

## Union MoS Dr. RK Ranjan visit Jakarta, inaugurates the ASEAN-India Network of University (AINU)



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Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs and Education (MoS) paid an official visit to ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta Indonesia from August 28-30, 2022. This was his first visit to ASEAN Secretariat as well as to Indonesia. During the visit, in addition to engagements with ASEAN Secretariat, the MoS also had engagements to strengthen bilateral relations with Indonesia.

On August 29, MoS and the Secretary General of ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Lim Jock Hoi

jointly inaugurated the ASEAN-India Network of University (AINU). AINU was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in 2018, as a consortium of premier institutes from India and ASEAN that would build a core network of knowledge capital in the region. AINU is being spearheaded by Nalanda University and ASEAN University Network from India and ASEAN, respectively.

MoS held discussion with Secretary General of ASEAN on strengthening ASEAN-India relations including en-

hancing educational exchanges, strengthening trade, tourism and people-to-people connectivity and taking forward ASEAN-India Partnership as we enter into fourth decade of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.

Further, during his interactions with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), MoS exchanged views of areas of focus in the near future to elevate the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership. MoS also held informal interactions with various ASEAN institutions including, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Secretariat, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), ASEAN Foundation and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), and discussed their ongoing cooperation with India and ways ahead for formalising the institutional linkages with them.

During his visit, MoS also called on the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Retno Marsudi where they exchanged views on existing bilateral cooperation and comprehensive strategic partnership as well as regional issues of common interest. H.E. Ms. Suharti, Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology of Indonesia called on MoS and exchanged views on existing educational cooperation and strengthening linkages on higher education. MoS had a vibrant interaction with the Indian Community in Indonesia on August 28. He also addressed the CEOs of Indian companies in Indonesia at "Bhojan aur Charcha - IV" organised by Embassy of India, Jakarta on 30th August which was attended by a large number of Indian CEOs and businesses in Indonesia.

## Philanthropic services rendered by Indian Red Cross Society is commendable: Governor



IT News  
Imphal, August 30:

Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan has said the philanthropic services rendered by the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) are really remarkable and commendable.

Speaking at the Patron Certificates distribution function of IRCS, Manipur State Branch, held today at Raj Bhavan in Imphal, Governor said, the Society has been rendering yeoman services for the downtrodden and needy for the last several years when they suffered from various types of natural calamities. He said, it has been extending invaluable services to the widows whose husband died due to gun violence or cancer or

HIV/AIDS with the support of the International Red Cross Committee and IRCS, National Headquarters.

Governor continued that IRCS is one of the internationally known organizations devoted mainly to philanthropic and humanitarian services. Red Cross Societies around the world have been extending help to millions of needy people. It has also been endeavoring over the years with the objective to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. La. Ganesan stated that no service is as great and valuable as the service for the poor, needy and less fortunate persons. Their service for the poor and needy is indeed commendable and praiseworthy.

He also expressed hope that IRCS will keep continuing humanitarian services to unfortunate and needy people of this State.

Governor distributed Patron Certificates to Th. Lokeshwar Singh, MLA, Seram Neken Singh, Member, Zilla Parishad, Imphal East, H. Bikramjit Singh, Dr. Y. Mohan, and Dr. L. Manglem Singh. He also handed over Meritorious Volunteer Award to the President, IRCS, Senapati Branch. Later, Governor flagged off an ambulance of IRCS, Manipur from Raj Bhavan.

R. K. Nimai Singh, Secretary, IRCS, Manipur State Branch, volunteers from Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Senapati participated in the function.

## CEO, Manipur held meeting with recognised political parties

IT News  
Imphal, August 30:

CEO, Manipur met with representatives of recognised political parties today at the Conference Hall of the Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur at Lamphelpat, Imphal. The meeting was attended by the representatives of 10 (Ten) recognised National/State political parties, All India Trinamool Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India,

Communist Party of India (Marxist), Janata Dal (United), Indian National Congress, Nationalist Congress Party, National Peoples Party, Naga Peoples Front and Peoples Democratic Alliance.

CEO, Manipur Rajesh Agrawal highlighted that, as per the recommendation of Election Commission of India, the Ministry of Law & Justice has amended the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The

amendment covers the aspects of multiple qualifying dates for registration in the electoral roll, furnishing of Aadhaar number by the existing electors and citizens seeking registration in the electoral roll, gender neutral provisions for service electors and special electors and power to acquire premises for the conduct of elections, he added.

CEO Manipur apprised the representatives of political parties that there will be

four qualifying dates i.e., 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October as eligibility for youngsters to register in electoral rolls as opposed to the earlier single qualifying date of 1st January only. Now, 17+ year old youngsters can apply in advance for having their names enrolled in voter's list and not necessarily have to wait the pre-requisite criterion of attaining age of 18 years on 1st January of a year.

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## 50 bedded ladies Security Barrack inaugurated by Director, RIMS

IT News  
Imphal, August 30:

The newly constructed building of 50 Bedded Ladies Security Barrack was inaugurated today by Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director, RIMS, Imphal. Prof. A. Santa Singh stated that the institute has been providing a campus where any students feel safe to stay. Most of the hostels are provided CCTV surveillance for the betterment of the students. The parents also feel safe about their children.

The Director further stated that many buildings are in completion stage and expected to inaugurate during



the month of September 2022. During the inauguration, Prof. N. Sanjib Singh, Medical Superintendent, Prof. M. Rameswar Singh, Head, Department of Obst &

Gynaecology & DDA (Link), S. Sarat Singh, Chief Accounts Officer/Financial Ad- vices Officer, Warden, Engineers, staff and students were also present.

