

CBSE 10th & 12th result declared

Noida boy Mayank Yadav and DPS Tanya Singh top in CBSE class 10th and 12th result with 500/500 mark each

New Delhi, July 22:

Result of the Class 10th and 12th examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE has been declared today, at around 2 pm. Candidates can check the Class 10th CBSE results directly on cbseresults.nic.in. Students can check their CBSE 10th marksheets quickly from the official website by typing their roll member, school number and admit card number on the CBSE Result 2022 homepage.

This year, Mayank Yadav from Amity International School, Noida, topped the CBSE 10th board exam 2022 with 100% marks. Bulandshahr DPS girl Tanya Singh has emerged as a CBSE topper in the class 12th CBSE examination results 2022 by scoring 500 out of 500 marks.

A total of 20,93,978 students took the CBSE 10th



Noida boy Mayank Yadav tops CBSE Class 10th



DPS Bulandshahr, Tanya Singh, tops CBSE Class 12th

exam this year. Out of the total, 19,76,668 have successfully passed the exam. This year, girls performed better than boys by 1.41%.

As per the CBSE 10th result 2022, 2,36,993 students secured more than 90% marks while 64,908 students scored above 95% marks. 94.40% students pass.

Further, CBSE issued a six-digit security PIN-based activation for students' DigiLocker accounts. The student-wise security PIN file has been given to CBSE affiliated schools in their DigiLocker accounts from where schools can download the same.

For CBSE Class 10th Result 2022, CBSE did not re-

lease the toppers list. For the past two years, CBSE has not released the merit list for both class 10th and class 12th board exams. However, students can check school-wise toppers from respective principals and teachers.

The result for the CBSE class 12th result 2022 was declared at 9 am today. The pass percentage stands at 92.71%.

The CBSE Term 2 results had been long awaited and the news of Tanya becoming a CBSE topper has been confirmed by the DPS principal.

Tanya received full marks in the CBSE 12th result 2022.

As per the CBSE 12th result 2022, 1,34,797 students secured more than 90% marks

while 33,432 students scored above 95% marks.

Since no CBSE Class 12 merit list has been released by the board, it is not sure whether Tanya Singh is the only CBSE topper of Class 12 this year.

CBSE has prepared the final marksheets on the basis of both Term 1 and Term 2 marks. The CBSE 12th result or the scorecard contains the marks obtained during the academic year, including internal assessment, project work, practical exams and pre-board results.

As per CBSE, Term 1 papers got a 30% weightage while Term 2 papers got a 70% weightage for theory papers.

On the other hand, for practical papers, CBSE took a 50-50 approach.

Students will be able to check the CBSE Term 2 result 2022 for Class 12 from the DigiLocker app and website and the official websites - cbseresults.nic.in and cbse.gov.in.

No details have been released yet for the CBSE 10th result date and time. It may be released today or tomorrow. Keep checking this space for latest updates on the CBSE result 2022.

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International Conference to commemorate 30 years of India-ASEAN relations



IT News
New Delhi, July 22:

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs and Education addressed the Inaugural Session of International Conference "Geopolitical Shifts and Opportunities: New Horizons in India-Southeast Asia Relations" to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-India relations on 20th July 2022 in New Delhi. The Conference was organised by Indian Council of World Affairs in collaboration with the ASEAN-India Centre of the Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries, New Delhi.

During his address Dr. Singh said that 2022 is special for India-ASEAN relationship as it marks the 30th anniversary of dialogue relations between ASEAN and India. He under-

lined that ASEAN-India partnership has now turned into a robust and strategic partnership in the wake of new global realities, especially in the background of a jolt to global order by the economic fallout triggered by Covid-19 pandemic. The ASEAN-India relationship is one of the key pillars of India's foreign policy. What began as 'Look East' evolved into our 'Act East' Policy under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This has helped drive our vision of a wider Indo-Pacific.

Dr. Singh reiterated India's commitment for long-lasting and abiding support to our ASEAN partners to uphold peace, stability and prosperity in the region. He stressed on our shared commitment to international law, our common desire for reformed multilateralism and our vision

for an inclusive regional architecture make India-ASEAN cooperation a factor for stability in the region.

Dr. Singh also maintained that India has an intrinsic interest in connectivity initiative of ASEAN, a key to growth and prosperity of the region. In addition to infrastructure connectivity, India and ASEAN are also working together in the field of digital connectivity through, inter alia, India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022.

Other speakers during the Inaugural Session of the two day international workshop included noted international relations scholar and leading columnist Prof. C Raja Mohan, Director General of ICWA Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh and the Singaporean High Commissioner to New Delhi Simon Wong Wie Kuen.

Assam Rifles recovers illegal opium

IT News
Imphal, July 22:

Shangshak Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) recovered opium near to TM Kasom village, Ukhrul dis-

trict on July 19. During checking at Mobile Vehicle Check Post near to TM Kasom village, troops of Assam Rifles intercepted a Bolero vehicle. On thorough search of the vehicle, 5 Kg opium was recovered under

the seat. The seized opium is assessed to be worth Rs 5 lakhs.

The seized opium along with the apprehended peddlers were handed over to Litan Police Station for further investigation.

State Government launched the 'Manipur e-Budget' application

IT News
Imphal, July 22:

The State Government today launched the 'Manipur e-Budget' application. This has been developed by the team of NIC Manipur.

In the Vote-on-account Budget in March, 2022 the State Government had introduced 'e-Budget' in the State Legislative Assembly whereby printing of physical budget documents were brought down to a mini-

mum. The budget documents were also made available in the State Government Website.

