

## 19 CSOs of various communities of Manipur demand implementation of NRC; memorandum submitted

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At least 19 civil bodies of various ethnic communities of the state had submitted memorandum to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging for implementation of the National Register for Citizen (NRC) in the state of Manipur to trace the foreign migrant who have been illegally settling in the state.

The CSOs - Tangkhul Naga Headman's Association, Mao Council Manipur, Tarao Tribe Union, Manipur, Chiru Union NEI, Manipur, Zerne Naga Council, Manipur, Lamkang Tribe Union, Manipur, Korm Union Manipur, Chothe Tribe Union, Manipur, Maring Tribe Union, Maram Union, Manipur, Liangmai Naga Council, Manipur, Khoibu Tribe Union, Mayon Naga Council, Manipur, Thangal Union, Manipur, Aimal Tribe Union, Manipur, Anal Chiefs' Association, Kabui Union Manipur, Federation of Haomee and Inpu Naga Union, Manipur while appreciating the Government of India under the Prime Minister

Narendra Modi for implementation of the Inner Line Permit System in the state elaborated on the need for implementation of NRC in Manipur in view of the unnatural growth of population due to influx of foreigners from Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar.

The CSOs expressed utmost gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the extension of Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation 1873 in Manipur that the people of Manipur had struggled for long years from 1990.

The memorandum said, as Manipur is a border state the intrusion of immigrants from Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal by far and autonomously had settled at large since the abolition of the Pass Permit / Permit System on 18 November 1950 by the then Chief Commissioner Himmat Singh. On this issue, no discerning step had taken up so far for the last 75 years under the Foreigners Act 1946. Because of this continuous overflow of influxes, which subsisted within us, has now taken possession of the socio economic and political rights

of the indigenous people. Bangladeshis and Myanmar Muslims have occupied the constituency of Jiribam and numbered of them scattered on average in valley areas. Myanmar Kuki and nearby Lushai kuki have settled at an unsystematic population of some lakhs in number. They have now counteracted ownership against the occupant indigenous people in hill areas. Likewise, Nepali population has raised tremendous number.

The memorandum signed by the 19 CSOs demanded the Inner Line Permit System being enforced to the state of Manipur, to give a complete definition of indigenous people of Manipur which is yet to be defined.

The memorandum also expressed its trust to the central government over its commitment to protect the Indian citizens under constitutional protection.

"Amit Shah ji delivered a remarkable speech in the Rajya Sabha of the Indian Parliament on 19 November 2019 that NRC would implemented throughout the country. In the

light of this perception, we call for the implementation of NRC in Manipur to safeguard the genuine citizens", the memorandum said.

The memorandum also recalled the movement of Foreigner issue, which demanded for Detection & Deportation of Foreigners from Manipur. In 1980 & 1994, the All Manipur Students Union (AMSU) & All Manipur Coordinating Committee (AMCOC) had undergone an agreement twice with the Manipur Government & the then Governor of Manipur V. K. Nair regarding the Detection and Deportation of Foreign nationals from the soil of Manipur base on the year 1951. Nevertheless, the Manipur past as well present government has not taken up any steps towards the agreement. Therefore, the foreigners are a great threat to the indigenous people of Manipur and as whole in respect of India too from a long time. It is the request to our responsible Center Government to open Centers of operation for Detection & Deportation of foreigners with immediate footsteps.

## Meeyamgi Numit to be held on Friday abiding Covid protocol: Thoubal DC



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Imphal, July 13:

District Administration Thoubal is all set for a successful conduct of "MeeyamgiNumit" on 15th of this month ( Friday) at the Counting Hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Thoubal from 9.30 am onwards. For smooth functioning and better facilitation & coordination "A Special dedicated Meeyamgi Numit Cell" have been opened by District Administration. For this a dedicated email ID has been opened. One can send their grievances to [miyngamnumit.tb@gmail.com](mailto:miyngamnumit.tb@gmail.com), three days ahead of every 3rd

Friday of every month.

On this day, DLOs of various departments will be present along with necessary preparation and specific assistance. They will settle or dispose the grievances at the spot itself if possible. Certain public services that can be delivered on the day will be arranged by concerned departments. They may include various beneficiaries oriented schemes like CMHT, PMJAY, old age pension and disability related benefits.

Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal A. Subhash Singh, IAS, said that the people of Thoubal should use the forum to address their grievances and submit their suggestion. He also

suggested that people who will be coming on Friday on Meeyamgi Numit to kindly submit their grievances in writing (on a plain paper) if possible, along with necessary documents so that the officials can process the matter in a speedy manner. Meeyamgi Numit will start in the district from 9:30 am and public can register themselves from 8:30 am till 11:30 am on the same day.

He also urged the public to remain vigilant in the wake of rising Covid cases in the state. Precautionary measures should be strictly followed to prevent the spread of the disease in public places and protocol prescribed by the health department like wearing mask, washing hands frequently using soap and handwash, using sanitiser, and maintaining social distance in public places should be followed.

Meeyamgi Numit will be held on every 3rd Friday of the month and if 3rd Friday happens to be a general holiday then the previous working day. Meeyamgi Numit is a service platform to address the grievances of people initiated by Chief Minister on May 15th, 2017.

## VDF Guardian Association Jiribam demands appropriate pay

IT Correspondent  
Jiribam, July 13:

VDF Guardian Association Jiribam staged a sit-in protest demanding appropriate pay for VDF personnel in front of Congress Bhavan, Babupara, Jiribam today.

Speaking to media persons at the sit-in, president of All Jiribam VDF Guardian Association S. Sushila Devi said that the VDF personnel have been engaged in maintenance of law and order in different districts of Manipur.

