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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTION POINTS

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State Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition

Skill Development Training Programme for 9400 persons under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for the State Returnees under NEC funding

New Manipur Tourism Policy 2022 and published Manipur Tourism Calendar

CM Dashboard

Online portal of Vigilance Certificate

Online Pension Processing Software

Integration of Record of Rights (Patta/ Jamabandi) with Cadastral maps as pilot project in 10 Revenue villages

Drone survey under SVAMITVA Scheme of rural Abadi areas

Industry Linked Training In The IT/ ITES Sector For 2000 Trainees

DISTRIBUTED

2475 Fly Shuttle Looms to handloom weavers under Loom Upgradation Scheme 2021-22

Benefits to 16,000 beneficiaries under Manipur Old Age Pension Scheme

Benefits to 10,000 beneficiaries under Chief Ministers Widow Pension Scheme

Water & Soil Testing Kits to 50 Fish farmers

Paddle Electric Aerators to 30 Fish farmers

4750 tablets to Government School students under State Wide Integrated Education Management System and Digital Learning Platform

Tablets to teachers under Star Education Programme

INAUGURATED

36 Veterinary Hospitals & 71 Veterinary Dispensaries (Rs.1442.43 lakhs)

30 Bedded Psychiatry Wards, a Public Waiting Shed and a Child Care Centre at JNIMS, Pongpat

Solar Power System for Government health facilities in Tamenglong, Chandel and CCPur districts.

Feed Mixing Plant at Khumbong, Imphal West District. (Rs.108 lakhs)

2x5 MVA, 33/11 KV Substation at Wangjing (Moirang Palli), Thoubal District, at Heirok, Thoubal District, at Leimapokpam, Bishnupur District, at Hiyangthang, Imphal West District

2X5 MVA SS at Ibodhou Marjing, Heingang

170 Nos of District-Wise water supply projects/schemes

ISTT at Sekmai (Rs.1228.70 lakhs)

Fertilizer Godown at Thoubal & Porompat (Rs.80 lakhs each)

Infrastructure – of Panam Ningthou Immemorial Fire at Andro (Rs.193 lakhs)

50 bedded Government De-addiction Centre at Sinusiphai, Bishnupur

Fish hatcheries under Blue Revolution at Nambu

Recirculatory Aquaculture System at Imphal West

Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy Cell for MTU

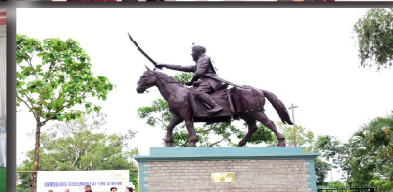
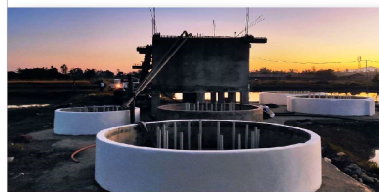
50 schools under School Fagathansi Mission/ Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (Academic Buildings/ Toilets/ etc)

15 road segments under PMGSY

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For construction of new Government ITI under Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure (ESDI) at NONEY and PHERZAWL at Cost of Rs. 9.50 Cr. each



My Earth My Responsibility

By: Sarojini

The Earth is a magnificent and precious place. Humans are destroying it with reckless abandon. We are all acquainted with the term "environment," which refers to all of the natural elements that surround us, such as air, water, plants, animals, and other living creatures.

It has an impact on our day-to-day lives on the planet. It has a flawless life cycle in order to maintain a healthy equilibrium in the environment. To live a great life cycle, the environment supplies us with numerous and healthy natural things, however the ecosystem is being harmed as a result of human actions.

As we know that our environment is totally affected by anthropogenic activities. Lots of disasters occurred and the results we can see the destruction of our beautiful planet getting destroyed. One should be adequate about the sustainable but we can observe that everyone is busy with their own works. In this atomic age we find people getting more greedy and hence they differentiate and distinguished.

In short people across the globe are becoming more individualistic over time. Changes like these have triggered climate change, soil erosion, poor air quality, and undrinkable water. The planet is suffocating. We're losing biodiversity. The forests are dying. The environment is being destroyed. Could human beings change their selfish nature and think/act with greater consideration of the world around them? This is the biggest question I would like to pass to everyone.

Furthermore, what we need to bear in mind is that, being a person is not just limited to learning things in our school or life, but also learning on how to deal with our nature or our respective land or in other words, our environment. This is because we live in this world as a community and we are not alone.

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Some traditions must remain

The crematorium was familiar with the word Vairagya, but in the past, another wonderful word was introduced - 'crematorium-brother'. A friend had reached the cremation ground on the death of the writer. Seeing the burning pyre sitting there, everyone was diving into the vortex of crematorium renunciation. The longer a man stays in the cremation ground, the more he goes through a sense of dispassion. Some people were also talking among themselves, but in a very slow voice, because the cremation ground must have a discipline of its own. By the way, the best thing is to be silent if possible. It is written outside the cemetery of the Parsis that 'Tower of Silence' means that you have to remain completely silent there.

