

5 ATSUM leaders sent to judicial custody; Students stage protest rally, Police fire tear gas shells



IT News
Imphal, Aug 6:

The five leaders of the All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM), arrested for conspiring the imposition of economic blockade along the National Highways, were sent to judicial custody for 15 days by the Chief Judicial Magistrate today.

President of ATSUM Paotinthang Lupheng, General Secretary SR. Andria, Information Secretary Khaiminlien Dounge, Forest Secretary S Marangkhai, and H. Pumlemte were invited for a talk in connection with the 24-hour proposed bandh in connection with the demand for the passing of the amended ADC Bill by Imphal West DC on August 2. A team of state police picked them up from their office at around noon on the day. Later,

they were declared arrested in the evening and remanded in police custody for three days. Following that, the economic blockade announced to begin from 6 pm of August 3 began immediately at National Highways.

Police produced all 5 ATSUM leaders before the Chief Judicial Magistrate this afternoon and later sent them to judicial custody for 15 days.

Meanwhile, at around 10.30 am this morning, a large number of tribal students staged a protest rally in Chingmeirong area in front of LMS Law College towards Khuman Lampak area. The protest was, however, dispersed by a large number of the police force. The students then turned hostile and even stopped vehicular movement.

At least 30 tribal students were reported injured when

police tried to disperse the student gathered at Chingmeirong in Imphal West for a peaceful rally by throwing tear gas and lathi charges.

At around 10:30 am, hundreds of tribal students studying in various colleges and universities in Imphal assembled at the Mao-Imphal market shed for a peaceful protest demanding to release immediately the five tribal student leaders arrested by Manipur Police.

However, a clash broke out when the police tried to disperse the protestors before they began the peaceful protest. Later, the student protestors tried to march toward the Manipur Legislative Assembly, but they were stopped by the police.

Another clash occurred between the student protestors and police near MBC Memorial Ground, where they pelted stones at each other.

On the other hand, the economic blockade along the National Highways has intensified following intimidation by an organisation called Meitei Leepun, in addition to the arrest of the tribal student leaders.

It may be mentioned that Minister for Tribal Affairs and Hills department Letpao Haokip had tabled the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Council (sixth amendment) Bill 2022 on the last day of the budget session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly, while the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Council (seventh amendment) Bill 2022 was referred to HAC for further discussion, stating that there is some technical error and it requires further examination.

Jagdeep Dhankhar Set to be Elected Vice President of India



By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Aug 06:

With numbers stacked heavily in his favour and the divided Opposition, NDA's Jagdeep Dhankhar (71), pitted against UPA's Margaret Alva (80) (Congress) is certain to win the Vice-Presidential poll 2022 scheduled to be held on Saturday.

The polling will be held from 10 am to 5 pm in Parliament House and the ballots will be counted immediately after that. The returning officer will announce the name of the next vice-president by late Saturday evening.

Since all the electors are members of both Houses of Parliament, the value of the vote of each MP would be the same — one. Unlike the presidential poll where voting takes place in multiple locations as elected MLAs, (not nominated), also form part of the electoral college, in the vice presidential election, voting will take place only in Parliament House.

The next Vice-President will take the oath of office on August 11 — a day after the term of the incumbent Vice President PM Venkaiah Naidu ends.

The Vice President will be elected by the Electoral College comprising 233 elected members of Rajya Sabha, 12 nominated members of Rajya Sabha, and 543 elected members of Lok Sabha, adding up to 788 members. In the system of proportional representation using the single transferable vote, the elector has to mark preferences against the names of the candidates. There are currently eight vacancies in the Rajya Sabha. Shiv Sena's

Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut is in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate.

The BJP alone has 394 votes, in the electoral college. With allies and supporting parties, the NDA has over 515 votes. Whereas the Opposition has nearly 200 votes. The Presidential poll had seen cross-voting from 17 MPs, mostly in favour of Murmu. It is to be seen whether the Opposition will be hit again by cross-voting.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC), the second largest Opposition party after the Congress in Parliament (23 MPs in Lok Sabha and 16 in Rajya Sabha) has decided to abstain from the voting.

The Janata Dal (United), AIADMK, Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), and N. Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) have decided to back Dhankhar. Similarly, the YSRCP and BJD, with a combined tally of 52 votes, have decided to back him. These two parties had backed the NDA nominee in the Presidential election as well. 12 Lok Sabha members from the Eknath Shinde faction of Shiv Sena will vote in favour of Dhankhar.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), The All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MiM) and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) have announced their support to Alva. The Shiv Sena's remaining 7 Lok Sabha members and 02 Rajya Sabha members are also supporting her.

The JMM, ruling Jharkhand in alliance with the Congress, had supported the NDA's candidate, Droupadi

Murmu, in the Presidential election, who became the first tribal to become the President of India.

Jagdeep Dhankhar

Jagdeep Dhankhar, a lawyer, politician, and the former Governor of West Bengal had frequent run-ins with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. After he was appointed the Governor in July 2019 he called out the TMC government multiple times over its policies. In turn, Banerjee wrote to Delhi many times demanding his recall.

Born in a farmer's family in Kithana village in Rajasthan, Dhankhar was an advocate in the Rajasthan High Court and the Supreme Court. After joining politics in 1990 he was part of the Congress when PV Narasimha Rao became the Prime Minister. He shifted to the BJP with the rise of Ashok Gehlot. The selection of the Jat Rajasthan leader is also expected to help the BJP in the next year's Assembly election in the Congress-ruled state.

Margaret Alva

Margaret Alva was born on April 14, 1942, in Mangalore in Karnataka. Like Dhankhar, she too practiced law before her foray into active politics. She was elected to Rajya Sabha in 1974 as a representative of Congress. A five-term Member of Parliament, Alva has held the Parliamentary Affairs and Youth Affairs portfolios in the Central cabinet.