Now, to make the budget documents more accessible, the 'Manipur e-Budget' application has been launched. This will make the State Budget documents more easily accessible to the Legislators, officials and the general public. From this year, printing of bulky budget documents has been done away with, which will result in massive time, cost and man-

power savings.

As on date, the budget documents available on the application are those placed in the Vote-on-account Budget in March, 2022. The Budget documents to be placed in the upcoming Assembly on 25th July, 2022 will be made available after the budget speech has been placed in the Assembly on 25th July, 2022.

The 'e-Budget' application will be available on <https://ebudgetmanipur.mn.gov.in>.

GST on food will further add to malnutrition among Indian poor

Essential items for consumption have to be kept at low level

By: Dr Arun Mitra
New Delhi, July 22:

In the 2021 Global Hunger Index (GHI) report, India ranks 101st out of the 116 countries. With a score of 27.5, India falls into the category of serious level of hunger. According to the GHI a rank of "d" 9.9 is considered to be low, 10.0-19.9 moderate, 20.0-34.9 serious, 35.0-49.9 alarming, e" 50.0 extremely alarming. That we are at a serious level of hunger is a cause of concern for us. It requires pro active planning to ensure nutrition to all the citizens.

The report has pointed out that number of malnourished has increased globally in the past by 15 crores i.e 24.3%. In 2019 the number of malnourished was 61.8 crore while it

increased 76.8 crore in 2021.

The Hunger Index is based on three criteria, Inadequate food supply, Child mortality and Child under-nutrition. The report also points out that 1/4th of the total malnourished in the world live in India. This is at a time when our country is aspiring to be global leader in economic development with a 5 trillion economy.

Supply of balanced food to all the citizens of the country is the basic requirement to reduce malnutrition. A balanced diet means sufficient number of proteins, fats, carbohydrates and micro nutrients in the form of vitamins and minerals. Prestigious medical journal Lancet had formed a committee to go into nutritional requirements of a person. It has suggested in-

take of 232 grams of whole grain, 50 grams of tubers or starchy vegetables like potato, 300 grams of vegetables, 200 grams of fruits, 250 grams dairy food, 250 grams of protein sources in the form of meat, egg, poultry, fish, legumes, nuts, 50 grams saturated and unsaturated oils 30 grams of sugar. At the present market price the cost of these food items per person comes to be around Rs.225/- per day. This means that a family of five members should spend Rs.1125/- per day or Rs.33750/- per month on food only.

Barring a miniscule population our people are far from this target. The government's scheme to give 5 kg of grains and one kg dal and a bit of oil does not fulfil the nutritional requirements. It is just not

enough even for proper sustenance. It does not at all meet the requirements of micro nutrients like vitamins and minerals essential for physical and mental growth. With 15 crore people out of a population of 23 crore in Uttar Pradesh queuing up to get this much ration free of cost is a projection of extremely dismal state of affairs of nutritional security.

It is pertinent that the purchasing capacity of the people is raised through poverty alleviation, sufficient wages and ensure means of livelihood to large number of people is at a receiving end under the neoliberal economic policy.

Recent economic surveys

have pointed out that 90% of our population earns less than Rs.10000/- per month. A balanced diet for them is only a dream which does not seem to come true in the present circumstances. By imposing taxes on the essential food items cost of filling the belly is bound to increase. The wages on the other hand are showing a downward trend as the employment is shifting to contractual labour with no job security nor any employment benefits like the provident fund or the ESI. Small scale sector which provides livelihood to large number of people is at a receiving end under the neoliberal economic policy.

To meet the requirements of 2300 calories and a healthy food and clothing for a young adult, various workers organi-

zations have demanded minimum wage based on the principle of these caloric needs. They have demanded a minimum wage of Rs.21000/- per month. To utter dismay, the government announced a floor level wage as Rs.178/- per day or Rs.5340/- per month. This is despite an internal labour ministry committee recommendation of Rs.375/- per day. This is even against the Supreme Court ruling on works demand for Rs.650/- per day wage, where the Hon'ble court added further 25% for health and education. The government's intention to introduce time based work wage will be detrimental economically as well as against the medical advice and health needs of a person.

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Dr. K. Romeo Meetei selected as NE Zonal Sport Climbing competition



IT News
Imphal, July 22:

The Indian Mountaineering Foundation, (IMF) New Delhi is organizing North East Zonal Sport Climbing Championship at IIE Complex Guwahati, Assam from July 22 to 24, 2022.

A statement by Lv N. Chitrasen Singh Technical Director, IMF NE Zone Imphal said that Sport Climbing is already an Olympic Event. The Indian Mountaineering Foundation, (IMF) has selected Dr. K. Romeo Meetei, (National Grade -1 Judge) as Jury President of the Championship.

Dr Romeo Meetei is currently working as a President of Manipur Sport Climbing Association (MASCA) and Secretary of Indian Mountaineering Foundation, North East Zone. It is pertinent to mention here that Dr Romeo is also one of the National selectors (Sport Climbing) for Indian Contingent for coming Asian Games, China. IMF NE Zone and Manipur Sport Climbing Association (MASCA) expresses happiness and proud to select Romeo is head of the technical committee and wish him a grand success in the Championship.

★ Editorial

Torturing nature for human selfish gain

Crimes against humanity deserve the worst form of punishment. The recent Maranching tragedy at which lifeless bodies of 56 people were reported recovered while 5 more still missing and injuring several other is a punishment to human kind or not needs to be pondered upon.

Different nations have different legal system to protect the interests of their country. The enforcement of certain laws – like capital punishment; Special powers act to armed forces may have strong and supportive argument as it is about the security of their respective nations. Gross violation of human rights at certain parts of the country and other parts of the world may receive severe criticisms from many who are concerned for Human values. Arguments may continue for certain human causes permitting each sides to stand tight with their act. But what about some issues like global warming, water scarcity and deforestation?

