

## ATSUM leaders summoned ahead of the 24 hour bandh from tomorrow

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

With just 24 hours to go for the 24 hours bandh called by the All Tribal Student Union Manipur (ATSUM) supported by other tribal bodies, the district SP of Imphal West has summoned four leaders of ATSUM to talk over the matter.

A team of Imphal West picked up President of ATSUM Paotinhang Lupheng, General Secretary SR. Andria, Information Secretary Khaiminlin Doungel and Forest Secretary S Marangkhai at around noon from the ATSUM Office here in Imphal. The four leaders of the ATSUM however, are neither arrested nor detained but rather called on for a meeting by the Imphal West District SP to talk on the matter regarding the 24-hour bandh called from 6 pm tomorrow.

ATSUM supported by other tribal bodies an-



ATSUM leaders picked up by Police

nounced the 24 hour bandh over the non-fulfillment of their demand for introducing the HAC-recommended ADC Bill, 2021 in the ongoing state assembly session which may

conclude on August 5. A source with the Imphal Times said that the four ATSUM leaders are currently undergoing talk with the district Superintendent

of Police Imphal West, at the time of filing this report (3.30 pm).

Even as the way the police team picked the four ATSUM leaders from their office seems rather arrest than an invitation to talk, a source said that the ATSUM leaders are simply called on to talk.

Details of the talk between the district SP and the ATSUM leaders could not be known as of now. Meanwhile, Senapati District Students' Union, All Naga Student Association Manipur, Tangkhul Katminao Saklong among others have extended its support to the 24 hour bandh called by the ATSUM from 6 pm tomorrow.

On November 25, 2021, the Government of Manipur had reached to an agreement with the ATSUM, ANSAM and KSO (GHQ) in connection with the demand for the introduction of the amended ADC Bill, 2021.

## 5.6 km of Indo-Myanmar Border between Border Pillar No. 79 and 81 have been fenced: CM

IT News  
Imphal, August 2:

On the eighth day of the morning session of 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly began today with the question hour. As soon as the House assembled, the Speaker Th. Satyabarta took up the question hour.

Leader of the House N.Biren said in the Assembly today that so far 5.6 km of the Indo-Myanmar border fencing have been completed while replying to the question raised by MLA K. Ranjit Singh. The Chief Minister further said that under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India 60.023 km of fencing will be taken up. Regarding the Indo-Myanmar fencing, Government of India and Myanmar Government will jointly take up the issue. The Chief Minister informed the House that

minority in the State includes Muslims, Christians, Jain, Parsis, Buddhists and Sikh community. After submitting timely proposal to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, the State Government avail various schemes like Minority Pre-Matric Scholarships Schemes, Minority Post-Matric Scholarships Schemes, Minority Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Schemes, Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJKV) to the minorities. Replying to the question raised by MLA Sheikh Noorul Hassan, the Chief Minister further said ITI Lilong has been established under Skill Labour, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department offers craftsmanship, carpentry, molding & welding courses and others skill development training programmes.

Education Minister Th. Basantakumar replying to the

question raised by MLA Abdul Nasir said one school is benefitted under IDMI (Infrastructure Development for Minority Institute). He said as per official record the total area of Lilong Higher Secondary Madrasa is 0.36540 hectore/0.9029 acre. The minister further state in the House that the number of teaching and non-teaching staff of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Lilong is 12 and 7 respectively.

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Y. Khemchand said in the Assembly that construction of 103km long Shirui to Khayang Phungtha PMGSY road is in progress but the road stretching from Shirui to Kachouphung village is targeted to be completed by September, 2022. The Minister was replying to the question raised by MLA Ram Muivah.

## Heroin seized; two including a KNLF cadre arrested

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

A team of state police today seized 272 grams of suspected Heroin powder hidden under the co-driver seat of a four wheeler car while trying to smuggle towards Imphal along Moreh Imphal route near the gate of Pallel Police Station. Two persons including a member of the KNLF currently under SoO were carrying the illicit drugs.

According to a police source, acting on specific inputs under the mission "War on Drug 2.0", a team of State Police Commando posted under Kachhing district Police station halted a suspiciously moving four wheeler car bearing Registration No. AS02 Q 1649 from Moreh towards Imphal at around 6.30 am today near the Pallel Police Sta-



tion. "When search the vehicle 22 (twenty two) soap cases containing suspected Heroin No. 4 powder was found hidden at the floor of the co-driver seat of the vehicle", a police source said. The source added that the suspected vehicle tried to escaped when the police team stopped them but the well train state police commando managed to overpower it. Two persons including the one driving the car were de-

tained in connection with the seizure of the illicit drugs.

The police team was headed by Sub. Ksh Prakash and assisted by HC L. Rohit and Hav N. Chaoba under the command of Inspector Md. Abash Khan, OC, CDO Unit, Kakching, under the supervision of Shri Binoy Chongtham, MPS Addl. SP (Ops) Kakching, and under the overall Supervision of Shrey Vats, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Kakching.

The two persons arrested have been identified as Paominlun (31) S/o Doukthoang of L. Bolkot village, BPO-Koite, Dist-Chura Chandpur and HL. Seikhongam Mate (21) S/o HL. Heikho Khai Mate of Tengnoupal Bazar, Tengnoupal -District.

Paominlun confessed that he is a cadre armed group KNLF which is under suspension of operation with the government.