She has served as the 17th Governor of Goa, the 23rd Governor of Gujarat, the 20th Governor of Rajasthan, and the fourth Governor of Uttarakhand.

By all means, the election will be symbolic offering an almost a walkover to Dhankhar.

Vice-Presidential Poll : Voting ends, counting to begin at 6pm

New Delhi, August 06:

Jagdeep Dhankhar and Margaret Alva will fight it out on Saturday to become the next Vice President of India as members of Parliament vote to elect the next VP of India with Venkaiah Naidu's term ending on August 10. Dhankhar is in an advantageous position with the support of regional parties like Janata Dal (United), YSRCP, BSP, AIADMK and the Shiv Sena. Dhankhar is likely to get over 515 votes against Margaret Alva's speculated 200 votes. The Trinamool Congress decided to stay away from the vice presidential election.

725 out of 780 MPs voted for the Vice Presidential Election. Two BJP MPs - Sunny Deol and

Sanjay Dhotre, who are unwell, did not vote.

Members of Parliament of both Houses are voting today to elect the next Vice President of India. The counting of ballots will take place at 6pm.

Over 85 per cent votes were polled in the Vice Presidential election till 2pm. Of the 780 MPs in both Houses — another eight Rajya Sabha seats are vacant — around 670 of them had cast their vote so far, officials told.

All MPs of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, including nominated members, are entitled to vote in the vice presidential election. The two Houses of Parliament together have a sanctioned strength of 788 MPs, of which there are eight vacancies in the Upper House. Hence, 780 MPs are eligible to cast their ballot in this election.

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee and former West Bengal governor Jagdeep Dhankhar (71) is pitted against joint Opposition candidate Margaret Alva (80). With the ruling BJP having an absolute majority in the Lok Sabha and 91 members in the Rajya Sabha, Dhankhar has a clear edge over his rival. He is likely to succeed incumbent M Venkaiah Naidu, whose tenure ends on August 10. All MPs of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, including nominated members, are entitled to vote in the vice presidential election. The two Houses of Parliament together have a sanctioned strength of 788 MPs, of which

there are eight vacancies in the Upper House. Hence, 780 MPs are eligible to cast their ballot in this election.

Alva is likely to get over 200 votes, going by the support announced by parties for her candidature so far. The Trinamool Congress, which has 23 MPs in Lok Sabha and 16 in Rajya Sabha, has decided to stay away from the vice presidential election.

"If Parliament is to function effectively, MPs, independent of their parties, must find ways to rebuild trust and restore broken communication amongst each other. In the end, it is the MPs who determine the character of our Parliament," Alva said in a fresh video message ahead of elections.

which need to be corrected. Here we would like to express our thankfulness to MLA for distributing PMGKAY rice to all irrespective of card holder or not. We also appeal MLA to start distribution of NFSA rice to cardholders as soon as possible.

We also appeal to all not to play politics in NFSA rice and instead help MLA in ensuring the NFSA rice reach the really needy ones.

It is also mentioned that

Uripok MLA will not do politics on NFSA Rice —UKDF

IT News
Imphal, August 06:

Following up the Press Conference by Mahananda Nunglepam, Indian National Congress Party candidate in the last general Assembly election, regarding the distribution of PMGKAY rice and NFSA rice in Uripok Kendra, the Uripok Kendra Development Forum (UKDF) has found that there has been no distribution of NFSA rice in the

of 6 to 17 years. This system has been done similarly in other Constituencies. When the food grains are given to all the needy people of the Kendra, what is the heartburn of Mahananda on this? A public leader should always have a large heart.

The new ration card has not been issued now and once the total number beneficiaries of Uripok AC are confirmed, the NFSA rice will be distributed as per the direc-

UKDF warns Mahananda not to politicise the issue with wrong information to the common people of Uripok. It is mockery for him to challenge the Election expenditures of the candidate. He must go to the ECI to verify his claims of how much money has been spent by MLA Raghunani in the election. Digging out such irresponsible issues to magnify the allegations might land Mahananda in a defamation suit as well.

There is no possession more valuable than a good and faithful friend



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

The International Friendship Day is celebrated on 7th August. It is a strong bond of friendship among people of various countries irrespective of their race, colour, gender, religion, ethnicity and other such factors. A bond that is boundless. Perhaps, friendship could be summarized thus. The virtue of friendship has been appreciated by one and all over the world. Friendship is a faithful and loyal relationship between two or more person living anywhere in the world. We cannot leave our whole life alone and need a faithful relationship to someone to live happily called friends. Friendship is universal, and with social media so present nowadays its hard not to stay close and up to date with those special people, even if they don't live in the same town anymore. Everyone needs a good and loyal friend to share bad or good life events, enjoy happy moments and share unbearable events of the life. Emphasizing on the importance of friendship, the great ancient Greek Philosopher and scientist exclaimed, "Man is by nature a social animal; an individual who is unsocial naturally and not accidentally is either beneath our notice or more than human. Society is something that precedes the individual. Anyone who either cannot lead the common life or is so self-sufficient as not to need to, and therefore does not partake of society, is either a beast or a god."

There are people to whom friendship is everything. Without a friend, life becomes unbearable for them. A saviour in troubled times, a friend in need becomes an invaluable asset. It is a nice experience to cherish memories of those occasions when a friend made a change in one's life with a timely act. Devoting a day to such nice people in one's life is an idea worth celebrating. And, many people have already embraced the idea. According to the great Roman Statesman Cicero "Friendship increases happiness and diminishes misery by doubling our joy and dividing our grief".

