

Manipur Celebrates 73rd Republic Day



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Manipur yesterday celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with festivities and patriotic fervor joining the Nation-wide celebration. The State level celebration was held at Kangla with Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan unfurling the National flag and taking salute from different march-past contingents.

The celebration began with the Governor inspecting the Guard of Honour accorded by a contingent of 6th Battalion Manipur Rifles (MR) commanded by Deputy Commandant of 2nd Battalion Manipur Rifles Shri N. Suraj Singh.

Later, La. Ganesan unfurled the National Tricolour flag amidst playing of the National Anthem. The Governor then took salute from 21 march-past contingents including four band contingents commanded by Commandant of 9th Indian Reserve (Mahila) Battalion Kh. Sarma Devi. The march-past contingents were from Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), CRPF Band, 5th Battalion Manipur Rifles, 6th Battalion Manipur Rifles, Combined Civil Police (Male) Imphal East and Imphal West, Combined 2nd MR and 2nd IRB Band, Combined Commando Contingents (Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur), 9th Indian Reserve Mahila Battalion, Combined Civil Police Female (Imphal East and Imphal West), 9th IRB Mahila Band, Home Guard (Male), Combined VDF (Imphal East and Imphal West), Manipur Fire Services, Combined Home Guard (Male and Female) Band, Traffic Police, Combined Cycling Patrol-

ling Team (Bishnupur and Kakching), MMG Platoon, 1st MR, 3rd Mortar Platoon, 1st MR, SBDDs (CID-Technical) (Bomb Squad) and Manipur Police Dog Squad.

The Governor also decorated officers and personnel of Manipur Police with the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, Police

Medal for Meritorious Service and Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training. Recipients of President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service were Inspector (Vigilance & Anti-Corruption) W. Ashok Kumar Singh and Havildar of 2nd Battalion Manipur Rifles Sambhulal Pardhan.

IGP (Prison) Lunsieh Kippen, Inspector (Vigilance & Anti-Corruption) Thokchom Manih Singh, Inspector, Kangpokpi N.G. Anthony Suresh, Sub-Inspector of CID (SB) L. Debananda Singh, Subedar of 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles Khaikhojam Thahgen, Jemadar, MPTC Md. Lal Mohammad and Havildar of 6th Indian Reserve Battalion Wangkheirakpam Robindro Singh received the Police Medal for Meritorious Service. While Jemadar, MPTC Laishram Chingkhieingba and Rifleman, MPTC Thongam Ajit Singh were accorded with the Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training.

The celebration was also attended by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Ministers, MLAs, high ranking officials, among others.

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Rebel groups tried to foil the Republic Day celebration At least 6 bombs planted at various places on January 26; 4 reported blast

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Even as the state security forces along with the assistance of the central security force have taken up all short of measures to ensure full-proof security for the 73rd Republic Day of the Country after rebel groups threatened to ban it, six bombs (IEDs) were reportedly planted to foil the celebration at various places of the state.

Report said that of the six bombs planted, four blasted without causing any human casualty while one has been detected and picked up state security today morning from a roadside at Canchipur area. Source said that another bomb have also been planted close to the roadside of Heirangoi Thong, however, there are no report of blast occurred.

As per source, the first bomb blasted at around 1 pm near Minuthong in Imphal East on the day when security measures have been tight-



ened for ensuring full security to celebrate Republic Day. At around 9 am, when the state has been celebrating the R-Day at all district headquarters and at state level at Kangla, a bomb was reported blast at Kakching Khunou and another at 5 m at Wangoo Lamkhai in Kakching district.

The report added that another IED was also blasted at

Ukhrul Hundung ICAR Katibung 10:00 am.

Till the filing of this report, no individual or rebel group has owned the responsibility of the blast. However, it is suspected that rebel groups operating in the region, which has boycotted the Republic Day celebration may be behind the blast.

INC and left parties form pre-poll alliance



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Ahead of the election notification to be issued on February 1 for the first phase Manipur Election, 6 (six) political parties has form pre-poll alliance today.

That means the CPI/MSD candidate Yengkhom Roma Devi will have friendly fight with Congress candidate Ksh. Kennedy while CPI candidate of Khurai AC, RK Amusana will be supported by all the alliance political partners. MPCC President N. Loken said that there is a common under-

standing between the six political party and they are sure to defeat the BJP in the upcoming election.

As of now the party leaders of the six political parties is yet to announce the name of the alliance but will name soon, said CLP leader Okram Ibobi Singh. He further added that the alliance will have a common minimum programme unlike the BJP led alliance in the state.

With the formation of the pre-poll alliance the Congress party as well as other partner political parties of the alliance will not fill any candidate at

Khurai Assembly Constituency. However, as the Congress as well as the CPI have already announced its candidates at Kakching Assembly constituency, the parties will have friendly fight, said Okram Ibobi, the Congress legislature Wing leader, in the presence of State secretary of CPI, Sotinkumar, CPI(M) leader Ksh. Santa and other leaders of the RSP, Forward Block and JD(S).

Congress has already announce its first list of 40 candidates for this election while the CPI had announced 2 candidates.

36-hour total shutdown paralyses Panchayat areas of Manipur



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The 36 hours total shut down called by the Panchayat bodies over failure to release pending funds has severely affected normalcy in almost all Panchayat areas of the state. Shops were closed and vehicles movement was blocked by burning tires on the roads. Large number of people led by Panchayat Bodies leaders today came out in the street and stopped all vehicular movement and were forced to shut down all commercial activities in their respective areas.

At Ethai, locals said that bandh supporters stopped all vehicular movements except those for emergency purposes. The Total shutdown begins from 6 am today and will end at 6 pm tomorrow.

Manipur State Panchayat Parishad president Abdul Latif contended that the state government has been undermin-

ing the importance of local self-government. He pointed out that local bodies and people in rural areas are made to suffer as the government ceased funds sanctioned for the development of villages for more than seven-eight months.