There is no wrong in saying that environment has no boundary. A massive destruction of forest or extraction of crude oil or mismanagement of natural water is among the issues which no nations could give reasonable arguments as it affect regions beyond politically drawn boundaries. After all, these issues are about human beings across the globe.

Reports about the scarcity of usable water have been top news at almost all newspaper in Manipur. As for the state of Manipur there is adequate rainfall every year but faced acute shortage of water almost every year in the last couple of decades. Interestingly, during rainy season the state also witnessed flood almost every time. In short the state suffers the ugly face of flood during rainy season while they had to bear drought in the remaining days. In view of the arising situation that we are facing right now, there is an urgent matter that needs to be pondered on what went wrong?

Is it the people or is it the government who is responsible for the present crisis?

Deforestation that has been taking place illegally at different parts of the state has been often blamed – both by government and the many social activists which is universally accepted by all. One thing we at Imphal Times suggest is that we cannot completely blame the people who are responsible for cutting the trees for their livelihood. It is the government which is responsible and why shouldn't it be? It was all about their survival and mind it some people do not have any alternative for survival. On paper government had passed many schemes to substitute the livelihood but it is an open secret that none of this schemes meant for the poor people had never been benefited by the targeted beneficiaries as the money meant for them had been pocketed by government authorities who were assigned for implementation of the projects.

Another matter, which we at IMPHAL TIMES is concerned is the poor understanding of the government department about the need for storage of natural water underneath the earth. There seems to be complete lack of knowledge by the government authority about the need to let the earth absorb any source of water. Clear example is the drain constructed under huge funding from the Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNURM). The cubicle shaped drainage construction has no mechanism to let the drain water absorb underneath the earth. This is not only the case with any government infrastructural development work there is no sign of the government authority showing concern about the importance of harvesting the rain water. Harvesting rain water does not mean that it should be stored in a tank or some man-made water storage tank. It is about harvesting inside the earth core which can be reused using other means.

For a state endowed with resources, such abject failure to utilize and benefit from the gifts of nature only undermines the apathy and complacency of the state government.

Build your career as a Plant Pathologist

By: Kaustov Kashyap

Plant Pathologist is a professional apt in taking care of the health of plants. With the ever-increasing population on the earth, the demand for the food, medicines and other consumable is increasing at a fast rate whereas recourses of the earth are depleting with every new day. Thus to keep pace with the demand within the limited recourses there is a great need to improve the quality and quantity of the existing recourses so that they could be used up to the optimum level to fill the gap between demand and supply of the consumable biological resources of the earth.

For making this a reality a lot of efforts are required to take care of the plant's health to get maximum output of the existing resources throughout the world generally and in India particularly as we are one of the leading agricultural countries in the world and one of the biggest sources of its wealth is its produce from land.

Plant Pathologist specializes in plant health in the same way as a physician specializes in human health. Keeping plants healthy requires an understanding of the organisms and agents that cause disease as well as an understanding of how plants grow and are affected by the diseases. Plant Pathologist is those professionals who are aware of all these aspects through their college courses in botany, microbiology, crop science, ecology, genetics etc.

Plant pathologists in their work cooperate with plant breeders and crop management, insects and weed specialists in developing integrated, environmentally sound approaches to managing crops and their pests.

These professionals play an important role in maintaining and increasing the Nation's agricultural productivity. Considering the expanding interest in the quality of our global environment and increasing global demand for high-quality food, fiber, tree and ornamental plants provides many opportunities for plant pathologists.

With the ever-increasing importance and need of Plant Pathologist, it has become one of the hottest career options available to today's Bio-Science graduates. It is an apt career for those who have a passion for improvement in the existing agricultural and allied products.

Although it demands a lot of hard work and effort at the same time

offers enormous scope for the building of one's career not in the practical field but also as an educationist in various colleges and agricultural universities. These professionals are also sought by government and corporations to participate in teams of specialists addressing international agricultural development. But on the other hand, this profession is such a profession which demands hard work and high level of patience along with many years in the study.

To discharge his duties with efficiency a Plant Pathologist should have good interpretation skills, be confident of accepting challenges and an ability to understand things as they come before him. They have to look into every minute details of the facts to conclude as precisely as possible. Young people with desire and capacity for hard work can get both money and satisfaction in this profession.

Plant Pathologist Eligibility

The aspiring candidates have to undergo some or more of the following courses:

Graduate Courses

Bachelor's degree in Plants Pathology.

B.Sc with Specialization in Plant Pathology.

Candidates who wish to apply for above given Under Graduate degree courses should have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination, with physics, chemistry and Biology/Biology with a minimum of 50% marks in the aggregate in the subjects concerned.

PG/Master's or PhD Courses

Educational Qualification

Graduates in relative fields with minimum 60% for general category and 55% marks in other reserve categories are eligible for the Postgraduate and Doctorate courses.

Plant Pathologist Required Skills

Plant Pathologist must be aware of the latest technological advancement and techniques as they have to work in laboratories with technologically advanced equipment and scientific devices such as microscopes. Thus the knowledge of latest technology will definitely help to become a successful Plant Pathologist. They must be able to work for long hours and in trying conditions as they have to work plants afflicted with pathogens as bacteria, viruses, and protozoa, plants contract diseases that plant patholo-

gists work to uncover and ultimately, cure. Capacity work for long hours that too in difficult conditions will help them to involve in their work tirelessly. Plant Pathologist must have good communication and organizing skills to work in a team environment as they have to work with plant breeders, farmers, entomologists, and botanists in the farms and gardens where plants grow. Above all they should have the flair to work for the environment as plant pathologists engage with biological scientists and engineers to create safer living arrangements to allow plants to reach their maximum growth and yield potential.