The truth of life is that one who has come will die one day. Of course, we should celebrate the birth, but by remaining silent for a few moments, try to pay true tribute to the soul, which is no longer with us. Such people would be entitled to be called true crematorium-brothers. Otherwise, hypocrisy is in our nature. Perhaps that is why many people can be seen laughing and chatting in the cremation ground too.

These people are not great men who understand the philosophy of life and death, but are people present for show. Looking at the faces of some people, it is not understood whether they have come in the funeral procession or in any marriage ceremony. Whereas this discipline is still followed in Bangali society, where funerals are performed by observing complete silence. I think, we all, every society person should become a true crematorium-brother and show him to be a sensitive human being.

We stood in silence at the funeral. Then a gentleman came and handed over a small bottle of water. Even it was fine, because the throat gets dry in the summer season. But after some time another gentleman came before me with samosas and gulab jamuns kept in a pair. This scene was unexpected. The gentleman said, 'Receive it!' I said, 'How is it possible that the pyre is burning in front of the cremation ground and I should eat something?' Hearing me, the son of the deceased standing nearby said, 'Uncle, This is a tradition.'

Those who participate in the funeral procession, we call them crematorium-brothers. It is an age-old tradition that some refreshments are offered to the crematoriums. This gives satisfaction to the dead soul, so don't deny it! Hearing him, I extended my hand to break a piece of samosa, then he said, 'No, you take gulab jamun. Dad loved sweets. Don't deny it, please!' I reluctantly accepted half the gulab jamun.

This was the first time in life, when eating something in the cremation ground. But from that day onwards, this thing kept reverberating in my mind that what different and wonderful traditions are prevailing in different societies, understanding the practical aspect of which gives reverence to the thinking of our forefathers. By the way, how can one have breakfast in the cremation ground, but there is also one side that people who come there have to sit for hours, so it is natural that they will feel hungry and thirsty, so arrangements should be made for refreshments.

Centuries ago when there were forests everywhere. The settlements used to be few, then after the death of someone, he was cremated on the banks of the river. They used to sprinkle lye on the dead body while walking, so that they do not get lost in the forest, so that when they return after the funeral, they do not forget the way. The color of the lye is white and it is easily visible on the way.

This tradition continues even today. There is another custom in Bangali society that until the pyre is completely cooled, the family members stay in the crematorium. Rest all are requested that you guys can go home after bowing to the pyre. After the pyre cools down, the family will go home only after collecting the ashes and bones. Earlier, the rest of the people used to go to the forest and cut the wood to make the pyre. A person used to sit nearby to look after the dead body. Although there are electric crematoriums now, we live in cities. But whatever traditions are there, they are followed by the people of the society even today.

I think, some traditions should remain. It is these traditions that keep our inner man alive. The custom of death feast has ended in many societies, but the tradition of calling the crematorium-brothers and feeding them sweets continues even today. It is also going to show the 'Madhuren ending' of life.

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Hate-Mongering in the name of freedom of speech



By: M.R. Lahu

Post Udaipur-Amravati killings, India witnessed a studied silence among its celebrated intellectuals who seem to have taken an intellectual asylum in their own dens of hypocrisy, who otherwise, were known to be the upright tongues screaming louder for the preservation of the country's democratic values. The violence that flashed across the country after the brutal bloodshed of the shopkeepers subsidised to the level of insignificance. We should be happy that we have plenty of issues pouring in on a daily basis that anything including the madness of men in the name of beliefs gets easily evaporated and as a society, we spin back to the same organic self of insensibility and insanity. Prime time shows on TV channels full for new topics and spokespersons, having learned lessons from the Nupur Sharma episode seem to have been putting a brave face of maturity and acceptance. The media slugfest and the subsequent bloodshed had taken India further to a realm of understanding- a realisation, that as a country we have ripped ourselves off the democratic principles that we have been chest-thumping since independence. Nobody thought that the quantum of filth that we have accumulated would amount to the level of arrogance and hatred barricading all the possibilities of cordiality. What next?

Things seemed to be rolling back to normal but then landed the fiery Mahua Moitra, the Trinamool Congress MP from West Bengal with her most denigrating remark on Goddess Kaali. For her, Kaali is a meat-eating and alcohol accepting goddess. And she said she had the

complete right to exercise her imagination to whichever god or goddess she worshipped. Except BJP no political party was seen with hammer and tongs against Moitra. People often stoop into idiotic terrains of intellectual incarcerations and get vocal about the stupidity that they market as intellectual audacity. The irony of India's present political discourse is that exercising your right to imagine, interpret and ignobly indoctrinate religious ideas for gaining political mileage is legitimised. Most of such attempts go unquestioned if you shoot your arrows from the quiver of a liberal bandwagon and of course it should be directed to a still insensitive majority and what you gain in return is a victimhood ornamented with sympathy. Vituperation on anything except a minority sentiment is legitimised and nobody, not even the judiciary will hold you responsible for it. This never comes under hate speech and you are free to challenge and spit more venom with complete security guaranteed.