## ZUF clarifies allegation on reshuffling of its rank and files

IT News  
Imphal, August 30:

The ZUF took a serious note of the misleading Press statement of August 27 by UT News Service and other News agents and media where the self-claimed S.Kamson led party is said to have reshuffled the rank and files of ZUF. The press statement made therewith carries a blatant attempt to claim public support without any basis or logic at their own whims. Therefore, this clarification statement is necessitated for

public clear consumption. This was stated by the ZUF in a press release.

The Press release further said, "That the press statement published by S.Kamson group who under the refuge of NSCN-IM is attempting to regain status by manipulating the public for their private interest using the good name of ZUF. The concocted term used as Dimki Session of ZUF on 26th August 2022 wherein the resignation of Raitu Chawang, Chairman of the self-claimed ZUF was accepted on ground of health and

S.Kamson was elected as the Chairman of the formless body. The fact that Raitu Chawang - S.Kamson party have been already succumbed to NSCN-IM by act of official surrendering merely for the purpose of finding a refuge under the Cease-fire Naga group on the 26th Oct. 2019. It is known to every Zeliangrong and Nagas at large. This repeated action of S.Kamson is prompting and inciting violence and public resentment of which the Front is compelled to respond with stern befitting reaction."

It is pertinent to state that

the original name of ZUF is being retained and survived under the leadership of Jenchui Kamei, the founder and present Chairman who has been constantly spearheading and safeguarding the Front since its inception. No act of betrayal or treason shall be tolerated any more. The long cherished and pending issues of Zeliangrong Political Movement shall be the constant and determined objects of the Front till the final settlement is arrived, the press release added.

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## Indian Army organises Motivational Talk at National Institute of Technology, Imphal

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Imphal, August 30:

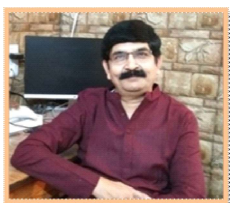
Red Shield Division organised a Motivational Lecture cum Talk on "Join Indian Army" at National Institute of Technology, Imphal, Manipur. The aim of the talk was to spread awareness and enthusiasm among young boys and

girls to join Indian Armed Forces through different entry schemes as officers and contribute to overall development of the nation.

The Lecture and Talk introduced the students to various career opportunities in the Armed Forces as officers Entry. The students were explained on career options for

both male and female through National Defence Academy (NDA), Combined Defence Services (CDS), Officers' training Academy (OTA) and Technical Graduate Course (TGC). Around 245 students along with the faculty members attended the talk. Students showed keen interest in the TGC entry.

# PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat: Khadi not a cloth, but a movement to help the poor



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

We all are aware that for the last several years, our PM Narendra Modi has left no stone unturned to popularize Khadi and create a mass movement where everyone purchases Khadi products, specially on the special day of Gandhi Jayanti. Recently PM Modi inaugurated new Khadi Gramudhyog Bhavan in Ahmedabad's "Khadi Utsav" and said that "Khadi instills self respect, can inspire India to become developed nation." Modi has always been promoting Khadi and has also mentioned it in his radio address multiple times. His Mann Ki Baat' gives utmost importance to Khadi and its role in the empowerment of the countryside. He even talked about the growth of the Khadi industry in this year's Independence Day address. According to him poor are getting jobs because the sales of Khadi have increased and the recent data revealed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) backs the claim. In relation with Khadi, Sardar Patel has said that India's freedom lays in Khadi and so does the nation's cultural identity. Our PM himself regularly wears Khadi and has been doing so since the very early days when he was working for the RSS and BJP organisation. He has popularised it among the masses and even among foreign dignitaries, while developing his own styles around khadi. He has given the Mantra of "Khadi for nation, Khadi for fashion" – the idea that Khadi can become a symbol of national pride and a fashion statement, which can be popular among the youth.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is a statutory organisation engaged in promoting and developing Khadi and village industries created by the Act of Parliament. Khadi refers to a hand-spun and hand-woven cloth. The raw materials may be cotton, silk, or wool, which are spun into threads on a charkha, a traditional spinning implement. Khadi was launched in 1920 as a political weapon in the Swadeshi movement of Mahatma Gandhi. The relevance of Khadi and Village Industries is that they are both labour intensive in nature. In the wake of industrialization, and the mechanization of almost all processes, Khadi and Village industries are suited like no other to a labour surplus country like India.

Modi repeatedly says that "When we purchase a Khadi, we are brightening the lives of the lakhs of weavers who toil day and night. Buying a Khadi product is like ushering a Diwali in the homes of the weavers. He feels that khadi is getting wide acceptance in the society for the last decade and it would be in the fitness of things for each person to buy at least one pair of Khadi dress as the best possible tribute to the Mahatma.

Gandhiji was the founder of Khadi, but it was Khadi which inspired Gandhiji at every stage of his life and work. The first inspiration came to him in the year 1908. He returned to India from South Africa on Jan 9th 1915 and started his ashram at Ahmadabad. Here the Khadi became a practical Khadi became a common factor among the "satyagrah" and served as unifying thread among Indians. It was right called "the liver of freedom"

Gandhiji launched the programme of Khadi and village industries as an integral part of the freedom struggle for the economic emancipation of the downtrodden masses of India by providing them with gain full employment and subsistence to them. The Charkha is a powerful symbol that Mahatma Gandhi used during his fight against colonialism and injustice. It stood for self-sustenance and a war against poverty. Mahatma Gandhi strongly advocated the usage of Khadi products. No doubt, today there is greater awareness about Khadi and it can be a powerful means of empowering the poorest of the poor.

## Common students After School Choose easiest Careers



By: Vijay GarG

**Sales Representative:** One of the easiest career a student can pursue is that of a Sales Representative. Getting a job of Sales Representative is easy but then again it is not an easy career path but if pursued with the right attitude and techniques one can reach the top level in a matter of time.

