

## CPI and MPCC allege issuing of back dated official orders by Manipur Government; complaint to ECI for violation of MCC

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Two major political parties – the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) have lodged complaint to the Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India against the violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) by the government of Manipur by issuing back dated official orders by different department under the Government of Manipur.

The two major political parties stated that they have learnt from reliable source that many departments of the Manipur State government are officially processing to issue back dated government orders after the imposition of

the model code of Conduct on January 8, 2022 evening, with the announcement of the state assembly election schedule by the Election Commission of India.

The two political parties in its complaint to the ECI stated that the BJP led government in Manipur has taken some major decisions back dated on January 7, 2022 in the name of Cabinet Meeting practically after the announcement of the Election Schedule and imposition of the Model Code of Conduct. The MPCC and the CPI alleged that the back dated cabinet meeting has approved to convert some Government Aided Colleges to full-fledged Government Colleges reportedly by collecting huge money to use in the coming

state assembly election.

The complaint to the CEC also stated that some students' organizations have also openly made allegations regarding collecting huge money for the conversion of the aided colleges to government colleges and local newspapers in Manipur have published it time and again. Not only this, but many departments of the state government are processing files for approval to issue official orders to mint money to use in the coming election, it added.

Both CPI and MPCC said that the very act is very much against the Practice of Model Code of Conduct for free and fair election. The complaint to the ECI also stated to look seriously to the abuse of official power and urged to verify

the veracity of all office approvals and orders of the state government which were not made public (by uploading on official websites, published in newspapers or displayed on notice boards of concern offices) by Jan 8, 2022 by sending it to the forensic lab of national repute under the supervision of the ECI or any other better mechanism and to take punitive action against those in power including ministers and high ranking officials in charge of Finance and DP and administrative heads of departments who are involved in such undemocratic malpractice against the interest of free and fair election if any evidence of dated back signature of any minister/officials are found.

## Bengali communities in Manipur condemn Amra Banglee for filing PIL against ILP



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Bengali people living in Imphal and Devalaya Committee, Kalibari, Thangal Bazar, Imphal has condemned the filing of a case to the Supreme Court by a Kolkata based Association called "Amra Banglee" against the implementation of the Inner Line Permit System (ILP) of Manipur.

The representative of the Bengali people residing in Imphal and the Devalaya Committee, Kalibari, Thangal Bazar stated that they fully agree with the Government of Manipur for restoration and implementation of Inner Line Permit System (ILP) in Manipur for the betterment of life and livelihood of the people of this area, particularly Manipur.

"We strongly condemn the action of the so called 'Amra Banglee' association for trying to divide and fragment our solidarity with the people of Manipur. We condemn such act of the aforementioned association with heart and soul", the Bengali bodies said.

"We support the continuation of the Inner Line Permit System (ILP) in Manipur in order to safeguard the socio-economic, cultural and political fabric etc. being maintained among the people of Manipur since time immemorial", the Bengali representatives said. It is pertinent to mention that Bengalis have been residing in Manipur since a long time, probably around 1891 or before.

"The Bengali people of Manipur (Imphal-greater Imphal) have no relation what

so ever with 'Amra Banglee' and have never acquainted with the said 'Amra Banglee' organisation and further we declare and also resolve that such organisation is totally unknown to the Bengalee Community of the above said area and not at all recognised in any manner", the Bengali representatives said.

The bodies expressed strong condemnation to the PIL sought to the Apex Court by "Amra Banglee".

The Bengali Community further declared that no hindrances are being faced by any person from any organisation during movement to and from Manipur and other states i.e. Bengali people are not facing any trouble during travelling by road or other means to other states and coming back in Manipur.

## ATSUM urges for reschedule of polling date

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The All tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) in a statement has urged the Election Commission of India to reschedule the date of poll for the first phase Manipur Legislative Assembly Election which was scheduled on February 27, as it falls on Sunday in the interest of Christian

community.

"The state election notification which scheduled the date of poll on 27th February 2022 which falls on Sunday is a matter of grave concern for the tribal people and Christian community of the state", a statement by Khaiminlen Doungel, Secy. Info. & Publicity ATSUM said.

It added that the tribal communities which consti-

tute about 43% of the state population are predominantly Christian and for Christians, Sunday is a day that is holy and sacred. It is a day for rest and worship. The ATSUM said that the state election commission should uphold the spiritual values, beliefs and practices of the Christian community of the state.

"The state election commission must try to

ensure participation of all eligible citizens to exercise their adult franchise. But, its decision will instead prevent many from participating in the election", the statement said and added that the state election commission should reschedule the date of polling of the hill assembly constituencies to any other convenient date which does not fall under Sunday.

## State Level Training Programme held at RIMS

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State Level Training Programme on One Health Approach For Prevention & Control Of Zoonoses was organized today at Jubilee Hall, RIMS, Imphal.

The programme was organized by National One Health Programme for Prevention and Control of Zoonoses under the aegis of NCDC, Department of Microbiology, RIMS, Imphal in collaboration with Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, Manipur.



Dr. Kh. Sasheekumar Mangang, Additional Director, Public Health, Dr. Th. Ranadhir Singh, Head, Dept. of Animal Science CAU, Imphal, Dr. A.K. Joshi, Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Forest Department Govt. of Manipur, Dr. N. Somorjit Singh, State Nodal Officer, IDSP Directorate of Health Services Govt. of Manipur, Dr. Brogen Singh Ahoijam, Head, Department of Community Medicine, RIMS, Imphal and Achom Reena Consultant, NOHPCCZ were the resource persons.

## AFSPA extended in Manipur till December 1, says governor

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The Manipur government on Monday extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, or AFSPA, in the state till December 1 amid demands for the controversial law to be repealed in the North East region.

