

## Entrepreneur development is a key to economic development: Governor

IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

Governor of Manipur & West Bengal La. Ganesan has said that entrepreneur development is an important key to economic development of a country. Entrepreneurs not only provide self employment but also provide job opportunities for others.

Speaking at Inspiration Episode 18, held today at City Convention Centre in Imphal, Governor said, efforts have been made to develop entrepreneurial skills so that sufficient skilled manpower is available in the country to manage the scarce resources by developing cutting edge enterprises. The new generations of entrepreneurs need technical, managerial, financial and marketing skills to meet the challenge of the new world order to be able to compete.

Stating that unemployment among the youth and the resulting sense of frustration is a central problem in the country especially in the North East including Manipur, La. Ganesan said, serious efforts have been



made to mitigate the unemployment problems in the region. He said, the initiatives will take time to show any tangible results on the ground. There is a need for innovation and participatory approach to attract experts in this field. He further stated that in spite of many visible odds and limitations, a few women entrepreneurs in Manipur have shown their hidden talents in the form of perceptible scale of production of a few competitive items. Every year Manipur

bags Outstanding Entrepreneur Award instituted by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. It is our responsibility to encourage and carry them forward in a new environment and policy support. Governor asked the Department of Commerce and Industries to prepare a roadmap for industrializing Manipur through a sound policy of structured, skill and entrepreneurship development, particularly for women in modern Manipur.

Sapam Nishikant Singh,

MLA said, women should be given preferences in any field in the society. He said, we should encourage our girl child in education and other fields to help them setting their goals for a self dependent life.

Women entrepreneurs, students and experts attended among others in the episode under the theme, 'Entrepreneurship and Empowerment: Women in Manipur' which is being organized by Dynamic Manipur in collaboration with Lamjing Meira.

## Mann Ki Baat: PM Modi asks people to join campaign to fight malnutrition

New Delhi, August 28:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 28 urged people to make efforts to remove malnutrition while stressing that social awareness was a crucial aspect of this fight.

In his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio broadcast, Mr. Modi said the 'Amrit Dhara' of 'Amrit Mahotsav' marking 75 years of India's independence was flowing in all corners of the country in this month.

"On the special occasion of Amrit Mahotsav and Independence Day, we have seen the collective might of the country," he said.

Mr. Modi urged the people to join the campaign to fight malnutrition in the coming month. "Besides festivals, September is also dedicated to a big campaign related to nutrition. We celebrate 'Poshan Maah' or nutrition month between September 1 and 30," Mr. Modi said.

Many creative and diverse efforts are being made against



malnutrition, he noted. "Better use of technology and public participation have also become an important part of 'Poshan Abhiyan'. The 'Jal Jeevan' mission is going to have a big impact in making India malnutrition-free," he said.

Efforts associated with social awareness play an important role in dealing with the challenges of malnutrition, Mr. Modi said and urged people to make efforts to remove malnutrition.

The Prime Minister also

urged people to watch the 'Swaraj' serial, which highlights contributions of freedom fighters, on Doordarshan. "It is a great initiative to acquaint the younger generation of the country with the efforts of unsung heroes who took part in the freedom movement," he said.

PM urged the citizens to watch the serial 'Swaraj' and also suggested to students to compose a special programme at their institutions.

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## AMSU observes 57th Foundation Day

IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

The All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) observes its 57th Foundation Day today.

AMSU was born on this day of 1965 a day after the mass protest against the artificial famine created by the then government leading to the death of Nabakumar, Nilamani and Pramodini and Laishram Chaobhal Singh.

On 28 August 1965, a meeting of students presided by Nameirakpam Madhusadan Singh was held at the residence of Leihaothabam Saratchandra Sharma at Keishampat Laisom Leirak, leading to the formation of AMSU. Next day, the first Executive Council of AMSU was constituted at a meeting held at Uripok Tourangbam Leikai (residence of Gurumayum Jatishwar Sharma) and presided over by N. Birendrakumar. Thiyam Gambhir and Loitongbam



Tombi Singh were elected as the President and the General Secretary of the 36-member Ad-hoc Executive body of AMSU.

Jiribam District Committee

of The All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) observed the 57th foundation day at its conference hall at AMSU office, Babupara Jiribam.

The observation function

was attended by H. Priyandana Singh, Ex-President, AMSU District Committee, Jiribam; Thanil Thokchom, President, AMSU District Committee and A. Ashangbi Devi, President, Jiri Imma Meira Paibi Apunba Lup (JIMPAL) as a Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.

The function began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by hoisting of Union's flag by the Chief Guest while Eden Ngaihte, Organising Secretary, AMSU District Committee Jiribam delivered the welcome address and keynote speech.

From the invitees L. Jaminikanta Singh, Asst. Professor, Jiri College; H. Gobardhon Singh, Ex-President, AMSU and Dr. Arun Kumar Mangang, Ex-president, AMSU delivered speech recalling how the student body was formed amidst extreme protest against the food scarcity in 1965.

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## Centre must be forthcoming on Naga political problem, says NNPG

Agency  
Kohima, August 27:

Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) have said that the Centre must be more forthcoming to find a solution to the decades-old Naga problem, which it claimed is more important than the state election due next year.

The NNPG, which is composed of at least seven Naga groups, said the Centre is being misinformed on matters on the ground, while the overwhelming demand of the people for an early solution to the Naga problem is being ignored.

"It is time for the Government of India to be forthcoming," it said on Friday adding the narrative is being manipulated from political solution to the problem to the electoral narrative.

"GoI representatives and

the inner circle of Nagaland's elected representatives are saying one thing one day and doing the opposite the next day, which is playing havoc with the sentiments of the Naga people," the NNPG said.

