

## New COVID-19 Omicron sub-variant BA.2.75 detected in India: WHO

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A new sub-lineage BA.2.75 of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus has been detected in countries like India and the World Health Organisation is following this, Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

On COVID-19, globally reported cases have increased nearly 30 per cent over the past two weeks. Four out of six of the WHO sub-regions saw cases increase in the last week, Ghebreyesus said at a press briefing Wednesday.

In Europe and America, BA.4 and BA.5 are driving waves. In countries like India a new sub-lineage of BA.2.75 has also been detected, which we're following, he said.

On the emergence of the potential Omicron sub-variant

BA.2.75, WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan said in a video posted on Twitter that there has been an emergence of a sub-variant that is being called the BA.2.75 first reported from India and then from about 10 other countries.

She said there are still limited sequences available of the sub-variant to analyse, but this sub-variant seems to have a few mutations on the receptor-binding domain of the spike protein. So obviously, that's a key part of the virus that attaches itself to the human receptor. So we have to watch that. It's still too early to know if this sub-variant has properties of additional immune evasion or indeed of being more clinically severe. We don't know that."

So we have to wait and

see, she said, adding that WHO is tracking it and the WHO Technical Advisory Group on SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution (TAG-VE) is constantly looking at the data from around the world.

And at any time if there is an emergence of a virus that looks very different from a previous one, enough to be called a separate variant of concern, then the committee will do that.

The WHO weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19, released July 6, said that globally, the number of new weekly cases increased for the fourth consecutive week after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022.

During the week of June 27 to July 3, over 4.6 million cases were reported, a figure similar to that of the previous week. The number of new

weekly deaths declined by 12% as compared to the previous week, with over 8100 fatalities reported.

As of July 3, 2022, over 546 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and over 6.3 million deaths had been reported globally.

The COVID update said that amongst Omicron lineages, the proportions of BA.5 and BA.4 continue to increase. BA.5 has been detected in 83 countries. Although BA.4, which has been detected in 73 countries, is also rising globally, the rate of increase is not as high as that of BA.5.

The South-East Asia Region has been reporting an increasing trend in cases since early June, with over 157,000 new cases reported, a 20% increase as compared to the previous week.

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## CM leads plantation drive at Nongmaiching Reserved Forest

IT News  
Imphal, July 7:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led a plantation of saplings at Eshing Chaibi area of the Nongmaiching Reserved Forest today in celebration of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Van Mahotsav, 2022.

Further during a formal function held at the Sanamahi Kiyong Community Hall, the Chief Minister also released a book titled "The Mother of Dark Chamber" story of a hornbill couple that nests inside the tree's cavity written by Dr. Kh. Shamungou. The Chief Minister also explained that the book could be translated into different dialects. He explained that various communities of the State rever the Hornbill bird and the book will certainly help in bringing a realization amongst the people that even the great hornbill has nowhere to build its home due to deforestation.

Further explaining the need to create awareness for the general public, the Chief Minister stressed that today

people are aware of what Reserved Forest, Protected Forest or unclassified forest is, and are getting involved voluntarily in mass tree plantation drives across the State. He further expressed his appreciation for the Forest Department and its officials.

There has been a huge change in the manner of governance, N. Biren Singh observed, citing that earlier the Van Mahotsav was celebrated inside the Kangla, but now we are celebrating the Mahotsav at Nongmaiching and Koubru ranges.

He further urged the officers to think for the entire society and not just for the community officers belong to. He also said that it is the responsibility of an Indian Forest Service officer to spread awareness of the various Forests Acts for the people to understand.

Dwelling on government actions to increase forest cover and conservation activities, the Chief Minister stated that the call to save forest

cover is not for one individual but for the common good of the public. He further sought support and cooperation of the general public in the movement to save forest cover.

Biren also proposed the development of a model roadside view at Waithou.

Further calling on all to support the government in beautifying the Loktak Lake and safeguarding it for the people, the Chief Minister also urged the people against disturbing the eco-system at Loktak.

The Chief Minister further assured to bring a change in the landscape of the State in the next five years and sought support and cooperation from the people.

N. Biren Singh also assured that the government will not compromise on certain issues including transparency, corruption free, drugs, anti-social elements, etc.

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## Donating blood can save lives of others: Dr. S. Ranjan



IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Health and IPR Minister Dr. S. Ranjan Singh has said that donating blood can save lives of others who are in need of blood. Minister was speaking as Chief Guest at the 2nd Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Camp organized by the CID (Technical) Branch held at the Banquet Hall of 1st MR

Imphal, today.

Ranjan said that there is no harm in donating blood. Keeping adequate blood in stock is very necessary since any calamity may occur at any time. The quantity of blood collected from donors in the state is comparatively less in comparison to the actual requirement of the state. More volunteers need to come out to join the campaign of blood

donation in order to maintain the required stock in the blood banks, he added.