The main purpose of International Friendship Day is to promote the concept of friendship across different backgrounds and cultures in order to promote peace all over the world. It is also for reminding the general public of the importance of maintaining friendship and making new friends for improving* the overall well-being of a person. The International Day of Friendship is an important opportunity to confront the misunderstandings and distrust that underlie so many of the tensions and conflicts in today's world. It is a reminder that human solidarity is essential to promoting lasting peace and fostering sustainable development. Getting a best friend in the life is very hard for everyone and if one gets it, he/she is really bestowed with the true love of God.

With the world becoming a global village, thanks to the transformation brought about by information technology, Indians too have joined the bandwagon of worshippers of friendship through the net and other means.

Friendship Day is all about celebrating the bond of friendship. Connections are like plants which you need to take care of. You need to constantly nourish your connections with different individuals in order to maintain the friendship or build it.

Friendship Day is all about celebrating the bond of friendship. It is an occasion to turn the pages of life and reminisce the wonderful moments that you have spent with your pals in the school, college or workplace. Friendship between different people from different countries and with different cultures can inspire peace efforts and assist in building bridges between communities. Friendship is important because it helps break down barriers and connect people with diverse cultures and backgrounds. It even plays an important role in promoting peace in different cultures.

Street Library



By: Vijay Garg

In today's times opening a public library on the street and creating a system for the people where the reader can gain knowledge comfortably is nothing less than a virtue and it has been done by a teacher from Arunachal Pradesh. Since then people can get knowledge by reading any favorite book from this street library for free. Let us know other special things related to this street library.

There is a government school teacher who lives in a small town in Arunachal Pradesh, Huh. Next to the house, he started the 'Street Library' near his house. He kept many types of books in this library and also arranged for the people to sit nearby.

People appreciated this idea of his and also shared it on social media. Book is not stolen this is not the teacher's private library, he kept it public from the beginning. People come here, take a book from themselves, sit here and read and then leave. No one ever comes with the intention of stealing a book, the library is open all the time and there are many people who do not know Meena but they also leave after reading the book honestly.

Women and youth read book this street library of the teacher is in such a place, where there is an open and quiet environment and such arrangement is very good for reading books, for concentration. This street library is very much liked by women and youth, in the evening, their number becomes large. The teacher has decided that they will do the same in other parts of the country as well Library will open.

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Festivities of August and an Impending War



By: M.R. Lahu

As I write this, war clouds are hovering over the tiny island nation of Taiwan and its giant neighbour People's Republic of China. The world is watching with awe as Nancy Pelosi flies back from Taiwan with the conviction that the dragon is unpredictable and untrustworthy. Would the gigantic dragon spew fire on its tiny neighbour? Can the world afford one more war simultaneously fought as a gargantuan country mercilessly pouncing on its tiny neighbourhood? We need no scholastic definitions to define the catastrophe that a war is capable of unleashing. Between Russia and Ukraine, the modern generation of the day got much of its knowledge as to what a war would look like. Certainly the world is not growing a better place for human concomitance and war draws lines between generations with history gleefully narrating the level of bloodshed that was have shaken the world with. Though peaceful, India is also susceptible to the tremors of war with their social and economic implications sticking out firm and the geopolitical ramifications surface. Amid the fury of raging wars, for Indians, July month was full of excitement and expectations. They rejoiced at the selection of a personality, who with her umbilical beginning with the downtrodden folk of the country, the tribal communities; could rise to hold the office of the President of India. The great tribal traditions of India are sure to get a boost and a scope of

juvenation. August is predicted to bring joy unspeakable to the farming folks in India as one among them; the son of a farmer is destined to become the Vice President of the country. Jagdeep Dhankar is all set to hold his noose tight in the upper house of the parliament, the Rajya Sabha. The country would witness mounting distress among the opposition and hullabaloo disrupting the proceedings of the house. Let us expect a great deal of tutoring from the new chairman with his legal expertise strengthening the normal routine of the house. August also brings indescribable happiness as the month is loaded with numerous festivals and the festivities certainly give the people of the country a genuine cause to come together. Independence Day this year comes with a distinct jubilation and splendour. Seventy Five years of India's upbringing as a multicultural, secular and civilized society speaks a lot about its evolution as a nation. This year, with the Prime Minister's appeal to add more flavour of patriotism in the festivities with his Har Ghar Tiranga campaign; India is all set to celebrate the festival with beauty, fervour and tradition. A moment of gathering and a recollection of our struggles to walk into the freedom - we as a nation, had probably gone through the cruellest of experiments and the imprint of the wrath that the invasion had on our psyche cannot be easily eradicated and the Tiranga abhiyan is sure to keep the fire of patriotism burning. The national flag hoisted on every rooftop would generate a sense of belongingness breaking the barricades of differences.

Adding to the essence of India's oneness, brotherhood and kinship, comes Raksha Bandhan. A ceremony to cement the relationship between brothers and sisters, Raksha Bandhan is celebrated on the full moon day of Shrawan month and of course

comes in the month of August. The rakhi ritual signifies the bond of protection, obligation and care. The eternal love that it invokes between brothers and sisters probably gathers holy emotions of oneness and the society strengthens its impulse of togetherness, depleting inconsistencies and inconveniences. Like Independence Day, this colourful festival with traditions of yore holds the essential power to transform the country into a unit of connectedness. Excitement of August does not end with Independence Day and Raksha Bandhan. Janmashtami comes with great pomp and gaiety in the month. Across the country festivities will be active to celebrate the divine appearance of Lord Krishna. From Mathura to Guruvayoor, with varying traditions, temples dedicated to Lord Krishna across the country hold different rituals and religious processions. It is a blissful occasion to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna who dared to advice a mentally retarded Arjuna in the gruesome battlefield of Kurukshetra. The Mahabharata brings a great deal of lessons suitable for the modern times eternally penetrating into the social strides of modernity. The advent of Krishna brings equal amount of jubilation and recognition for being candid on finding solutions to the complexities of life. Little children in the disguise of Lord Krishna and his divine companion Radha walk in tune with the music of a divine elation in the streets of India. Krishna, through his great gestures of attachment and respect towards his childhood friend Sudama, taught us the relevance of equality in a society.