It, however, hastened to add that it has been the personal mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to amicably and honourably solve the decades-old Naga issue and he has assured the Naga people a number of times.

"Naga tribes still have faith in Modi's leadership," it said. Lauding the Prime Minister's efforts, the NNPG said that under his leadership the Framework Agreement was signed on August 3, 2015. The Working Committee of the NNPG was officially invited to begin political negotiations by signing an agreement on November 17, 2017.

All entities involved in the matter had concluded talks on October 31, 2019, it said.

The NNPG said the four-point resolution adopted by all the 60 MLAs of the state on July 16, 2022, had given a clear signal to the Centre that the Naga tribes, the state government, apex civil societies, and common people are prepared for a political solution. However, it did not officially reach the Prime Minister's office or the office of the union home minister.

It was a mere exercise to fool the Naga people, the NNPG alleged.

Hitting out at the all party government in the state, the NNPG said the ruling NDDP and the BJP have betrayed the people of the state on the Naga political issue with a 40-20 pre-poll alliance for the state election due in February next year.

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## SFs apprehends two insurgents of KYKL and PREPAK Pro

IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

Based on credible intelligence inputs provided by Keithelmanbi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR(South), joint operations were launched with Manipur Police and two active cadres of proscribed group KYKL and PREPAK PRO were apprehended, each with a pistol from

Thoubal and Imphal East district on August 27.

The apprehended insurgents were actively involved in extortion and carrying out other subversive activities in the valley on behalf of the proscribed group.

The apprehended insurgents were handed over to Heirok and Andro Police Stations for further investigation.

## Paryavaran Sanrakshan organises Prakriti Vandana

IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

Paryavaran Sanrakshan Manipur in association with Seva Bharati, Manipur organized Prakriti Vandana by worshipping the Laioraba Pureiromba Khongnang at Konung Mamang, Imphal East today. As part of the program, around 40 volunteers performed pooja by offering flowers and fruits to the ancient holy Peepal Tree. Khwairakpam Rajen Singh, Assam Kshetra (North-East Region) Karyavah (Secretary) led the vandana along with Shijagurumayum Tarunkumar

Sharma, Manipur Prant (State) Karyavah (Secretary). After lighting candles and burning incense sticks, thread and red coloured cloth was tied around the tree which maybe around 10 metre perimeters. Significance of tying a thread around a tree is symbolic as it shows that we are there to protect the tree. This symbolic thread signifies our bonding and also protection for the trees from cutting and felling as Raksha Bandhan also signifies protecting our sisters who tied rakhis to us. Protection of the trees is the need of the hour to save environment. We should plant at least few trees in

our live time and ensure the trees survive and grow to its full potential. We, human beings and all the animals in this planet are protected and nurtured by the plants. We are surviving because of the oxygen provided by the trees. From scientific point of view peepal tree is a boon for us. The peepal tree is a great source of oxygen as it releases oxygen around the clock.

A brief speech on Prakriti Vandana was given by Thounaojam Bonbihari, Sanyojak, Paryavaran Sanrakshan. We can understand the beauty and wonderful ways of nature from observ-

ing trees. Trees give us shade during summer, and protect us from rain during rainy season but when winter comes it sheds its leaves to give us sunshine. Trees bear fruits which are not for their own consumption but for us humans. Rivers, lakes, ponds do not drink their own water but provide water for the rest of the living beings. Every drop of water is precious. Water is very important for our survival as there are about 70% water in all the living cells. It would not be wrong to say, we human beings are also water as composition of water in our body is above 50%. We should

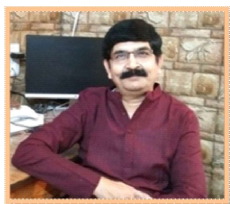
develop the habits of judicious use of water. When the environment protects us without any condition, it is also our duty and responsibility to do the something for our environment.

Paryavaran Sanrakshan has the following slogan and to act on the same for a better tomorrow.

On the other hand the members of the BJYM Manipur also planted around 1000 saplings at Baruni Nongmaiching Ching today. The team of BJYM led by Barish Sharma President, BJYM had already planted saplings at Koubru and Thangjing Ching.



# Banning of begging is a positive step



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

The beggar problem in India is a matter of great shame and concern. They are seen at the bus-stop and in buses, at railway stations and in trains, at red lights, near temples, at market, etc. A beggar is a stigma. He is a burden on society. Begging neither involves physical labour nor mental exertion. Begging flourishes because people tend to be generous. Innocent people are forced into begging by anti-social elements.

Some beggars earn more than most of the low paid persons. They get used to a life of leisure. It is a matter of shame that even after many years of independence our roads and streets are still infested with beggars. One cannot escape their pleadings for alms. Sometimes it seems as if begging has become a part of an organised crime. Some of the beggars appear to be quite healthy and stout. It seems they have found begging to the most convenient method of earning money.

They exploit their handicap and beg in the name of God. God-fearing and charitable people give them alms. I am have experienced that they pose to be deaf and dumb in order to arouse the sentiments of the passerby and ooze their sympathy. They do not spare even foreign tourists and these foreigners get a bad image about our country due to these beggars. Beggars if they happen to spot some foreigners, they would not leave them until they force them to give them alms. It is a sin against humanity to patronise beggars. With our help we are spoiling a person and are creating a problem for the society by adding to the number of beggars. Most such people are illiterate and should be educated about the hazards of falling prey to anti-social elements.

