

## Somorjit withdraws, to support BJP candidate at Langthabal; Minister Biswajit appreciates his decision

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With a motive to boost the BJP candidate, an independent candidate from Langthabal Assembly Constituency Pukhrabam Somorjit Singh today withdraw his candidature from the Langthabal Assembly constituency and assured that he will work wholeheartedly to make sure that the BJP comes back to power in the next government.

All credits go to the BJP leadership, particularly the National Executive Member of the BJP Th. Biswajit, is also the Minister and spokesperson of the BJP led government.

Somorjit filed his nomination as an independent candidate after the BJP denied him a party ticket as his supporters wanted him to contest this



forthcoming election. He has been working as a member of the BJP for around 20 years.

On behalf of the BJP, Minister Th. Biswajit appreciated the decision of P. Somorjit and said that the BJP will rise as long as cadres like him take such a decision sacrificing his

personnel benefit.

"We under the leadership of the BJP will not disappoint the long cherish dream of Somorjit who had wanted to serve the people and I on behalf of the BJP will certainly make him able to serve the people", Biswajit said.

"I once again assured that even as Somorjit withdraws his candidature he will continue to serve the people and the BJP will keep supporting him", The National Executive Member and also the spokesperson of the BJP Th. Biswajit said.

## Huge Irregularities in the nomination papers of S Rajen: Candidates of Lamsang AC

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3 different candidates of Lamsang Assembly constituency allege Education Minister Sorokhaibam Rajen of irregularities while furnishing information in his nomination papers. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, INC candidate Likmabam Manibabu said, S Rajen furnish different information regarding his Educational Qualification as compared to his last election's

nomination. The Educational qualification of the Minister has been provided as Bachelor of Arts from YK College, Wangjing under Manipur University in the year 1988 whereas in his earlier affidavits of 2017 election his year of passing his Bachelor of Arts has been provided as 1992.

L Manibabu also points out the stark difference of the Minister's age which was provided in his earlier affidavit. In his affidavit of 2007 election, his age was stated to be of 43 years whereas, in his 2012 elec-

tion affidavit, his age was provided as 53 years. And the icing on the cake was the reduction of his age in the affidavit of the 2017 election, where it was provided as 52 years of age. Instead of adding 5 more years to his age, it was found that Rajen has grown younger by one year.

Manibabu further said, a case bearing FIR NO 12(2)/07 Patsoi Police Station has not been disclosed in his 2007, 2012, and 2017 election affidavit whereas it was only mentioned in this year's election

affidavit. Manibabu also ridicules the Minister's inability to pronounce different English words and the way he speaks gibberish while speaking to an interview by one National media, which later went viral on Social media. He questions how can such a person become a Minister and run the government?

Manibabu added he will go to the High court challenging the Election's Returning Office to accept his nomination during scrutiny and if necessary, will go to The Supreme Court.

## Special Observers and CEO hold interactive session with DEOs & SPs

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Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur along with Special Observers (General/Police/Expenditure) had an interactive session, today, with District Election Officers (DEOs) and Superintendent of Police (SPs) of 5 (five) Districts of the State which are going to poll in the 1st Phase on 28th February,

2022, through video conferencing. General, Police and Expenditure Observers deployed in the five districts also took part in the interactive session in person.

During the interaction, Special General Observer for Manipur Pravar Krishna, IAS (Retd), Special Police Observer Arun Kumar, IPS (Retd.) and Special Expenditure Observer Rajesh Tuteja, Ex IRS(IT) briefed

the Observers, DEOs and SPs on ways to conduct the forthcoming General Election to the Manipur Assembly Election effectively as per the Guidelines of the Election Commission of India. The Special Observers apprised the attendees on Randomization of polling personnel, necessity of double checking of electoral rolls to make it accurate and foolproof and effective utilization of Central Armed Po-

lice Force to be deployed during the poll days among others.

Thoughts and suggestions were also sought from Observers, DEOs and SPs in which some Observers shared their views on the preparedness of poll. Chief Electoral Officer, Rajesh Agrawal also assured that all possible efforts would be taken up to conduct the election effectively and to uphold the credibility of the Election Commission.

## Keisham Raag appointed as state President RLJP

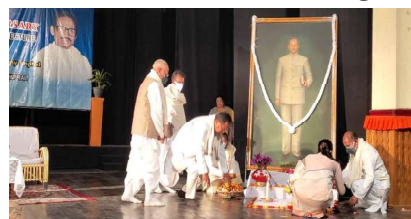
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Union minister Pasu Pati Kumar Paras and Party President of Rastriya Lok Janashakti party has appointed Keisham Raag Singh of Kwakeithel Lamdong Leikai as President of the party of the State of Manipur.

## Fitting tribute paid to Saheed Madhumangal

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Fitting tribute was paid to Saheed Madhumangal today at Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal organized by The Saheed Madhumangal Foundation. The anniversary of late S. Madhumangal Sharma was attended by Dr. RK Ranjan Singh, Minister of State of External Affairs and Education and Aribam Brajakumar Sharma, Chairman Organising



Committee as Chief Guest and President respectively.

Dr. RK Ranjan delivered a lecture on the topic "Act East

Policy of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the vision of S. Madhumangal Sharma on Northeast India."

## BJP Chief Spokesperson Chongtham Bijoy expelled

**"I am being denied ticket and expelled without following proper procedure for my conviction on corruption" – Bijoy**

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One of the most outspoken and defenders of the BJP, who has been dedicating all his life to the BJP and its ideology for over 27 years, Chongtham Bijoy Singh, the state BJP Chief Spokesperson has been expelled from the BJP primary membership for a period of 6 years.