Minister also maintained that awareness programs about blood donation is also necessary in order to evade the wrong concept on blood donation. Mentioning about anti-drug campaign Shri Ranjan said that understanding the ill effects of drug abuse, all need to extend help

to make the anti-drug campaign successful.

He also informed that in view of the gradually increasing COVID cases in the state the government has taken up precautionary measures. Review meeting has been convened. Order has been issued for conducting compulsory COVID tests at major entry points of the state. Oxygen cylinders, ICU wards, isolation wards have been ready. Unnecessary gatherings should be avoided, he added.

Speaking as president Director General of Police P. Doungel, IPS, said that blood donors are doing a noble job by saving lives of others. One who is eligible to donate blood should avoid hesitation on blood donation. He also congratulated all the volunteer blood donors.

ADGP, Manipur, Klay Khongsai, IPS, IGP, Range I, Themthing Ngasangva, RMO, JNIMS, Dr. K. Suraj, C.O. Second MR, Y. Victoria, MPO also shared the dais on the occasion.

## Minister Letpao Haokip condoles the death of two Indians in Myanmar

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Minister Letpao Haokip, who is in charge of TA & Hill, Horticulture and Soil Conservation in the BJP led Government of Manipur has expressed shocked over the death of two Indians inside Myanmar territory.

"I am deeply shocked and saddened just like the rest of Moreh public", Letpao Haokip wrote in his condolence message.

He further wrote that the news of the killing of two Tamil youths - P. Mohan (28years), S/o Late Perumal of Moreh Ward No.2 and M. Iyamar (35 years), S/o Murga of Moreh Ward No.4 Tengnoupal district

Manipur, in Tamu town of Myanmar does not come easy especially for Tamil community in Moreh.

"It is with ultimate great sorrow as MLA Tengnoupal AC to sincerely pass my Deepest Condolences to the grieving families of P. Mohan and M. Iyamar who were brutally killed by unknown persons at Saw Baw ward, Tamu, Myanmar on day 5th July 2022", the Minister said.

Letpao also stated that the Manipur state government is doing its best level to bring home the lifeless bodies of the two Tamil youths.

Meanwhile, top police officials of Manipur police including the DIG Intelligence, tengnoupal SP and other police

officials are presently camping at Moreh town. Source said the Government team is communicating with the Myanmar officials for retrieving of the death bodies. However, there is no official confirmation on whether the bodies will be handed over to Indian side or not by the Myanmar authority.

Following the news of the killing of the two Indian youths from Moreh Town tension gripped the border town. Business of all kinds and movement of vehicles has been closed as people went on protest. The fury of the Indian cross limit yesterday. They even went inside the territory of Myanmar and reportedly set ablaze an outpost of Myanmar Army at Tamu area.

## Assam Rifles foils narcotics smuggling

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Keithelmanbi Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) in a joint operation with Manipur Police foiled narcotics smuggling in Thoubal district today.

Based on specific input, troops of Assam Rifles along with Manipur Police launched search operation and recovered 40000 Nos of WY tablets from three drug peddlers travelling through Lilong, Thoubal district. The seized narcotics were assessed to be worth approx 1.80Cr in International market.

The recovered items along with the drug peddlers were handed over to Lilong Police Station for further investigation.

## CORCOM greets people on 11th Foundation Day; recounts India's suppressive activities, says UN should acknowledged

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Joint body of armed rebel groups operating in the region, CORCOM today greets the people of the region in connection with 11th Foundation Day which falls on July 8. The joint body of the armed rebel group also recounted on how the Indian regime is using various warfare to suppress the armed revolutionary movement of the WESEA region and said that it is time for the International Community and the United Nation to acknowledge the suppressive activities and the conflict as per the Geneva Convention, 1949.

Reiterating the history of

the erstwhile Manipur (Kangleipak), the CORCOM statement said that even during British colonial era, the independent character of the then Nation could not be distorted. It said that even after the Britishers brought legislation to divide the Hill and plain people in 1907 under their administration, they never succeeded in distorting the relationships of the market economy, sense of oneness and the essence of freedom. That was the reason for standing together for safeguarding the freedom of the erstwhile nation in 1891 leaving aside the barriers of communities.

CORCOM statement said that Manipur (Kangleipak)

was restored its Independence on the adjoining night of August 14 and 15, 1947, but before the people could celebrate She felt in the claw of India in 1949. Since then the self-reliant economy of the people have been converted into captive market to make the people dependent to India.

The statement further said that India could not complete its occupation to WESEA with its culture, religion, economy and administration. It was then the oppressor regular army was deployed among the civilians and as a result the people of both hill and plain are still bearing the pain of the war. The CORCOM said that

the ancestral land of the region has been often compromised for appeasing neighbouring countries. In its counter politics to suppress the freedom movement in the region the continuous cultural invasion taking place has given great impact to the region. It was at this point that the UNESCO after acknowledging the situation has warned that Manipuri Language is in the verge of extinction.