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How to become a Plant Pathologist?

Interested candidate with at least 60% marks in the 10+2 with science as the stream has to apply for the admission in undergraduate courses in Plant Pathology courses offered by nearly all of the 34 state agricultural university and 3 deemed agricultural universities throughout the country. Selection to the graduate courses (B.Sc.) is based on merit i.e the marks secured in the final exams of 10+2 and through entrance tests

in some of the reputed agricultural universities. After completion of the graduation, admission to the Postgraduate courses is based on the performance of the candidates in the All India Combined Entrance and State level Entrance Examinations conducted separately. All India Entrance is being held regularly by the ICAR that also provides JRF scholarship to Students.

After completion of his/her studies, the aspiring candidates have to sit in the combined entrance conducted by various state and centre recruitment agencies from time to time to join as a Plant Pathologist or even for the post of Agricultural Research Scientist in the various concerned departments of the state and Centre Governments.

Besides the aspiring candidates can also take ARS NET exam to work as Lecturer in various agricultural universities and their affiliated colleges.

Plant Pathologist Job Description

Plant Pathologist job includes taking care of the health of the plants. They cooperate with plant breeders and crop management, insects and weed specialists in developing integrated, environmentally sound approaches to managing crops and their pests.

Plant Pathologist Career Prospects

Enormous employment opportunities are available for Plant Pathologist in private as well as public sector organizations. Plant Pathologist Jobs are available in government agencies, and private organization's R & D agencies. One can also qualify NET examinations conducted by ASRB (ICAR) and CSIR for direct eligibility as a professor in any college or higher education institute having a plant pathology department or allied research labs etc.

Plant Pathologist Salary

Plant Pathologist salary depends largely upon their academic qualification, institute or university from which the degree is attained and the level of work experience they have achieved. A fresh graduate from a well-recognized agricultural university can earn an initial package of Rs.30,000 to Rs.40,000 per month. An experienced person could be offered between Rs.50,000 to Rs.60,000. Senior pathologists having experience up to ten years in the field, earn higher salaries.

How and why an aid seeker Bangladesh is now a donor country?

By: John Rozario

Bangladesh's medical and financial aid to Sri Lanka improves the country's image and standing. Bangladesh was once regarded as a "bottomless pit" and a recipient of international aid. It is now a lending and donor country. It demonstrates how all of South Asia's countries can rise from the ashes. Bangladesh sets an example for South Asia on how to achieve economic growth while balancing diverse socio-political factors. Debt-ridden Bangladesh has achieved extraordinary debt alleviation success in recent years. Today, the entire world is in awe of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh demonstrates its worth as a donor country by assisting Sri Lanka with medical needs.

Bangladesh has the honor of standing by Sri Lanka in any way it can during times of crisis as a friend and close neighbor.

Bangladesh has provided Sri Lanka with emergency medicine worth 2.32 million USD.

The government of Bangladesh is providing medical aid to the

friendly people of Sri Lanka as a show of unity and goodwill between the two countries as they celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations this year.

In this regard, a ceremony was held on Thursday at the State Guest House Padma, during which Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen and Health Minister Zahid Maleque presented Professor Sudharshan D.S. Senaviratne with a few boxes of medicine as a token.

We also have Foreign Secretary Ambassador Mr. Masud Bin Momen, MD & CEO of EDCL, and DG (Drugs), President of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI) Nazmul Hassan on the show.

Foreign Minister D. Momen described the offer of medicine as a sign of solidarity and goodwill between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, as the two countries celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations.

What occurred, though, that Bangladesh has been surprising everyone? Economists think there

are some causes behind this: exports, societal progress and economic foresight. Aside from economic skill, there are three more factors to consider: sympathy, economic diplomacy, and political will.

Sudan, according to Bangladesh's financial minister, is severely in debt and impoverished. The government expects that the funds will help Sudan battle poverty. Sudan used to be a British colony. A treaty gave the country independence on January 1, 1956. It should be noted that Bangladesh also gave more than Tk 80 million to Somalia, another African country, last year. This was also true in terms of repaying the IMF loan. Sudan, a member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is beset by debt and poverty, and financial aid is expected to aid in its recovery.

As part of the IMF effort, Bangladesh also gave Tk 80 million to help Somalia tackle poverty last year. The progress of Bangladesh fascinates everyone.

When this was the situation, the unexpected news came that Bangladesh had supplied Sri Lanka with \$200 million in financial aid. The topic has been posed in the Sri

Lankan media: if Bangladesh can be self-sufficient, why can't we? Bangladesh's finance ministry released further stunning news in June. Bangladesh is claimed to be standing by Sudan, Africa's poorest country. The IMF has been given 65 crore Bangladeshi Taka to help them pay off their debt. The IMF loaned the country Rs 510,000 crore, Taka. The country's economic situation was so severe that it was unable to service its debt. Bangladesh has responded after receiving communications from other countries requesting assistance.

Sudan, according to Bangladesh's financial minister, is severely in debt and impoverished. The government hopes that the funding will help Sudan fight poverty. At one time Sudan was a British colony. A treaty gave the country independence on January 1, 1956. It should be noted that Bangladesh also gave more than Tk 80 million to Somalia, another African country, last year. That was also in repaying the IMF loan. Sudan, a member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is beset by debt and poverty, and financial aid is expected to aid in its recovery.