On order has been issued in the connection on February 8, by the state president A. Sharda Devi on February 8, 2022. As per the order, the Chief Spokesperson of the BJP Ch. Bijoy Singh has been expelled for violation of the party's Rules and regulations under Article XXV of the party's constitution.

Interestingly, the information about the expulsion of Ch. Bijoy was made available only today at around noon. Few minutes earlier Ch. Bijoy was preparing for a panel discussion at local TV programme to speak in defense of the BJP today. He already had given assent to join the programme but few minutes later he informed the TV channel that he has been expelled by the BJP president. That showed that the news about the expulsion of BJP which was already ordered 3 days back is let known to himself as well as to the public.



Talking to media persons, the former Chief Spokesperson of the BJP said that the way he has been expelled has been taken by some self-centric leaders without following proper procedures.

"I had been with the BJP for over 27 years and had been working for the upliftment of the party at every capacity", Bijoy said during a meeting with the media persons today afternoon. He said that the ideology and the commitment of the BJP which is based on anti-corruption have been sidelined by the so call BJP leaders who had entered the party recently.

"With the coming of these some new faces the value base and cadre base idea as expressed by the leader of the BJP Venkaya Naidu is made a mockery", Bijoy added.

He added that the state

BJP today had many long sufferer cadres and they have been used and thrown by the present BJP leaders.

"I am not scared, I will try to consolidate all the original BJP cadres and will clean the BJP, that is why I will not join any political party", Bijoy asserted.

On the other hand, Bijoy said that during a press conference held yesterday, some media has misinterpreted his statement. He said he only said against the NPP and other political parties in favour of the BJP candidates contesting in all the 59 seats of the 60 Assembly constituencies.

"I was attacking or talking to a particular NPP candidate from Uripok Assembly constituency but for all the assembly constituency, and I was never against the BJP", Bijoy said.

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## Governor seeks cooperation from all stakeholders in Covid Vaccination Programme



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Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan appealed to all sections of the society to disseminate message amongst the people irrespective of caste, creed and religion to come forward voluntarily for Covid-19 Vaccination.

Speaking at an Interaction Programme on Vaccination of Students in the age group of 15-18 yrs and Teaching & Non-Teaching Staffs today at City Convention Centre in Imphal, Governor said, vaccination is the best way to save our valuable life from the jaws of death due to Covid-19. He said people should not have faith in any baseless wrong

conception regarding Covid-19. Despite all the hurdles faced by our Nation, we are now almost able to overcome this dreaded disease but still a lot need to be done. The relentless efforts and dedication made by Doctors, Scientists and frontline workers to their duties are indeed commendable and praiseworthy by all the people of the Nation. La. Ganesan further said that apart from making appeal to all, meetings of religious leaders of all communities had convened at Raj Bhavan and urged them to disseminate messages to the people to come forward for vaccination. Governor expressed his satisfaction over the initiative taken up by the Education and Health Depart-

ments to vaccinate students of age group 15-18 yrs.

Commissioner of Education (S) M. Joy Singh said, Covid pandemic has been a global issue and all have to be united to fight the pandemic. Director of Education (S) L. Nandakumar while giving a detail report regarding the vaccination drive said, out of 1,07,701 students of age group 15-18 yrs in the State, 59.14% have been vaccinated and Pherzawl District has recorded 86.71 % vaccination which is the highest in the State till date. 97.58% of teaching & non-teaching staffs have been vaccinated, he added. Principals and Head Masters from across the State participated in the Interaction Programme directly and virtually.

## Everyone must save at least 10% of monthly income

### Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



Everyone must save at least ten percent of their monthly income. Whenever there is any income from anywhere, set aside one tenth of it in advance. Believe me, you will manage your expenses with the remaining 90 per cent of the amount. Wait before buying a newly released item and don't pay the premium price. Always try to pay for things with cash or debit not credit cards. Minimize credit card debt or any other debt if you have. Always track your expenses and try to cut down your unnecessary spends. Your savings should be at least 10 per cent of your monthly income. Decide on your priorities while spending. If you are earning extra money it does not mean that you should buy more things, but it gives you an option to save more money for your future needs. What about the emergency fund? Depending on your income and expenses, this fund can be six to 12 months of the monthly income. For example, if you earn Rs 40,000 a month and Rs 20,000 goes into meeting your routine living expenses, then your emergency fund should be in the range of Rs 2 to 4 Lakh.

Emergency fund is an essential corpus of money that you must keep separate to tackle your future emergencies. It is a fund you can utilise at the hour of crisis and for unexpected or unplanned scenarios, not for your regular expenses. In a recent survey, 32 percent of youth showed interest in saving money instead of spending it. The young generation of India is interested in keeping money in the bank or at home. The economy may have started getting back on track after Covid pandemic, but the ghosts of unemployment and inflation are still lurking there. Perhaps this is the reason why the Generation Z believes in saving money for the future. Being a miser is absolutely a bad trait in a person, but it can be a good quality as well, when you are financially literate and you do not want to waste your hard earned money on unnecessary luxuries.

Financial literacy can make you rich. It is basically your relationship with the money you earn and how effectively you use it to improve your finances. Adopting proper budgeting, saving and investment is what financial literacy is all about. So step one is to make money, and once you have money or sufficient income, step two becomes most important i.e. to utilise that money to its greatest potential or to help you achieve your long term goals. World's most successful investor Warren Buffett says, "Never invest in a business you do not understand." Investment journey takes time, getting some financial knowledge or short term course is advisable. Starting from a small amount and for the long term is best practice. Starting an investing journey in the stock market has become so easy these days, it rarely takes ten minutes to mark your beginning. One just has to open a Demat account in their favourite stock brokers like HDFC or ICICI. And then things will take forward from there. It's fairly easy. Always remember, managing your money is more important than earning money.