The authorities should put a ban on begging so that the pursuers and perpetrators of begging should be dealt with, with an iron hand. Priority should be given to eradication of extreme poverty. The physically handicapped beggars should be taken care of. Banning of begging is a positive step and will help counter the menace of beggars in the city. Many people consider begging as a source to obtain money without doing any work. The Government should rehabilitate the aged, the ill and physically challenged among the beggars. Beggars who are willing to work should be trained according to their ability, health and talent. Begging mafia who abduct children to force them into begging should be punished. The ban on begging will help curb the trend of forcing children into this trade. The Government should provide necessary vocational training to rehabilitate them. The expenses incurred should be borne by the Government. The healthy beggars should be force to work for their livelihood. People should stop giving alms to beggars. If the eminence of begging is not checked immediately, it will turn out to be a big social evil in times to come.

# Ancient Manipur Kingdom and Brahmanism

By: Maheshsana Rajkumar



Map of Nan-Chao (8th & 9th Century)  
Map source: The Man-Shu: Book of the Southern Barbarians (1961)



Synoptical Map of the early Greek and Latin, Indo, Arab and Chinese knowledge of Indo-China and the Indo-Malay Archipelago (1909)  
Map source: Author G.E. Gerini M.R.A.S.

Manipur was an antique kingdom in the ancient Southeast Asia. It is worthwhile to note the book on Chinese source "The Man Shu: Book of the Southern Barbarians" translated by Gordon H. Luce and edited by G.P. Oey, 1961, gives an insight of the ancient kingdom of Manipur. The Chinese knows the ancient kingdom of Manipur by name of Hsiao P'o-lo-men (Little Brahman) kingdom of the north-west. According to Col. G.E. Gerini M.R.A.S. in his book "Researches on Ptolemy's Geography of Eastern Asia: Further India and Indo-Malay Archipelago", 1909, records that a kingdom in which the Mi-no, i.e. Man-Kathe or Manipur River, rises according to the "Man-shu" circa A.D. 860. On this kingdom of the 'Lesser Brahmins' the "Man-shu" remarks that no beef is eaten and that future events can be predicted. The kingdom of Little Brahmins of the North-West is contemporaneous with P'iao (Pyu) kingdom in Burma and Mi-ch'en kingdom. The journey to the kingdom was 74 day-stages north of Yung-ch'ang.

The Nan-Chao map of 8th & 9th Century mentioned ancient Manipur kingdom as "Little Brahmins of the North-West" and Col. G.E. Gerini's Synoptical Map of the early Greek and Latin, Indo, Arab and Chinese knowledge of Indo-China and the Indo-Malay Archipelago showed the map of Manipur below its written "Hsiao P'o-lo-men" in ancient Chinese toponym meaning Little Brahman. A Brahmin living then in the Magadha country was called Brahmanabandhu-a degraded Brahman. Brahmanabandhu also means a person who is born of a brahmana father but whose activities are not up to the standard of the brahmanas. They chose astrology as profession and intermarry with other castes.

In the words of Edward Harper Parker H.M. Consul, Kungchow, Officiating Adviser on Chinese Affairs in Burma in his book, "Burma with Special Reference to her Relations with China", 1893, states that Chinese have records of the existence of Manipurese people under the name Kieh-Seh, this last name being imitation of the word Casse or Cathay, meaning "Manipuri-people." The Chinese annals also mention Shan's possession of the Manipur kingdom at different times, and for several centuries. The Tai Nanchao king Ko-lo-feng built a trade route between Manipur and Nanchao in 8th Century. It is also recorded in the ancient Manipuri chronicle that the Manipuri king Naathingkhong who then ac-

knowledge the suzerainty of Nanchao under Ko-lo-feng, sent a well trained party of dancers, singers and instrumental musicians to the Imperial Court of China as a goodwill mission. It must have been a mission to T'ang Emperor Tien-Pao (Hsuan Tsung's) court. Since there was no independent Thai kingdom in Thailand in that early period the reference is apparently to Ko-lo-feng's conquest of Upper Burma and Assam including Manipur in the eighth century C.E. as described in the T'ang history.

The maps highlighting Little Brahmins of north-west kingdom and Hsiao P'o-lo-men written in ancient Chinese toponym is further substantiated in the writings of R.G. Latham in his book "Descriptive Ethnology: Vol. I. Eastern and Northern Asia-Europe, 1859, records that Manipur is Brahminic in its creed; with an alphabet directly from the Devanagari of India; and Manipur, with much of its original rudeness remaining, is still in the category of equals, one for inferiors, one for superiors; even as there is in Siam, Java, and elsewhere. A difference between the language of politeness and rudeness exists everywhere. The phenomenon of a court dialect, as contrasted with the dialect of ordinary life, exhibits itself in the greatest prominence in the south-east of Asia.

Col. G.E. Gerini taking the source of Burmese Royal Chronicle "Maharajavamsa" mentioned Dhajaraja, a king of the Sakya/Maurya race, settled at Manipura, about 550 B.C., and later on conquered Tagaung (Old or Upper Pagan). John G.R. Forling in his book "Encyclopedia of Religions, Volume 3, 1906, records that from the time of Dhaja Raja down to the 11th century successive waves of Indian migration passed into the valley of Irawadi, bringing Sanskrit letters, legends, religions, and civilizations. According to renowned Manipuri scholar W. Yumjao Singh in his book "An Early History of Manipur", 1966, took the source of Col. G.E. Gerini, mentioned that Sanskrit or Pali languages were used in official documents and inscriptions by the Indo-Aryan adventurers.