The festival that needs no narration is Ganesh Chaturthi. Beautiful Ganesha idols, reminding us with a great amount of wisdom that Lord Ganesha was known for, fundamentally bring us the glory of empathy in life. The clay models of the Elephant God turn out to be the depiction of the great charac-

teristics that he came into the world with - like intelligence, obedience and logical interventions. He still stands as a perfect example of devotion that a child can exercise to his parents. History attributes credit to the founder of the Maratha Empire Chatrapati Shivaji for his beginning Ganesh Chaturthi as a worship ceremony. By transforming Lord Ganesha's birth celebrations into a public event with mass gathering, Bal Gangadhar Tilak wanted the essential oneness of Indians to replicate once again against the colonial dominance of the British. This experiment had literally transformed the collective imagination of Indians in the direction of a well meaningful mobilisation against the cultural invasion of the west. Much has been added to the pomp and gaiety of all the festivals that India has been culturally interwoven with. And the woofs of cultural eminence generated through colourful festivals in the loom of tradition and modernity in India could successfully detoxify the essence of alienating thoughts that India has been deplorably subservient of. Markets and internet are afloat and aplenty with national flags and rakhis. Everything, from clothes to bangles to pen to pencil is a new tricolour design. New trends dominate the social media and profile pictures unequivocally turn into patriotic with the symbol of national unity the tricolour becoming omnipresent and forget not - India is changing. The Prime Minister is taking the lead in this pursuit of patriotic jubilation. August obviously compels us to recall the Mahatmas, the Netajis and the Bhagat Singhs. Among the rising powers, India is embellishing its embroidery of success with its Atma Nirbhar initiatives. The festivities of August should take us further to the realm of extreme efficiency and self sufficiency. War is still looming on the horizon but for India, it is a season of festivities.

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Beauty & Make-Up Tips for Raksha Bandhan



By: Shahnaz Husain

ing them according to skin colour and tone is as essential as learning the techniques of application. Your natural skin tone is most important while selecting foundations. Try to buy one that is closest to your skin colour as possible. Face powder may be of the same shade as the foundation. If you wish to tone down a tan, select a powder that is one shade lighter, but in the same colour tone.

Flaunt a celebration-perfect look this Rakhi 2022 with herbal beauty tips to ensure you have a really fun-filled, sorted and shining day of brother-sister affection.

In the hot and humid season, the skin needs toning and refreshing. Here are some home remedies:

Watermelon juice is a good skin toner and relieves dryness too. It cools, refreshes and softens the skin. Apply on the face and wash off with plain water after 20 minutes.

Fruit Mask for all Skin Types: Fruits like banana, apple, papaya, orange can be mixed together and applied on the face. Keep it on for 20 to 30 minutes. Then wash off with water. It cools the skin, cleanses dead cells and removes tan.

Cooling Mask: Mix cucumber juice with two teaspoons powdered milk and one egg white into a smooth paste. Apply on face and neck and rinse off with water after half an hour.

Mask for Oily Skin: Mix one tablespoon Multani Mitti with rose water into a paste and apply on the face. Wash off when dry.

After applying face mask, take two of the cotton wool pads soaked in rose water and use them as eye pads. Squeeze out the rose water and then apply on closed lids. Lie down and relax, while you have the mask and eye pads on. Used tea bags can also do the trick. Soak them in a little warm water, squeeze out the water and apply on the eyes like eye pads.

To soften rough, bushy or frizzy hair, mix some water with creamy hair conditioner and put it in a spray bottle. Spray the mixture on the hair. Then comb the hair, so that it spreads through the hair.

Raksha Bandhan is usually celebrated during the day. Daytime make-up has to be light and carefully done. If you have a clear skin, leave out foundation. After cleansing, apply a sunscreen with a built-in moisturizer. Then apply powder. Translucent powder, like a baby powder, is good. For oily skin, apply astringent lotion, instead of moisturizer. Then, apply compact powder. Pay attention to the oily areas of the face, like nose, forehead and chin. Press the powder all over the face and neck, with a slightly damp sponge. This helps it to set and last longer. If you wish to apply blusher, use less and blend well. Blush-on should be like a gradual flush on the face.

For eye make-up stick to eye pencils during the day. Or line your eyelids with brown or gray eye shadow. This gives a softer effect. Then, apply only one coat of mascara, which helps to make the eyes look darker and brighter, but pre-

vents the "heavily made-up" look. For lipstick, avoid very dark colours, like dark maroon. Go for light pastel colours, pink, mauve, light browns, copper or bronze. The colours should not be too intense. Or, use only lip gloss. First outline the lips with a lip pencil, same shade as your lipstick. Fill in colour with a lipstick brush. Obviously outlined lips are out of fashion.

For a special occasion like Raksha Bandhan, you can try out a new hairstyle, like putting up your hair with fancy hair clips or ribbons. Wearing flowers in the hair can be quite alluring.

Long hair is very much the trend, with cascading waves or curly and bouncy hair. Go for the softer look, with curls or natural waves, in the lower half of the hair. The classic ponytail is also dictating trends. It suits most face shapes because one can wear a pony tail high or low, with a fringe or without, or with wisps or curls falling down, with that carefully-careless look. A ponytail is actually an easy hair do. With ribbons, or other hair accessories, it can even provide a touch of glamour. One can have a ponytail for a formal or an informal look. For a long face, wear a low pony tail and have a light long fringe falling straight down. For an oval face, wear it with a side-swept fringe. For a square jawed face, have wisps of long curls falling down on either side of the face, just beyond jaw level. It will suit a round face too. Or you can put the hair up with the help of hair clips.

