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## EMERGING MANIPUR PEACE, PROSPERITY & GROWTH



### Dedication to the Nation and Foundation Stone Laying of 22 Development Projects worth ₹ 4,815 Crore in Manipur

#### INAUGURATION

Water Transmission System of Thoubal Multipurpose Project  
 Imphal Smart City Mission – Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC)  
 Construction of Steel Bridge over Barak River on NH-37  
 Water Supply Scheme by Water Conservation at Tamenglong Headquarters  
 Development of INA Complex at Moirang  
 Refurbishing, Restoration and Renovation of Govindajee Temple  
 Imphal Smart City Mission – Development of Western River Front on  
 Imphal River (Phase-I)

New Office Building of Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Manipur  
 New Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Kangpokpi under  
 Enhancing Scheme Development Infrastructure (ESDI)  
 Imphal Smart City Mission – Development of Mall Road at Thangal Bazar (Phase-I)  
 Installation of Mobile Towers in the State (handing over to the People of Manipur)  
 Augmentation of Senapati District Headquarter Water Supply Scheme for  
 Promoting Tourism under NESIDS on Turnkey Basis  
 200 bedded Semi-Permanent (Steel and Metallic Modular Interconnected Structure)  
 Covid Hospital at Kiyamgei Mayai Leikai, Imphal East

#### FOUNDATION STONE LAYING

5 National Highway Construction Projects (Total Length – 111 Kms)  
 Construction of Government Residential Quarters at New Checkn -  
 Integrated Housing Colony with modern amenities  
 Construction of Manipur Institute of Performing Arts at Gurugram-  
 Showcasing rich cultural diversity and heritage  
 Setting up of Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) -  
 Biggest PPP initiative in Manipur

72 Projects under PMJVK (including 50 Health Centres, Infrastructure  
 for Colleges and Hostels etc.)  
 Development of Ropeway Project at Ibudhou Marjing, Imphal East  
 State of the Art Cancer Hospital at JNIMS, Porompat  
 Mega Cluster at Nongpok Kakching, Imphal East  
 Craft Handloom Village at Moirang

#### BENEFITS

Skilling and Employment of Youth in the  
 fields of Emerging Technologies and  
 Electronics System Design &  
 Manufacturing (ESDM)

Barak Bridge & 5 Road Projects for  
 Providing All-Weather Connectivity

Imphal Smart City Mission for ICT based  
 Traffic & Solid Waste Management and  
 provision of Recreational Infrastructure at  
 Imphal River Western Front & Mall Road

Renovation / Development of places of  
 Historic and Spiritual importance - INA  
 Moirang, Govindajee Temple and Ibudhou  
 Marjing

Water Transmission System at Thoubal  
 Multipurpose Project for Supply of Clean  
 Drinking Water

72 Projects under PMJVK for  
 infrastructural support in Health and  
 Education Sectors for holistic development  
 of the minorities in the State

by

**Narendra Modi**  
 Prime Minister

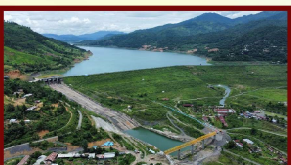
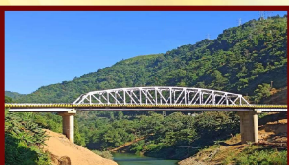
in the august presence of

**La Ganesan**  
 Governor, Manipur

**N. Biren Singh**  
 Chief Minister, Manipur

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# Hope the Judicial System will improve in 2022

## Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



India may be celebrating the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, but even after 75 years, our judicial system has not been able to come out of its ancient pattern. The cases go on for a long time and the verdicts are pronounced in English or there is excessive use of Urdu. More than 50% India understands Hindi, but even today the decisions of the courts come rarely in this language. Many laws are still going on from the British era, such as in cruelty on animals, even today only Rs 50 is the fine. That is why the cases of animal cruelty pile up and criminals roam fearlessly. The courts do not have adequate staff, the posts of judges are lying vacant and the courts do not have proper facilities also. Supreme Court judge Justice Abdul Nazeer recently said that the people of North India and North Karnataka are ignorant about their rights and they suffer due to lack of knowledge of the legal process. Because of this, most of the people continue to suffer for the rest of their life as the cases drag on for a longer period.

The judicial infrastructure in the country is still being maintained in an unplanned manner. An effective judiciary can help in the effective development of the economy. According to an international research published in 2018, failure to deliver justice on time costs the country up to 9% of the annual GDP. According to the Tata Trusts report, only 0.08% of GDP is spent on courts. The general public has to suffer a lot due to the poor condition of the courts and the constitutional rights of the citizens are also violated. It is estimated that due to litigation, the common man has to bear the economic burden of up to two percent of GDP. If the courts settle the cases on time and at an accelerated pace, then the GDP will increase and the citizens will get relief. Improving buildings and infrastructure alone will not do miracles, so technical improvements, improvements in the court process, and appointments of judges and other personnel are also necessary.

