is promising that so much potential can be reached. Therefore, the entirety of these issues calls for **policy implementation support** that will work as an agency to oversee the proper implementation of policies and programs. This support body will have various responsibilities such as tracking policies from their formulation to execution, establishing transparency and accountability of the implementing body or organisation, monitoring the performance and assessment of progress on policies so implemented. An initiative as such could significantly check corrupt practices that are rampant, especially within government agencies, and also boost the efficiency of policy execution.

If done so, there could be a significant overturn in the country's run towards socio-economic and political progress. Therefore, it is now the nick of time to initiate policy implementation support so that the hard thought and groundbreaking policies do not rot in vain. Nevertheless, it is not to be concluded that India already has all the policies it needs - it can always achieve higher.

# Helping your child enhance his Special Talent

Everybody has some talent. Nobody is an expert in everything, but everybody is good at something and may improve the gifts and talents they have. Young people particularly need to do well at something. Successful people are less probable to use drugs or alcohol or show other negative behaviours or feel meaningless. Talent includes some obvious things like obtaining good grades, getting musical skills or become a fine athlete. However being persistent, being a good listener, or being pleasant is also talent. Parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and teachers need to play the role of talent scouts and observe less evident gifts and help youth to see and value their own capabilities.

Youth builds a real sense of self-esteem from things they provide rather than the things they receive. Help them to develop their talents and provide them with the opportunities of making a contribution to others' good using those talents and build self-esteem. It also sets the foundation of being an all-time contributor to the society.

Special talent is defined as the "outstanding ability to choose and achieve difficult goals as per one's interests, values, abilities, and contexts". It can help to explain these confusing phenomena. Persons with individual talents understand themselves well, take excellent decisions, as well as have the required skills to achieve their aims. They are flexible and self-disciplined persons who have extended higher levels of environment-specific individual talents that permit them to assess multiple, challenging, and competing goals.

Hence, how can parents assist their talented children in developing personal talent? During the school, talented youngsters start making choices which affect their lives. Therefore, if



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they develop their personal talent earlier, there are greater possibilities that their decisions will result in fulfilling and satisfying lives.

Self-knowledge has the awareness about one's abilities, values, and interests. Parents can assist children in developing self-knowledge through supporting them to try different activities and find out where their abilities, values, and interests lie.

At times, you see some talented youngsters and a few things which come naturally in them. The youth should learn the skills which they require to deal with supposed or actual conflicts which may happen between the subculture and culture of the bigger society. Younger people should have a stronger inner spirit with positive beliefs, values, and confidence which affect their behaviours and decisions. These values consist of personal responsibilities for the interests of others as well as the commitment to respecting themselves. Parents may help by revealing stereotyping in media, forming unconditional options in their lives, valuing learning as the way of moving beyond the norms of local society, and encouraging self-sufficiency and self-direction.

Parents have a very special role to

play in the life of their child. We have to be part of the growth process and discovery of our child. Our role is to help our children understand and define their talents.

Give Space to Your Children's Talent to Grow: All the children are talented however at times; some talents go overlooked due to their hectic schedule of caregivers' or parents'. At times, children's talents are documented but a person that recognizes it does very little to look after it.

Children's talents should be nurtured so that they can grow up to have a hobby that they can enjoy. Children, whose talents are nurtured, grow up to be extraordinary and healthy beings. If you are a parent or caregiver of a young child who has talent is how you can nurture it.

Focus and Take Interest: Once the children find something which they are good at, they will spend significant time at that and will wish to show everybody what they could do whatever that is. In case, your child comes to you when you are very busy, don't shout and give emphasis on how much the child is disrupting whatever you do. As an alternative, just ask your child to come again later so that you can listen to him or her in a better way. If you are unable to give your child full attention, then don't push yourself to sit down with your child as it can make your child feel as if he is interfering your work and he may lose self-belief in his talent. Whatever talent your child has, give little time each week and provide the child with complete attention. Your attention makes your children realize that you care for them and wish them to be successful.

Develop the Talent: Get some tools which can develop the child's talent. For example, for a child who is a brilliant painter, get some paint sets, if she knows everything about the rainforest animals or locomotives get her a comprehensive book on the subject.