## BJP May Be Heading Towards Political Jolt

By Dr. Gyan Pathak

February 14, the day of Vidhan Sabha Election in Uttarakhand and Goa is now only a week ahead, but the people of both the states have still been putting the ruling BJP on the tenterhooks, as much as the other political parties. The worse, it seems, the BJP may be heading for greater political shocks.

People at the ground level have been astounded having seen what is going in among the political parties, and hence not emanating clear signal how they are going to behave while voting on February 14. Political loyalties of the many leaders in almost all political parties in both the states have become doubtful, which is bound to influence the voting pattern.

Goa presents a peculiar situation. There are 40 seats in the legislative assembly. In the election 2017, Congress had won largest number of 17 seats while the BJP had won only 13 seats. Horse trading enabled the BJP to form government which is still the ruling party in the state. Switchover of the MLAs started at that time never ended during the whole five year term of the legislative assembly. It's a sort of record that about 60 per cent of MLAs from various political parties (24 out of 40) deserted their parties to join others.

Since only one or two MLAs can tilt the balance in formation of the government in the state, as we have seen earlier, every political party in the fray seem to be nursing great hope, in case of a hung assembly, which is most likely to be, and that may deliver a shock to the BJP that has broken other political parties and brought in largest number of defectors into its fold.

Immediately after 2017 elections Mahohar Parrikar had won the vote of confidence by the help of Congress leader Vishwajit Rane who had left the house mid-way. He afterwards joined BJP, reelected, and made a minister. Two other leaders deserted Congress within a year to join BJP.

Mahohar Parrikar died in 2019, and thereafter Pramod Sawant became chief minister. Only a few months after, the BJP did not spare even its ally Maharashtra Gomantak Party, which was split into two, and two out of its three MLAs eventually joined the BJP.

It does mean that Congress became weaker. Its leader Atanasio Monserrate won the seat held by Mahohar Parriker which went to bypoll after his death. Even then he along with his wife and eight other Congress MLAs ditched to people and joined BJP.

Just on the eve of the present election GFP's MLA along with an independent joined BJP and it seemed BJP's advantage. However, situation changed fast and even BJP MLAs including Alina Saldanha and Michael Lobo quit the party to join AAP and Congress. One BJP MLA Pravin Zantye left BJP for even MGP. Some Congress and NCP leaders even left their parties to join TMC. It indicates that ground level situation are still fluid.

Uttarakhand has been historically known for political infighting, and the time the state is undergoing now is not an exception. The ruling BJP has very high stake in the 70 member legislative assembly, since the party seems to be losing fast on the ground while the Congress seems to be considerably gaining. (IPA Service)

## Career Options and Job opportunity in Forensic Science

Science & Criminology. MD Forensic Science (after MBBS).

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Career Options in Forensic Science

There are various career profiles within the field of forensic science. Now, we will discuss the top career paths in forensic science.

**Crime Scene Investigator:** The Crime scene investigators are also known as Forensic science technicians. Their main job is to give assistance in the collection of evidence; conduct analysis and help in the investigation of crime scenes. As a forensic science technician, you will be assisting a forensic scientist who is a senior of you. You will be completely responsible for the collection of evidence i.e. biological samples for example blood, hair, fingerprints, shoeprints etc. Besides this, you will also be involved in the maintenance of laboratory instruments, preparing reports and assisting your senior colleagues. A bachelor's degree in crime scene investigation, which usually takes about 4 years to complete, is a standard in the field of crime scene investigation. Average base salary of a crime scene investigator is around Rs. 7,30,774 per year.

**Forensic Ballistics Expert:** They are the experts in everything in terms of firearms like guns, pistols, bullets etc. Their main role is to help the crime investigators i.e. police or detective in identifying the trajectory of fired rounds to find a point of origin. Also, they identify the features of the bullet used in the crime i.e. type of bullet, a calibre of bullet and even where it was manufactured. They also investigate the facts like a gun was fired recently or not and find out that whether or not a particular bullet was fired from the specific gun. Moreover, these experts sometimes involved in crime scene mapping. With the help of special software programs like photogrammetric and laser measuring tools, they are able to determine the location from which a round was fired and the direction in which bullet travelled, this makes the search for physical evidence easier. These crime scene maps can be used to create diagrams for police or investigation reports. A common degree program for ballistics experts is a bachelor's degree in forensic science. The estimated annual salary package of this expert is around Rs. 4,84,298.

**Bloodstain Pattern Analyst:** The main job of Bloodstain pattern analysts is to analyze the patterns in the blood which helps to get important clues about various crimes. They examine the blood drips, spills, spatters and stains. Also, they can determine the type of weapon used in a crime, whether a struggle occurred or not, the direction of travel of a victim or suspect, who was the primary aggressor and whether wounds were self-inflicted or not. To become a bloodstain pattern analyst you have to do a comprehensive training program in forensic science. In an entry-level position, you can earn up to Rs. 3,40,000 per year, rest will be on your skills.

**Forensic DNA Analyst:** DNA contains the genetic coding that makes all humans different from each other. DNA determination is a key part of the criminology and



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forensic science. As DNA analysis is far more accurate even than fingerprint evidence that is why DNA analysis can provide perfect identification and accurate results. The analysts compare the DNA samples taken from suspects, victims, crime scenes, and

from other objects to find out that if someone was present at a crime scene or not. DNA analysts work mainly in a laboratory; perform tests on the evidence collected by police officers or investigators. A bachelor's degree in molecular biology genetics, forensic sciences, or related field is required for becoming a DNA analyst. The average annual salary of a DNA analyst is approximately Rs. 5,00,000.

