

## GoI proposed Pan Naga Hoho as transitional to Naga integration under one political roof, says NSCN (IM)

### Chairman Ino Qhehezu Tuccu

By: Rajkumar Bobichand  
Imphal, August 07:

While the Framework Agreement signed between the Government of India (GOI) and the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland - NSCN (IM) on August 3, 2015 has completed seven years on August 3, 2022, and the Ceasefire between the GOI and the NSCN (IM) has completed 25 years on August 1, 2022, the NSCN (IM) has given politically significant statements.

The most significant statement is what the NSCN (IM) has reiterated that the Government of India proposed PAN NAGA HOHO, a cultural institution which embraces the Nagas of all Naga areas.

Moreover, the NSCN (IM) has also cautioned the Government of India that the 25 years is a long period in human life and 25 years of ceasefire is not a joke.

It may be mentioned that the ceasefire between the Government of India (GOI) and the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of

Nagaland - NSCN (IM) became effective from August 1, 1997.

VS Atem, Member of Collective Leadership NSCN (IM) and Team Leader of Cease Fire Ground Rules Review Committee (CFGRRC) while delivering the keynote speech on the occasion of 25 years of the Ceasefire between the GOI and NSCN (IM) held at the Mission Centre, WBCC, 7th Mile, Dimapur on August 1, 2022 said, "25 years is a long period in human life and 25 years of ceasefire is not a joke. He pointed out that "many things have happened during this period, good and bad. But NSCN is still struggling to solve the problem".

Notably, the Chairman, CFMG (Cease Fire Monitoring Group), Lt. Gen. Amarjeet Singh Bedi, (Retd.) was present as a Special Invitee at the occasion.

Others who attended the meeting were leaders from the Naga Hoho, ENPO (Eastern Nagaland People's Organization), UNC (United Naga Council), Naga Council Dimapur (NCD), NPMHR (Naga People's Movement for

Human Rights), FNR (Forum for Naga Reconciliation), NMA (Naga Mother's Association), NSF (Naga Students' Federation), GNF (Global Naga Forum) and Tenyimi Union, Dimapur (TUD).

Naturally, they all expressed concern for the long years of the Indo-Naga ceasefire which is yet to find a solution to the Naga political issue. The occasion was marked by the release of a booklet, "25 Years of Indo-Naga Ceasefire (1997-2022)", said a press note issued by NSCN (IM)'s MP.

Meanwhile, NSCN (IM) Chairman Ino Qhehezu Tuccu while delivering his speech on the 7th commemoration of the Framework Agreement on August 3, 2022 at the Council Headquarters of the NSCN (IM), Hebron said that one of the "central points" of the Naga movement has been the "integration of all Naga territories under one political roof".

Chairman Ino Tuccu said, "The politics of integration of all Naga territories under one political roof has been one of

the central points of the movement. After series of talks between the Government of India and NSCN, it was "mutually agreed that the integration of all the Naga areas is the 'legitimate right of the Nagas' and that in keeping with the principle it will be finalized through political process at the earliest as mutually agreed upon".

"As agreed upon political institutions will be instituted in the Naga areas in the so-called states of Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in addition to the present Nagaland state, which will be transitional to the final goal. The government of India proposed PAN NAGA HOHO, a cultural institution which embraces the Nagas of all Naga areas. It will deal with the culture, custom and tradition, literature, social and interest of the Nagas, which was mutually agreed", Chairman Ino Tuccu further stated.

While delivering his speech on the 7th commemoration of the Framework Agreement, Chairman Inno Tuccu said that the

Framework Agreement recognizes the unique history of the Naga independence and its unique situation by the Government of India. "By unique history, it means the Nagas have never been a part of the Union of India. By unique situation, it means it is political, not law and order problem of India. We say sovereignty is our inherent right and that the Nagas are a sovereign people. However, it must be recognized by other nation-states", he asserted.

Moreover, NSCN (IM) Chairman Ino Tuccu also accused the "interlocutors of the Government of India" of making the Naga flag and constitution "an issue. "It is known to all that the flag and the constitution are component parts of the recognised sovereignty and unique history. We truly say we are Nagas, not Indians, but the Government of India did not respect the Naga national identity. The Nagas must be a recognised entity. The Naga national entity is now recognised by the Government of India", he said.

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## Mobile data internet shut down following protests tribal students

IT News  
Imphal, August 07:

Government of Manipur has suspended mobile data internet for five days since midnight yesterday to prevent spread of communal enmity among various community of the state. The urgent order was passed by the state government last midnight night after a report by the Superintendent of Police of Bishnupur district that a vehicle was set ablaze by three-four men at Phougakchao Ikhang on Saturday evening. The crime has created communal tension, the order said.

Some anti-social elements are using social media to transmit hate speeches inciting the passions of the public, the order further said.

The All Tribal Student Union Manipur (ATSUM) has been enforcing economic blockade on National Highways demanding that the Manipur (Hill Areas) Autonomous District Council Bill, 2021 be tabled in the Assembly.

The state government, however, introduced the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Council 6th and 7th Amendment Bills in the state assembly on Tuesday, which the protesters claimed was not in line with their demands.

Over 30 tribal students were injured in capital Imphal on Saturday when the police stopped a protest rally. Five tribal student leaders were arrested and sent to jail for 15 days.

Demanding the release of its arrested leaders, the tribal students' body All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) has imposed an indefinite economic blockade on highways. Some incidents of arson, including setting a vehicle ablaze, have been reported.

The tabling of the 6th and 7th Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Amend-

ment Bills, 2022, in the state assembly by the BJP-led Manipur government's tribal affairs and hills minister Letpao Haokip was the immediate trigger for protests as tribals, who populate the Hill areas of the state, have been demanding the tabling of another bill on the same issue which was drafted in consultation with them.