Special Secretary (Home) H Gyan Prakash, in an order,

said that Governor La Ganesan has declared Manipur, except for the Imphal municipal jurisdiction, as a "disturbed area" under the provisions of the Act.

AFSPA gives Army personnel sweeping powers to search, arrest, and to open fire if they deem it necessary for "the maintenance of public order". In the North East, the law is currently in force in Assam, Nagaland and three districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Several members of civil society and tribal bodies in Nagaland have been demanding that the Act be repealed after 14 civilians were killed by members of security forces in the state's Mon district in December. Some of them were local coal miners who were apparently mistaken for insurgents.

However, on December 30, the Centre extended AFSPA in Nagaland for six months after calling it a state in a "disturbed, dangerous condition". The decision was announced despite the Nagaland Assembly unanimously passing a resolution urging the government to withdraw the law from the North East region.

On Monday, the Manipur government said that members

of armed forces could help the civic authorities as the state was disturbed by "violent activities of various extremists/insurgent groups".

Manipur has seen several violent incidents since November.

On Sunday, an aide of a Bharatiya Janata Party leader and a rifleman of the Indian Reserve Battalion were shot dead by unidentified assailants in Samourou town in Manipur's Imphal West district.

The police said that no arrests have yet been made in the case. He added that the assailants could not be identified as the attack took place at night.

It has not yet been determined if members of any insurgent group were involved in these killings.

In another instance, seven persons, including an Indian Army Colonel, his wife and son, were killed in Manipur's Churachandpur district on November 13 after militants ambushed a convoy of the Assam Rifles.

The 10 insurgents who were allegedly involved in the attack are members of the People's Liberation Army of Manipur and the Manipur Naga People's Front.

## YFPHR express serious concern to the poll related violence, appealed people to restrain

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Imphal, Jan 11:

Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has condemned the adoption of violence as a means of tool for the upcoming election in February and March in Manipur.

"We deeply regret the incompetency of political parties, police departments and the government to refrain ones from committing an offence which led to loss of precious lives of its citizen in the state of Manipur. We are also sad to witness the inaction of the Manipur Human Rights

Commission which is established to protect and to curb and direct the state authority to control from commissioning such violence", a statement by Kh. Phajaton, President of the forum said.

It added that the use of guns or weapons to threaten its citizen to prove its power is yet another act of insecurity and incompetency of the particular parties or individuals or state authorities.

The series of violence could be witnessed On 25th November, 2021 at around 9:30 pm, Sitting MLA of Langthabal A/C Karam Shyam identified himself as an in-

tending candidate of BJP pulled out a gun from his pocket and resulted in threatening the public.

On the 27th of November, 2021 at around 11:20 pm, unidentified persons fired several rounds at the house of Mr. Ranjit Lourembam of Yairipok Yambem Makha Leikai.

On the 22nd December, 2021, Mr. Ningthoujam Rohit (21), a Thoubal College student, was shot dead while his father Mr. Premchandra (53) was injured in firing related to pre-poll violence at Heirok Part II village under Heirok Assembly Constitu-

ency.

On the 23rd of December, 2021, two workers of Kh. Ratankumar (Vice President, Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee) who recently joined the Congress from the BJP, were attacked with gunshots while conducting an election campaign in one of the residences at Mayang Imphal.

On the 1st of January, 2022 unknown miscreants fired at the election office of National Peoples Party's candidate Mr. Huidrom Vikramjit from Yaiskul Constituency at Brahmapur Laljilakpa Leikai.

On the 7th of January,

2022 at around 01:30 pm, around 7 rounds of bullets were fired from a vehicle of BJYM President M. Barish Sharma in a crowded BJP's office of Bishnupur District leading to social unrest.

On 9th of January, 2022 at around 9:30 pm two persons were shot at Wangoi Constituency and reported dead.

Concerning the above cited incidents adopting violence as the means to dominate and creating fear psychosis among the civilians prior to the election is not a sign of good governance.

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# If not necessary, do not go on a journey this month

## Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



Covid cases in India are increasing at the speed of a storm. Many states have imposed various types of restrictions. Even the Election Commission of India has issued precautionary guidelines in view of the upcoming assembly elections in five states and asked all political parties to campaign through digital means and while on a door to door campaign there should not be more than five persons in the team. Till now it was a big question on the people's mind that on one hand restrictions are being imposed across the country, then why are crowds being allowed in the election rallies in states like Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Goa etc. After studying the trend of Corona in four metros of the country, it was found that during the second wave in the month of May last year, while there was a severe shortage of Oxygen support and hospital beds, nothing like that is being seen in this third wave. More than 90 per cent beds in Delhi hospitals are lying vacant. It is another matter that the Omicron variant spreads many times faster than the previous Delta variant. Doctors believe that the third wave will last only for a few weeks more, then it will slow down. That is, it would be better if people avoid going out on a journey during this time.

A professor of neurosurgery at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) says that the rapidly increasing Covid 19 cases in the country will start declining in a few weeks, but caution is necessary. That is why hospitals have been asked to be prepared in every manner. The new variant was first reported in South Africa and now cases are decreasing there. Also, this time the symptoms of Covid are getting very mild. That is why neither patients have to be admitted to the hospital nor anyone is dying this time. Most of the patients are being instructed to remain in isolation at their own houses. This is a good sign, but it does not mean that negligence should be done. The new variant is much more contagious. So keep wearing a mask, keep a safe distance from people, and work from your home. Do not travel if it is not necessary. Do not go to public meetings and use more digital means.