**Freelance Writer:** If you have mastery over English and penchant for creative writing you are the appropriate candidate for becoming a freelance writer. With experience, one can work with various publications and earn a good amount for just one piece of work. It is not essential that you have a degree in

English or journalism to become a Freelance Writer. Animator: The booming animation industry is the hotspot for those desirous of becoming an animator. Though basic computer knowledge is a must, it is not necessary to have a college degree to pursue this career. All you need is vivid imagination and the ability to apply it to the required medium.

**Graphic Artist:** This is also another creative career path for artistically inclined individuals. Graphic artists need good visualisation and creativity to portray their clients need.

**Commercial Pilot:** Commercial Pilot is another area where the skills are more important than the qualifications, even though qualification is more of a formality. This is because most pilot academies require high schooling as a pre-requisite and in the end, it is the amount of flight experience which counts the most.

**Electrician:** As long as electrical appliances are being used, Electricians will never run out of jobs and subsequent cash. There are various diplomas and training courses which require only basic schooling or high schooling to become an Electrician.

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# Haipou Jadonang - The great unsung son of "India"

By: Dr. Rimmei Longmei and Dr. Aniruddha Babar

*"In our world of big names, curiosity, our true heroes tend to be anonymous. In this life of illusion and quasi-illusion, the person of solid virtues who can be admired for something more substantial than his well-knownness often proves to be the unsung hero."*

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

There have always been untold stories-the stories of suffering, heroics, valor, courage, determination, inspiration, struggle, martyrdom, defeats and victories remain buried in the unknown, largely ignored, silent, invisible corners of the world. The northeast region of India that comprises the State of Nagaland, Manipur, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Sikkim is a rich reservoir of stories of patriotism, unity and national spirit which unfortunately could not become a part of the mainstream academic as well as cultural narratives.

Not too many people from outside the region would know about Haipou Jadonang, the Rongmei Naga leader, social reformer, political & spiritual leader from present-day Manipur who fought valiantly against the British Raj in pre-Independence India. The spiritual leader and political activist envisaged an independent Naga kingdom or 'Naga Raj' that brought him in direct conflict with the then British rulers of India. He was eventually hanged on August 29 in 1931. Haipou Jadonang was a man who built a strong army of 500 to take on the British and set up a Naga kingdom. He has been largely overlooked by writers and historians. It's time to put his story in right perspective.

His famous slogan "Makaam Mei Rui Gwang Tu Puni" which means "The sons of soil will reign" has been an inspiration to all indigenous people in the northeast India. Jadonang was one of the first Nagas to claim to be the 'Messiah King' of

the Nagas and strove to liberate his people from British rule. Playing the role of a God-King, he became popular for his prophecies, healing power, religious and social activities. He organised his people into an effective resistance against British rule. His movement popularly called the Naga Raj movement spreading like wildfire in no time and engulfed the whole Zeliangrong areas and the neighbouring areas. Haipou Jadonang was distantly inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress Movement for national freedom as evident from the writings of the Political Agent Higgins that he had a suspicion based on information received from his sub-divisional officer in the North Cachar Hills District that Haipou Jadonang was, whether directly or indirectly, coming under the growing influence of the Indian National Congress.

It may be recalled that before launching his political movement Haipou Jadonang first saw the rising proliferation of Christianity. He felt this was an instrument of British imperialism. In the areas in and around present-day Tamenglong and Noney districts, the British had asserted control by then, posting officials to oversee administration. According to Jadonang, the conversion efforts of British missionaries in the region posed a serious threat to indigenous Naga faith, beliefs, customs and society. Of course, there were the economic costs that British imperialism had also imposed on the Nagas with high taxes, the introduction of unjust colonial law and an oppressive porter system. Haipou Jadonang, even though he was in his early twenties, a young man, took courageous and bold steps to go against the elders in the community to reform the irrelevant superstitious practices of the traditional religion. According to a renowned scholar Prof. Gangmumei Kamei, the religious reform he intro-

duced in the traditional Zeliangrong society was a synthesis of Christian monotheism and Hindu idolatry and Temple culture, rationalized and simplified form of a religious worship and a political ideology of a kingdom. It is worth noting that socially he wanted to unite all his kindred groups of Zemei, Liangmei, Rongmei and Puimei and lay the foundation for Zeliangrong movement as a social and political entity which gradually evolved as a strong political voice in the region. As has been mentioned, as a social and spiritual leader his reforming activity began by preaching the unity of God, Haipou Ragwang and later on it was directed against the social abuses of the Zeliangrong society. He worked hard to remove the blind superstitions, prejudices, orthodox ideas and beliefs and also for the abolition of certain social taboos and gennas. In short, the Heraka movement of Haipou Jadonang was launched to eliminate the evils that crept in his own religion and society and to save the religion in particular from the onslaughts of the alien religion. As regards the political aim of his movement, Haipou Jadonang appealed to all the Nagas to forget about the past hatred, history of savage internecine warfare, inter-village feuds and communalism and unite against the foreigners and their exploitation to achieve it.

It may also be mentioned that Haipou Jadonang was living in very challenging times. Mainly three kinds of challenges faced him. The first challenge was the prevailing social and religious conditions - Zeliangrong superstitions, beliefs, orthodox ideas and practices. The second challenge was the atrocities of the British colonialism. The third challenge was the intrusion of the Kukis during their rebellion against the British rule. Jadonang believed that taking advantage of the situation, the Kukis armed with firearms/

power were ruthlessly exploiting, suppressing and killing many Nagas including the Zeliangrongs during their armed rebellion against the British rule. This belief was so to say backed by what Robert Reid had written that in the year 1930-31, occurred the unrest connected with the rise of Haipou Jadonang who started a new religion and induced the superstitious Zeliangrongs to believe that he would overthrow the existing administration and enable them to take on the Kukis. John Parratt also mentioned in his book that the Kuki Rebellion has resulted in ethnic violence in which Kabui Nagas in particular suffered severely. This violence thus remained in Naga memory as a bitter scar for another decade and hence became one of the main factors behind the Jadonang movement.