West Bengal's history without pages dedicated to Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda remains incomplete. It was goddess Kaali by worshipping whom, an illiterate Brahmin in Ramakrishna could elevate himself to the greatness of a Paramahansa. There have never been questions put against his holy gesticulations. His greatness unfolded to its complete glory when he transformed an ordinary boy into a spiritual giant who later came to be known as Swami Vivekananda. Both had in-depth devotion for the divinity in the form of a ferocious, terrifying but adorable feminine energy manifested in Kaali. Bengal owes much to its spiritual heritage that it inherited from the penance of these spiritual gurus and calumniating the feminine energy in Kaali as a meat-eater is nothing but slitting the very idea of spiritual inheritance that the state of Bengal nourished for ages. Moitra's argument of vehemence in the name of spiritual intelligence

and liberty was accentuated by Shashi Tharoor. For him, it was a well-known case for all the Hindus that the black goddess with blood dripping tongue and skull garland around her neck was a meat-eater. Same was the case with Nupur Sharma. Everybody in the media discourse and the Islamic religious fraternity knew that whatever she spoke in defence of her views were well codified in Islamic scriptures and what she did was to reproduce the textual content when she was repeatedly perforated by the man sitting at the opposite side. But outcries for her head are still heard from across the country. Things did not stop there. The entire Muslim world began to put pressure on India against the remarks of a single lady and we witnessed what followed next. The ruling party successfully isolated a person for defending her beliefs when provoked.

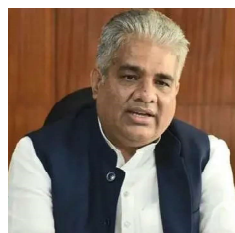
Evidently, there are two forces incessantly working to split the society. Religion and politics have so far been able to set narratives in this direction and Moitra was one among those politicians who enjoyed the support of the left-liberal coercive mindset which often found inadequacies with the majority. Terming the saffron upsurge by the BJP as a monolithic patriarchal brahminical enterprise, Moitra went on affirming that she would hate to live in an ecosystem that the BJP is creating throughout the country. When she spoke her demeaning words to an audience in a media conclave, she wilfully erred with an ease of conviction that nothing of that sort compared to the effect in the case of Nupur Sharma would happen. The country has already stooped to a new low after the beheading of the Udaipur tailor and efforts to throw acid on the wounds of a particular community is the plan of politicians and Moitra took the lead this time.

Who spreads hatred in a society that has already gone to the brim of an ideological collapse? Today, an existential threat to a civilization that survived in amity for generations despite being diverse

is a reality. Narratives to set the stage of harmony ablaze began long ago. The idea of a potential "Hindu Terror" was an attempt to create lab rats of radicalization to draw parallels to Islamic jihad. "Islamophobia" has been the recent trendsetting narrative catching headlines. Hatred, disseminated in a thousand ways, is reaping a great harvest. Not only political, but academic forums from inside the country and abroad are also actively growing claws to throttle the idea of a living system that survived centuries of invasion and horror. "Dismantling Hindutva" was one such effort to malign the system of plurality living in union in India and paint it as an outrageous cohort and thus finding reasons to thwart it from growing further. Imagine, what would be the outcome, if the government with Modi at the centre, tried to push reforms to curb radicalization with full force. Reactions from the South Asian countries should be a reminder for India when it plans to cement the holes of religious militancy and we should not be forgetful of our past in the landscape of the Indian subcontinent. Hinduism is an open book that anybody could read from whichever page he feels to begin with. Interpretations can be drawn in various ways and it gives the freedom to deduce its principles. This liberty often turns out to be an argumentative overreach by many people and narratives to humiliate the essential practices of Hinduism gets justified as an act of liberal interpretation. Moitra was loud-mouthed about this freedom and she said that she had been exercising it in the media conclave, deliberately denying the effect of insult that she was further exacerbating on the blisters that Udaipur and Amravati killings caused. In a democracy, freedom of speech cannot be a burdensome exercise on one community, when others are authorised to weaponize their beliefs as a shield of self defence.

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Single-use plastics ban: A big leap towards a better planet



By: Bhopender Yadav

In 2018, when India hosted World Environment Day on the theme Beat Plastic Pollution, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi gave a call for eliminating single-use plastics (SUP). A year later, in his Independence Day speech, PM Modi raised the issue again and said, "Can we free India from single-use plastic? The time for implementing such an idea has come. May teams be mobilised to work in this direction... Shopkeepers should sell jute and cloth bags. Customers should adopt ways to reduce plastic usage. We must also put technologies in use to abolish plastic usage."

There are very good reasons to stop using plastics. They harm the environment as well as the health of the people. Only a minuscule amount of plastics is recycled or destroyed in waste-to-energy facilities. Most end up in landfills, where they can take up to 1,000-plus years to decompose. Worse, plastics release toxic substances that leach into the soil and water. As they decompose, plastic breaks

down into tiny pieces that eventually become microplastics. Newer research shows the presence of microplastics in soils, freshwater, and even the air we breathe. This is a matter of grave concern.

India's call to eliminate SUPs provided momentum, leading to significant action on plastic pollution around the globe. This culminated in the historic adoption of 'End Plastic Pollution: Towards an internationally legally binding instrument' at the United Nations (UN) Environment Assembly meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in March. The UN Environment Program's executive director, Inger Andersen, called the agreement the most critical international multilateral environmental deal since the Paris climate accord.