In a panel discussion, Dr. HK Bali, Former Consultant, PGI Chandigarh and a well-known Cardiologist said that the sudden increase in Omicron cases in the country is a matter of concern. Even though Omicron's symptoms are not severe, if not addressed promptly, it can burden hospitals and cause systems to collapse. Another expert said that most hospitals are not prepared to deal with the crisis. Epidemics usually have a life span of two and a half to three years and they end when a milder but more contagious virus replaces the deadly virus. Viruses never die and cannot be destroyed. However, the severity of the disease can be reduced by increasing immunity. Occasionally, a mutated, more dangerous virus can reappear and cause outbreaks.

# Equality in attitude towards women



By: Vijay Garg

If there is no equality in the attitude towards women in any society, then the criteria and results of development will also be unequal. But it is difficult to understand that on the one hand the world is moving on the path of rapid development, on the other hand, many such things are standing in front of us, in which different types of inequalities at the social level are maintained in the form of a system. Such systems are usually nourished by the status quoism associated with tradition and its glorification, and in this, certain sections of society have to bear the brunt of deprivation.

For example, the kind of beliefs that work in the society towards a woman from birth to death, without any extra effort, girls or women are sometimes deprived of even their minimum human rights. Whatever they get, either kindness is hidden in them or it is achieved through special efforts. Whereas in a society claiming equality, it should be a common system.

In this context, the latest initiative of the Central Government regarding the age of marriage of girls can prove to be a step of great importance. The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to raise the age of marriage for girls from eighteen to twenty one years. It is expected that the bill related to this will be introduced in the Parliament in the current session.

The main idea behind this initiative is that marriage is a stage in life where a significant change in future direction takes place. Ironically, this position usually proves challenging for girls. Marriage can stop the education of many girls and often their dream of building a life on their own in future remains unfulfilled. Apart from this, women's health is also at risk due to childbearing and other reasons. Whereas due to marriage, the path of education or self-reliance of a man is rarely hindered.

It is also strange that the level of challenges for boys and girls at the prescribed age of marriage are different and the girls have to bear the brunt. Although this should not be so, but the truth is that in our society the most visible differentiation is seen between men and women. Especially marriage is such a turning point, after which a man takes on a role of greater responsibility and in this the opportunities available to him from his education to education are in his favor, whereas the circle of a woman usually becomes family and home. Is. This perception is changing with time, but its pace is still very slow.

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# Guru Govind Singh : The warrior saint



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

The land of India is dotted with several great personalities and the people of the country are justifiably proud to their deep-rooted religious traditions. Notable among them was the Dasmesh Pita Guru Govind Singh, who had the all-round personality of saints, poets, warriors and sacrificial great men. His whole family sacrificed for the safeguard of the Dharma and the pious Bharat Bhumi.

The holy land of Patna Sahib of ancient Pataliputra enjoys the glory, where the child Govind Rai was born. The ninth Guru of the Sikh sect, Guru Teg Bahadur, had come to Patna in connection with his "Sangat" along with his mother Nankiji, wife Mata Guji, brother Kripalchand and other courtiers. After staying for a few days in Gaighat, he left for Bengal and Odisha and Mata Guji and other family members started living in the palace of Salish Rai Johri. Meanwhile, on the Saptami tithi (seventh day) of Shukla Paksha Paush month of VikramiSamvat 1723, boy Govind Rai incarnated on this holy earth. After spending the first four years of Govind Rai's childhood in Patna, his family returned back to Punjab and in 1672 they settled in ChakNanaki (now known as Anandpur Sahib).

When Govind Rai was only 9 years old, on 11th November 1675 his father Guru Teg Bahadur Ji sacrificed himself for the sake of Sanatan Dharma. At a young age, on 29th March 1676, on the day of Vaisakhi, Govind Rai was declared the tenth Guru of the Sikhs. At the age of 11, he tied the knot with Jeeotji in Basantgarh, 10 km north of Anandpur. At the age of 17, his second marriage was with Mata Sundari and at the age of 33, his third marriage was performed with Mata Sahib Devan.

Gurujee was a supporter of cultivating both weapons and scriptures

together. Poet hearted Gurujee sent Sikh society to Kashi with the aim of making it a learned congregation and got many Sanskrit texts translated. He not only completed the Guru Granth Sahib, but also created compositions like DashamGranth, Jaap Sahib, Akal Ustat, Bichitra Natak, ChandiCharitra, Shasta Naam Mala, AthPakhyonCharitraLikhate, KhalsaMahima etc. Along with education and religion, he prepared the organization of arms and army and got five forts constructed to secure Anandpur from the point of view of living.

Govind Rai founded the KhalsaPanth on the day of Vaisakhi in 1699 and uttered the Khalsa speech "WaheGurujeeKaKhalsa, WaheGurujee Ki Fateh". He demanded five heads for the protection of faith and incidentally people from five different castes of five provinces of Bharat came forward to offer their heads. These five people were made to drink Amrit (nectar) and were given the name of PanjPyare. Gurujeehimself became a Khalsa by drinking Amrit from the hands of these PanjPyare, and added the title of "Singh" to all the names including himself. It was made mandatory for everyone to have PanchKakar i.e. Kesh (hair), Kada (iron bracelet), Kaksha (short breeches), Kripan and Kangha (comb). He banned smoking, halal meat, fornication and adultery in the KhalsaPanth.