The CORCOM also recounted the various technic and strategy of India which they use to occupy the WESEA region stating that since 1991 the revolutionary movement had started facing impact. It mentioned on how

the Look East Policy then Act East Asia Policy in the name of improving the WESEA economy has given impact to the armed freedom movement.

The statement said that the extradition treaty signed by India with Bangladesh and Thailand in 2013 was to suppress the National movement of the region. It also said that India has been instigating the ASEAN under India Plan of Action in 2015 to act against the national movement of the region. It further stated that the 1643 International Boundary between India and Myanmar has been using as transit by the Indian.

Behind the scene of the Look East policy, India has

been providing T-55 tanks and BN-2 Islander maritime surveillance and deck-based air-defence gun etc. to neighbouring country. In the BIMSTEC too India has been misleading the national movement of the WESEA region.

The CORCOM also elaborated the issues of drugs being face in the region. The armed group compared that drug issue in the region as that of the "Opium War" of 1841 in China by the British. The CORCOM said that over 7000 acre of land in Manipur has been used for opium plantation. The armed group said this issue as a tool for suppressing the national movement of the region.

## Plastic threat to the earth



By: Vijay Garg

The most commonly used plastic products include plastic products such as bags, packing film, foamed cups, bowls, plates, laminated bowls and plates, small plastic cups and containers. Their consumption is highest on a daily basis. In their place, the use of pottery can be beneficial in many ways.

The Central government has banned many products made of plastic and thermocol from July 1. It should be noted that before 23 December Plastic bags were already directed the Central Government to ban plastic in view of increasing air, water and soil pollution. It was published in the gazette on June 18, 2021, after the Central Environment's Forest and Climate Change Department took a decision to ban plastic products on June 16, 2021. On 15 December 2021, one hundred and eighty days after the publication of the Gazette, it was decided to ban many plastic products, but it was now implemented from July 1. Central government's This step has been taken in view of prevention of climate crisis. While the government has made rules to implement it effectively, strict laws have also been made for those who violate these rules.

Now it remains to be seen how much and how this new order is implemented and how strictly it is implemented in government and semi-government departments? After the ban on single-use plastic and thermocol, the question is being raised again and again that what should be its alternative. Although it is impossible to find and put into practice alternatives is not work. Apart from this, there is also a question related to the plastic products industries, which demands immediate and permanent solutions. As far as alternatives to plastic products are concerned, all the things used in the Indian cottage industry tradition like paper, fiber and pottery etc. can be included in this. Plastic bags can be phased out on a large scale by promoting the use of paper bags. It is worth mentioning that Indian indigenous products also include utensils made through pottery art. These can be the best alternatives to the plastic products that cause the most harm to human civilization.

The most commonly used plastic products include plastic products such as bags, packing film, foamed cups, bowls, plates, laminated bowls and plates, small plastic cups and containers. Their consumption is highest on a daily basis. In their place, the use of pottery can be beneficial in many ways. Plastic has become a threat to the earth because it is not easily destroyed. Obviously, in such a situation, its waste will continue to increase. One estimate about plastic waste is that the amount of plastic waste in the world today can raise three mountains, the equivalent of three Mount Everest. The difficulty is that even ordinary plastic takes two hundred to five hundred years to decompose, far from being finished.

Despite this, people are not getting rid of plastic products. The reason is clear that it is cheap and easily available everywhere. Therefore, ignoring its toxicity, it is being used indiscriminately. The danger of plastic waste has also increased because eighty percent of it is going into the sea and the marine environment is deteriorating rapidly.

Even the mammals found in the sea eat plastic and are becoming victims of premature death. It is estimated that about one lakh marine animals, including seals, whales, sea turtles, die every year by eating plastic. There is no count of fish. Popular cottages across the country including Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh The trend of making fine clay pots and leaves made of leaves has become a thing of the past. There is also a crisis of livelihood in front of the potters and the people of other communities associated with it. Significantly, the only means of livelihood of the people of Musahar caste has been making brooms from leaves of both leaves and dates. Due to their high consumption in the village and countryside, the families associated with it used to sell them in the villages or people used to buy them here. But in the changing times, the way urbanization and since then there has been no need for pottery or pottery in the villages. Huh. The reason for this is also the increasing trend of both paper and plastic utensils and utensils everywhere. It is also worth noting that the families which were associated with this business for the last eight-ten generations, are now compulsively engaged in other professions.

In front of the families who are still compulsively engaged in their traditional occupations, there are serious problems. First of all there is shortage of raw material. While the potters have to face the crisis of soil, water, cow dung etc., the two-leaf makers do not get the leaves of the tree easily. Earlier, tree leaves were easily available from forests, but now due to government laws and restrictions, breaking leaves has also become a crime. Initiatives have been taken to ban plastic bags, utensils and other products which are considered very harmful to the environment. But like other laws, plastic No attention is being paid to the law banning the buying and selling of a products. This is the reason why all types of plastic products are still being sold indiscriminately in other states including Delhi. According to the figures of the central government, sixty five lakh families across the country are dependent on the pottery art.