The Hill Areas Committee (HAC)-recommended draft Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) Amendment Bill, 2021 seeks greater financial and administrative autonomy in the hill region.

In August last year, the Hill Area Committee (HAC) - comprising of all the 20 tribal reserved seat MLAs of the Manipur assembly - recommended the new Autonomous District Council (ADC) Bill with the objective to ensure 'equitable development' in the hill districts in the same parameters as in the valley region of the state.

Tribal groups have always alleged that the existing ADC law had various deficiencies that resulted in the underdevelopment of the hill region as compared to the more developed Imphal valley over the years.

The HAC-recommended draft ADC Bill seeks to amend the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Act, 1971 passed by the Parliament.

The draft ADC Bill aims to provide more autonomy to the HAC and six ADCs. Some of the provisions of this Bill include an increase in the number of the ADC constituencies, the creation of the Hill Areas Secretariat for managing and coordinating the working of all the ADCs, the setting up of the ADC's Executive Committee, more effective involvement of the HAC in development and economic planning, including budget allocations, for the entire hill areas.

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## State gears up to Co-host Durand Cup

IT News  
Imphal, August 07:

Preparations are going on in full swing for hosting the Group - C matches of the 131st Durand Cup, 2022 in Imphal. The Asia's oldest football tournament is being held in three different States viz West Bengal, Assam and Manipur for the first time.

Chennaiyin FC, Hyderabad FC, NEROCA FC, TRAU FC and Army Red FT are in the Group - C of the tournament and the Manipur chapter of the tournament will kick off with the much awaited Manipur derby between NEROCA FC and TRAU FC at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium at 6 pm on August 18. A

total of 10 league matches will be played in Imphal.

As the tournament is being organized by the Indian Army with supports from the State Government, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren had chaired a meeting of the local organizing committee which comprise of Army officers and State Government officials to review the preparedness of the tournament at Chief Minister's Secretariat on July 20, 2022.

16 different sub-committees viz. Security, Fire Safety, Traffic Management, Reception, Accommodation, Transport, Infrastructure, Technical and Information Technology, Ground Development, Health, Hospitality, Water Supply, Waste Management, Cultural

Programme, Publicity and Information and Power Supply have been formed for the smooth and successful conduct of the tournament. One Nodal Officer each from the State Government Departments concerned has been nominated to work in coordination with their counterparts of the Indian Army.

Officials from the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Event Management Group Cherry Tree have started arriving in the State capital to oversee the preparations going on. Stadium renovation, painting, electrification, plumbing works, mending of approach roads, etc. are almost complete. Pitch maintenance is going on with full progress.

Regarding security, CCTV cameras have been installed all over the stadium to keep vigil of any untoward incident. A foolproof security plan has been chalked out by the Manipur Police in this regard. On the other hand, necessary hotel rooms and transportations are kept ready for the visiting players and officials for a warm reception.

It may be mentioned that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh unveiled the trophies of the tournament in a glittering function at City Convention Centre, Imphal on July 27 in the presence of Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Govindas Konthoujam, Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command and

Chairman of Durand Cup Organising Committee, Lt. Gen. KK Repsal and other top military and civil officers.

The 131st edition of Durand Cup will be played at five venues of Khuman Lampak Stadium (Imphal), Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium (Guwahati), Naihati Stadium (Naihati), Kishore Bharati Krirangan and Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (Kolkata). Altogether 20 teams, including defending champions FC Goa and runners up from last year, Mohammedan Sporting, 11 teams from the Indian Super League, four Services team, NEROCA FC, TRAU FC, SUDEVA FC of Delhi and Rajasthan United FC will play in this edition of the Cup.

## Six student bodies appeal to suspend the economic blockade

IT News  
Imphal, Aug 07:

Six student bodies of the state while condemning the economic blockade imposed in the National Highways of Manipur has appealed the people to restrain from any act of communal activities that may incite communal tension among the people of the state.

In a press statement released by AMSU, AIMS, DESAM, KSA, MSF, and SUK, the student bodies said that as the state of Manipur has been resided by various communities, no community should hurt the sentiments of

other community while demanding for a political causes. It said that the economic blockade imposed in the national high ways is not justifiable as it affects the socio-economic condition of the various communities in the state of Manipur. The six student bodies appealed to suspend the economic blockade being underway in the national high ways to maintain cordial relationship between the different communities of the state.

The six student bodies also appealed the people to restrain from any act that may divide the people of the state.

## Manipur Celebrates 8th National Handloom Day

IT News  
Imphal, August 07:

The Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Government of Manipur celebrated the 8th National Handloom Day today at the City Convention Centre, Imphal. During the occasion, Chief Guest of the function, Minister for Textiles, Commerce & Industry Nemcha Kipgen launched the Cluster Development Programme in Manipur.

While addressing the gatherings, Nemcha Kipgen said that the Ministry of Textiles have taken various initiatives for promotion and development of the handloom industry in the country. She informed that under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), Government of India has sanctioned 21 (Twenty one) Cluster Development Programme (CDP), one Mega Handloom Cluster in Imphal East, Manipur. One project of Craft Handloom Village at Moirang in Bishnupur District, she added, Minister continued that in these projects, 24 Diploma holders in



Handloom & Textile technology will be engaged as Cluster Development Executives and another 24 Textile Designers from NIFT or NID or reputed Design Institute as Textile Designers for a period of 3 (three) years. A total of 46897 handloom weavers will be covered in

these projects within the project period of 3 years, the Minister asserted.

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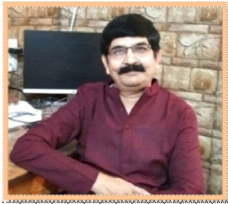
The Loom Upgradation Scheme introduced in 2018 has provided a total of 6705 Frame Loom to 6705 weavers till 2021-22.

