

## MLA Kh. Joykisan suspended; Kh. Ratankumar appointed as working president of MPCC

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 18:

The Congress party has suspended Kh. Joykisan, MLA of Thangmeiband constituency today.

The party has also appointed Kh. Ratankumar as the working president of the Manipur Congress.

Hareshwar Goswami, General Secretary, MPCC said in an order that on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Action Committee, MPCC, the president, MPCC has decided to suspend Kh. Joykisan Singh from the Indian National Congress (INC) under Article XIX of the Constitution of the Indian National Congress read with Clause(h) of 'Miscellaneous' provided under Article XXVII of the said Constitution.

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MLA Kh. Joykisan



Newly appointed Working President Kh. Ratankumar

Joykisan Singh ceased to be a primary member of the Indian National Congress with immediate effect, it was added.

Meanwhile AICC, KC

Venugopal issued an order on Monday appointing Kh. Ratankumar as the working president of Manipur Congress.

Ratankumar in a social network platform thanked Congress, Sonia Gandhi and other Congress leaders for appointing him as the working president.

## Man found dead, family suspects murder

IT Correspondent  
Jiribam, Jan 18:

A 33-year-old man was found hanged dead on a tree trunk on Friday morning at Lalpani, Jiribam.

The deceased was identified as Joinal Uddin S/o Harun Mia of Lalpani P-II, Jiribam. He had returned to home on 13th January 2022 from his work place of Imphal at around 5:30pm. After having dinner on the same night, he had went out after getting a phone call from someone and had not returned to home.



As per family member statement, on next day morning his body was found hanged to a tree nearby paddy field.

The family claims that

the death of Joinal Uddin was not a suicide, they suspected it's a murder.

The family members of the deceased stated that they had suspected one

Moinul Haque of Lalpani, Jiribam who had threatened to deceased father around one and half month.

The said suspected person is absconding after the death of Joinal Uddin, stated by the family members.

The family members of deceased appealed to all the CSOs and people of Jiribam for their support to find out the justice of death.

A case has been filed at Jiribam police in this regard, the Jiribam police are working the case on different angles to find out actual facts of the death.

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 18:

The Election Commission of India has notified a list of essential services where persons employed in these services and on duty on the day of poll in the current general election to the Legislative Assembly of Manipur can avail the facility of Postal Ballots.

As per the ECI's notification, the list of essential services includes Electricity Department, BSNL, Railways, Post & Telegram, Doordarshan, All India Radio, Health Department in connection with COVID-19, Aviation, Fire Services, Ambulance Services and Media persons

authorised by ECI for poll day coverage.

The persons employed in these essential services who will not be able to be present in their respective polling station are classified as class of persons to give vote by postal ballot in the said general election as per the provisions of Part-III of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 as amended by Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India.

The Election Commission of India's decision dated July 16, 2020, in pursuance of the Conduct of Election (Amendment) Rules, 2019, and the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) 2020, had given the facility of voting through postal

ballot (PB) to the senior citizens who are above 80 years of age; persons with disability flagged in the database for electoral roll and COVID 19 suspect or affected persons.

The ROs have started the distribution of application form for postal ballot (Form 12D) for the PWDs and 80 plus elders. Only the PWDs who are flagged in the electoral roll and who possess disability certificate can avail this facility of opting for postal ballot. However, if the PWDs and 80 plus elders wish to cast their vote, they can come out on the poll day and cast their votes physically at their respective polling stations.

## Assembly Election: BJP may win UP, Uttarakhand, Manipur; hung house in Goa, Punjab, says Survey

Courtesy: Deccan Herald  
New Delhi, Jan 18:

BJP is predicted to retain Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Manipur, while Goa and Punjab may return a hung assembly where Congress is not in the driver's seat, a pre-poll survey predicted on Monday.

AAP has the advantage in Punjab, while BJP may romp home finally in Goa, according to the Republic TV-P-MARQ survey.

It predicted Uttar Pradesh for the BJP but with a reduced margin from the 2017 polls - from 312 to 252-272 seats with 41.3 per cent vote-share in a House of 403. Their main opponent Samajwadi Party could win 111-131 seats with 33.1 per cent votes, in...

BSP could further shrink, winning only 8-16 seats as against 19 it won in the 2017 polls, while Congress' may slide further down in one of the most politically crucial states, as it may win only 3-9 seats as against seven it won earlier, according to...

A survey by India TV-Ground Zero Research also showed the BJP winning but with lesser numbers at 230-235 seats (39.32 per cent votes). SP could see a three-fold increase in its seats to 160-165 (36.2 per cent), this survey



predicted, while it gave Co...

According to the Republic TV-P-MARQ survey, Punjab may see the emergence of AAP as the single largest party with 50-56 seats with 37.8 per cent votes, just short of the half-way mark of 59. Punjab is the lone state where Congress is in power among th...

Congress could win 42-48 seats with 35.1 per cent votes while Akali Dal could get 13-17 (15.8 per cent) and BJP alliance 1-3 seats (5.7 per cent), the survey showed, indicating that former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, who left the Congress, and hi...

Uttarakhand is also not a happy story for Congress, if this survey is to be believed, as it's hope to overthrow the ruling BJP may not fructify. Though the BJP may win only 36-42 seats (39.9 per cent

votes), down from 56 it won in 2017, the Congress ...

Manipur is also likely to go the BJP way as it may win 31-37 seats (39.2 per cent votes) in a House of 60 while Congress may win only 13-19. NPP (3-9) and NPF (1-5) are other parties that may win seats in Manipur where BJP managed to usurp power after...

The survey is showing a hung assembly in Goa where BJP may get 16-20 seats (30.5 per cent votes), one short of majority in the best-case scenario in a House of 40. Congress is likely to get 9-13 seats (22.2 per cent) while AAP 4-8 seats (12.2 per cen...