Mughal ruler Aurangzeb was very nervous after knowing Gurujee's strong organizational power. He ordered his

subedars and kings based in Punjab to attack Anandpur and arrest Gurujee to present him in the Delhi court. Even after the fierce battle, the combined Mughal army did not succeed to defeat Gurujee. Eventually Aurangzeb resorted to deceit and swore by the Quran on 21st December

1704 he requested Gurujee to vacate Anandpur and allow to go elsewhere safely. But as soon as Gurujee came out with his army and family, the pro-Mughal army, defying all the oaths, stormed from all sides on the bank of Sirsa river. While crossing the flooded river, Gurujee's family separated from each-other. His two younger children, Baba Zorawar Singh (8 years old) and Baba Fateh Singh (6 years old) along with Mata Gujari wandered towards Sirhind and captured by NawabWajit Khan, who tortured them to accept Islam. After the refusal, both the brave sons were ruthlessly executed by burying them alive into a wall on 27 December 1704. After knowing heart breaking news of grandsons' death, Mata Gujari collapsed and gave up her life shortly.

Gurujee himself, along with two elder sons and forty Sikhs, was surrounded by Mughals at Chamkaur village. He prepared the Kachchi Gadhri of Chamkaur like a fort. With the resolve of "ChidiyanTe Main BaajTudaan, GidildaanKo Main Sher Banaun, Sava Lakh Se EkLadaun, Tabhi Guru Govind Singh NaamKahaun" he started sending Jathas (groups) of five Sikhs to fight with the army of 10 lakh

standing outside. Both his sons Baba Juhar Singh and Baba Ajit Singh were martyred while fighting bravely on the battlefield.

Fighting valiantly, Guru Gobind Singh reached the forest of Machiwar according to the orders of the PanjPyare. When asked by Gurujee's wife about their sons, pointing to the Sikhs present he said - "EnPutranKe Shish Par, VaarDiyeSutChaar, ChaarMayeTo Kya Hua; Ye Jivit Kai Hajar." During his lifetime, Gurujee fought a total of 13 battles against the Mughals and other Shivalik cruel rulers. In the last phase of his life, Gurujee used to preach Guru Vachan in Nanded (Maharashtra).

Meanwhile two Pathans, sent by the Nawab of Sirhind, disguised as disciples fraudulently injured Gurujee by stabbing him in the stomach with daggers. Seeing his life journey at the end; one day Gurujee, wearing royal dress and scriptures, called a meeting and announced that after him there would be no particular Guru and only the Granth Sahib would be the "Guru" of the Sikh sect. According to Indian tradition, keeping 5 paise and coconut, he got his head bowed in front of the Granth Sahib and at the age of 42, he departed for heaven on 7th October 1708 (Ashvin month of VikramiSamvat 1765).

Guru Govind Singh Ji Maharaj was a unique symbol of the world's sacrificial tradition. The first philosophy of his life was that the path of dharma is the path of truth and victory is always of truth. One should neither intimidate nor be afraid of anyone - "BhayKahuKoDeNahi, NahiBhayMaanaAan". The pious Bharat Bhumi will always be proud of this unique warrior saint son.

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# National Youth Day: Turn possibilities into realities

By: Arjun Ram Meghwal

Every Year 12 January, the National Youth Day marking the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda makes a significant churning underneath every individual. It is yet another opportunity to strengthen further the determination to achieve the resolution framed as part of welcoming the New Year. In the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the nation is preparing a blueprint to take a transformational journey for the upcoming AmritKaal to complete the independence century of the nation. Today's younger generations have the most significant stake of responsibility in this proposed journey of the nation. Thus, the National Youth Day radiates the wisdom to scratch through the untapped potential of youth and streamline it to turn the possibilities into realities.

It was the wisdom of Swami Vivekananda that restored self-respect & national awakening. He gave a clarion call to masses to raise themselves & work for the uplift of the nation. His transpired wisdom among masses led to believe that despite the adverse circumstance of the British Raj, India is a living entity and a message to nations of the world. His participation in the world parliament of religion, Chicago & subsequent travels witnessed the introduction of Vedanta Philosophy to the Western world. As the earliest architects of the patriotic sentiments, he called countrymen having linguistic, cultural & religious differences to adore Bharat Mata for the next 50 years as the only god that is awake.

Since the lifetime of Swamiji, the world has changed drastically in many aspects, and two world wars have been witnessed. It was the spiritual consciousness, deep & sound perception of historical forces of the Swami Vivekananda, that out of three predictions made by him in his Michigan University during the last decade of the 19th century, two predictions have come true. His predictions related to

India's independence for in next 50 years, and the proletarian revolution of Russia & diminishing the idea of communism turned out to be true. Yet another prediction for India's rise to great heights of prosperity & power far more than the Past is awaited to become true. Thus, the youngster would take the nation to the desired place for making this prediction accurate. Highlighting the role of youth in nation building Swamiji said "my faith is in the younger generation, the modern generation, out of them will come my workers. They will work out the whole problem, like lions."

India is a young, aspirational country, 65% of our population is below 35 years of age. 62% of our population is in the working-age group of 15-59 years. It is estimated that the median age in India would be 28 years by 2022-23, in contrast to 37 in China and 45 in Western Europe, which reflects that India's non-working population would be outnumbered by the working people, leading to a favorable demographic dividend.

The determination of our younger generation supported by the ecosystem of government & strong leadership is reflecting the green shoot of the very long journey. Now India is emerging as a fast-growing nation. The increasing numbers of unicorn startups, the improved performance of Indian in the Olympics Games, the proven metal of Indian leadership in Silicon Valley, emerging strong women leadership, the scientific & technological advancement, achievements of the space sector, vaccination, among others, are few nodes, making us proud. A serious introspective exercise is needed in an individual & collective manner for the inner self to act purposefully in the outer world.

