

The Manipur Legislative Assembly pass an amount of Rs. 187,02,69,000 Excess Grants for the year 2017-18

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

On the second day of the second session 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly began today with the question hour. As soon as the house assembled, the speaker Th. Satyabarta took up the question hour followed by discussion on Budget Estimates, 2022-23.

Education Minister Th. Basantakumar replying to the question raised by MLA K. Ranjit and Th. Lokeshwor said there are 28 Aided High schools with the good infrastructure in the state. He said there is plan for conversion of some Aided High School with good student enrolment to the full fledged government schools. Under the School Fagathansi Mission, two schools from each constituency is selected. The minister also further state in the house that NEP-2020 is implemented

in the state. The state will implement the NEP in accordance with ground reality of the state.

Replying to the question raised by MLA Surjakumar Okram, Dr. S. Ranjan, Minister Medical, Health & Family Welfare said in the assembly that steps have been taken up to deal with the rising Covid 19 cases in the state such as increase of surveillance and testing, ensuring bed availability for COVID patients, ensuring availability of medical oxygen and intensifying COVID vaccination drive. He also said that payment of honorarium to the contractual staff engaged for Covid related duties has been cleared till December, 2021. After generating Specific Identification Numbers (SIN), payment of wages for the staff engaged during the period from January 2022 to March 2022 will be cleared, he added.

In another question raised

by MLA Kh. Joykishan Singh, H. Dingo Singh, Minister of Fishery said the department of Fishery has taken up PMMSY (Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana) and Loktak Livelihood Mission for fish farmers in the state. Under PMMSY, grants are given to the beneficiaries for establishment of hatcheries, construction of ponds and setting up of bio-floc units and under the Loktak Livelihood Mission, grants are provided to the fishermen for establishment of cage culture, pen culture, Seed production units etc.

The Manipur Legislative Assembly today passed a total amount of Rs. 187,02,69,000 for Excess Grants for the year, 2017-18 in the house today which include Rs. 11,70,72,000/- for State Legislature, Rs. 139,98,47,000/- for Finance, Rs. 27,63,84,000/- for Labour and Employment, Rs. 5,57,08,000/- for Textiles, Commerce & Industries and Rs. 2,21,58,000/-

for sericulture.

Earlier, K. Ranjit Singh, MLA moved a motion on the poor result of students of Government schools in BOSEM and COHSEM examinations. In giving clarification, Education Minister Th. Basantakumar said the government schools are able to produce 15 subjects topper in the recently announced class -XII exam. He also said that pass percentage in the government schools has also been increased. The government is also planning to conduct special coaching for the student appearing class X and XII exam.

The house also discussed on Budget Estimates, 2022-23. N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister also introduced The Manipur Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 11 of 2022) and The Manipur Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 13 of 2022) in the house today.

State observes Kargil Vijay Diwas



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Manipur today observed Kargil Vijay Diwas at the Banquet Hall of the 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh gracing the function as Chief Guest. Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and Health & Family Welfare Minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh also attended the observance as President and Guest of Honour respectively.

Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed across the country on 26th July every year, to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War by ousting Pakistani Forces from their occupied positions on the mountain tops of North-

ern Kargil District in Ladakh in 1999.

Speaking on the occasion, N. Biren Singh recalled the valour and courage shown by Indian Soldiers during the Kargil War driving away the Pakistani forces by recapturing mountain heights that had been seized by Pakistani intruders. He honoured the sacrifices made by Indian soldiers to save the integrity and sovereignty of the Country. He mentioned that Indian soldiers had overcome many challenges, camping at extremely cold regions, during the war which went on for 74 days, informing that the Country lost 527 soldiers in the war.

The Chief Minister maintained that India had witnessed considerable progress

in every field, after 2014, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He continued that as the Country progressed in its path of development, many challenges including enmity from neighbouring countries would create impediments to the growth progress. As such, we should maintain our unity and sense of brotherhood and should be ready to face any eventualities on our way towards development. Considering its importance, the Central Government had come up with the Agnipath Scheme.

N. Biren further happily informed that the Agniveer Recruitment for all the districts of Manipur, which was earlier scheduled to be held at Dimapur, Nagaland, had been rescheduled to be held at Leimakhong, Manipur from 23rd November to 5th December, 2022. Youths of the State won't face the problems of going outside the State as they would have the opportunity to appear for the Agniveer Recruitment Rally in the State, he added. He also informed the State Government would provide special priority to Agniveers in the recruitment of State's active services.

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Tribal body demands regularization of Joint Director of TRI

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

A body called the Joint Action Committee of 12 (Twelve) Civil Society Organizations and Students' on the Tribal Research Institute, Manipur & Its Functioning has demanded regularization of the Joint Director of the Tribal research Institute (TRI) within fifteen days strating today.

In a press statement signed by W. Shinglai, Convnor of the joint body, it is stated that the demand is for effective functioning of the administration of the TRI. It said that agenda for regularization of the post of contractual Joint Director of TRI, Manipur was included in the Cabinet Agenda held on 24/11/2021 under No.69. However,

unfortunately it was deferred till date as the then Addl. CS of TA & Hills/TRI, Letkhogin Haokip put up fabricated allegations in the Memorandum for Cabinet.

The statement also blamed the officials of the TRI for systematically oppressed, victimized and harassed the incumbent Joint Director (Contractual) of TRI by preventing him from executing his official duty by not routing files through him against the Order of the Administrative Department (TA&Hills/TRI).

The statement said - TRI failed to organize the Annual State Level Tribal Festival for almost 5 years

- TRI failed to tap sufficient funds from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI for the welfare of the tribals of Manipur.

- No effort was made to increase the funds for TRI, Manipur under the State Plan/Budget.

- TRI failed to tap funds from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India to offer free-coaching for all levels of competitive examinations, engineering and Medical entrance examinations for STs Students.

It also added that the TRI failed to offer M. Phil., PhD, Post-Doctoral and Senior Research Fellowships till date It could have been done long back by availing funds from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI to do more research works on various issues of tribal society. It also failed to create Research Posts. The Institute requires at least 15 (Fifteen) Research Positions so as to make this Institute a real research

Institute as it must serve a "Body of Knowledge and Think Tank" of tribal society as desired by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI in its Operational Guidelines for TRIs.