Similarly, about one lakh Musahar families are still engaged in the traditional work of making two leaves. In Delhi itself, about one and a half thousand families are associated with the pottery art, but they get mud, water and other things used in it. Can't get easily. Secondly, due to the abundance of single-use plastics and being cheap, the consumption of pottery is very less. People also avoid clay products due to the luster of plastic and the habit of throwing it away. Whereas the use of pottery does not cause any harm to the environment and there is no risk of any kind of disease. The water of wells and canals in towns and villages is also getting polluted due to the abundance of hundreds of plastic products. From this the sources are becoming poisonous and people are suffering from many diseases. According to a survey, after the seventies, the use of plastic increased rapidly in urban, rural and urban areas and became the cause of many diseases. From this it can be estimated that if we start using products made of clay instead of plastic, then how big and serious problems can be overcome. The crisis is not about the alternatives to plastic, but the will to figure out how to get rid of it.

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## The Agnipath Yojana: Deify or Demonise?



By: Paojakhup Guite

In what appears to be the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Centre to cause a tectonic policy blitzkrieg(s) in each of five-year stint, it announced an all-shocking scheme called Agnipath in its second inning on June 14. The first inning (2014-2019) had witnessed a demonstration exercise in 2016. A common peculiarity about these two announcements is that they were done so without any debate in Parliament, or for that matter in a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee.

The Agnipath scheme is envisioned for both male and female aspirants. There have since been a series of state-wide agitations for a rollback of the scheme in such states as Bihar, Haryana, Rajasthan, Telanga and the like, thereby even snowballed into a nation-wide strike on June 20 spearheaded by unidentified organisations opposing the scheme.

Agnipath (literally, the Path of Fire) is a new recruitment system of Indian armed forces and is the only route to serve in the country's military. The recruits under this scheme will be known as Agniveers (Fire Warriors). The Agniveers will be recruited for ranks below commissioned officers. The non-officer Agniveers will be recruited only through Agnipath as soldiers, sailors and air men into the Army, Navy and Air Force respectively for a period of four years during which they will undergo rigorous trainings in different walks of the tri-services of the armed forces. The short-term contractual recruitment will be within the productive age group of 17.5 to 21 years (while the upper age limit has been raised to 23 years for this year only, following wide protests by young aspirants across the country). By and large, Agnipath douses the fire in the belly of the prime targets to serve the country in the line of defence. Under the scheme, the 75% de-commissioned Agniveers are deprived of pensions, health or education benefits. Same are with those 25% who will be permanently commissioned for another 15 years- will meet the same fate post-retirement.

**Frugality and Agility**  
To march miles requires agility for a soldier, sailor or airman. The existing recruitment system is such that some military personnel become inactive in

physique the longer he or she serves in the force. The soft and flabby nature of the redundant recruitment system is a cause for concern. This fragility of armed or non-armed personnel in the tri-services increases from bad to worse over a period of time, while also the fiscal burden eats into the exchequer (defence budget). More than half of the total expenditures on defence goes to pensions and salaries annually with no remunerative physical fitness in sight of the personnel.

The Agnipath scheme is moving in the right direction in choosing the 17.5 to 21 age group, beyond which is not trustworthy of physical fitness.

Technological warfare cannot always be trotted out as an excuse to replace manual humankind. There have been enough man-to-man encounter cases across the India-China border between the two Armies.

Man and technology should work in unison to ensure a seamless and hassle-free security. This would bring about efficiency and effectiveness in the execution of the needful security of the land.

However, a caveat cannot be ruled out in the case of Navy and Air Force. Unlike in the Army where acquiring skills is quite relatively easier, the two forces require time to gain the requisite skills in handling both the software and hardware aspects of the two forces. Equipment such as arms and ammunitions are technical in operation, that they require more time and energy to get hands-on expertise. The government could rectify this lacuna through a lateral entry which is devoted exclusively to deal with the technical aspects of the forces with a proviso of a permanent commissioning. The government can do this before the first commencement of the scheme that begins September this year.

**Employment and Honour**  
Defence Ministry provides a dual hope to ambitious young aspirants. There are a group of young men who distinctively conceive of serving the country in the line of military. Administrations ranging from bureaucracy to diplomacy alone are not taken as a platform to serve the nation. For them to be inducted in the military is more of pride and honour, and in serving in this capacity, they even feel complacent looking no more for employment alternatives.

The government justifies Agnipath: that, defence ministry is not an employment generating agency is very unfortunate. The fact is that the youth of the country see to it more as an honour in finding one's feet in the military.