The challenges of today's complex world are challenging entire humanity. The youth needs to learn from the repository of India's historical and ancient wisdom to take upfront action against the challenges of the 21st cen-

tury. If not tackled properly, the world will bear grave consequences leading to havoc and excisional crisis for the most beautiful creature of the universe, the Human. The ongoing pandemics, emerging threats from Global Warming, Climate change, Bio-terrorism, and drug trafficking, space wars are the demons that require significant attention and energy of youth to expand dimensions of their action. The younger generation also must extend the helping hand & careful responsibility for catering to the needs aged population. It is a heart-warming fact that now the younger generation is more climate-conscious.

One thing that remains constant is 'Change.' Now, youth is the torch-bearer of this change, and its speed & scale is increasing more than ever. The ongoing paradigm shift towards a digital economy and parallel emerging virtual world like metaverse are making the world a global village and signifying the wisdom of 'Vasudhaiva Kutub Kum.' However, such developments & their application require a serious & continuous ethical recalibration. It is the responsibility of value-loaded individuals to remain vigilant & prompt checkup that the upcoming innovations and technological advancements are ethically supporting the cause of humanity. Its ignorance can cause massive catastrophes for all stakeholders. The solid individualistic foundational values can achieve collective good in a sustainable manner. It is high time that everyone & especially youth, must internalize that means are equally important as the ends at this juncture.

In the above context, it is the need of the hour that every individual & particularly the youth invest themselves to realize the goal of taking the nation to great heights of the prosperity of power. The youth of India has an unbounded potential for achieving the objectives envisioned by our forefathers. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government

of India is leaving no stone unturned to provide the ambience for maximizing their potential.

The Modi government is practicing the intense spirit of activities as preached by Karamyogi Swami Vivekananda, and it is reflected in the implementation of government schemes. Administering more than 150 Crore vaccines doses in a time-bound manner, Supplying indigenously manufactured vaccines & aids to more than 95 countries through Vaccine Maitry initiative, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Infrastructure development, Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, International Solar Alliance, among others are testimonies to it. The policies have been designed to make India a 5 trillion US \$ economy by 2024-25 and a knowledge superpower of the world. The National Education Policy, Industry-academia Linkages, nurturing the entrepreneurial skills, world-class infrastructure, Promotion of sports culture, improved R&D ecosystem, among others, are a few measures to integrating youth in Nation Building. Affirmative actions are resulting in social upliftment of the downtrodden sections of societies and building a Just society. However, with the prompt efforts of civil societies, local & state governments, Private players, Media & active citizenry & all other relevant stakeholders, the implementation needs to be ensured in the letter & spirit.

This National Youth Day is an apt moment to improvise on the intense spirit of activities by emphasizing the will, right approach & character to achieve our individualistic goal synchronized with the national goals. Let's our action during the AmritKaal take us closer to realizing the 3rd prediction of Swami Vivekananda by turning possibilities into realities for making India as leader of the 21st century.

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# PM Modi requests all those who are eligible to get Covid Precaution Dose

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 11:

As India on Monday began administering 'precaution doses' under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive, Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded those who got vaccinated today and requested all those who are eligible to get vaccinated.

"India began administering precaution doses. Kudos to those who have got vaccinated today. I would request all those who are eligible to get vaccinated. As we all know, vaccination remains among the most effective means to fight COVID-19," the Prime Minister tweeted.

Over 9 lakh "Precaution Doses" were administered to the identified categories of beneficiaries for COVID vaccination today, the health ministry said.

India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 152.78 Crore (1,52,78,35,951)



today. More than 82 lakh (82,76,158) vaccine doses have been administered till 7 pm today. The daily vaccination tally is expected to increase with the compilation of the final reports for the day by late tonight.

The administration of 'precaution dose' of COVID-19 vaccine to healthcare, frontline workers and those above 60 years in the country began on Monday.

The online registration for 'precaution dose' on the Co-WIN platform began on Friday (January 8). All HCWs, FLWs and citizens aged 60 years or above with comorbidities will be able to access the vaccination for precaution dose through their existing Co-WIN account. The precaution dose can only be taken after 9 months i.e., 39 weeks from the date of administration of 2nd dose.

The Ministry of Health and Welfare has recommended that precaution dose for healthcare workers, frontline workers and senior citizens with co-morbidities will be the same as given previously. It had also informed that the senior citizens with co-morbidities will not be required to produce a doctor's certificate or prescription at the time of administration of the precaution dose.

Eligibility of beneficiaries for the precaution dose will be based on the date of administration of second dose as recorded in the Co-WIN system. Co-WIN system will send SMS to such beneficiaries for availing the precaution dose when the dose becomes due. Registration and appointment services can be accessed through both, the online and the onsite modes. The details of the administration of the precaution dose will be suitably reflected in the vaccination certificates.

# PEC demands probe into Chin journalist's killing

IT Correspondent  
Geneva, Jan 11:

Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), the global media safety and rights body, condemns the killing of Chin journalist Pu Tui Dim by the Burmese military forces and demands a fair probe into the incidents that led to his death. Tui Dim died in the police firing at Matupi locality of Chin State in north-western Myanmar on 9 January 2022.

The victim (35 years old) used to work for Khonmthung Media Group, an independent news agency covering Chin State, Kalay-Kabaw area, Indo-Myanmar border and overall Myanmar related issues in English and Burmese languages. Two teenagers were also killed in the police firing at the same location.

"Tui Dim becomes the third journalist to be killed



this year after Amady John Wesley and Wilguens Louissaint (both from Haiti). We demand authentic probes and also justice as well as adequate compensations to the victim families. Journalists must not be targeted by anyone anywhere in the world," said Blaise Lempem, secretary-general of PEC (<https://presseemblem.ch/casualties.shtml>).