In view of it, a meeting of representatives of 161 Gram Panchayats and 60 Zilla Parishads that was held at SIRD hall, Imphal East, DC complex, on January 20 had adopted several resolutions.

At Jiribam district too, the total shutdown has crippled normal life. The report said that agitators block NH-37. The bandh was called by Manipur Panchayat Parishad over non-release of MGNREGS for 2020-21 and 2021-22.

During today's bandh, for Jiribam District, the Job Cardholders of MGNREGS came out to the NH-37 and block the road in support of bandh called by panchayat Parishad. All the vehicles in-

cluding loaded trucks proceedings towards Silchar to Imphal and vis-versa were off from the road. Whereas, the essential services including medical services which were exempted from the bandh seen plying on the route.

The District police of Jiribam took all the precautionary measures in the panchayat areas of Jiribam so as not to occur any untoward incident.

Speaking with the media person, Ward Member of Hilghat Gram Panchayat N. Suchrita said that all the Job Cardholders of Jiribam came out to the road in support of bandh called by Manipur State Panchayat Parishad for not releasing the fund of MGNREGA which was already sanctioned by the Central Government. She appealed to the State Government to release the funds as earliest in the interest of the public. She also cautions that if the funds do not release then the agitation will lead in a more stringent way.

Governor, ZCOs pays rich tribute to Freedom Fighter Rani Gaidinliu

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Governor of Manipur Shri La. Ganesan led the people to pay tribute to Freedom Fighter Rani Gaidinliu on her 107th Birth Anniversary yesterday.

In the main function held at Rani Gaidinliu Park at Mantripukhuri in Imphal, Governor laid wreath to the statue of Rani Gaidinliu and paid floral tribute to the freedom fighter. Later, talking to the members of Kabui Mother's Association (KAMA), Shri La. Ganesan said, he has come to the Park not only as

Governor of Manipur but also as a devotee of Rani Gaidinliu. He said, Rani Gaidinliu fought against the mighty British rule not only for Manipur but also for the nation as a whole. She had been an inspiration to many Indians who fought for independence during the British rule, he added. Governor also appealed to follow the footprints of Rani Gaidinliu and also to nurture the rich cultural values. He also assured to extend all possible help for the development of the Park too.

It may be recalled that Rani Gaidinliu Park was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi on 16th March, 2018.

On the other hand, the Zeliangrong Civil Organisations (ZCOs) comprised of Zeliangrong Baudi, Zeliangrong Youth Front and Zeliangrong Students Union organized the 107th Rani Gaidinliu, Freedom Fighter of India at Sangaprou Village Community Hall, Imphal, Manipur with Titus Kamei, Vice President, Zeliangrong Baudi (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland), Poupoklung Kamei, President, Zeliangrong Baudi, Manipur State Unit, M. Lunglailung, President Zeliangrong Youth Front (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland),

Kadilin Gangmei, former Chairman, Zeliangrong Students Union, Manipur, Ashinpu Gangmei, former Chairman, Committee for Alternative Arrangement and former Gen. Secretary, UNC, Irabot Gonmei, General Secretary, All Zeliangrong Arts and Cultural Organisation as the presidium members. The observance programme was attended by village elders, Women's Leaders, various Civil Society Organisations Leaders, Youths and Students Leaders, former Zeliangrong organisations' leaders and well wishers.

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Kangaroos bouncing on snow ask 'How's the josh'?

Talking Points

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The mention of 26th January brings to mind the days of GIC Badaun when every student used to think of getting laddoos and I used to worry about which patriotic poems to recite on the stage. Since my father was a teacher in the same school, there was no way to escape. Be it Republic Day, Independence Day or Gandhi's birthday, on all these important days my responsibility was the same, preparing and presenting cultural programs, not one, not two, but three or more. When I joined the profession of journalism in Delhi, I was assigned the beat of the Ministry of Defence to cover. Due to this privilege, there were exclusive opportunities to attend the Republic Day programs, be it passing out of the grand Parade on the Rajpath to the Beating Retreat near the President's House. If there seems to be any best and relaxing place in Delhi, then it is the area around India Gate. One feels immense satisfaction and pride to see Indian monuments of national importance.

People in Australia, the country of kangaroos and koalas, must also be feeling great today, because this beautiful country was established as a British colony in 1788, on 26 January, when the first governor of New South Wales visited Sydney to hoist the flag of the Union Jack for the first time. It's a fact that the Australian Alps receive more snowfall than the Swiss Alps. By the way, heavy snowfall is reported this week in the Himalayan states as well. From Kashmir to Himachal Pradesh and the high reaches in Uttarakhand, the hill stations are covered with snow. Snow has accumulated up to ten feet high around the Kedarnath temple. Shimla in Himachal has turned white under the snow and to enjoy it, tourists have made a beeline to see the queen of the mountains. Traders say that 80 percent of Shimla hotels are full and rooms are being charged up to three times the usual price. By the way, there is nothing wrong with this, because the tourism industry has gone through a very bad phase in the last two years. Secondly, making arrangements for food and lodging during snowfall also becomes more difficult than on normal days.

Seeing the huge tricolour fluttering proudly on Shimla's Ridge Maidan amidst snowfall, one's mind can wander to Australia that kangaroos will be jumping happily there too. The Meteorological Department estimates that this time in January, snowfall and rain have broken the records of the last several years. When there is snowfall on the mountains, the plains start freezing. Not only Delhi, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, this time the cold waves have reached up to Mumbai. The weather in Mumbai is generally pleasant these days and people often sleep in their homes with fans on. But for now, there will be an effect of cold weather for the next three to four days. After the rains in January, there is a heavy fog expected in the plains. While night curfew has been imposed in many states, fog has also arrived to put its stamp. In such a situation, Republic Day comes to ask, 'How's the josh'?