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Covid in India: 19,400 new cases, 49 deaths; positivity rate at 4.96%

Agency
New Delhi, August 06:

With 19,406 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's tally of Covid-19 cases rose to 4,41,26,994, while active cases declined to 1,34,793, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Saturday.

The death toll has climbed to 5,26,649 with 49 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.31 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.50 per cent, the ministry said.

A decrease of 571 cases has been recorded in the ac-

tive Covid-19 caseload in 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 4.96 per cent and the weekly positivity rate was 4.63 per cent, it said.

The number of recoveries surged to 4,34,65,552, while the case fatality rate 1.19 per cent.

Of the 49 new fatalities, five each were reported from Maharashtra and West Bengal, three from Chhattisgarh, two each from Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Tripura, and one each from Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Additionally, 11 deaths

have been reconciled by Kerala as per Indian Council of Medical Research guidelines.

Of the 5,26,649 deaths reported so far, 1,48,129 are from Maharashtra, 70,548 from Kerala, 40,155 from Karnataka, 38,033 from Tamil Nadu, 26,327 from Delhi, 23,574 from Uttar Pradesh and 21,389 from West Bengal.

The health ministry stressed that more than 70 per cent of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities.

"Our figures are being reconciled with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)," the ministry said on its website, adding that statewide distribution of figures is subject to further verification and reconciliation.

According to the ministry, 205.92 crore doses against Covid have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore cases on May 4, three crore on June 23 last year and four crore on January 25 this year.

PEC demands justice to Myanmar photographer Aye Kyaw



IT Correspondent
Geneva, August 06:

Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), the global media safety and rights body, demands justice to Myanmar photographer Aye Kyaw, who died in military custody recently. The pro-democracy activist used to document the anti-military protest-demonstrations, spread across the southeast Asian country (also known as Burma and Brahmadesh) after the military dictators made a coup on 1 February 2021 to grab power ousting the democratically elected Aung San Suu Kyi's government in Naypitaw.

Aye Kyaw (48), the second journalist to succumb to junta atrocities, used to own a photography studio in Sagaing city, was detained by the mili-

tary junta in late night hours of 30 July 2022 and later the military authority informed the family that he died on Saturday noon. Quoting the family members and friends, Radio Free Asia (RFA) reported that the administration wanted to know if they want to get back his body, which was kept in the Sagaing city hospital morgue.

The group of well-wishers took his mortal remains and sent to his village. A senior member of Upper Myanmar Photography Association was buried on Sunday after performing necessary rituals. They guess that the senior general Min Aung Hlaing led brutal military regime was angry with Aye Kyaw as he used to post photographs taken from anti-junta demonstrations

in social media, which was later forwarded by a large number of pro-democracy politicians and also uploaded in local media outlets.

"Myanmar has faced a chaotic socio-political situation, where the military rulers are targeting the activists and also the journalists. Till date, they have arrested over 130 media persons and among them 25 Burmese journalists are still behind the bars, where some of them were already imprisoned for longer periods," said Blaise Lempem, president of PEC (www.presseemblem.ch), adding that a Japanese journalist Toru Kobuto was also detained from Yangon and put him to face trials.

PEC's southeast Asia representative Nava Thakuria reported that the land of golden pagodas is on the verge of a civil war, where the military personnel have killed nearly 2500 civilians in the last 18 months and rendered over 850,000 people homeless, as they fled their villages to escape the military atrocities. Shockingly, the people's resistance forces have also eliminated thousands of junta soldiers and their relatives during the same period, he added.

Solidarity or stunt? BJP says Rahul Gandhi tore Congress leader's shirt during protest

Agency
New Delhi, August 06:

Dressed in black from top to toe, Congress leaders hit the streets on Friday to protest against unemployment, price rise, and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) hike on essential items. Leading from the forefront was Rahul Gandhi, who joined a protest march by party MPs that saw him getting into heated stand-offs with the police as they tried to detain Congress leaders.

Now, the BJP has called into question whether the Gandhi scion's actions were genuine or a political stunt.

Tweeting a photo of Rahul Gandhi holding tightly onto Congress leader Deepender S Hooda as Delhi Police personnel grabbed and dragged the latter, BJP IT wing in-charge Amit Malviya alleged that the Wayanad MP was deliberately attempting to rip his colleague's shirt.

Malviya also claimed that Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, who had joined the protests outside the party HQ, had assaulted police women on duty by twisting their hands and kicking them.



"After Priyanka Vadra's twist a hand moment, here is another one. Rahul Gandhi tearing his colleague Deepender Hooda's shirt so that it made for a good protest picture and Delhi police could be blamed for high handedness. The Gandhi siblings are strong votary of tamasha politics," Malviya said in a tweet.

A video of the incident shows Delhi Police trying to detain Congress MP Deepender S Hooda while he was protesting at Vijay Chowk in the national capi-

tal. Rahul Gandhi can be seen holding on to Hooda as Congress workers raise slogans against the government.

Over 300 Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, were detained by police for over six hours after being taken away from protest sites in Delhi.

Rahul Gandhi has alleged that some of the party MPs were even "beaten up" by police.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister and BJP stalwart Amit Shah linked Congress

leaders' protest in black clothes to the party's "appeasement" politics to convey its opposition to the Ram temple foundation laying by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 5, 2020. The charge was soon echoed by other saffron party leaders.

In a sharp retort, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh said the BJP made a desperate attempt to "divert, distract, polarise and give a malicious twist" to the party's protests against price rise, unemployment and the GST.