**Forensic Toxicologist:** Their main job is to study the presence and effects of toxins on humans. Forensic toxicologists tell about the causes of death which include poisons, chemicals or other toxic substances. They generally work on post-mortem, human performance, or drug testing cases. They monitor bodily fluids, hair, and nails that may be present in either the victim or the suspect. They use microanalysis and their biological and chemical knowledge to examine these substances. To become a forensic toxicologist, a Bachelor's of Science in Forensic Toxicology is needed. The starting annual salary of this field is approximately Rs. 4,80,000.

**Forensic Documents Examiners:** They are the professionals who compare handwriting samples, determine the origin of documents and also detect forgeries in the documentation. They play an important role in solving the crimes like scams and monetary frauds. They use their skills and knowledge to find out the forgeries of contracts, checks, bank statements, electronic records and other documents. They also examine other things like the validity of a signature and the relative age of any document. A bachelor's degree in forensic science or a similar program is required for this profession. The starting annual salary of this field is approximately Rs.5,00,000.

**Forensic Computer Investigator:** These investigator experts reconstruct and analyze digital data to help in investigations and solve cyber crimes. They take care of incidents like hacking, track origins of computer attacks, and recover lost or stolen data. They collect data from all sorts of devices including damaged and wiped hard drives, cell phones, and tablets and from other electronic devices. Their earning potential is quite large due to the increasing demand. A bachelor's degree in Digital forensics, computer forensics, computer security, or related field is required. The annual salary of a computer investigator in the forensic field is around Rs. 7,50,000.

**Forensic Accountant:** White collar crimes like bank frauds, money laundering, wire frauds, public corruptions, kickback schemes, tax frauds, cyber-terrorism etc. increases by the passing of time. Due to which Forensic accountants have become very important. They provide investigative services to both public and private employers. Forensic accountants study all the documents, electronic records, mail trails, and financial records to find the evidence of fraud and other

financial crimes. A bachelor's program in forensic accounting or a related field is compulsory for this profession. The yearly salary of a forensic accountant is around Rs. 9,70,000.

**Forensic Anthropologist:** The professionals who identify human remains and study the decomposed physical remains and skeletal systems. They can determine the age, sex and weight of a victim as well as the types of injuries he or she received and the potential cause of death. A bachelor's degree in forensic, biological, or physical anthropology is must for this designation. The starting annual salary of a forensic anthropologist is nearly Rs. 4,00,000.

**Forensic Psychologist:** Forensic psychologists work in both criminal and civil cases. They play a crucial role in understanding the psyche of the criminal, motive of crime and also sometimes in the nature of sentencing. They investigate the cases of child abuse or rapes, evaluate victims, witnesses and suspects, and help the jury to determine whether a suspect can stand trial or not. The type of graduate program an individual chooses to go through will depend on if they want to work in the field, which is called applied forensic psychology, or if they want to do research, which is called academic forensic psychology. The annual income in this profession is around Rs. 7,20,000.

**Forensic Pathologist:** Forensic pathologists are also called medical examiners. They determine the cause of death by examining the dead body. A post-mortem is performed by forensic pathologists. They can also tell the investigators about the type of weapon used and tell an estimated time of the victim's death. They help in the cases by determining the cause of death that is how pathologists play a key role in the investigation. To become a forensic pathologist, one has to complete an MD in Forensic Medicine after successfully completing his/ her MBBS. A forensic pathologist earns an annual salary of around Rs. 4,20,000.

**Forensic Odontologist:** At times DNA analysis and fingerprint analysis could be impossible because of clean crimes, mass casualty or sample contamination. In such cases, forensic odontologists use the unique dental features (which we all have) to identify human remains. They are able to collect dental evidence from a variety of sources and further use it to identify both victims and suspects. A forensic odontologist must first earn a Bachelor's of Dental Science. He/she can earn up to Rs 5,00,000 per year.

**Polygraph Examiner:** A polygraph is a machine which is used in solving crime cases and detecting lies told by suspects and witnesses. Polygraph examiners conduct examinations using the lie detectors or polygraph examination and provide results. However, polygraph reports are not always admissible in the court as solid evidence; but they can give clues in complex crime situations which are helpful in these types of cases. A bachelor's degree is required in the related field to become a polygraph examiner. The annual salary package of a polygraph examiner is around Rs. 5,50,000.

Eventually, I must say that in recent years, forensic science has attracted attention both on the small screen and in the real world. So, no doubt that forensic science has a bright future, you can pursue your career in this field if you are interested in the same.

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# New inhaled vaccine provides broad protection against Covid variants: Study

Agency  
Toronto, Feb 11:

An inhaled form of COVID-19 vaccine developed by scientists at McMaster University in Canada can provide broad, long-lasting protection against the SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern, a preclinical study has found.

The research, published recently in the journal Cell, shows the immune mechanisms and significant benefits of vaccines being delivered directly into the respiratory tract, rather than by traditional injection.

Because inhaled vaccines target the lungs and upper airways where respiratory viruses first enter the body, they are far more effective at inducing a protective immune response, the researchers said.

The study, which was conducted on animal models, has provided the critical proof of concept to enable a Phase 1 clinical trial that is currently under way to evaluate inhaled aerosol vaccines in healthy adults who had already received two doses of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine.