Renowned scholar Victor B. Leiberman gives a detail account on Manipur king Gariba Niwaza in his book "Burmese Administrative Cycles: Anarchy and Conquest, C. 1580-1760, records that "The Brahmanically sanctioned changes that Gharib Newaz introduced in political organizations, in personal devotion, in diet and dress inspired the Manipuris with a vast energy and missionary dynamism." The religious preceptor Shanti Das was known to the Burmese by name of Mahatharappa. In the words of another renowned scholar Michael W. Charney, "There is, thus, little doubt that Shanti Das had major plans for the Burmese court, especially since his large entourage consisted of five hundred of his disciples, including Brahmin priests. The Hindu teacher, however, fell ill and died in Burma about a month later in 1744. Thus if there had been any real chance of a conversion of Burma to Brahmanical

Hinduism kingdom this was doused by the end of the 1750s. He also emphasized the contributions of Manipuri Brahmins who played a significant role in shaping the perspectives of and cooperating in the literary activities of Chindwin-based Buddhist scholars and lay people in a powerful literary culture which existed from mid 17th century to 19th Century known as "Chindwin Literary Culture" in Burma-Manipur Frontier.

The religious conversion of Manipuri to Ramanandi cult by Gariba Niwaza (Pamheiba) at the behest of teacher Shanti Das Goswami, brought revolution in the kingdom which paved nation building process and drew strength to counter the religious warfare of Theravada Buddhism religion of the mighty Burmese empire, the size of her kingdom larger than five southern Indian states. Sir Athelstane Baines in his book "Encyclopedia of Indo-Aryan Research: Ethnography (Castes and Tribes)", 1912, records that on the adoption of Brahmanism by a large portion of the Mongoloid population of Manipur, the chief and his military retainers passed into the rank of Ksatriya, and to the number of about 1,80,000, appear under that title in the last census returns. The monarch thereupon embraced their creed and was invested with the sacred thread, and with him a large number of his people. Since, then, not only have most of the Meithei become Ksatriya, but the rank has been conferred by the Chief upon a plentiful supply of recruits from the surrounding Kuki and Naga tribes. The result is that at the Census only 33 of the inhabitants of the State returned the tribal name, whilst the 33,000 Manipuri found on the record are Bengali enumerated in Kacar and its vicinity.

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# Career in offbeat courses How technology can revolutionise the construction sector



By: Vijay GarG

Gone are the days of a mason carrying bricks to the nth floor of a building manually or even of architects creating designs on paper. With the advent of technology, the construction sector has become technology intensive and is adopting tech-based tools at a rapid pace. Here is a lowdown on how technology is impacting a sector that employs over 20 million people in India:

## Usage of drones

Effective monitoring and tight vigil are essential for good quality construction, which is where the Drone technology steps in. Automated drones are useful and easily

navigable within the perimeter of any project. With high precision cameras, the capacity to fly for hours at length and HD recording of the events makes drones a sharp supervisor. Drones are proving immensely beneficial in cases of hazardous or dangerous site conditions.

Drone manufacturers are also making drones specifically for the construction industry. Very cost-effective for aerial mapping, topographical surveys, site surveys and construction monitoring; drones will play a key role in the construction sectors soon.

## BIM software, 3D modelling

The construction industry has witnessed an exponential rise in the usage of 3D and Building Information Modelling software (BIM). The BIM software allows stakeholders to have a detailed, accurate yet virtual model of the under-construction or proposed building.

The 3D modelling system allows engineers and architects to generate an automated project cost sheet that saves time. BIM software also helps in efficient sequencing. When the 3D software is coupled with Virtual Reality (VR) technology, stakeholders can see the project in a VR mode.

## Prefab technology

Awareness towards reduced carbon emission has given a major thrust to sustainable construction techniques. This trend has given rise to pre-fabricated and ready to shift blocks, which can replace a wall or beam. These blocks are made of recycled construction waste, or recycled waste/plastic. They are also available at 60% of the cost of traditional materials. Although used at a limited scale currently, developers are increasing their usage in non-residential structures. Prefab blocks emit less carbon while manufacturing and are environmentally friendly.

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# New York Times: Editions, visibility, credibility....

By: Nava Thakuria

For some days, it has been widely discussed about the success stories of Delhi government in both education and healthcare sectors. The well wishers of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) along with Delhi chief minister CM Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia have flooded the social media space with appreciative messages. Latey it was added colour by a frontpage news item in The New York Times, an American daily published since 1851, where Delhi's education minister Sisodia was lauded for his innovative initiatives.

The article created sensation among the readers and it entered into a controversy as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders claimed it a paid feature. A number of AAP leaders criticised the BJP led Narendra Modi government in New Delhi alleging that the saffron party did not digest a positive story in America's largest newspaper on Sisodia and hence it engaged CBI and ED to harass him for 'all wrong reasons'. They went ahead claiming that the Kejriwal-Sisodia led AAP will make a big difference in 2024

general elections where the Modi government would face a 'defeat'.

It may be mentioned that NYT on 18 August 2022 in its international edition published a news-feature titled 'Our children are worth it' with two photographs (one featuring Sisodia too), where it narrated the story of improving the government school education in the national capital. Along with the infrastructure, the pupils have been provided uniforms and mid-day meals there. The outcome is also astonishing as 100% of students passed 10 and 12th standard examinations, earlier which was below 90 percent all the time.

CM Kejriwal, who was elected to the post in 2015, assured all possible support to the schools with basic minimum facilities. Moreover, a number of education experts have been engaged in designing new curriculums in those institutions. Unlike other parts of India, where students are leaving the government schools (to enrol in private institutions), Delhi has now been witnessing a reverse process. AAP leaders claim that nearly 250,000 students

left private schools in the last few years to join the government ones.

The Delhi government continues building new classrooms (if not the school buildings) with essential facilities for toileting, laboratories, sporting events, etc. Guardians of the students have also been engaged in the process of decision making along with the teachers (who are regularly trained) and concerned government officers. The monthly meetings among them witness serious discussions on various day to day affairs including the shortage of teachers in a particular subject, which are solved with convictions.