Monkeypox: Hospital shares update on three cases in Delhi

Agency
New Delhi, August 06:

A top doctor at Delhi hospital on Saturday shared an update on three monkeypox cases in the city. Dr Suresh Kumar, MD of LNJP Hospital, said the three people of African origin are still admitted to the hospital. "They are recovering from fever and skin lesions. No suspect other than them found as yet. The patient admitted in July has recovered completely and went back," he said.

The LNJP (Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan) hospital is the nodal center for management of the rare viral infection.

Suresh Kumar on August 2 said that the hospital successfully discharged the patient who was Delhi's first case of monkeypox. "The man recovered in 25 days as all symptoms waned away. He went

back being very healthy and happy," he said.

Till August 2, he said one confirmed case of monkeypox was from Nigeria while two other suspected cases were there. He said the patient tested for Monkeypox was

from the African sub-continent and had a history of fever, skin eruption, and rashes on different parts of the body. "We're giving supportive treatment along with conducting various tests of the patient," he said.

Passport Lost

I, the undersigned, Kongbrailatpam Khoneychandra Sharma have lost my Passport, bearing No. N7092379, issued by the Government of India on the way between DM College Campus to Manipur University, Canchipur on August 2, 2022. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Kongbrailatpam Khoneychandra Sharma
Sagolband Tera Yengkhom Leirak, Imphal West
Mobile No. 7005053689

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Mayanglangbam Maimutombi Devi do hereby declare that I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name Laishram Maimutombi Devi as I have assumed my new name Mayanglangbam Maimutombi Devi.

I, declare that I shall be known as Mayanglangbam Maimutombi Devi in all my documents.

Sd/-
Mayanglangbam Maimutombi Devi
W/o Laishram Rocket Singh
Kontha Ahallup, Imphal East
P.O Mantripukhri
PS - Heingang, Imphal East - Pin 795002

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Pibarel Potshangbam, son of P. Biswachand Singh and late Somolata Potshangbam, of Khagempalli Panthak Nganappi Thong Mapal, Imphal West, do hereby declare that I had renounced, relinquished and abandon the use of my old name Divyesh Potshangbam before appearing class X (HSLC) examination and have been using my new name Pibarel Potshangbam since then. That my earlier name was recorded by my late mother Somolata Potshangbam at other document including Reliance Nippon Life Insurance before I renounced, relinquished, and abandoned my name. This is to clarify that Pibarel Potshangbam is the same person Divyesh Potshangbam.

I do declared that Divyesh Potshangbam is my earlier name and that my new name is Pibarel Potshangbam.

Sd/-
Pibarel Potshangbam

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Beauty & Make-Up Tips for....

Fair Skin:

While choosing Foundation for a very fair skin, go for beige with a rosy (pinkish) tint. For fair skins, use beige, pink or orange undertones. If the complexion is fair, but sallow (i.e. yellowish), avoid pink tones and go for beige or biscuit shades. For eye colours, a brown eyebrow pencil may be more suitable than black. Apply dark brown or dark grey eye shadow over black eyeliner. It will tone down the stark black look. For fair skin, try pinks and reds for blushers and avoid dark colours in lipstick.

Wheatish Complexion:

Most Indian complexions are wheatish. Go for water based foundations. Choose a colour as close to skin colour

as possible. Avoid choosing lighter colour foundation. It will not provide a smooth finish, but give a mask-like effect. Use bronze or brown eye shadow. Add a touch of gold under the brow. For blusher, try bronze. For the lips, go for warm earthy colours, like coral, wine, plum, red and shades of red. A dark pink or rose-red would look good too. Avoid maroon, bright orange or very pale pink. The lip liner colour and lipstick colour should be the same.

Dusky / Olive: (Slightly dark)

Dusky, or olive complexions, look better with brownish beige shades for Foundation. It should be a colour that will add some glow to the skin. For blushers, avoid mauves

and light pink. Go with darker pink, or even some brown shades. A highlighting powder will help to add glow. Try it on your cheeks, along with your nose and forehead. For eye make-up, go for darker brown shadow, or try bronze or silver. For dusky complexions, dark eyes look captivating. So, go for black eyeliner and mascara. Apply eyeliner and smudge with a cotton bud, or apply eye shadow over it. It will give the smokey eyed look. Go for gloss for the lips and nude shades in lipstick would be good for bringing out the glow in the complexion.

Dark Skin:

If you have a dark skin, choose liquid foundations, instead of a creamy one. The

foundation should not be lighter than your skin tone. Try to get one which is as close to your normal skin colour as possible. Try out foundation colours in natural brown tones. When you apply foundation and powder, your aim should be for a lighter coverage. Special attention should be paid to blending. Avoid white and light coloured shadows. Soft brown combined with darker brown would be good. Use a kaajal pencil to outline the eyes. This can have a stunning effect on dark skins. For blusher, try a dark rose pink colour for the day and shades of bronze, plum, wine, for the night. For special occasions at night, use a touch of gold. It can really look glamorous

on dark skins. Apply it at the temples and under the outer corner of the eyebrows. For lips, a dark complexion looks good in vibrant colours. Avoid very pale colours. Go for warmer tones, like coral, bronze, red, wine. Try mixing two colours to get the shades that suit your skin. Bright red lipstick can be toned down with tinted lip gloss. Avoid very dark colours like maroon or dark brown.

Last but not the least, Have superb confidence in you and spread the waves of the warmth of love and affection with all family members.

(The author is international fame beauty expert and is popularly called Herbal Queen of India)

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme being sabotaged

By Gyan Pathak
New Delhi, August 06:

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, popularly known as MGNREGA scheme is systematically being sabotaged. It is being financially throttled by the Centre in many ways – by reducing budgetary provisions, not releasing funds in time, and resorting to political expediency by alleging the states for corruption in the scheme while taking little or no appropriate action against the culprits who are violating even the fundamental rights to life, liberty, and equality before the law apart from violating the statutory provisions of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) 2005.