Reiterating on the importance of promoting our unique handloom products, Minister Nemcha Kipgen said that the State Government have registered Wangkhei Phee, Shaphee Lanphee and Moirang Phee under Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 and 2014.

She also informed that the Department is preparing for registration of more products under the GI Act. The hashtag of My Handloom My Pride is the recognition that handloom cloth are our pride that weavers have woven, she added.

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## Every day actions matter, choose a plastic free life



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Every year, we produce nearly 280 million tonnes of plastic of which much of those spoil the environment, harming marine life and other ecosystems. As the world's population migrates to cities, the bleak reality of climate change becomes increasingly evident, and the need to create sustainable communities becomes paramount. Destruction of forests is to be taken as the destruction of the state, and reforestation an act of rebuilding the state and advancing its welfare. Since children spend time on the internet and mobile phones, they are more aware, but we need to make them active participants. A tree would be ideal, but even a small shrub can help the environment. It is estimated that plants can hold a large mass of water in their roots. At the same time, a ban should be a gradual and long-term objective. The loss of tree cover to make furniture would have a more severe impact on the environment than the use of plastics. More research needs to be done on using plastic waste for productive purposes. Plastic is widely used in our day to day life. Starting from a pen to a polythene bag in which we carry fruits and books are forms of plastic. Plastic bags are nothing but a product of laziness and poor planning. They find their origin in a variety of places. Non-grocery retail stores and restaurants are significant contributors, but there is no greater impact than the plastic bag waste that is generated by grocery stores.

The widespread use of plastic carry bags undoubtedly poses a serious problem. With global warming on the rise, we have to do every bit that we can to save the environment. The major chemicals that go into the making of plastic are highly toxic and pose a serious threat to living beings of all species on the earth. While there should be a strict ban on plastics, considering its ill-effects on the human beings and the environment, people should desist from accepting material in polythene bags. It is the moral duty of people to refrain from using plastic bags. While educating people on the need to shun plastic, we also need to make available cheaper, safer, durable alternatives for them. Cloth and jute bags need to be attractively priced and easily available. Authorities alone cannot be blamed for the plastic pollution.

Our most of the lakes and urban drain systems are choking because of plastic bags. Due to government neglect across the country and her maritime boundaries or coastline, animals particularly cows and bulls, are ingesting plastic from garbage dumps and plastic bags littered across the landscape and oceans. Thin plastic tends to cause flooding by choking drains, and can easily travel by wind and water in flood plains, thus increasing the flooding of public places during rains. One more reason for the ban is that cows, which are sacred in India, often asphyxiate from trying to eat the bags. The ingestion of plastic from plastic bags chokes the stomach of cows. Not only cows but some day polythene will kill us. Despite the enactment of rules for the disposal of municipal solid wastes and the management and handling of plastic waste, the governments have failed and neglected to implement these rules.

There are many, who are against the ban on plastic bags, and there is a reason because they believe it is infringing on their rights, creating an inconvenience, and adding expense to their shopping. If every individual resolves not to use plastic bags, our cities would be much better places to live in. Unless we honestly implement all ways to eliminate plastic, its ill-effects will continue to be with us. The little that we can do without much effort from our side is to say "NO" to plastic bags.

## Flashpoint at Taiwan

By: Sauro Dasgupta

Nancy Pelosi visiting Taiwan, with Taiwanese jets escorting her plane shows the growing importance of good ties between US and Taiwan. China's "shoot her down" warning didn't work.

China considers Taiwan part of its territory and has never renounced using force to bring it under its control. The United States warned China against using the visit as a pretext for military action against Taiwan.

But will the visit materialise into something useful? It's highly unlikely.

This visit was followed by cancellation of several military talks between US and China.

The world was unipolar till recently. However, the intensity of that unipolarity is fading because of the rise of other global secondary powers like the EU, India, Russia, Japan, Germany, France and the UK.

China feels that it is encircled by the US. US feels that China is encroaching on the South China Sea. Today, the world is once again bipolar. Despite having very few allies, China is putting up a brave fight.

US power is being challenged rapidly. While it has provided Ukraine with weapons and funds, it has been unable to do anything substantial for the helpless civilians. On China, it has been unable to aid its allies like India in their fight against China.

At the end, neither China nor the US want to end the conflict, for if they do so, the military-industrial complex of both countries will be affected adversely. While they continue their hostilities, the people will watch with bated breath and can only pray that this flashpoint at Taiwan won't be escalated further.

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## US-China's tension over Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan and its future impact



By: Jayanta Sharangthem

'If you play with fire, you will get burned'. With this strong statement, China has openly challenged America. And America has accepted this challenge as well. Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan has sparked tensions with China. China's reaction is furious at Pelosi's visit. She, who is third in line to the US presidency, has visited and assured that the US will help Taiwan uphold democracy by any means. Pelosi has been harsh on China's critics over the years. She had criticised the Tiananmen Square massacre as well. She left Taipei and spent barely 18 hours in Taiwan. But Beijing is still fuming. China has carried out cyber-attacks on Taiwan too. This puts the peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific region under threat, disrupting everything including flights and sea routes by China's military operations. Chinese warplanes and ships have crossed the median line in the strait between mainland China and Taiwan. The biggest-ever aggressive military drill of the PLA across the Taiwan air defence zone comes in response to top US Democrat and House of Representatives' Speaker Nancy Pelosi's controversial visit to Taiwan. Even after continuous serious warning from Beijing, China even vows to re-educate the Taiwanese. The world clearly has a lot to worry about. Why is there always a conflict between China and Taiwan? And what is the interest of the US in this matter? What difference does it make if China controls Taiwan? Let us try to understand the hidden agenda behind the story and its implications for India. On Thursday, the Communist state of China launched ballistic missiles into the water around Taiwan's north-east and south-west coasts, even though the latter is always against the Chinese dream of expansionism. China claims the island as part of its territory, even though the island collects its own taxes, votes in its own government, issues its own passports, and has its own military. This ferocious reaction and response is highly provocative and endangers regional peace and stability, in addition to disrupting international trade and transportation. There are so many reasons behind this scenario. China sees self-ruled Taiwan, which lies 100 miles from it, as a breakthrough province and has a desire to put Taiwan under its control, by force if necessary, in view of sea route expansion and economic super power. The island, which is the largest producer of semiconductors and chips in the world, holds the key to economic development, particularly in the high-tech area. TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company) is located in Taiwan, and without this industry, the international economy is going to suffer. The US wants to make Taiwan as its ally and losing Taiwan would be like losing the US tech industry. So, Taiwan is more important than Ukraine in terms of the economy.