Block chain Technology wherein future lie

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The IoT is gaining popularity by providing smart home automation facilities to our modern societies. Undoubtedly this innovation is providing excellent convenience and smart services to homeowners. But the existing smart system has limited processing power and storage capacity giving rise to security vulnerabilities. Then what to do? The answer is "Block Chain technology". Block chain is shifting the paradigms of our business world at a rapid rate. You may think understanding the tech is quite easy. But we know that there's a good chance that you came across a lot of meaning that didn't make much sense when you search for block chain glossary online. Well, but not worry, the real block chain definition is much easier to understand than you think. In reality, the new tech is actually changing the perspective of the digital world as block chain technology isn't going anywhere, for now it's time to get to know the real definition of block chain. Then what is block chain technology? Block chain technology is a distributed ledger system that promotes decentralization, transparency and data integrity. At the very core, you could think of it as chains of blocks. But, here the words "chain" and "block" represent a different things. In this context, the block represents digital information and the chain represents how digital data is stored in the data base/ ledger. Usually, digital pieces of information make up the "blocks" in the ledger. Block chain is a system of recording information in a way that makes it difficult or impossible to change, hack or cheat the system. A block chain is essentially a digital ledger of transactions that is duplicated and distributed across the entire network of computer systems on the block chain. Each block in the chain contains a number of transactions and every time a new record of that transaction

is added to every participant's ledger. The decentralized database managed by multiple participants is known as "Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT)". A block chain is a type of DLT in which transactions are recorded with an immutable cryptographic signature called a "hash".

Block chain is ideal for delivering the information because it provides immediate shared and completely transparent information stored on an immutable ledger that can be accessed only by permissioned network members. A block chain network can track order, payments, accounts, production and much more. And because member share a single view of the truth you can see all details of a transaction end to end, giving you greater confidence as well as new efficiencies and opportunities. Key elements of a block chain are: distributed ledger technology; immutable records; smart contracts etc. As each transaction occurs, it is recorded as a "block" of data. Those transactions show the movement of an asset that can be tangible (a house, a car, land) or intangible (intellectual property, patents, copyrights, branding). The data block can record the information of your choice: who, what, when, where, how much and even the conditions such as the temperature of a food shipment. Each block is connected to the ones before and after it, these blocks form a chain of data as an asset move from place to place or ownership changes hands. The block confirm the exact time and sequence of transactions and the block link securely together to prevent any block from being altered or a block being inserted between two existing blocks. Each additional block strengthens the verification of the previous block and hence the entire block chain. This renders the block chain tamper-evident, deliv-

ering the key strength of immutability. This removes the possibility of tampering by malicious actor-and built a ledger of transactions you and other network members can trust.

Operations often waste effort on duplicate record keeping and third-party verifications. Record keeping systems can be vulnerable to fraud and cyber-attacks. Limited transparency can slow data verification. And with the arrival of IoT, transactions volumes have exploded. All of this slows business, drains the bottom line- and means we need a better way. Benefits of block chain are numerous. It provides greater trust, as a member of members-only network you can rest assured that you are receiving accurate and timely data and that your confidential block chain records will be shared only with network members to whom you have specifically granted access. It gives greater security. Consensus on data accuracy is required from all network members and all validated transactions are immutable because they are recorded permanently. No one, not even a system administrator can delete a transaction. It is more efficient i.e. with a distributed ledger that is shown among members of a network, time-wasting record recollections are eliminated. And to speed transactions, a set of rules- called a smart contract- can be stored on the block chain and executed automatically.

There are several ways to build a block chain network. They can be public, private, and permissioned or built by a consortium. A public block chain is one that anyone can join and participate in, such as Bitcoin. Drawbacks might include substantial computational power required, little or no privacy for transactions and weak security. These are important considerations for enterprises use cases of block chain. A private block chain network, similar to a public block chain network is decen-

tralized peer-to-peer network. However, one organization governs the network controlling who is allowed to participate execute a consensus protocol and maintain the shared ledger. Depending on the use case this can significantly boost trust and confidence between participants. A private block chain can be run behind a corporate firewall and even be hosted on premises. Business that set up a private block chain will generally set up a permissioned block chain networks. It is important to note that public block chain networks can also be permissioned. This places restrictions on who is allowed to participate in the network and in what transaction. Participants need to obtain an invitation or permission to join. Multiple organizations can share the responsibilities of maintaining a block chain. These pre-selected organizations determine who may submit transactions or access the data. A consortium block chain is ideal for business when all participants need to be permissioned and have a shared responsibility for the block chain. When building an enterprise, block chain application, it's important to have a comprehensive security strategy that uses cyber security framework, assurance services and best practices to reduce risk against attacks and fraud.

Well back in 1991, Stuart Haber and Scott Stornetta started working on the first block chain technology. Later on, they upgraded the system and included Merkle trees. Even though many people think that the block chain technology definition first came in 2018, it actually began in 1992. A person named Satoshi Nakamoto came with a new vision for block chain, and this time it was the core of crypto currency- Bitcoin. Bitcoin changed the way how our system works as it was a digital form of payment.

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Why Are More Men Becoming Nurses?

Over the past few decades, the nursing field has begun to undergo a shift. Once dominated as a career field for women, an increasing number of men have seen the importance and career potential of becoming a nurse. They are entering the profession at higher rates than seen before in modern times.

Of course, men haven't always been outnumbered as nurses. In centuries past, men had a larger role in assisting doctors and caring for those ill enough to need medical care. With the growth of the industrial revolution, however, more men began to enter the factories. Beginning in the 19th Century, Florence Nightingale helped to lead the charge to train and educate women in the importance of nursing so that they could provide medical services to those in need. By the First and Second World War, the field was seen as a woman's domain.

Now, however, more men have begun to enter the challenging classrooms of nursing school to gain the skills needed to take care of patients in a variety of settings. This has led many to ask, are male nurses in demand? Here is what everyone should know about men in nursing.

Are Male Nurses in Demand? What Percentage of Nurses Are Men?

Let's examine the second question first. After all, the percentage has changed dramatically. Although only about 2 percent of nurses in the United States were men back in 1960, today that number is closer to 12 percent according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The number of men who have

decided to enter the nursing field has been growing in countries all around the world, as both male and female nurses are in high demand.