Some time ago the Chief Justice of India NV Raman had said that about 20% of the judges do not even have a proper courtroom to sit. The total sanctioned strength of judicial officers in the country is 24,280, while the available courtrooms are only 20,143. Of these, 620 are located in rental premises. 26% of the court complexes in the country do not have separate toilets for women. Similarly, 16% of court complexes do not even have toilets for men. Only 54% of the courts in the country have access to drinking water. In this computer age, only 27% of courtrooms have a computer on the judge's desk with a video conferencing facility. Similarly, only 51% of the courts have libraries. Only 32% courts have separate record rooms and only 5% have basic medical facilities. The 75th *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* will be truly meaningful only when the citizens of the country can get speedy justice and the judicial system will be fine-tuned. Let us hope the new year brings some improvement in the functioning of the judicial system in the country.

# The National Day for Our Feathered Friends

Do not fold out your cameras only to spy on these feathered friends but please see also, how miserable their lives are...?

With the temperature dipping gradually, more and more of our visiting guests start to land in our state. It's a pride and pleasure to see these singing friends, chirping amongst themselves unfailingly kind and considerate.

Birds are a group of warm-blooded vertebrates constituting the class Aves, characterised by feathers, toothless beaked jaws, the laying of hard-shelled eggs, a high metabolic rate, a four-chambered heart, and a strong yet lightweight skeleton.

Throughout the years, birds take flight from tree to tree and place to place flapping their wings and singing beautiful songs. Wherever we see them, the birds always hold a spot of fascination, love, and adoration in our hearts. Birds are a valuable part of nature's ecosystem. While birds are amazing, they're also a massive animal group under particular threat. Birds are sentinel breeds whose plight serves as the barometers of our planet's ecosystem and alert system for detecting global environmental health. The fact that so many of the bird species are under threat due to climate change, illegal pet trade, habitat loss, and disease, and thus to raise public awareness is the need of the hour.

The survival of hundreds of these invaluable species depends on us. Birds always hold a special place in our hearts, thus we celebrate National Bird Day on January 5 every year. This day is

an opportunity for people everywhere to learn about the birds and the challenges they face.

National Bird Day celebrations also appreciate the great things that the animals do and to raise awareness for the adversity they face on a daily basis and to raise awareness of the hardships and plights of these important animals and how we can initiate the change needed to create a healthier, more sustainable relationship with them.

This day also reminds us about the destructive tendencies of the bird trade, the cruelty of bird breeding mills, and ideas for helping and improving the lives of birds that are already living in captivity.

The world is filled with a plethora of different species of birds. Different religions and countries have different relationships with the various species of birds. Dove is taken as the symbol of peace after the mighty flood at the time of Noah. Birds are often considered living links to the past, being the closest-related animals to the evolution of dinosaurs. They're often keystone species in the ecosystems, signifiers of its health and vitality. For example, the holes left behind by woodpeckers are often used as homes for a large variety of other animals. The same is for beavers also!

Birds bear witness to and are impacted by the triple planetary crisis of climate change,



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biodiversity loss and pollution. Making progress on reigning in climate change and e n d i n g biodiversity loss is critical to the survival of the birds. Climate change is adding additional pressure on the birds by adversely

affecting habitats they need for breeding, resting and refuelling along the way. The changing climate is also impacting the annual cycles of birds, affecting the timing of migration and reproduction and causing mismatches in food availability.

Birds over the world are again threatened with illegal hunting as well as from poisoning, pollution and collision with man-made objects, such as glass-covered buildings and powerlines. The bird knows no political boundaries and therefore, we should not put the birds to our human crisis.

A great idea for celebrating the day would be learning about all of the wonders of birds, and then helping to educate friends and family members about their plight. Because the survival of the world's birds hinges on public awareness as well as the support for conservation efforts all over the world.

While National Bird Day may be relatively new, having been founded in 2002, the adversity that birds have had to face is nothing novel to the animal kingdom. Just ask the Dodo, the Labrador Duck, or the Passenger Pigeon,

considered sacred by many native tribes and often the subject of many human arts until its demise.

Forgo the zoo and head on over to places where the birds actually live and thrive in their natural habitats. For some bird lovers, this could simply mean taking a walk to the wetland or forest with some bird watching glasses to spot some unique creatures. For others, this might mean building an entire vacation to an exotic place to see birds in their natural homes.

The purpose of this day is to bring attention to the plight of our feathered friends and to appreciate the beauty and the diversity of these animals and remember how important birds are to nature.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, out of the 11000 bird species so far identified, almost 900 of them are on the verge of extinction and 4 have been ruled as extinct in the wild. Thus, if we don't care today, a day may come even in our lifetime that our feathered friends may be wiped out from this beautiful world and our future generation may not be able to see them but just listen to them as a paper history.