Nancy then touched down in Japan on Thursday, the final stop on her Asia tour from South Korea, whose president was distancing himself from meeting with Pelosi, following a visit to Taiwan that infuriated China and becoming the highest-profile elected US official to set foot in Taiwan in 25 years this week. But Pelosi visited the demilitarised zone (DMZ), a highly dangerous border between North and South Korea. When China went ballistic with missile tests in the Taiwan strait in 1996, the Taiwanese president informally went to the US to attend an alumni celebration at Cornell University. Is Beijing miscalculating Pelosi's visit this time again? Surely it is.

Taiwan, which the Taiwanese refer to as "true China," has been ruled by various parties, including the Dutch in the 17th century, the Qing Dynasty of China, and Japan. In World War II, many Taiwanese soldiers fought for Japan. Even today, Taiwanese culture has Japanese influences in it. But the world order changed after WW2. An ideological war began. On one hand, there was Western democracy, and on the other hand, there was Communist USSR, where the whole world focussed entirely on USSR. Communist forces within China were getting stronger under Mao, which eventually ruled China under the People's Republic of China (PRC). For a long time, the Nationalist Party of Kuomintang (KMT) ruled the island. The KMT ruled mainland China from 1928 to 1949. It was then defeated by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the civil war,



and the old Chinese government fled and formed an exiled government in Taiwan under the Republic of China (ROC) in 1949, which ruled the island territory under martial law till 1987 and claimed to represent the whole China. For many years, Taiwan and not the mainland China ruled by the CCP, was part of the United Nations and its Security Council. That changed in the 1970s. This whole story can sometimes be compared to the situation where there is India on one side and Jammu and Kashmir on the other side, having different constitutions before the removal of article 370. In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly voted to replace Taiwan with Mainland China as its member. On January 1, 1979, the US started formal diplomatic relations with China under the One China Policy, that came at the cost of Taiwan's diplomatic alliance with the US. The CCP's guiding ideological principle is the One China Policy. It has been the cornerstone of China's domestic and international policies since 1949. No Taiwan, no Xinjiang, no Tibet, just China. Mainland China calls Taiwan a renegade province and has not shied away from issuing threats to capture the island nation. The CCP has used mainland China's economic and military power to end their alliance and diplomatic relations with Taiwan. Today, China has diplomatic ties with 178 countries, while Taiwan is recognised by only 14 small countries.

According to China, democracy cannot deliver sustainable growth. Xi Jinping believes the 21st century is not for democracy and autocracies would do better as democracy takes time to reach consensus. On the contrary, Taiwan has seen a democratic

evolution in the last few decades. Today, it is a vibrant democracy with its people not yet ready to unite with China. Promoting democracy globally defines the external politics of the US and Taiwan fits into it. The US wanted to isolate and corner the Soviet Union and China, a communist country, to make the United States the world economic super power. The US is of the view that Taiwan's transition into democracy gives the US an answer to China's Communist propaganda by providing Taiwan with arms of a defensive character. Taiwan is a straight answer to the global geopolitical debate on Democratic vs. Communist regimes and systems to follow, and the US does not want to let this democratic assertion go away to the threats and steps of a communist country, or China in this case.

Is it the beginning of WW3? Only time can tell. The message is quite clear. Sweden and Finland have recently been granted NATO membership, and the US and its allies' expansionist policy has enraged communist countries such as Russia and China. The world is already divided over Ukraine. Some countries like Pakistan, Russia, Iran, Belarus, Cuba, Myanmar, Thailand, and Sri Lanka reaffirm the 'One China Policy' and some side with Taiwan, although the EU looks divided over the crisis just like the rest of the world. Russia, on the other hand, says China has the right to hold military drills around Taiwan. But who gave China that right? Now, it has sparked an unexpected tension over Taiwan. The US is an unofficial ally of Taiwan. The US president has himself said that America won't stay silent if there is an attack on Taiwan.

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## Do Not Touch....!!!

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Being touch starved — also known as skin hunger or touches deprivation — occurs when a person experiences little to no touch from other living things.

Indeed, The condition seems to be more common in countries that are becoming increasingly touched averse.

Research has found that missing out on regular human touch can have some serious and long-lasting effects. For example, a study measured to what degree people welcomed touch in five countries. Finland and France were found to be at the top, while the United Kingdom was at the bottom.

We have seen, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many people are losing out on workplace handshakes, friendly hugs, or pats on the back, which can result in feelings of touch starvation.

For some, the pandemic has also brought a decline in sensual touching, such as holding hands, back scratching, and foot rubbing, too.

Why cultures vary in their acceptance of touch, no one is sure. It may be due to the rise in technol-

ogy use, a fear of touching being viewed as inappropriate or cultural factors.

Back in the "olden days" aka my youth, there was an awareness of how to behave politely towards other people, and this code of conduct was called "social etiquette". Children were taught the basic rules of etiquette, which included rules regarding who is allowed to touch whom, where, and how, and under what circumstances. Anyhow, touching anything without permission is against the social ethics. It is better to discuss and put wiser yourself by asking about your curiosity on seeing something peculiar. Then, have a feeling of touching only by asking.