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

The All Manipur United Clubs' Organisation (AMUCO) is observing the 25th Manipur Integrity Day on the 4th August 2022 with all the different communities of Manipur, stated a release of the Secretary Publicity AMUCO. Recalling the over 5 lakh people historic march of 4 August 1997 wherein the People of Manipur stood as ONE MAN against the aggressive policy of India for balkanization of Manipur, the release reminded the over two millennia old political sovereignty of Manipur which was culminated with the India's annexation of

Manipur in 1949. The People of Manipur has ceaselessly been opposing every sinister design of the Government of India to disintegrate the emotional and territorial integrity of Manipur by deploying the divide and rule policy of the erstwhile British regime since India's take-over of Manipur, stated the release. The release also outlined the political independence of Manipur on 14 August 1947 from the then British suzerainty and the ongoing Manipur People's Struggle to regain her lost sovereignty which has been in the very similar line of India's freedom struggle from the colonial British

Rule. The inclusion of the territorial areas of Manipur in the ongoing infamous GOI-NSCN(IM) Peace Talk has been a clear example for the evil geopolitical strategy of the Government of India in reducing Manipur into a tiny footprint on the global political map, asserted the release. The release further stated that this year's observance of the 25th Manipur Integrity Day would commence by offering tribute at the Manipur Integrity Pillar, located near Manipur State Museum and culminate with a all Manipur ethnic communities at the Community Hall, Kwakeithel Akham Leikai.

## KKL lifts ban on Comedian Happy Rajen

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

Kangleipak Kanba Lup (KKL) announced today that it had lifted the ban imposed on comedian Happy Rajen, who was featured in a "contentious video" on Langol Ningthou Haraoba. In a press release, KKL general secretary Ngamkheingakpa Luwang stated that until a new Langol Ningthou committee is formed, the organisation will ban current members of the Langol Ningthou Lai Committee who are associated with the viral video on Langol Ningthou Haraoba, which was posted on social media and YouTube.

## Security Forces apprehend four NRFM insurgents with Arms and Ammunition in Bishnupur District

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

In a major success to security forces, Loktak Battalion of IGAR (South) under Spear Corps apprehended four insurgents of proscribed group NRFM and recovered one 09 mm Sig Saur P228 Pistol, 07 live rounds and other stores. Acting on a specific input,

team of Security forces and Bishnupur commando police established mobile check post to track the movement of the insurgents, leading to apprehension. During on the spot questioning and verification, the individuals turned out to be active insurgents of NRFM.

Based on their input, two more insurgents along with recovered stores were also

picked from different locations. The notorious terrorist group has been involved in extortion activities, IED blasts and also in killing of one Manipuri individual in Chura Chandpur district.

The apprehended insurgents and recovered weapon, ammunition and other items were handed over to Moirang police station after due procedure.

## One-day awareness program conducted on Agnipath

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

With the last day of registration for Agnipath approaching, Khungang Chaokhat Lup, Heigrujam successfully organised one-day awareness program on Agnipath in coordination with the 16th Assam Rifles battalion. Around 170 aspirants and family members attended the programmed at Keithelmanbi Headquarter auditorium which started at 3 pm yesterday.

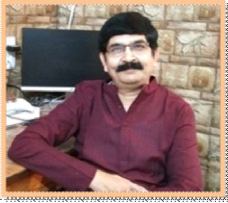
The 3 and half hours program comprised videos and verbal explanations on Agnipath recruitment and related question-answer sessions. Major Abhimanyu Commanding Officer of Maibam Lokpa Ching battal-

ion briefed the participants on the details and information of the ongoing pre-test training sessions which is happening every day starting 6 am for an hour at the Keithelmanbi battalion. He also emphasized on 3rd of August as the last day for registration. Major Abhimanyu further stated that after 4 years of service, an Agniveer would be honoured as preferential recruitment in the state police force, and 16 other defense public sectors like Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bharat Electronics, Bharat Earth Movers Limited etc.

Also, 10% vacancy in Assam Rifles and other Central Armed Police Forces would be reserved for the Agniveers. Maj Abhimanyu also briefed about the relax-

ation and bonus marks for NCC certificate holders, sportspersons, and family members of servicemen and war veterans. The program was also attended by representatives of Village Level Federation under the guidance of Manipur State Rural Livelihood Mission representing 15 different Women Self Help Groups from Nambol and Konthoujam Constituencies with MSRLM Cluster Coordinator, Barun Naozem, Block Resource Trainer, Maibam Cherphen and Social Activist Kavita Hijam. Apart from the infrastructures, meeting Hall and refreshments, pickup and drop for all the participants was organised by Assam Rifles Headquarter Battalion at Keithelmanbi.

## Managing Negative thoughts



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Negative thinking creeps into our mind and disrupts its working. If one is positive the effect on others may or may not be positive and the environment may not necessarily become positive. But when a person is negative the effect definitely rubs on others and the environment becomes negative. Each one of us is negative or positive at some point in our life. How can we control negativity? It all starts again with the mind. Once mind is under control all well. Basically, we need to train our mind to think positively. We can tune our minds and repeatedly think positively to break free of the negativity and its vicious circle. Letting go of negative people doesn't mean we hate them, it just means that we care about our own wellbeing. Everytime we subtract negative from our life, we make room for more positive. The mind is neutral energy and because of this the way we think determines whether the results are positive and beneficial, or negative and harmful. It is the same energy acting in different ways. There are times when we want to think positively but our mind does not want to open to receive positive and we are angry. Anger is one emotion that can destroy everything one builds throughout one's life. If we are able to control our anger consciously we can move ahead in life. We can open our minds and accept what life has to offer with open arms. One must remember that the more negative energy we create, the more negative energy we attract. **Quite simply, no matter how positive of a person we are, negative people can affect our life, unless we take the right precautions.** Life is full of highs and lows, but you don't have to go up and down with them. We develop from the negatives when we accept them and learn from them.