The strategy was built upon a robust tuberculosis vaccine research programme established by Zhou Xing, a co-lead author of the study.

"What we have discovered from many years' research is that the vaccine delivered into the lung induces all-around protective respiratory mucosal immunity, a property that the injected vaccine is lacking," said Xing, professor at McMaster University.

"We wanted, first and foremost, to design a vaccine that would work well against any variant," added the study's co-lead author Matthew Miller, an associate professor at McMaster.

Researchers compared two types of adenovirus platforms for the vaccine. The adenoviruses serve as vectors that can deliver vaccine directly to the lungs without causing illness themselves.

"We can remain ahead of the virus with our vaccine strategy. Current vaccines are limited because they will need to be updated and will always be chasing the virus," said Miller. Both types of the new vaccine

are effective against highly transmissible variants because they are designed to target three parts of the virus, including two that are highly conserved among coronaviruses and do not mutate as quickly as spike, the researchers said.

All COVID-19 vaccines currently approved target only the spike protein, which has shown a remarkable ability to mutate, they said.

The SARS-CoV-2 virus uses the spike protein to enter and infect the human cells.

"This vaccine might also provide pre-emptive protection against a future pandemic, and that is really important because as we have seen during this pandemic — and as we saw in 2009 with the swine flu — even when we are able to rapidly make a vaccine for a pandemic virus, it's already way too late," said Miller.

"Millions of people died, even though we were able to make a vaccine in record time," he said.

The researchers found that besides neutralising antibodies and T cell immunity, the vaccine delivered into the lungs

stimulates a unique form of immunity known as trained innate immunity.

This type of immunity is able to provide very broad protection against many lung pathogens besides SARS-CoV-2, they said.

In addition to being needle and pain-free, an inhaled vaccine is so efficient at targeting the lungs and upper airways that it can achieve maximum protection, the researchers said.

This protection can be achieved with a small fraction of the dose of current vaccines — possibly as little as 1 per cent — meaning a single batch of vaccine could go 100 times further, they said.

"This pandemic has shown us that vaccine supply can be a huge challenge," said associate professor Brian Lichty, who co-lead the preclinical study.

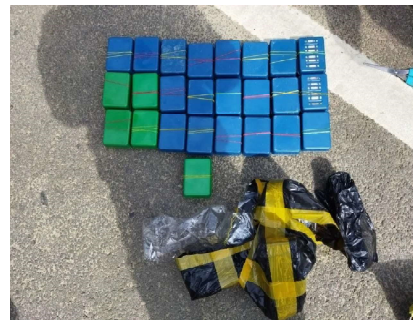
"Demonstrating that this alternative delivery method can significantly extend vaccine supply could be a game changer, particularly in a pandemic setting," Lichty added.

# Mizoram: Myanmar refugee arrested with heroin worth Rs 8.75 lakh

Agency  
Aizawl, Feb 11:

A 41-year-old man from Myanmar, who had taken refuge in Mizoram, has been arrested in an area close to the India-Myanmar border and heroin worth Rs 8.75 lakh seized from his possession, an official statement said.

Acting on a tip-off, the Excise and Narcotics Department on Thursday seized 290 gm of heroin in Sapiamaksak area near Champhai town from Valiana, a resident of Tahan in Myanmar, who had taken refuge in Mizoram following the military coup in the neighbouring country last



year. The accused has been booked under sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985, it added.

# Arunachal pvt school students will wear traditional dresses once a week



Agency  
Itanagar, Feb 11:

In a bid to promote the 'Vocal for Local' mantra, Arunachal Pradesh Private Schools and Children Welfare Association (APPS&CWA) has made it mandatory for all private schools in the state to ensure that students wear 'traditional dresses' at least once a week (preferably Mondays) during the 2022-23 academic session.

This was on Thursday shared by association vice-president Tarh Jhony who said the resolution to implement the same, including many others concerning the schools, staff and students, were adopted during the general body meeting of the association held recently.

Representatives from more than 180 schools from across the state took part in the meeting.

"All private schools will be following the same academic schedule when it comes to wearing the traditional dresses. However, exceptions will be given to schools in the wintry districts and the warmer areas," Jhony said, adding that even the non-Arunachalee students shall wear their traditional dresses every Monday like the rest of the students.

The APPS&CWA vice-president further stated that literary, games and sports activities would be conducted annually at the state and district level, and the primary activity will be conducted by Delhi Public School (DPS), Jollang.

The association shall also identify non-registered schools and observe its foundation day on October 1 every year, he said.

The APPS&CWA also called for coaching centres running parallel to schools to

be closed immediately and their tutors obtain no objection certificates (NOCs) prior to shifting to another school.

"We will discuss this matter with the state government soon," Jhony said.

The association also said that sponsorship for the state board and CBSE would be pursued by the respective schools to the board concerned.

On maintaining uniformity in the salary of private school teachers, APPS&CWA president Yowa Bullet said, though the matter was discussed in the general body meeting, there was no concrete conclusion.

"The association will look into the matter as we feel that the teachers are being deprived of a minimum salary. We will ensure that the teachers, at least, are paid on the scale of the government contingency workers," he said, adding that the association will discuss the matter with every school in charge.

Bullet also said the students shall only wear traditional dress on the given day without any dao (machete) or ornaments, which can be harmful to other students. "The introduction of local dresses in schools will also support the local weavers," he added.

# RBI keeps repo rate unchanged in its accommodative monetary policy

IT Correspondent  
Mumbai, Feb 11

The the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the repo rate unchanged while announcing the monetary policy for 2022 on Thursday.