No doubt, India's unemployment rate reached an all-time high in double digits. Therefore, recruitment in the armed forces not for just on contract

basis would do justice in fulfilling the job promises of the Modi government. In 2014 being for the first time at the helm of Prime Ministership of the country, Narendra Modi had made many promises and one of which was to create 20 million new jobs every year. Agnipath has the potential to fulfil this job promise of Mr. Modi, but alas not to the likings of the job aspirants! Agnipath will be recruited twice a year, which means most of the promised 20 million new jobs would then be contributed by Agnipath alone within a short period of time. This will result into what I call a cosmetic generation of jobs. In substance, jobs that generated by the scheme would be insecure ones and there is a great likelihood of counter-production: gangsters are suspected to be mushroomed up by some pessimists.

Therefore, taking the caveats into consideration, the government should spare no efforts to give employment of more secure ones to more than half of the 900 million Indians of legal working age. India should tap on the demographic dividends sooner than later.

**Hire and Fire**  
The 4-year contract-based Agnipath is infamous of its short tenure. The unemployed youth of the country are looking for a secure and permanently commissioned job. Their long standing hope of employment is being belied by the newly introduced recruitment system of the country's armed forces. The young aspirants of the military force will turn out to be mere Agniveers for four years at worst while some to be Agniveers hardly for another fifteen years at best.

The suspicion behind the new recruitment system is of cost cutting, that is, a fiscal burden on pension and salary bills. This expenditure cutting on the tri-services of the country can be done best by creating flexible labour markets i.e., contractualisation. With this market mechanism, an employee can be freely hired and fired on the whims and fancies of the market. According to market based economists, workers can be thrown out when firms are not profitable and also bring them in when firms are profitable. This contractualisation-induced flexibility is harmful to the job prospects- no decent job can be provided- and, rather destroys the spirit of work culture.

Lacking the welfare or socialist approach of the founding fathers of Independent India, the Modi government is more inclined to market economy. In this effect, the government has initiated changes to labour laws. These changes bring about sufficient flexibility only to weaken trade unions and association formations, which otherwise they would have provided some bargaining chips for work-

ers. Another consequence of new labour codes is the steep decline in wages between 2011-12 and 2017-18. This deduction technique in wages is applied on the cost cutting of military forces, hence Agnipath.

**The Gender Lens of Agnipath**  
The new recruitment system to the military forces is meant both for male and female alike of same age group. As much as it is detrimental to male aspirants so is to females. The scheme is a huge blow to the female labour force participation. Under the scheme, at least some of the Agniveer women will be back to the household chores within the four-sided walls of the house.

Stereotypical femininity is the offering as far as protest against Agnipath is concerned. Everyone is appalled at finding not a single woman involved in both state- and nation-wide strikes for a rollback of the scheme. They were conspicuous of their total absence in the protests.

This does not mean that they have jobs, or that they are not looking for jobs. Rather, their ability to protest is limited by society. While it is the sole onus of the government to arrest the ever increasing gap of employment between male and female on one hand and the absolute female labour market participation rate on the other hand, the government has introduced a scheme like Agnipath which would allegedly lessen employment prospects of women all the more.

Skill development has become a cliché. We have enough number of educated unemployed, so producing more skilled workers is not the remedy for the malady. More emphasis has to be put in place on Output production. For this more industries, more agricultural goods and more services have to be incentivised in the economy. Labour-intensive sectors have to be ventured upon.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge cautioned the government not to play with fire. National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval warned the disgruntled youth to raise their voice but not violence. The ambitious young Indians who have been aspiring to serve the nation in the line of defence should not be disheartened. They still have a chance of 4 to fifteen years to serve the country. The 75 per cent Agniveers who get de-commissioned after a four-year stint in the Agnipath may be looking forward to start-ups or entrepreneurship with whatever amount of money they are exiting the Agnipath scheme.

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## Why and how Padma bridge is a symbol of Bangladesh's national prestige and economic prosperity?

By: Samina Akhter

The Padma Bridge's self-financing has been recognized both at home and internationally. The country's dignity has also improved. The Padma Bridge is a symbol of Bangladesh's confidence and dignity, as well as an expression of Bangladeshi sentiment. On July 4, 2001, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone for the Padma Bridge, which will benefit more than three crore people (30 million) in 21 districts throughout southern Bangladesh. The 6.15-kilometer bridge, which includes a four-lane highway and a one-lane railway, is now a reality.

PM Sheikh Hasina made it a reality today in the face of hundreds of difficulties, obstructions, bogus claims, and World Bank machinations. Her father's uncompromising, resolute, and unyielding will-power enabled the construction of the Padma Bridge.

On July 8, 2012, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stated unequivocally in this great National Assembly that the Padma Bridge would be built at Bangladesh's own money.

Padma Bridge is 6.15 kilometers in length. However, if we include some of the shore, the overall length will be around 9 kilometers. Cars will operate on the bridge's upper level, while trains will travel on the lower level.