Often, the mind does not judge or examine thoughts and opinions before accepting them. If what it hears, sees and reads is always negative, it accepts negativity as the standard mindset. When the tiger crosses your path, for example, you run. The rest of the world doesn't matter. You are focused entirely on the tiger, the fear it creates, and how you can get away from it. In other words, negative emotions narrow our mind and focus your thoughts. Doing simple things like talking about positive daily events, common friends, hobbies, happy news, make for light conversations with negative people. Negative emotions prevent our brain from seeing the other options and choices that surround us. President Obama said that "if you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope." Erasing negative thoughts and influences can be challenging, especially when we are surrounded by negative individuals or if we have established a base of negative habits. However, through awareness and perseverance we can turn the tide and begin to focus on living positively. It's never too late to make alterations or transitions in your life. It is said that *there is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.*

## Between the faithful and predators, does the Pope's apology bring a new hope



By: M.R. Lulu

The supreme patriarch of the Catholic Church the Pope apologizes again. This time it is Pope Francis who extended an apology to the indigenous community of Canada. The pope's visit to the country was mainly to tender an apology to the community for the forced assimilation of their children at the residential schools run by the Catholic Church and the gruesome persecution carried on them. He called his tour of Canada a "penitential pilgrimage". This time, in his usual gesture of apology, the Pope said that he regretted and begged forgiveness for the evil committed by the Catholic Christians against the indigenous people of Canada. By doing this the Pope was referring to the innocent children who never returned from the schools where they were forcefully taken away for education by the Church. The assimilation policies of the church, he reiterated, has marginalized the indigenous people and robbed them of their language and culture. A cultural genocide as it is known today has been committed on a genuine group of people who lived a life of natural concomitance along the line of nature and purely indigenous in their behaviour and pattern of life. About 150000 indigenous children were forcefully taken away from their families and sent to church-run residential schools in Canada. And

they were neglected and were made to suffer physical and sexual abuse and many of them never returned and those who survived could never come out of the trauma. More than 60 percent of the schools were run by the Roman Catholic Church and an investigation carried out on the missing Indigenous children unearthed hundreds of graves reaffirming the death of more than 4000 of them due to neglect and sexual abuse.

Pope Francis represents the spiritual papacy of 1.3 billion Catholics across the globe and an estimated 20 million Catholics live in India. Before him, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II also apologised on various occasions. The faithful are supposed to swallow the brutality that the church dispensed on its people and the apology by the papacy is believed to hold the power to purify the rot. Though nunneries are part of the Catholic religious establishment, it is largely a patriarchy that runs its administration. The darker side of the Christian history is a reality which is essentially a depiction of the coercive and atrocious intimidation by the church. The policy of the church was to civilize the indigenous settlers by converting them to Christianity and the means and methods chosen by it remained unquestionable. One of the other occasions when the Pope regretted and expressed "pain" was when a startling revelation brought the horror stories of sexual abuse ran on more than 216000 children by members of the clergy in France over a period of 70 years. The Pope did not hesitate to hold a summit on "paedophilia in the Church" and demands to criminalise sexual abuse in the church establishment followed. But unfortunately the church itself covers and conceals the errors that it committed inside the con-

finements of its institutions. There were multiple occasions in which the papacy apologised to the victims on whom the church was brutal. Most of the apologies were made for the cruelty committed by the clergy.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) came out with guidelines for the followers of the church with a mind to seriously check the sexual assault that its clergymen are known to be involved. The document was titled "CBCI guidelines to Deal with Sexual Harassment in Workplace." The Catholic Church has about 174 dioceses in India with hundreds of congregations and service activities and firms run by Catholics across the country. The guidelines were to check the increasing number of sexual assaults and Pope Francis's "zero tolerance" exhortation made the Indian wing of the church to come heavily on the issue. The clergy under the papacy is expected to follow celibacy and remain unmarried by the customs and traditions and standards of the church under its monastic disciplines. This indeed throws a large number of its clergymen into committing unpardonable crimes like sexual harassment on children and nuns but most of such offences are usually covered up or whitewashed. But the issues that see the light of the day bring bone chilling evidence of pain and persecution. The sexual abuse of religious sisters by priests and bishops is a bitter reality that in recent days has shattered the hopes of many among the faithful in India too.

Sister Lucy Kalapura, the famous rebel Catholic nun of Kerala made chilling revelations on the depth of decay that has been polluting the seminaries and monasteries run by the Roman Catholic Church. She was later dismissed by the Vatican on charges

of "violation of vows of obedience and poverty". Her dismissal from the church was signalling to what we call the dominance of the patriarchy which controls the system. Lucy's agitation demanding the arrest of Bishop Franco Mulakkal who was accused in a case pertaining to the rape of a nun belonging to Jalandhar based Missionaries of Jesus had ultimately lasted in her ouster from the church and the accused bishop was later acquitted by a Kerala court. There is plenty of evidence for an invincible patriarchal power that frequently curtails the freedom of nuns and controls their lives within the church. Sister Abhaya was 21 when she was brutally attacked inside a Kerala convent and dumped in a well inside its premises. The judgement after 28 years brought justice to her family sending a priest and a nun who threw the young woman in the well to jail. We can also see instances in which the Pope refused to offer an apology. The clerical sex abuse controversy in Chile did literally put the Vatican in trouble, to which the papacy responded by sending a sex crime expert to that country. The Pope culminated the accusations on the predator priest calling them mere slanders and stayed away from extending an apology for want of solid evidence to prove the crime. The accused priest was later appointed to head another diocese. The steps taken to curb sex abuse by the priests in the religious edifice of Catholic Church could not help the menace melt, and Pope Francis, for that matter, could not provide any credible solution to protect his flocks from predator priests. Between the faithful and predators, does the Pope's apology bring a new hope?