The body said that service of a regular Joint Director (TRI) is of extreme necessity for the smooth functioning of TRI. TRI is a Research-Oriented Institute to conduct research and organize Seminars, Workshops, Trainings, etc. on topics related to the socio-economic conditions and cultural life of Tribal Communities. To take tip the challenging functions of the Institute, the present Joint Director, who is the expert in tribal matter as Ph. D scholar of Social Science from tribal community must be regularized at the earliest.

PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Mahotsav in Imphal



IT News
Imphal, July 26:

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs and Education visited Imphal on July 26, 2022 to attend the SVANidhi Mahotsav celebrations hosted by the Manipur Urban Development Agency. MOS Dr. Singh was accompanied by Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Minister of RD&PR and MAHUD, Govt. of Manipur, during the event.

The PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India in June 2020 to empower Street Vendors by not only extending loans to them, but also for their holistic development and economic upliftment. The scheme aimed to facilitate collateral free work-

ing capital loans of up to INR 10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately 50 lakh street vendors, to help resume their businesses in the urban areas, including surrounding peri-urban/rural areas. PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched as a part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan with the primary objective to provide collateral free micro working capital loans to street vendors, who were adversely impacted due to pandemic. Since its launch, PM SVANidhi has scaled many milestones and till date 30.3 lakh street vendors have availed credit under this scheme. This scheme has become one of the fastest growing credit schemes of the country till date.

The SVANidhi Mahotsav is being celebrated in 75 cities across India as part of AKAM - India's 75th year of independence, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, to honour the street vendors with PM SVANidhi demonstrating good credit discipline, digital behaviour and business acumen.

During his remarks, MoS Dr. Singh highlighted the importance and contributions of street vendors to the economy of the country. He also highlighted the importance of good credit discipline, for growth of any business. He handed over various awards to participating street vendors for maintaining credit discipline, adoption of digital transactions under PM SVANidhi and also to the three best performing banks in credit disbursement under PM SVANidhi Scheme.

A short play by Team NOKPHADE and other cultural performances concluded the event.

FIPRESI-India to conduct 2nd Online Film Appreciation Course 2022 from September 24 to October 1

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

The International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESI)-India chapter is organising the 2nd Online Film Appreciation Course 2022 from September 24 to October 1, 2022. Course Duration is eight days. Medium of instruction is English. Number of Online Sessions is 13. Duration of Each Session is 90 Minutes. Registration Fee is Rs.1000/-. There will be no Course Fee. Participants will be across India and SAARC countries. Film academicians, scholars, film society

members, filmmakers, film critics and students can join the course for updating their knowledge. Seats are limited.

Based on the previous experience, the academic council of FIPRESI-India consisting of N. Vidyashankar: Course Coordinator, Manu Chakravarty: Member, Minakshi Dutta: Member and Meghachandra Kongbam: Member designed the course focusing on the different elements of cinema and its various aspects and how they synthesize in an intellectually and culturally satisfying work-an alternate mode of understanding movies.

Registration opens and the link is available at FIPRESI-India facebook page. For registration, first deposit Rs.1000/- to: FIPRESI INDIA. A/C No. 40083084088. IFSC: SBIN0070181. State Bank of India, Mannarkkad, Kerala and upload the Transaction details during online registration. Details of topics and faculty members can be seen at the link.

FIPRESI is an association of the national organizations of professional film critics and film journalists from 50 countries worldwide. It was founded on 6th June 1930 at Academy Palace in Brussels, Belgium. This

Online Film Appreciation Course is a part of FIPRESI-India's academic activities to promote the good film culture. For any further information/ query, please Mail to the Secretary, Fipresci-India <indiafipresci@gmail.com> OR Text through WhatsApp at: 9830140517.

Those willing participants in Manipur for the course can be contacted the member of Academic Council Meghachandra Kongbam at <mkgongbam@gmail.com> or text through whatsapp at 9862821062 for further information and query.

Commemorating the Kargil Vijay Diwas



By: Lt. Gen. Satish Dua

On 26th July every year, Kargil Vijay Diwas commemorates the Indian victory in Kargil in 1999 when Indian armed forces evicted the Pakistan Army personnel who had sneaked in and occupied mountain peaks on our territory. It celebrates the bravery of Indian soldiers who prevailed against all odds, and at a great cost. 527 officers and men laid down their lives to protect the territorial integrity of our country in Kargil. They made the nation proud. We salute them.

Kargil conflict was technically not a war, but it was no less than a war, in any respect, least of all in bravery displayed by our soldiers and young leaders. Kargil is a district in Ladakh, with remarkable scenic beauty. The

Line of Control (LOC) between India and Pakistan runs through the mountainous and rugged terrain of Kargil. The altitude of these snow-covered mountains ranges from 11000 to 18000 feet.

Why did Pakistan try to occupy the inhospitable snow-covered mountain peaks in Kargil? First, we must understand what happened at the Siachen glacier, to the west of Kargil, over a decade earlier. In eighties, Indian and Pakistan Armies confronted each other at the Siachen glacier. It was my Battalion that executed the highest attack in the world and captured Pakistan Qaid post at 21153 feet, which was later renamed Bana Top, in honour of Honorary Captain Bana Singh, PVC whose section finally assaulted the post. Stung by this loss, three months later the Special Services Group of Pakistan launched a riposte, which was successfully beaten back. It was launched by their commander, Brig Parvez Musharraf. He was smarting from that defeat and planned Kargil intrusions when he became Army Chief, initially without political consent. By occupying these mountain peaks, he hoped to cut off the road leading from Srinagar to Leh and Siachen.

In 1999, Pakistan sent soldiers across the LoC in Kargil, in areas lightly held by both sides during winters. This happened when the then PM Vajpayee travelled to Lahore in bus to take the peace process forward. It was deception at national level. We were stabbed in the back.