NREGA 2005 was enacted during Congress led UPA government at the Centre and now has been systematically victimized under PM Narendra Modi who has been leaving no stone unturned for his manifested dream of “Congress Mukh Bharat” (literally an India free of Congress). The hostility has gone beyond reasonable limit and the MGNREGA scheme became victim only because it was brought by the Congress, a process of sabotage began in which poor rural workforce suffered unfathomable miseries.

Since NREGA 2005 gave guarantee to all rural workforce whoever happen to demand work under the scheme. It was therefore demand driven. Without discouraging the demand the government could not have sabotaged it, and perhaps precisely for this reason working atmosphere was first vitiated through numerous ways so that poor workers do approach for work. Payments were kept low even below the minimum wages apart from making the process of getting work difficult and cumbersome. The workers were to be paid under the act within 15 days

of the date due for payment, but it were delayed for months, making their survival even more difficult. Despite this ground reality demand for work continued increasing, which a Supreme Court judgment in 2016 said forced labour.

In the Swaraj Abhiyan case judgment (2016), the Supreme Court has said that delay in payment and non-payment of minimum wages was an abrogation of Article 23 of the Constitution of India, wherein NREGA workers were made to work, given late wages, workers have no choice but to work due to the severe constraints of economic circumstances – amounting to forced labour. Modi government’s action thereafter, and the worsening situation now six year after is indicative of the fact that the words of the Supreme Court fell into deaf ears.

The NREGA 2005 guarantee has utterly failed which affect the right to life and liberty of rural poor workers that violates Article 21 of the constitution, especially when neither work is available nor the proper wages in right time. Equality before law under Article 14 is also violated in several ways, especially in respect to working condition of officials and workers along with differential financial compensations. Officials are paid in time with higher wages and dearness allowances linked to inflation.

Modi government’s Union Budget 2022-23 even let down millions of desperate rural poor workers by reducing the MGNREGA budget by 25 per cent to Rs 73,000 crore which was even lower than the revised estimate for 2021-22, which was Rs 98,000 crore at a time. Economic Survey 2021-22 had also admitted, when demand for work under the scheme was still higher than the pre-pandemic level. The centre clearly went against the “demand-driven” original concept of the scheme. Even two

years ago the budget was Rs 110,000 crore. The pending liability at the time of the budget was around Rs 1000 crore. Out of the budgetary provision for the current financial year, two-third were already spent in the first four month ending July. We have eight months ahead and just one-third of the budget is left.

Therefore, Modi government is now resorted to a tactics for not releasing funds to the states allegedly on ground of corruption. Is corruption of central fund has gone beyond the controlling capacity of the Modi government? And must the poor rural workforce suffer for it? There are many more such questions that need answer, especially when both the opposition ruled as well as BJP or NDA ruled states are demanding more MGNREGA funds for rural job creation while they are bearing the brunt of protests in the last one year by MGNREGA workers demanding work opportunities, increasing wages at least to the minimum wages, timely payment, and assistance or compensation for work-related injuries. Restricting flow of funds to the states in the name of corruption seems to be just an excuse.

States on the other hand have been alleging restricted flow of funds from the centre which are much less than required. Too much centralization is weakening the local governance, and Central administration not honouring local priorities, almost dictating terms of implementation. Local bodies are being dictated by government officials, against whom there are allegations of corruption.

Since corruption is not a disease but only a symptom of maladministration in the government, the Centre cannot shed its responsibility in case of a centrally sponsored scheme by simply alleging the states for corruption. The river of maladministration in

centrally sponsored schemes originates for the centre and flows down to the states and the panchayats.

Take example of setting up independent social audit units, if constituted, are supposed to work independently. They are supposed to be funded directly by the Centre, and are also not liable to the state government. However, the centre alleges that the states are not getting social audit done, while keeping large number of social audit unit unpaid even for over a year. How can one not find the centre guilty for not doing enough to end corruption in MGNREGA scheme?

NREGA 2005 provides for compensation for delay in payment of wages, but who cares? Neither unemployment allowance is paid to those who are not getting work under NREGA even if they demand work, nor is compensation being paid for delayed payment of wages to those who work. Who is accountable for failure of Constitution or statutory guarantee given to the poor rural workers? Why there should be a cumbersome process of getting work, including attendance needing internet connection while there are connectivity issues in rural areas? Getting work has been made difficult in the name of tackling corruption, and in many cases even genuine job card have been allegedly deleted.

MGNREGA workers’ protest in Delhi early this week will be followed by more protests. TMC of West Bengal will be protesting next week against withholding MGNREGA funds. Bihar has demanded 10 crore additional mandays under the scheme for job creation. Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, Nagaland, and Manipur have already sent protests in the last one year and is threatening to spread across the country.

(IPA Service)

Assam Rifles conducts Pre-recruitment Training for young aspirants



IT News
Imphal, August 06:

Somsai Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducts Pre-Recruitment training for young aspirants to join Indian Armed Forces as Agniveers & Assam Rifles at Ukhrul.

The battalion is conduct-

ing this training since 15 July 2022, but to take it to next level and provide the young aspirants a near-real time feel of the selection process and competitive atmosphere the troops of Assam Rifles conducted mock-tests including Physical test, written test and medical screening. These tests were conducted to provide the as-

plicants an opportunity for self-assessment as well as create awareness about the effort required by them to pass the physical, written and medical tests of the selection process. A total of 215 boys and 17 girls for Agniveer/Assam Rifles Recruitment from villages in Ukhrul district are attending the training.

AR conducted lecture on Ill Effect of Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

IT News
Imphal, August 06:

Mantripukhri Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a lecture on “ILL EFFECT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE” as part of NashaMukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBMA) at New Light Public School, Liwa Lambi in Imphal West district, Manipur today.