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# Israel's Ukraine conundrum may have implications for Gulf States

## Moscow playing on Israeli fears of Russia backtracking on Iran

By: James M Dorsey

Middle Eastern states see their ability narrow to walk a fine line in the Ukraine conflict. Israel is a case in point as tensions with Iran in Syria and Palestinians in Jerusalem flare, and both Russia and the United States signal impatience with its attempts to straddle the fence.

The United States has cautioned that it would step up pressure on countries that fail to sanction Russia but has yet to single out Israel, home to significant Ukrainian and Russian Jewish communities that include various oligarchs.

In contrast, Russia has made its irritation with the Jewish state evident in recent days.

In doing so, Russia is playing on Israeli fears that Russia could back-track on its tacit acquiescence of Israeli attacks on Iranian and Hezbollah targets in Syria, stiffen support for Iran, and back Palestinians who are clashing with Israeli security forces in Jerusalem.

Walking a fine line, Israel has rejected Ukrainian requests for arms sales and access to Israeli surveillance technology. However, it has provided humanitarian assistance to Ukraine shared intelligence, voted for a United Nations General Assembly resolution condemning the Russian invasion, and convinced the United Arab Emirates to do likewise. Israel also voted for an Assembly resolution suspending Russian membership in the UN Human Rights Council.

However, Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid's assertion that Russia has committed war crimes in Ukraine has tipped the balance in Moscow.

In a statement, the Russian foreign ministry charged that Mr. Lapid's remarks were "a poorly camouflaged attempt to take advantage of the situation in Ukraine to distract the inter-

national community's attention from one of the oldest unsettled conflicts - the Palestine-Israeli one."

Shortly after that, Russia's ambassador to Israel, Anatoly Viktorov, told an Israeli television station that Israel and Russia were "still" friends but that Moscow expected a "more balanced (Israeli) position."

Israeli journalist ZviBar'el noted, "'still' is the operative word, the one that has Israel in a complex dilemma on the Ukraine question."

To increase the pressure, Admiral Oleg Zhuravlev, the deputy chief of the Russian Center for Reconciliation of the Opposing Parties in Syria, disclosed that a Syrian-operated, Russian-made Buk M2E air defense system had recently intercepted a guided missile fired from an Israeli F-16 fighter jet in Syrian airspace. The disclosure constituted a warning that Russia may no longer tolerate future Israeli strikes against targets in Syria.

Israeli military sources suggested that Israel could step up its attacks in the belief that its window of opportunity in Syria could be closing at a time that Iranian forces may become more predominant in Syria with Russia shifting troops and mercenaries to Ukraine.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi warned this week that his armed forces would not let Israel rest if it took action against the Islamic republic.

"You must know that if you try to take any action against the Iranian nation... our armed forces will not leave you in peace," Mr. Raisi said during a military parade to mark National Army Day, hinting that Iran could attack Israel's metropole, Tel Aviv.

In a similar shot across Israel's bow, Russian President Vladimir Putin this week condemned Israel's esca-

lation of violence at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque in a phone call with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Mr. Putin assured Mr. Abbas that Russia would support the Palestinians in international fora.

Furthermore, Mr. Putin has demanded in a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett that he transfer control of Jerusalem's Church of St. Alexander Nevsky to Russia.

The church, located in Jerusalem's Old City, was supposed to be handed over to Russia as part of a deal two years ago to win the release of an Israeli-American national detained in Russia on drug charges.

Israeli justifications of its attempts to walk a middle ground on the back of efforts to mediate between Mr. Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy are wearing thin as prospects evaporate for a negotiated end to the war any time soon.

Israeli officials acknowledge that when rather than if push comes to shove, Israel will have little choice but to fall in line with the United States and Europe.

"Israel's situation has become more complicated," one Israeli official admitted.

Undoubtedly, the UAE and Saudi Arabia are closely monitoring how Israel manages what amounts to a geopolitical minefield.

Like Israel, the two Gulf States have sought to chart an independent course, rejecting US demands that they increase oil production to reduce prices and venting anger at various US policies.

However, in the ultimate analysis, the Gulf states may find that they, like Israel, have fewer options than meet the eye.