Therefore, with the coming of the National Bird Day 2022, please think that birds can live without us but we can't live without them, and hence let's save these loving and the most beautiful and precious gifts of God to us for the sake of mother earth and the future generations.

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# Job opportunity in Career (Social Work)

The social work profession promotes social change, problem-solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Social work is primarily developmental work, wherein a group of people or a community work for some common cause that is related to the welfare of a person, state, country or community. Social work is a combination of art and science to bring in some effective changes in society for the welfare of humanity. Social workers basically enable or help people to fight for their rights. Social work is basically a professional as well as an academic discipline that works selflessly to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of an individual, group, or community.

The main emphasis of social workers is generally focused on areas such as human development, social policy, public administration, psychotherapy, program evaluation, and international and community development. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the point where people interact with their environments. Social service is not restricted to a particular place, country or community. Social workers are organized into local, national, continental and international professional bodies and they all work in accordingly in their respective fields and areas for a good cause.

The main fundamentals of social service include in principles of human rights and social justice. Professional social workers work for the development related to these fields of human rights and social justice and their main tasks involve in case management (linking clients with agencies and programs that will meet their psychosocial needs), medical social work, counselling (psychotherapy), human services management, social welfare policy analysis, community organizing, advocacy, teaching (in schools

of social work), and social science research.

## History of Social Work

Historically, social work was carried out by people who volunteered their service for the service of mankind. The concept of charity goes back to ancient times, and the practice of providing for the poor has roots in many major ancient civilizations and world religions. Today with the rapid modernization and advancement, social problems have become more complex and social work needs in some professional people with skills and desire to bring about a change. Whereas social work started on a more scientific footing aimed at controlling and reforming individuals, it has in more recent times adopted a more critical and holistic approach to understanding and intervening in social problems.

Social work has its roots in the social and economic upheaval brought by the Industrial Revolution way back years ago, which particularly started with the struggle of society to deal with poverty and its resultant problems. Since the only focus of social work at that time was aimed at dealing with poverty, it was intricately linked with the idea of charity work during earlier those times. But today it is well classified in much broader terms. Today there is a clear classification between social work and charity work. Whereas charity is only aimed at providing some basic facilities to the poor or needy people, the social work is aimed at bringing a change in the society, a change for human betterment. Modern social workers can be found helping to deal with the consequences of these and many other social maladies in all areas of the human services professions and in many other fields besides.

## Career Options in the Field of Social Work

Social work as already told is not

restricted to a particular state or a community; social workers have a number of professional associations, which provide ethical guidance and other forms of support for their members and for social work in general. These social workers work as a group for solving problems of the people who fail to seek any help from the government means. These associations can be international, continental or semi-continental, national, and regional. The main international associations are the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). These organizations work in different areas like medical help in the times of war or epidemic, children welfare, labour welfare or some other important issues related to common man. Social service can be termed as service working for the developmental process of a particular area where the government authorities failed to perform. The main areas where social workers are involved include:

Community Development: Social workers with specialization work in administrative as well as management fields volunteer in to bring about a community development, human development, and resource development. These mainly concentrate on the community development both the rural as well as the urban community. Professional social workers work in a variety of settings, including non-profit or public social service agencies, grassroots advocacy organizations, hospitals, hospices, community health agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, and even the military. These work for promoting awareness of the rights of the citizens and also the various government projects aimed at benefitting the general class. Professionals from any field passionate about improving the lives of others can enter into this sector and work



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for their community and country as well.

Healthcare and Medicine: Social workers also help in the clinical setting and also run in several charitable hospitals and clinics aimed at providing free or affordable treatment for everyone. Social workers also contribute to the preventive and promoting rallies to promote various aspects of health care and also to bring about awareness about some common and life-threatening diseases like AIDS, malaria, and TB etc. providing for special schools where handicapped and children with disabilities enrol in is yet another function of these social work organizations. Educating drug addicts, organizing anti-smoking campaigns and rallies against the health effecting programs includes in some sincere effort form these people.

Family and Child Welfare: Specialist form medical fields provide some useful service for child and family welfare. There are many diseases related to children that can be life-threatening. These medical representatives or organize free camps for the check-up and spreading awareness among deprived masses that do not get enough facilities. Major organization working for child welfare is UNICEF (United Nations International Children Emergency Funds) that works in area of child development and is constantly working in countries all around the globe for irradiating many diseases like polio, chicken pox, and smallpox etc. these have been constantly campaigning to aware the masses against malnutrition in children that may retard growth of children or may even lead to some serious health complications.