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Nature Conservation, the soul of Future Generation



By: N. Munal Meitei

When we haul conservation and exploit the nature, there will be rains of scarcity. Development in environmental perspectives is the modification of the biosphere and applications to improve the human quality of life. Development is thus only for the human but not for other living beings who have the equal rights with us. Greedy human whose very survival is precarious, always expect every needs to respond sympathetically by the nature. That's a wrong perception.

Nature conservation means protecting the nature and use of its resources judiciously so that the need of present generation can be satisfied without compromising future generation's ability to maximize their own needs. Healthy environment is the foundation for a stable and healthy society. Nature comprises of everything that surrounds us. Keeping nature and its resources integral is very important for the continuation of life on earth. It wouldn't be wise, if we spoil our natural environment and it will put the light off during the days of sustainable living.

Conservation must therefore be accompanied with short and long term

economic measures. The vicious circle by which poverty causes ecological degradation which in turn leads to break the nature should not be self-defeating, but for a sustainable development.

The first conditions of happiness is to have a better bond between man and nature. The unsustainable relation to nature led humanity to face an incalculable number of environmental problems. Soil is a crucial life-support system, since the bulk of all food production depends on it.

Our planet Earth is what we all have in common. Forest is the disguise of the mother nature. On Earth there is no heaven, but plenty of such places in the form of natural beauties. From spring's blooms and fall's array of colours to winter's magic and summer's energy, the nature has all admirers and beauties. The major problems in the world today are the results of the differences between how nature works and the way that the people think.

The World Nature Conservation Day is observed on July 28 with this year's theme, "Cut down on Plastics use." Plastic used on the largest scale globally has affected in every parts of the nature challenging all living beings and single-use plastics decay in hundreds of years. This day promotes conservation, encourages sustainability and awareness about protecting the nature and natural resources. Saving plants and animals that are threatened with extinction is one of the primary focuses of the day. This day also stresses the need for preserving the environment and natural resources to maintain for a stable

and healthy society.

Man comes into contact with nature right from birth. Conservation of resources has an important role in protecting the nature. The balance in the natural beauty of the earth can be established by preserving various components of nature - water, air, soil, energy, vegetation, minerals, flora & fauna etc. But, nature has started giving warning signals as at Marangching in Noney District.

The nature is characterized by the wonderful diversity of living organisms that exist in the unique terrain of mountains, water, plateaus and forests. To ensure the well-being of the present and future, we all must be responsible in protecting and conserving our nature and to educate people about the best practices to safeguard our natural resources as the planet has its limited. Such gifts of nature make our earth a place worth living.

Nature conservation is the moral philosophy for protecting species from extinction, restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services and protecting biodiversity. Nowadays, officially more than 10% of the world is legally protected in practice. Environmentalists set to protect 30% of land and marine territory by 2030 but as of 2021, 16.64% of land and 7.9% of the oceans were protected.

A report from WWF states that since 1970, the pressure that we exert on the planet has doubled and the resources upon which we depend have declined by 33%. Thus if we continue to consume the natural resources at this trend, then mankind will require two Earths by 2030.

Human beings were sent to live

on this earth by utilizing nature's resources judiciously and our prosperity need not cost the earth. Everyone must promote environment-friendly activities in their daily life to lead to a green lifestyle. Clean air and water are limited resources. The tree canopy and vegetation serve as critical filters for our air. Wetlands that border our rivers, lakes and streams filter pollution before it reaches to human body. The environment is the key to existence of life on the planet and for future generations. A lot of medicines are provided by nature in the form of chemicals from plants and animals, thus conserving the natural habitat enrich and keep our planet alive.

It would be wrong to conclude that conservation only is sufficient response to solve all the environmental issues. Some of the steps for conservation of nature are; reducing dependence on fossil fuels to reduce carbon footprints. We should buy need-based items, be it food or any other things. This will certainly reduce the wastage of our resources. Planting trees and increasing forest cover is the best key for our survival and to conserve the nature including the climate change and global warming. Water will be the bone for a 3rd World War. Thus we should use water, the most precious gift of nature judiciously.

Therefore, with coming of the World Nature Conservation Day, 2022, let's oath to take at least for some changing steps to conserve the nature in its purest form for the sake of mother Earth and the future generations.

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Bihar College of Engineering : A gloried history



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

The opening of a Technical institution in the last quarter of 19th century was ushering of a new epoch of scientific learning and Technical education in Bihar. The famous Wood's Educational Policy of 1854 laid the present education system. Under this policy, a number of pioneer educational institutions were opened in Bihar.

The thought of opening a technical school in Patna came into existence through the proposed scheme of an Industrial Institution in 1855-56 by W. Taylor, the then Commissioner of Patna. The British Government felt an urgent need to open Survey School to train land-surveyors. On 4th Dec. 1871 the Lt. Governor of Bengal pleaded for establishment of a School for Land-Surveyors.

For the first time in 1871, Survey classes were opened in the newly established Patna College (1863) with hundred students, half of them being ex-students and outsiders. The courses of studies were Drawing, Mensuration and theory of Surveying. Survey classes were also opened at Deogarh, Munger, Chausa, Hazaribagh and Purnia. Subsequently, it was proposed to set up special Survey Schools at Patna, Dhaka and Cuttack. Patna Survey School, with a two-year curriculum, was started in March 1876, which appeared as a milestone of Technical Education in Bihar. There were more Bihar Muslims than Hindus in the school. During 1875-76, 21 out of 37 students were Muslims, whereas in 1876-77, 22 out of 45 students were Muslims.

Another important technical insti-

tute named "Bihar Industrial School" for artisans was started at Bankipur, Patna in 1879. In the beginning the numbers of students were 150; but when they knew about few scholarships, most of them left out reducing the strength to only 20. The Biharis were little interested for technical education. The lack of workshop and other equipments also discouraged them. The report of the Education Commission in 1882 suggested about more scholarships to promote technical institutions in India and consequently more scholarships were reserved for Biharis to encourage them to take up technical education.