In India, the ban on SUPs began on July 1. The ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEF) has also notified guidelines on the extended producer responsibility (EPR) for plastic packaging.

The enforceable prescription of a minimum level of recycling of plastic packaging waste, collected under EPR by producers, importers, and brand owners, will strengthen the circular economy of plastic packaging waste. The EPR guidelines will also promote the development of new alternatives and give a push to sustainable plastic packaging.

The guidelines also mandate the use of recycled plastic content in packaging. The step will generate demand for recycled plastic material. Questions have been raised

on alternatives. The Modi government believes that development should not come at the cost of the environment, and efforts to save the environment should not halt development. With that basic principle in mind and PM Modi's call for Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE), MoEF organised a national-level exhibition on alternatives to raise awareness. The states and Union territories (UTs) have been asked to organise similar fairs and provide incentives for an accelerated penetration of SUP alternatives.

A provisional standard on biodegradable plastic has been notified. The ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) has made a provision in central government schemes to support MSME units manufacturing alternatives. States and UTs have also been asked to provide incentives to accelerate the penetration of SUP alternatives. MoEF is working with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade to take forward innovative ideas on alternatives under the StartUp India Scheme.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued one-time certificates to around 200 manufacturers of compostable plastic. In line with the Modi government's ease of doing business policy, the certificates do not require renewal. An online portal has been developed to facilitate the certification of these manufacturers. To support MSMEs, CPCB in association with the Central Institute of Petrochemi-

cals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) is organising workshops for MSMEs to transition to SUP alternatives. Directions have been issued to e-commerce companies, leading sellers/users, and plastic raw material manufacturers on the ban. But the bid to save the environment can never achieve its desired results without janbhagidari (people's participation). To encourage citizens, awareness drives are underway.

CPCB has also undertaken comprehensive measures to make the SUP ban successful. Its Comprehensive Action Plan includes measures to reduce the supply of raw materials and plastic demand, roll out digital interventions for efficient monitoring and creating awareness and guidance to state boards for effective implementation of directions. The National Dashboard on Elimination of Single-Use Plastic and Plastic Waste Management has also been set up to monitor the implementation of the plan.

The ban is a significant step towards building a sustainable planet we can proudly hand over to the next generation. We can eliminate SUPs from our daily lives with everyone's participation and combined efforts. Living by the PM's vision of LiFE and adopting environmentally friendly alternatives are the only ways to build a sustainable future.

(The author is Union Cabinet Minister for environment, forest & climate change; and labour & employment. He is the author of The Rise of the BJP)

Journalist found dead in Bangladesh, PEC demands authentic probe

IT Correspondent
Geneva, July 10:

Journalists continue to be the victim of violence in Bangladesh as the police recovered a partially decomposed body of Hashibur Rahman Rubel on 7 July 2022. The young scribe went missing five days back and his body was found under a bridge on Garai river in Kumarkhali locality. Rubel was associated with Dainik Khustiar Khabar and Amader Notun Samay, both are Bengali newspapers, and used to edit online portal Crimevisionbd.

Press Emblem Campaign (www.pressemblem.ch), the global media safety and rights body, has demanded an authentic probe into the incident as Rubel's body carried severe injury marks. PEC also extends moral support to Kushtia journalists who have launched protests demanding justice to Rubel's wife Ili Khatun along



with other family members. Rubel becomes the 76th media worker to be killed this year across the globe, whereas 79 media persons lost their lives to assassinations in 2021.

"The war in Ukraine and the rampant criminality in

Mexico become the main reasons for the alarming rise of journo-murders this year. But the south Asian region particularly countries like Pakistan, India and Bangladesh continue to report regular murders of

scribes. We demand all the crimes to be investigated with no impunity to culprits," commented PEC president Blaise Lempem.

In Ukraine, the conflict triggered by Russia has claimed 30 victims among media workers, 16 in the line of duty and 14 journalists killed in fighting as soldiers or volunteers in the army. Mexico witnessed 13 media victims so far which exceeds the total figure for 2021 (10 killed).

PEC's south Asia representative Nava Thakuria informs that Rubel is the third journalist to be killed in Bangladesh this year after Mohiuddin Sarker Nayeem and Abdul Bari. Pakistan lost four media workers namely Ifthikhar Ahmed, Hasnain Shah, Murtaza Shar and Athar Mateen to assailants. India witnessed the murder of Rohit Kumar Biswal, Sudhir Saini, Juned Khan Pathan and Subhash Kumar Mahato.

Bombay High Court orders the auction sale of an ocean going vessel



(Left) OSV Ocean Explorer. (Right) Stranded crew members.

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, July 10:

The Bombay High Court has ordered the auction sale of the Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) "Ocean Explorer" abandoned by its owner off the Mumbai coast, to recover the pending dues, including the salary of the stranded crew members.