The duties performed by the personnel (VDF) are similar to the duty performed by State Police. However, the honorarium of Rs 8000 per month for a VDF personnel is



meagre which could not meet the necessary needs of their families. As most of the daily commodities prices touch the sky height at present.

"Meeting days end and supporting families with such

meagre amount is not practical," she said.

She appealed to the Chief Minister of Manipur to increase the pay of VDF personnel according to present situation.

The protesters holds placard written as "Revise salary as per present situation, Don't destroy the right of VDF, Agitation till demand is achieved, Support the living right of VDF".

## State Handloom Expo 2022-2023 inaugurated



IT News  
Imphal, July 13:

The inaugural function of the State Handloom Expo 2022-2023 was held today at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi, Imphal East. The Expo which starts today is organized by Manipur Apex Handloom Weavers and Handicrafts Artisans' C.S Ltd.

(AWAS), Paona Bazar under the sponsorship of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India and will conclude on July 26.

The inaugural function was attended by Prof. N Rajmuhon Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Dhanamajuri University as Chief Guest, A Ronika Devi,

President of The Manipur Apex HL Weavers, and HC Artisans CS Ltd (AWAS) as President, Th. Ibemcha Devi, Project Manager (Handloom) District Handlooms and Textiles, Imphal East, Ch. Mandakini Devi, Managing Director AWAS, and Chinglam Luwang, President, Handloom Promotion Council Manipur as Guests of Honour.



Agency  
New Delhi, July 13:

One year ago, on this saddest day, you have gone to the place from where no one ever returns back. We can't explain what is going through you. You are missed every day, every moment, and will always remain in our hearts. Hope you are doing well with other angels.

Rest in peace, Laitrenjam Bijen.

Team Imphal Times

## People aged between 18 and 59 to get free COVID booster doses from July 15 at Government centres

Precaution doses of COVID-19 vaccine are likely to be administered at government vaccination centres to individuals aged between 18 and 59 starting from July 15, Union minister Anurag Thakur said on Wednesday.

Aimed at accelerating the uptake of COVID precaution doses, the booster shots will be administered for free at government vaccination centres.

The beneficiaries will be given the booster dose under a 75-day special drive, which will be held as part of the Centre's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

"India is celebrating 75 years of Independence. On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, it has been decided that from July 15, 2022 till the next 75 days, citizens above 18 years of age will be given booster doses free of cost," the Union minister

said. The Union Health Ministry last week reduced the gap between the second and precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccine from the existing nine months to six months for those above 18 years of age.

In a letter to chief secretaries and administrators of all states and Union territories, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that the decision has been taken on the recommendation of the National Technical Ad-

visory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI).

"In view of the evolving scientific evidence and global practices, 'Standing Technical Sub Committee' (STSC) of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) has recommended to revise the duration between second dose and precaution dose from existing 9 months or 39 weeks to 6 months or 26 weeks. This has also been endorsed by NTAGI," it said.

"Therefore it has now been decided that the precaution dose for all beneficiaries from 18-59 years will be administered after completion of 6 months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of the second dose at private COVID vaccination centers (CVCs)," it added.

The government also said that those above 60 years of age and healthcare workers and frontline workers will be administered booster doses after the

completion of six months from the date of administration of the second dose at government vaccination centers.

"For beneficiaries above 60 years and above as well as the Health Care Workers (HCWs) & Front Line Workers (FLWs) precaution dose would be administered after completion of 6 months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of 2nd dose at government CVCs free of charge," it said.

# Guru had supreme position in the society



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

This *Doha* (verse) of Sadguru Kabir describes greatness of a Guru, who is necessary in the life of a human being and the important pillars of society. They are friends, philosophers and guides who teach, philosophise and enrich students. From academic knowledge to moral ethical or social, the Gurus are treasure trove. A Guru's contribution to the world is priceless and irreplaceable. Gurus are known to form the minds of the youth, they bestow good qualities on their students and make them responsible citizens. It is a profession and mission taught by saint.

The Vedic Mantra "Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara; Gurur Sakshat Param Brahma, Tasmai Gurave Namah" explains that Guru himself is the *Tridev* i.e. Brahma-Vishnu-Mahesh and is verily the supreme Power or Absolute truth. It signifies the unchallenged position of Guru, who helps us in solving all troubles that we encounter in the path of learning & wisdom in our life.

Guru is composed of two Sanskrit words "Gu", meaning darkness and "Ru", meaning light. Thus Guru means the one who brings from darkness to light. The word Guru itself resembles the message "Asto Maa Sadgamay, Tamo Maa Jyotirgamay, Mriyora Maa Amritgamay" (i.e. lead us from ignorance to truth, from darkness to light and from death to deathlessness). A guru is one, who has immense knowledge, wisdom and command over a subject and makes use of it to guide his disciples. Guru are the building block of society, who help to become a person better human being. Actually, the word "Guru" is untranslatable and "Teacher", "Master", "tutor" or other equivalents give only a partial meaning. Parents as well as all those persons, who are responsible for the career building of the disciples, are their "Guru".

In Indian culture and civilization, the concept of Guru is found in the earliest Vedic texts. The Guru and Gurukul were the established tradition in ancient Bharatvarsha. Guru had highest position in King's Rajdarbar and society. Archeological and epigraphical evidence certify the existence of numerous Gurukuls, where Shishyas were equipped not only with bookish knowledge but also had an all-round development. Philosophy, grammar, farming, animal husbandry, farming, weapon training, music, painting and other essential life skills in human life were part of the study.

The Guru-Shishya Parampara were also part & parcel in other sects like Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism, which originated from Sanatan Dharma. Sikh is the transformed form of Sanskrit word Shishya and Shikshism is completely based on Guru tradition. Thus Guru tradition based learning were the backbone of enriched Indian society and India was the hub of knowledge and culture. Nalanda Vishwavidyalaya, Vikramshila Vishwavidyalaya, Udaypur Vishwavidyalaya, Takshashila Vishwavidyalaya, Kashi Vidyapeeth etc. are some such evidences, where learners from all over the world illuminated their mind and body.