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The help to Sri Lanka and Sudan from foreign exchange reserves has improved Bangladesh's image and increased esteem for its people. Bangladesh has become a lending nation! Why can't others emulate Bangladesh's ability to be self-sufficient, a lender, and an economic miracle in South Asia?

He went on to say that, under Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's capable leadership, Bangladesh never hesitates to offer aid to any country in need, particularly its neighbors, in order to ensure shared peace and development in the South Asian area. He stated that Bangladesh is ready to assist Sri Lanka in every way feasible.

During his remarks, the Sri Lankan High Commissioner conveyed his gratitude to Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's government. During his remarks, the Sri Lankan High Commissioner extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Sri Lanka and the government of Bangladesh for

this goodwill gesture of sending medicine to the people of Sri Lanka.

He stated that Sri Lanka enjoys the good relationship with Bangladesh and is dedicated to further enhancing it in the coming days.

He described the medication gift as yet another sign that the bilateral relationship was on the right track.

Both EDCL and BAPI have given Sri Lanka medicine worth BD taka 10 crores apiece, totaling Taka 20 crores.

The drug should arrive in Sri Lanka within a few days.

The offer of medicine displays the pharmaceutical industry's ability to provide high-quality medicine as well as its financial capacity, and it also demonstrates Bangladesh's foreign policy resolve to preserve friendly and cooperative relations with its neighbors.

Bangladesh had already helped Sri Lanka by providing \$200 million through a currency swap.

Bangladesh's image and respect for its people have improved as a result of its financial support to Sri Lanka and Sudan from its foreign exchange reserves.

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Cross-voting in 10 states bolsters Droupadi Murmu's win, exposes fault lines in Opposition unity

Agency
New Delhi, July 22:

In a bit set back to Opposition parties, over 100 MLAs from across state assemblies and some MPs cross-voted in support of President-elect Droupadi Murmu, sources said on Thursday. Murmu was elected as the President of India on Thursday after she defeated Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha by polling 6,76,803 votes in favour of her, while her rival polled 3,80,177 votes.

It was apparent right from the outset that Droupadi Murmu, the candidate fielded by the BJP-led NDA, would sweep the presidential election. The 64-year-old tribal leader had the backing of not just the ruling party and its allies, but non-NDA parties too.

Despite concerted efforts by Opposition parties to rally behind their nominee, Yashwant Sinha, fair-weather allies and proclaimed bosom buddies crossed over to back Murmu. True Opposition unity remained a distant dream.

Come Thursday, and Droupadi Murmu claimed a thumping victory over Sinha, securing 64 per cent of the votes polled in the election. With the numbers out for all to see, it has become increasingly clear that MPs and MLAs defied party lines to cross-vote for Murmu.

Apart from 126 MLAs, the winning NDA candidate also received votes from 17 non-NDA MPs.

Assam, Jharkhand and



Madhya Pradesh assemblies witnessed a significant number of Opposition MLAs voting for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance's candidate.

Around 22 MLAs in Assam and 20 in Madhya Pradesh assemblies are likely to have cross-voted. Six opposition MLAs each from Bihar and Chhattisgarh, four from Goa and 10 from Gujarat may also have voted for Murmu.

Soon after Droupadi Murmu was declared the winner, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma put out messages thanking Opposition MLAs who had voted "according to their conscience".

Murmu's tribal background appeared to have drawn support from Congress MLAs in Jharkhand too, where the ruling JMM had already announced support to her.

In Maharashtra, where the

Eknath Shinde-BJP alliance ousted the Uddhav Thackeray-NCP-Congress coalition from power last month, 16 non-NDA lawmakers cast their votes to Murmu.

In Goa, the ruling BJP and its allies had the support of 25 MLAs, but Murmu polled 28 votes. This led Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to claim that three state legislators from the Opposition side cross-voted in her favour.

The NDA candidate even received an unexpected vote from Kerala, where the state assembly does not have a single BJP legislator. The CPI (M)-led LDF and the Congress-headed UDF opposition front had announced their support to Sinha.

In Meghalaya, seven MLAs cross-voted, while the count stood at two in Punjab.

Mamata Banerjee, the main catalyst in bringing Opposition parties, including the Congress,

together ahead of the presidential polls, had to contend with rebellion from within her own party. The BJP has claimed that four TMC MPs and four MLAs cross-voted in Murmu's favour. Only three votes were counted, the rest were invalid.

Senior Gujarat Congress leader Manish Doshi said the party has learnt of cross-voting happening from within its ranks. An internal probe has been launched and action will be taken against the errant MLAs as deemed fit, he said.

"It is very shocking for us and we are assessing the situation. We have started investigating the matter. Once the investigation is over we will take necessary action," Doshi added.

Little wonder then, that National Conference leader Omar Abdullah pithily said, "Opposition unity is a bit of a chimera. Ultimately, political parties will do what's in their own interest and that's as it should be."

India reports 21,880 fresh COVID cases, 60 deaths; active infections rise to 1,49,482

Agency
New Delhi, July 22:

New Delhi: India saw a single day rise of 21,880 coronavirus infections taking the total tally of COVID-19 cases to 4,38,47,065, while the active cases rose to 1,49,482, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

The death toll climbed to 5,25,930 with 60 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.34 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.46 per cent, the ministry said.

An increase of 601 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a

span of 24 hours.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 2020, 40 lakh on September 5, 2020 and 50 lakh on September 16, 2020.

It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 2020, 70 lakh on October 11, 2020, 80 lakh on October 29, 2020, 90 lakh on November 20, 2020 and the one-crore mark on December 19, 2020.

The country crossed the grim milestone of two crore Covid cases on May 4 last year, the three-crore mark on June 23 last year and four crore cases on January 25 this year.