Why Are More Men Entering the Nursing Field?

As for why? The simple is they want to make a difference. Like the women who choose to enter the nursing field, they decided to pursue a career that will offer them the chance to help others and do good in their daily lives. There are likely any number of specific reasons for why they decided to enter this career path, but a few do stand out:

1. The Growth of the Nursing Field Is Rising

The nursing field, as a whole, is poised for tremendous growth. The United States has a large number of people that will need age-related care in the near future. Healthcare improvements that allow people to live longer mean that the elderly will need medical assistance across the country.

Additionally, healthcare crises and various chronic conditions, including obesity and arthritis, also increase demand. The Bureau of Labor Statistics also references financial pressure on hospitals to discharge patients, which leads to more people admitted to various long-term care facilities where they will need nurses to help them recover.

This anticipated increase in healthcare means more nurses are needed. In fact, some states face potential nursing shortages. For men who want to work in a field that allows them to make a difference, nursing, therefore offers an excellent and in-demand opportunity.

Between 2019 and 2029, there is expected to be a 7 percent increase in the number of nursing jobs available, which is faster growth than most other occupations in the United States. This translates to 221,900 more jobs being added. There are also thousands more added when people retire or otherwise leave the profession. This creates an appealing environment for those interested in finding an excellent job.

2. There Is No Longer Any Stigma to Being a Male Nurse

As confusing as it may seem that any stigma would be attached to a man becoming a nurse, remember that it was, at one point, a female-dominated industry. Those social mores can be hard to overcome.

Nevertheless, the anticipated high job growth rate makes nursing an attractive opportunity for professionals, both male and female. Plus, things change—less stigma is attached to the thought of a male nurse today. Shifts in cultural expectations and perceptions of gender roles have made men feel freer to take on nurturing roles both and home and in the workplace. This helps to open doors to careers, like nursing, that call for these types of skills.

Many men find that people see more value in nursing as a career itself, rather than simply viewing it as a stepping stone to becoming a doctor. And patients recognize the importance and value of the care they receive from the nurses they interact with throughout their time in a healthcare setting.



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3. There Are Benefits to Becoming a Male Nurse

The men who decide to enter the nursing field also discover that the career choice can offer them a number of benefits that are worth examining. Many professionals interested in nurturing fields or professions, especially those with

a desire to help others, can find this career path to be personally fulfilling. There are also some less subjective benefits to explore, including:

Job Stability

With the previously discussed potential shortage of nurses, alongside the anticipated growth in need, the demand for trained, quality nurses will be high across the country. For men who want to find job opportunities with stability, this offers an excellent industry.

The heavy demand for nurses means that those with the necessary credentials and experience will find this career path provides stability and regular work opportunities. Men will have an easier time finding particular jobs that fit their personal interests in a variety of geographical locations. And they will have less risk of losing the job once they secure it.

Career Flexibility

The field of nursing also offers an incredible amount of flexibility. Consider all the different environments where nurses work—from schools to hospitals to doctor's offices. Qualified nurses have a number of job opportunities in front of them. They're able to select the options that fit their interests and strengths best.

These different environments are also often dedicated to a specific pa-

tient type, which can also play a role in determining a career path. For example, nurses with a desire to help children can work anywhere from a pediatrician's office to a school. Or they may prefer to work with the elderly and decide to pursue career options in nursing homes or long-term care facilities.

Hours can be another consideration for those looking at career flexibility. Nurses who prefer regular working hours can seek jobs, such as those in doctors' offices, that follow a business-like schedule. Others might prefer to work only 3 shifts per week—typically of the 12-hour-straight variety—allowing them to be considered a full-time employee but still have more time to spend with the family. Jobs in hospitals and other 24-hour-a-day medical facilities often have these types of shifts and rotations available. Other nurses might also prefer night shifts or other atypical hour preferences.

Rising Income

Nursing can also provide those interested in the field with a regular income that will continue to rise. The training involved and demand for nurses means that this profession is consistently well-compensated. The median income of a nurse is over \$73,000 with opportunities for higher pay for those who:

Pursue higher education to become a nurse practitioner

Specialize in certain areas

Build upon their experience and rise through the ranks of seniority

Bottom line: Men who become nurses will find that they can earn a good living in this field across the country.

The Variety of Specialties Available

Nursing offers rich and varied situations, making it an appealing field for

aspiring professionals. In addition to the different environments, as described above, nurses can also think about the different specialties available in the field. Some may elect to become a nurse-midwife while others decide to become an anesthetist. Men can also pursue higher education in nursing and become nurse practitioners.

Each nurse can look at their different rotations and courses, consider where their strengths and interests are, and seek jobs that will help them thrive. Pursuing hands-on training and any specialty certificates are the best method for building a career in the desired specialty area.

How Much Do Male Nurses Make?

Those interested in entering the profession of nursing often want to know what male nurses make. Across the profession as a whole, the median annual wage was \$73,300 in 2019. The lowest 10 percent in the field make less than \$52,080, while the highest 10 percent earn more than \$111,220.

Interestingly, and regardless of fairness, although most nurses continue to be women, men often out-earn women in the field—a similar situation to many other job fields. One study found that the pay gap between men and women is just over \$5,000. The width of this gap varies depending upon the specialty of nursing as well as the ranking of the individual within the organization.

The rate of men entering the nursing profession continues to grow across the country as the benefits of this patient-care work continue to inspire prospective male nurses of all ages. The industry continues to grow and the demand for qualified nurses increases, making this a stable and well-paid field with potential for long-term career growth.

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Centre considering Nagaland's demand to remove AFSPA: CM Rio

Agency
Kohima, Jan 27:

The Centre is considering Nagaland's demand of removal of AFSPA from the state, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said on Wednesday, expressing hope for a "positive decision".

Addressing the Republic Day function at the Civil Secretariat here, Rio said the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed to probe the killing of 14 civilians by security forces in Mon has made good progress. "We are taking every measure to lessen the pain of the family members, who lost their near and dear ones, as well as of all those who suffered injuries," he said.