Undoubtedly, Guru is the one who shapes the nation inside his/her classroom. After cessation of Guru-Shishya Parampara (system) and adoption of Macaulay education system, the goal and meaning of education has completely transformed. The teacher/tutor's duty has narrowed down to just teach the students certain subjects in classroom and now they have nothing to do with their all-round development. Gradually the teachers lost their dignity in the society.

After governmentisation of schools, the teacher no longer remain a Guru, but became a salaried employee. The government used them in various jobs, other than teaching. They are the soft targets for engagement in various non-teaching works like elections, human census, animal census, pulse polio works, ration card verification & many more. The entry of politics and unionism among teachers has also badly hampered the education system. Several factions of teachers' organization have evolved only to establish leadership, which time & again organise strikes for their demands. The ultimate sufferers are the learners, for whom the schools have been established and teachers have been appointed.

The two-fold system of education i.e. Government and Private, has bifurcated the education scenario in two distinct identity. Policy makers, themselves do not accept the government schools and send their wards to private schools. Even teachers, working in government school, have no faith on their own school and they prefer to admit their wards in private schools. Generally, government schools are now meant for poor and downtrodden classes, who have no better option. Even after 75 years of independence, the education system has not been transformed as job-oriented and the graduates find themselves empty handed after passing out. The mindset of teachers has totally been transformed. Due to downgrading from "Guru" to "teacher", the country's foundation is at stake.

It is heartbreaking that the major section of present-day teachers is apathetic towards the high-valued job of learner's career building through teaching. Education has become a profitable business, and teachers have become its marketing managers. Although the enriched growth of science and education has made us capable to reach on moon and mars, but unfortunately the human values have been lost.

The need of the hour is to relook prevailing education system in India. We must shift our strategy from present education system, which are producing graduates having only bookish knowledge, to Gurukul system, where all-round development of the dispel was the main objective. By adopting the Guru Parampara, the country will once again become a Vishwa Guru.

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# Learning & Skilling through You-tube

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At a moment when people around the world are spending more time at home, many of us are coping with the suspension of everyday activities, like going to school, buying a coffee, or even getting a haircut. Our new reality of doing almost everything at home is challenging for almost everyone. The quarantine season due to Covid pandemic has forced many of us to live a stay-at-home life. Fortunately, time to learn something new. Many of us are enjoying this time as watching Netflix, playing games, scrolling media, doing Tiktok and other things online which is really a fun way to pass your time at home. But still there is always a way out for creative people as they tend to get bore very easily and start seeking for new ways to spend their time productively. If you're also getting bore from this Netflix-Routine and want to explore some cool skills set for yourself, then we have this crazy and useful list of skills to learn from YouTube. From cooking crazily, to doing DIY from waste bottles, spinning a ball on fingers and taking perfect selfies, we have lots more cool options to give a boost to your creative mind. So millions of people are seizing the opportunity to learn new things and tackle tasks they used to outsource. Watch time trends around learning on YouTube are proof of this. While tutorials and how-to videos have always been popular on YouTube, in recent weeks. Here are three YouTube behaviors we've seen emerge while much of the world has been on lockdown.

It's no secret that this is a turning point for online education, as students everywhere adapt to school closures. In response, parents are looking to YouTube to help instruct and entertain their children. And often, they're learning something new themselves. From channels that offer daily live stream lessons and math tutorials to lesson planning tips from experienced home educators, average daily views of videos with "home school" or "home school" in the title have increased over 120% globally since March 13, 2020. Families with older children are consulting YouTube learning resources, like practical science that combine teachable moments with creators' unique expertise. And parents and students who yearn for adventure are embracing VR field trips to explore immersive experiences, like butterfly migrations and Tasmanian devil feeding frenzies, safely from their living rooms. People are also seeking help with more practical tasks. Global Google searches for "how to cut your own hair" and "hair clippers" grew globally by over

40% and 100%, respectively, between the last week of March and the first week of April 2022. YouTube creators are helping to meet viewers' increasing need for at-home grooming assistance by sharing their experiences and tips on everything from DIY haircuts to salon nails. And while cooking has always been popular on YouTube, people are watching this genre at a rate more than 45% higher than the same period last year, turning to creators for help on everything from fast and easy meals to gourmet cuisine and specialty baking. Finally, with daily commutes, social gatherings, and sporting events on hold, people are devoting their time at home to personal projects and skill development.

For many, these pursuits are brand new. We've seen global watch time of how-to videos containing "for beginners" or "step by step" in the title increase more than 65% year over year. Which topics are people gravitating toward? They range from popular pastimes to niche endeavors. For example, watch time of tutorial videos about guitar have seen a 40% increase globally year over year. And worldwide, average daily views of content about making sourdough have spiked 260% since March 15, compared to average daily views for the rest of the year. According to recent research, 73% of US adults use YouTube. So, if your content is on the platform, it has the potential to reach huge numbers of people. For businesses, in particular, YouTube is becoming more and more of a must-have rather than a nice-to-have. But it's not suitable for every type of organization or video. There may be no reason to upload your internal training videos to YouTube, for example. However, that doesn't mean that the video-hosting giant isn't useful to you. YouTube creators know what makes a good video. While you may not be creating videos for the same reasons, many principles that successful YouTube users can be applied to your videos too.