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# 2,380 cases, 56 deaths in 24 hours

Agency  
New Delhi, April 21:

India on Thursday reported 2,380 fresh cases of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), 15 per cent higher than the previous day. The number of total fatalities rose to 522,062 after 56 people succumbed to the viral disease in the last 24 hours, according to the data updated on Union health ministry's website.

With latest additions, the overall tally has now jumped to 43,049,974, the ministry data also showed.

India's daily Covid-19 tally had fallen below 1,000 mark on April 4, however, over the last few weeks it is seeing an uptick in cases as Delhi along with other major cities reported a Covid-19 surge.

The country has an active caseload of 13,433 infections. An increase of 1,093 was recorded in the last 24 hours. The active cases comprise 0.03 per cent of the total infections.

In terms of recoveries, 1,231 people recuperated in the last 24 hours. It took the total number of recoveries to 42,514,479. The recovery rate remained at 98.76 per cent, as

## Delhi reports 1,009 new Covid-19 cases, 60% spike in a day; Positivity Rate at 5.7%

Agency  
New Delhi, April 21:

Delhi reported 1,009 new Covid-19 cases and one death in the last 24 hours, a 60 per cent jump from a day ago as the state government made the wearing of masks mandatory again in public places and impose a fine of Rs 500 in case of a violation.

A total of 17,701 tests were conducted a day ago and 5.7 per cent of them were positive, according to state health data. The rise in cases reported on Wednesday is the largest spike in cases since February 10 when 1,104 infections were reported.

There are 54 COVID-19 patients admitted to hospitals in Delhi at present. 1,578 are recuperating in home isolation. Of the 9,737 beds available for Covid patients in hospitals, just 91 are occupied. The number of active cases has increased to 2,641 on Wednesday, a spurt from 601 on April 11.

The state government had earlier in the day announced wearing of masks mandatory in public places and imposed a fine of Rs 500 on violators. The government is expected to issue an official order regarding the mandatory use of masks soon.

It had lifted the fine for not wearing a mask on April 12 because of the decline in cases. Officials said the Delhi Dis-

aster Management Authority has also decided not to shut schools and will come up with a separate Standard Operating Procedure in consultation with experts.

Officials said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is closely monitoring the situation and instructions have been issued to officials to ensure the implementation of steps to check the spread of the virus and preparations for the treatment of Covid patients.

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# Ema and Civil societies leaders of Manipur pledged to donate bodies after their demise to RIMS

IT News  
Imphal, April 21:

Prominent Emas (Mother) and other Civil Society leaders of Manipur pledged to donate their bodies after demise to RIMS, Imphal. A simple program was held at the Administrative Block of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal yesterday to formally handover the documents to the donors by Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director, RIMS, Imphal in presence of Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital Prof. Sanjib Singh Nepram, Head of Anatomy Department Prof. RK. Ajita and officials of the institute. The respected and brave donors are prominent Emas of Manipur Yumlembam Ongbi Memma Leima, President, Nongpok Leingak Apunba Nupi Lup, Nongthombam Ongbi Radhamani Leima, General Secretary, Nongpok Leingak Apunba Nupi Lup, Haobam Ongbi Premabati Leima, Ex. VP, All Manipur Progressive Farm-



ers Association, Haobam Ibotombi Singh, Social Activist, Lourembam Chant Somola, Social Activist, Chingkhom Romeo Singh, President, Manipur Peace and Integrity Council and Nongthombam Rupachandra, President, United People's Front.

Ema Yumlembam Ongbi Memma Leima, President, Nongpok Leingak Apunba Nupi Lup stated that she is 85 years old but could not complete her wish for the betterment of the people of Manipur and hence decided to offer her body after demise to the institute for the benefits of mankind. The Director, Prof. A. Santa Singh appreciated the donors a lot for their brave and act of dedication. This is something like combination of technology and humanity service.

The institute gratefully acknowledge the sense of commitment to the cause of Medical Education and salute their brave and dedicated involvement in the field. We pray to God, the Almighty to give them and their family members the choicest blessings for good health, long life and happiness.

Further the Director Prof. A. Santa Singh stated the institute will make all necessary effort to provide FREE Medical facilities whenever needed for the donors.