The MPC left the key policy rates unchanged and retained its accommodative policy stance to support the "uneven economic recovery" in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

The RBI kept the repo rate — the rate at which the RBI lends to banks — unchanged for the tenth time in a row at 4 per cent. All six members of the MPC, headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, voted to keep the repo rate intact while one member, Jayanth Varma, dissented against retaining the accommodative policy stance.

The reverse repo rate was retained at 3.35 percent. The reverse repo rate is the rate at which RBI borrows from banks. A hike in this rate would have meant that the central bank wanted to absorb more money, or liquidity, from the banking system and would have signalled the start of the reversal of the monetary policy cycle that would eventually lead to a rise in rates.

Similarly the Marginal Standing Facility rate was fixed at 4.25%.



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das

The MPC maintained its policy stance of 'accommodative' as long as necessary to revive and sustain growth on a durable basis, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target going forward.

The CPI inflation trajectory has moved in close alignment with RBI projections. Going forward, vegetables prices are expected to ease further on fresh winter crop arrivals. The softening in pulses and edible oil prices is likely to continue in response to strong supply-side interventions by the Government and increase in domestic production. The hardening of crude oil prices, however, presents a major upside risk to the inflation outlook. While cost-push pressures on core inflation may continue in the near term.

The transmission of input

cost pressures to selling prices remains muted in view of the continuing slack in demand. Taking into consideration above factors, CPI inflation projection has been retained at 5.3% for FY22; Q4FY22 has been retained at 5.7%, with risks broadly balanced. On the assumption of normal monsoon, inflation for FY23 is projected at 4.5%.

Recovery in domestic economic activity is yet to be broad-based, as private consumption and contact-intensive services remain below pre-pandemic levels. Going forward, the outlook for the Rabi crop bodes well for agriculture and rural demand. Government's thrust on capital expenditure and exports are expected to enhance productive capacity and strengthen aggregate demand. Global financial

market volatility, elevated international commodity prices, especially crude oil, and continuing global supply-side disruptions pose downside risks to the outlook. Taking into consideration above factors, Real GDP growth is projected at 7.8% for FY23.

We remain constructive on the short to medium end of the yield curve; Medium Duration Funds, Short Duration funds, Banking & PSU Debt funds, Corporate Bond funds, Floating Rate funds, Money Market funds, Low Duration funds and Ultra Short Duration funds can be considered by investors with an investment horizon commensurate with the maturity profile of the schemes.

The policy announced by the RBI Governor, Dr. Shaktikanta Das is accommodative with intent to promote economic recovery and growth by not changing Repo Rate and keeping status quo of the policy announced earlier said Dr. Vijay G. Kalantri, President, All India Association of Industries (AIAI).

GDP economic growth predictive of 7.8% is realistic and inflation which is kept on 4.5% maybe higher and shall depending on the international factors but reduction in taxes could lower the inflation rate, which can boost growth and relief to all sections of society he added.

# Third dose of COVID-19 vaccine for all adults: Decision to be based on scientific need, says Govt

Agency  
New Delhi, Feb 11:

The government on Thursday said that the decision on the third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for all adults will be based on scientific needs. Addressing a press conference of the Union health ministry, NITI Aayog Member (Health) Dr VK Paul informed that the government keeps an eye on all the developments across

the world in regards to the coronavirus pandemic and the inoculation process.

"The scientific need is the first part that drives it, then other considerations — programmatic and epidemiological. Just because anyone else is doing it, they have their own context, we have our own context and all this is under constant scientific scrutiny and decision-making," Dr Paul said.

Meanwhile, Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary at the Health Ministry, appealed to the unvaccinated eligible people to get vaccinated against the virus at the earliest.

According to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, over 43 lakh (43,78,909) COVID vaccine doses were administered till 7 pm today, taking the cumulative vaccination coverage to nearly 172 crore.

More than 1.64 crore (1,64,61,231) precaution doses for the identified categories of beneficiaries (HCWs, FLWs and Over 60 years) for COVID vaccination have been administered so far, the government said.

The government informed that the indigenous mRNA COVID-19 vaccine against coronavirus is currently under final clinical trial stages.

# Jan Seva concludes Healers Conclave



IT News  
Imphal, Feb 11:

On the last day of ongoing healers conclave organised by 44 Assam Rifles, IGAR (East) in Tamenglong. Dr RK Lenin, HOD Department of Psychiatry, RIMS virtually addressed the attendees. He is a renowned doctor in India having authored 39 scientific papers to his credit with two

bestseller books written by him. His book "Eidee Nagoshu Ngadana..." (I am not mad...) is in Manipuri language about common mental disorders & second is a poem collection titled as "Ningsinglakpada". He spoke about drug de-addiction & psychiatric morbidity among student athletes of Manipur program undertaken by his department.

During interactive session he also informed the gathering about issues related to mental health problems arisen during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. He stressed for early detection and diagnosis of disorders like depression and mental stress. With his address the seven days healers conclave at Tamenglong concluded in true spirit of a Jan Andolan and Jan Seva abhiyan.

# ATSUM appreciates ECI's move to reschedule poll dates

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 11:

The influential All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) appreciated the Election Commission of India (ECI)'s move to reschedule the dates for the two-phase assembly elections in Manipur to February 28 and March 5.

The elections to the 60-member Manipur Assembly

were earlier scheduled to be held on February 27 and March 3.

In a press communiqué on Friday, Khaiminlen Doungel, information & publicity secretary of ATSUM said, the positive response of the ECI to the call of the people to respect the practice and sentiments of minority Christians in the state of Manipur is candidly valued.