We are sure that justice will be delivered to the families, he added.

Following the Mon killings, the state cabinet decided to take up with the Centre the immediate repeal of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958, while a resolution was passed in the assembly on December 20 in this re-



gand, Rio said.

The state government has taken up with the Centre the matter of removal of AFSPA from Nagaland, he said.

"The central government is considering the matter and we are hopeful of a positive decision soon," Rio said. Maintaining that negotiations between the Naga Political Groups and the Centre over the political

issue have been going on in a cordial atmosphere to find a solution, the chief minister said all MLAs have come together and formed an opposition-less government to convey to the negotiating parties that the state expects an hon-

orable, inclusive and acceptable solution.

"We will continue to facilitate and be hopeful of an early solution," he said.

Rio said ensuring good governance and bringing it to the doorstep of every person has been the endeavor of his government.

"We took another step towards this end by creating three new districts, Tsemnyu, Nüland and Chumoukedima in December 2021, and Shamator District in January 2022," he said.

The chief minister urged the people to continue adhering to COVID-appropriate

behaviour as he took the booster dose of vaccine just after the function.

Rio said Nagaland, which is nearing six decades as a state, has been capably marching shoulder to shoulder with all the other states of the Union and contributing in strengthening the nation.

Despite the call for non-participation in the Republic Day celebrations by the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation and the Naga Students' Federation over the Mon killings, the celebrations went off peacefully, an official said.

Altogether 13 marching contingents from different security forces and NCC participated in the Republic Day parade.

Several awards were presented during the function, while cultural performances by TaFMA, Department of Women Resource Development, 37th Battalion of BSF and troupes of Angami, Rengma, Lotha and Sumi enthralled the gathering.

India logs 2,86,384 new cases in last 24 hours; positivity rate rises to nearly 20%

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 27:

With 2,86,384 people testing positive for coronavirus infection in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,03,71,500, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday.

The death toll has climbed to 4,91,700 with 573 fresh fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases have decreased to 22,02,472 and comprise 5.46 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has decreased to 93.33 per cent, the ministry said.

A reduction of 20,546 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate

was recorded at 19.59 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 17.75 per cent, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 3,76,77,328 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.22 per cent.

The cumulative doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive has exceeded 163.84 crore.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim mile-

stone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23.

The 573 new fatalities include 140 from Kerala and 79 from Maharashtra.

A total of 4,91,700 deaths have been reported so far in the country including 1,42,316 from Maharashtra, 52,281 from Kerala, 38,705 from Karnataka, 37,359 from Tamil Nadu, 25,710 from Delhi, 23,106 from Uttar Pradesh and 20,445 from West Bengal.

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

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

International flights: Plea in Delhi HC seeks review of 7-day mandatory quarantine rule on arrival

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 27:

A Public Interest Litigation has been moved in Delhi High Court seeking a direction to the Government of India to reconsider its guidelines for international arrivals, whereby all of them are mandated to undergo home quarantine for seven days on arrival in India.

The petitioner Pravasi Legal Cell, through Advocate MP Srivignesh, submitted that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued guidelines for international arrivals

dated January 7, 2022 which provided for protocols to be complied by international travellers as well as those to be followed by airlines and all points of entry (airports, seaports and land border). The said Standard Operating Procedure was implemented w.e.f. 11th January 2022 till further orders.

The plea stated that as per the guidelines, incoming travellers are required to upload their COVID-19 RT PCR test results on a government portal to be monitored by regional authorities on the eighth day, while continually

monitoring their health for another week. Those passengers found symptomatic during the screening will be isolated and taken to a medical facility. If positive, their samples would be sent for genome sequencing to confirm the Omicron strain. All other passengers have to observe seven days mandatory home quarantine.

The plea further submitted that the guideline making it mandatory for all the international passengers to undergo seven day home quarantine has affected the international passengers espe-

cially NRIs and other Indians working abroad to make a short visit to India for various reasons.

Petitioner Pravasi Legal Cell (NGO) also submitted that countries all over the world have made it mandatory for travellers to provide 72-hours pre-departure RT-PCR test results which is sufficient to show the person is not infected.

However, the respondent insisting on seven days mandatory quarantine have made it difficult for all the Indians travelling back for short trips, the plea stated.

PEC condemns Pakistan journalist's murder, demands justice to bereaved family

IT Correspondent
Geneva, Jan 27:

Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), the global media safety and rights body, condemns the murder of Lahore-based Pakistani journalist Hasnain Shah on 24 January 2022 and demands justice to the Pak media fraternity. It urges Prime Minister Imran Khan to identify the perpetrators to punish them under the law and offer adequate compensation to the bereaved family comprising his wife and two children.

Local media reports that Shah (45) was shot dead by two unidentified bike-riders outside Lahore Press Club in Simla Pahari point on Monday afternoon. A well-known crime reporter of Capital TV (an Urdu-language news channel), Shah was also a member of the press club. Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors along with other journo-bod-



ies condemned the killing and demonstrated their anger on the street.

Pakistan information & broadcasting minister Chaudhry Fawad Hussain also expressed shock and condemned the incident stating that the government stood with the heirs of deceased and the journalist community in this hour of grief. Punjab province government chief Usman Baidar ordered a probe into the murder and the police have registered a case asserting that they would try their best to nab the culprits.

"New year begins with sad news as eight media workers have lost their lives to assail-

ants within four weeks. Mexico witnessed the murder of three scribes (Jose Luis Gamboa, Margarito Martinez and Lourdes Maldonado), followed by Haiti (Amady John Wesley and Wilguens Louissaint), Kazakhstan (Muratkhan Bazarbayev), Myanmar (Pu Tui Dim) and Pakistan (Hasnain Shah)," said Blaise Lempem, secretary-general of PEC (www.presseemblem.ch).