YouTube is by far the world's most popular video site. YouTube reports that: Over 800 million unique users visit YouTube each month. Over 4 billion hours of video are watched each month on YouTube. YouTube is localized in 43 countries and across 60 languages. In 2011, YouTube had more than 1 trillion views or around 140 views for every person on Earth. 72 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute. That last metric stating that 72 hours of video uploaded to YouTube every minute

should generate eureka squeals of joy from learning content developers. Sure, a lot of those videos feature musical performances by rock-star wannabes and cats doing funny things, but there are a huge number of videos on content topics relevant to workplace learning. A YouTube search for "Safety Training" returns 56,000 results. A search for "Management Skills" returns 36,600 results. A search for "Business Writing" returns 57,000 results. A search for "MS Excel 2010 Tutorial" returns 40,200 results. The volume of content available on YouTube frees training departments from having to reinvent the wheel. Rather than focusing on creating content, they can instead focus their efforts on finding the best existing content to provide to learners. Because there's so much content on YouTube, it isn't an effective learning strategy to say to learners "why don't you go to YouTube and watch a few videos about project management?" The learner shouldn't be required to sort through dozens of videos before finding relevant content. A more efficient approach is to find and integrate good YouTube content into your learning management system and ultimately into learning paths. Chances are, your learning management system will allow you to link to YouTube videos which will open in a new window. This approach will display the comments posted by people on YouTube and will allow your learners to comment as well if they wish. Even if you're hard at work creating proprietary learning content, you can quickly create and make available effective and entertaining content that will help your learners acquire new skills.

More subscribers have started using YouTube as a marketing channel and given the large audience base, perhaps it is time that we took a closer look at some of the negative effects of YouTube as well as the long-term impact on people at large. Some of the negative effects of YouTube are (i) Videos posted on sites like YouTube are rarely vetted until much later and by then, the damage is already done. Videos containing real-life gratuitous violence and even sex are certainly not allowed on this platform and yet, despite this, several users post videos on the same niche which makes it all the more difficult just to see how YouTube is planning to handle this. (ii) When you post a video online, on sites like YouTube, it becomes the property of everyone. In other words, it is in the public domain and others can download it and even reuse the video for there is

nothing to prevent them from doing so. If they should attempt to do so, you can file a suit against them and in all probability, YouTube will get dragged in as well. The point is that this is but one of the several breaches of copyright issue that YouTube is currently facing at the moment, with no end in sight. (iii) This is sad but true; of late, YouTube or rather its users are generating a lot of buzz by uploading content that promotes hate or violence. Such videos usually get uploaded a few months before some election or the other. The fact is that the said video has the power to influence so many, and there is not much that YouTube can do to prevent the same dangerous and serious enough. (iv) It has been discovered by YouTube that some of its users, minors especially, are uploading content directly onto the platform. It has been determined that some of the content uploaded is being done so without the consent of parents. This poses a problem for both YouTube and the associated minors, which is why YouTube may be updating their terms of service page at the earliest.

Given this, more subscribers have started using YouTube as a marketing channel and given the large audience base, perhaps it is time that we took a closer look at some of the positive and negative effects of YouTube as well as the long-term impact on people at large. **Misleading information:** Videos posted on sites like YouTube are rarely vetted until much later and by then, the damage is already done. Videos containing real-life gratuitous violence and even sex are certainly not allowed on this platform and yet, despite this, several users post videos on the same niche which makes it all the more difficult just to see how YouTube is planning to handle this.

*Technology and learning has become closer in the last few years. With the development of modern Internet, corporate sector has completely changed its face - including the way business is conducted, how employees engage with people and how they learn.* Video lessons are being utilized for training within the corporate sector - in classroom lectures, institutional promos, bulletins as well as newsletters. The most comprehensive library of educational videos - YouTube, is leading the charge as the most versatile medium for disseminating video content in classroom as well as for self-paced learning. So we should use this judiciously.

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# Career options and job opportunity in Environmental Scientist



By: Vijay GarG

Environmental Scientist is an expert who studies the physical environment of objects. His work includes studying interactions among physical, chemical, and biological components of the environment. Environmental scientist focuses on pollution and degradation of the environment related to human activities and their adverse impact on biodiversity and sustainability of nature.

Environmental Scientists job

description involves ascertaining the reasons behind environmental degradation. They try to find the corrective measures to rectify the imbalances caused to the environment by human activities. To an extent, the Environmental Scientists are also involved in conservation programmes. They examine observations and measurements of air, water, soil, food, and other aspects to determine the best possible way of improving and preserving the environment. They collaborate with other human science professionals for making policies and ways to modify human behaviour to avoid harmful effects on the environment. In the present day's increasingly environmentally conscious society, environmental scientists are in high demand. Thus there is a great scope in this field as an interesting career. Although it demands a lot of hard work and effort at the same time of

fiers enormous scope for the building of one's career.

## Environmental Scientist Eligibility

**Educational Qualification**  
Candidates should have passed 12th or equivalent examination, with physics, chemistry and biology with a minimum of 50% marks.

## Environmental Scientist Required Skills

Environmental Scientists should have good interpretation skills, be confident in accepting challenges and an aptitude to understand the natural phenomenon.

They have research and problem-solving skills; competence in developing arguments from scientific, ethical and philosophical perspectives.

They also have the ability to plan and manage projects; ability to gather, analyse and communicate complex technical data to others.

They have the flexibility to work in all kinds of environments, developed through fieldwork experience; a broad understanding of local, national and global environmental issues.

## How to become an Environmental Scientist?

To become an Environmental Scientist the aspiring candidates have to follow the below given steps:

**Step 1**  
After clearing 12 class in the related subject the aspiring candidates can join B.Sc. or B.E. in Environmental Science. However, a candidate can also do their graduation with subjects like chemistry, geology, physics, or related area.

Interested candidate may have to take an entrance exam to get admission to these courses of reputed Universities and independent institutions.