As per the notice dated June 23 issued by Deputy Sheriff, Mumbai, the bids received by Sheriff's office, will be placed before the Bombay High Court on July 13 and the auction will be conducted after the scrutiny of the bids. The auction is expected to take place on July 16.

The issues like serving and executing processes such as Writ of Summons, notices, and warrants issued by the High Court and the City Civil Court are dealt with by the Sheriff of Mumbai. Besides, the implementation of the orders issued by the High Court under its "Admiralty jurisdiction" is done by the Sheriff.

The auction notice has been issued by the Deputy Sheriff, in response to the Bombay High Court order dated June 21 in the Commercial Admiralty suit L (No 10715/2022) filed by the Syrian Captain of the vessel Mohammed All Hussein and 17 others against the owners of OSV Ocean Explorer (IMO NO. 9303637).

The vessel was chartered by Mumbai-based M/s Lilly Maritime Private Limited for the Dubai-Mumbai trip, from the shipping firm based in Dubai on "a Bare-Boat Charter" basis. While Lilly Maritime Managing Director Rethina Kumar Krishnaswamy, maintained that the vessel belonged to "Marine Four", Dubai, the order dated April 01, passed by Justice N J Jamadar mentioned "Alam Maritim M SDN BHD", as the registered owner of the vessel. It was not clear whether "Ma-

rine Four" was affiliated with Alam Maritim (headquartered in Malaysia).

Speaking to the Imphal Times, Lilly Maritime Managing Director Rethina Kumar Krishnaswamy, said that there have been some difficulties and the vessel was stranded, but she has not been abandoned. The Dubai-based owner may participate in the auction process to reclaim his vessel. When he hired the vessel, the crew members were mostly foreigners. Then we hired some Indian crew. Some of the crew members have been paid their dues and signed off. The stranded crew members are being provided fresh water and other basic amenities for their survival by the P & I Club located at Mumbai Port Trust. The matter should be resolved soon, he added.

A "bareboat charter" is an arrangement for the chartering or hiring of a ship or boat, whereby no crew or provisions are included as part of the agreement. Instead, the people who rent the vessel from the owner are responsible for taking care of such things.

A Panama-flagged vessel was first anchored at Mumbai High when two crew members reported ill. The ill crew members were let off with their salaries in April. Along with them, nine others who completed the duty period were signed off too. The State Port Control authorities directed the vessel to anchor at Princess & Victoria channel at Mumbai Port, after the remaining 7 crew members complained of not receiving salaries since November 2021.

In the original petition, the petitioners Mohammed All Hussein and others had pointed out that they were stranded on board the vessel and an amount of US\$ 109,205.48, including the principal sum of US\$ 104,181 towards their wages, along with interest

and costs, was due from the owner.

Given the complaints, Justice N J Jamadar in his order dated April 01 stated that "I order the arrest of the defendant-vessel 'OSV Ocean Explorer' a foreign-flagged vessel together with her hull, tackle, engines, gears, plant, machinery, articles, things apparel, and other paraphernalia on board, at present lying at the Port of Mumbai within Indian territorial waters".

Speaking to the Imphal Times, Abhijeet Sangle, Working President of All India Seafarers Union, said that the matter will be clear only after the vessel is sold in the auction. When a ship is under arrest, the court makes sure that salary is distributed to the crew from the money received on selling the vessel. In this process, it is the responsibility of the Sheriff's office to look after the affected crew. Deputy Sheriff Durgadas S. Choudhari could not be reached for comments. The post of Sheriff, which is a titular position is vacant since the Maharashtra Government has not appointed anyone as a Sheriff of Mumbai for the last many years.

Pramod Suhag, President, Seafarers Support Group, Mumbai said that his group arranged the sign-off formalities of the ill crew members. The others also need financial assistance. The money due to the seafarers includes Surya Deshwal- AB-pending salary- US \$2000, Boban-Oiler- US \$ 1800, and Nishant-Cook- US \$2000.

The onboard chief engineer Ravikumar Kaliveetil said that the Ocean Explorer is an Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) vessel and its main engines are nonoperational. Another machinery has also broken down. The ship is unseaworthy and the crew fears for their lives in the monsoon, as both engines of the ship are nonoperational.

Kangpokpi DC leads awareness campaign on plastic pollution

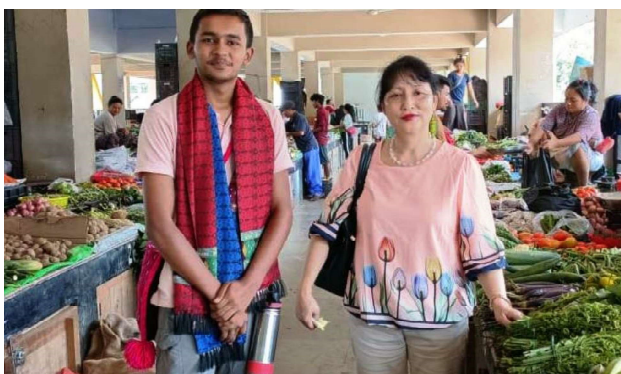
IT News
Kangpokpi, July 10:

The District Administration Kangpokpi today held an awareness campaign on ban on single use plastic which is effective from 1st July, 2022 in the district. The awareness campaign was held at Nuite Kailang (women's market) in Kangpokpi district regarding complete ban on single use plastic and harmful effects of plastic pollution on environment.