Recoveries and active patients account for 98.46% and 0.34% of the overall caseload.

On the vaccination front,

more than 3.7 million doses were administered in the last 24 hours, which took the national vaccination coverage to more than 2.01 billion. The nationwide inoculation drive, which began on January 16 last year, crossed the historic 2 billion mark on July 17; the country took just 18 months to achieve the milestone.

On July 21, the Union government directed nine states, which are experiencing a surge in Covid-19 cases, to monitor and report district-wise cases of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) and influenza like illness (ILI) on a daily basis. The nine states are Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

Centre asks all Depts to organise Free Covid Vaccination Camps at workplaces

Agency
New Delhi, July 22:

The Centre has asked all its departments to organise Covid vaccination camps at the workplaces for providing free precaution doses of the vaccine to the eligible employees and their family members. In an order, the Personnel Ministry asked all the departments to enumerate the number of eligible employees and their family members to be vaccinated by precaution dose, separately for both types of vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin — so as to ensure optimum utilisation of resources.

As part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, government of India has recently launched a new initiative 'COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav' to provide free precaution dose to all adult eligible population who have completed six months (or 26 weeks) from the date of admin-



istration of the second dose, it said.

The initiative would be implemented at government COVID-19 vaccination centres for 75 days from July 15 to September 30, 2022, said the order issued to all central government ministries/departments.

As advised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it has been decided that Covid Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav Camps at the workplaces are to be organised immediately, it said. All the min-

istries/departments are advised to organise 'Covid Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav Camps' at the workplaces for providing free Covid precaution doses to the eligible employees and their family members, said the order dated July 20.

They are further advised to direct attached, subordinate offices and organisations under their control, including public sector undertakings to organise vaccination camps as well, it added.

Career Guidance

Students increase the power of their self-confidence in these simple ways



By: Vijay GarG

Many times you get a chance to prove your ability and if your confidence is shaken at that time, then you have to step back. Lack of self-confidence has a negative effect on our personality. Here we will tell you some easy ways by which you can easily increase your confidence. Read here and know how you can easily build your self-confidence, which will give you success at every step in life —

1. The work he fears do it again and again: We should make our weakness our strength, for whatever reason we feel that we are getting weak, we should do that work i.e. such a work that most of us run away or panic and the day our weakness becomes our strength, then our confidence will never decrease. The best way to overcome this weakness is to do that work again and again which makes you nervous. Repeat it again and again and believe that your worry about anything will end and your weakness will

become your strength.

2. Break down the goal into smaller objectives: First of all understand what is the difference between goal and objective. Topping in any exam is the goal and for that first one has to clear the paper of each subject, to achieve this one goal, work hard and prepare well throughout the year and keep doing self-analysis. These are small objectives to achieve the goal of cracking the exams. With these small objectives, big goals will also be achieved quickly and easily and this will help you to improve your self-esteem. Confidence will also increase which will help in achieving your goal.

3. Make Eye Contact: The best way to maintain confidence and overcome nervousness is to always talk eye to eye. People who are nervous about talking, they should always talk to others by making eye-contact. By this you will feel a surge of confidence in yourself. Because those who are in front are also human beings and they also have understanding, if you are new, then they will understand your problem, so talk to yourself without hesitation. The lack of confidence will be seen going away.

4. Start with your loved ones: You need confidence only for yourself and you have to start it yourself. The reason for the lack of confidence in

you can be anything, like you are not able to speak among the people, even if you are not able to express yourself even if you want, then another simple way for this is also that you know your acquaintances like-at home. Spend maximum time among members and friends and try to talk openly. Maybe your joke too but don't be afraid of it because your shortcomings only weaken your confidence and for this find and eliminate your shortcomings. Contribute to the small functions of the house and give your 100 percent, this will increase your confidence.

5. Take Responsibility: Start participating in small responsibilities to boost self-confidence. Take responsibility in the activities taking place at home, school, and complete them with enthusiasm, by doing this you will see a change in yourself and this change will boost your confidence. To do any work Make a strategy, which includes the complete details of the work and also make an estimate of the result, if you work on this track, then you will experience right and wrong and this will give confidence in you.

6. Dream with Open Eyes: To overcome the work for which you are in doubt about yourself, make it a desire to do it. Whatever work you fear that you are not capable of doing it, try to do it, do not be under illu-

sion. While working, go ahead thinking completely about your dreams, you yourself will feel that in your confidence can take your dreams forward, all you need is to motivate yourself for your dreams. This brings positive thinking in you, which increases your confidence.

7. Don't Be Afraid to Make Mistakes: Many people are afraid of making mistakes. They do not know that doing this is very important for a successful life. There is no such successful person in the world who has never made any mistake. Mistakes will happen but it is very important to learn from those mistakes. If you start learning from your mistakes then mistakes will not scare you and your confidence will also increase. There are many people in the world who have achieved the biggest achievement of their life only after the biggest mistake of their life. So do not panic, have complete faith in yourself.

8. Don't be afraid to fail: Don't always imagine the right result because you don't necessarily get success in whatever work you are doing, sometimes you get disappointment but accept it because only by mistake people learn those who fall down He only touches the heights, that's why failing Don't let your confidence dwindle, but correct your mistakes and move on.

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How and why an aid seeker....

Bangladesh has also agreed to help Afghanistan with medical assistance. Bangladesh promised humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people in December 2021, while also expressing profound concern about the approaching economic and humanitarian crises in Afghanistan. According to the Foreign Ministry, Pakistan issued a humanitarian aid package in the form of food and medicine assistance during the 17th emergency session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers on the Afghanistan crisis in Islamabad, Pakistan. Bangladesh has now offered medical assistance.