But don't ignore the effort of a person who tries to keep in touch. It's not all the time someone cares; there might be something special or emergent even. Well young educated and sensible towards their life style especially the females, say, despite the fact we love each other but don't touch until we are settled.

Mobile which is the most wanted and latest electronic gadgets, always

24x7 on, in one's hand, except kept by bed side before sleeping. In a lighter way, someone even has made the home scene of words - Don't touch my phone. Even another one funnier, put it as Phone is locked, kiss me to unlock. One can learn also from the wounds, from medical point of view - to heal a wound, you need to stop touching it.

What about, in times of war, don't touch the guns; stay as a human! Always refuse to be a killer! Will it be possible? No, not at all. We have seen in the recent Russia-Ukraine War.

Frankly speaking, sometimes we look but don't see, listen but don't hear, touch but don't feel. There could be many more factors behind 'Do Not Touch' version. But if one sense fails, the others step in. It has happened in the case of visually impaired persons. Even the parents were very conscious when during my visit on foreign land, when I was objected on touching on the cheek of a lovely hardly 4 years old child.

'Do Not Touch' would probably be a really unsettling thing to read in braile by visually impaired persons.



By: Harish Monga

The moment you read these three words - Do not touch -, there is always an urge to touch and see what happens or how do I feel. Mostly, these words are displayed at the museum where the very rare things are displayed to avoid deterioration.

Why do people think it's okay to touch someone without their permission? Yes, the moment you feel the things attractive or feel affection towards for someone, you feel to touch or hug him/her.

Humans are wired to be touched. From birth until the day we die, as our need for physical contact re-



# India logs 18,738 new infections, 40 deaths in last 24 hours

Agency  
New Delhi, August 07:

India on Sunday (August 7, 2022) witnessed a slight decline in fresh coronavirus infections. The country recorded 18,738 new Covid-19 cases today, India's tally of COVID-19 cases has risen to 4,41,45,732 while the active cases have increased to 1,34,933, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

The death toll has climbed to 5,26,689 with 40 fatalities which includes eight deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

An increase of 140 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,34,84,110, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

Additionally, the ministry informed that 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 daily positivity rate was recorded at 5.02 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 4.63 per cent, according to the ministry.

According to the ministry, 206.21 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

The new fatalities include nine from Maharashtra, four each from Chhattisgarh and West Bengal, three from Manipur, two from Madhya Pradesh and one each from Bihar, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab and Tripura.

Meanwhile, the Centre on Saturday wrote to six states and

the Union Territory of Delhi directing them to ensure adequate testing, promote COVID-appropriate behaviour and increase the pace of vaccination to control the further spread of viral infection promptly and in an effective manner.

The letters were sent to the State Health Secretaries of Delhi, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana on reporting a high number of COVID cases and positivity rate.

The Health Secretary said the upcoming months are likely to witness mass gatherings in the context of various festivals to be held in different parts of the country leading to a large number of individuals undertaking intra and interstate journeys.

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.

Delhi on Saturday reported 2,311 Covid cases with a positivity rate of 13.84 per cent while one more person died due to the disease, according to data shared by the city health department.

Maharashtra on Saturday reported 1,931 fresh COVID-19 cases and nine fatalities, taking the tally to 80,57,920 and the toll to 1,48,138, the state health department said.

Chhattisgarh on Saturday reported 493 new coronavirus infections and four deaths, the state health department said. The positivity rate in the state stood at 5.30 per cent. The case tally rose to 11,68,930, while death toll increased to 14,079.

# Jagdeep Dhankhar elected 14th Vice President of India



By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, July 07:

NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar (71) won the vice-presidential election to become the 14th Vice-President of India defeating Opposition candidate Margaret Alva by a margin of 346 votes in an election held on Saturday.

Of the 725 votes polled, Dhankhar bagged 528 votes and Margaret Alva got 182 votes, while 15 votes became invalid. As many as 55 MPs did not vote in the election held from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

The Trinamool Congress abstained from the election. However, two of its MPs had cast their ballots. There were eight vacancies in Rajya Sabha - four from Jammu and Kash-

mir, three nominated, and one from Tripura. There are 543 members in Lok Sabha and 237 in Rajya Sabha.

The term of incumbent M Venkaiah Naidu ends on August 10. The members of both Houses of Parliament throughout the day voted to elect the next Vice-President. The new Vice-President will take the oath of office on August 11.

With support from regional parties like the Janata Dal (United), YSRCP, BSP, AIADMK, and Shiv Sena (breakaway faction), Dhankhar from the very start was up for an easy win. Alva got the backing of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), and Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS).

While Dhankhar is a Jat leader from Rajasthan with a socialist background. He is a lawyer by profession. He joined politics in 1990. He was the member of the Union cabinet led by the former Prime Minister late P V Narsimha Rao. He became the governor of West Bengal in July 2019 and made headlines since then over his tumultuous relations with the Mamata Banerjee government. Subsequently, he tendered his resignation as the governor of West Bengal.

The 80-year-old Alva is a Congress veteran and has served as governor of Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Goa and Gujarat. A five-term Member of Parliament, Alva has held the Parliamentary Affairs and Youth Affairs portfolios in the Central cabinet.

# Assam: Japanese Encephalitis has claimed 63 lives since July 1 & infected 347, says Govt

Agency  
Guwahati, August 07:

At least 63 people died of Japanese Encephalitis in Assam in the last 37 days while 347 were infected, prompting the Health Department to undertake various measures to deal with the disease, officials said on Saturday.

Three fresh deaths were reported from Nagaon district on Saturday while fresh infections were reported from 10 districts including Cachar, Dibrugarh and Kamrup

Metro.