The critical voice of BJP leaders against the news-feature was so loud that the NYT had to make a clarification that the particular item was based on impartial, on-the-ground reporting. The influential newspaper rejected the allegation of an advertorial arrangement to publish the news-feature in its international edition. Its management asserted that the journalism from NYT is always independent, free from political or advertiser influence.

AAP leader Kejriwal in a recent

tweet stated, 'Delhi has made India proud. Delhi model is on the front page of the biggest newspaper of US. Manish Sisodia is the best education minister of independent India'. Assumed as an honest politician by many Indians, Kejriwal also did not bother to clarify that NYT did not publish the story in the front page of its New York edition (but in its international edition). He made the sweeping statement as if all editions of the biggest US newspaper published the news-feature.

Questions may arise why it is important to talk about an edition of a newspaper in the days of world-wide-webs. But if one talks about the front page of a newspaper, it should be clarified in which edition (s) the story was published. Pertinent observation remains, why the NYT editor preferred the American intelligent readers not to read the item in physical newspapers. Amazingly, the impressive front page story in its international edition was not given a single column space in the New York edition, reasons best known to the NYT authority.

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# India reports 9,436 new COVID-19 cases, 30 fatalities

Agency  
New Delhi, August 28:

With 9,436 new COVID-19 cases being reported in a day, India's tally of infections rose to 4,44,08,132, while the count of active cases has declined to 86,591, according to Union Health Ministry data updated on Sunday.

The death toll due to the disease has climbed to 5,27,754 with 30 new fatalities being recorded. In addition, 27 deaths have been reconciled by Kerala and 100 deaths by Goa, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The count of active cases now comprises 0.19 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.62 per cent, the ministry said.

A decline of 720 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours, the data showed.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.93 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 2.70 per cent, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the dis-



ease has surged to 4,37,93,787, while the case fatality rate stood at 1.19 per cent, as per the data.

According to the ministry, 211.66 crore doses of Covid vaccines have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

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

November 20 and the one-crore mark on December 19, 2020.

The country crossed the grim milestones of two crore cases on May 4, 2021, three crore on June 23, 2021 and four crore on January 25 this year.

Thirty fresh fatalities due to the disease were reported in the country - six from Maharashtra, five from Delhi, four from Chhattisgarh, three from West Bengal, two each from Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, and one each from Goa, Kerala, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Sikkim.

# Meritorious students & Sport persons of Konthoujam and Yurembem felicitated

IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

Meritorious students and sport persons of Konthoujam and Yurembem Gram Panchayat in Konthoujam Assembly Constituency were felicitated yesterday. The felicitation functions were held at Yurembam Awang Leikai and Konthoujam Kangeibung Community Hall respectively.

Speaking as Chief Guest at the occasion held at Yurembam Awang Leikai organized by Yurembam Development Club, YDC, Dr. S. Ranjan Singh, Minister Health and IPR said that through proper education we can instill the sense of patriotism and nationalism. Students should have the ideas for which reason they have been felicitated and given awards on such occasions. The event is organized in order to encourage and make improvement in the related fields, minister added.

Ranjan also maintained that the students of this age need to have the idea of our history. They should understand about the role played by our freedom fighters for the



present generation. Remembering and honoring our patriots and following their footsteps are the duties of the citizens. Their sacrifices and ideologies should be respected, minister stated.

He said that the government is taking up steps for bringing improvements in all sectors. Public cooperation is required for fulfilling the objectives. Environment and climate change has also become a challenge for which we all need to come out and take a decision in the regard, he added.

Dr. L. Sashikumar, Presi-

dent YDC, Th. Nilamani Singh, ZP, Yurembam, M. Deben Singh, Pradhan, Yurembam GP also shared the dais as president and Guests of honour respectively.

Later, Minister Ranjan while speaking as Chief Guest, at the felicitation function held at Konthoujam Kangeibung Community said that encouraging meritorious students will help to produce more and more talented students. Career guidance of the students is very much necessary for a successful future. Education does not mean only securing high score in

examinations. They also need to be taught about patriotism and the geography of the state. Manipur is culturally a rich state. We also have a rich tradition which is unique from others. We need to protect and preserve our rich cultural heritage, he added.

Minister further informed that the issue of drugs in the state has become serious. The government alone cannot solve this problem. We all need to join hands together on the campaign of War on Drugs in order to save our future. Otherwise the state will sink one day, he maintained.

Shri Daigang Gangmei, MCS, Director, Relief and Disaster Management, K. Kumar Singh, Ex. Youth Co-Ordinator, NYK, L. Ratan Khuman, Managing Partner, LYS Groups, N. Indrakumar Singh, Principal Free Progressive Academy, Konthoujam shared the dais as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

Minister also distributed merit certificates awards to the meritorious students and sport persons of Yurembem and Konthoujam Gram Panchayat as a part of the occasions.

# Assam: Japanese Encephalitis claims 85 lives in 2 months

Agency  
Guwahati, August 28:

At least 85 people have died of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in Assam in the last two months, a bulletin by the health department said.

Ten deaths were reported over the last nine days, including one on Saturday.

Since July this year, as many as 390 people have succumbed to the infection, the bulletin said.

JE is a viral brain infection that spreads through mosquito bites. The virus, found in pigs and birds, is passed to mosquitoes when they bite infected animals.

Given the surge in JE cases over the past few months, a District Rapid Response Team was formed in July to deal with the situation.

All Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines communicated by National Health Mission, Assam, are being followed in the districts for case detection, management and referral, official sources said.

IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

Loktak Development Authority Chairman Moirangthem Asnikumar Singh, yesterday visited the villages along the Nambol River and Maklang River catchment areas to assess the various afforestation, aided regeneration and cultural operations undertaken by the authority as part of the activities related to the preservation of Loktak Lake.