The vote-share and the seats that are predicted to win by Trinamool and AAP indicate that the division in the Opposition may be detrimental to the chances of Congress.

## ZCOs laud Union Minister RK Ranjan

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 18:

The Zeliangrong Civil Organisations (ZCOs) comprised of Zeliangrong Baudi, Zeliangrong Youth Front and Zeliangrong Student's Union expressed appreciation and hailed the Honble Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education in the Union Govt., RK. Ranjan Singh clear message delivered on the said occasion to the Zeliangrong people in particular and the people of the State in general regarding the "Gaan Ngai" festival truly reflected his character of learned and indept knowledge about the historical background and roots of the Zeliangrong community

biggest festival "Gaan Ngai".

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highly honoured, respected and hailed by the Zeliangrong Civil Organisations ZCOs.

Zeliangrong Civil Organisations ZCOs have been observing all the wishes and messages of dignitaries that have come across in various social media groups and also published in various newspapers regarding "Gaan Ngai" festival. We are really happy and proud to see all the Messages and wishes of dignitaries handed out this year in clear terms mentioning that "Gaan Ngai" is the biggest festival of Zeliangrong community as compared to some

messages last year which vaguely mentioned that "Gaan Ngai" is the festival of Kabui tribe.

Zeliangrong people are inseparable by blood which cannot be separated by administrative manipulation so called separate tribe recognition as "Zeliang", "Kabui", "Zeme", "Liangmai", "Rongmei", etc.

Zeliangrong people history is a history of common ancestral origin therefore, whoever is trying to distort historical facts on the basis of administrative manipulation is only exposing their lack of reasoning ability.

## Republic Day Parade 2022: No chief guest from Central Asian countries due to Covid-19 third wave

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 18:

In view of the raging third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic due to the Omicron variant, the central government has reportedly cancelled the plans to have any chief guest from Central Asian countries for the Republic Day Parade 2022.

"There will be no foreign chief guest from Central Asian countries on Republic Day this year due to Covid-19. The gov-

ernment had sent invitations to the Heads of State of five Central Asian countries but the plans have now been cancelled," news agency ANI quoted sources as saying.

India saw a single-day spike of 2,58,089 new coronavirus infections, while the fatality count rose to 4,86,761 with 310 more deaths in the last 24 hours.

"This year the list of invitees include construction workers, sanitation workers,



front line workers and auto-rickshaw drivers. The purpose is to give opportunity to every person in the society. The invitees have to be fully vaccinated," sources in the Union Ministry of Defence said.

Total 600 young artists, who will perform at Rajpath this year, were selected through nationwide competition 'Vande Bharatam' organised by the Defence Ministry and the Ministry of Culture to ensure participation of people from all

over the country and encourage talented dancers.

"This year the invitation cards for Republic Day have medicinal seeds. After the event, it can be sowed in a flower pot or garden. To encourage a start-up of IIT-Delhi, for the first time 1,000 drones will perform during the Beating the Retreat event. After China, Russia and the United Kingdom, India will only be the fourth country to perform a drone show," Defence Minis-

try sources said.

Republic Day celebrations will begin from January 23 from this year, instead of January 24, in the honour of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

"Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the number of visitors will be substantially curtailed this year. We are looking at a range of 5,000-8,000 people but we have not yet finalised that. Last year, 25,000 visitors had taken part," senior defence ministry officials told ANI.

# Strong immunity is must to beat Cold & Corona

## Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



My daughter is always keen to know whether I have been regularly taking a cup of decoction (*kaadha*) or not. When I said, sometimes I take it on alternate days, she brought a lot of essential ingredients from the market, which are used to prepare the *kaadha*. Now it is a part of my regular routine. Especially in the evening, I prefer to drink *kaadha* instead of ginger and masala *chai*. The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India has issued instructions to the countrymen to drink decoction regularly. Drinking decoction increases the body's ability to fight diseases. Especially to beat the Corona virus, decoction is an effective remedy, which works to enhance immunity. By the way, those who do physical labour or do exercise on a routine basis have good immunity, whether they eat or drink something particular or not. For example, I did not see my newspaper hawker, the dustbin cleaner boy, the vegetable sellers and the *presswala kaka* who sits in a hut in the corner, suffer from Covid 19. This is because of their daily routine of physical labour. These men remained active as usual even during the peak Covid periods.

Meanwhile, winter is in full swing in North India. It is mostly snowing in the mountains in J&K, Himachal, Uttarakhand, and extreme cold in the plains. Then there is the third wave of Covid. In such a situation, it is good to have a proper diet, so that the immunity is strong. Ayurveda experts recommend that fruits should be eaten for three to four days as soon as symptoms of flu and infection are seen. Consumption of coconut water, salad and fruit juice is also beneficial. Eating oranges and citrus fruits replenishes vitamin C, which strengthens immunity. Consumption of gooseberry (*amla*) is also useful, which can also be taken in the form of pickle, marmalade or powder. For vitamin D to be produced naturally in the body, one should sit in the sun for at least 30 minutes every day. These days, one must drink hot water instead of tea. Apply mustard or coconut oil in the nostrils. While cooking the vegetable, add half a teaspoon of dry ginger powder to it. Boil milk mixed with turmeric and drink it at night. Take a decoction twice a day, which has been boiled by adding basil, black pepper, cinnamon, dry ginger, cloves and dry grapes (*munakka*) in water. A few drops of honey, jaggery or lemon can be added to it for taste.

Do not forget to take sufficient vitamin C in your diet, as it helps in strengthening the immune system. Vitamin C is believed to increase the production of white blood cells, which are important for fighting infection. Almost all citrus fruits are rich in vitamin C. Consuming garlic is good during cold days. Tales of its specialty have been going on since ancient times. Garlic slows down hardening of the arteries. Sulfur-rich salts like allicin present in it boost immunity. Ginger is also a great remedy for reducing inflammation and sore throat. It provides heat to the body, so ginger tea is preferred in winters. It can reduce chronic pain and also has cholesterol-lowering properties.