According to the National Health Mission (NHM), since July 1, at least 63 people have died after being infected by the vector-borne disease in more than 22 of the state's 35 districts.

NHM officials said that they directed the district authorities to constitute District Rapid Response Teams and accordingly, these were constituted to keep a close watch on the situation and to take preventive measures.

Japanese Encephalitis and malaria kill many people in

Assam every year, specifically during the monsoon season that usually starts in May and stretches to October.

Principal Secretary, Health, Avinash Joshi and NHM Director M.S. Lakshmi Priya are in close touch with the district authorities and asked them to remain pro-active to deal with the situation.

The NHM has also issued a standard operating procedure and guidelines to tackle the situation arising with the outbreak and health workers have been conducting a massive awareness campaign

against the disease.

Last year, at least 40 deaths were reported due to Japanese Encephalitis, officials said. Japanese Encephalitis is transmitted by infected mosquitoes mainly during the monsoon.

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# US-China's tension over Nancy Pelosi's....

During the cold war, Taiwan was an important ally for the West. The same was true in Ukraine too. What happened to Ukraine? When Russia invaded Ukraine, the whole world expected the West i.e. the USA and EU to help Ukraine. But no western countries actively took part in the war. There are many reasons. The first reason is that the EU depends on Russia for natural gas. Europe is now facing natural gas scarcity because Russia has stopped exporting to them. Secondly, Russia is the second-most powerful country to have nuclear power. Will Europe back the US this time? This becomes a big question mark. If Russia and the USA, both having nuclear powers, start a war between them, it will be bad news for the whole world as this definitely means WW3. We can't estimate where the war will actually stop. The Russia-Ukraine crisis is quite similar to the China-US-Taiwan scenario. China is also a nuclear power state. The Ukraine and Taiwan are militarily underdogs. These two countries will be the losers at the end after destroying their economies.

Politically, China-Taiwan reunification is at the core of the CCP's political vision and internal political tussle. Xi Jinping must take a heroic action to silence his party's rivals and reclaim his third presidential term later this year. The GDP of Taiwan is \$786 billion, which is more than any other developed country. It is one of the 21st century's most valuable islands and all this treasure lies a mere 130kms from China. Taiwan was Asia's top performing economy over India and China in 2020-21, the year when almost all coun-

tries saw negative economic growth during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. Economically, Taiwan is a world leader in the high-tech industry and a dominant power in the semiconductor business. Taiwan's semiconductor players even outshine the US in advanced fabricated technologies. China, the world's largest buyer of semiconductors, depends on the US, Taiwan, South Korea, and other countries for semiconductor supply as the domestic industry has failed to take off in spite of years of efforts. Taiwan and South Korea, in fact, control 70% of semiconductor manufacturing globally. To fulfill its world superpower on economy, China wants to occupy Taiwan so that it can enter the Pacific Ocean Economic Zone more openly, thereby exporting its manufacturing products to other parts of the countries, over and above, setting up a military base in Taiwan. The US politically sees this as a huge hole in its defence and the US won't take this risk. And China thinks Taiwan under mainland China can solve the semiconductor crisis that China is facing after the Washington hostility and also Taiwan under mainland China's control, despite stiff opposition by the US, means China's dominance in global geopolitics. It would be seen as China's victory over US policies.

How is the world reacting to Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan? Even though Japan calls for an immediate stop to China's military drills around Taiwan and its exclusive economic zone, Pakistan and Russia have already expressed their views in support of the

Chinese Furious Military Exercise, launched after US Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island. Surely, there will be an arms race in the Indo-Pacific region. What about India? How should India view China's aggressive move? What will happen if China invades Taiwan? How will it impact the border standoff with India? India needs to be prepared for Chinese escalation. The situation will worsen because Myanmar, Manipur's neighbouring country, will automatically support China's ideology and decisions. India needs to gear up the security management along its borders. Pakistan and China have been the enemies of us from time immemorial, while Russia is a true old friend of India. India, on the other hand, can't go against the world super power and highly prosperous country, USA. In this confusing scenario, the decision and the stand, particularly for India, becomes a critical. For any wrong step, India has to pay the price for its mistake, including the mili-

tary and economic sanctions, either from the US or the USSR-China allies. We see the whole world is feeling the effect of Russia-Ukraine war. The alarming thing is the location of the conflict. Taiwan is centrally located in the Indo-Pacific region whose sea route travel is one of the busiest in the world. If Japan joins this fight, the world economy will be collapsed and the impact will be immeasurable because these three countries dominate the global economy. And with this, it would set the world back by years, if not decades. The biggest casualty will be electronics. If Taiwan falls, electronic devices, gadgets, chips, semiconductors, and others will get costlier. Both the US and China will likely wage an economic war, creating a globally economic emergency or simply a recession. This will affect the overall economy of India too. The fuel is more expensive. Our food prices are rising, and our energy bills are too high. But it will be even worse if the war erupts over Taiwan.

## Career Guidance

## Movable Library



Vijay GarG

Books are man's best friend. Good books enhance knowledge as well as develop language skills and vocabulary and are a great way to reduce stress. Due to the closure of schools due to the corona virus epidemic, the education of children has been adversely affected. In order to re-engage the children with the process of reading, writing and learning, a book fair named "Book Yatra" is being organized at different places in different cities.

So far this journey has been done for about 15 days in the City in more places and has reached more than 400 children. In this book journey, we constantly carry the organization's box of books and books from the youth series, Eklavya, etc. in our bag. Using the space available in the community like trees, cots, cots, tables, walls, fruit racks,

etc., they put up an exhibition of books. Children's love and enthusiasm for books is made in these book exhibitions. After so many days, they get stunned to find the books in their midst. Look at books all the scenes like running here and there to read more, bringing your fellow mates as well, insisting on taking books along with your family members to see and collect them, taking them home and showing books to your elder brother and sister, highlighting children's love and enthusiasm for books.