Significantly, ATSUM

also acknowledged the political parties, politicians, AMCO (All Manipur Christian Organisation), civil organisations and individuals for asserting the rights of minority Christians in one voice and one accord with the principle of upholding secularism in the country, the communiqué stated.

On Thursday, heeding to the request of political parties, ATSUM and AMCO, the

ECI had rescheduled the dates for the two-phase assembly elections in Manipur.

The decision to reschedule the first phase of polls comes after the demand by AMCO, ATSUM besides the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee to hold elections on any day other than February 27 which is a Sunday and a day of worship for the Christian community.

## Minister Losii Dikho files nomination

IT News  
Senapati, Feb 11:

Losii Dikho, Minister, Printing & Stationery and PHED filed his nomination for the upcoming 12th Manipur Legislative Assem-

bly from 48 Mao constituency (AC) in Naga People's Front (NPF) ticket today. He filed his nomination paper at the office of the Returning Officer (RO) 48-Mao AC, H. L. Jain.

Tadubi AC MLA N.

Kaysii also filed his nomination from National People's Party (NPP) ticket at the office of RO 49 Tadubi AC, H. L. Jain.

Filing of nomination for the second phase of the upcoming State Assembly elec-

tion to the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly will continue till 11th February and scrutiny of Nomination paper will be taken up on 14th February. The last date for withdrawal of candidature will be 16th February.

## Expenditure observers take stock of Poll Preparedness in Thoubal & Kakching Districts

IT News  
Thoubal, Feb 11:

The District Administration Thoubal along with Expenditure Observers of State Assembly Election 2022, today took stock of poll preparedness in Thoubal & Kakching Districts.

Manishkumar Gupta, IR & TAFS, Expenditure Ob-

server of 30-Lilong, 31-Thoubal & 32- Wangkhem, Kapil Dev Meena, ICAS, Expenditure Observer for 33-Heirok, 34-Wangjing Tenthia & 35 Khangabok and Dev Prakash Barmanavat, IRS(C&CE), Expenditure Observer for 36 -Wabagai, 37-Kakching, 38-Hiyanglam & 39-Sugnoo visited Election Expenditure Monitoring

Team of Thoubal & Kakching, Media Certification & Monitoring Committee and Election Control Team. The team of Expenditure Observers were accompanied by A.Subhash Singh IAS ,DEO/DC,THOUBAL and M. Angam Kabui, MFS, TO, Thoubal

It may be mentioned that Assembly Election for the 10

Assembly Constituencies of Thoubal & Kakching will be held on 5th of March as per revised schedule of Election Commission of India.

The Manipur Assembly elections will be held in two phases on February 28 and March 5 to elect the 60-member state Assembly. The results will be out on 10 March.

## Security Forces apprehends two PLA cadres

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 11:

In two separate operations with Manipur Police, Keithelmanbi and Loktak Battal-

ions of Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) apprehended two PLA cadres in Imphal on February 9.

Based on specific intelligence, troops of Assam Rifles

along with Manipur Police launched these operations leading to these apprehensions. One 9mm Pistol and two live rounds were recovered from one of the apprehended

cadres.

The apprehended terrorists along with recovered items were handed over to Irilbung and Mayang Imphal Police Station for further investigation.

# Election will end but grudges will remain – Federation of Haomee

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 11:

Elections will come and go but the grudges that arises out of fight between different candidates and political parties will remain even after the election has ended. The Federation of Haomee in a press relation said, "In the run up to the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly to be held on February

28 and March 5, there have been incidents of poll related violence. The Federation would like to draw attention of everyone that election will end but the grudges that are sowed will remain even after election. So, everyone is requested to exercise their franchise peacefully without any form of unwanted incidents".

The press release further said, "The election system of In-

dia is Minority form of Government and as we are part of this system, we have to follow it even though the system is flawed. Most of the candidates in this election are of National parties and one should keep in mind while exercising their franchise to select those candidates who will safeguard our rich cultural heritage and protect the indigenous people of the state".

## ZUP cautions for public restraining motion pre and during election

IT News  
Imphal, Feb 11:

Office of Chief Secretary, Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) has cautioned serious action against malpractice during pre and post election time.

A statement said that the approaching 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative General Assembly Manipur is deemed controversial and contradicting to normal social ethical life of the public. Common sense speaks that morality should run and rule over all political circumstances and developmental aspect of the society. Greed based politics or party based and bias feeling among the general public and communities during election often cre-

ates much harm and hurt leaving behind scars of wounded feeling and spoiled relation. The fact is causing destructive social environment and put the whole society at chaos and commotion all around. Therefore, in order to avert and refrain from causing detrimental elements out of the motion of the impending election, concerned publics and communities are informed, urged and cautioned to maintain utmost thoughtfulness, honest disposition and peaceful environment during the election. Further appealed to avoid corruptive or greed-based interest and public violence in any manner in the society. No alcoholic or money related commotion or violence should be

allowed to occur in the society. No party leaders or members or candidates should project or use controversial and provocative languages in the election campaign or media messages. All civic citizens and leaders should practice and exercise high sense of morality, honesty and truthfulness in campaigning for electing the right representative leaders. Any party or members of any political party if found violating or non-compliance to this notification shall be dealt with stringent action.

This information is served as final for strict adherence and intended to promote and prevail peaceful and fair election in the interest of public, the state and all concerned.

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## BJP Chief Spokesperson...

Regarding his announcement to vote for NOTA instead of the BJP candidate at Uripok Assembly constituency, Bijoy said that he stands with what he said, but he never said that he would campaign against the BJP.