Padma Bridge was built at a cost of Tk 30,193.39 crore (nearly 3 billion USD). Construction of bridge infrastructure, river governance, linking highways, land acquisition, restoration and the environment, as well as salaries and allowances, are all included in these costs.

The bridge will connect a substantial portion of Bangladesh's population, including the country's southern and western regions.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina launched the major bridge and river management projects on December 12, 2015. The design and rehabilitation work has begun on January 19, 2009.

On June 25, the Padma Bridge will be inaugurated in a way that allows the country's ordinary citizens to be a part of this historic achievement—Bangladesh's first freely funded megaproject.

Every one of the country's 4,000+ unions will use pyrotechnics and fire lanterns to brighten up the night sky. During the day, helium balloon clouds will float across the country.

Patients will no longer be forced to lie in an ambulance and leave early while waiting for the ship to arrive. Holding the hand of the bridge over the river Padma, he will be able to travel to the capital in the blink of an eye for better treatment.

People in the districts of Khulna, Bagerhat, Jessore, Satkhira, Narail, Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jhenaidah, Magura, Barisal, Pirojpur, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Jhalokati, Gopalganj, Faridpur, Madaripur, Shariatpur, and Rajbari dream of new ventures centered on this bridge.

On the occasion of the bridge's inauguration, the bus companies will introduce a new bus service.

The benefits of the Padma Bridge, which is helping to industrialize the south and south-west, are now being realized in Mongla's port. Nearby are already several cement factories there. Various export-oriented businesses, such as clothing, have also begun to emerge.

In the same way, the importance of Payra port will rise. The port will boost trade with Bhutan, Nepal, and India's southeastern states.

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# The Shiv Sena replaces its Chief Whip in Lok Sabha

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, July 07:

The Shiv Sena which lost power in Maharashtra, due to a rebellion by MLA Eknath Shinde, replaced its Chief Whip in Lok Sabha, to avoid floor-crossing ahead of the Monsoon session of Parliament scheduled to commence on July 18.

The party removed Bhavana Gawali (MP from Yavatmal-Washim) as a Chief Whip and appointed Rajan Vichare (MP from Thane) in her place as a precautionary measure. The Shiv Sena Spokesman Sanjay Raut, MP in the letters to the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, communicated about the change on Wednesday. The Shiv Sena has 18 Lok Sabha members.

Gawali had openly advocated that the party should toe the line of Shinde and should sever ties with the Congress and NCP and join hands with the BJP on ideological grounds. She had also written a letter to Uddhav Thackeray in this regard.

Gawali is herself facing an ED inquiry under ED's Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), based on a first information report (FIR) registered at Washim in May 2020 in connection with the alleged financial irregularities in Mahila Utkarsh Pratishthan Trust.

**Presidential candidate**  
In another development, Rahul Shewale, Shiv Sena MP from the Mumbai South Central constituency, in a letter to Thackeray, has suggested that the party should support the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu since she is a capable and authoritative woman and is slated to be-



Bhavana Gawali (left) has been replaced by Rajan Vichare (Right) as the Chief whip of Shiv Sena in Lok Sabha.

come the first tribal President.

Shewale has also pointed out that the Shiv Sena Supremo venerable Balasaheb Thackeray had expressed his support to former Presidents Pratibha Patil and Pranab Mukherjee although they were Congress (United Progressive Alliance nominees) candidates and the Shiv Sena was part of the NDA that time. The support was extended to Patil, being the Maharashtra and first woman Presidential candidate. Mukherjee was given support for his calibre.

Shiv Sena insiders are surprised by Shewale's move as they wonder whether he is on his way to migrate to the Shinde camp. The Shinde camp spokesman Deepak Kesarkar has already urged all legislators and MPs from across parties in Maharashtra to support Murmu in keeping with Maharashtra's tradition of recognizing the women's contribution to society.

**Anand Adzul**  
In yet another develop-

ment, former Union Minister and MP from Amravati, Anand Adzul resigned from his position as a leader of the party on Wednesday.

In a letter to Thackeray, Adzul communicated that he is resigning from the position of the leadership. His son former Shiv Sena MLA Abhijit Adzul said that his father has resigned. "But we continue to be Shiv Sainiks" he added.

According to Shiv Sena's structure, the party has a chief (pramukh) on top, followed by 15 leaders (neta) and several district chiefs (Zilla pramukh), and deputy leaders (upneta).

Adzul has been facing an inquiry by ED in alleged irregularities of Rs 980 crore in the City Cooperative Bank, of which he was a former chairman. The money laundering case registered is based on a First Information Report (FIR) of the Mumbai Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW) into the irregularities in the disbursement of loan funds and other financial transactions of the

bank. The ED had searched Adzul's office in October last year.