# English translation of PM's 'State of the World' address at World Economic Forum's Davos Summit

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Namsakar!  
On behalf of 130 crore Indians, I convey my greetings to the dignitaries from all over the world gathered at the World Economic Forum. Today when I am talking to you, India is tackling another Corona wave with caution and alertness. Parallely, India is also moving ahead in the economic field with many promising results. Today, India is filled with the excitement of the celebrations of 75 years of its independence and also with the confidence of having administered 160 crore corona vaccine doses in just one year.

Friends,

A strong democracy like India has gifted the whole world a beautiful gift, a bouquet of hope. In this bouquet, we Indians have an unwavering trust on democracy; this bouquet has the technology that will empower the 21st century; and it also has temperament and the talent of us Indians. The Multi-Lingual, Multi-Cultural environment in which we Indians live is a great power not only of India but of the whole world. This strength teaches not only to think for oneself in times of crisis, but also to work for the humanity. During the Corona time, we have seen how India, following the vision of 'One Earth, One Health', is saving crores of lives by providing necessary medicines and vaccines to many countries. Today India is the world's third largest pharma producer; it's a pharmacy to the world. Today, India is among those countries of the world whose health professionals and doctors are winning everyone's trust through their sensitivity and expertise.

Friends,

Sensitivity is tested in times of crisis,

but India's strength is an example for the whole world at the moment. During this crisis, India's IT sector has saved all the countries of the world by working round the clock. Today India is sending record software engineers to the world. More than 50 lakh software developers are working in India. Today India has the third largest number of Unicorns in the world. More than 10 thousand start-ups have been registered in the last 6 months. Today India has a huge, secure and successful digital payments platform. Last month alone, 4.4 billion transactions have been done through Unified Payments Interface in India.

Friends,

The digital infrastructure that India has developed and adopted over the years has become a huge strength of India today. Technological solutions like Arogya-Setu App for tracking Corona Infections and CoWin Portal for Vaccination are a matter of pride for India. The online facilities offered by India's CoWin portal - from slot booking to certificate generation, has caught the attention of people from bigger countries as well.

Friends,

There was a time when India was identified with the license raj and ma-

jority of the things were controlled by the government. I understand the challenges that have been there for doing business in India in those days. We are constantly trying to overcome all the challenges. Today India is promoting Ease of Doing Business, minimizing government interference. India has made its corporate tax the most competitive in the world by simplifying and reducing it. Last year alone, we have eliminated more than 25 thousand compliances. India has regained the confidence of the business community by reforming measures like retrospective taxes. India has also deregulated many sectors like Drones, Space, Geo-spatial mapping. India has made major reforms in the outdated telecom regulations related to IT sector and BPO.

Friends,

India is committed to becoming a trusted partner in the world in global supply-chains. We are making way for free-trade agreement with many countries. The ability of Indians to adopt Innovation, new technology, the spirit of entrepreneurship of Indians; can give new energy to every global partner of ours. So this is the best time to invest in India. Entrepreneurship among Indian youth is at a new height today. In 2014 where there were few hundred registered startups in India, their numbers have crossed 60 thousand today. It also has more than 80 unicorns, of which more than 40 formed in 2021 itself. Just as expatriates are showing their skills on the global stage, in the same way Indian youth are fully ready, geared up to give new heights to the all your businesses in India.

Friends,

India's commitment to deep economic reforms is another major reason that is making India the most attractive destination for investment today. During the Corona period, when the world was focusing on interventions like Quantitative Easing Program, India paved the way for reforms. The biggest projects to modernize digital and physical infrastructure got unprecedented momentum in the Corona times itself. More than 6 lakh villages in the country are being connected with optical fibre. An investment of \$1.3 trillion is being made, especially on connectivity infrastructure. Through Innovative financing tools like Asset monetization a target to generate \$80 billion has been set. India has also launched the Gati Shakti National Master Plan to bring every stakeholder on the same platform for promoting development. Under this National Master Plan, work will be done on infrastructure planning, development and implementation in an integrated manner. This will give a new impetus to seamless connectivity and movement of Goods, People and Services.

Friends,

While following the path of self-reliance, India's focus is not only on easing the processes, but also on incentivizing investment and production. With this approach, today, Production Linked Incentive schemes worth \$26 billion have been implemented in 14 sectors. The \$10 billion incentive plan to roll out the fab, chip and display industry is a testament to our commitment to making the global supply chain smooth. We are moving ahead with the spirit of Make in India, Make for the world. Along with telecom, insurance, defence, aero-

space, now there are limitless possibilities offered by India in the field of semiconductors as well.

Friends,

Today India is drafting policies, taking decisions with regard to the present as well as the goals of the next 25 years. For this period, India has set the targets of high growth and saturation of welfare and wellness. This period of growth will also be green, it will also be clean, it will also be sustainable, it will also be reliable. Continuing the tradition of making big commitments and living up to them for the global good, we have also set a target of net zero by 2070. India, with 17 per cent of the world's population, may contribute 5 per cent, only 5 per cent in Global Carbon Emission, but our commitment to tackle Climate Challenge is 100 percent. Initiatives like International Solar Alliance and Coalition for Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure for Climate Adaptation are proof of this. As a result of the efforts of the past years, today 40% of our Energy Mix is coming from non-fossil fuel sources. We have already achieved the commitments made by India in Paris, 9 years before their target.

Friends,

In the midst of these efforts, we also have to recognize that our lifestyle is also a big challenge for the climate. 'Throw away' culture and consumerism have made the climate challenge more serious. It is very important to rapidly shift today's 'take-make-use-dispose', economy towards circular economy. The same spirit is at the core of the idea of Mission LIFE that I discussed at COP-26. LIFE - means Lifestyle for Environment, a vision of such a Resilient and Sustainable Lifestyle which will be useful in not only dealing with Climate Crisis but also with futuristic unpredictable challenges. Therefore, it is important to transform Mission LIFE into a global mass movement. A public participation campaign like LIFE can be made into a big base for, P-3 'Pro Planet People'.