In 1896, re-organisation of Survey and Industrial Schools of Patna took place and the Patna Survey School merged with Bihar Industrial School as Bihar School of Engineering. The present main block of Bihar College of Engineering (now NIT) Patna was constructed in 1900. In this institution, overseer's course of four years after matriculation were introduced. Till 1908, this institution was under the administrative control of the Principal of Patna College. In 1908, Bihar School of Engineering become independent institution under the Principalship of Mr. F. Walford.

The School was administered by the Government of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. It was equipped with workshops, laboratories, lecture theaters, drawing halls and a hostel. The school had four sections- overseer, Sub-overseer, Surveyor and the Artisan. The admission fee was Rs 2/- and tuition fee Rs 2/- per month. Five Government scholarships of Rs 7/- per month were awarded on the basis of annual examination results, out of which four were reserved for Biharis.

When Bihar and Orissa was separated from Bengal on 22 March 1912, the Nathan Committee was constituted in 1913 to study the necessity of self-sufficient Technical College and a separate University. The Committee recommended for opening of Medical, Engineering, Commerce and Agriculture Colleges under Patna University. When

Patna University came into existence in 1917, a Committee was formed to make proposals for the development of institution. In 1923, the Bihar School of Engineering became affiliated to the Patna University. In July 1924, the present Bihar College of Engineering started functioning with 30 students. In addition to the degree courses, there two additional courses.

Mr. F. Walford continued as the Principal of Bihar College of Engineering. A number of equipments were added and workshops were enlarged. The material testing laboratories were completed by 1926. A hostel was built for engineering students. An electricity generating set run by a diesel engine was installed for extra load requirements of the laboratories. A windmill was constructed in 1928 to pump water for hydraulic laboratory.

In March 1928, Mr. L.D. Coueslant became the permanent Principal. At his behest, a sub-committee was formed which recommended all-round development of the college including acquisition of land for various purposes. The committee also recommended opening of degree courses in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. But these courses were not started due to the economic slowdown around the world. However, in 1929 a short Survey Course for Pleaders and Munisifs was introduced.

In 1930, the Industrial Diploma course was included in place of Mechanical Apprentice course. The degree course was recognised by Government of India (Department of Industries and Labour) in 1932 and later on by Institution of Engineers (India) and City & Guilds of London Institute. In 1936 Mr. Coueslant retired and J. Tullis took over the charge of Principal.

The degree course in Electrical Engineering was started in July 1945. In 1940, an electrical sub-station consisting of transformers and motor generator was installed in the college. A new two-storey workshop building was constructed during 1943-44 for the training of war technicians. From 1945, the building was used as Electrical Laboratory and in 1952 the Department of Mechanical Engineering was transferred to it.

After the end of World War-II, the



first Indian principal Sri Bhagwat Prasad took charge in June 1945. In view of increasing demand for engineers, the seats for Civil Engineering degree course were increased from 30 to 50 in 1945 and 16 seats were provided to the newly introduced Electrical Engineering course. In 1949, the 66 seats were rose to 100. In 1950 the first batch of BIT Sindri was admitted to Bihar College of Engineering raising the strength to 132. In 1952, when these students transferred to newly founded institution at Sindri, the seats were reduced to 72. In January 1952, the administration of the college was transferred to Patna University. In the same year Sri Bhagwat Prasad was appointed member of BPSC and Dr. Ramji Prasad Verma, a product of this college, became the new Principal.

In 1952, some students were admitted to Mechanical engineering degree course without any provision for staff, accommodation and equipments. The sub-ordinate classes were transferred to Muzaffarpur along with some staffs, hence now carrying on only degree course. In Dec. 1953, N.N.G. Dastidar became the principal of the college. Under the modernisation scheme the seats in Electrical and Mechanical departments were raised to 30 each. Two seats were reserved for Diploma holders in each branch of engineering. Also steam turbine, compound steam engine and a boiler was installed in the mechanical engineering laboratory. With U.G.C. grant the new block

(now the Department of Civil Engineering) was constructed.

In June 1958, after retirement of Prof. Dastidar Prof. R.K. Verma became the senior-most professor took over charge. In 1959, Dr. Deep Narayan Singh was appointed as the Principal. From 1960 to 1970, several development schemes were implemented in the college. In 1962, there was a proposal to increase the seats to 180. In 1964, a new building came into existence for the department of Electrical Engineering.

In 1965-66 five year integrated undergraduate courses and 60 additional admission scheme were implemented. Thus the number of seats in each branch became 60 each. In addition, one-year post-graduate diploma courses in structure and Public Health Engineering were introduced. New Engineers Hostel with a capacity of 249 seats was constructed and a large area in adjoining Golakpur was acquired for future expansion, though the possession is yet to be received. In 1971, 60 additional admissions, five-year integrated course and one-year post graduate diploma courses were abolished and four year courses were reintroduced. In the same year, intermediate science classes were started with 60 students.

Small Industries Research Training and Development Organisation (SIRTDPO) was established in 1972 for the purpose of self-employment and a new building was constructed. In 1974, for the first time two girl students were

admitted to the college. Masters Degree courses were introduced in 1978 in all the three branches of Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Simultaneously, under-graduate teaching in electronics was also started. After a record of 19 years of principalship, Dr. D.N. Singh retired in May 1978. Prof. B.B. Chakravarty being the senior-most professor took over the charge of principal.

4-1/2 year Architecture Engineering course was started in the college in 1980. In July 1980, the college was selected for Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM). A Water Resources Studies Programme of the Patna University was set up at the Bihar College of Engineering with support of U.G.C. and Bihar Government.

In 1989 a four-year degree course in computer engineering was introduced with 15 students. A Computer Centre was established in the college campus in collaboration with the former USSR. One-year and three-year post graduate diploma courses were started in the same year through All India competition. A 40-seated girls hostel was constructed through the fund provided by the U.G.C.

In 1984 Prof. B.B. Chakravarty voluntarily stepped down from the principalship handing over the charge to senior-most professor Daya Sharan. In 1990 Daya Sharan also stepped down due to medical reasons and Prof. S.N. Chakravarty became the principal. Prof. S.N. Chakravarty retired in 1993 and Dr. S.P. Singh took over the charge.