# The Sixth Scorpene Class Submarine "Vagsheer" Launched

By: Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, April 21:

The sixth and last Scorpene-class submarine "Vagsheer" under project 75, was launched by Mrs. Veena Ajay Kumar and Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar in a spectacular ceremony held at Mazagon Docks in South Mumbai on Wednesday.

On the occasion, Dr. Kumar said that the launch of all the six Scorpene-class submarines with 90 percent indigenization before the stipulated time, is the best example of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India). The Defence Ministry has vowed to continue to produce more assets indigenously as part of the marine security.

Under the iDEX Make-1

program, the marine diesel engines will be manufactured in strategic partnership with the industry. "We want to link the Information Technology with these projects. Five projects have been identified and the tenders have been floated. The Government of India will share 70 percent project cost, under the iDEX Make-1 program, he added.

Dr. Kumar said that India is supplying Naval boats to different countries and Indian shipyards offer the best repair and maintenance facilities. The country is going to be a top exporter of defence equipment and vessels in the world soon. He also stated that a team of US Defence experts will be visiting India to discuss certain projects shortly.

After "start-up India" was inaugurated by the prime minister in 2018, the technology acquisition has been moving with a rapid speed and now there is a total transformation in the Defence sector. "We are going in for several innovations and have introduced unmanned patrol vessels, counter unmanned systems, etc. Dr. Kumar added.

All the six submarines under project 75, have been built under the Western Naval Command. Of these four submarines-INS Kalvari, INS Khandari, INS Karanj, and INS Vela have been commissioned, the fifth submarine INS Vagir is in an undersea trial phase and is expected to be commissioned within a year. The cost of the six submarine projects is Rs 24,000 crore.

Vagsheer is based on modu-

lar construction basis and all parts are inter-connected. The scorpene submarines can undertake multifarious types of missions i.e. anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying, area surveillance, etc.

The state-of-art technology utilized in the Scorpene has ensured superior stealth features (such as advanced acoustic absorption techniques, low radiated noise levels, hydro-dynamically optimized shape, etc.) and the ability to launch a crippling attack on the enemy using precision-guided weapons. The attack can be launched with both torpedoes and tube-launched anti-ship missiles, whilst underwater or on the surface. The stealth of this potent platform is enhanced by the special atten-

tion provided to her characteristic underwater signatures.

The submarine is named after the sandfish, a deadly deep-sea predator of the Indian Ocean. The first Submarine Vagsheer, ex-Russia, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on December 26, 1974, and was decommissioned on April 30, 1997, after almost three decades of yeoman service to the nation. In true nautical tradition, she finds a new incarnation, by the same name. Vagsheer, infused with new life, by Mazagon Dock, is once again a very powerful predator of the deep, guarding the vast maritime interests of our nation.

Vice Admiral (Retd) Narayan Prasad, CMD, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) said that the MDL continues to blaze

a glorious trail in India's 'Make in India' initiative. Building the Scorpene Submarine was indeed a challenge for MDL, as the complexity of the simplest of tasks increased exponentially due to all work having to be done in the most congested of spaces. This complexity was further aggravated by the stringent clearances and tolerances, which were required to be achieved, and maintained throughout construction. These challenges were, however, met head-on and successfully overcome by MDL, without any compromise in quality or performance in quality or performance. With the launch of Vagsheer, India has further cemented its position as a Submarine Building Nation and MDL has more than lived up to its reputation as 'Warship and Submarine Builders to the Nation', he added.

Commander (Retd) Jasbir Singh, Director(submarines and Heavy Engineering) said that

with the construction of Vagsheer, the confidence of the entire MDL team has doubled and it is confident to undertake many more such projects.

Vice Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Satish Ghormade, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh and other officers participated in the launch ceremony.

The religious rituals amid chanting of mantras and verses preceded the launch. The gaily decorated submarine was lowered into the water from MDL Yard 11880 accompanied by the blowing of Tutaris and a Naval band playing "Sare Jahan Se Acha" at 12.18 pm. The tri-colour balloons were released into the air to mark the event.

Now the submarine will undergo a comprehensive and rigorous set of tests and trials, to ensure delivery of a fully combat-worthy submarine, capable of operation in all modes and regimes of deployment.

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## Helping your child enhance his.....