Friends,

Today, at the beginning of 2022, when we are brainstorming over these issues in Davos, India also considers its responsibility to make everybody aware of few more challenges. Today, with the change in the global order, the challenges we have been facing as a global family are also increasing. To combat these, there is a need for collective and synchronized action by every country, every global agency. Supply chain disruptions, inflation and climate change are few examples of these challenges. Another example is cryptocurrency. The kind of technology that is associated with it, the decisions taken by a single country will be inadequate to deal with its challenges. We have to have a common mindset. But looking at the global scenario today, the question is whether multilateral organizations are ready to deal with the new world order and new challenges; is that strength left in them? When these institutions were formed, the situation was different. Today the circumstances are different. Therefore, it is the responsibility of every democratic country to emphasize reforms in these institutions so that they can come up to the task of tackling the challenges of present and future. I am sure there will be a positive dialogue in this direction during the discussions in Davos.

Friends,

In the midst of new challenges, the world today needs new avenues, new resolutions. Today, every country in the world needs cooperation with each other more than ever before. This is the way to a better future. I am sure this discussion in Davos will expand this spirit. Once again, I got a chance to meet you all virtually. Many thanks to you all.

# Job Prospects and Career options for Women

Today, women and men are walking hand-in-hand at every sphere of life. They world no longer have boundaries bordered by four walls. The advent of modern technology along-with proper education and communication has given sufficient space to every woman to live her aspiration and dreams like never before.

So, if you are one among those women who want to pursue her dream and aspire to become the next corporate leader, here's your chance to do so. Here we are presenting an exhaustive list of career options that may suit you according to your passion, talent and skills:

## Career as an Air Hostess

This is not only a glamorous but also a promising career option that has popular among Indian women. If you love talking to others and have good communication skills along-with a charming personality, this profession is made for you. Being an Air Hostess, you will be able to visit different places and countries, enjoy living in hotels and experience the joy of talking of new people every single day. Nevertheless, if you are looking forward to work in this profession, be ready to work hard with 100% commitment, dedication and courage.

Smart and confident girls with pleasing and polite personality make it to the level in the profession of Air Hostess. Along-with these traits, the blend of excellent communication skills and good sense of humour is also demanded in this profession. Expertise in at least one foreign language is preferred in this profession; however, it is not mandatory.

## Eligibility and Personality Traits

The eligibility criteria for joining an Advertising course at Bachelor's level is 12th pass and for PG level, you need to be a Graduate in any discipline. There are many institutes that offer Advertising course at Undergraduate and Post Graduate levels. The best way to start a career in Advertising is by joining an Ad Agency. Depending your passion and skills, you can join the creative or management department of any Ad agency.

To build a successful career in Advertising, you need to very good imaginative and visualization skills along-with a patient and calm temperament. You should also have the ability to work under pressure and tight deadlines to progress in this field. Command over language, ability to work with a team and organization skills are also needed to work and excel in this profession.

## Job Prospects

After completing your study in Advertising, you can find jobs in Ad Agencies, Radio Channels, Media Houses, E-Commerce Stores, FMCG companies and PR agencies. The popularity of Advertising in terms of product promotion and branding is increasing day-by-day, and organizations are continuously looking for professionals from the field of Client Servicing, Account Management, Public Relations, Sales Promotion,



By: Vijay GarG

Art Direction and Copy Writing.

## Career in Fashion Designing

The rise in economic development and modern values has impacted our lifestyles. Today, everyone wants to carry a sophisticated lifestyle in terms of apparels, food, travel, education and relationship. Seeing this trend, Fashion Designing has emerged as the hottest career option for some time now. Every second person on earth wants to dress in a glamorous and attractive way, and due to this fashion designers are now in huge demand. Fashion has become an integral part of everyone's life in this modern society. Therefore, you are bound to grow and take your career to new heights in this profession.

To join this profession, you should be highly imaginative and must possess exceptional visualization capabilities along-with an artistic view point for blending fabrics, colours and style to weave the best masterpiece. Moreover, you should be ready to face challenges and competition in this field, and must keep yourself updated with recent fashion trends and user's fashion taste.

## Job Prospects

If you are artistic and have great fashion sense, then sky is the limit for you in this profession. A skilful and talented fashion designer can find job in apparel companies, export houses and raw material industry as a stylist or designer. The best thing about this profession is that you can open your own fashion boutique after gaining few years of work experience. Visual merchandizing, costume designing and fashion writing are other career options for a fashion designing graduate.

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## Career in Journalism and Mass Communication

Well, you must be familiar with famous news journalists like Anjana Om Kashyap and Barkha Dutt. And, if you aspire to become like them, a course in Journalism and Mass Communication will be the right thing to do. The profession of journalism and mass communication is challenging and adventurous and more & more woman are joining this profession as it promises job satisfaction and fame on the same hand. The rise of digital media has made the scope of mass communication and journalism even more broad where job roles in the form of reporters, copy writers, producers, anchors, experts and columnists are in high demand.

To excel in this profession, you need to have exceptional written and verbal communication skills. Along-with this, you should be carry a pleasant and confident personality, and should be able to face the camera with smartness. You reporting should be unbiased and you must learn hold absolutely no opinions based on political influence. In addition, mass communication candidates must be able to take and air any story after doing thorough and extensive research on the respective topic.

Mass Communication Graduates can find employment in various Newspapers, Magazines, News Agencies, News Websites, Government and Private News Channels, and Radio stations. Other than this, International news papers and news channels offer a large number of vacancies. The positions are available for the profiles of reporting, editing, production, anchoring, copy writing, script writing and video shoots.