Bihar lost its only Regional Engineering College located at Jamshedpur, when Jarkhand was carved out of Bihar on 15th November 2000. By 2002, the Central government decided to upgrade all RECs to NIT, with the aim of having at least one NIT per State. On 28th January 2004, Bihar College of Engineering was taken over by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and upgraded as National Institute of Technology. In 2007, it was granted institute of national importance status in accordance with the National Institute Technology Act 2007.

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India reports 14,830 new COVID-19 cases, 36 fatalities

Agency
New Delhi, July 26:

With 14,830 new COVID-19 cases being reported in a day, India's tally of coronavirus infections rose to 4,39,20,451, while the count of active cases has declined to 1,47,512, according to Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The death toll due to the disease has climbed to 5,26,110 with 36 new fatalities being recorded, the data updated at 8 am showed.

Active cases now comprise 0.34 per cent of the total infections, while the na-

tional COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.47 per cent, the health ministry said.

A decline of 3,365 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours, it said.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 3.48 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 4.53 per cent, according to the data.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,32,46,829, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.20 per cent, it showed.

According to the ministry, 202.5 crore vaccine doses

have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

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

India crossed the grim milestones of two crore cases on May 4, 2021, three crore on June 23, 2021 and four crore on January 25 this year.

The national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.47 per cent, the health ministry said, adding that 18,159 people recuperated from the disease in the last 24 hours. The total recoveries from Covid disease now stand at 4,32,46,829, it said.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 3.48 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 4.53 per cent.

Under the ongoing nationwide Covid vaccination campaign, 202.5 crore vaccine doses have been administered in the country so far. Of them, 30,42,476 doses were administered in the last 24 hours.

The Government Resumes Metro Car shed Work Amid Protest by Environmentalists



(Top left): The police guard the Aarey forest area. (Right): The trees are being cut. (Left Down): Protestors staging agitation.

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, July 26:

The tranquil environs of Aarey Forest in North Mumbai have been witnessing massive protests in the last few days against the resumption of Metro rail III car shed work by the new BJP-Shinde Government in Maharashtra with regular agitations held to oppose the proposed car shed.

The police have been intercepting outsiders entering the area and have put up barricades on roads and have been diverting the traffic to prevent the protesters from entering the area. On Sunday the police detained the protesters- Laxman Jadhav, Rohit Jadhav, Tabrez Ali Sayyed, and Jayesh Bhise, under the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPc) on charges of unlawful assembly.

On Monday, while the protest continued outside Aarey, some protesters staged a sit-in agitation outside the Vranai police station in Goregaon East demanding the release of the detained protesters. They were eventually released after a 10-hour detention around 8.30 pm on Monday.

Environmentalists from across the country including Nagpur, Varanasi, and Hyderabad have already begun staging symbolic protests in support of the "Save Aarey Joint Action Committee" spearheading the case.

The protests have begun in Aarey since the new Eknath

Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government, in one of its first decisions after coming to power, decided to move the Mumbai Metro III car shed back to Aarey, against the earlier Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government's decision to construct it at Kanjur Marg in North East Mumbai.

Shortly after he assumed as the Deputy Chief Minister, BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis directed the state's urban development department to begin the process of constructing a car shed in Aarey.

Initially, the then BJP-Shiv Sena Government led by Fadnavis had proposed to construct the car shed at Aarey in 2019. The Shiv Sena, despite being in the Government, had opposed the move at that time. Several Shiv Sena leaders including MP Priyanka Chaturvedi and Aditya Uddhav Thackeray had joined the protest at the site.

The Bombay High Court in September 2019, verbally directed the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) and the state government not to cut any trees in the Aarey forest area for the construction of a metro car shed. However, in October 2019, the Bombay High Court dismissed all petitions against the proposed cutting down of over 2,500 trees in the Aarey Colony. In response to the Court's order, the MMRCL cut down over 2,000 trees in just 24 hours.

When the Uddhav

Thackeray-led MVA Government came to power in November 2019, it reversed the decision taken by the earlier government and proposed to shift the car shed site to Kanjur Marg.

Some portion of the Aarey, which is part of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, was declared an eco-sensitive zone in 2016. Further the MVA Government declared 800 acres of land as a reserved forest. The Aarey forest is a 1,800-acre area, often termed Mumbai's "green lung" which accommodates 27 Adivasi villages and inhabits various animal species.

Now under the instructions of the BJP-Shinde Government, the MMRCL which comes under the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has restored the work of the construction of the car shed and has begun cutting the trees.

As per the Tree Authority, set up by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in 1976, under the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Preservation of Trees Act, 1975, a tree officer must be present at the site whenever a tree is cut. However, no BMC official was present when in a stretch of 5-6 km many trees were cut at the same time on Monday. Also, no permission for cutting the trees was shown to those who protested, activist Amrita Bhattacharjee said.

While the issue of the site for the car shed continues to remain disputed, the Bombay high court has already stayed the order passed by the Mumbai suburban district collector allotting 102 acres of salt pan land in the Kanjur Marg area for the car shed, restraining the authorities from carrying out any construction work on the said land, on December 14, 2020.

The 33-km-long underground metro 3 project aims to connect Colaba in south Mumbai and SEEPZ in North West Mumbai. Now there is a strong possibility of the environmentalists taking up the issue to court once again.

Assam: Japanese Encephalitis claims 2 more lives, toll reaches 41

Agency
Guwahati, July 26:

Japanese Encephalitis (JE) claimed two more lives in Assam on Monday, taking the death toll to 41, since July 1. Both the deaths were reported from Southern Assam's Hailakandi district.

On the other hand, 14 fresh cases of JE were reported in the state during the period. While three cases each were detected in Nagaon and Biswanath districts, Dhemaji and Sonitpur reported two cases each, and Bongaigaon, Darrang, Golaghat, and Hojai recorded one case each, the National Health Mission,



Assam, stated in a press statement.

Altogether 266 cases of JE

have been reported in Assam since July 1.