Service at the Time of War and Crises: Disasters can be natural or man-made. Natural disasters may include some calamities like floods, earthquake, draught etc. On the other hand war, bombardments and industrial accidents or fire may be termed as man-

made. In the case of these tragedies, various social organizations are always there to help in search and rescue operation. Besides helping in rescue operations these also help in providing food and Medicare facilities at the site of action. Social workers help voluntarily to set up relief camps and organize community kitchens in the case some calamities and help in recreation also.

## Work of a Professional Social Worker

The social service sector is all about special individuals who believe in themselves to truly make a difference in society and bring about some social and cultural reforms for the betterment. A social worker must possess passion, leadership and the ability to think out-of-the-box to face challenges and come with bold and innovative ideas to fight back challenges. Apart from these a social worker has to be ready to work in the time of crisis and calamities without fearing for their own life. Above all, these qualities must be balanced by compassion, empathy and a willingness to make a positive change to the community. If someone wants a profession that is truly rewarding and meaningful, with a feeling of doing something really important and respectful, then social sector have ample career opportunities.

A career in social services can give you an important role in another person's life. One has a direct interaction with people and their grievances. Social service workers empower people who use social services, assisting them to make informed choices which will improve their lives. They make difficult decisions and at times enforce the law. Also sometimes there is a need for some protest or demonstration. A social worker should always be ready to fight for the right cause. An important task of a social worker is to prevent problems from getting worse and find an outright solution at the right time without much delay or hassle.

The task of a social worker is manifold and they generally help out people in need with their professional

approach towards problem-solving. They deal with problems related to a social sphere that includes families, children, the crime against woman and child, those with mental disability and other people seeking help. Work includes a mixture of counselling, discussion, problem-solving and some strict steps if needed.

There are many different jobs within social services that require a range of professional and personal skills. One can choose to work in social care, early education, and child care or as a social worker. Individuals can work with a variety of people in the private, local authority or voluntary sector. This includes children and families, older adults, people with mental health problems, youth services, criminal justice services etc.

## Qualifications for Professional Social Work

Some people with no formal training have engaged in the field of social help, however, these days complexities of the problem are rising along with various legal hassles and policies. These days it has become important for social workers to have some normal levels of literacy and education to give him enough knowledge and confidence to understand the problem well and act accordingly keeping in mind various constitutional ways of dealing with the problem.

The education of social workers begins with a Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc, BSW, BSW, etc.) or a diploma in Social Work. There are various requirements that a candidate needs to fill in before entering into social sector these days. These requirements may vary from region to region and type of social sector one choose to enter in. Some countries offer Post-graduate degrees in Social Work, like master's (such as MSW, MSS, MA, MSc, MRes, MPhil etc.) or doctoral studies (such as PhD and DSW (Doctor of Social Work)). More and more graduates of social work continue to post-doctoral studies. Some argue that social work education is a lifelong process and one continues to learn as he works in the related field.

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# PM inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of various developmental projects

## The North East, which Netaji called the gateway to India's independence, is becoming the gateway to fulfilling the dreams of a new India - PM Modi

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 13 Projects worth around Rs. 1850 crores and laid the foundation stone of 9 projects worth around Rs 2950 crore in Imphal, Manipur today. These projects relate to diverse sectors such as Road Infrastructure, Drinking Water Supply, Health, Urban Development, Housing, Information Technology, Skill Development, Art and Culture, among others.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of construction of five National Highway Projects to be built at a cost of more than Rs 1700 crore. He inaugurated the Steel Bridge built over the Barak River on NH-37, at a cost of over Rs 75 crore, which would decongest traffic between Silchar and Imphal. He also dedicated to the people of Manipur 2387 mobile towers built at a cost of around Rs 1100 crores.

Prime Minister inaugurated Rs 280 crore worth 'Water Transmission system of Thoubal Multi-purpose project', which will provide drinking water supply to the Imphal city; the Water Supply Scheme project built at the cost of Rs 65 crore, to provide safe drinking water to residents of ten habitations of Tamenglong district and the

'Augmentation of Senapati District Headquarter Water Supply Scheme' built at a cost of Rs. 51 crore to provide a regular water supply to the residents of the area.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of a 'State of the Art Cancer Hospital' in Imphal worth around Rs. 160 crore on a PPP basis. He inaugurated the '200 Bedded Covid Hospital at Kyamgei' which has been set up at a cost of about Rs. 37 crore in collaboration with DRDO. He inaugurated three projects under 'Imphal Smart City Mission', developed at a cost of more than Rs 170 crore, including the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), 'Development of Western Riverfront on Imphal River (Phase I)' and 'Development of Mall Road at Thangal Bazar (Phase I)'.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of 'Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT)' to be built in the state at a cost of about Rs 200 crore. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Manipur Institute of Performing Arts at Gurgaon, Haryana, to be built at a cost of more than Rs 240 crore.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said a few days from now, on January 21, would be the 50th anniversary of Manipur getting statehood. This fact, along with the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav on 75 years of its independence is a major inspiration in itself.