Myanmar (known as

Burma or Brahmadesh), which is presently ruled by the Min Aung Hlaing-led military junta after deposing the democratically elected Aung San Suu Kyi-led government in Naypyitaw on 1 February 2021, lost two journalists to assailants, said Nava Thakuria, PEC south-east Asian representative based in Guwahati.

Freelance photojournalist Ko Soe Naing died under military custody on 14 December and he became the first media-victim in the south-east Asian country. Naing was arrested from Yangon while he was covering an anti-junta demonstration on 10 December. Later journalist Sai Win Aung (also known as A Sai Kay) died of head injuries caused by the Tatmadaw-operated shells at Maekheewar village in Karen State on 25 December.

# Arogya Shivr - Welness Camp at Khunghung Village

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 11:

Continuing with its efforts of previous year, 44 Assam Rifles under the aegis of 22 Sector/ IGAR (EAST) organised one day wellness camp "Arogya Shivr" on Jan 9 for the local populace of Kungphung village under Tamei Subdivision in Tamenglong district. The medical team established basic health check up facilities for the attendees.

During the camp, approximately 150 civilians including



women and children were attended by the doctor and free

generic medicines were distributed to the beneficiaries

# Assam Rifles distributes water tanks

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 11:

Shangshak Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(S) distributed water tanks to Nungou, Phalang & Sakok villages of

Ukhrul district on January 9. As part of Assam Rifles Civic Action Program, ten water storage tanks (1000 ltrs each) were distributed to Nungou, Phalang & Sakok villages. The initiative by Assam Rifles has

solved the long pending need of provision of drinking water storage facility to these villages.

The village authorities applauded the efforts of the Assam Rifles for such humane gesture.

# New Covid-19 rules for international travellers kick in today

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 11:

With the new guidelines in view of the Covid-19 surge in the country kicking in on Tuesday, all international passengers coming to India must mandatorily quarantine at home for seven days, followed by an RT-PCR test on the eighth day.

While isolating was earlier mandatory for those arriving from "at risk" countries, the rules have been extended to all international passengers. On the eighth day, if they test negative, they will have to further self-monitor their health for next 7 days. However, if found positive, they "shall be managed at an isolation facility" as per protocol and their samples will be sent for genomic surveillance.

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has also increased the list of "at risk" countries from 12 to 19 last week. Eight more countries — Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia and Zambia — were added to the list. Earlier, countries in Europe, including the

UK, South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Ghana, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Hong Kong and Israel were specified as "at risk". All travellers from these countries have to undergo mandatory RT-PCR tests on arrival. The must wait for the results at the airport before leaving or taking a connecting flight.

For other countries, about 2 per cent of the total passengers on a flight undergo random tests on arrival at the airport, while all are required to "self-monitor" their health for 14 days post-arrival. Now, under the new guidelines, the RT-PCR test is mandatory for all of

them on their eighth day of arrival.

According to the government's press release, "all travellers shall also be required to upload results of RT-PCR test for Covid-19 done on 8th day on Air Suvidha portal."

Further, all passengers must upload a negative Covid-report before boarding their flights.

The guidelines also exempt children under five years of age from pre- and post-arrival testing. "However, if found symptomatic for Covid-19 on arrival or during home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and be treated as per laid down protocol," the guidelines state.

# Security around RSS headquarters in Nagpur tightened

IT Correspondent  
Mumbai, Jan 11:

The Nagpur Police have tightened security around the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) headquarters located at Nagpur in Maharashtra, after Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists reportedly conducted a reconnaissance at Hedgewar Bhavan in the city.

A Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist reportedly stayed in a lodge for three days in Nagpur during the period in which he took pictures of the RSS headquarters and Hedgewar Smruti Bhavan. Police suspect that they were looking for local logistical support. They are currently tracking a sleeper cell of JeM. Nagpur Police Commissioner Amitesh Kumar said that the reconnaissance happened at four different locations.

This is after the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the CRPF

arrested 4 terrorists in Srinagar yesterday, one of whom confirmed to have visited Nagpur for reconnaissance.

Nagpur police maintained that they were working on this input for several months and the FIR was registered only after some concrete development. They have already questioned Rais Ahmad Shaikh who was arrested from Kashmir. They plan to bring him to Nagpur after they secure the transit remand.

Kumar said that one of the terrorists identified as Naikoo Imad Nasar had come from Srinagar to Nagpur a month ago and stayed in the city for a few days. "The terrorists had done reconnaissance of many important places in the city which include RSS headquarters and Hedgewar Bhavan. The information about the terror plan emerged during the interrogation of a man arrested recently in Jammu and

Kashmir", he added.

It is reported that the arrested terrorist Naikoo is a Shopian resident and a student from Delhi. He had carried out the reconnaissance in the directions of Mujahideen Ghazwat-ul Hind (MGH) handlers, an offshoot of the terror outfit, Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Responding to the matter, Maharashtra BJP leader Devendra Fadnis said that the matter is serious and needs immediate attention. Fadnis, who is also a member of RSS, expressed confidence in the central agencies and said that appropriate action will be taken by the authorities.

In view of the threat, the Nagpur city police has banned photography and the use of drones around the RSS headquarters at Mahal and the Hedgewar Smruti Bhavan, Reshimbagh. "Any drone found within a 2-km radius will

either be destroyed or seized by the police. The use of drones in a no-drone zone could also invite legal action", Kumar added.

It is pertinent to note that the RSS headquarters has been on the radar of terrorists for years. In 2006, the Police had foiled a plot to trigger large scale communal violence with a terror attack on the RSS headquarters. The police then had killed all three heavily armed terrorists suspected to be members of Lashkar-e-Taiba. They had planned the attack with intentions to wipe off the Sangh leadership.