Apart from children, elders also come to this fair to see and read books. Children also take books of their choice along with reading so that they can read them later. This book journey develops the interest of reading, writing and learning in children is planting. This book fair is like a dream come true for the children of the poor and backward sections of the society who have been most affected due to this pandemic. The popularity and acceptance of the book fair among the children can be seen from the sweet words uttered by them out of curiosity, that, brother/did, when will you come again with new books? This time will bring a new book of jokes, Maths and English! That

children's literature is not reaching the children at all.

Children and young people have the same books as they got it from school-college. They are only familiar with the course books. In such a situation, the children's and youth literature which exists on such a large scale is not reaching them easily. It is not that where there is a lack of resources, children's literature is not reaching there. Rather, where there are resources, there is hardly any access to children's literature.

Despite having resources, no interest is visible even within the teacher class regarding the understanding and availability of children's literature. If better literature among children and youth is available, the children themselves are coming forward to study on their own. If studies are for interest or for their own sake, then children or anyone does not feel burdened. Once the interest in reading is awakened, then Sanskrit can be developed among the children to read the course and see it connected with their life. Therefore, availability of better children's and youth literature from community to school, college is essential. Working in this direction will be a necessary step for the current education system.

## Name Change

I, the undersigned, Pibarel Potshangbam, son of P. Bishwachand 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

# Indian Navy Ships to visit Foreign Ports as part of 76th I-Day Celebrations

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, August 07:

As part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence, commemorative visits are being undertaken by Indian Navy ships to foreign ports spread across six Continents, three Oceans, and in six different Time Zones, except Antarctica.

## The schedule

(Asia): the ships - INS Chennai and INS Betwa, will visit Muscat, Oman, and INS Saryu will visit Singapore. (Africa): INS Trikanth will visit Mombasa, Kenya. (Australia): INS Sumedha will visit Perth, Australia. (North America): INS Satpura will visit San Diego, USA. (South America): INS Tarkash will visit Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Europe): INS Tarangini will visit London, UK.

Various activities and events are being planned at each of these ports by Indian Missions on August 15, during the visit by IN Ships. The most significant amongst these would be the hoisting of the national tri-colour flag onboard these ships in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries, an Indian Navy statement said.

Other activities being planned include official calls by IN crew on the senior leadership of the host country, participation by IN contingent/ Guard at the Flag

hoisting ceremony in the respective Embassies, band performance at a prominent public place/ auditorium, ship open to visitors, visit by school children/ Indian diaspora, deck reception and various cultural events as organized by Indian Embassies.

## London

In London (UK), the crew of INS Tarangini would be paying homage to the Indian soldiers, who made the supreme sacrifice during the two World Wars, at the Commonwealth Memorial gates. Similarly, a ceremonial wreath laying by the IN ship crew/ delegation is scheduled at Kranji War Memorial and the INA Marker in Singapore.

## Kenya

At Mombasa (Kenya), the IN crew will participate in the inauguration of a commemorative pillar in the Battlefield area of the "Taita Taveta" region where Indian soldiers fought and sacrificed their lives whilst serving in the East Africa campaign of World War-I.

The commemorative events will also include battlefield tours, a mobile exhibition, and a Light and Sound show at Fort Jesus, Mombasa, highlighting the contribution of the Indian soldiers in WW-I as well as India's struggle for independence.

In the 75th year of India's Independence "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" is an occasion to reinvigorate and reemphasize

India's maritime moorings. Towards this, a large number of activities have been undertaken by the Indian Navy over the last year both within the country and abroad, the IN statement added.

The year long program commenced last year included: The commemorative ship visits to 75 Indian ports in the year 2021-22, President's Fleet Review aligned with the 75th year of independence, "Lokayan 2022" (sail ship expedition), display of the monumental national flag at Mumbai and community outreach programs across all coastal districts of India.

Besides freedom run at various cities, sailing regattas, mountaineering/ cycling expeditions, blood donation camps, coastal cleanup efforts, seminars/ events on India's rich maritime heritage, and felicitation of gallantry award winners and war veterans (born in or before 1947) were some of the prominent events undertaken.

## Durand Cup Trophy

In another development, the Indian Navy hosted the trophy tour of the Durand Cup Football Tournament at Western Naval Command, Mumbai on Friday. The tournament's 131st edition is scheduled from Aug 16 onwards at Kolkata. The Indian Army team conducting the tournament visited guided missile destroyer INS Chennai, submarine INS Shankul and helicopter base INS Shikra to showcase the trophy.

sioner for Handlooms Weavers' Service Centre, Imphal, Manipur under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India.

Sheikh Noorul Hassan, MLA, Kshetrigava Assembly Constituency, Dr. K. Sobita

Devi, Retired Director, Art & Culture, Govt. of Manipur and H.K. Baro, Deputy Director/Head of Office WSC, Imphal attended the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.

# 8th National Handloom Day observed

IT News  
Imphal, August 02:

The 8th National Handloom Day was observed today at Weavers' Service Centre, Porompat organized by Development Commis-

## Commonwealth Games 2022, Day 10:

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Agency  
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"We believe this Framework Agreement which says, 'It will provide for an enduring inclusive new relationship of peaceful coexistence of the two entities' will be certainly a bridge between the two peoples, not a wall; it will also be the strong tower they have been looking for. This Framework Agreement nullifies the colonial culture of 'forced marriage and forced Union', and this agreement will bring the

two confronting peoples closer than ever before. The two negotiating parties agreed that this is the meeting point of the Nagas and the Indians", said NSCN (IM) Chairman Ino Tuccu.

The Nagas have been owning some 120,000 sq. km for years while the Indian government claims Nagalim is an integral part of India, he further said. Nagalim refers to all Naga-inhabited areas in Nagaland, three ad-

joining north-eastern States and Myanmar.