That was my protest and I have my own rights to decide as I

have been denied ticket on the ground that I am not rich.

"Now, as the party has expelled me I will start campaigning and supporting Kh. Suresh Singh, the JDU candidate contesting from the Uripok Assembly constituency", Bijoy said but added that he and his team will not join

any party as he have to fight and clean the BJP state unit.

Bijoy, who has been associated with the BJP for over 27 years also made an announcement that he will expose the wrong and the corrupt practice being underway inside the state BJP with proper evidence in the coming days.

## Sports

## ISL: Jamshedpur climb to 2nd spot with convincing win over Kerala Blasters

Agency  
Bambolim, Feb 11:

Jamshedpur FC climbed to the second spot with a clinical 3-0 win over Kerala Blasters in a high-voltage Indian Super League encounter at the Athletic Stadium, here on Thursday. Greg Stewart (45th, 48th) scored two goals from the spot on either side of halftime before Daniel Chima Chukwu (53rd) found the back of the net for the third straight game since joining their ranks. Jamshedpur now have 25 points from 14 matches, a game less than table-toppers Hyderabad FC who have 26 points from 15 outings. Kerala dropped to fifth after the loss with 23 points from 14 games.

Jamshedpur saw more of the ball in the early exchanges as both teams started cautiously, trying to gauge what the other was doing. There were no real chances before the cooling break after which Kerala got their act together and kept the ball more with the likes of Abdul Sahal, Adrian Luna and Alvaro Vazquez having more influence in the game.

For Jamshedpur, Ritwik Das was impressed as he went past a couple of Kerala shirts



and into the box to set up Jitendra Singh whose effort was blocked. Denechandram Meitei then gave away a cheap penalty as he pulled Stewart down inside the area for the referee to point towards the spot. The Scottish attacker stepped up to take the spot-kick, sending Prabhukhan Gill the wrong way as he tucked the ball away into the right bottom corner.

It was all Jamshedpur in the second half as they scored two goals to kill the game in the space of five minutes. First,

Boris Singh was clipped inside the box by Marko Leskovic to hand the Men of Steel another penalty. Stewart stepped up and doubled his tally from the spot, sending the keeper the wrong way again.

Chima then took the game away from Kerala after Boris sent in a low cross for the Nigerian to fire home on the half volley. Ritwik Das then tried his luck from distance, seeing Gill out of his line but the ball went onto the roof of the goal as Owen Coyle's men ruled the roost.

## Diogo Jota double keeps Liverpool in title hunt, 10-man Arsenal win at Wolves

Agency  
Anfield, Feb 11:

Jurgen Klopp said Liverpool are not breathing down Manchester City's necks yet, but the Reds remain in the hunt for the Premier League title after Diogo Jota's double beat Leicester 2-0 at Anfield.

Victory for Klopp's men cut City's advantage at the top of the table to nine points, but Liverpool still have a game in hand to come on the English champions.

"I don't think they smell our breath already," said Klopp. "But we just try to win football matches."

With Mohamed Salah left on the bench from the start after his exertions at the Africa Cup of Nations and Sadio Mane still celebrating his success with Senegal, Jota took centre stage to continue his excellent season.

The Portuguese produced two predatory finishes as he smashed home a loose ball from close range to open the scoring in the first half before firing into the far corner three minutes from time to take his tally for the campaign to 17 goals.

"He's obviously in a really good goalscoring moment, which is incredibly helpful in the absence of Sadio and Mo," added Klopp. "We have no



idea where his limit is."

Leicester boss Brendan Rodgers returned to Anfield under pressure to turn around the Foxes' floundering season after an embarrassing 4-1 defeat to Championship side Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup on Sunday.

Rodgers made a statement with his team selection with a number of first-team regulars left out, including Youri Tielemans, who had captained Leicester at the weekend.

In the absence of Salah and Mane, Klopp handed a first Liverpool start to January signing Luis Diaz.

The Colombian's direct running caught the eye, but the Reds were struggling for the breakthrough until Leicester's weakness from set pieces was exposed for the opener.

Virgil Van Dijk shrugged off the attention of Wilfried Ndidi and after his header was parried by Kasper Schmeichel, Jota was in the right place to smash home.

Klopp introduced Salah to a huge reception on the hour mark and the Egyptian should have made the points safe when he raced clean through on goal only to be denied by Schmeichel spreading himself to block.

Salah then hit the bar with a stunning strike from a narrow angle before Diaz stung the palms of Schmeichel again.

The Dane even got a hand to Jota's powerful effort, but could not keep it out as Liverpool's dominance finally told with a second goal.

- Controversial calls - Arsenal moved into pole

position to claim the fourth place in next season's Champions League as they closed to within a point of fourth-placed West Ham with two games in hand to come thanks to a 1-0 win at Wolves.

The Gunners had fortune on their side in a game dominated by controversial calls.

Referee Michael Oliver saw no infringement when Alexandre Lacazette's boot collided with Wolves goalkeeper Jose Sa and Gabriel gratefully tapped into an unguarded net.

For the fourth time in six games Arsenal ended with 10 men as Gabriel Martinelli was shown two yellow cards at the same time by Oliver for trying to prevent Wolves taking a throw in then bundling over Chiquinho.

Granit Xhaka's own goal from the resulting free-kick was ruled out for offside against Raul Jimenez and Wolves failed to make the extra man count in the final 20 minutes to deal a blow to their own ambitions of a top-four finish.

"To win football matches like that is extremely difficult and we have to stop it," said Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta.

"We've been talking about it. I have run out of ideas (about how to stop it) I think."