The Chairman was accompanied by LDA scientists, staffs and community members of the villages - Khoken, Saheibung, Thangching Chiru, Songtun, Mongbung Tongreh, Sadar Jonte, Loibon Khunou, Ngarian, Parengba/Siangai Namkao, Nungsai Chiru, Siangai Namdai and Numgang, which fall under immediate catchment areas of Loktak Lake.

Attributing the success of the catchment area treatment programme to the dedication of the villagers and continuous guidance of LDA officials/scientists, Chairman M Asnikumar Singh said, "The success of the



catchment treatment programme and the remarkable change in the landscape would not have been possible without the support of the community and the dedication of LDA staff, especially our scientists." He also added that the Catchment areas treatment work is one of the top priorities for conservation of Loktak Lake and its associate wetlands.

"Since 1996-97 LDA has identified more than 70 villages as immediate catchment areas. Out of this, 48 have already

been covered under catchment areas treatment work with active participation of the local communities" the Chairman further stated.

The activities are: A) Afforestation, Aided Regeneration, Cultural Operation of plants/trees, B) Small scale engineering works like Border Sausage, Bamboo Spur, Vegetative Check Dams, Contour Trenching, C) Livelihood Activities like Water Harvesting Scheme/Pisciculture, Banana Plantation, Pineapple Plantation, Poultry &

Piggery scheme, Bamboo plantation, handloom activities etc.

During the visit today, the Chairman and scientists of LDA interacted with Village Chiefs/ Woman representatives of the said catchment villages. The villagers expressed their sincere gratitude to the LDA for carrying out such conservation measures, extending livelihood and having made it possible for them to live in an area with mass forest cover as earlier the area was a barren land with water scarcity. The villagers added

the success of the catchment area treatment programme has played a huge role in solving the problems of water scarcity and the subsequent improvement in ground water level has led to successful fruits and vegetable plantations which in turn has proved to be a viable source of income. They also requested Chairman LDA to continue to support livelihood activities so that deforestation and jhum cultivation could be ceased forever.

Chairman LDA appealed to these villagers to continuously play a proactive role in preserving forest and prevention of jungle fires during the dry season and use forest products wisely. He informed that a detailed report on present status of these catchment villages is being assessed now and the report shall be completed after visiting all the 48 catchment villages which has already carried out catchment area treatment works & other allied activities.

He also added that LDA teams will visit and assess the other 22 catchment villages which have not taken up catchment area treatment works as of now.

After completion of compilation of the report, it will be submitted to the Chief Minister of Manipur and other stakeholders/departments for their perusal and consideration. He added that all possible efforts and steps are being taken up to ensure that the catchment areas treatment work in the remaining 22 villages are commenced as soon as possible with the support from Chief Minister and other stakeholders/departments in phase wise manner.

Lastly, Chairman LDA appealed to all the villagers of the catchment area to extend their active participation and full cooperation in the state's conservation mission of wildlife, forests and wetlands under leadership of the 'People's CM' N. Biren Singh.

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# Ancient Manipur Kingdom and....

The Brahmanic Tainized kingdom of Manipur with military strength of 40,000 men became Asiatic power in Southeast Asia. Gariba Niwaza seized every opportunity to conquer Ava in 1740. He was backed by the Cacharese army and consoli-

dated his control over a zone of northern Shan tributaries formerly loyal to Ava, became vassal of Manipur. The Manipur army led by Gariba Niwaza hurriedly retreated to save her kingdom after Tripura's invasion when Manipur army was at Ava,

thus, the golden chance to conquer Burma failed. The Burmese Chronicle "Hmannan" records the last Toungoo king Maha Damma Yaza Dipati had sent letters to Qing emperor of China asking support to crush Manipuri invaders and Mons

owing to the threat of his kingdom from Manipuri ruler Gariba Niwaza.

The Manipuri nationalism faded with the advent of British rule. The proud kingdom which was force to reckon with in Southeast Asia made by the endless sacrifices of

our forefathers who safeguarded the land and protected her kingdom from external threats, encountered severe breakdown of her hard won nationalism through the ruthless, aggressive and divisive policies of the British.

## IN THE COURT OF SUB-DEPUTY COLLECTOR IRONG CHESABA, THOUBAL DISTRICT NOTICE

Ref. Mutation Case No. 23/SCD/I.Ch. Dt. 23/8/2022

Applicant: Syed Ahamed, S/o (Late) Abdul Salam of Heibong Makhong  
-Vs-  
O.P. Co-pattadar No. 1 (Late) Abdul Salam, S/o (L) Moulana Muffiyuddin of Heibong Makhong

According to M.L.R. & L.R. Act, 1960 (3) that the land under Patta No. 606, Dag No. 1101, area .3037 (point three zero three seven) Ingkhoh Class Village No. 4-Maibam Konjil was expired.

Whereas, the son of the deceased pattadar Syed Ahamed was filed an application for mutation of the said pattadar, therefore notice as issued to all the concerned who are willing to argue should be submit written application within seven days notice was issued. Further any objection will not be entertained. Case will be continued.

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# Career in offbeat courses How technology can.....

In addition, many startups have started offering ready-to-assemble homes, which will trigger a whole new era of construction.

Construction management platforms

The usage of construction

management software, being provided as Software as a Service (SaaS) is increasingly gaining pace. Inefficient tracking and monitoring of a project leads to significant losses of man-hours and material. This eventually adds to the project

cost while resources are left underutilised. Project management platforms are resolving this problem.

Leading software companies are offering end-to-end construction management software for the construction

industry. With a mobile-first approach, these applications ensure seamless communication and collaboration among project managers, site workers and owners. These apps relay a real-time information about the sites to managers.