Paying homage to the bravery of the people of Manipur, the Prime Minister said the belief in freedom among the people of the country, started here from the land of Moirang, where Netaji Subhash's army hoisted the national flag for the first time. The North East, which Netaji called the gateway to India's independence, is becoming the gateway to fulfilling the dreams of a new India. He reiterated his belief that the eastern and north eastern parts of India will be the source of

India's progress and this is visible in the growth of the region today.

The Prime Minister congratulated the people of Manipur for the schemes for which the foundation stone has been laid and were inaugurated today. He thanked the people of Manipur for the formation of a stable government that is governing with full majority and with full impact. He stressed that due this stability and choice of the people of Manipur achievements like 6 lakh farmer families getting hundreds of crore rupees under Kisan Samman Nidhi; 6 lakh poor families getting benefits under PM Garib Kalyan Scheme; 80 thousand houses under PMAY; free medical

treatment to 4.25 lakh patients under Ayushman Yojna; 1.5 lakh free gas connections; 1.3 lakh free electricity connections; 30 thousands toilets; more than 30 lakh free vaccine doses and oxygen plants in every district of the state could become reality.

The Prime Minister recalled that even before he became the Prime Minister, he visited Manipur many times. He said he understands their pain, "that's why after 2014, I have brought Delhi - Government of India to your doorstep." Every officer and Minister was asked to visit the region and serve the people as per their local needs. "You can see that there are five important faces from the region in

key portfolios in the Council of Ministers", the Prime Minister pointed out.

The Prime Minister noted that the hard work of the government for seven years is visible in the entire North East and especially in Manipur. Today Manipur is becoming a symbol of a new work culture of change. These changes are for Manipur's Culture and for their care. Connectivity is also a priority in this change and creativity is equally important, he said. The Prime Minister elaborated that the Projects of road and infrastructure along with better mobile networks will strengthen connectivity. CIIT will contribute to the creativity and innovation spirit of the local youth. Modern Cancer hospital will add to the dimension of care and the Manipur institute of Performing Art and renovation of Govind Ji Mandir will preserve the cultural heritage.

The Prime Minister said that his Government has resolved to 'Act East' for the Northeast. He said God has given so many natural resources, so much potential to this region. There are so many possibilities for development and tourism here. He added that work is now being done to realise these possibilities in the North East. Northeast is now becoming the gateway to India's development, he

added.

The Prime Minister said Manipur has been a state giving one of the rarest gems for the country. The youth here and especially the daughters of Manipur have made the country proud all over the world. Especially today the youth of the country are taking inspiration from the players of Manipur.

The Prime Minister said today, due to the continuous efforts of the double engine government, there is no fire of extremism and insecurity in this region, but there is light of peace and development. Hundreds of youths across the North East have left arms and joined the mainstream of development. The Prime Minister said the agreements which were pending for decades, the current government has taken these historical records to conclusion. From a 'blockade state', Manipur has become a state giving way for international trade.

He said this decade of the 21st century is very important for Manipur. He lamented the loss of time in the past. He added that there is not a single moment now. "We also have to maintain stability in Manipur and also take Manipur to new heights of development. And only the double engine government can do this work", he emphasized.

## State Congress President Hits hard on BJP, says will not win more than 15 seats in the upcoming assembly election

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

President of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, N. Loken today hits hard on BJP saying that they will not be able to win even 15 seats in the upcoming state assembly election.

"I challenge if the BJP can tell any seat that they will win in 10 assembly constituencies of Thoubal and Kakching districts", Loken said to media persons at Congress Bhavan in Imphal today. He said that the BJP had speculated the number of seats to cross 40 during the poll campaign but there is no chance for the BJP to win at even 15 seats in the upcoming election. The MPCC President is confident that the BJP has no chance of winning at any of the seats at Ukhrul district, Senapati, and Tamenglong district. He also said that at Churachandpur district too, of the 6 constituencies the BJP may hardly come back at one or two assembly constituencies, the MPCC president said. Regarding the 40 assembly seats in valley districts, Loken said that the BJP may win at not more than 9 seats.

At a time when the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi was inaugurating 13 projects that is worth Rs. 1850 crore and laying the foundation stone for 9 new projects



worth Rs. 2950 crore at Hatta Kangjeibung here in Imphal, the MPCC president questioned the developmental works taken up by the BJP government during the 4 and half years tenure.

"Those projects inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India today are all taken up during the Congress government and were almost completed before the last Assembly election. However, due to blockade called by some people or organizations over the creation of 7 more districts in the state, the then Congress government could not inaugurate it on time", Loken said. He further said the BJP led government took 4 and half years

to inaugurate projects that were nearly completed during congress's government.