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## From a start-up Nation to a nation of Innovation

By: Dr. Krishna Ella

For me, the most inspiring story of our nation is the way our government pushed the start-up culture strongly, every policy and governance initiative have a huge in-built innovation factor.

I deeply missed this culture when I returned to India way back in 1996, with a dream to build a self-reliant vaccine business with several roadblocks, we were a startup then.

The most notable difference I have observed in recent times is the NITI Aayog's comprehensive national strategy for new India, which took a unique approach to inclusivity. There was a paradigm shift in the policy climate, with private investors and other stakeholders being encouraged and helped to achieve its goals, and to propel India to a USD 5 trillion GDP by 2030.

Besides developing scientific and technological capabilities, our nation had the foresight to redefine the roles of CSIR laboratories, Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs), the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), a host of universities, and scientific institutions, which laid the foundation for the nation to accomplish many first in the advancement of science and technology.

### The Unicorn India

India has produced more unicorns in the last 8 years than any other country, and stands second in the world after the United States for the largest number of start-ups being created.

When the Prime Minister of the Nation announced that 44 of our 100 unicorns were formed in 2021, and 14 more unicorns were formed in quick succession in the same year this year, it was a source of pride for every Indian, and for me as a first-generation

start-up entrepreneur, this demonstrated our nation's strength to remain strong and sustainable even during the global pandemic, as start-ups created wealth and value for the country.

This amazing boom in the entrepreneurial ecosystem shows that India can inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs, and the government has done an outstanding effort of encouraging it year after year through strategic implementation of an ecosystem and fundamentals that would support Indian start-ups and businesses to remain globally competitive, while allowing the dreams of an aspiring, confident and young India to take flight.

The government's implementation of the Start-Up-India programme, which offers tax benefits and creates a fund of funds, the Invest India programme, and NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to help start-ups develop and prosper, has been a major contributor to the rise of start-ups.

Atal Innovation Mission, a flagship initiative to create and promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in our country, and giving that extra push to women entrepreneurs, a new ecosystem was exemplified.

### Pharmacy of the world

India continues to play a growing role in global drug security and strengthen its position as the world's pharmacy, thanks to a low-cost qualified work force and a well-established manufacturing base.

Our country has also become a leading source of ground-breaking innovation, particularly when it comes to giving affordable life-saving vaccinations and medication to the most

underserved populations around the world who need them the most.

What began as a startup journey, Bharat Biotech is today a testament of how a startup grew to provide timely solutions to global problems.

Bharat Biotech's own efforts are a demonstration on how innovation aimed at key healthcare challenges not only saved countless lives but also demonstrated India's indigenous vaccine development capabilities. In the global race to find solutions to contain and provide succour against SARS-CoV2, India became the 3rd country in the world after the United States and United Kingdom to take it from clone to trial, and conducted all the clinical trials including for efficacy.

The world's 1st Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine, vaccines against Rotavirus, etc., and major pipeline innovations for vaccines against Zika virus, Chikungunya virus, Non-Typhoidal Salmonella, a key healthcare challenge in Africa, etc., are standing examples of India leading innovation for global problems.

Push to Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the promotion of domestic manufacturing of Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in India was one of the ground-breaking initiatives.

As an entrepreneur and scientist, the visit of our Prime Minister to the Bharat Biotech production site was a defining moment for me. It reaffirmed the trust and commitment of the Government of India to the country and the world, while also further strengthening our commitment and invigorating the scientists and employees to meet the extraordinary challenges.

It is a proud moment to be able to meet 97 percent of the country's vaccination needs for the COVID-19 vaccine from our homegrown companies. This achievement would not have

been attainable without the assistance of our government during the Pandemic - A series of policy changes, quick approvals, and, most crucially, Government officials working around the clock was a game-changer, and it was a welcome development for any entrepreneur like me.

### Digitization & Inclusivity - A pathbreaker

Another important aspect of India's quick growth was the country's strong drive for digitalization and the digital economy, which included the introduction of the most disruptive digital payment mechanism, UPI. UPI is, without a doubt, one of the most impressive fintech breakthroughs the world has seen in recent years.

It boosted eCommerce and made it easier for solopreneurs, small businesses, and medium-sized businesses to contribute to and participate in economic growth.

Internet penetration in rural areas was another significant feature of New India. The CoWIN app, which was established during the Pandemic and connected over 100 crore citizens and their data, is perhaps the most incredible example for a country in the world with a digitised population of over 85 percent.

This has aided the nation's pandemic preparedness. The application and database are unlike any other solution deployed at scale anywhere around the world. The unique scientific data and insights should be leveraged for progress of research, and to create templates for managing future healthcare challenges and initiatives.

With the data from CoWIN, the government can now easily combat a future pandemic or even track any outbreak of infection in a single location. The application has also made it easier to track, trace, and cure infections using epidemiology data.

### Public-Private Partnership

For the nation to grow, Public-Private Partnership plays a tremendous role. It is a model to follow to succeed in the future in every field, especially in science, defence, medicine, and research.

The success of Rotavac, Typhoid, and COVAXIN is a brilliant example of how the PPP model can create an impact. India's achievement with public-private partnerships is also a success story. With its Vaccine Development capabilities, the country has provided the globe with Rotavirus Vaccine, Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine, and the universal, world-class, affordable Covid-19 vaccine, COVAXIN.