Another option is to take the child to the events which concentrate on the child's interest or talent. If he likes art then go to an exhibition with him. If she likes theatre, go with her to see some performances. Keep them engaged in the activities which will develop the talent.

Examine the Child to Develop the Talent: Ask your child questions regarding his special talent as well as inquire him to let you more for his talent. If you ask questions, the child will feel better. This could make a few children worried but numerous others will indulge in attention. This will help them feel positive about producing their talent when they observe that somebody wants to find out more about that.

Register your child in the class which concerns about his talent. In case your child is having a special talent for cooking, enrol her in a child's cooking class. In case you are confident about where to get children's classes, explore the community centres. Few of the centres have programs for the children of diverse ages with decent pricing. Your other option is to do a basic search on Google to get classes within your area.

### The Don'ts

Do not force the child beyond limits (very hard). Lots of parents feel overwhelmed because of their child's talent and they make the mistake of forcing their child very hard. Any overworked child is just not a pleased child. You wish that your child enjoys his talent and not fear it.

It is fine to make your child work however it is not right to exhaust your child. For instance, don't assign your children with five classes per week. They have school as well as its homework and require time for their social life also. In case you observe that your children are not having good times, ask them about what they wish to do. While parents push very hard, their children don't have talents however expectations which they have to live up and it's not fun.

### Develop Creativity

Five essential areas are there through which parents may develop creativity in the children:

Family: It is perhaps the most significant area where children need encouragement. Being parents, we should communicate the requirement of support for the children right through the family that includes grandparents,

uncles, siblings, cousins, and aunts.

Friends: Find some ways of creating occasions where a child can work together with the other children that have the same interest. It will assist them to build their individual community for help because they inspire, grow and encourage the other children also.

Teachers: Make some efforts to spend some time as well as engage with the children's instructors therefore in a long time your child will learn and inspire to do that. Community: Categorize and take part in the community activities whereas children can show their talent as well as support the community. While the community knows children for the contribution they have made, it builds amazing morale.

Mentors: Mentor can be a talented person of your area, within the field through which your children are interested, a family friend or neighbour which your children are looking for. Try and identify the mentors and ask for their assistance in developing your child's talents.

Tips to Discover Young Talents

Give them opportunities to

follow their interests and find out their distinctive capabilities. Extra-curricular activities, lessons, clubs, planned youth activities, or field trips can offer opportunities which spark talents.

Identify and congratulate them for their efforts. If they take part in any particular activities, they should be congratulated for their attempts because trying needs courage. Avoid comparing your child with other people who have different talents. Respect the exclusive talent of every child. Identify lesser evident gifts like being nice with the animals or feel sensitive with feelings of other people.

Provide them opportunities for making some contribution with their talents. Being renowned for positive and valuable contributions help the youth to

feel their importance. If the youth can do positive things, then there will be lesser chances that they will do negative things.

Help the children to identify the difference between selfishness and self-esteem. Usually, youth feel that they are not having sufficient self-esteem to do something new or use the talents they are having. Each child is a distinctive individual. Every child lives in the different home environment. Every child has particular genes with different experiences. Developing stronger positive attitude is the initial step to help the students to get self-motivated. A motivated student can be a successful learner. In contrast, there are many people who have achieved much in their lives but they didn't have higher self-esteem.

## Registration Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Registration Certificate, bearing Registration No. 25025 of 2020, issued by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur on the way between Nambol to Kwakeithel on April 3, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

Valenka Oinam

Waheng Khuman, Bishnupur District

OFFICE OF THE  
LAMLAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
LAMLAI, MANIPUR - 795010

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Lamlai, the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

No. 1/7/2021-LMC : Lamlai Municipal Council invites Bids from Bidders for allotment of Toll Tax of Lamlai Municipal Council to private parties (NGO/Club/Social Organisation registered under the Manipur Societies Registration Act having their head office only in Lamlai Municipal Council's jurisdiction). Tender forms along with other terms and conditions can be obtained from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 during office hour from the Office. Cost of Tender form is Rs. 1000/- each.

Sd/-

Yunnam Pteer Singh  
Executive Officer  
Lamlai Municipal Council

## Name Change

I, the undersigned, Ningthoujam Jamuna Devi do hereby declare that I have relinquished, renounced and abandoned the use of my old name Kh. (O) N. Jamuna Devi as I have assumed my new name Ningthoujam Jamuna Devi.