PEC's south Asia representative Nava Thakuria revealed that Pak-neighbour Afghanistan emerged as the most dangerous country for journalists with 12 casualties last year, followed by Mexico (10 dead), Pakistan (7), India (6), the Philippines (4), etc. Pakistan lost media enthusiasts namely Ajay Laalwani, Waseem Alam, Abdul Wahid Raisani, Kashif Hussain, Shahid Zehri, Nazim Samwal Jokhio and Muhammad Zada to assailants during 2021.

Indian Navy conducts Joint Maritime Exercise: Paschim Lehar-XPL-2022

IT Correspondent
Mumbai, Jan 27:

Twenty days long joint maritime exercise "Paschim Lehar-XPL-2022" conducted, to validate operational plans of the Western Naval Command (WNC) and enhance Inter-Service synergy among the Indian Navy, IAF, Indian Army and Coast Guard, was concluded off the West Coast on January 25.

The exercise was conducted under the aegis of Flag Office C-in-C, WNC. The intra-theatre exercise included mobilisation and participation of over 40 ships and submarines of the Indian Navy. In addition, the IAF deployed SU 30 MKI and Jaguar maritime strike aircraft, Flight Refuelling Aircraft and AWACs, alongside the Indian Navy's maritime reconnaissance aircraft P8i, Dorniers, IL 38 SD, unmanned aerial systems and MiG 29K strike aircraft.

Various elements of the Indian Army including Air Defence batteries were also mobilised for the exercise. After a long gap, many OPVs, FPVs and Air Cushion Vessels of the



Naval personnel are going through route maps during joint maritime exercise "Paschim Lehar-XPL-2022".

Coast Guard also participated in exercise. A variety of weapon firings in a realistic tactical scenario, besides validation of operational missions and tasks under varying settings, were undertaken during the exercise.

The exercise provided all participating forces an opportunity to operate together under realistic conditions, in responding to contemporary maritime challenges, across the areas of the Command's responsibility.

FGS Bayern visits Mumbai
In another development,

German Navy frigate, FGS Bayern, on a return voyage from deployment in the Indo-Pacific, made a goodwill port visit to Mumbai from January 21 to January 24. With a crew of about 230, the ship was on an extended operational mission.

On the ship's arrival at Mumbai, the Commanding Officer, Commander (Senior Grade) Tilo Kalski, called on Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, WNC and discussed issues of mutual interest, cooperation and

interoperability between the two navies. On her departure, the ship participated in a maritime partnership exercise with stealth guided missile destroyer INS Visakhapatnam in the Arabian Sea.

Over the decades, cooperation between India and Germany has increased in various defence-related avenues. This visit of FGS Bayern to Mumbai was testimony to the growing interaction between the two navies and their endeavour to enhance interoperability in the maritime domain.

Chinese army returned missing Arunachal youth: Union minister Kiren Rijiju

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 27:

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China has returned the Arunachal youth who had apparently strayed into Chinese territory last week. Union Law Minister and BJP leader from the state Kiren Rijiju said on Thursday that the boy named Miram Taron has been handed over to the Indian Army.

Rijiju tweeted saying, "The Chinese PLA has handed over the young boy from Arunachal Pradesh Shri Miram Taron to Indian Army. Due procedures are being followed including the medical examination."

On Wednesday, he had mentioned that the PLA had confirmed that Taron "will be repatriated to the Indian side"



adding, "will disclose the exact place & time later for smooth proceeding. Accordingly, the Indian Army has co-ordinated the necessary arrangements with the Chinese Side."

The young man had gone missing on January 18, which was brought to light by BJP MP from the state Tapir Gao, who alleged that Taron had been abducted by the PLA from Indian territory, a charge that Taron's parents also repeated.

But Rijiju said on

Wednesday that while the PLA had found the man on the Chinese side, bad weather had delayed his return. He had tweeted that "hotline exchanged on Republic Day by Indian Army with Chinese PLA" which "responded positively indicating handing over of our national and suggested a place of release. They are likely to intimate date and time soon. Delay attributed to bad weather conditions on their side."

Global Times, a newspaper affiliated with the Chinese government, quoted PLA's Western Theatre Commander on Thursday saying "after providing humanitarian aid, Chinese border defense troops turned over" an Indian citizen who had entered the "Chinese territory illegally to the Indian side".

Republic Day 2022:

PM Modi wears cap with Brahmakamal from Uttarakhand, Manipur's leirum phee stole

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 27:

Republic Day celebrations are always synonymous with culture, as it is on this day that tableaux from different states are displayed as part of the parade on Rajpath in New Delhi. Spectators are greeted with a colourful splash and a symbolic representation of the diversity of the country.

This year, on the occasion of the 73rd year of the Indian Republic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was seen wearing two pieces of clothing — belonging to two different states of the country — that hold great traditional significance.

The chief minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami took to Twitter to point



out that the PM wore the famous Brahmakamal cap, different from the colourful turbans that he has worn during all previous Republic Day celebrations.

The cap, also sometimes referred to as the 'pahadi topi', had the Brahma-kamal, which is the official flower of Uttarakhand that is poll-bounded this year. It is said that the PM uses this very flower while offering prayers at the Kedarnath temple.

Apart from this, the leader was also seen wearing a traditional Manipuri stole, for which he was thanked by minister Biswajit Singh, who took to Twitter to write: "Moment of great pride and honour for entire #Manipur on seeing Adarniya PM @NarendraModi Ji wearing a Manipuri stole 'Leirum Phee' on the glorious occasion of 73rd Republic Day of India, showcasing the exquisite tradition of the

state, (sic)"

The leirum phee has been seen on the PM on many occasions in the past, especially during live addresses to the nation. According to *Imphal Free Press*, the stole has come to be associated with the PM, with some even calling it 'Modi scarf'.

Per the outlet, however, the story of leirum phee dates back to the reign of Khui Tompok, the Meitei king of Manipur. It has been recorded in 'Cheitharol Kumbaba' that on the occasion of the marriage between Nongmoinu Ahongbi, an Angom princess and Khui Tompok, her parents presented her with the leirum cloth as a wedding gift. Since then, it has assumed a traditional role, and is given in Meitei marriages.