The usefulness of such applications and platforms can be gauged from the fact that in 2021, over 1% of the construction in India, valued at Rs 7000 crore, was executed by a leading construction management platform.

# Noida Supertech twin towers brought down, end to 9-year-old battle



Agency  
Noida, August 28:

Supertech's twin towers in Uttar Pradesh's Noida were finally demolished at 2.30pm on Sunday, ending the nine-year saga. The demolition of the Apex (32 storeys) and Ceyane (29 storeys) towers would leave behind approximately 35,000 cubic metres of debris that would take at least three months to be cleared.

The controlled implosions using 3,700 kilograms of explosives were India's biggest demolition to date. Thousands of people, as well as stray dogs, had to be evacuated before the blast, including from neighbouring high-rises, one of which was reportedly just nine metres away.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage to nearby buildings.

The go-ahead for demolishing the twin towers with explosives was given by the Supreme Court.

On Saturday, the Noida Police commissioner issued an advisory, on the eve of the demolition of the Supertech twin towers in the city, asking the media personnel to station at the

designated place for the media coverage, while also making sure to bring an ID card of the organisation.

The Police also shared the contact number of the administration which include ACP Rajnish (8595902521), district information officer Rakesh Chauhan (9560544878), and the traffic helpline (9971009001).

The exercise was earlier supposed to start on August 21 but the court accepted the Noida Authority's request and extended its date of demolition to August 28.

The twin towers are set to be razed over grave violations of building norms. The top court had said that it was a result of "nefarious complicity" between the Noida Authority and Supertech and ordered that the company shall carry out the demolition at its own expense under the supervision of the Noida Authority and an expert body like the Central Building Research Institute.

The order had come on a batch of petitions filed by homebuyers for and against the April 11, 2014 verdict of the Allahabad High Court which had ordered razing of the two buildings within four months

and the refund of money to apartment buyers.

The Supreme Court has said that the date of demolition may be confirmed as August 28, with a "bandwidth of seven days" between August 29 to September 4, to take into account any marginal delay on account of technical reasons or weather conditions.

Supertech Ltd said it has incurred a loss of about Rs. 500 crore, including construction and interest costs.

"Our overall loss is around Rs. 500 crore, taking into account the amount we have spent on land and construction cost, the charges paid to authorities for various approvals, interest paid to banks over the years and the 12 per cent interest paid back to buyers of these two towers, among other costs," "Our overall loss is around Rs. 500 crore, taking into account the amount we have spent on land and construction cost, the charges paid to authorities for various approvals, interest paid to banks over the years and the 12 per cent interest paid back to buyers of these two towers, among other costs," the company's chairman RK Arora told news agency.

## PM Modi asks people to join campaign....

The Prime Minister said that this will give rise to a new awakening about the great heroes who took part in the freedom struggle.

"I got an opportunity to go to a premiere of Swaraj. This is a great initiative to acquaint the younger generation of the country with the efforts of unsung heroes and heroines who took part in the freedom movement. It is telecast every Sunday at 9 pm on Doordarshan," PM Modi said.

"I urge you to take time out to watch it and do show it to the children. Schools and colleges can also record it and compose a special program when the school-college opens on Monday. A new awakening will arise in our country about these great heroes," he added.

Earlier on August 17, the Prime Minister had attended the special screening of the Doordarshan-produced serial - 'Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram ki Samagra Gatha', at the

Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament Library Building.

The event was also attended by BJP national president JP Nadda and Union Ministers, including Home Minister Amit Shah, and Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla.

Swaraj is a 75-episode serial presenting the glorious history of the freedom struggle and lesser-known tales about Indian history.

It is being telecast every Sunday from 9 pm to 10 pm on Doordarshan National since August 14. The programme is being dubbed in nine regional languages - Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Gujarati, Oriya, Bengali and Assamese along with English.

On August 5, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Co-operation Amit Shah and Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting (I&B) launched a serial Swaraj - Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram ki Samagra Gatha at Akashwani Bhawan in presence of Union Minister of State

for I&B Dr L Murugan, Secretary of I&B Apurva Chandra and CEO Prasar Bharati Mayank Agarwal.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the countrymen's participation in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign this Independence Day and asserted that it showed the collective might of the nation.

During his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi said, "In August, all your letters, messages and cards have soaked my office in hues of the tricolor. I have hardly come across any letter which does not carry tricolor or does not talk about the tricolor & Freedom."

"People came up with different innovative ideas for the tricolor campaign. A Puzzle artist has created beautiful tricolor mosaic art in record time. Assam govt employees created 20 feet tricolor," he added.

The Prime Minister went on to assert that colours of Amrit Mahotsav were seen not only in India, but also in other

countries of the world. Local singers living in Botswana sang 75 patriotic songs to celebrate 75 years of India's independence.

Talking about the Amrit Sarovars, he said, "You will remember, in #MannKiBaar, I had talked about #AmritSarovar four months ago. After that, local administration got active in different districts, voluntary organisations came together & local people connected, construction of Amrit Sarovars become mass movement."

"Siti is a tribal area. Here, these days, pea plucking goes on. This is a laborious and difficult task on hill farms. But here, the women of the village gather, and together, pluck peas from each other's fields," he said concluding his address.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to make efforts to remove malnutrition while stressing that social awareness was a crucial aspect of this fight.

## AMSU observes 57th Foundation....

They also highlighted about the responsibilities and duties of the student body.

They also talked about the roles and contribution of AMSU taken up in Jiribam context.

Thereafter, they highlighted about the fast growth rate of non-indigenous population since last few decades which may surpass the indigenous population.