It may be clearly mentioned that Haipou Jadonang wanted to drive out all the Britishers and set up the Naga kingdom. Perhaps his refusal to accept the British suzerainty had caused a great hostility between him and the British authority. By the end of 1927, his movement had become such an irritation to the British Administration in Manipur that it had decided to arrest Jadonang and bring him in for serious questioning. As planned, the British authority arrested him and on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1931 hanged him on false accusation, nipping his movement in the bud. The Zeliangrongs, and other Nagas, the people of Manipur region and India have lost a great freedom fighter, an inspiring figure and a promising leader whose real intention was to end the British colonial rule and establish "SWARAJ". It is certain that if he had lived, the story of his movement would be a different one.

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## Waiting for potential outcomes through the Bangladesh PM India visit

By: Kamal Uddin Mazumder

Sheikh Hasina, the prime minister of Bangladesh, will travel to India from September 5 to September 8. The last time she traveled to India was in 2019. Every time the prime minister of Bangladesh travels to India, hopes are raised that the two nations will make substantial strides in resolving some of the unresolved problems that have been a source of friction between them for the past fifty years. The heads of governments of the two nations have met several times over the course of Bangladesh's last fifty years of existence. During these meetings, a number of bilateral issues have been effectively handled to the advantage of the citizens of both nations.

Since the time of division in 1947, Bangladesh has inherited the majority of the ongoing issues with India, the most significant of which is the equal sharing of the common river water between the two nations. Similar issues also existed in West Pakistan at the time, although they were resolved in 1960 (Indus Water Treaty). But no such efforts were ever made to address the comparable problems in East Bengal, the modern-day Bangladesh.

Only in 1972, following the establishment of Bangladesh, did India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Bangladesh's Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman address the issues and sign the comprehensive Indo-Bangladesh Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Peace. They also agreed to create the Joint River Commission to work for the common interest and sharing of water resources, irrigation, flood control, and cyclone prevention. Prior to the Farakka Barrage going into op-

eration, a deal was also made in 1974 to settle the Ganges water-sharing issue. A temporary arrangement was then made in 1975, allowing India to run the feeder canals of the Barrage for brief durations as necessary while keeping Bangladesh informed. The Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) and exchange of adversely possessed enclaves, a historic agreement between two nations, was signed in 1974.

As this was an international treaty, Bangladesh's parliament had to ratify it, which Bangabandhu did right away. India didn't ratify the agreement until 2015, under the leadership of the country's current prime minister, Narendra Modi. From the events of the past fifty years, it is clear that Bangladesh has always taken the initiative to resolve outstanding difficulties, and this only occurs when a government led by the Awami League is in office.

After Bangabandhu was killed, Bangladesh turned to a haven for militants determined to destabilize India's North-Eastern States. These insurgents received considerable funding and support from vested quarters. Only under Sheikh Hasina's leadership were these institutions destroyed, and the North Eastern States experienced a significant increase in stability and security.

Nothing could be more priceless than a nation's security and sovereignty, which Bangladesh provided for India. The connectedness between the two nations has greatly strengthened over the past 15 years, especially during Sheikh Hasina's leadership. Bangladesh has made it possible to

go to India via both land and ocean, saving both time and money. But regrettably, India has not yet provided Nepal and Bhutan with the transit services necessary for them to utilize the port facilities in Chittagong and Mongla.

Solving the Teesta Water sharing issue is currently the most annoying issue. Bangladesh has been attempting to find a solution to the issue through bilateral discussions for many years, and in 2011, when India's then-prime minister Manmohan Singh visited Bangladesh, the two nations were getting closer to striking an agreement. Even on the eve of the Indian Prime Minister's visit, Bangladesh's then Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni was upbeat and even predicted that the Teesta Water Sharing Agreement will be inked.

The Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, however, decided to postpone her travel to Bangladesh, and without her approval, no such treaty could be made under an Indian federal system of government. As a result, everything broke apart at the last minute. Since then, Bangladesh has made numerous unsuccessful attempts to get along with Mamata Banerjee. Even India's current Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, made a clear commitment that the issue will be fixed within his first term in office, but nothing to that effect has occurred yet.

Sheikh Hasina wants to meet Mamata Banerjee on her upcoming visit to New Delhi, according to Indian media, and the Teesta River water sharing problem is obviously the only significant topic that the two leaders could discuss.

Defense cooperation and regional stability in South Asia are two potential topics for discussion during Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi. Each of these topics is interconnected with the other. However, it is unclear how any regional stability is feasible while the Rohingya issue remains unaddressed.

When it came to exerting pressure on Myanmar to return the Rohingyas to their home country, India, which continues to be a close friend of Myanmar, always responded with ambivalence. India, China, and Russia all have significant economic ties to Myanmar. Ironically, each of these nations is a key development partner as well as a friend of Bangladesh. Unfortunately, all of these nations, including the US, have angered not only Bangladesh but also its citizens when it comes to the Rohingya repatriation issue.

The Akhaura-Agartala rail link will reopen soon, and it is anticipated that Agartala and Chittagong will be connected by air in a few weeks. If the circumstances allow, Bangladesh's Padma Shetu could be utilized to transport passengers and cargo between the North-East Indian States, including Tripura, and the Indian subcontinent, in addition to the normal delivery of Indian commodities to Bangladesh. It is past time for India to acknowledge Bangladesh as a significant natural ally in addition to a strategic ally.