Loken further took at the central government under the BJP saying that no people-oriented programmes were taken up by the BJP during their 7 and half years tenure. It was during the Congress-led Government led by the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh that 100 days jobs to each of the BPL families were provided by passing the MGNREGA. He also said that it was during the UPA that the Right to Education Act was passed to ensure free and compulsory education to all the children upto class VIII and also various schemes to

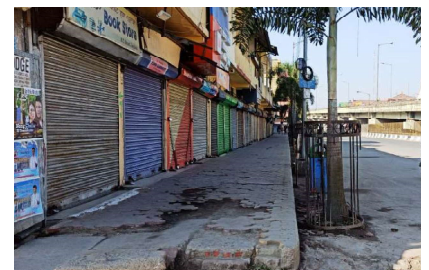
ensure food to all the citizens living below the poverty line. Loken also asked if the present BJP led government can show any one of the houses built under any government scheme and not from the pocket of the MLAs in Rural areas of the state.

In connection with the media critics over the silence of the opposition party, N. Loken said that the voice of the people have not listened and the suggestion from the opposition party are taken to the left ear and thrown at the right ear. It is useless arguing with them but it is better to throw away the BJP from power in the upcoming state Assembly election.

## CORCOM's total shutdown

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

CORCOM's total shutdown called has affected all business sectors of the state today. Even as the shutdown called failed to give impact to the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all commercial sectors and educational sectors of the state remain closed during the shut-down called boycotting the prime Minister's visit. Roads were seen with vehicles carrying BJP workers from districts and assembly constituencies



of the state but normal commercial vehicles stay off the roads. Major markets in the

state remain empty with no vendors functioning as usual.



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### NOTICE FOR INTERVIEW

Imphal, the 03rd January, 2022

No. 2/7/2021-MTU: In continuation of notification for the venue and time of Interview for recruitment of 32 (thirty two) post of Assistant Professors in Manipur Technical University (MTU) issued vide No. 2/7/2021-MTU dated 08th December, 2021, this is for information of all eligible candidates that the venue and time of Interview for the Department/Subject of Mathematics is rescheduled as given below:

| Sl.No. | Venue                    | Department/Subject | Date       | No. of Candidates |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1      | Classic Hotel Board Room | Regal Mathematics  | 08/01/2022 | 15                |

2. The Interview will be conducted from 10 A.M. onwards. Hence, all the candidates are requested to reach the venue atleast 30 minutes before the commencement of Interview.

(Ng. Bhogendra Meitel)  
Registrar,  
Manipur Technical University



# At 37,379 cases, India's Covid tally rises for 7th day; Omicron count at 1,892

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 4:

Maharashtra and Delhi remain the leading contributors in India's Omicron tally with 568 and 382 infections, respectively.

Body: India on Tuesday logged as many as 37,379 new Covid-19 cases, which was a spike of 10.75% from the preceding day, according to the morning bulletin shared by the Union ministry of health and family welfare. The spike was the biggest single-day jump in coronavirus cases in the country since early September, Reuters reported.

This is the seventh consecutive day that India saw a rise in the daily Covid-19 case count with 33,750 fresh infections reported on Monday. Following Tuesday's figures, the cumulative tally of India

has reached 3,49,60,261, health ministry's bulletin revealed. The active caseload has also been pushed to 1,71,830, accounting for 0.49% of the total cases.

Meanwhile, the number of cases of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of Covid-19 has touched 1,892 in India. Maharashtra and Delhi remain the leading contributors with 568 and 382 infections, respectively. Kerala, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu all feature in the top 10 most-hit states due to the variant and have over 100 infections recorded so far. Telangana, Karnataka, Haryana and Odisha are other states in the top 10 list in India, according to the health ministry's bulletin.

As many as 124 new fatalities due to Covid-19 were reported in the last 24 hours, one

less than the preceding day, taking the death toll in India to 482,017. However, the only positive signal that remains in the latest updates is the new recoveries that saw a jump to 11,007 from Monday's 10,846. The total number of patients who recovered from the virus now stands at 3,43,06,414.

A total of 68,24,28,595 samples have been tested for Covid-19 in the country so far, of which, 11,54,302 were done in the last 24 hours.

Further, India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage has surpassed the 146 crore-mark with more than 57 lakh adult eligible beneficiaries getting inoculated in the past 24 hours. From Monday onwards, vaccination for individuals aged 15-18 also began and on the launch day, as many as 42,06,433 people were administered the first dose of the coronavirus vac-

cine. Thus, in the last 24 hours, 99,27,797 vaccine shots were jabbed to all eligible beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, the consistent spike is occurring at a time when India is grappling with the Omicron outbreak owing to which several states and Union territories, including Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal, among others, have imposed restrictions. The Centre also advised states and UTs on Saturday to commence setting up makeshift hospitals to increase availability of beds and create special teams to evaluate home isolation cases.