Sd/-

Ningthoujam Jamuna Devi  
Kakching Khunou

# Stockpiling of first Covid mRNA Vaccine begins; 1.35 lakh doses already approved

Agency  
New Delhi, April 21:

India has started stockpiling its first mRNA vaccine against Covid-19 manufactured by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, News18.com has learnt.

Though the company had in March submitted the interim data for the approval of India's first indigenously developed mRNA Covid vaccine to the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), the review process is still going on and the regulatory agency has sought some more information.

Meanwhile, 1.35 lakh doses of the vaccine have already been cleared by the Central

Drugs Laboratory (CDL) in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, for stocking. The CDL, Kasauli, under the health ministry, is responsible for checking the safety and efficacy claims of the vaccines administered in India, and no vaccine can be rolled out in market until cleared by the apex lab.

"The flow of mRNA vaccine is now expected to be regular at the laboratory. Once it gets permission from CDSCO, it can be immediately rolled out in the market from the stockpile checked and approved by CDL," a senior government official, privy to the development, told News18.com.

"If India decides to go for a different booster dose, the

stock can be diverted for those who have received two jobs of a primary Covid-19 vaccine.

The novel mRNA-based vaccine, which uses Spike (S)-protein of the virus as antigen, will be administered in two doses with a gap of 28 days.

While the majority of the Indian population, eligible to receive vaccination against Covid-19, has been given the primary dose, however, top health experts, including Niti Aayog's member VK Paul had said the "vaccine is stable at normal temperature. It is a remarkable possibility, and technology on the horizon."

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# Delhi BJP and Centre's Police playing a communal card over demolition

By: Sushil Kuttu  
New Delhi, April 21:

The case of the Jahangirpuri demolition drive can be rightly termed a curious case, if only because one of the petitioners, Ganesh Kumar Gupta, whose juice shop was demolished by the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC), is the best friend of the BJP government at the Centre. Gupta is proof that the Modi Government was being unjustly blamed for targeting only one religious community.

Gupta by his very name and religious affiliation made a mockery of the allegation. Whoever thought up the bright idea to make Gupta a party to the case shouldn't have jumped the gun. Now, "Hanuman-bhakt" Ganesh Kumar Gupta, couldn't be a better 'secular' flag-bearer for the so-called Muslim-baiting Bharatiya Janata Party.

Also, now the top court has told the parties involved to stick to "status quo" with the warning that "will take serious view of all action after status quo order was passed." The last time, the apex court said "status quo be maintained", status quo was not maintained. The anti-encroachment drive in Jahangirpuri continued as if everybody was hard of hearing.

This when people left and centre flogged the political horse for one more, the last, drop of blood. And when AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi landed late in the evening in Jahangirpuri, the BJP couldn't contain its glee. Whoever it was who said the AIMIM is the 'B-team' of the Bharatiya Janata Party knew something more than the rest of us combined.

Delhi's Jahangirpuri is only the latest playground of the BJP's bulldozer. A SC bench consisting of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai heard the case. This when #Judges, #SupremeCourt, #KapilSibal and #Judiciary trended. The previous day, seven bulldozers had razed "extensions" made to several structures, including those of a "place of worship" in Jahangirpuri.

Of course, some "innocent" residents of the Muslim-majority locality were arrested by the Delhi Police after the "recovery" of a few sharp-edged weapons and a number of "small arms," loosely termed "kattas" or country-made guns.

Meanwhile, it has come to light that one Dileep Saxena's fruit-juice stall was also destroyed, another example of the BJP's impartiality. But the BJP bulldozer has an Achilles heel: None of the bulldozers, whether those in Uttar Pradesh or those in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, even the ones in Delhi, were used after notices were issued. Saxena swears he did not get the missing notice.

Anti-encroachment drives do not mean everything in the path of the bulldozer is partridge for the course, marked for death in the transfixing glare of the bulldozer's headlights. The Modi Government cannot be let off easily for wrongs committed. The Supreme Court's ruling that "sinners also have a future" does not apply to BJP-ruled states and the Union Home Ministry.