The government's most notable endeavour has been the development of the Innovation Cell and the appointment of a "Chief Innovation Officer" to boost innovation and the entrepreneurial ecosystem within our educational institutions.

Today, academic institutions and Universities have their own Incubation Centres and are free to partner and collaborate with Government and Industry. COVAXIN, the result of a partnership between Bharat Biotech and ICMR-NIV during the pandemic clearly spells out what can be accomplished.

India needs to further strengthen academic-industry collaboration, enable Indian universities to incubate more start-ups, and increase the confidence of venture capital firms to participate in high-risk science enterprises.

Moreover, SBIRAC Grants and Niti Aayog aid to further foster scientific advancement and vaccine development will pave the way for greater participation of entrepreneurship in the sector.

This initiative helped create incubators across many Universities in India to tap young India to Innovate, backed by new programs and policies

for fostering innovation in different sectors effectively.

### Unifying India

For a nation to succeed, the biggest motivator is a unifying spirit between people and its leaders.

The goal of a great nation would be to ensure adequate access to clean energy and safe water, where the best healthcare is available to all, where the government is responsive, transparent and entrepreneurship is nurtured, and where poverty and illiteracy have been eradicated - a healthful nation that is one of the best places to live in.

Thanks to various initiatives of the Government, start-ups, enterprises, risk capital funds, and enabling environment for freedom and ease of doing business, India has succeeded in witnessing increased disruption in the healthcare sector, where start-ups registered breakthrough innovations in products and services.

These are all set to help the country further enhance the quality and reach of healthcare products and services to a larger section of the population not just within India but extend those benefits to nations across the globe to contribute to the wellbeing of the global population.

I am sure India will witness an increased number of scalable enterprises from the now thriving start-ups in the years to come, enabling enterprises to further disrupt the medical and healthcare, science and technology fields to make healthcare much more affordable and reachable to masses across the globe.

India has made great moves in its public health programs, which have been lauded by developed nations, and leaders across the globe. We have set the foundation for our nation to be even greater.

### This India is inspiring!!

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# Har Ghar Tiranga campaign: PM Modi changes DP of his social media pages to Tricolor, urges countrymen to do the same

Agency  
New Delhi, August 02:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday changed the display picture or DP of his social media pages to national flag and urged all the countrymen to do same. This has come as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign launched by PM Modi himself.

Taking to his official Twitter handle, he said, "It is a special 2nd August today! At a time when we are marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, our nation is all set for #HarGharTiranga, a collective movement to celebrate our Tricolour."

"I have changed the DP on my social media pages and urge you all to do the same," he added.



The Prime Minister then paid homage to the great Pingali Venkayya on his birth anniversary saying "Our nation will forever be indebted to him for his efforts of giving us the Tricolour, which we are very proud of. Taking

strength and inspiration from the Tricolour, may we keep working for national progress."

Last week, PM Modi had announced that the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement will be held from August 13-15, and urged

citizens of the country to use "tiranga" as their profile picture in social media accounts between August 2 and August 15.

The government has amended the Flag Code of India to allow the tricolour to be displayed in the open and on individual houses or buildings through day and night.

The Flag Code of India was earlier amended in December last year allowing the use of polyester, apart from cotton, wool, silk and khadi for making hand-spun, hand-woven and machine-made flags.

A citizen, a private organisation or an educational institution may hoist or display the national flag on all days and occasions. There is no restriction on timing of flag display.

# EECHAL celebrates 17th foundation day



IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

Ereipak Enat Chanura Loimashmlon (EECHAL) celebrated its 17th foundation day at the multipurpose hall of All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU), DMU campus here on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, EECHAL president T Ibemcha asserted that they will never remain silent when others tried to destroy the traditional

clothes produced by weavers of the land.

Stating that EECHAL was formed in 2005 to fight the outside forces affecting the indigenous culture, religion, clothing and tradition, Ibemcha pointed out that the objective of the organisation is to revive the indigenous culture and traditions and work for the welfare of the land.

The foundation day celebration was attended by Nupi Samaj president Th Ramani,

Tammi Chingmi president Y Momon, Kuki Mother Union advisor Rose Mangshi Haokip, Kabui Mothers A president Atompui Kamei, UMO president M Sorojini, Leimakol president MS Rita, Nongpok Leingak Apunba Nupi Lup president Y Mema, NIMPAL president Th Iboiyama, ANUL president L Promo, Thoubal IMA president S Bimola and AMSU president H Chalamba as president members.

# India reports 13,734 new coronavirus infections, 27 fatalities

Agency  
New Delhi, August 02:

With 13,734 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's tally of COVID-19 cases has risen to 4,40,50,009, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The death toll has climbed to 5,26,430 with 27 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases have declined to 1,39,792. They comprise 0.32 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.49 per cent, the ministry said.

A decrease of 4,197 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 3.34 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 4.79 per cent, according to the health ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,33,83,787, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.20 per cent.

According to the ministry, 204.6 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and

surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19. The country crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23 last year. It crossed the four-crore mark on January 25 this year.

The 27 new fatalities include six from West Bengal, three from Himachal Pradesh, two each from Delhi, Goa, Karnataka and Punjab, one each from Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Pondicherry and Uttarakhand.

The daily positivity rate is at 3.34 per cent while the weekly positivity rate is 4.79 per cent. As many as 4,11,102 COVID-19 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours. Till date, the ministry informed that over 87.58 crore total tests

have been conducted.