The upcoming trip to India by Sheikh Hasina is significant for these factors. The people of Bangladesh will eagerly await Sheikh Hasina's upcoming trip to New Delhi and anticipate some potential outcomes.

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# India sees 28% decline in single-day Covid-19 cases with 5,439 fresh infections

Agency  
New Delhi, August 30:

India registered 5,439 new coronavirus infections in the last 24 hours – 28 per cent fewer than yesterday's tally – taking the total cases in the country to 44,418,585, the Union health ministry data showed on Tuesday. The country had recorded 7,591 coronavirus infections on Monday and 9,436 infections on Sunday.

Active cases in the country declined to 65,732, accounting for 0.15 per cent of

total infections. A total of 30 fresh deaths were reported today, taking the death toll to 5,27,829, the health bulletin said. The case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

The 30 new fatalities include five from Maharashtra, four from Delhi and three from Haryana.

The national Covid-19 recovery rate increased to 98.66 per cent as the number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,38,25,024, the data showed.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.70 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 2.64 per cent.

According to the ministry, 2.1 billion doses of Covid vaccine have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

India's Covid-19 tally had surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19, 2020. The country crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4, 2021 and three crore on June 23 last year. It crossed the four-crore mark on January 25 this year.

# Congress failed to connect national aspirations with regional ones: JP Nadda

Agency  
Guwahati, August 30:

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national party president JP Nadda on Monday said Congress's decline in recent years was due to the party's failure to connect national aspirations with regional ones.

he BJP president was on a day's visit to Guwahati after completing a two-day tour of Tripura ahead of next year's assembly polls in that state.

Nadda inaugurated the party's north east office in Guwahati in presence of several BJP chief ministers and senior leaders from the region.

"Congress failed to connect national aspirations with regional ones and it led to its decline everywhere. Even leaders who were associated with it for decades have left it as they have realised that it's neither a national nor a regional party now and has become a party of few family members and those interested in nepotism," Nadda told party workers after the inauguration.



"Right now, even parties which were regional in nature have become family-oriented parties be it TDP, TMC, RJD, SP, DMK, Shiv Sena and others. But BJP is the only party which is not family-oriented but based on values and ideals. We are the ones who will fight for ideals and take every one along," he added.

Nadda stated that BJP had never imagined that it would form government in Assam or in other states of northeast. But now the party has not just formed a government, but we have formed governments and done it repeatedly in not just one state but several states in northeast.

"We have formed governments twice in Assam,

Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur and now it's the turn to repeat governments in Tripura and Nagaland as well (next year)," he said.

"We started our journey in northeast with rented accommodation as our office in Uzanbazar in Guwahati and now we have a five-storey place with all amenities and modern technology. This shows BJP's transformation in the region," Nadda added.

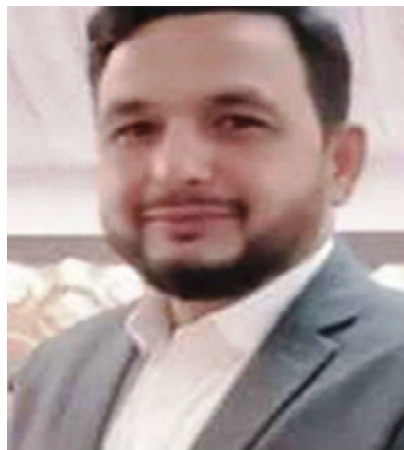
The BJP chief urged party workers to use the office for research, formulate strategies, interact with other party workers and connect better with each other so that the party can become stronger in the northeast.

# Another Pakistan journalist shot dead in Shorkot

IT Correspondent  
Geneva, Switzerland, August 30:

One more journalist of Pakistan named Muhammad Younis was shot dead by unidentified assailants on 27 August 2022 in Jhang district of Punjab province. Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), the global media safety and rights body expresses serious concern on the relentless murder of journalists in the south-Asian nation and demanded stringent actions against the culprits so that it can work as a deterrent.

It may be mentioned that Younis, who was associated with Urdu language daily newspaper Express, was targeted by two gunmen while he was riding his two-wheeler. The president of Shorkot Press Club died on the spot, while the attackers fled away from the location. Local journalists have urged Pakistan Prime Minister



Shehbaz Sharif to take immediate action and ensure the rule of law across the country.

"As many as 86 journalists have been killed globally

continues losing scribes to assailants. Already emerged as a dangerous country for working journalists, Pakistan earlier witnessed the killing of Ifthikhar Ahmed, Hasnain Shah, Murtaza Shar and Athar Mateen since 1 January this year," said Blaise Lempem, president of PEC ([www.presseemblem.ch](http://www.presseemblem.ch)).

PEC's south Asia representative Nava Thakuria informs that Pakistan's southern neighbour India also lost four journalists namely Rohit Kumar Biswal, Sudhir Saini, Juned Khan Pathan and Subhash Kumar Mahato to assailants till date this year. Three journalists namely Hashibur Rahaman Rubel, Mohiuddin Sarker Nayeem and Abdul Bari have been killed in India's eastern neighbour Bangladesh since 1 January 2022. Myanmar witnessed the death of a photographer (Aye Kyaw) while in military custody during the same period.

# 1.73 lakh died in traffic accidents in India in 2021

Agency  
New Delhi, August 30:

As many as 1.73 lakh people lost their lives in around 4.22 lakh traffic accidents in the country in 2021 with Uttar Pradesh reporting the highest number of deaths in such mishaps at 24,711 deaths followed by Tamil Nadu which recorded 16,685 deaths.