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# Bhagwant Mann Named Aam Aadmi Party's CM Face for Punjab Polls

Agency  
Mohali, Jan 18:

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) president Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday, 18 January, declared Bhagwant Mann as the party's chief ministerial candidate for Punjab.

Over 93.3 percent people voted for Bhagwant Mann as the CM candidate in a survey conducted by the AAP, Kejriwal announced at a press conference on Tuesday.

"It is clear that AAP will win the Punjab election. In a way, the person chosen as the chief ministerial candidate is the next chief minister of Punjab," Kejriwal said.

Stating that "for the first time in India's history, the people will decide who their chief minister (CM) candidate should be," Arvind Kejriwal had, on 13 January, asked the



people of the state to choose the party's CM face.

Over 21 lakh people had cast their vote in the AAP's

survey. While about 3 percent of the votes were in the favour of Congress's Navjot Singh Sidhu, a few that were

in the favour of Kejriwal had been considered invalid, the AAP president indicated at the press conference on Tuesday.

"I congratulate Sardar Bhagwant Mann on being declared CM face of AAP in Punjab. Whole Punjab is looking upto AAP as a hope. Its a huge responsibility and I am sure Bhagwant will bring back smile on the face of every Punjabi (sic)," Kejriwal tweeted.

The state of Punjab is slated to go to the polls on 20 February. The AAP's main competitor in the state, the ruling Congress party, has not declared any CM candidate as of yet.

However, a video posted by the Congress on Monday suggested that the party might advance Chief Minister Charanjit Channi as its candidate for the post.

# Restricted use of oral drugs, no place for Molnupiravir: Centre revises Covid treatment guidelines

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 18:

The Covid National Task Force of the Union Health Ministry has issued fresh guidelines highlighting the usage of oral drugs such as Remdesivir and Tocilizumab and injectable steroids under certain conditions only.

In the revised guidelines, Molnupiravir, the antiviral drug that received approval for emergency use by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) only a fortnight ago, has been kept out. This comes after the drug received a thumbs down from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

The guidelines state that those above 60 years of age,

or those having health conditions like cardiovascular disease, hypertension, coronary artery disease, diabetes, HIV, active tuberculosis, chronic lung, kidney or liver disease, cerebrovascular disease or obesity are at high risk for severe disease.

Under the revised guidelines, Remdesivir is to be prescribed only in patients with "moderate to severe" disease and those with no renal or hepatic dysfunction within 10 days of the onset of any symptom.

Though the off-label use of Remdesivir is recommended, the guidelines warn against its use for patients who are not on oxygen support or in home settings.

For Tocilizumab, the

guidelines say that the drug may be considered for patients with significantly raised inflammatory markers, and not improving despite use of steroids with there being no active bacterial, fungal or tubercular infection.

Tocilizumab may be considered for use in the presence of severe disease, preferably within 24 to 48 hours of onset of severe disease or intensive care unit (ICU) admission, the guidelines say.

The guidelines state that use of steroids for anti-inflammatory therapy can have the risk of secondary infection like invasive mucormycosis, when used too early or at higher dose or for longer than required.

Injection methylprednisolone 0.5 to one mg/kg in two

divided doses, or an equivalent dose of dexamethasone, can usually be given for a duration of five to 10 days in moderate cases, the guidelines stated. The same drug in two divided doses of one to two mg/kg can be given for same duration in severe cases.

"Inhalational budesonide (given via metered dose inhaler/dry powder inhaler) at a dose of 800 mcg BD for five days can be given in mild cases if symptoms (fever and/or cough) are persistent beyond five days of disease onset," it was stated in the guidelines.

The guidelines have classified Covid-19 patients into three categories based on their symptoms — mild, moderate and severe.

# A row over exclusion of floats at R Day parade at Rajpath

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, Jan 18:

While 21 out of 56 tableaux of states and central ministries are likely to be selected for the Republic Day parade at Rajpath, the chief ministers of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, whose tableaux have been rejected have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention in the matter.

"The Central government's decision to deny permission to the Kerala's Republic Day tableau, which contained anti-caste crusader Narayana Guru's figure, is extremely condemnable. @BJP4Keralam must state whether they agree with this insulting attitude towards Kerala's Guru," V Sivankutty, Kerala's Education Minister, said in a tweet.

However the Union government has slammed three opposition states for alleging that the exclusion of their tableaux from the Republic Day parade was an insult, saying it is a wrong precedent, and stressed that it is not the Centre but an expert committee

that makes the shortlist. The proposals of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal were rejected by the subject expert committee after due process and deliberations.

Delhi Government's tableaux with the theme "Delhi-City of Hopes" is also unlikely to pass final selection this year. In 2020, too, there was no tableau of Delhi in the Republic Day parade. However last year (2021), Delhi's tableau had participated in the parade on Rajpath where the city government had displayed its Chandni Chowk Redevelopment model to portray the amalgamation of architectural heritage of the Walled City of Shahjahanabad with modern infrastructure.

**M a h a r a s t r a** Government's tableaux depicting biodiversity has been rejected this year. Similarly the tableaux of Bihar is unlikely to figure in the list of the selected tableaux.

**West Bengal**

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has expressed shock over the exclusion of West Bengal's tableau, which focussed on Subhash

Chandra Bose on his 125th birth anniversary year, and said such a move would cause "pain" to the people of her state. The exclusion of the tableau, which also featured other icons like Rabindranath Tagore, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo, "amounts to belittling and undermining the freedom fighters", she added. Her Trinamool Congress party accused the BJP-led central government of "repeatedly" and "systematically" insulting "our history, culture and pride".

**Tamil Nadu**

Chief Minister M K Staling termed it as a "matter of grave concern to Tamil Nadu and its people. He sought the prime minister's urgent intervention to arrange to include the tableau of Tamil Nadu" that will showcase the freedom fighters of the state in the Republic Day parade 2022 in New Delhi.