They also said to counter such illegal influx, it's the urgent need to fix the base year of Inner Line Permit System (ILPS).

The Tengenoual district Committee of AMSU also observed the day at border town Moreh by hoisting the flag of the student body. On the occasion prizes of 1st Inter School Literary Meet -2022

held at Eastern Shine School Hall on August 19 and 20 in connection with the Foundation Day observance of AMSU was also distributed today.

Speaking on the occasion President of the AMSU Tengenoual District Committee, N Tomba recounted the story of how AMSU was born on this day. He recounted the sacrifices of three student leaders and a driver of the AIR

Imphal during mass uprising against artificial famine on August 27 of 1965. On the following day AMSU was born, he said.

"Since the birth of AMSU various issues like - influx of Foreigner, inclusion of Manipuri Language in the 8th Schedule of Indian Constitution, agitation against AFSPA etc. have been taken up", he said.

## Centre must be forthcoming on Naga political....

The NDPP and BJP have said that the pre-poll alliance is a decision of the two parties but their legislators are willing to pave the way if a solution to the Naga political

issue is achieved.

The NNPG has expressed its willingness to ink the final solution and continue negotiations for a separate Naga flag and constitution and in-

tegration of Naga-inhabited areas.

However, the persistent demand of the Isak-Muiwah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, which has

been holding talks for the solution with the Centre for the past 25 years since 1997, for a separate flag and constitution of Nagas, has delayed the final Naga solution.

## Sports

### Durand Cup 2022:

# Kerala Blasters FC register first win, beat NorthEast United FC 3-0; Mohammedan SC beat Indian Air Force 2-0 to book quarters spot

Agency  
Guwahati/Kolkata, August 28:

Kerala Blasters FC secured the first victory of their Durand Cup campaign as they eased past NorthEast United FC in a comfortable 3-0 victory in their Group D fixture at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati on Saturday.

A brace from Mohammed Aimen (282, 902) and a goal from Ajsa Muhammad 1 (552) outnumbered NorthEast United FC to hand full points to the Blasters.

NorthEast United FC hit the ground running by being quick on the ball right from kick-off with a handful number of chances being created in the opening minutes of the game, but the Blasters' shot-stopper Sachin Suresh calmly took charge of the situation.

The Highlanders imposed themselves on the Blasters', putting them on the back foot as the former kept looking for spaces to create more attacking chances.

Tomasz Tchortz's men found

their first big chance of the game in the 21st minute after Roshan's attempt from a free kick found Marwan on the right, as the latter's glancing header narrowly sailed over the bar.

A quick counter-attack from the Blasters opened the way for the first goal of the game as Muhammad Ajsal's blocked shot fell through to Muhammad Aimen, who with an exquisite first touch slot it home to make it 1-0 for his side.

In the 65th minute, the Blasters almost scored the third goal of the night as a lightning counterattack by Tomasz Tchortz's men ended up with a quality block by a Highlanders' defender after their blunder in the opposite half.

The Tuskers' take the field again on Wednesday as they face Army Green FC while the Highlanders will lock horns with Sudeva Delhi FC two days later.

In another match, Mohammedan SC defeated Indian Air Force 2-0 at the Kishore Bharati Stadium in Kolkata on Saturday as Ousmane Ndiaye and Rahul

Kumar Paswan scored for the Black Panthers to help them qualify for the knockouts.

Mohammedan started the game on the front foot with Marcus Joseph getting the ball and setting up Abhishek Ambekar on the overlap on the left. The left back's cross though was found wanting with nothing coming from the free-kick as well.

Four minutes later, Pritam Singh stole possession in midfield to launch a lightning counter-attack. He played a one-two with Marcus but the return sent him wide on the right and his eventual shot was a tame effort for Subhajit Basu in goal for Indian Air Force.

After Marcus got released in behind the defence with a pin-point pass, the Tombing Guiziam dived to block the shot. The resulting corner came to nothing after it was played in deep for Nuriddin Davronov, who was forced to go back.

Another attack from the left as Abhash Thapa's cross

evaded Marcus as the move failed to materialise a goal.

With the clouds overhead threatening to break lose any moment, since the start of the match, Ousmane Ndiaye headed in a Faslu cross from a short corner in the 33rd minute. The fans in the stands who braved the rains showered their appreciation with applause as the French defender ran off to celebrate.

Faslu failed to double the lead in the 42nd minute after a good steal from Davronov but the forward missed a one-on-one chance and then his rebound off the keeper was wide before being called offside.

After the restart, the Indian Air Force side started on the front foot but Mohammedan managed to keep pace in defence. In the 57th minute though Mohd Aqib made an error in judgement in his own six-year box with a back pass turning out to be a tad bit too weak as substitute Rahul Kumar Paswan's finish round the keeper only managed to disturb the side netting.

## X-fitness Gym celebrates 12th foundation day



IT News  
Imphal, August 28:

X-fitness gym Wangkhei had celebrated its 12th foundation day at the YVO community hall in Wangkhei today. On the occasion body builders who participated in the Mr. Manipur and Mr. Khamba contests and those people who had extended monetary support for the de-

velopment of the Gym were felicitated.

Y Sunanta, president, X-Fitness gym, Samon Dhurba, general secretary, Imphal West Bodybuilder Association, K Shyam, Vice President, YVO, and Yumlembam Ratikanta, former Corporator ward No. 19, attended the foundation day as chief guest, president, and guest of honour respectively.

Speaking at the function, Yumlembam Ratikanta, former Corporator, shared the story on how the gym had struggled till today for its survival and development since 2010. He said that he would help in the construction of the first floor for yoga practice.

Ph. Jogen, General Secretary, X-Fitness gym address keynote, and the current year's account statement.