He is accused of doling out loans to entities and individuals with very low or no collateral. The bank with 14 branches in Mumbai and adjoining areas having 90,000 depositors, has been placed under restrictions by the Reserve Bank of India since April 2018.

According to sources, Adzul is upset that he did not receive any support from the party in fighting the case. He may switch on to the Shinde faction anticipating the relief from the ED action.

Adzul who contested the 2019 Lok Sabha election from the Amravati (Vidarbha), lost to the Congress-backed Independent Navnit Kaur Rana on the seat reserved for Scheduled caste candidates. Bombay High had termed the caste certificate produced by Rana as fraudulent. However in June last year, the Supreme Court reversed the high court's judgment. Since then the matter is pending.

# India reports 18,930 new COVID-19 cases, 35 deaths in last 24 hours, positivity rate jumps to 4.32%

Agency  
New Delhi, July 07:

India reported 18,930 new cases of COVID-19 and 35 deaths in the last 24 hours, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) informed on Thursday morning.

The new cases of coronavirus reported today are 17.14 per cent higher than 16,159 infections logged on Wednesday. The fresh cases reported today have pushed the country's COVID-19 tally to 4,35,66,739 (4 crore 35 lakh 66 thousand 7 hundred and 39).

The daily COVID-19 positivity rate has jumped to 4.32 per cent today, up from 3.56 per cent on Wednesday. The weekly positivity rate was at 3.86 per cent.

**Active COVID-19 cases in India**

India currently has 1,19,457 (1 lakh 19 thousand 4 hundred and 57) active cases of COVID-19. There has been a remarkable 4,245 cases increase in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The country's active cases comprise 0.27 per cent of the total infections.

**COVID-19 deaths in India**

COVID-19 related casualties in the country has increased to 5,25,305 (5 lakh 25 thousand 3 hundred and 5) after the death of 35 patients in the last 24 hours.

**COVID-19: States reporting highest number of fresh cases**

Maharashtra continue to see a spike in daily COVID-19 cases. The state recorded 3,142 fresh cases and seven fatalities in the last 24 hours. Mumbai alone reported 695 cases.

Maharashtra also reported 19 cases of Omicron's sub-variants.

Tamil Nadu added 2,743 new cases of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. With 1,062, Chennai reported the majority of new cases in the state. Chengalpattu reported 403, Coimbatore 127, Vellore 113 while the remaining cases were spread across other districts.

West Bengal reported 2,352 new COVID-19 cases and three deaths in the last 24 hours, while Delhi logged 600 COVID-19 cases and one fatality.

**India's COVID-19 recovery**

The health ministry data on

Thursday morning stated that 14,650 patients recuperated from COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. This has increased total recoveries to 4,29,21,977 (4 crore 29 lakh 21 thousand 9 hundred and 77).

The national recovery rate now is at 98.52 per cent.

**COVID-19 tests in India**  
The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) informed that 4,38,005 (4 lakh 38 thousand and 5) COVID-19 tests were conducted in the country in the last 24 hours.

Since the start of the pandemic, 86,53,43,689 (86 crore 53 lakh 43 thousand 6 hundred and 89) samples have been tested in the country for COVID-19, the Council said.

**COVID-19 vaccination**  
As many as 11,44,489 (11 lakh 44 thousand 4 hundred and 89) doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the country in the last 24 hours, the health ministry informed on Thursday.

India started the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive on 16 January, 2021, and since then, more than 198.33 crore vaccine doses have been administered to the eligible beneficiaries.

# A Show Cause Notice to SpiceJet over recent incidents of technical malfunction

IT Correspondent  
Mumbai, July 07:

The Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a show-cause notice to the air carrier "SpiceJet" over incidents of technical malfunction in flights in the last 18 days, including the unplanned landing of Boeing 737 MAX aircraft (Delhi-Dubai) at Karachi in Pakistan on Tuesday.

DGCA Director, Air Safety Sanit Kumar in a notice dated July 05 called upon the air carrier to show cause within three weeks, as to why no action should be taken against it. The financial assessment carried out by DGCA in September 2021 has revealed that the airline is operating on Cash and Carry and suppliers/ approved vendors are not being paid on regular basis leading to a shortage of spares and frequent invoking of minimum equipment lists (MELs).

"The reported incidents on aircraft operated by M/s. SpiceJet Limited from April 01 till date have been reviewed and it has been observed that on several occasions, the aircraft either turned back to its originating station or continued landing to the destination with degraded safety margins."

"SpiceJet has been authorized to perform commercial air operations up to May 16, 2023, vide order AOC-N-16 by the operations manual and Rule 134 and Schedule XI of the Aircraft Rules 1937. It is deduced that M/s SpiceJet has failed to establish safe, efficient, and reliable air ser-

vices under terms of Rule 134 and Schedule XI of the Aircraft Rules 1937" the notice read.