The awareness lecture was conducted to encourage prevention from use of drugs and achieve the goal of a sustainable world free of drugs. Youth were told about the menace of drug addiction which has a devastating impact on the ad-

dict, their family and the society. A total of 40 students and teachers participated in the lecture.

The school staff and students appreciated the efforts

of Assam Rifles in maintaining peaceful environment in the area & also requested to conduct such awareness programmes in future too.

Assam Rifles assisted in clearing landslide debris on NH 202



IT News
Imphal, August 06:

The Mantripukhri Battalion under the aegis of Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) has assisted in clearing a stretch on National Highway-202 between Gwaltabi-Mahadev Camp in Ukhrul district which was blocked due to a landslide in the area today.

Incessant rains led to the landslide thereby blocking the National Highway-202, the lifeline connecting the Imphal and Ukhrul districts of Manipur. The Assam Rifles troops from Company Operating Base Yaingangpokpi immediately reacted and reached the spot and extended their assistance to the locals and the district administration in clearing the blocked road.

Ph.D DEGREE AWARDED



Miss Jennifer Yumnam, D/O Yumnam Jogeshwar, Retd. Addl. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept, Manipur and Consultant Engineer, RIMS, Imphal of Governor Road, Paona Bazar, Imphal and now residing at Sangaiprou Maning Leikai, Imphal has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in the subject “Psychology” by Chandra Mohan Jha University, Meghalaya on 11th July 2022, vide notification number CMJU/RO/Ph.D/Noti./2022/104-A and registration number 80187618100033 for her thesis entitled “Depression, Anxiety and Stress among college students of Imphal city” under the supervision of Dr. G. Ranjit Sharma, Retd. Associate Professor of Manipur College, Imphal.

During the period of her research work, she has presented papers in National and International Seminars and also published research articles in both National and International journals. She completed her M.A. in Clinical Psychology from University of Pune, Maharashtra.

Best wishes from
Family, friends and well wishers

Sports

Commonwealth Games 2022, Day 9:

Avinash Sable wins Silver in 3000m Steeplechase; Priyanka bags Silver Medal in Women’s 10,000m Race Walk

Agency
Birmingham, August 06:

Avinash Sable broke the 3000m Steeplechase National Record for the record 9th time, clocking 8:11.20 to win India’s first-ever Steeplechase Medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, UK, on Saturday.

Indian athlete Priyanka Goswami has won her maiden major medal as she bags silver in the 10km Race Walk in Commonwealth Games 2022.

Avinash Sable clocked 8:11.20 to better the previous NR of 8:12.48, created at the Rabat Diamond League earlier this year.

Kenya’s Abraham Kibiwot, the 2018 Gold Coast silver medalist and one of the leading runners from 2022, narrowly edged the Indian by 0.05 seconds to win the gold. World junior champion Amos Serem, also from Kenya, took the bronze 8:16.83.

Kenyan Olympic and two-time world champion Consesius Kiprotto finished sixth in the race with a time of 8:34.96.

Avinash Sable, who finished a disappointing 11th at the world athletics championships

in Oregon last month after a slow start, was quick off the blocks during his race at the Alexander Stadium and was in the leading pack with three Kenyan runners, who led the race in the initial phase.

Priyanka remained at number 1 from the start of the game as she went on to get her hands on the medal, defeating many renowned athletes from all around the world.

The 26-year-old finished her race in 43:38.83 minutes and finished after the Australian Jemima Montag who finished her race in 42:34.30 minutes creating a Commonwealth Games record.

The Indian athlete has won her maiden medal and created a Personal Best record.

The spotlight will be on wrestlers once again as India look for more medals in the sport. Wrestling action headlines an action-packed day with Pooja Gehlot, Naveen, Pooja Sihag, Vinesh Phogat, Ravi Dahiya and Deepak Nehra competing in their respective matches. Sihag, Dahiya and Nehra will be playing in the quarterfinals.

Achanta Sharath Kamal will

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2	ENG	47	47	38
3	CAN	19	26	26
4	NZL	17	11	14
5	IND	9	10	9
6	SCO	8	8	19
7	RSA	7	7	8

be playing in his quarterfinal match in the Table Tennis singles event, while Poonam Sharma, Sharmila and Santosh will be participating for India in Shot Put finals. Sathiya Gnasekaran and Sanil Shetty will also be playing their respective quarterfinals in men’s singles. Avinash Sable will be participating in the men’s 3000 m steeplechase final.

At the same time, Badminton star PV Sindhu will be playing in her women’s singles quarterfinals. Boxing champion Nikhat Zareen will be fighting in her Over 48-50 kg semis against Savannah Stubley, while the men’s hockey team plays its semifinal from 10:30 pm onwards against South Africa. The Indian women’s cricket team will be eyeing to confirm a

medal during the semi-final against England.

Indian boxers Amit Panghal (men’s flyweight) and Nitu Ghangas (women’s minimum weight) have entered the final. Four other Indians including Nikhat Zareen will feature in semi-finals too. After the wrestlers grabbed the limelight with three gold medals on Day 8, the Indian contingent can expect more medals on Day 9. In wrestling, Vinesh Phogat and Ravi Kumar will be in action. The Indian women’s cricket team will also be in focus as it faces England in the semi-final Edgbaston, Birmingham. If the Harmanpreet Kaur-led wins the contest, at least a silver medal would be assured. The India men’s hockey team will also square off against South Africa later in the day in the semi-finals. In lawn bowls men’s fours gold medal match, India will take on Ireland.

In badminton, PV Sindhu, Kidambi Srikanth and Lakshya Sen will be in action in singles quarter-finals. Star table tennis players like Achanta Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra will also be in action. In squash too, Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal will be in action.