Thokchom Angamba feted

IT News
Imphal, Jan 27:

Another feather of illustrious effort to encourage and boost up young sports personalities, Thokchom Angamba, the Winner of MMA (Amateur) Pro-combat Fight League Event defeating Chandigarh opponent held at Kurukshetra recently organised by PCFL CLUB, Haryana has been feted by Oinam Romen Singh, the NPP Candidate of Singamei Assembly Constituency in the ensuing State General Assembly Elections 2022.

Encouraging the sports personality at his residence, Singamei Oinam Thingel, Imphal, West District Manipur this afternoon organised by the National People's Party (NPP), Singamei Block and the National People's Youth Front (NPYF) Singamei Block, Romen Singh said that sports has been



an integral part of the Manipuri society since the time immemorial. The Manipuris have a special talent in the field of games and sports. In order to cherish the talent, the youngsters should be groomed up from the grassroots level so as to compete in each and every sports discipline in different tournaments in the world.

Romen Singh said that there should be at least a sports discipline in the school curriculum and syllabus. The involvement of children in the field of games

and sports can make themselves relax in their day to day's activities and at the same time it can ease out the examination stress also. Sports education should be introduced in war footing in schools and colleges and other educational institutions for the all round development of the students as a whole so that it will help immensely in their lives ahead.

Romen Singh further said that he organised various sports tournaments as a part of encouragement of different sports per-

sonalities and also to groom up them from their grassroots level. Apart from organising different sports tournaments, special sports coaching camps had also been organised so that they can compete in various sports disciplines.

Romen Singh further said that the menace of drugs amongst the youngsters is a major cause of concern now a days. The drug menace can only be thrown away with sports. So the government should make a sports policy in order to pave a way for the younger generations and also to keep aside the drug menace forever from the soil of the State of Manipur.

He said that he will make a sports policy surely if he is voted to power in the ensuing State General Assembly Elections 2022. Without any sports policy, they cannot be groomed up so as to reach in the global arena, Romen Singh remarked.

Sports

Nilakanta, Rabichandra selected for Senior Men Core Squad

IT News
Imphal, Jan 27:

Manipur's midfielders Nilakanta Sharma and Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh are among the 33 players selected for the new Senior Men Core probable Group who will play major International Tournaments this year starting with the FIH Hockey Pro League starting next month, as Hockey India announced.

The 33 players were chosen following a three-week camp for a group of 60 players who were called-up to SAI, Bengaluru basis their performances in various Hockey India Annual National Tournaments.

The 33-member core group features a mix of veteran stars such as Skipper Manpreet Singh, PR Sreejesh, who has been nominated for the World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 award, Harmanpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay among other Olympic Heroes who were part of the Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medal feat. The Core group also includes youngsters Mandeep



Nilakanta Sharma

Moirangthem Rabichandra

Mor, penalty corner specialist Jugraj Singh, speedy strikers Abhishek and Sukhjeet Singh. Sanjay and Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh who were part of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup in Bhubaneswar last December have also been named in the list. Apart from the 33, Simranjeet Singh and Gurinder Singh also remain in SAI, Bengaluru to undergo rehabilitation.

Speaking about the new core group for 2022, Chief Coach Graham Reid said, "We have used the last three weeks to have a look at the next layer

of players in the country. Today we have chosen 33 which allows us to refresh and bring some new faces into the squad. This is an important year for us and this new squad will help us face these challenges head on."

Reid further highlighted about the centralized training program which has been a boon in these pandemic times, and believes this approach is great for building a strong team. "One thing that was certain was all 60 players who had come into the National Camp improved during the three weeks of camp making it ex-

tremely difficult to pick the final 33 for the core group. This shows you how a centralised environment with good tempo of training and games can improve players."

List of 33 players selected for the new Senior Men Core Group

Goalkeepers: Krishan Bahadur Pathak, Sreejesh Parattu Raveendran, Suraj Karkera

Defenders: Jarmanpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh, Nilam Sanjeev Xess, Dipsan Tirkey, Varun Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Mandeep Mor, Sanjay, Jugraj Singh

Midfielders: Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Sumit, Nilakanta Sharma, Shamsheer Singh, Rajkumar Pal, Jaskaran Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, Ashis Kumar Topno.

Forwards: Dilpreet Singh, Gurjant Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Akashdeep Singh, Gursahibjit Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh, Mohd. Raheel Mousen.

In Rehabilitation: Simranjeet Singh, Gurinder Singh.

Contd. from Page 1 Governor, ZCOs pays rich...

Ashinpu Gangmei, elaborated in length about the life and struggle of Rani Gaidinliu, Freedom Fighter of India and reminded the gathering of late Proff. Gangmumei Kamei on "Rani Maa" which stated as "Her life was her mission" and also how former Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru met her and gave her the title "Rani". Rani Maa spent her life in jail for fourteen years in different jails. She struggled for Independence India as well as to secure the future of Zeliangrong people post India's Independence. She was honoured with different prestigious awards as Tamrapatra in 1972, Padma Bhushan in 1982, Swami Vivekananda Puraskar in 1987 and Birsa Munda (Posthumously) in 1996. The Govt of India also honoured her with commemorative coins, postal stamps, Coast Guard Patrol vessels, Street Shakti Puraskar award etc in recognition of her selfless service and contribution towards the

Freedom movement. Her movement spread across width and breadth particularly in Zeliangrong territories of Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. She was born at Luangkao village in Manipur but her movement spread widely and gain maximum support of Zeliangrong people of Assam and Nagaland. He also reminded the gathering of Jawaharlal Nehru once stated referred to Rani Maa as "a day will come when India will remember her and cherish her".

Kadilin Gangmei spoke about the need of Zeliangrong people to have unity and integrity. He stated that Rani Gaidinliu focussed on collective future of Zeliangrong people and appealed the gathering to emulate Rani Maa whereas Erabot Gommei also spoke on urgent need to sink temporary difference presently emerged in the minds of some individuals if really concern for progress of Zeliangrong people.