The District Administration Kangpokpi led by Deputy Commissioner, Kengoo Zuringla, IAS, was accompanied by Rohan Agarwal, a young environmentalist along with members of Kangpokpi Town Committee (KTC), Kangpokpi Women Welfare Organisation (KWVO) and Kangpokpi Youth Union (KYU).

During interaction with the public, Kengoo Zuringla said that we can replace the polythene or plastic bags by using alternative like bags made of cotton or jute and one can carry their own bags. She said awareness campaign was held in line with the Manipur Plastic Policy, 2022 for effective management of plastic waste and complete elimination of single-use plastics in the State.

She said single-use plastics takes years to degrade and is very dangerous to the envi-



ronment. She appreciated Rohan Agarwal's determination and courageous spirit and said we should heed his appeal for a clean and safe environment. She wished him luck and successful journey ahead.

20 years old Rohan Agarwal from Kamptee, Nagpur in Maharashtra is in Manipur to spread message on harmful effect of plastic pollution which is one of the major issues plaguing the planet earth today. Travelling for more than 10,000 kms on foot and hitch-hiking to create awareness on plastic pollution, he is also spreading the message on "unity in diversity".

Supporting the State Government's ban on single use plastics from July 1st, 2022,

Rohan Agarwal gave awareness on negative impact of plastics on the environment and spoke on best alternatives to plastics. Stressing on the importance of RRR that is reduce, reuse and recycle, he said it will help in checking the plastic menace in the country.

He is travelling place to place, door to door, school to school, public places with administrative people, meeting different communities to understand them on how to curb the use of plastics. He said that unity binds the diverse culture, traditions and communities of our great nation. He said that he has learnt a lot about other communities and culture as well as the experiences has broadened his perspective on life.

At the age of 18, Rohan

Agarwal started his journey on 25th August, 2020 from Varanasi travelling to 23 states and union territories of the country. He plans to visit various other places in South-East Asia and culminate his journey by hoisting tricolour in Oymyakon in Siberia which is the coldest place in the world, where the temperature drops to -72 degree Celsius.

In Kangpokpi district, Rohan Agarwal today met with people of different walks of life today and talked about his message. Ahead of visiting the district, he has met the Governor and Chief Minister of the State. He also visited schools in Imphal city and travelled to the districts of Tengnoupal, Bishnupur, Churachandpur, Chandel, Thoubal and Ukhrul.

Bhima Koregaon: NIA Court rejects plea to use mosquito nets in prison

Imprisoned Senior Citizens are being treated in a inhuman manner

By: Sarah Thanawala
New Delhi, July 10:

On July 7, a special National Intelligence Agency ("NIA") court in Mumbai presided by Special Judge Rajesh Kataria, rejected the plea filed by Gautam Navlakha and Sagar Gorkhe, to use mosquito nets in prison. The court allowed Navlakha and Gorkhe to use mosquito repellent ointments and natural mosquito incense sticks.

Special judge Kataria di-

rected the jail superintendent to take all necessary precautions against the mosquitoes and to submit a compliance report. The judge said, "Prison area shall be kept free from unwanted plants and weeds. Mosquito insecticide sprays and fumigation shall be done periodically. It shall be done every fortnight during rainy season".

Gorkhe, an activist and performer with cultural troupe Kabir Kala Manch, accused of inciting violence in the Bhima

Koregaon (Elgar Parishad) case, had written to Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil announcing his hunger strike in protest against the conditions at Taloja jail. Activist and journalist Gautam Navlakha, who is a co-accused lodged in the same prison, approached the NIA seeking a mosquito net. Navlakha, in his plea, claimed that prison authorities took his net away.

Prison officials have reportedly claimed that a security

check was conducted by its officials and nets were seized as they pose a security risk. "The mosquito nets have a long string and need to be fixed through nails in the wall. Both the string and the nails are a security risk, which can be used by prisoners to harm themselves by suicide or harm others. Mosquito repellent ointments and coils are available at the prison canteen, which many are using. The nets were seized as there are no court orders permitting them," Indian Ex-

press has quoted a prison official as stating.

Susan Abraham, one of the lawyers fighting for the Bhima Koregaon accused said, "it's most cruel and inhuman to deny inmates mosquito nets in a mosquito-infected locality with rising cases of dengue and malaria".

Smita Chakraborty, founder of Prison Aid + Action Research and honorary prison commissioner appointed by the Rajasthan Government, working to implement an open

prison system in India, said, "This exposes the lack of understanding on how prisons operate on part of the State". According to her, mosquito nets are allowed across all the prisons in India, particularly for the elderly prisoners. With Navlakha and the other accused who are above the age of 60 years and kept in high-security space, Smita says, they should be allowed mosquito nets. On the reply of the State on security risks, she said: "This is absolutely un-

founded as there is no dearth of nails or threads or strings in the prison for the inmates to harm themselves and others".