The state health depart-

ment has directed all the district administrations and health officials to take measures to control the spread of the mosquito-borne disease. The health department is carrying out awareness programs and fogging operations across the state. Medicine-treated mosquito nets are also being distributed in all the affected areas to prevent the disease from spreading.

Medical experts have advised the people living in rural areas to be more careful and protect themselves from mosquito bites. They have also asked the villagers to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and use insect repellent to keep the disease at bay.

Career Guidance

Talent can't Hide



By: Vijay GarG

"Talented person is appreciated in every field"

Talented people are found in every field. Talent is innate in some people and some people master a subject with continuous practice and diligence. Talented people are always appreciated in every field. But a few decades ago, artists were given respect, but there was no emphasis on honoring them by giving them a lot of money.

Many film artists of olden days still find this saying it will be known that he had to work on a salary of a few hundred rupees every month. But in today's era, talented people not only earn respect but also earn a good amount of money. Artists, musicians, poets, writers, clothing manufacturers, make-up experts, fashion designers, etc., who act in the film industry and TV serials, get fame and earn a lot of money on the basis of their talent. Due

to this money, competition is flourishing in the field of art in today's era, which was not in such great evidence earlier.

Used to come Everyone wants to enter the field of art by showcasing their talent. For this reason, the tendency to overtake others by pushing or removing them in any way and becoming a star overnight has also increased. This social situation is not good. People who are already frozen in the field of art, are on the cusp of nepotism. They portray their own sons, daughters, nephews and nephews in films or TV serials, even if they have no artistic qualities of any kind. They don't know how to act or sing. His voice may not be suitable for this or he may not have any relation with the art of writing. Still, they are presented in front of the audience exaggeratedly.

Now in such a situation, what should the true talents do to show their talent? They have to look for opportunities. Finding an opportunity was not easy. It takes a lot of hard work. To compete with the throngs of siblings that dominate the film industry and TV serials is like chewing iron gram. Yet these true talents are always noticed by those producers and directors who are connoisseurs of diamonds. There are. He respects them. The result is that they get work in films or serials. Being talented, they become the favorite of the audience in the flow of time. Viewers like to watch them again and again. Here they get wealth, fame and fame.

The business of producers and directors also goes on. Everything is fine till now, but do the producers and directors, surrounded by nepotism, like to see all this happen? No. They start playing crooked tricks for their selfishness. They do not want their sons, daughters, brothers, nephews, nephews to lag behind in this race. Because of this, they act as obstacles in the way of talents coming from other sections of the society. Here it would be expedient to give an example of such a talented artist belonging to such a section of the society, who had no relation even far from the film world.

The fact about this artist who created a flutter in the film industry last year is that he entered TV serials first and then films without any high reach or recommendation. It was He got a lot of fame in a very short time. In this way, obviously, the money was also received a lot. In such a situation, some of the earlier frozen producers-directors who were indulging in nepotism, how could it be tolerated that an outside artist would get so much fame and money in such a short time in the film world. He was a promising artist and fell in the lap of untimely death. Well, whatever happened, the entire film industry cannot be responsible for it.

The producers-directors of the Indian film industry have given talent to the artists, even before I have given a chance to come in front of the country and the world and will continue to give it in future also. The great work that Hindi films

have done to promote Hindi language in the country and the world is a great pride for the country. Mumbai's film industry is called Bollywood and is known for making Hindi films and bringing artists to the world. Those who are talented artists, they get their place somewhere sooner or later in this city.

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Commemorating the Kargil....

As a conflict, it was rare, if not unique, that it was not allowed to escalate into a full-blown war by responsible behaviour on India's part, and unparalleled bravery displayed by our soldiers. Not only was the war limited to the LoC, but it was also localised to Kargil. How was that achieved? Indian Army and Indian Air Force did not cross the LoC, although it would have made operational sense to cut off the enemy forces from their logistic bases by launching operations across the LoC. Our fighter aircrafts could have caused heavy damage to their operational and logistic infrastructure from across the LoC.

Why was it important to retain the sanctity of the LoC after Pakistan had violated it themselves? It was perhaps the only time when two nuclear Nations had gone to war, and the world was watching with baited breath. India displayed its restraint so as to prevent the conflict from

going out of proportion. However, this came at a cost. The soldiers had to launch frontal attacks to evict the enemy from the mountain peaks, and all assaults were uphill, making our task much more difficult and riskier.

It was India's first televised war. On the one hand, the country watched the progress of operations in real time and on the other, it witnessed the human side of war - the supreme sacrifices made by officers and soldiers, the heart-breaking sight of their families, the outpouring of the nationalistic sentiment at the funerals. When Capt Vikram Batra returned victorious after recapturing a mountain peak, he famously told, "Yeh DilMaange more...". He fired up the imagination of the youth, indeed the whole nation. And he laid down his life in the next attack which he led from the front. He was only twenty-four. So were many others - they were all in their

early twenties. And they led seasoned soldiers who were ten, some even twenty years older than them.

As a Commanding Officer, I received a telegram from an officer of my unit, who had been boarded out on medical grounds. He wanted to rejoin the battalion to fight the enemy during the war. While there is no provision for such participation, it shows his patriotism, bravery and enthusiasm to participate in combat at grave risk to his life. Such instances abound in our country, and make us proud as Indians.

Kargil conflict also ushered in military reforms. The Kargil Review Committee under K Subrahmanyam recommended many changes to structures and processes. Mr LK Advani led Group of Ministers and Arun Singh Task Force went into details and Tri-Services structures like HQ Integrated Defence Staff, Andaman & Nicobar Command and Strategic Forces

were raised. The govt also appointed a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in 2020.

Kargil conflict was unique in many ways, as we have just seen. But the one thing that stands out is the bravery of the soldiers and the young leaders leading from the front. They are all drawn from the youth of India, from rural and urban areas.

The youth who don't want to make a career in the armed forces, but are filled up with patriotic spirit, can still serve for lesser durations through short service commission or Agniphath. You need not make military service your career to serve the country. You can also serve the country by doing what you do, to the best of your abilities. And if you want to show your respect to a soldier, be a good citizen - a citizen worth dying for.

Jai Hind.