"The rejection of Tamil Nadu's tableau, that included freedom fighters VOC, Mahakavi Bharathiyar, Rani Velu Nachiyar and Maruthu Brothers, from the Republic

Day Parade is disappointing. Tamil Nadu CM said that the state submitted sketches choosing the theme "Tamil Nadu in the Freedom Struggle" depicting the renowned freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu.

However according to official sources, the rotation method is chosen so that different states get representation. It should be, noted that the tableau proposals of Kerala were accepted through the same process and system under the same Modi government in 2018 and 2021, and those of Tamil Nadu in 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021. The tableau proposals of West Bengal were accepted in 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021.

Similarly the tableaux from Maharashtra were selected and had won the first prize in 1980, 1983, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2015 and 2018. In 2019 Maharashtra presented the tableaux based on the 150 th Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti and Quit India movement. Maharashtra tableau did not make it to the parade in 1972, 1987, 1989, 1996, 2000, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2016 and 2020.

# Charity Learning Festival 2.0



IT News

Imphal, January 18:

How can we provide education, skills and jobs for 1 billion people by 2030? According to the World Economic Forum, reskilling and upskilling are highly demanded and is the ongoing trend for the world's development.

Charity Learning Festival 2.0 as a learning festival with charity nobility to raise awareness of the support grant-giving charities can provide to the needy, deprived and underprivileged affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic and beyond. This CLF 2.0 is the second program since it was first held in 2020 powered by ReSkills (Country). CLF 2.0 will be running concurrently in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam as well as India

CLF 2.0 is a righteous three-pronged Community Empowerment ecosystem:

First, public will obtain new knowledge and skills through OnLIVE Learning powered by ReSkills. Individu-

als can empower themselves with self-enhancement learning programmes, including the underprivileged who is also aided to enrich & elevate their lives.

Second, for every person that signs up for a complimentary 6 months OnLIVE Learning account from ReSkills, ReSkills will match each sign-up with a donation of USD1. Hence, various Charity Organizations can benefit from funding via this campaign while public can empower themselves through learning & at the other hand, they are empowering those selected charity organizations.

Third, Teachers, Trainers and Coaches are able to share and impart their experiences, expertise and knowledge to benefit the public through ReSkills' Platform.

"It is crucial for us to exercise our corporate social responsibility. This has been one of our driving forces and motivation since the inception of this company." Says the company's CEO Jin Tan.

**Ranjet Phillips,**  
"Reskills India Country Area

Manager comments, "We want to create access to as many people as possible to learning and education no matter what their financial standing is."

At the same time, we want to enhance the lives of the underprivileged, and I believe that this Charity Learning Festival is one of the ways to align those two together."

Reskills is an online learning app.

The charities in India are <https://www.womendevdevelopmentassociation.org/home>

<https://helpinghutngo.wordpress.com/>  
<http://www.uvycmn.org/home>

**How to donate:**

1. Download "ReSkills" Application from Google Play Store or Apple App store.

2. Sign up using the referral code to access 6 months of Reskills Learning Premium subscription for free.

3. Referral Code: CLFIND

4. Once you have registered, Reskills will donate USD \$1 to this charity on your behalf.

# Assam records biggest single day spike in COVID-19 cases

Agency  
Guwahati, Jan 18:

Assam recorded the biggest single-day surge in COVID-19 infections as the state logged nearly 7,000 new cases on Monday.

As per National Health Mission (NHM), the state registered as many as 6,982 new COVID-19 cases out of the 64,919 samples tested. The positivity rate stands at 10.75%.

Among the new COVID cases, 1,491 have been de-

tected from in and around Guwahati city.

As many as 11 persons have lost their lives due to the COVID-19 in Assam in the last 24 hours.

The COVID-19 recovery rate has dipped further to 95.18%.

# Mass Meditation for World Peace

IT Correspondent  
Imphal, Jan 18:

53rd Spiritual Ascension Anniversary of Pitashri Prajapita Brahma, the Corporate founder of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, is observed today as "World Peace & Meditation Day" at the institution's Rajyoga centres in India and overseas countries.

The 18th day of January is an auspicious day in the history of mankind. The 48th Divine Ascension anniversary of Prajapita Brahma, co-founding father of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya (PBKIVV) popularly known as Brahma Kumaris is being celebrated worldwide on 18th January, 2022 by lakhs of people in thousand of institution's Rajyoga centres all over the globe having association with and knowledge of this world-wide institution, as "World Peace & Meditation Day" to commemorate "The day of Spiritual Ascension" of Prajapita Brahma with various

services of mankind with messages of Brotherhood of man under Fatherhood of one Universal God Incorporated-Supreme Being of Light common to and accepted by all religions.

To complete his assigned role of world transformation, Prajapita Brahma left his mortal coil on Saturday 18th January 1969 to overcome his physical limitations and is still engaged in the service of humanity with God-speed in Angelic form.

In all centers including institution headquarters at Mount Abu, Rajasthan, on Saturday people will remain in contemplative silence and mass meditation from early morning and hold divine memorial public meetings on Brahma for promoting world peace, harmony and brotherhood which Pitashri Brahma worked for during his spiritual life time.

While over 04 thousand spiritual devotees of the institution from India and 150 other countries will congregate at its World Head Quarters, Mount Abu, Rajasthan

for Pitashri Brahma's memorial programme, lakhs of followers in their respective local centre of Brahma Kumaris all over the world will resolve to work for addition free and crime free better society by towing the healthy, positive and spiritual footsteps of Prajapita Brahma.