The government has also been asked to consider using hotel rooms and other similar accommodations in line with Covid-dedicated hospitals to cater to patients showing mild to moderate symptoms.

# Union Minister Ramdas Athawale will arrive in Imphal tomorrow

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, will be visiting Imphal tomorrow on a two-day

visit to the state. During his visit he will be meeting the Social Welfare Officers and Officers, who are looking after Scheduled Caste Issues in the Government of Manipur at Classic Grande Imphal, Manipur. After the

meeting he will address a press conference. Later on the day he will call on Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Manipur. He will leave for New Delhi the next day after some local engagements.

# AMAND, Pune releases its 2022 calendar



IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune organized a function for releasing of its 2022 calendar on the first day of 2022 at the residence of President

AMAND, Naorem Giridhar Singh at Pune. The programme was shared live among the executives and other invitees of AMAND via google meet platform.

The Calendar was written by Ibopishak Singh Thouna (an eminent astrologer) based

on Meetei Thapalon as per Pune longitude and latitude. Speaking on the occasion Ibopishak expressed his happiness and appreciated the initiatives and contribution of AMAND in the field of social and community welfare for the Manipuris in Pune.

# DRDO celebrates its 64 th foundation day

By IT Correspondent  
Mumbai, Jan 4:

A function was held to celebrate 64 th foundation of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was held at DRDO headquarters located in New Delhi, in which the secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy addressed the DRDO fraternity.

The DRDO was formed in 1958 from the amalgamation of the then already functioning Technical Development Establishment (TDEs) of the Indian Army and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) with the Defence Science Organisation (DSO). DRDO was then a small organisation with 10 establishments or laboratories. Over the years, it has grown multidimensionally in terms of the variety of subject disciplines, number of laboratories, achievements, and stature.

Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO along with Director Generals and other Directors of DRDO Headquarters paid floral tributes at the bust of Dr P J Abdul Kalam.

Four internal automation portals and two documents along with a monograph on Systems Engineering for self-reliance to mark the DRDO Day event were launched on the occasion. Entire DRDO fraternity from across the country participated online through internal

network in DRDO Day celebrations.

Addressing the gathering, the DRDO chairman extended warm wishes to DRDO employees and their families. He said, DRDO has accomplished many successes through relentless zeal, perseverance and dedication of project teams, able leadership of project DGs, directors and lab directors. He acknowledged the support of all stakeholders like financial advisors, corporate teams, industry partners & government stakeholders in achieving the goals.

Secretary DDR&D brought out that 175 transfer of technology (ToT) licences were signed during 2021 and the production value of DRDO developed systems till today is over Rs 3 Lakh crore. He said that DRDO is ensuring the participation of industry as Development cum Production Partners (DePP) and Production Agencies (PA) in the projects. DRDO test facilities have been opened up for industries and guidelines for GOCO (Government Owned and Company Operated) have been promulgated.

Dr G Satheesh Reddy also brought out that in 2021, DRDO achieved many milestones such as maiden flight of Akash-New Generation Surface To Air Missile (NGSAM), new generation surface-to-surface missile Pralay, indigenous air frames for BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, Vertical Launch Short Range SAM, Stand-off Anti-

Tank (SANT) missile, supersonic missile assisted release of torpedo and many other systems. Its technology prowess is evident through multiple export opportunities emerging for systems like Akash Missile System, Brahmos, Weapon Locating Radar, Torpedoes, Sonars, etc.

Societal contribution of DRDO technologies during second wave of Covid were also highlighted. Nine hundred and thirty-one medical oxygen plants were installed at 869 sites across the country. Thirteen Covid hospitals with more than 7,400 beds were set up. All these were set up across the country with various central government departments & state government participation with DRDO. Anti-Covid drug in the form of therapeutic application of 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2DG) has been a crucial breakthrough during the pandemic.

While congratulating DRDO scientists and all other personnel who worked in close coordination with the Armed Forces for user trials, Secretary DDR&D set many targets for them. He stated that scientists need to accelerate development of state-of-the-art systems and technologies for realising the goals of 'Make in India and Make for the World' set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Dr G Satheesh Reddy emphasised the significant role being played by DRDO in promoting defence ecosystem within country comprising of

industries, academic institutes and allied R&D organisations to work together on advanced and futuristic technologies to make India self-reliant in defence sector.