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# India logs 16,906 new Covid cases, 45 deaths in 24 hours

Agency  
New Delhi, July 13:

India recorded 16,906 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of coronavirus to 4,36,69,850. The death count climbed to 5,25,519 with 45 new fatalities in the last 24 hours.

The active cases increased to 1,32,457, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

The active cases comprise 0.30 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.50 per cent, the ministry said.

An increase of 1,414 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

Eight more people were afflicted with Covid-19 in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, six less than the previous day, taking the tally to 10,261 on Wednesday, a health bulletin stated.

The test positivity rate was 1.97 per cent as 407 samples were tested in the previous day, it added.

There are 43 active cases and nine more patients recuperated in the past 24 hours, taking the recoveries to 10,089. The death count remained at 129 as there were no more deaths.

Maharashtra's Thane district has reported 169 new COVID-19 cases, raising its infection count to 7,31,747, a health official said today.

With the addition of the new cases on Tuesday, the

district currently has 1,920 active COVID-19 cases, he said.

No death was reported on Tuesday and the death count in the district stood at 11,915. The COVID-19 recovery count in Thane has reached 7,17,743, the official added.

Assam registered 434 more coronavirus cases today, an over 26 per cent rise since the previous day and the highest in over five months, a bulletin stated.

The test positivity rate decreased to 10.44 per cent from 11.58 as 4,157 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, the National Health Mission said.

Kamrup Metropolitan district, which primarily comprises Guwahati, reported 65 cases, followed by 41 in Dibrugarh, 40 in Kamrup and 35 in Nagaon, it said.

The state had recorded 344 cases on Tuesday. On February 7, there were 557 new infections.

There are 2,185 active cases and 107 more patients have recuperated. The infection tally rose to 7,27,319, including 7,17,143 recoveries, according to the bulletin.

The death count stands at 7,991, including 1,347 with comorbidities, as there were no new Covid-19 deaths As many as 45,208 more people were administered the coronavirus jabs, including the first, second and third doses, it added.

The Manipur government has ordered closure of all schools till next week due to the recent surge in coronavirus cases.

In an official order, Schools

Education Commissioner H Gyan Prakash said the test positivity ratio was over 15 per cent in the state.

All schools - government, state-aided, private schools affiliated to other boards - will be closed with immediate effect till July 24 in public interest, the order stated.

Many schools were scheduled to reopen after the summer vacation on July 16, it said.

Chief Minister N Biren Singh had said earlier that the government would discuss the safety of the health for the children below 12 years as there was no effective Covid-19 vaccine for them in the prevailing situation in Manipur.

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Number of deaths due to COVID-19 in the last 24 hours: 45

India's active COVID-19 caseload currently stands at 1,32,457

199.12 crore Covid vaccine doses have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive

Active cases stand at 0.30%

Recovery rate currently at 98.49%

15,447 recoveries in the last 24 hours increases the total recoveries to 4,30,11,874

Daily positivity rate (3.68%)

Weekly positivity rate (4.26%)

86.77 crore total tests conducted so far; 4,59,302 tests conducted in the last 24 hours.

# Monthly pension distributed to aged people of aged home

IT News  
Imphal, July 13:

As part of the continuous giving AIDS to the Old Age Homes, the Monthly Pension for the month of July has been distributed to all the inmates of Langol Old Age Home, Langol, Imphal West District, Manipur under the aegis of Thounaojam Chaoba Memorial Charitable Trust, Singamei Thongam Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur today.

The Distribution of Pensions is being done to the Old Age Homes which do not get any benefit from the Government. Besides distributing the Monthly Pensions every month, the Trust gives the needful aids to the inmates and the Homes as well. The Interaction Programmes are also being done time to time with the inmates and the founders to make them aware about the deeds the Trust performed for their welfare and the wellbeing while their stay in the Homes. Motivational Programmes are also being done with different experts engaged by the Trust for the time being only to motivate them.

Distributing the Monthly Pensions to the inmates for the Month of July, Thounaojam Romen Singh, the Managing Trustee said that he will do each and every thing for the wellbeing and the welfare of



such inmates under the aegis of the Trust from different capacities. He said that giving service to such down trodden people is really a virtue and also needful. This is done not to gain any mileage for himself from any section of the society or so, Romen Singh contended.

He further said that the inmates are sometimes reeling under some unavoidable circumstances when their health are unwell. In view of such things, he approached the Health Authority to issue the Chief Minister's Hakselgi Tengbang (CMHT) Cards to enable them to get the financial benefit from the Government for their treatment. He said that the Health Authority

has agreed to issue the Cards for them with general formalities. This is thankful. They issued the Forms to furnish the documents to avail the Cards, but, he said that the formalities cannot be made approach as there is a major drawback in doing so because there is no Aadhaar Card for them as it is the main document to be furnished to avail it. So, the Adhar Enrolment Process is also being done with the Competent Authority and thus they will get Aadhaar Cards in a very short period of time as they had been enrolled with the Competent Authority. If they have Adhar Cards, the Health Authority will give them the CMHT Cards, Romen Singh assured.

Romen Singh thanked the Director of RIMS, Prof. A. Shanta Singh for giving assurance that he will give full cooperation in the treatment of such inmates if they are approached for their treatment at RIMS Hospital. He said that the performance of Prof. A. Shanta Singh, as a Director of RIMS, is remarkable and appreciated as he does a lot of things for the development and upliftment of the Hospital. During his tenure, RIMS is regarded as the best hospital in the State. Recently, he inaugurated two World class advanced CT SCAN machines in the Hospital. It will give a lot of benefit to the patients. The RIMS Hospital becomes one of the best Hospitals in the North East during his tenure. For all these things, Prof. A. Shanta Singh as a bona fide Director of RIMS is highly appreciable, Romen Singh remarked.