Similarly, in 2018, the Bangladesh terror group Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen had made attempts to target the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and its affiliates such as Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Durga Vahini calling them potential enemies and so targets.

# Bank Passbook Lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Bank Passbook of State Bank of India (SBI), Porompat Branch, bearing Account No. 20086041798 on the way from my residence to Singamei Bazar on January 3, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

Taorem Gomti Devi

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# India's active caseload crosses 8 lakh, Omicron tally at 4,461

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 11:

India on Tuesday reported a single-day spike of 1,68,063 Covid-19 cases, pushing the active count to 8,21,446. While the daily case count is down from Monday's 1,79,723 new cases, the daily positivity rate in the country in the last 24 hours stood at 10.64 per cent. As many as 277 deaths were recorded.

According to the Union Ministry of Health, the Omicron tally has reached 4,461, with Maharashtra reporting the highest number of cases (1,247), followed by Rajasthan (645) and Delhi (546). Of these, as many as 1,711 have either recovered or been discharged as of Tuesday, 9 am.

In Karnataka, of the 479 Omicron cases, 26 have recovered, while in Kerala 140 of the 350 cases have recovered or been discharged. In Tamil Nadu, all of the 185 reported Omicron cases have either re-



covered or been discharged, the government's press release said.

Meanwhile, Odisha logged its biggest single-day spike in seven months, reporting 7,071 new Covid-19 cases on Tuesday.

Karnataka, whose Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai, has tested positive for the disease, recorded 11,698 new cases. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar,

too, tested positive, with the state reporting 4,737 fresh infections and five deaths, including that of a six-year-old girl. Whereas, Punjab recorded 3,969 and seven deaths.

Tamil Nadu decided to extend its Covid curbs till January 31 on the day it reported 13,990 new cases.

In West Bengal, fewer infections were recorded on Monday, a day after it reported

its highest single-day spike. However, the drop in number can be attributed to lower testing as total samples tested in the last 24 hours were down to 51,675 — down by nearly 20,000 from Saturday's daily testing numbers — in what officials said was due to closure of testing labs on Sunday.

Cities like Delhi and Mumbai also saw fewer cases than the previous day. In Delhi, there were 19,166 new cases reported in Monday's health bulletin as compared to 22,751 cases a day ago.

Mumbai, too, witnessed a sharp dip of 30 per cent in fresh Covid cases as the daily tally in the city fell from 19,474 on Sunday to 13,468. While some experts are hopeful that the low numbers were reflective of a probable plateauing of cases in the city, another section believes that the low numbers are due to the "Sunday effect" when testings are fewer and RT-PCR reports come after 24 hours.

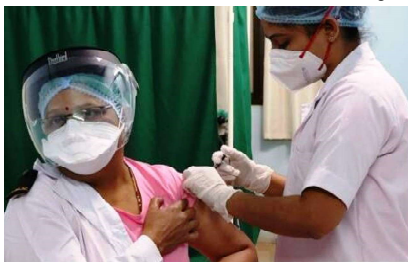
# Over 9 lakh beneficiaries administered 'precaution' dose on first day of roll-out

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 11:

More than nine lakh beneficiaries received "precaution" dose of COVID-19 vaccine on the first day of roll-out on January 10, according to data shared by the government.

As many as 9,84,676 were administered their third dose on the first day of the drive out of which 5,19,604 were healthcare workers, 2,01,205 were frontline workers and 2,63,867 were over 60 years of age with comorbidities.

Those aged 60 or more, healthcare workers and frontline workers who took their second dose of vaccine nine months ago got their third dose on Monday.



The beneficiaries are being administered "precautionary dose" of the same vaccine they took 39 weeks ago. They are required to book a slot using their existing Covin account.

India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded

1,52,89,70,294 with the administration of over 92 lakh doses in the last 24 hours, as per provisional reports till 7 am today.

India rolled out the vaccination drive across the country on January 16 last year with healthcare workers get-

ting inoculated in the first phase. The vaccination of frontline workers began from February 2, 2021.

From March 1 last year, 60+ citizens and those aged 45 and above with specified comorbid conditions became eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.

The government then commenced vaccination for all people aged more than 45 years from April 1 and it later expanded the drive by allowing everyone above 18 to be vaccinated from May 1.

COVID-19 vaccination for adolescents between the 15-18 years age group began on January 3 this year amid rising cases of coronavirus in the country driven by the Omicron variant of the virus.

# Manipur Assembly polls: Neck and neck fight between BJP & Congress likely

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 11:

The ruling BJP and opposition Congress are locked in a close fight in Manipur in the upcoming Assembly elections, according to a survey conducted by ABP-C VOTER.

The two parties—BJP and Congress—are projected to poll 36 per cent and 33 per cent votes, respectively.

The Manipur Assembly election will be held in two phases on February 27 and March 3, while the counting of votes will take place on March

10. The sample size for the survey was 2,100 across 60 Assembly seats in the state.

The BJP has led over the Congress consistently, albeit with a wafer-thin margin.

The trend observed so far seems to be crystallizing and the BJP's edge has withered over the Congress from the previous round of tracker.

It is currently expected to win 25 seats while Congress is close on the heels with 24 seats.

The Naga ethnic party NPF is expected to mop up 4 seats

and "others" could tag around the 7 remaining seats.

The crystallization of electoral trends has a lot to do with polarisation along ethnic lines witnessed in the state.

The renewed Naga assertion and reaction to it from Manipuri tribes is the defining feature of the coming elections.

Manipur polls are important for the BJP to show its continued dominance in the Northeast, especially with the worsening internal security situation casting a shadow over its track record.