Greatest humanitarian example?

When Bangladesh joyfully accepted 1.1 million forcefully displaced Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, it solidified its image as a humanitarian na-

tion. Despite several diplomatic efforts, the repatriation of Rohingyas has taken a long time. Because Bangladesh is already overcrowded, the flow of Rohingyas migrants from Myanmar to Bangladesh posed several geopolitical, economic, and environmental challenges. Despite the significant strain on the economy, food management, limited resources, and other situations, Bangladesh continues to generously welcome the world's largest and expanding refugee community. Bangladesh planned to move some Rohingyas to Bhashanchar on its own dime as part of the Ashrayan 3 Project to improve their living conditions. Furthermore, Bangladesh has had a remarkable track record of development and progress over the last decade, making it better capable of assisting other countries in need.

There are thousands of

more cases where Bangladesh was one of the first countries to join the international community. Medical aid supplied by Bangladesh to Sri Lanka may be tiny in comparison to the required funds, but its timely response is certainly commendable.

The question is now valid. Bangladesh has become a lending and donating country! Why can't other countries in South Asia be self-sufficient, donors, lenders, and economic miracles? Why isn't South Asia learning from Bangladesh? Of course, Bangladesh can teach South Asia a lot.

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PM Modi urges people to hoist tricolour at home between August 13-15 to strengthen 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

New Delhi, July 22:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged people to strengthen the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement, and asked them to hoist or display tricolour at home between August 13 and 15.

"This year, when we are marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, let us strengthen the Har Ghar Tiranga Movement. Hoist the Tricolour or display it in your homes between 13th and 15th August," he said in a tweet.

PM Modi said that this movement will "deepen our connect" with the national flag.

Earlier, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma urged residents of the state to hoist the national flag at their respective houses from August 13 to 15 to prove that they are "real children of Mother India".

However, Sarma's statement evoked immense backlash from the Opposition which said that there is no need to ask people to prove their patriotism.



He recalled the efforts of all those who fought for freedom and dreamt of a flag of an independent India. "Today, 22nd July has a special relevance in our history. It was on this day in 1947 that our National Flag was adopted. Sharing some interesting nuggets from history including details of the committee associated with our

Tricolour and the first Tricolour unfurled by Pandit Nehru. (sic)," he said, while tweeting photos of historic documents.

The website, harghartiranga.com, asks users to hoist a national flag and pin their location. As of Friday afternoon, 1.4 lakh flags had been pinned.

Saurav Bhalki, the founder

and CEO of Tagbin, the company that developed the website and is working on the outreach for Har Ghar Tiranga, said the aim was to reach 5 crore pins. He added that an outreach programme would be rolled out soon.

Congress spokesperson Apurba Bhattacharjee had slammed the Assam Chief Minister and said, "Look who is teaching us patriotism. We will show how to celebrate Independence Day. For years, they didn't even hoist the national flag. Comparing NRC and national flag is wrong"

As part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, to be carried out under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the tricolor will be hoisted atop more than 20 crore houses across the country for three days next month.

Over 100 crore people will participate in the campaign to rededicate themselves to the service of Mother India. It will greatly contribute to inculcating a new sense of patriotism among people, according to an official statement.

Assam Rifles organises interaction with Ex-servicemen

IT News
Imphal, July 22:

Keithelmanbi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised an Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Meet at Chandrakong, Thoubal District today.

The meet saw a healthy participation of the ESMs of both Assam Rifles and Army. A total of 25 ESMs attended the Meet.

This meet provided the platform for discussion of various issues being faced by the ESMs. During the meet, an



endeavour was made to provide a variety of medical facilities to the ex-service men

and address their grievances related to their pension and welfare schemes.

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CBSE 10th & 12th result....

The CBSE Term 2 board exams for Class 12 were conducted from April 26 to June 15.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday had his words of encouragement for the CBSE Class 10 and 12 students who were not happy with their results. Taking to Twitter, Modi said, "Some students may not be happy with their results but they must know that one exam will never define who they are. I am certain they will do more success in the times to come. Also sharing this year's PPC where

we discussed aspects relating to exams."

The prime minister shared the video of this year's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', an event in which he shares his insights about examination with the students. In the fifth Pariksha Pe Charcha, Modi had exhorted the school students to overcome any fear of examinations and reminded them of the past examination successes that led them to where they were.

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will never define who they are. I am certain they will find more success in the times to come. Also sharing this year's PPC where we discussed aspects relating to exams.

"Do not stress yourself over what you could not prepare. Focus on your strengths. Do not change your routine at the last minute in trying anything as an imitation of others. Appear in your exams with a festive mood without any stress," he had said while replying to the queries by students on exam-related stress and anxieties.

India reports 3rd case of Monkeypox in Kerala's Malappuram as 35-yr-old UAE returnee tests +ve

Agency
Malappuram, July 22:

India reported its third case of monkeypox on Friday when a 35-year-old man, who returned to Malappuram from UAE on July 6, was found to be infected. The Kerala health minister said that he was admitted with fever at Manjeri Medical College Hospital on July 3 and from July 15 he began showing symptoms. "His family and close contacts are under ob-

servations," health minister Veena George said.

George's office added that with this, three people have been confirmed with monkeypox in the state. Their health condition remains "satisfactory". The second case of monkeypox was reported from Kannur district of Kerala on July 18 in which there was a history of contact with a case of disease in UAE. On July 14, a man from the state's Kollam district, who also returned from the UAE, had

tested positive for the infection.

The Union health ministry on Monday ordered strict screening of all international passengers arriving at airports and ports to minimise the threat of importation of monkeypox, after the country reported its second case of the virus infection.