According to the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of traffic accidents in the country increased from 3,68,828 in 2020 to 4,22,659 in 2021.

These traffic accidents comprise 4,03,116 road accidents, 17,993 railway accidents and 1,550 railway crossing accidents. They

caused 1,55,622, 16,431 and 1,807 deaths respectively during 2021.

The maximum increase in number of traffic accident cases in states from 2020 to 2021 was reported in Tamil Nadu (from 46,443 to 57,090) followed by Madhya Pradesh (from 43,360 to 49,493), Uttar Pradesh (from 30,593 to 36,509), Maharashtra (from 24,908 to 30,086) and Kerala (from 27,998 to 33,051).

"These traffic accidents resulted in injuries to 3,73,884 people and 1,73,860 deaths during 2021. Uttar Pradesh (24,711 deaths) followed by Tamil Nadu (16,685 deaths) and Maharashtra (16,446 deaths) have reported maximum fatalities in traffic accidents in the coun-

try," the report said.

These three states accounted for 14.2 per cent, 9.6 per cent and 9.5 per cent of total deaths in traffic accidents respectively and collectively accounted for 33.3 per cent (57,842 out of 1,73,860) of total fatalities reported at all India level during 2021.

The percentage share of traffic accidental deaths in total deaths due to 'Other Causes' has decreased from 45.1 per cent in 2017 to 44.5 per cent in 2021.

A rising trend was seen in the total number of deaths in 'traffic accidents' from 2017 to 2019 with a sharp decline in 2020, which again increased in 2021 but this number is less than that in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The total number of accidental deaths has increased by 18.8 per cent (from 1,46,354 to 1,73,860) in 2021 over 2020.

A total of 4,03,116 road accident cases were reported in 2021. Road accident cases in the country have increased from 3,54,796

in 2020 to 4,03,116 in 2021.

The fatalities in road accidents have increased by 16.8 per cent – from 1,33,201 in 2020 to 1,55,622 in 2021.

The NCRB report said that the rate of deaths per thousand vehicles in 2021 increased from 0.45 in 2020 to 0.53 in 2021.

The 4,03,116 road accidents caused 1,55,622 deaths and injuries to 3,71,884 persons during 2021.

Generally road accidents have caused more injuries than deaths, but in Mizoram, Punjab, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, road accidents caused more deaths than leaving persons injured.

In Mizoram, 64 road accidents caused 64 deaths and injuries to 28 persons; in Punjab, 6,097 road accidents caused 4,516 deaths and injuries to 3,034 persons; in Jharkhand, 4,728 road accidents caused 3,513 deaths and injuries to 3,227 persons; and in Uttar Pradesh, 33,711 road accidents caused 21,792 deaths and injuries to 19,813 persons.

# PPFA insists on a proper portrait of Birbala Kanaklata

IT Correspondent  
Guwahati, August 30:

Patriotic People's Front Assam (PPFA), while expressing displeasure on circulating a wrong photograph of Kanaklata Barua, the teenage martyr of India's freedom struggle from Gohpur in Assam, urges the government to take the pain to paint a proper portrait of Birbala Kanaklata with the help of her close relatives. The forum of nationalist citizens also opines that the commonly displayed portrait of martyr Kanaklata should be scrutinized and corrected with the actual age.



Agnikanya Preetilata

Born to the family of Krishna Kanta Barua and Korneshwari Barua of Barangabari village in central Assam, Kanaklata faced the bullets of British police forces

while leading a march with the Indian national flag on her hands. She sacrificed her life on 20 September 1942, while defending the glory of Tricolour during the Quit India Movement. Kanaklata was a member of Mrityu Bahini, who tried to hoist the Tricolour atop Gohpur police station and thus she ended her life at age of only 16 years.

"We have found that in some digital media inputs the photograph of another person Preetilata Waddedar is used as that of Kanaklata Barua (may be mistaken because of similar names). Agnikanya Preetilata died while fighting with British



Birbala Kanaklata

ish forces inside Chittagong European Club in 1932. Preetilata sacrificed her life in gunfighting against the club

authority in the night hours at the age of 21. The error should not be repeated," said a PPFA statement.

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# Common students After School Choose.....

Disc Jockey: Disc Jockey is another convenient and profitable career, especially for those who have an 'Ear for Music'. Here passion becomes a profession as well. Moreover, one can also release his/her music album after a considerable period of experience.

Radio Jockey: Private radio

are in vogue with even educational institutes having their own channels, the career of a Radio Jockey is both profitable and in demand. All one needs is a good voice and a short term course.

Call Centre Executive: Call centres offers career opportunities for fresh candidates who have just passed their high

school or senior secondary school. BPO's have been setting up their businesses in Asian countries as it is cost effective. Though some ask for graduation there are many which need 10+2 pass out's.

Sports person: Excelling in a sports and especially those which are a magnet for money, is in itself a career for which

even an illiterate can carve out a future. Sports is a skill which mostly doesn't require academic capabilities.

Though one can get a job after completing school it isn't essential that one should necessarily acquire these just because they can be or because they are available.

Jobs at this level of edu-

cation will not fetch as much money as a higher education degree would. There are exceptions to this fact but largely it is a universally applicable fact. So it is always wise to go for higher education as it will not only provide a high level of income, high stature but also a high level of intellect as well.

## 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: SyedAhamed, 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 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.

Sd/-  
Sub-Deputy Collector,  
Irong Chesaba

B.C. to SDC  
Irong Chesaba

# Massive jolt to Congress in J&K as 51 leaders set to resign and join Ghulam Nabi Azad's party

Agency  
New Delhi, August 30:

Even as the Congress reels from the resignation of top leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, the worse seems to have not passed as 51 leaders are set to resign and join Azad's new party. Since Azad's resignation, 64 leaders have left the party.