On the occasion the local Itanagar branch has organized a day programme on 18th January. On 18th January, it has organized a **marathon 12 hours Mass Meditation** from dawn to dusk, and will hold divine memorial **Interfaith Dialogue at 6PM** on "Role of Prajapita Brahma for Golden Age" in its premises at Bank Tinali to spread the vibrations of power and peace for religious harmony, emotional integration and universal Culture of Peace in this strife torn world full of religious bigotry and intolerance to usher in a Golden Aged Value Based Perfect Society of Culture of Peace & Non - Violence which Pitashri Brahma worked for during his spiritual life time.

# India logs 238,018 fresh Covid-19 cases, daily active count drops below 1 lakh

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 18:

India recorded 238,018 fresh Covid-19 infections in the last 24 hours, the Union health ministry data showed on Tuesday. The daily active count rose by 80,287, dropping below 1 lakh cases for the first time in nearly two weeks. The daily infections dropped by 20,071 since yesterday's tally, while the daily positivity rate stood at 14.43 per cent, as opposed to 14.41 per cent yesterday.

As many as 310 fatalities were registered in the last 24 hours, taking the country's death toll to 486,761. The new fatalities included 72 from Kerala and 33 from West Bengal.

The active cases now stand at 17,36,628, while recoveries climbed to over 35 million with 157,421 people getting better in the past 24 hours, the bulletin showed. The recovery rate has touched 94.09 per cent.

The total count rose to 37,18,271, including 8,891 new Omicron cases, which has been pushing more people around the country into self isolation.

The health ministry said that the daily positivity rate was recorded at 14.43 per cent, while the weekly positivity rate stood at 14.92 per cent. According to MoHFW, 158.04 crore vaccine doses have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive against COVID.

As per the 8 am data, 16,49,143 coronavirus tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, taking the cumulative tests over 70.54 crores.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23.

Among worst-hit cities, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata appear to have plateaued the Covid-19 curve, while several other cities continue to record a surge. A total of 705 million Covid tests have been conducted so far, including 16,49,143 tests in the last 24 hours.

The government also stated that it has provided more than 1.5 billion (1,58,16,75,635) vaccine doses free-of-cost to states and union territories so far. More than 132 million (1,32,29,901) vaccine doses remain unutilized and yet to be administered.

Earlier on Monday, the Centre released revised guidelines issued by AIIMS, ICMR -COVID 19 National Task Force and Joint Monitoring Group (DGHS) wherein it asked doctors to avoid giving injectable steroids to patients not requiring oxygen supplementation or in continuation, after discharge, because that can lead to a risk of secondary infection like mucormycosis or 'black fungus'.

For "mild, moderate and severe" cases of Covid-19 infection, the government said home isolation and care is sufficient, along with regular monitoring of body temperature and oxygen saturation.

In case of breathlessness with a fluctuating oxygen saturation between 90-93 per cent, the patient can get admitted.

They will be considered moderate cases and should be given oxygen support, the guidelines stated.

## Karnataka reports 27,156 new Covid cases, including 287 Omicron

Agency  
Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 18:

Omicron tally in Karnataka saw a steep spike as 287 new cases were detected in the state. K Sudhakar, Karnataka's minister for health, family welfare and medical education, said: "287 new Omicron cases confirmed in Bengaluru today (Monday) taking the overall tally in the state to 766."

The state on Monday reported 27,156 fresh infections and 14 deaths taking the total caseload and fatalities in the state to 32,47,243 and 38,445 respectively, the health department said in a statement.

Bengaluru Urban district led the spike in cases with 15,947 infections.

The spike comes at a time when the southern state is experiencing a steady rise in new infections, adding to challenges to contain the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially on livelihoods over fears of more restrictions.

While the Basavaraj Bommai-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has ruled out the possibility of another lockdown, local TV channels continue to run the probability on loop, adding to apprehensions of the population.

Bommai on Monday held a meeting on Covid-19 with members of his cabinet and senior government officials.

"Increase home isolation

calls. The comorbidities cases should be contacted at least once in a day and enquire about their health to instil a sense of confidence in them," Bommai instructed officials in the state.

He said precautionary measures should be taken to ensure that it does not spread to other members of the family and medicinal kits should be effectively delivered to home isolated cases. He said negative attitudes should be allayed with the help of voluntary service organizations.

"Infected children, especially in rural areas should get top priority, parents should be counselled and medical kits should be distributed. Separate medical kits should be prepared for children," according to the chief minister's instructions.

The state government is trying not to repeat the mistakes it committed in the first and second waves which led to uncertainty, adding to apprehensions and fears.

The government has even asked the union government for assistance to set up more hospital beds should the need arise. "Medicines should be procured immediately and they should be reached to hospitals well in time. Spread awareness among the people about Covid appropriate behaviour through the media," the chief minister said.

# Covid-19 vaccination of children in 12-14 years age group not beginning in March? Official sources say 'no decision yet'

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 18:

A day after Dr NK Arora, chief of the Covid-19 working group of NTAGI, said that the Covid-19 vaccination programme for children in the 12-14 years age group could begin in March, official sources have on Tuesday reportedly said that there has been no decision in that context yet.

"No decision yet by the union health ministry on vaccination for children of age group 12-14 years," news agency ANI quoted official sources as saying.

NTAGI chief NK Arora hinted on Monday that the

vaccination programme for children in the 15-18 years age group might get complete by March.

Of the estimated 7.4 crore population of children in the 15-18 years age bracket, more than 3.5 crore have already received the first dose of COVAXIN, and their second shot is due in 28 days.

"Adolescents in this age group have been actively participating in the inoculation process, and going by this pace of vaccination, the rest of the beneficiaries in the 15-18 age group are likely to be covered with the first dose by January-end and subsequently their second dose is expected to be done by February-end," Arora, chairman of the Covid-19 working group of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI), said yesterday.

The central government is likely to decide initiation of the vaccination programme for the 12-14 years age group in March once kids in the 15-18 years age group are covered, he said.