Our country's Supreme Court does give the impression it's more powerful than the Centre. The mere mention of "we will take a serious view of all demolitions" is chilling with

all its possibilities. It left many of the capital's demolition crews transfixed. "Issue notice in all petitions. Status quo to be maintained. To be heard after two weeks," said the top court.

Among the top lawyers fighting the cases are Dushyant Dave and Sanjay Hegde, who is pleading for a victim of the drive. "I told them about the Supreme Court order, yet they continued with the demolition." Hegde is a regular in cases that are lodged to teach a lesson or two to the BJP. He argued for the petitioners in the hijab row case.

In fact, when top lawyers like Dave, Hegde and Kapil Sibal aren't arguing for VVIPs, they're taking up cases that line up the Modi government for the kill. The demolitions do give the impression that the Modi Government is diligently targeting the homes and buildings of people of one community alone, whether it's in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh or in Rajasthan.

But sometimes what you see in the mirror is not what it is, and where it is. The communal disturbances and demolitions in Jahangirpuri are being taken advantage of by unsavoury elements for whom it doesn't make much of a difference whether the Hindu strikes or the Muslim gets hanged.

Then again, who gets arrested and for what is random in BJP-ruled states. Imagine a police team from BJP-ruled Assam cutting across the Great Plains to BJP-ruled Gujarat to take into custody Jignesh Mevani for a tweet that took the names of Modi and Godse in the same breath! (IPA Service)

# Arrested MLA Jignesh Mevani reaches Assam, taken to Kokrajhar

Agency  
Guwahati, Apr 21:

Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani, who had been arrested from the western state by the Assam Police for a purported social media post, was brought here on Thursday, a police officer said.

"He was flown to Guwahati from Gujarat around 11 am," the officer said.

Mevani was then taken to Kokrajhar by road, over 220 km from Guwahati, as the case under which he was arrested was registered there.

The prominent Dalit leader was apprehended from Palanpur town in Gujarat on



Wednesday night after a First Information Report (FIR) under section 153A of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with

offences related to promoting enmity between communities, was filed at Kokrajhar police station, his aide Suresh Jati

said.

"As per a document shared by the officials of the Assam police, an FIR has been lodged over a tweet by Mevani few days back. The post has been withheld by Twitter. It was about Nathuram Godse. Mevani was first brought to Ahmedabad by road and then taken to Assam by air early today morning," he added.

Mevani is an independent MLA from Vadgam seat in Banaskantha. He has recently pledged support to the Congress.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday termed Mevani's arrest "undemocratic" and "unconstitutional".

## Sports

# IPL: Covid-hit Delhi Capitals demolish Punjab Kings by 9 wickets

Agency  
New Delhi, April 21:

Delhi Capitals showed remarkable resilience to overcome a Covid-19 crisis in their camp and hand Punjab Kings a nine-wicket thrashing in the Indian Premier League on Wednesday.

Delhi, who had a chaotic build up to the game with a sixth Covid positive case being reported on the morning of the game, dished out a clinical bowling display to bowl out Punjab Kings for a below-par 115.

On a track where the deliveries were holding up a bit, even Lalit Yadav became unplayable leave alone Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav.

Delhi seemed in real hurry to close the game with Prithvi Shaw (41 off 20) and David Warner (60 not out off 30 balls) getting them off to a flying start.

Their 83-run partnership off 39 balls ensured Delhi cantered to victory in 10.3 overs, giving a big boost to their net run rate.

The match, which was shifted to the Brabourne Stadium from Pune, was given a go ahead barely an hour before the start of play after Delhi keeper-batter Tim Seifert tested positive on Wednesday morning.

Shaw and Warner looked in devastating touch dispatching a deflated looking Punjab bowler



ing attack to all corners of the grounds. However, Punjab bowlers could not be blamed on the night with batters letting the team down on a good pitch.

With Delhi racing to 81 for no loss in the powerplay, the game was as good as over.

It was Delhi's third win in six games while Punjab, who had a game to forget, suffered their fourth loss in seven games.

Earlier, the Delhi spin trio of Lalit (2/11), Kuldeep (2/24) and Axar (2/10) did the bulk of the damage.

Punjab were tottering at 35/2 after losing opening Mayank Agarwal (24) and Shikhar Dhawan (9) early.