The leaders include former Jammu and Kashmir deputy chief minister Tara Chand who resigned from the party in support of Ghulam Nabi Azad here on Tuesday.

They submitted a joint res-

ignation letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Chand and several others, including former ministers Abdul Majid Wani, Manohar Lal Sharma, Gharu Ram and former MLA Balwan Singh, announced their resignations from their party, including its primary membership, at a press conference.

"We have submitted a joint resignation letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi in support of Azad," Balwan Singh said.

Azad, 73, a former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, ended his five-decade as-

sociation with the Congress on Friday, terming the party "comprehensively destroyed" and lashing out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing" its entire consultative mechanism.

He will soon launch a national-level party from Jammu and Kashmir.

Over a dozen prominent Congress leaders, including former ministers and legislators, besides hundreds of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, municipal corporators and district and block level leaders have already left the Congress to join Azad.

# Got clean chit, CBI found nothing in my bank locker, says Manish Sisodia

Agency  
New Delhi, August 30:

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Tuesday claimed that nothing was found in his bank locker after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) searched the locker in connection with the liquor scam. He said that he and his family got a clean chit. A team of about five CBI officials reached the PNB branch at Sector 4 Vasundhara in Ghaziabad, on the outskirts of the national capital, to execute the search.

"Nothing was found in my bank locker today just like nothing was found at my residence during the CBI raid. I am happy that I have got a clean chit. The CBI officials treated us well, and we also cooperated with them. Truth has won," Manish Sisodia said.

"CBI raided my house on Janmashtami. The keys of the

lockers were seized by the CBI during the raids on August 19. Today, CBI opened that locker but found nothing. Jewellery amounting to Rs 70,000 to Rs 80,000 which belonged to my wife was found," he said.

"The CBI officials searched our lockers and documents. But still they will arrest me soon because they have orders from the top," the AAP leader said.

Sisodia was at the bank with his wife. He is among the 15 people and entities named in an FIR registered by the agency in connection with alleged irregularities in the implementation of Delhi government's Excise Policy 2021-22.

Hitting out at the central government, Delhi's education minister said, "Prime Minister sent a CBI team at my house and also to check my lockers. This is proof that me and my family are completely clean. There is pressure on PM Modi to send

me to jail for two to three months. I am happy that nothing was found today and the truth has won."

"The CBI is welcome," Sisodia had said in a tweet on Monday.

On August 19, the federal probe agency had raided 31 locations, including Sisodia's residence.

Sisodia has been saying he has been made an accused in a false case to stop the march of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has emerged as an alternative to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

During a special session of the Delhi Assembly on Friday, the AAP leader had claimed that the BJP-led Centre is acting like a serial killer to eliminate state governments and described the CBI FIR against him as "fake" and based on "mere sources".

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# CEO, Manipur held meeting with....

With multiple qualifying dates, the time lag for registration in the electoral roll after being eligible, has been reduced thereby enabling a large number of eligible electors to get themselves registered in the electoral roll, he added. He also highlighted that henceforth, the Electoral Rolls will be updated every quarter.

While highlighting the amendments made in various Forms, Shri Rajesh Agrawal informed that Form 6 shall be used only for fresh registration, Form 7 to be used for objection to proposed inclusion or deletion of a person from the electoral roll or self deletion. Form 8 shall be used for Correction of particulars, Shifting of residence, Marking of PwD and Replacement of EPIC. He also informed that Form 8A which was earlier used for transposition of electors has been discontinued.

CEO, Manipur also apprised that the Election Commission of India has launched a nationwide programme on August 1 for collection of Aadhaar from the electors with the objective of establishing the identity of electors and authentication of entries in electoral roll which will eventually help in identifying registration of name of the same person in more than one constituency or more than once in the same constituency. He informed that the collection of Aadhaar numbers in Form 6B may be done online by the

electors themselves or through offline. An elector may fill Form 6B online through www.nvsp.in or www.voterportal.eci.gov.in or Voter Helpline App. In offline mode, the BLOs are currently making House-to-House visit for collection of Aadhaar number from electors in hard copy using Form 6B. All the off-line submitted Form 6B shall be digitised by BLOs using GARUDA App or by ERO using ERONET, within 7 days of the receipt of the Forms. In case, the elector does not have the Aadhaar number and thereby is not able to furnish Aadhaar Number, he/she needs to submit a copy of any of the eleven alternative documents viz. MGNREGA Job Card, Passbook with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, Driving License, PAN Card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, Indian Passport, Pension document with photograph, Service Identity card with photograph issued to employees by Central/State/Govt/PSUs/Public Limited Companies, Official Identities Card issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and Unique Identity ID(UID) Card issued by M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

CEO, Manipur also placed before the meeting that the response of the electors for furnishing of Aadhaar data in the State of Manipur is very encouraging and satisfactory particularly in valley districts.

Till date, Bishnupur district topped the list with 86.71% of electors furnishing their Aadhaar data. The list is followed by Jiribam (83.39%), Thoubal (64.59%) Kangpokpi (58.92%), Imphal East (53.12%), Imphal West (50.17%), Churachandpur (40.93%), Tamenglong (39.44%), Ukhrul (32.24%), Senapati (19.28%) and Chandel (17.80%). Shri Rajesh Agrawal sought cooperation of the political parties in terms of dissemination of information and to convince the electors in furnishing their Aadhaar data. He also stated that the privacy of data of the electors shall be maintained.

With respect to gender neutral provision for Service and Special Electors, Shri Rajesh Agrawal highlighted that the word "wife" has been substituted by the word "spouse" in relevant sections of Representation of People Act, 1950 and Representation of People Act, 1951. Accordingly, the husband of a female service personnel can now register as service elector along with his wife. Earlier, only the wife of a male service personnel was allowed to register as service elector along with her husband.