Arora estimates 7.5-crore eligible population in the 12-14 years age group. The nationwide vaccination drive was rolled out on 16 January 2021 with healthcare workers (HCWs) getting jabbed in the first phase, followed by frontline workers (FLWs) from February 2.

## Assam-Meghalaya border row: Six areas of difference to be resolved in phase 1

Agency  
Guwahati, Jan 18:

Six out of 12 areas of difference will be taken up for resolution in the "first phase" to bring an end to decades-long Assam-Meghalaya border dispute.

This was informed by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday, while briefing representatives of all political parties in the state.

"Our efforts to resolve Assam-Meghalaya border row have started bearing fruits as 6 of the 12 areas of difference have been identified for resolution in the first phase," said Assam CM Himanta Biswa

Sarma.

He added: "The areas of differences taken up for final settlement are: Hahim, Gizang, Tarabari, Boklapara, Khanapara-Pillingkata and Ratacherra."

"A roadmap for amicable settlement has been prepared based on recommendations of three regional committees with representatives from both the states," CM Sarma further said.

CM Sarma, on Tuesday, interacted with representatives of different political parties in Assam over the issue of border dispute with neighbouring Meghalaya.

The meeting was held at

the State Guest House in Koinadhar, Guwahati.

CM Sarma briefed the representatives of all the political parties on the developments in the border dispute talks with Meghalaya.

"During an interaction, briefed representatives of all political parties on the progress made so far," said Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Assam ministers Ranoo Pegu and Ashok Singhal, leader of opposition — Debabrata Saikia, MLAs, chief secretary Jishnu Barua, senior government officials and representatives of all parties were present in the meeting.

## Sports

## Lewandowski wins FIFA best player vote ahead of Messi, Salah

Agency  
Zürich (Switzerland), Jan 18:

Robert Lewandowski was voted the best men's player in the world, retaining the FIFA award he won last year.

The Bayern Munich forward overturned the result last month of the Ballon d'Or prize where he placed second behind Lionel Messi, who finally led Argentina to a senior title at the 2021 Copa América.

Mohamed Salah of Liverpool was also on the shortlist.

Lewandowski broke two Bundesliga records by scoring 41 goals for Bayern in its title-winning 2020-21 season and 43 in the calendar year of 2021. Both marks were held since 1972 by another Bayern great, Gerd Müller.

Alexia Putellas, who captained Barcelona to its first Women's Champions League title, was voted the best women's player ahead of teammate Jennifer Hermoso and Sam Kerr of beaten finalist Chelsea.

Chelsea swept the coaching awards in a year when its men's and women's teams led by Thomas Tuchel and Emma Hayes reached their Champions League finals.

Tuchel again edged



Manchester City's Pep Guardiola for victory to repeat the result of their European title game. Guardiola led City to the English Premier League title, and his team is the runaway leader this season after beating Chelsea on Saturday.

Roberto Mancini was the other shortlisted candidate after leading Italy to win the European Championship.

Hayes seemed surprised to win the coaching award for women's soccer ahead of Lluís Cortes. His Barcelona team beat Chelsea 4-0 in the Champions League final.

Sarina Wiegman, who

moved from 2017 European champion Netherlands to take over at England, was the other candidate.

Voting in each player and coach category was by national team coaches and captains worldwide, specialist media, and fans making their choices on FIFA's website.

The Puskas Award for best goal went to Erik Lamela for the rabona flick he scored for Tottenham against Arsenal in the Premier League in March.

The best goalkeeper prizes were won by Edouard Mendy of Chelsea and Chile's Christiane Endler, who moved from PSG to Lyon in the offseason.

Agency  
Kolkata, Jan 18:

Jamshedpur FC's Indian Super League match against Hyderabad FC was postponed hours before kick-off here on Monday after the Jharkhand-based club failed to field a team due to COVID-19 cases in its ranks. The ISL said it will reschedule the match to a later

date.

"Hero Indian Super League (ISL) announces the postponement of Match No. 63 between Hyderabad FC and Jamshedpur FC scheduled to be played today, Monday, January 17, 2022, at Athletic Stadium, Bambolim," the ISL said in a statement.

"The decision has been taken in consultation with the

League's medical team taking into account the inability of Jamshedpur FC to field a team. The League will look to rearrange the fixture to a later date."

A match between Kerala Blasters FC and Mumbai City FC in Vasco was also postponed on Sunday, hours before kickoff as the southern outfit did not have the requisite number of players to field. Prior to

this, two more matches had been postponed this season after the coronavirus breached the ISL's bio-bubble. Besides players from Jamshedpur FC, members of ATK Mohun Bagan, FC Goa, Bengaluru FC and Odisha FC have also contracted the virus, while SC East Bengal too isolated themselves after their hotel staff inside the bio bubble was found positive.

## China drops plans to sell Olympic tickets as virus cases rise

Agency  
Beijing, Jan 18:

China on Monday cancelled plans to sell tickets to the public for the Winter Olympics in Beijing, as the number of Covid-19 cases in the country reached its highest since March 2020.

Organisers said last year there would be no international spectators at the Games — partly due to China's weeks-long quarantine requirements — but they had promised to allow domestic audiences.

But those plans were scrapped on Monday as China reported 223 new infections

just three weeks before the Winter Olympics are set to open.

"In order to protect the health and safety of Olympic-related personnel and spectators, it was decided to adjust the original plan to sell tickets to the public and (instead) organise spectators to watch the Games on-site," the Beijing Olympic organising committee said in a statement.

It is unclear how these spectators will be selected and whether they will have to quarantine before or after the Games.

China, where the virus first emerged in late 2019, has stuck

to a strict policy of targeting zero Covid cases even as the rest of the world has reopened.

But its approach has come under sustained pressure in

recent weeks with multiple virus clusters in key areas including the port of Tianjin and the southern manufacturing region of Guangdong.

## Declaration

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