Mayank, who recovered from his toe injury that forced

him to miss the previous game, started with a cut for a boundary. He then launched into Shardul Thakur, striking three fours in the third over that fetched 14 runs.

But off-spinner Lalit removed Dhawan (9) cheaply, after the left-handed batter's attempted paddle resulted in a nick to Rishabh Pant.

Punjab were soon reeling at 46/3, as Axar struck in his first over removing the in-form Liam Livingstone (2), who was stumped by Pant. Livingstone came down the wicket to have a go at Axar, but the left-arm spinner turned the ball away from him to get Pant into action.

Wickets kept on tumbling for Punjab as Jonny Bairstow (9) gifted a sitter to Mustafizur at fine-leg in the seventh over

off Khaleel Ahmed (2/21).

Jitesh Sharma (32), who struck five boundaries and Shahrukh Khan (12) tried to resurrect the innings, but managed to add only 31 runs before Axar trapped the former in front of the wickets, as Punjab lost half their side for 85.

From 85/5, it became 92/8, as Punjab lost wickets in quick succession with chinaman Kuldeep casting Kagiso Rabada (2) and Nathan Ellis (0) in the 14th over.

Khaleel got his second wicket dismissing Shahrukh in next over with a cross-seam slower while Rahul Chahar (12) became Lalit's second scalp.

Pacers Khaleel and Mustafizur shared three wickets and ably supported the spinners.

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# Manipuri Cinema can leap forward....

The seasoned filmmaker went on to note that exhibi-

tions of films have transitioned from big silverscreens to Television and to the mobile phones in everyone's pocket. In such an era with whopping technological advancements, proper training is must for the growth of Manipuri Cinema. With training comes awareness and understanding of the different roles, responsibilities and hierarchy of the crew, which

eventually will cultivate discipline, he stressed.

He also added that choosing the right actors for particular characters goes a long way in the success of a film.

On Friday, Aribam Syam along with famed singer, Chongam Kamala will have an extensive talk on film music and background scoring. Prior to this, 'Imagi Ningthem' and 'Orchids of Manipur' will be screened on Thursday afternoon for the participants to

grasp the idea and have an in-depth understanding about the topic.

Again on Monday, the 25 April, Aribam Syam Sharma would be sharing his experience on acting and directing actors for cinema, aided by luminaries Manipuri film stars Yengkhom Roma and K. Tomba, a.k.a Lamza Tomba.

All film enthusiasts and film professionals are invited to listen and learn from the master filmmaker.

# Inflation is the major challenge....

Using the National Sample Survey data, "we estimate average expenditure across three broad income groups - the bottom 20 per cent, the middle 60 per cent and the upper 20 per cent of the population, and mapped them with the inflation trend," Joshi said adding "we have estimated this separately for the rural and urban areas. We find that the rural bottom 20 per cent faced highest inflation of 7.7 per cent in March...In urban areas too, it was the bottom 20 per cent that faced the highest inflation of 6.4 per cent."

With upward pressure rising, inflation is becoming broad based, which is not good. Last year low food inflation had contained the headline number, while fuel and core inflation had risen. The upside risks on food have risen further af-

ter the Russia-Ukraine war. After a year of double-digit wholesale price index inflation, cost pressures have also increased for Indian producers. Improving demand conditions will enable them to pass this on to a great extent to retail prices, particularly in services where inflation was subdued so far due to incomplete pick-up in activity. That apart there is also pressure of fuel inflation, which had cascading effect on all prices.

While Inflation target might not be breached so badly as finance minister says but going forward the picture is not all that rosy and this had come at a time when exports are doing well, people have started getting back jobs and economic revival is taking place. A small dose of inflation is good as it will have a multi-

plier effect in economic revival but a large dose could work otherwise.

The task cut out for RBI is very difficult as debt handling will be required to keep prices under check while pushing growth. RBI has handled the situation well in the last monetary policy. It sent the right signals to growth momentum by keeping the short-term rates unchanged, even as it dealt with excess liquidity through other measures. This kind of jugglery cannot go on forever and might have to take the bull by the horn, which meant stunting growth. It will be interesting to watch how this inflation challenge is addressed through some out of the box fiscal and monetary measures by the government and RBI.

(IPA Service)