On the COVID-19 vaccination front, 204.6 crore total vaccine doses have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

As India continues to report over 10,000 COVID-19 cases over the last few days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the country's fight against COVID is still on, and holistic healthcare has made an impact across the globe in this fight.

"Our fight against COVID is still on, and holistic healthcare has made an impact across the globe in this fight. AYUSH is now gaining prominence worldwide, leading to an increase in AYUSH exports," said Prime Minister Modi while addressing his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.

# Assam: Japanese Encephalitis claims 4 more lives, death toll at 52

Agency  
Guwahati, August 02:

Four more people lost their lives due to Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in Assam over the past 24 hours, taking the death toll to 52, since the outbreak of the disease in the state in July this year. All four deaths were reported from the Nagaon district, a National Health Mission (NHM), Assam report stated.

On the other hand, three new cases of JE were reported in Assam in the past 24 hours. With this, a total of 305 cases of the mosquito-borne disease have been detected in the state since July 1, 2022, the report

stated.

Bongaigaon, Majuli and West Karbi Anglong districts recorded one case each, the NHM report stated. Of the total 35 districts of Assam, South Salmara, Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong have not been affected by the fatal disease so far.

While Nagaon district has recorded the highest of 44 cases so far, Jorhat and Golaghat have reported 39 and 34 cases each respectively.

Hundreds of people in

Assam are affected by JE and malaria every year with many also succumbing to the infection. The disease affects mostly the rural population of the state, especially during the hot and rainy season that typically lasts from May to October.

The state health department has taken a host of measures and has been conducting massive awareness drives against the disease which is transmitted by infected mosquitoes.

# Assam Rifles conducts Security and Coordination Meet

IT News  
Imphal, August 01:

Keithelmanbi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a Security and Coordination Meet at Keithelmanbi in Imphal West district today.

The meet saw a healthy participation of village representatives including Village GB, Secretaries and youth. This meet provided the platform for discussion of

various security related issues and Independence day celebrations including Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Career opportunities for the students in Defence Forces and in Sports were also discussed.

The people pledged to extend utmost cooperation to Assam Rifles in maintaining peace and harmony in the Area of Responsibilities. They also appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles for all round support to local populace.

## Career Guidance

### Careers options in Genomics



By: Vijay GarG

With advances in genomics being rapid, career opportunities are also booming.

Genomics has applications in a variety of fields ranging from personalised healthcare to agriculture.

As scientists and other professionals use discoveries in genetics to revolutionise the world, careers in genetics and genomics are booming, given the advances in the field of personalised medicine, DNA sequencing technologies and commercial applications of genomics research.

"Genomics" stands for the study of whole genomes. While 'genes' are instructions encoded in molecules called DNA in a cell, 'Genomics' is the study of all genes of an organ-

ism and or altered genes in each set of conditions (diseased versus healthy). It also encompasses the functional relevance of this alteration. Genomics relies on Next-generation Sequencing (NGS) technology. Advances in NGS technologies led to the birth of an era of microbiome studies. The human microbiome, animal microbiome, and soil microbiome are promising cures to diseases like Diabetes, improving livestock health, and promoting sustainable agriculture by suggesting soil improvement/preservation measures.

The advancement in genomics continues to happen on the technology as well as the application front. It can be applied to diseases like cancer, sickle cell anaemia, thalassaemia, or infectious disease epidemiology such as SARS COV-2. Genomics led to the identification of variants, especially of variants of concern (VOC) during the pandemic and continues to help clinicians and scientists design better vaccines. Genomics also fostered 'Precision medicine.' Herein, personalised therapy is offered to a patient based on his/her genome.

Genomics offers several career opportunities in areas such as Clinical genomics, Cancer genomics, Genomics of rare diseases, Genomics and wellness, microbiome-based therapeutics, Bioinformatics, and Computational biology. Besides, there is plenty of growth in the engineering of sequencers and of sequencing protocols where newer and cheaper scientific technology is being sought after. It's a rapidly expanding field with newer sequencers rapidly replacing old ones.

#### Booming Career prospects

**Scientist-cancer genomics:** Cancer arises due to genome instability or mutations. Early diagnosis is the key to its cure. Genomics experts can diagnose and predict cancer prognosis. A scientist working in cancer genomics can suggest immunotherapy for the patients.

**Rare diseases scientist:** Rare diseases such as Sickle cell anaemia can be effectively managed if diagnosed early. A rare disease genomics scientist can enable early diagnosis and improve the prognosis of such diseases.

**Scientist-Bioinformatics/ Bioinformatician/ Bioinformatician and computational biologist:** Bioinformaticians develop tools and ways to store, segregate and analyse data while computational biologists use these tools to render meaningful biological information.

**Product Manager:** Given the range of sequencing applications and sequencers per se; each product must reach its intended end-user, which is what a product manager does. Next-generation sequencing companies often hire product managers to reach their target customers.

**Field Application specialists:** Buying and installing a sequencer is a huge investment. Its preventive maintenance, training, and repair are extremely critical. Field application specialists train the end users on sequencers, follow up on their queries and also maintain the machine.

**Sequencer design experts/Engineers:** Companies offer several sequencers such as Illumina (MISEq, HISEq), PacBio, Nanopore, and Ion Torrent sequencers from Thermo Fischer Scientific. An engi-

neer in alliance with a genomics expert can design a piece of equipment that performs better and is more cost-effective.

**Expert, Pharmacogenomics:** It is one field of precision medicine that tailors drug/therapy to patients' genomes.

**Expert, Agri genomics:** Application of genomics in agriculture helps evaluate soil microbiome and other parameters to improve agricultural output.