Regarding the rapid rising of Covid-19 Pandemic in the State, the RIMS Authority under the strict supervision of Prof. A. Shanta Singh take precautionary measures to contain the Pandemic. It is very much thankful, Romen Singh added.

Chingakham Sunder Singh, Oinam Mangi Singh and Thounaojam Ongbi Ibemhal Devi among others are participated in the function.

# Assam flood situation improves, over 2.92 lakh people still affected

Agency  
Guwahati, July 13:

The flood condition in Assam improved significantly on Tuesday although over 2.92 lakh people are still reeling due to the deluge in seven districts, an official bulletin said.

According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) no river is flowing above their danger marks in Assam as of now and no incident of drowning was reported during the day.

The toll in this year's flood and landslides stood at 192 across the state.

ASDMA said around 2,92,200 people are still af-

fected by the flood in Cachar, Chirang, Hailakandi, Morigaon, Nagaon, Sivasagar and Tamulpur districts.

Cachar is the worst hit with over 1.68 lakh people suffering, followed by Morigaon where more than 1.13 lakh persons are affected and Nagaon with around 7,450 people.

Till Monday over 3.79 lakh people were affected in the deluge across 10 districts in the state.

At present, 642 villages are under water and 1,514.92 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across Assam, ASDMA said.

It further said authorities are running 83 relief camps and distribution centers in five dis-

tricts, where 19,237 people, including 5,004 children, are taking shelter.

The authorities have distributed 375.68 quintals of rice, dal and salt, 1,649.16 litres of mustard oil and other flood relief items during the last 24 hours.

Massive erosions have been witnessed in Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Kamrup, Morigaon, Nalbari, Tamulpur, Tinsukia and Udalguri districts.

Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in Barpeta, Kamrup, Nagaon, Dibrugarh, Nalbari, Udalguri and Karimganj.

IT News  
Imphal, July 13:

North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) expressed strong condemnation to the brutal killings of migrant workers in Manipur.

A statement said that in the past months, the state has witnessed a massive surge of violence and killings of Migrant workers. In the last few weeks, several instances of shooting of non-local migrant workers have happened in Imphal, Churachandpur, Kakching and Thoubal. It is worth noting that these worrisome incidents are happening in the region at a very turbulent time when communalism and inter-ethnic clashes are being stoked, and anti-immigrant sentiment is growing.

The NEFIS blames the state government for remaining

a mute spectator despite noticing a spurt in killings and discrimination towards the migrant workers.

"It is a matter of utter shame that though the labouring masses in this country are the wheels upon which the entire economy runs, they have been completely neglected by successive governments. The anti-migrant sentiment only prevails due to lack of jobs and resources in the region, and instead of resolving these issues, the governments continue to ignore them. The migrant workers only contribute to the economy through, and it is actually the capitalists and corporates who come to plunder the resources", the NEFIS

statement said. "NEFIS strongly condemns the ruling government in Manipur for failing to ensure communal harmony and workers' safety in the state. The organization demands that immediate action should be taken

regarding this issue, and a thorough probe should be launched. NEFIS also demands adequate compensation to the families of the deceased persons", the statement by Thokchom Yaiphalembi Chanu of NEFIS said.

## Document Lost

I have lost my Marksheet and Admit Card of Class-X Examination, bearing Roll No. 39386 of 2017, issued by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur on the way between Keishamthong to DC Office, Lamphel on June 15, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

**Golmei Gaichullung**  
Keishamthong Kabui Khul  
Contact No. 6009215041

## BEFORE THE OATH COMMISSIONER, MANIPUR AT THOUBAL

### AFFIDAVIT

I, Md. Tomba D.O.B: 01-02-1978, S/O Late Md. Iboton, resident of Yairipok Singa Makha Leikai, P.O. & P.S. Yairipok, District - Thoubal, Manipur do hereby solemnly affirm and declared as under:-

- That, I am now serving as Hav GD No. 3600750 of 36<sup>th</sup> Bn. Assam Rifle now posted at HQ-26-Sector Assam Rifle, Pallel. This is true to my knowledge.
- That, in my service record my wife name and date of birth is written as Ibemcha Begum, Date of Birth 01-07-1979. This is true to my knowledge.
- That, I would like to change my wife's name and date of birth as per below in my service record:-  

<u>Old Name and Date of birth</u>	<u>New Name and Date of birth</u>
<b>Ibemcha Begum 01-07-1979</b>	<b>Mrs. Ibemcha 01-02-1980</b>

  
This is true to my knowledge.
- That, in her Aadhaar Card being No. 9461 3253 4073 and PAN Card being No. AHVPI3358R her name and date of birth is recorded as Mrs. Ibemcha Date of birth 01-02-1980. In this record I would like to rectify in my service of the said correct name and date of birth as Mrs. Ibemcha Date of birth 01-02-1980 for future reference. This is true to my knowledge.

Deponent:  
(Md. Tomba)

Verified that the above statement made in Para 1 to 4 are all true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Dated/Thoubal  
The 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

By:-  
Advocate

Deponent

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## Career options and job opportunity in.....

### Step 2

After getting Bachelors degree in candidates can go for M.Sc. in Environmental Sciences. The major topics covered in the course include ecology environmental planning, pollution biology, environmental laws, etc.

### Step 3

Candidates interested in Teaching or Research can join PhD and Post-Doctoral Research in Environment Science.

### Environmental Scientist Job Description

They determine the data collection methods for research projects, investigations and surveys.

They collect and compile the environmental data for scientific analysis from the samples of air, soil, water, food, and other materials.

They also analyze samples, surveys and other information to identify and assess threats to the environment.

They develop plans to prevent, control or fix environmental problems such as land or water pollution.