(The author is a former Corps Commander in Kashmir, who retired as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff)

Supreme Court notice on plea seeking delimitation in four Northeastern states

Agency
New Delhi, July 26:

The Supreme Court on Monday issued a notice on a plea seeking direction to the Election Commission of India to carry out a delimitation exercise in four north-eastern (NE) states – Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland – as per the Representation of People's Act, 1950.

The counsel representing the petitioner cited a presidential order dated February 28, 2020, before a bench comprising justices

KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy, which allowed for conducting delimitation exercise in the four NE states and added that the Central Government had issued a notification in March 2020 on the constitution of delimitation commission.

The counsel further contended that the commission was constituted for the purpose of delimitation of Assembly and parliamentary constituencies in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and also in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland, but

the exercise was only restricted to Jammu and Kashmir. After hearing arguments, the top court sought response from the Central government, ECI and others, and also allowed the petitioner to serve the plea on standing counsel of the north-eastern states.

The plea, filed through advocate Gaichangpou Gangmei, contended that the denial of delimitation of the constituencies in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland is unjust, unreasonable and unlawful.

The plea has been filed by the Delimitation Demand Committee for the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland in Northeast India.

The plea submitted that it has been already two decades since the Delimitation Act, 2002 was amended and no delimitation exercises have been conducted in the four Northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland nor under Section 8A of the Representation of Peoples Act in the name of law and order problems.

Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya Power@2047 celebrated

IT News
Tengnoupal, July 26:

The district administration celebrated "Ngallaba India – Nganduna Leiragadaba Punshigi @ 2047" 'Bijli Mahotsav & Ujala Diwas' at Gamnom Veng, Moreh, Manipur today.

The Ministry of Power and Ministry of Renewable Energy, Government of India celebrates "Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya Power capital 2047 and initiative of the centre government under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) from

25th- 30th July 2022 across the nation in association with power CPSEs and State DISCOMs. As done in all over the country, the border town of the state popularly known as 'Moreh' also celebrates 'Bijli Mahotsav' and Ujala Diwas'.

Addressing the crowd, Mannuamching, DC highlighted the importance of electricity. She said that it has become one of the basic necessity in our lives since we need it to perform our duties to earn our livelihood and in our daily personal lives such as cooking, washing or even cooling

from heat by using electric fans and air conditioners especially in the border town. She stressed on the importance of conserving electricity even though it can be generated through wind, solar, hydro or thermal.

As a part of the celebration, cultural troupe perform traditional dance and dignitaries and high ranking officers of the district also participated in the celebration.

It is worth to mention that the celebration will continue in the village of Wabaching (Machi Block) in the district tomorrow.

North East is a traveller's paradise, many people still unaware of this beautiful region

PIB
Imphal, July 26:

The Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu today called upon people to give preference to domestic tourism and explore all parts of the country before choosing to tour abroad. Stressing the need for giving impetus to tourism in the North East, Shri Naidu said that "frequent people-to-people exchanges and interactions can strengthen the unity and integrity of our nation."

The Vice President was interacting with the participants of the expedition – 'North East on Wheels' in which 75 bikers including 5 women from 18 states travelled across all the eight states of the North East.

Naidu, recalling his recent travels to all the North Eastern states, said that with beautiful landscapes, rich culture and warm hospitality of the people, "the states are truly a traveller's paradise". He lamented that despite the rich experience the region offers, "many people are still

unaware and uninformed about it". He urged people who enjoy travelling to "explore North East, to revel in its beauty and to admire the diversity in our culture".

Appreciating the North East for "showing the way to the country in the field of organic farming", the Vice President suggested that the other states too should learn from the best practices of North Eastern states and gradually shift to sustainable agriculture.

The Vice President also

noted marked improvements in infrastructure in the North East, especially in connectivity, and said that these efforts are "unleashing a new era of growth in the region".

Complimenting the organisers for the unique expedition, he also appreciated their focus on the theme of road safety. Expressing concern about the huge loss of lives in avoidable road accidents in India every year, Shri Naidu called for greater all-round efforts to minimise the number of accidents.

Contd. from Page 1 State observes Kargil Vijay....

Expressing happiness on Manipur bagging the top position in the North East and Hill State category of the third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index, 2021, he lauded his Ministers, MLAs and all Officials of the State Government for their hard work and dedication towards good governance and welfare of the people.

Mentioning the 'Har Ghar Tiranga', a campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence, the Chief Minister appealed to the public to hoist our National Flag with pride with the thought of one Nation.

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Yumnam Khemchand, delivering his presidential speech, term the Kargil Vijay Diwas as a significant day as it marks the end of the Kargil War in which the Indian

forces defeated the Pakistani troops and militants driving them away from the Indian side of the Line of Control. He stated that the valour and indomitable spirit of our brave soldiers should be honoured and added that everyone in this country should feel proud of the bravery shown by our soldiers.

As a part of the observation, the Artists of Shri Shri Bal Mukunda Dev Government Music College, Imphal performed a patriotic song. The observation was also attended by Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, high ranking civil and police officials among others.

Meanwhile, Bishnupur District Administration today observed Kargil Vijay Diwas at the Conference Hall of DC Office, Bishnupur. Two minute-long silence was observed as a mark of respect for the sacrifices made by our Indian soldiers in the Kargil War.

Deputy Commissioner, Lourembam Bikram, ADC, H. Bobby Sharma AC to DC, Shri Ejay Hassan, District Level Officials and staff of the District Administration attended the observation.

Lourembam Bikram said Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil War. The supreme sacrifice made by our soldiers is exemplary of valor and patriotism. He asserted that the employees should try to emulate the nationalism shown by the soldiers.

Nationalism, he said, is a sense of duty towards our nation. He asserted that as an employee contributing towards the betterment of the nation by carrying out one's own duty is also nationalism. One should take pride in expressing nationalism, he added. Further he emphasized that nationalism should be instilled in the minds of the young children by telling stories of historical importance of the land.

Assam Rifles celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas

IT News
Imphal, July 26:

Mantripukhuri Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) celebrated Kargil Vijay Diwas along with a motivational lecture for young NCC Cadets at Company Operating Base Sawmbung in Imphal East district, Manipur today.