**Expert, Human microbiome:** Microbes inhabit our gut, skin, and other parts of the body in large numbers. The diversity and number of beneficial microbes are essential to good health and wellness. Experts in microbiome cater to this aspect of human health.

#### Educational qualifications required

**B.Tech. (Biotechnology):** Genomics and Bio similars aspirants should opt for Physics, Chemistry, Maths, and Biology in 10+2 with at least 50% marks.

**M.Sc. in Genomics (Biotechnology):** After Physics, Chemistry, and Biology in 10+2, aspirants should complete B.Sc. (Hons) in Graduation.

### Name Change

I, the undersigned, Soubam Yaishana Chanu do hereby declare that I have relinquished, renounced and abandoned the use of my old name **Mayanglamab Ongbi Yaishana Chanu** as I have assumed my new name **Soubam Yaishana Chanu**.

Sd/-  
**Soubam Yaishana Chanu**  
Haobam Marak Keisham Leikai  
Imphal West - 795001

### Name Change

I, the undersigned, Shanti Bhandari do hereby declare that I have relinquished, renounced and abandoned the use of my old name **Shanti Devi** as I have assumed my new name **Shanti Bhandari**.

Sd/-  
**Shanti Bhandari**  
Kanglatongbi Hathikhua,  
Imphal West, Manipur

# Threat of terrorism, drug trafficking serious in Indian Ocean; India-Maldives ties vital for peace: PM Modi

Agency  
New Delhi, August 02:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday stressed that close ties between India and the Maldives in the field of defence and security are vital for peace and noted that the threat of trans-national crime, terrorism and drug trafficking is serious in the Indian Ocean.

"The threat of trans-national crime, terrorism and drug trafficking is serious in the Indian Ocean region. That is why coordination between India and the Maldives in the field of defence and security is vi-

tal for the peace and stability of the entire region," he said after talks with Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

Solih, who began his four-day visit to India on Monday, said he and PM Modi reiterated a firm commitment to deal with the threat of terrorism.

Asserting that Maldives-India relationship goes beyond diplomacy, he said that his country will remain a true friend of India. "This visit is an affirmation of the close bond between our two countries," the Maldivian President said during a joint press statement with PM Modi.

India and the Maldives inked six pacts following talks between PM Narendra Modi and the visiting Maldivian President, to facilitate cooperation in capacity building, cyber security, housing, disaster management and infrastructure.

PM Modi said that despite challenges posed by Covid pandemic and cooperation between the countries is taking the form of a broad partnership.

PM Modi asserted that India has been and will continue to be the first responder to any need or crisis of the Maldives. He also underscored that In-

dia-Maldives partnership is not only working in interest of citizens of both countries, but also becoming a source of stability.

Besides official engagements in New Delhi, Solih will also visit Mumbai to participate in business events.

The Maldives is one of India's key maritime neighbours in the Indian Ocean region and occupies a special place in India's Neighbourhood First Policy. The overall bilateral ties between the two countries including in areas of defence and security have witnessed rapid growth in the past few years.

# State Handloom Day observed



IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

The 23rd State Handloom Day was observed yesterday at GM Hall here under the aegis of the Handloom Promo-

tion Council (HPC).

Hara Kanta Baro, Deputy Director/Head of Office Weavers' Service Centre, Imphal, A. Ronika Devi, President, The Manipur Apex Handloom Weavers & HC Artisans' C.S.

Ltd (AWAS), Imphal and Dr. Chinglen Maisnam, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Manipur University as chief guest, president and guest of honour respectively.

# Food items for hot cooked meal distributed to Anganwadi Centers under SNP of Saikul ICDS Project

IT News  
Kangpokpi, August, 02:

The district officials of the Social Welfare Department of the Saikul Integrated Child Development (ICDS) Project today distributed food items to the Anganwadi Centres for providing hot cooked meal in Saikul Sub-Division, Kangpokpi District.

All together 249 Anganwadi centres collected hot cooked meal items which will be further distributed to the beneficiaries in the form of 'take home ration'. As classes for the beneficiaries are on halt in view of the COVID situation, allotted rations will be distributed to the respective beneficiaries through home visits by the Anganwadi Workers.

The food items such as gram, pulses, salt, mustard oil, turmeric powder, groundnut



among others were distributed under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, ICDS of the Social Welfare Department to the eligible beneficiaries that is children under 6 years, pregnant

women and lactating mothers as per the guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.

District Programme Officer

Roselin Doungel: Child Development Project Officer of Saikul ICDS Project Mutum Leimatombi Devi: Supervisors and staffs were present during the distribution of food items

# A 2-Day State Level Workshop has been closed: AMCTA

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

A 2-Day State Level Workshop on "Promotion of Teachers under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) based on UGC Guidelines" has been closed today at Indoor Stadium of Oriental College, Imphal. It was organised by AMCTA in association with IQAC, Oriental College, Imphal which was held from 1 to 2, August, 2022 at Oriental College, Takyel, Imphal. The workshop was participated by about 400 delegates from different colleges across the state, Manipur. It has made immense help and benefited to the college teachers of

Manipur to clear the doubts and confusion regarding the documentation of their Appraisal reports and PBAS reports for promotion to their next higher grades/academic levels. It was held from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022. The valedictory function was attended by Dr. S. Ranjit Singh, Principal, Oriental College, Imphal; M. Lokendro Singh, President, AMCTA; Prof. N. Sanjoy Singh, Principal, Hindi Teachers' Training College, Imphal; Prof. W. Jyotirmoy, Principal, Nambol L Sanoi College, Imphal; L. Mani Singh, Coordinator, IQAC, Oriental College, Imphal and Dr. M. Imocha Singh, Gen. Secretary, AMCTA as Chief Guest, President and Guests

of Honours respectively. Prof. N. Sanjoy Singh, Principal, Hindi Teachers' Training College; Prof. W. Jyotirmoy Singh, Principal, Nambol L Sanoi College; Kh. Dineshkumar Singh, Associate Professor, DMCTE, Imphal and Dr. M. Suresh Singh, Associate Professor, GP Women's College, Imphal were the resource persons of the workshop. The two Technical Sessions - I, II, III & IV with maintaining procedures of the Workshop.