They may provide information and guidance to government officials, businesses and the general public on possible environmental hazards and health risks.

They have to prepare

technical reports and presentations that explain their research and findings.

### Environmental Scientist Career Prospects

In the present scenario, there is a great demand of Environmental Scientists in so many fields related to the environment and it is bound to increase in the near future. Environmental Scientists can build their career in a wide variety of fields like nature conservation, pollution control, regional development and environmental education to name a few of them. One may be employed by the Department of Environmental Affairs, the provincial depart-

ments of Nature Conservation and the National Parks Board. Private organisations, with a special interest in nature conservation, may also employ Environmental Scientist.

### Environmental Scientist Salary

Environmental Scientist Salary depends upon their academic qualification, institute or university from which they have attained their qualification and the level of work experience they have achieved. To start with the fresh Post Graduates from the prestigious institutes can get anything between Rs.35,000 to Rs.40,000 as their monthly salary.

# Supreme Court to hear on July 15 pleas challenging Centre's Agnipath scheme

Agency  
New Delhi, July 13:

The Supreme Court on Friday will hear pleas challenging the Centre's Agnipath scheme for short-term recruitment into the armed forces. A bench of justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna will consider the matter.

The Agnipath scheme was announced by the Narendra Modi government in June for a short-term induction of soldiers in the armed forces. The scheme seeks to recruit soldiers, including

women for only four years with a provision to retain 25 per cent of them in the regular cadre for another 15 years after another round of screening.

The announcement had led to protests across the country, with agitations turning violent in some states. Some petitions were filed in the Supreme Court challenging the scheme introduced by the Centre.

The Centre has been aggressively defending the scheme, stating that the reforms were long pending as the armed forces wanted to bring

in youthfulness and experience. The defence ministry had also said that concessions like reservations for 'Agniveers' by different ministries were pre-planned and not in reaction to the arson which took place in June.

"This reform was long pending. We want to bring youthfulness and experience with this reform. Today, a large number of jawans are in their 30s & officers are getting command much later than in the past," Lt Gen Anil Puri, Additional Secretary, Dept of Military Affairs, said at the briefing on June 19.

# Largest, brightest 'Supermoon' to light night sky tonight

Agency  
New Delhi, July 13:

The Earth is all set to witness a 'supermoon' today bringing the lunar body at the closest distance this year. The phenomenon happens on a full moon night at the Moon's closest approach to the Earth, lighting up the night skies bright.

Today, the Moon will be only 3,57,264 kilometres away from the Earth.

The last supermoon this year - also known as 'Strawberry Moon' - occurred on June 14, which marked the last full Moon of spring or the first full moon of summer.

Those who missed catching a glimpse of the 'strawberry

supermoon' last month will have another chance as this month's full moon will be back tonight.

Interestingly, this time it happens to occur around the same time when the Sun is farthest from the planet, due to Aphelion.

The supermoon of 2022 is also known as 'buck moon' - named after antlers that form on a buck's forehead typically around this time of the year.

The supermoon will be visible at 2:38pm Eastern Time Zone (12:08 am Indian Standard Time, Thursday) on the night of July 13.

The Moon is likely to appear full for about three days, from early Tuesday morning through early Friday morning.

The term 'supermoon' was

coined by an astrologer called Richard Nolle in 1979. According to his definition which has been adopted by American space agency NASA, the phenomenon is a full moon that takes place within 90 per cent of its closest approach to Earth.

A supermoon is a treat for skywatchers and photographers as the moon appears larger and brighter, providing them with a spectacular opportunity to observe celestial events.

The phenomenon tends to have tidal effects on the planet, causing very high high and low tides. Coastal storms at the sea around this time could even lead to aggravated flooding, astronomers say.

A full moon at perigee ap-

pears 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than that at apogee, but only 7 percent larger and 15 percent brighter than an average full moon. It's difficult to tell the differences with the naked eye.

But you can indeed see highlands and lowlands on the moon with the naked eye.

Binoculars or telescopes are recommended, through which the details in craters, mountains, ridges and other huge features on the moon can be observed.

The moon seems larger to the naked eye when it is near the horizon at moonrise and moonset. That's because it is in proximity to the buildings and trees on the ground and can be compared with them.

# New Space Policy soon, to act as launch pad for Pvt Companies to execute larger commercial missions

Agency  
New Delhi, July 13:

Pawan Goenka, chairman of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe), the official government space agency, said that private enterprises in India will finally be permitted to launch their own commercial space projects by the end of this year.

Goenka said that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will be the only user of the first batch of five Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLVs) produced by a partnership between Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

This would be the first time a whole rocket was constructed outside of the space agency.

However, according to Goenka, once the first phase of privately-built PSLV deploy-

ment is finished, future PSLVs will be supplied to the private sector as well, allowing them to execute larger commercial missions with these higher-capacity launch vehicles.

In June, the IN-SPACe headquarters, established to encourage private investment and innovation in the space industry, was officially opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who also said that Indian firms would emerge as leaders in the global space sector.

While previously the space sector was closed to private firms, the government opened it up for all by bringing reforms, said Modi, adding that "we have removed all restrictions by bringing reforms in the space sector".

He also said that in order to create winners in the space sector, IN-SPACe will help private businesses.



"I am hopeful that like in the IT sector, our industry will also take the lead in the global space sector," Modi said, adding that the central government has been working on a new space policy which will provide ease of doing business in the space sector.

The Space Policy 2022 is currently in its final stages of development after significant consultation with industry stakeholders. Once released, it will outline how the private sector might contribute to technol-

ogy transfer, remote sensing, and satellite communication.

Recently, ISRO chairman Dr Somanath, imaging satellites, which were formerly only owned by the Indian space agency and the defence, will henceforth be held by private companies under the Space Policy 2022.