While stating that the ambit of requisitioning power of Election Authorities has been enlarged, he informed that Section 160 of Representation of People Act, 1951 has been amended to the extent that the election authorities are empowered to requisition any premises likely to be

needed for the purpose of being used as polling station, for counting, for storage of ballot boxes, voting machines (including voter verifiable paper audit trail) and poll related material after a poll has been taken, accommodation for security forces and polling personnel after the issuance of the election notification by the Election Commission under Section 30 of RPA, 1951.

CEO, Manipur highlighted that the Special Summary of Photo Electoral Rolls with respect to 01.01.2023 shall begin with publication of Integrated Draft Photo Electoral Rolls on 9th November, 2022. The period for filing claims & objections is from 09.11.2022 to 08.12.2022 and the final electoral rolls will be published on 5th January, 2023. Currently, as a pre-revision activity, the exercise for rationalization of polling stations is being undertaken by the District Election Officers. CEO, Manipur emphasized upon amalgamation of polling stations rather than creation of new polling stations to save cost at the time of elections. He also requested the political parties to give inputs to the concerned DEOs so that appropriate polling stations are set up to enable voters to experience voting in much better manner. He also sought cooperation of the political parties in deletion of death and shifted electors which are currently undertaken by the Electoral Registration Officers as a pre-revision activity.

# ZUF clarifies allegation on reshuffling....

The ZUF inform to all public that the self-claimed styled party are carrying misleading information in medias even projecting a presumptuous recruitments and employ-

ment only to derailed the issue and create public division. Every civic thinker and news reader will not be moved to believe such white lies. Therefore, after much pa-

tience and silent over the repeated claim and self-styled activities of S.Kamson, the Front is compelled to exercise offensive operation. The Front will not leave any stone

turned till such anti-people elements are rooted out of the society. The Front will re-enforce its intensive secret missions in all their remaining hideouts.

## Sports

# Durand Cup: Mumbai City FC qualifies for quarters; Odisha FC registers big win

Agency  
Mumbai/Guwahati, August 30:

Mumbai City FC and Odisha FC registered thumping victories in their respective group leg matches in the 131st edition of the Durand Cup on Monday.

Former Indian Super League champion Mumbai City FC played true to its form to down the I-League side Rajasthan United FC 5-1 at Kishore Bharati Stadium in Kolkata, while Odisha FC routed Sudeva Delhi FC 3-0 at the Indra Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati.

With the win, Mumbai City FC booked a spot in the quarterfinal of the Durand Cup 2022.

Greg Stewart opened the scoring process for the Islanders early in the 10th minute before Lallianzuala Chhangte doubled the lead in the 188th minute. Mehtab Singh found the third in the 35th minute as Vikram Pratap Singh added one each after the break to com-



Lallianzuala Chhangte celebrates after scoring the second goal for Mumbai City FC against Rajasthan United FC at Kishore Bharati Stadium in Kolkata.

plete the scoring process for Mumbai City. Gyanmar Nikum scored the lone reply for Rajasthan United.

The win took Mumbai City to the top of the group league table with seven points from three matches and brought it

close to realising a quarterfinal berth. ATK Mohun Bagan (four points from three matches), Rajasthan United (four from three), East Bengal (two from three) and Indian Navy (one from three) occupied the next positions in the

current standings. The top two teams from each group progress to the knock-out stage (quarterfinals).

Meanwhile, Saul Crespo's brace and Jerry Mawthinganga's first-half goal were enough for Odisha

FC to register a convincing 3-0 win over Sudeva Delhi FC in a Group D match.

Crespo struck in the 19th and 39th minutes and Mawthinganga in the 40th minute to fashion Odisha's third successive victory. It earned Odisha a place in the quarterfinals.

Odisha dominated the first half and netted all the goals before half-time.

Lanky Spaniard Crespo, posted unmarked at the first post, spectacularly headed in a corner from the right to put Odisha ahead.

Odisha kept pressing for the second goal and got it 20 minutes later when Crespo achieved his brace. This time Crespo bent low to head in a cross from the left.

In no time, Odisha scored its third goal as Jerry completed a fine move by slotting in a rebound.

Sudeva put up a better display in the second half but could not taste success.

The Odisha forwards created some good opportunities but could not extend the lead.

# FIH happy with new draft of HI constitution, no threat to World Cup draw on September 8

Agency  
New Delhi, August 30:

The International Hockey Federation on Monday cleared the air over Hockey India elections, saying the revised draft constitution sent by Committee of Administrators (CoA) running the sport in the country is fully compliant with the world body's statutes.

The FIH also stated that the draw of the Men's Hockey World Cup, to be hosted jointly by Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to 29 next year, will take place as per schedule on September 8.

"The latest correspondence received from the CoA today comply with the talks held between the CoA and the FIH in India on 17 August," FIH Senior Manager Communications, Nicolas Maingot told PTI. "Regarding the draw of the upcoming Men's World Cup, it will be held as already announced on 8 September."

The recent uncertainty over HI elections came to light following reports that FIH CEO Thierry Weil wrote a stern email to CoA, accusing the three-member committee of deviating from the Delhi High Court's three-point brief while drafting the new constitution.

Weil had reportedly said that the CoA made unnecessary changes to the constitution and broke FIH's trust after the two parties reached a common agreement during a meeting here 11 days ago.

Weil also threatened to cancel the draw ceremony if the CoA failed to comply with the High Court order. The Delhi High Court had suspended the HI executive board in May, terming the illegal post of Life President held by former Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra and the voting rights of HI CEO Elena Norman as "unconstitutional" and in violation of the National Sports Code.