## Sports

# CWG 2022 Day 5: All eyes on Women's Lawn Bowl final; Sreeshankar and Anees qualify for Long Jump final; No Medal for Weightlifter Punam Yadav

Agency  
Birmingham, August 02:

On Day 4 of the Commonwealth Games, India had a rather successful day as they clinched two medals, both in judo. Judoka Sushila Devi Likmabam won the silver medal in the women's 48 kg category while Vijay Kumar Yadav secured the bronze medal in the men's 60 kg category.

Another moment of history was created when the Indian Women's Four Lawn Bowl team reached the final defeating New Zealand, thus ensuring India's first-ever Commonwealth Games medal in the sport.

Now all eyes will be on this team as to if they can clinch a historic gold medal on August 2 when they take on the South African team in the final of the event.

After four days of competitions, Indian medal tally has grown to 9 with three gold, three silver and as many bronze. Out of the nine, seven medals have come from weightlifting while two have been added by judokas. Tues-

day could potentially be India's best ever so far in the ongoing CWG 2022 with as many as three confirmed medals in lawn bowls, badminton and table tennis.

Apart from that, three weightlifters will also be competing for medals (and thereby potential gold) with late in the night, Seema Punia and Navjeet Kaur Dhillon in action at the women's discus throw finals.

Day 4 saw India's Sushila Devi Likmabam, Vijay Kumar Yadav and Harjinder Kaur finishing among the medalists. While judokas Sushila and Vijay won silver and bronze respectively, Harjinder won a bronze in women's (weightlifting) 71kg class.

The Indian trio of Tania Choudhary, Pinki and Rupa Rani Trikey has defeated Nicole Toomey, Tayla Bruce and Val Smith of New Zealand in the women's triples round 1 clash. India won 15-11 after 18 ends.

India's second long jumper in men's qualification Anees Yahia has made 7.68m in his second attempt and

7.49m in his third. So his best after 3 attempts is 7.68 which as of now is the second best in his group after Emanuel Archibald registered 7.83m in his final attempt.

Anees Yahiya has also qualified for the final of the men's long jump event after a best attempt of 7.68m. He qualifies as the 8th best jumper today. M Sreeshankar is the only jumper to have made an automatic qualification.

India's Manpreet Kaur will be aiming to qualify for the final of women's shot put event. She is in group B. She has a personal best of 18.36m and a season best of 18.06m.

It was another memorable day for India at the Commonwealth Games 2022 as Indian judoka Shushila Devi won the silver medal in the women-48kg category, her second in CWG history.

On the fourth day of the multi-sports event, India clinched three medals one silver and two bronze medals.

Besides Sushila, Vijay Kumar also won a bronze in the Men's 60kg division to give India a second medal in

COUNTRIES	G	S	B	T
1 AUS	31	20	20	71
2 ENG	21	23	11	55
3 NZL	13	7	4	24
4 CAN	6	11	16	33
5 RSA	5	3	4	12
6 IND	3	3	3	9
7 SCO	2	8	14	24

Judo on the day. These were India's first medals outside the six medals in Weightlifting that they have won so far at the Birmingham 2022 CWG, including three gold.

Harjinder Kaur fought back in the clean and jerk category to win the bronze medal in the women's 71kg category in weightlifting.

Indian women's fours team comprising Lovely

vanced to the final in badminton.

The Indian badminton Mixed Team unit comprising the likes of PV Sindhu, Srikanth Kidambi, Lakshay Sen and Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy also assured themselves of a medal after storming through to the finals with a 3-0 sweep of Singapore in the semi-finals.

The doubles duo of Chirag and Satwik began the rout, with Sindhu making it 2-0 before Lakshay Sen swapped world champion Loh Kean Yew in straight games.

The Indian men's table tennis team, defending champions, thrillingly defeated Nigeria in the semi-final to book their berth in the final.

Indian boxer Amit Panghal won his beginning bout at Games 2022. Srihari Nataraj finished fifth in the men's 50m backstrokes final in swimming.

In the day's other good news, the Indian Men's Hockey team came away with a good 4-4 result against hosts England, thereby looking good to avoid title favourites Australia in the semi-finals.

PV Sindhu looked in top form as the mixed team ad-

They had pumped in 11 without return in their first game against Ghana and now lead the group.

India began the big game with a bang, netting thrice in the first 22 minutes through Lalit Upadhyay (2'), Mandeep (13') and Akashdeep Singh (22').

England however scripted a brilliant comeback in the second half of the game with Liam Ansel getting one back in the 42nd minute. Although Harmanpreet scored India's fourth soon after, strikes from Philip Roper (50') in between two from Bandurak (47', 53') saw England draw level.

India had to play most of the last few minutes of the game with 10 men in face of a relentless onslaught by England but held on gamely for a result they will take.

In Squash, Saurav Ghosal made it through to the Men's Singles semi-finals with a classy victory in four games over Scot Greg Lobban in the quarter-finals. Ghosal soldiered on with a favourable 11-5, 8-11, 11-7 and 11-3 result.