Taking note of the cases, the Union health ministry held a meeting to review safety measures and advised states to ensure strict screening to

"minimise risk of importation of monkeypox disease," the ministry said in a statement.

The meeting was attended by airport and port health officers, and regional directors from regional offices of the ministry.

Kerala, meanwhile, was put on high alert following the detection of a second monkeypox case. Neighbouring Karnataka too has decided to speed up surveillance activities and keep a strong vigil in the state.

GST on food will further add....

Large number of our population in our country is in the unorganised sector where the legal formulations are hardly implemented. The farmers and agriculture labour who are the producers are among the worst sufferers. Agriculture labourers have to face double oppression, economic as well as social. Farmers protested against the new Farm Laws fearing these will not only adversely affect their economic

conditions but even the food security of the citizens too will be compromised.

As per the UNICEF, India has 5,772,472 children below five years affected by severe wasting — the most in the world. The global body called the situation an "overlooked child survival emergency" in its May 2022 child alert. Severe wasting, also known as severe acute malnutrition, is defined as low weight-for-height.

It is therefore imperative that essential food items are cost effective and within the reach of low socio-economic groups. Wages for all sections be revised as per the caloric needs, balanced diet, clothing, health, education and housing at the present prices. In this context the GST levied on food and other day to day needs items be withdrawn to prevent further malnutrition. (IPAService)

Sports

World Athletics Championship 2022: Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Men's Javelin final; Eldhose Pual through to Triple Jump final

Agency
Oregon (USA), July 22:

India's Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic champion, qualified for the final of the men's javelin throw at the World Athletics Championships with his first throw of 88.39m at the Hayward Field, Eugene, Oregon on Friday.

Chopra, who has a season-best of 89.94m — a new national record set in Stockholm in June earlier this year, made short work of the qualification mark with his very first throw.

Joining Chopra is India's Rohit Yadav with the best throw of 80.42m placing him 12 among qualifiers. It was further good news for India as triple-jumper Eldhose Pual qualified for his final in his event with the best jump of 16.68m.

Praveen Chithravel and Abdulla Aboobacker missed out on qualification finishing 17th and 19th, respectively.

Defending champion, Grenera's Anderson Peters

topped the qualifying charts in men's javelin with a throw of 89.91m while Chopra's effort puts him as the second best qualifier. Germany's Julian Webber (87.28m) and Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch (85.23m), the Tokyo Games silver medalist, were the other two automatic qualifiers.

In the triple jump, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Pedro Pichardo topped qualification with a leap of 17.16m, followed by Burkino Faso's Hugues Fabrice Zango (17.15m) and Emanuel Themeje (17.13m) of Italy.

Meanwhile, India's national record holder Annu Rani will be in action in the women's javelin throw final tomorrow, after she finishing 5th in her group (B) qualifiers with the best throw of 59.60m. Overall Rani qualified 8th with Japan's Haruka Kitaguchi topping the qualification with a season-best throw of 64.32m, followed by Shiyiing Liu of China (63.86m) and Liveta Jasiunaite of Lithuania (63.80m).

The top 12 throwers will qualify for the final slated for July 24.

Defending champion Anderson Peters of Grenada and another Indian, Rohit Yadav will compete in Group B.

Chopra, who has a personal best of 89.94m, had competed in the 2017 London World Championships with the hope of at least making it to the finals

but managed only 82.26m to fall short of the automatic qualification mark of 83m.

He had also missed the 2019 World Championships in Doha as he was recovering from elbow surgery.

If Neeraj Chopra does manage to win a medal, he will be only the second Indian athlete to do so at the championships after Anju Bobby George, who clinched a women's long jump bronze in Paris in 2003.

India's Rohit Yadav will also be competing in the men's Javelin and is in Group B. Yadav has a personal best of 82.54m.

Euro 2022: Germany beats Austria to reach women's semis



Agency
London, July 22:

Germany remain on course for a ninth women's European Championship title but were made to work hard for a 2-0 win over Austria to reach the semi-finals of Euro 2022 on Thursday.

Austria hit the woodwork three times in London, but goals from Lina Magull and Alexandra Popp sent the Germans through to meet France or the Netherlands in the semi-finals.

"The game could have ended 6-3," said Germany coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg.

"We played against a very good side. Huge compliments to Austria."

"I still believe that we leave the pitch as deserved winners."

Germany had cruised through what appeared to be the toughest group with convincing victories over Denmark, Spain and Finland to reach the last eight in style.

But they were made to

sweat until Popp's bizarre 90th minute goal, when she charged down Manuela Zinsberger's clearance, gave them side breathing space.

Austria had proven they are awkward opponents by pushing England all the way in a 1-0 defeat on the opening night of the tournament and eliminating Norway in the group stages.

Irene Fuhrmann's side started strongly as Julia Hickelsberger-Fuller fired too close to Merle Frohms before Marina Georgieva headed off

the post from a corner.

Germany were struggling to find the attacking nerve that saw them score nine goals without reply in the group stage.

But they pounced on one error from the Austrian defence as Klara Buhl sped down the left wing and her cross was calmly slotted into the far corner by Magull for her second goal of the tournament.

"It was just as well that we took the lead in the first half," said Magull.

"We were also a bit lucky because we gave them too many chances. We are incredibly happy and proud to have reached a semi-final again."

Five years ago, Austria upset the odds to reach the semi-finals in their only previous major tournament at Euro 2017.

And they could have matched that achievement with more luck in the second half.

Barbara Dunst was inches away from catching Frohms off her line with an audacious effort from long range that came back off the crossbar.

Sarah Puntigam then smashed off the inside of the post as Germany struggled to clear a corner.