Meanwhile, Navlakha has filed a plea for a cot on account of his difficulty sleeping on the floor; an order is awaited on the same. Further, activist Jyoti Jagtap, another co-accused in the Bhima-Koregaon (Elgar Parishad) case, has prayed for permission to read books. A reply has to be filed by the State on Jagtap's plea.

Courtesy: The Leaflet

Manipur Government to provide financial assistant to girl students under Rani Gaidinlui scheme

IT News
Imphal, July 10:

Day after declaration of the class X examination, family of lower income groups, whose daughter have passed the examination have reason to celebrate. Manipur Government, after approving the Rani Gaidinlui Nupi Singi Scheme, is all set to felicitate financial grant to girl students coming from lower income group studying in class-XI in Manipur.

In a social media post, Chief Minister N Biren Singh said under the Rani Gaidinlui Nupi Singi Scheme, girl students in Class-XI belonging to lower income group will receive Rs 25,000 over a period of two years to complete their secondary education.

"As promised in the election manifesto, the state cabinet has approved the Rani Gaidinlui Nupi Singi Scheme, wherein girl students in their Class XI belonging to lower income group will receive Rs 25,000 over a period of 2 years to complete their secondary education," Biren tweeted.

Recently, of the 39,233 HSLC exam 2022 candidates, 19,146 girls appeared in the examination. While the total pass percentage was 76 per cent, the pass percentage of boys was 76.11 per cent and that of girls was 76.46 per cent.

It may be mentioned that this year, no students from government-run schools made it to the toppers list. While the reason for it is not clear, many attribute it to shortage of teaching staff in the schools.

Meanwhile, the chief minister held a review meeting with works minister and the officials concerned to discuss the progress of the construction of the New Secretariat Complex in Imphal.

"Held a review meeting with Hon'ble Works Minister and the officials concerned to discuss the progress of the construction of the New Secretariat Complex," the chief minister said on Sunday in a Twitter post.

UCM team meet MP of Andaman and Nicobar



IT News
Imphal, July 10:

The team of United Committee Manipur (UCM) who is

in Andaman and Nicobar island today meet MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma and discussed for development of Mount Manipur at International stand-

dard. Home Minister Amid Shah, announced the central government decision to change the name of Mount Harriet to

Mount Manipur on October 16, 2021, as a mark of tribute and honoured to the Manipuri Freedom fighters who were sent to Andaman and Nicobar island by the British.

The UCM team led by its president was assured by MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma to take up every possible measures for development of Mount Manipur. He had told the UCM team to sent in writing about the proposal to him and also to other related central authority.

MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma also assured to utilise his local area development fund for development of the Mount Manipur where war heroes of 1891 Anglo Manipur War were detained.

CSOs resolutions fails to resume normalcy in Moreh



IT News
Imphal, July 10:

Tension continues to grip Indo Myanmar border town Moreh even after Civil Society leaders of Moreh under the initiative of the state government district administration had taken resolution to reopened Moreh town to resume normalcy.

Yesterday, leaders of the CSOs meet the families of the two Tamil victims, killed in Myanmar territory Tamu and after discussion the family members of the two Tamil victims agreed to resume

normalcy in Moreh even though the Myanmar authority still is not handing over the dead bodies.

Families of the two Indian Tamil youths - Mohan (28years), S/o Late Perumal of Moreh Ward No.2 and M. Iyarnar (35 years), S/o Murga, both resident of Moreh Ward No. 4 Tengnoupal district Manipur had even agreed to perform rituals of the departed soul, our Moreh correspondent said.

However, the announcement or agreement to reopen shops and other business sectors did not work out as

Moreh town bore deserted look with shops and business centers remain closed.

Our Moreh Correspondent added that Assam Rifles had beefed up security measures in the border area. Myanmar vendors who use to sell goods at Moreh town are not seen and the Namphalong market complex remain closed. He however added that some shops were seen open in Moreh but the streets of Moreh still looks deserted and no customers were seen buying things from the shops opened today.

India logs 18,257 new COVID-19 cases, 42 deaths in last 24 hours

Agency
New Delhi, July 10:

India logged 18,257 new cases of COVID-19, 42 deaths in the last 24 hours, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) reported on Sunday.

The fresh cases reported today have pushed the country's COVID-19 tally to 4,36,22,651 (4 crore 36 lakh 22 thousand 6 hundred and 51).

Though the new cases reported today are marginally lower than 18,840 infections logged on Saturday, the daily COVID-19 positivity rate has increased to 4.22 per cent from 4.14 per cent yesterday.

The weekly positivity rate is now at 4.08 per cent.

Active COVID-19 cases in India

There has been a constant increase in active cases of COVID-19 in the country. According to the health ministry, India currently has 1,28,690 (1 lakh 28 thousand 6 hundred and

90) active cases of COVID-19. An increase 3,662 cases were recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The country's active cases comprise 0.30 per cent of the total infections.

COVID-19 deaths in India

With 42 casualties in the last 24 hours, the COVID-19 related deaths in the country has now risen to 5,25,428 (5 lakh 25 thousand 4 hundred and 28).