Speaking on the observance programme Titus Kamei, mainly dwelt on the present situation and the position of Zeliangrong people particularly living in the State of Manipur. He said Zeliangrong people are scattered in around 30 Assembly Constituencies out of 60 Members House Manipur State Legislative Assembly. Apart from Zeliangrong dominated three Legislative Assembly Constituencies of Tamenglong District, Zeliangrong people votes are very important and also a deciding factor while choosing the right candidate to represent the people in the other hill districts too. Zeliangrong people lived in about 22 Assembly Constituencies in Manipur valley out of 40 seats where votes of Zeliangrong people are very important and a deciding factors in almost all these 22 Constituencies. Zeliangrong is the second largest community (i.e. next to Meitei) in Manipur.

Manipur Celebrates 73rd....

Giving the Vote of Thanks at the 1st Bn. Manipur Rifles Parade Ground, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh greeted and wished the people of the State on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day of India.

He said that the day is a very proud day for the nation. After attaining Independence on 15th August 1947, the Indian Constitution came into force on this day in 1950.

With the rights guaranteed by the Constitution, all Indian citizens are able to enjoy being dutiful and responsible citizens of the country. And for this, the day the Constitution came into being is celebrated as the Republic Day of the country, he said.

We are able to celebrate this day because of the efforts of our forefathers who fought for India's freedom, he said.

Further stating that the Constitution provides a framework for the country and its people to work towards a self-reliant and progressive future, the Chief Minister also showed respect to the freedom fighters of the country and those who drafted the Indian Constitution.

Independent and Republic India has become a major power in the world today, he said.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said the COVID pandemic has affected us all, and added, unfortunately due to the pandemic, this year the Republic Day celebration is organized in a limited manner by maintaining proper Standard Operating Procedures laid down by the government.

Elaborating that COVID has claimed many precious lives and for long affected the normal daily activities of us all, he added that in this critical juncture, both the Centre and State governments have been extending all possible assistance to the people.

Further stating that the day also reminds us all of how we should work for the development, progress and upliftment of our lives, he said. We all have responsibilities in building a strong Manipur, he said, adding that, we should all be united and work for a peaceful, prosperous and developed Manipur.

The Chief Minister concluded his Vote of Thanks by expressing gratitude to all the contingents participating in the Republic Day March Past and all those attending the observa-

tion.

The Vote of Thanks Ceremony held at the 1st Bn. Manipur Rifles Parade Ground was also attended by Ministers, MLAs, high ranking officials, among others.

Meanwhile, the results of the various categories of competitions held during the Republic Day Celebration, 2022 were also announced.

Among the Uniformed Contingents of the March Past Category, the BSF contingent came first, CRPF contingent second and 5th Battalion Manipur Rifles came third.

Among the Mahila Contingents of the March Past Category, 9th IRB Mahila Battalion Contingent, Combined Civil Police Imphal East and West and Traffic Police came first, second and third respectively.

CRPF Band Party, 9th IRB Mahila Band Party and Combined 2nd MR and 2nd IRB Band Party were adjudged first, second and third among the Band Party category. For Gate Construction, Department of Trade, Commerce & Industries, Manipur Adhes Control Society and Forest Department were declared first, second and third.

Commandant, 1st Bn. Manipur Rifles, Imphal, Director, IPR, Manipur, Chief Engineer (PWD), Manipur, Chief Engineer (PHED), Manipur, Managing Director (MSPDCL), Maipur, Commissioner, IMC and Parade Commander, Khoisnam Sarma, MPS CO 9th IRB were selected for Special Prizes. Distribution for the said prize winners and participants shall be notified separately.

At Bishnupur, the District Administration of Bishnupur yesterday celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Mini Secretariat complex in Bishnupur. Deputy Commissioner of Bishnupur L. Bikram unfurled the national flag and took salute from Bishnupur Civil Police contingent commanded by Sub Inspector Phaoinei Dijaichung. Appreciation certificates for distinguished services were presented to 107 officials and staff of the district during the celebration.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner L. Bikram conveyed his gratitude to Frontline Workers, Health Workers, COVID Task Forces, District Police, DLOs, Executive Officers of Municipal Councils and

officials and staffs of various Line Departments for their tireless efforts in combating COVID-19. He also stated that precautionary dose will be provided to frontline workers, 60 plus population with co-morbidities, police, polling personnel and other personnels on poll duty.

At Kakching, the District Administration today celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Kakching District Headquarters joining the Nation-wide celebration. The District level celebration was held at DC office Complex, Kakching with Deputy Commissioner Somorjit Salam, IAS unfurled the National flag and taking salute from the contingents.

The Deputy Commissioner took salute from the contingents including Manipur Police, Kakching district, Manipur VDF, Kakching district and 37 Assam Rifle Band contingents commanded by SDPO Kakching, Konjengbam Geetchandra Singh, MPS.

At Churachandpur, the District Administration, Churachandpur celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Tuibong Peace Ground, Churachandpur yesterday.

Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur, Yumnam Nelson unfurled the National Tricolour flag and took salute of the marching contingents from 6 Parade Contingents led by Priscilla Tuboi, MPS, SDPO Churachandpur, comprising of VDF, Civil Police, ASHA Workers, ADCC Sanitary Workers and 1st IRB Band Party.

At Kangpokpi, the District Administration, Kangpokpi celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at the premise of the Deputy Commissioner, Kangpokpi District Headquarters yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner of Kangpokpi district Kengoo Zuriniga, IAS, the chief guest of the celebration unfurled the national Tricolour flag and took salute from police contingent led by L. Sheimang Khongsai, MPS, DSP, Gannom Supameina Police Station.

Presentation of Certificates of appreciation to twenty seven Government employees for their outstanding performance in their respective fields marked the occasion. As part of the celebration Nepali cultural dance was performed by Kalapahar High School students.