# Two-day march in Nagaland against AFSPA, killings of 14 civilians

Agency  
Dimapur, Jan 11:

Hundreds of people of Nagaland took part in the two-day walkathon from Monday seeking the repeal of AFSPA and protesting against the killings of the 14 civilians by security forces in Mon district last month.

During the two-day march, the Nagas will cover a distance of more than 70 km from

Nagaland's commercial hub Dimapur to state capital Kohima.

The walkathon has received the support of various tribal bodies and civil society organisations in the state.

The participants restarted the march on Tuesday morning for the state capital.

The state has been demanding the revocation of the Armed Force Special Power Act (AFSPA) since the Mon killings last month. However, the Cen-

tre on December 30 extended AFSPA for six more months.

As many as 14 civilians were allegedly killed by security forces, including six in a botched anti-terrorist operation, and eight others in subsequent incidents in Nagaland's Mon district on December 4 and 5. One soldier was also killed in a subsequent attack by agitated local villagers who surrounded the jangals upon receiving the news.

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# YFPHR express serious concern....

In October, 2021 the District Magistrate have already announced to submit the licensed gun to the nearest police station however, the incidents which took place after the announcement clearly indicates that the licensed gun are not properly checked by the state which is of serious concern. If the licensed gun are deposited in the concern police stations than from where the guns are being used to threaten the public

in connection with the election.

Isn't the order passed by the District Magistrate cover the intending candidates and the standing candidates or its workers of all the Political parties is in need to be questioned at this critical point of time, the YFPHR question.

The Forum had already appealed on 30th, October, 2021 to refrain our citizen to refrain from violence and also appealed the Manipur Human

Rights Commission, Governor of Manipur and Department of Home to immediately intervene to curb the poll-related violence in the state of Manipur.

The YFPHR appealed to the people of Manipur to refrain from possible violence related to election as no state authority is concerned to protect its citizen but to misuse its power and snatch the power of the people using the violence.

## Sports

# ISL: Bengaluru FC outperform reigning champions Mumbai City FC to inflict season's fourth defeat

Agency  
Fatorda, Jan 11:

Bengaluru FC pile more misery on Mumbai City FC with a 3-0 victory in match number 56 of the Indian Super League 2021-22 at the P.J.N Stadium in Fatorda.

The defending champions miss the chance to regain the top spot and have collected only two points in the last five matches whereas Marco Pezzaiuoli's men are only three points away from fourth place in the points table.

Danish Farooq (8') gave the Blues an early lead which was extended to three by Prince Ibara (23', 45') who scored a first-half brace with two towering headed goals.

Gurpreet Sandhu was called into action early who saved two attempts from Cassio Gabriel and Bipin Singh within minutes following the kick-off. However, it was BFC that took the lead through Danish Farooq, whose left-footed drive from outside the box gave no



chance to Phurba Lachenpa in goal.

Prince Ibara then joined the party after burying a header from close range to double the lead with only 23 minutes on the clock. The cross from Roshan Naorem was brilliant and the striker

from Congo made no mistake in finding the back of the net.

The Blues continued to pile more pressure on the Islanders and created several scoring opportunities around the half-hour mark. Des Buckingham's men

could not manage to contain the deficit to two goals as Ibara scored again with a header moments before the halftime whistle.

Roshan Naorem was again the provider with an accurate corner which saw the tall forward leap the

highest to head the ball.

The start of the second half saw more of the same, with BFC threatening to score. However, MCFC got more hold of the possession and created better chances to reduce the deficit. Sunil Chhetri was brought on to replace Ibara who left the pitch owing to an injury. Five minutes past the hour mark, Apua saw his half-volley from long-range hit the right-sided post and come out.

Ajith Kamaraj replaced Naorem who was struggling with a muscle issue late into the match. The fourth official added five minutes for stoppages but MCFC could not break the BFC defence. The Blues held on to a well-deserved clean sheet and secured all three points in a sensational overall performance.

Bengaluru FC will next turn up against ATK Mohun Bagan at the P.J.N Stadium on Saturday while Mumbai City FC meets Kerala Blasters FC at the Tilak Maidan Stadium on Sunday.

# Tata set to replace VIVO as IPL's title sponsor, tournament to be called Tata IPL: Reports

Agency  
Kolkata, Jan 11:

The association of Chinese mobile-maker, VIVO, is set to come to an end, with Tata reportedly replacing the smartphone brand as IPL's title sponsor from the 2022 season onwards. The decision over the sponsorship change was taken during the IPL Governing Council meeting on Tuesday.

VIVO had pulled out of IPL sponsorship in 2020 due to the rising anti-China sentiment in the country. While VIVO returned as the chief sponsor in 2021, the association is now set to end completely ahead of the 2022 edition, as per a report in Cricbuzz.

VIVO and BCCI had gotten into an agreement for IPL's title sponsorship in 2018 for a whopping INR 440 crore. The sponsorship agreement was to conclude after the IPL 2023 season but the two parties are parting ways prematurely. It has been understood that

VIVO had requested to transfer its existing deal with the BCCI over IPL title sponsorship to Tata. The same was approved at the GC meeting. Now, TATA will have the title sponsorship of the franchise-based cricket league for the 2022 and the 2023 seasons. The exact financials for these two seasons are yet to be revealed. After the 2023 season, the sponsorship agreement will be up for grabs once again.

"There was a request from Vivo to exit the IPL sponsorship deal and the GC has approved it," an official told Cricbuzz. "The BCCI will continue to earn the same fee for the title rights."

"Vivo has exited and the Tatas will be title sponsors," the IPL chairman confirmed. He also said that the Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Ahmedabad and Lucknow franchises has been issued. "The GC has approved the CVC acquisition of the Ahmedabad team and we will issue the LOI today (January 11)," Patel further said.