States reporting most number of fresh COVID-19 cases

West Bengal and Maharashtra continue to report most number of COVID-19 cases in the country. West Bengal logged 2,968 cases and three more deaths in the last 24 hours.

Maharashtra recorded 2,760 new coronavirus cases and five pandemic-related deaths. Mumbai reported 499 cases.

Tamil Nadu reported 2,671 cases, including five returnees

from overseas. Chennai alone logged 844 cases, Chengalpattu witnessed 465, Tiruvallur 161, Coimbatore 118, Tirunelveli 112.

Delhi recorded 544 fresh COVID-19 cases and two people succumbed to the virus.

India's COVID-19 recovery

As many as 14,553 patients recuperated from COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, increasing total recoveries to 4,29,68,533 (4 crore 29 lakh 68 thousand 5 hundred and 33).

The national recovery rate now is at 98.50 per cent.

COVID-19 tests in India

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), 4,32,777 (4 lakh 32 thousand 7 hundred and 77) COVID-19 tests were conducted in the country in the last 24 hours.

As per the health ministry, 10,21,164 (10 lakh 21 thousand 1 hundred and 64) doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the country in the last 24 hours.

Assam Rifles conducts Pre Recruitment Training for young aspirants

IT News
Imphal, July 10:

Mantripukhri Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) has commenced pre recruitment training for young aspirants willing to join Indian Armed Forces at Sawombung (Chingarel), Imphal East district yesterday.

The aim of the training is to create awareness among the youths about recruitments in Armed Forces and to guide candidates about the docu process, Exam preparation and physical training. A total of 18 candidates joined the training on first day and the strength is



expected to increase more in coming days.

The neighbouring vil-

lages have appreciated the efforts and cordial relation of Assam Rifles for conducting

pre recruitment training for the young aspiring students in the area.

Sports

Hockey coaching camp

IT News
Imphal, July 10:

One-month Summer Hockey coaching Camp organised by Manipur Hockey is commencing from July 11, 2022. The coaching camp will conclude on August 10, 2022.

"All the players who have apply for the said coaching camp are requested to report at the office of Manipur Hockey on July 11, 2022 at 6:30am (sharp) with full kits," a circulation by CEO, Manipur Hockey said.

Elena Rybakina battles back against Ons Jabeur to win Wimbledon Title

Agency
London, July 10:

Russian-born Elena Rybakina powered back from a set down against Ons Jabeur to win the Wimbledon title on Saturday, denying the Tunisian world number two the chance to make African tennis history.

Jabeur was in charge at the start of the match but the 17th seed, representing Kazakhstan, regrouped and dropped just four more games on the way to a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory.

"I never felt anything like this before," said the champion.

"Congratulations to Ons for everything you have achieved. "You are an inspiration to Tunisians and everybody. You played a great match."

Jabeur, 27, started in style, breaking Rybakina in the third game of the match when the Kazakh went long with a backhand.

She followed that with a hold to love that included a delicious backhand pass angled past her opponent at the net.

Rybakina was under intense pressure on her own serve again as the set threatened to run away from her but she dug deep to hold for 3-2.

But she failed to force a single break point on the sun-baked Centre Court in the first set and an error-strawn service game gifted the set to Jabeur.

As Jabeur celebrated with a fist-pump, Rybakina returned to her chair contemplating a costly 17 unforced errors.

But momentum shifted immediately at the start of the second set as Rybakina broke Jabeur before holding for a 2-0 lead.

Rybakina had now found her rhythm and Jabeur had to battle hard to hold to stay in touch.

5th Khuraijam Ramnarayan Shastree Memorial Open Chess Tournament 2022

IT News
Imphal, July 10:

Yambem Dhanabir Singh with leading point 7.5 out of 9 round clinches Championship in 'The 5th Khuraijam Ramnarayan Shastree Memorial State Level Open Chess Tournament, 2022, held at Juvenile Club, Sagolband Tera Sapam Leirak dated from July 3 to July 10, 2022. Yambem Dhanabir is also instructor of D-Chess Academy, Uripok Khoisnam Leikai, many chess players are undergoing training under his

coachmanship. For open Category, there were prizes upto Rank 12. The second to 12 position were respectively won by RK Bhogon Singh, Kh. Sanjoy Singh, N. Herojit, L. Lalgalpal Sharma, Ph. Rajen, Th. Sunachand, S. Lawrence, N. Pari, O. Ningthem, E. Jeakson and Kh. Premchandra.

For the Boys under 14 Category Khuman Einstein with 5 points occupies the first place. The 2nd and 3rd place were secured by Dayanand Thoudam and Lemba Sougajam with 4.5 and 3.5 points respectively,

both from D-Chess Academy. For under 14 girls Category, Nadia Sougajam from D-Chess Academy, reading at Heritage convent secured the first position getting 3.5 points. The 2nd position was secured by Sh. Priyanka Sharma.

For 60 plus Category Bit Irom has got the title.

Prize Distribution cum closing ceremony was Chaired by Sapam Kunjakshwor, R.K Chourjit and executives of Juvenile Club and Ramnarayan Shastree Memorial Trust members.