There would be only investments made by India-based enterprises. If FDI exceeds 70%, it will be restricted and subject to government approval, said Somanath.

Additionally, rockets can be owned, created, and launched by private entities as well and they can also construct a launch pad.

"There are many missions planned for this year. We will launch a recently developed small satellite launch vehicle (SSLV) by this month-end or at the beginning of August... Test and trials are on for the Gaganyaan program," he told the media during a press brief in Coimbatore.

However, the policy would be followed by the much-anticipated space law, which has been on hold for a while. Meanwhile, the business community has called for a review of the punitive sections of the law.

It should be noted that according to Economic Survey, there are presently 101 start-up businesses, of which 47 joined the market in 2021 and 21 in 2020.

It highlighted that the Indian space sector is predicted to grab a larger share of the global space economy, with private sector engagement. At the moment, India accounts for only around 2% of the space economy, behind the key players in this space race - the United States and China.

It is understood that the increased commercial participation in the Indian space sector followed a global trend in which space is transitioning from a government-driven sector to one in which the private sector performs end-to-end space activities.

The government believes that in two years, India will have its own SpaceX-like initiatives as the centre prepares to boost satellite production and enable a wider role for private actors in the space sector.

According to Ajay Kumar

Sood, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the government, the space industry's full potential is still unrealized, and the government will promote private satellite manufacturing for a variety of uses, including health care, agriculture, as well as urban development.

In June, he said that following consultations, the new space policy's final draft will soon be sent for additional review, to the Empowered Technology Group, which aims to proactively lay down, coordinate, and oversee national-level policies relating to "procurement and induction of technologies", "R&D in technologies that require large outlays in resources, both financial and human" and "render sound and timely advice for determining direction and trajectory of Government's R&D and Technology Development Programmes".

## Sports

# Germany book quarter-final berth at Women's EURO 2022, seal 2-0 win over Spain with two shots on target

Agency  
London, July 13:

Germany booked their place in the Euro 2022 quarter-finals as Klara Buhl and Alexandra Popp sealed a 2-0 win against Spain on Tuesday.

Martina Voss-Tecklenburg's side crushed Denmark 4-0 in their opening fixture, but had to show their more gritty side to see off Spain.

Germany had only two shots on target and just 30 per cent of the possession, but their opportunistic finishing proved the difference at Brentford's Community Stadium.

Buhl gave Germany the perfect start with her third minute opener and Popp doubled the lead eight minutes before half-time.

Germany sit top of Group B with maximum points after two successive victories, while Spain are in second place with three points.

Bottom of the group Finland, beaten 1-0 by Denmark earlier on Tuesday, were eliminated by the result from the day's late game.

Spain were one of the pre-tournament favourites, but



now sit level on points with Denmark, who they face on Saturday in a shoot-out to decide who will advance along with Germany.

Germany, eight-time European champions, were gifted the lead when Spain goalkeeper Sandra Panos tried to make a clearance from a routine back-pass but the ball struck Buhl, who turned inside Irene Paredes to drill a low shot into the bottom corner.

Spain were suddenly presented with a golden chance

to score themselves when Lucia Garcia was played clear of a high German backline.

The Athletic Bilbao forward raced into the penalty area and took the ball wide of goalkeeper Merle Frohms, but sent her angled shot into the side netting.

Spain continued to press for an equaliser as Mariona Caldentey fired a dipping effort from the edge of the box just wide.

It was Germany, though, who were on target again

seven minutes before half-time.

A corner was floated over into the six-yard box, where captain Alexandra Popp got up to flick in a backward header via a slight deflection.

Spain looked to regroup once more and went close again just before the break when Aitana Bonmati's chipped effort dropped just wide.

Wolfsburg forward Popp almost had a third for Germany soon after the restart when she headed wide at the back post from a corner.

Popp was centre stage again as the hour mark approached, going down under what looked like a tug on the front of her shirt from Spain captain Paredes as she aimed to run clear on goal.

French referee Stephanie Frappart waved play on and VAR did not overturn the decision.

Spain almost pulled a goal back with 18 minutes left when a deep ball was floated into the penalty area and Caldentey sent a volley goalwards, which was brilliantly tipped over by Frohms.

# Mehuli Ghosh, Shahu Tushar Mane win gold for India in Air Rifle Mixed Team at Changwon Shooting World Cup



Agency  
Changwon (Korea), July 13:

India continued its good show at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun stage in Changwon, Korea, with the duo of Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane winning the gold medal by defeating Hungary's Eszter Meszaros and Istvan Peni in the finals of 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team.

The Hungarian mixed duo had to settle for a silver, losing by a margin of 17-13.

On the other hand, the duo of Shiva Narwal and Palak also clinched a bronze medal in 10m

Air Pistol Mixed Team category by defeating Kazakhstan's duo of Irina Loktionova and Rakhimzhan Valeriy Rakhimzhan.

Shiva and Palak captured the bronze after defeating the Kazak duo 16-0.

"Begins Day-3 of ISSF World Cup, Changwon with medals!! #MehuliGhosh/ #ShahuTusharMane won in 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team after defeating 17-13 #ShivaNarwal/ #Palak clinched after a dominating performance over (16-0) in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Congrats," tweeted SAI Media.

India is placed second in the medal tally with two gold

and one bronze medal, a total of three. At the top is Serbia which also has three medals, though all gold. China is in the third position with two gold medals.

Earlier, shooting at his best over two days, India's Arjun Babuta had won his first International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage gold, beating Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Lucas Kozieny of the USA by margin of 17-9 in the gold medal match early on Monday morning.

The Changwon Shooting World Cup will take place in Changwon, South Korea from July 9 to July 21, 2022.