"But there is neither history nor any agreement in support of that claim and the diametrically opposite stands have made the two peoples fight for decades before the Government of India acknowledged that the Nagas are owners of their land - everything on the surface and beneath," Chairman Ino Tuccu said.

Further, reports quoted NSCN (IM) Chairman Ino

Tuccu as having said New Delhi and the NSCN (IM) had mutually agreed that the integration of the Nagas was the "legitimate right of the Nagas" and that it will be finalised through a political process at the earliest.

However, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur are opposed to the idea of integrating all Naga-inhabited areas under one umbrella, a long-cherished goal of the NSCN (IM).

## GoI proposed Pan Naga Hoho.....

## Mobile data internet shut down....

Since Manipur's politics often revolves around the hill-valley divide (hills dominated by tribal groups, valley by the biggest community - the Meitei, who are not tribals), there was resistance against the HAC-recommended ADC Bill from sections of valley-based political leaders and social groups since there have been longstanding allegations of influence of underground armed groups over the hill area politics in the state.

Citing some legal issues,

the N Biren Singh-led Manipur government earlier did not introduce this Bill and has now tabled two new Bills in the House.

In his 2nd term, during the ongoing assembly session, the Biren Singh government tabled two new Bills - 6th and 7th Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Amendment Bills, 2022, on Tuesday. The Bills were initially not part of the agenda of the House.

Tribal groups allege that in the new amendments, while the 6th ADC Amendment Bill

has a financial aspect, the 7th Amendment Bill does not have it.

Tribal groups are questioning how can a Bill on the same subject be drafted differently.

They also alleged that the HAC has been bypassed in drafting the 2 new Amendment Bills.

Manipur's tribal area autonomy is enshrined in the Constitution, Article 371 C of the Constitution of India provides for a separate scheme for the administration of the

hill areas of Manipur through the HAC and District Councils, which for the autonomous hill districts are vested with legislative powers on specified subjects and are allotted certain sources of taxation.

They have also been given the power to manage their resources, public health, sanitation services and primary education, and undertake administrative and welfare services including development and economic planning.

## Manipur Celebrates 8th National....

During the occasion, the State Awards were handed over to outstanding handloom weavers and handicrafts artisans by the Department in recognition of their contribution to handloom and handicrafts in the State. As a part of encouragement, financial assistance of Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.4.40 lakh were handed over to National and State Awardees for producing their award-winning item into commercial scale.

The 3 (three) Padma Shree Awardees namely Mayengbam Muktamani, Lourembam Binodini and Konsam Ibomcha Singh were also felicitated and handed over with a cash award of Rs. 1 Lakh and shawl each.

With an aim to boost the confidence of the handloom weavers and promote handlooms, the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has been observing 7th August every year as the

National Handloom Day from 2015 onwards. It may be mentioned that the celebration of the first National Handloom Day was started from 2015 with the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi as the Chief Guest at Chennai. The Ministry of Textiles has taken into account the Swadeshi Movement and boycott of foreign cloths as the solemn day for National Handloom Day which became an annual feature across the country.

Chairman, Manipur Handloom & Handicrafts Development Cooperation, Kh Ibomcha and Chairperson, Manipur Women Development Cooperation, Soraisam Kebi Devi also graced the occasion as President and Guest of Honour respectively. The celebration was also attended by Director of Handlooms & Textiles, Manipur K. Lamlee Kamei, Joint Director Elangbam Jeeten among others.

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have time in our hands. It's a do-or-die for us and we will give our best," said India captain Savita. Savita was at her best, especially at the closing stages of the match denying Australia from a flurry of penalty corners.

The key for the Indian attack would once again be their star forward Vandana.

Chief coach Janneke Schopman had her hopes high on the duo of Savita and Vandana as the Dutch double Olympic medallist insisted on playing a team game.

"Savi is a very good goalkeeper. Today, she showed that she has the capability of stopping balls that can be certain goals. I know she can do it. I know our team has a lot of confidence in her as well. I must

say that the defenders also played a very good game. We defended very well as a team.

"Van (Vandana's nickname) is very often the end station. In this case, Sushila had a good slapshot and Van was just in the right spot. We have been working hard on this," she said.

"It can be Van or it can be other players. Van is very important in the sense that she is a very brave player and she makes sure that if she can score goals, she will," the 45-year-old expert tactician added.

Winners of the Manchester 2002 edition, Indian women won a CWG medal way back in 2014, a silver, before finishing fourth in Gold Coast.

India were at their wasteful best in their last meeting against New Zealand at the World Cup in July this year to lose 3-4.

Australia will play hosts England in the final on Sunday.

India's lineup of badminton stars have been dominant in the individual rounds thus far but they can expect to be in for some tough outings as we get closer to the medal rounds of the event. All of them will be in action in the semifinals on Sunday, which means one more win would guarantee them at least a silver medal. Gold Coast 2018 silver medallist PV Sindhu will be up first, having survived a scare against Malaysia's Goh Jin

COUNTRIES					
		G	S	B	
1	AUS	59	47	50	156
2	ENG	50	56	49	155
3	CAN	22	29	33	84
4	NZL	17	12	15	44
5	IND	15	11	17	43
6	NGR	10	8	13	31
7	SCO	8	9	24	41

Wei in the quarters and she will be up against Jia Min Yeo of Singapore. This will be followed by Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth after which

will be doubles matches involving Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and Gayatri Gopichand and Treasa Jolly.

## Trail selection for Wushu Team from August 8 to 10

IT News  
Imphal, August 07:

The Manipur Wushu team selection for the upcoming 21st Junior National Wushu championship, which will be held in Calicut

(Kerala) from September 1-6, 2022, and the 36th National Games, which will be held in Gujrat from September 27th to October 10th, 2022, will be held from August 8th to 10th at the KLSC Wushu training hall.