The aim of the event was to instil sense of nationalism and pride among the young generation and inform them about the gallant sacrifices of our Kargil War Heroes. They were further told about the virtues of valiant action, selfless service and extreme patriotism of the Bravehearts who made the unparalleled and invaluable contribution for the well-being of the country and countrymen. Their names have been etched in golden letters in the annals of history and equally in our hearts. A total of 48 NCC Cadets attended the event.

Loktak Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(S) conducted lecture on know your armed forces and Agneepath scheme on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas for students and young locals of Kumbi and Ningthiching villages of Bishnupur District, Manipur.

The lecture was organised with an aim to instil pride and patriotism amongst students and to create awareness on the role and responsibility of Indian armed forces.

Sports

Neeraj Chopra to miss Commonwealth Games 2022 due to injury

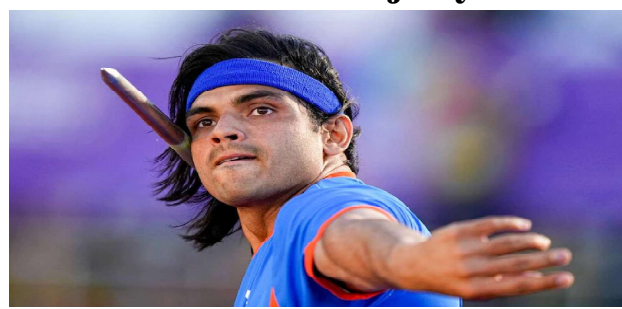
Agency
New Delhi, July 26:

Javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra is all set to miss his title defence at Commonwealth Games 2022 due to an injury concern. Neeraj had won the gold at the 2018 CWG in Gold Coast and followed that up with a gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics.

On Sunday, Neeraj Chopra won a silver medal in the men's javelin at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, USA.

"Our Olympic Champ @Neeraj chopra will not be defending his title at @birmingham22 due to concerns regarding his fitness. We wish him a speedy recovery & are supporting him in these challenging times," the Indian Olympics Association said in a statement on social media.

Neeraj Chopra revealed after winning the World Athletics silver that he picked up a groin injury during the 12-man final in Eugene. The 24-year-old Olympic champion conceded that a call on his participation in the Commonwealth Games would be taken after medical assessments of his injury.



"... I kept improving my throws throughout, but during the fourth throw, I felt pain in my groin, so I could not give everything in the last couple of throws. But I am happy with what I have done," Neeraj told India Today after scripting history.

IOA secretary Rajeev Mehta said that Neeraj has been advised a month's rest by his medical team after an MRI scan was done.

"Team India javelin thrower Mr. Neeraj Chopra had called me earlier today from the US to convey his inability to take part in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth

Games owing to fitness concerns. Following his participation in the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Mr. Chopra had an MRI scan done on Monday and, based on it, he has been advised a month's rest by his medical team," Mehta said.

Notably, the Indian javelin star became only the 2nd Indian after Anju Bobby George in 2003 to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships.

Neeraj won silver with 88.13m throw after having fouled his first attempt and managed just 82.39m in his second attempt. The Olympic champion overcame an un-

characteristically slow start to finish on the podium.

Neeraj finished second behind Grenada's Anderson Peters, who won gold with a best attempt of 90.54m. Peters, 24, had 3 throws in excess of 90m in the men's javelin final in Eugene as he became only the 2nd man to defend the javelin title at the World Athletics Championships.

Neeraj was set for another blockbuster duel with Peters as the world champion confirmed he would head to Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Notably, Peters had finished with bronze in Gold Coast in 2018 when Neeraj won gold.

'Closely working with IOA so that...': BFI responds to Lovlina Borgohain's claims of mental harassment

Agency
New Delhi, July 26:

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has released a statement clarifying boxer Lovlina Borgohain's claims that her coach Sandhya Gurung was not being allowed to enter in the Commonwealth Games village. She claimed that this was in turn hampering her mental preparations ahead of the start of the event in Birmingham.

In a statement, the BFI claimed that the rule is to allow only 33% of the playing contingent is allowed as support staff. "In BFI's case the limit was just four support staff to 12 boxers. Only 33% of the playing contingent is allowed as Support Staff which in BFI's case for the 12 boxers (8 men and 4 women) stands to be 4 support staff, (including coaches) who were to travel with the Team to Birmingham," the statement read.

The BFI also claimed that due to their efforts the quota of support staff for the boxers had been raised from four to eight. "The requirements of boxing with respect to coaches and

support staff is a little different as there are multiple bouts, which could be one after another. The IOA understood BFI's point of view and therefore, extended help with maximum possible additional support staff. With IOA's help the number of support staff went up from 4 to 8 for the entire contingent of 12 boxers," the statement read.

The BFI also claimed that they are closely working with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to add coach Sandhya Gurung to the Commonwealth Games contingent. "Boxing Federation of India ensured that Sandhya Gurung was at the training camp in Ireland. BFI is closely working with IOA so that Sandhya Gurung could be a part of the team in Birmingham. In the meanwhile, delegate transport and accommodation at ETO's hotel has been already provided to her," the statement read.

"It's with extreme pain that I have to say that I am going through a lot of harassment. Time and again, my coach, who helped me win an Olympic

medal, is removed which hampers my training process and leads to harassment. One of the coaches is also Sandhya Gurung Ji - who is a Dronacharya awardee. Both my coaches are included in the training camp only after we plead and fold hands a thousands times," Lovlina Borgohain had tweeted earlier.

"As a result of this, I have to face many obstacles in my training and I undergo mental harassment. My coach Sandhya Gurung is currently outside the Commonwealth Games village as a result of which my training stopped eight days ahead of the event. My second coach has been sent back to India. This has happened despite my requests which has led to mental harassment for me. I don't know how to focus at Commonwealth Games. My performance at last World Championships was also affected because of the same reason. I don't want to spoil my performance at CWG 2022 due to this politics. I hope I would be able to rise above this politics and win a medal for my country," she added.