The efforts being made by DRDO to integrate youth with Defence R&D towards aligning young talent pool by promoting research aptitude in young students in niche complex defence technology was also highlighted. He said that this goal was achieved by Launching Dare to Dream contest, Regular MTech Programme in Defence Technologies in about 40 Universities through AICTE, introducing elective subjects in Defence Technologies for B.Tech courses, DRDO-MoE collaborative programme for PhD students and MoU with universities to focus on joint research activities, faculty and student exchange programme etc. DRDO through its TDF scheme has assigned 40 projects to nascent industries and MSME's. Many more in projects are in pipeline.

The DRDO is working on multiple cutting-edge military technology areas, which include aeronautics, armaments, combat vehicles, electronics, instrumentation, engineering systems, missiles, materials, naval systems, advanced computing, simulation, cyber, hypersonic technologies, quantum computing and communication, artificial intelligence, life sciences and other technologies for defence.

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

Mantripukhri Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) in a joint operation with Manipur Police apprehended an insurgent of terrorist group PLA from Seijang, Ukhrul district yesterday.

Based on specific input, troops of Assam Rifles along with Manipur Police launched an operation which led to the apprehension.

The apprehended insurgent was handed over to Yaingangkopi Police Station for further investigation.



# Only Sports can keep drugs aside – O Romen

IT News  
Imphal, Jan 4:

Oinam Romen Singh, the NPP Intending Candidate of Singjamei Assembly Constituency in the upcoming State General Assembly Election 2022 said that the menace of drugs can be thrown away only with Sports.

This was stated by him at the Felicitation Function of Jojo Rajkumari, the winner of Matrix Fight Night 7 in 52 kg category which has been held recently in Imphal. He said that there are a lot of jobless youths because of the failure

of the state government policy for grooming up youths and then they become drug users automatically by nature. This is quite unfortunate.

During the Felicitation Programme organised by the National People's Youth Front (NPYF) Singjamei Block at his residence, Singjamei Oinam Thingel, Imphal West District Manipur, Romen said that he would like to groom up sports personalities in his best level and as such different sports tournaments has been organised under his sponsorship during the last many years such as Kang Tournaments,

Football Coaching Camps so on and so forth. These were done not taking any aid from the government and the public as well. He said that if he is elected in the ensuing State General Assembly Election 2022, he will make a special initiative meant only for grooming up sports personalities.

He said that the youths are using drugs in large number is a major cause of concern. If the government or the public leaders try to do something for their welfare, the Fate of our younger generations may be void, Romen Singh remarked.

# PM Modi inaugurates new terminal building at Agartala airport

Agency  
Agartala, Jan 4:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday, inaugurated the new terminal building at the Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport in Tripura's Agartala.

The new terminal building

of Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport in Agartala has been built at a cost of Rs 3400 crores.

Union civil aviation minister - Jyotiradiya Scindia and other senior Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials were also present at the inauguration programme.

Tripura chief minister Biplab Deb was also present during the inauguration of the new terminal building of the Agartala airport.

Modi also took a tour of the new terminal building to take a first-hand stock of the facilities that would be available for passengers.

# Delhi, Punjab impose curfews; Delhi CM, other leaders test positive

Agency  
New Delhi, Jan 4:

Amid a single-day spike of 37,379 fresh Covid-19 cases, states such as Punjab and Union Territory of Delhi have imposed stricter measures to curb the spread of the virus. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other leaders have tested positive for the virus.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority on Tuesday decided to impose a weekend curfew in the national capital. Only essential movement will be allowed during the curfew. It also decided to implement work from home in all government offices, while pri-

vate offices will be permitted to function at 50 per cent capacity.

The Punjab government, meanwhile, has imposed a night curfew in the state from 10 pm to 5 am, excluding essential services. All educational institutes shall remain closed, while online classes will continue. Moreover, bars, cinemas halls, malls, restaurants and spas will be allowed to operate at 50 per cent capacity, subject to staff being fully vaccinated.

Among other restrictions, the notification urges people to follow the 'no mask, no service' principle — no service shall be provided in government and private offices to the person

not wearing proper mask.

In Telangana, **Sankranti holidays were declared** for all educational institutions across the state between January 8 and 16. The decision was taken Monday during Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's review of the Covid-19 situation prevailing in the state. However, officials informed the CM there was no need to impose a lockdown in the state at present.

Maharashtra is planning to procure an approximate 1 lakh S-gene test kits to ensure that infections from the Omicron variant are detected faster. This comes as the state continued to top the Omicron count in the

country, with 568 total cases as of Tuesday. In light of the surge in cases, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)-run schools in Mumbai will remain closed for Classes 1 to 9 and Class 11 till January 31.

Meanwhile, Delhi CM Kejriwal, who had attended an election rally in Dehradun a day before, on Tuesday announced that he was Covid positive. However, Health Minister Satyendra Jain stated that the infection was mild. BJP MP Manoj Tiwari, Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey and Maharashtra Minister Eknath Shinde, too, announced over Twitter that they have tested positive for coronavirus.