DGCA also discovered that the airline continued to coach its pilots on a simulator with identified gear faults, under the simulator coaching program for the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

**Incidents**  
**July 05**

On Tuesday, a Boeing 737 Max aircraft flying Delhi-Dubai (flight SG-011) sector made an unplanned landing in Karachi, Pakistan. Due to a malfunctioning indicator light in the cockpit. On the same day, a Bombardier Q400 Dash 8 plane from Delhi to Jabalpur made an emergency landing in Delhi as the cabin pressure couldn't be built up as the plane gained altitude.

**May 04**  
A SpiceJet-operated Boeing 737 MAX aircraft from Chennai (Tamil Nadu) to Durgapur (West Bengal) made an air flip after one of its engines needed to be shut down mid-air because of an oil filter warning.

**May 01**  
A SpiceJet Boeing 737 plane from Mumbai to Durgapur flew into extreme turbulence shortly earlier than a touchdown, which led to several passengers being severely injured.

SpiceJet CMD Ajay Singh in a statement said that the airline would be "doubly careful" and strengthen inspection of aircraft before they leave for flights. "Lot of these incidents that are being reported are relatively minor and happen to every airline. If the aviation regulator feels that there are any gaps in SpiceJet's system, we will address them", the statement added.

# Smriti Irani given minority affairs, Scindia gets steel ministry as Naqvi, RCP Singh resign

Agency  
New Delhi, July 07:

Smriti Irani will be assigned ministry of minority affairs charge, in addition to her existing portfolio of women and child development as Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi put in his papers on Wednesday, a day before his Rajya Sabha term comes to an end.

Aviation minister

Jyotiraditya Scindia has been given the additional charge of steel ministry after JDU's RCP Singh resigned as the Union minister earlier in the day.

Both Naqvi and Singh submitted their resignation letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who lauded the duo during a cabinet meeting for their contribution to the country during their tenure.

President Ram Nath

Kovind has accepted their resignations from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect.

A Rashtrapati Bhavan statement said, "...as advised by the Prime Minister, the President has directed that Smriti Zubin Irani, Cabinet Minister, be assigned the charge of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, in addition to her existing portfolio."

Earlier, Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Steel Minister RCP Singh have submitted their resignations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, a day ahead of their Rajya Sabha term gets over, government sources informed on Wednesday.

This is the first time two sitting ministers are out of both Houses of Parliament.

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# Why and how Padma bridge is a symbol....

Mongla is home to a special economic zone with 205 acres of land. Economic zones have already been established at Khulna's Faridpur, Madaripur, and Khalishpur. In Khulna, EPZs are once again turning around.

If gas, electricity, and other amenities are delivered in accordance with demand, the country's southern and southwestern regions will be the most prosperous.

The bridge's Bonfit Cost Ratio (BCR) is 1.6 percent and its internal rate of return (ERR) is 18 percent, according to a study report by Monsell, a consultant for the Padma Bridge.

In other words, the organization claims that the bridge's building has benefited the

economy. According to a World Bank analysis, the Padma Bridge's economic impact will boost GDP in the south by 2% and the country's total GDP by more than 1%.

According to a survey conducted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), 24,000 cars will cross the Padma Bridge every day in 2022. There are 6,238 buses, 10,244 trucks, and almost 5,000 minibuses and private automobiles among them.

Every year, the number of automobiles will increase by 6% to 7%. In that situation, by 2050, the bridge will be used by 6,000 different types of vehicles per day.

The Padma Bridge's devel-

opment would also strengthen the country's integrated communication system. The Trans-Asian Highway (N-6) and the Trans-Asian Railway will be linked by the bridge. As a result, on both sides of the bridge, economic zones, high-tech parks, and private companies are springing up.

Due to the bridge, the seaports of Mongla and Payra will be open. In addition, the tourism business will grow. Domestic and international tourists go to Kuakata Beach, the Sundarbans, the sixty-domed mosque, Bangabandhu's mausoleum, and the resorts along the Mawa and Jajira rivers.

Because there was no Padma Bridge, people had to wait for hours for ferries, with

hundreds of people drowning in the Padma's raging waves. Those excruciating days are drawing to a close. Now it's up to the people of the South and South-West to realize their ambitions.

In order to eliminate unemployment, industrial factories will now be built in the area. People will be treated better. The entire south and southwest will change. Everyone is taken aback by the acquisition of Padma Bridge. This is the Bangladesh's marvel.

*(The author is a Dhaka-based freelance writer and woman and human rights activist. She is interested in the foreign policies of Bangladesh and other South Asian countries)*

# 'Van Mahotsav Week 2022' observed

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), Moirang Sakha under the aegis of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Manipur Prant observed 'Van Mahotsav Week 2022' today at Tronglaobi Makha Leikai, Bishnupur District by planting about 100 tree saplings along the Tronglaobi to Thoya Road which included avenue and fruit bearing tree saplings.

The mass tree plantation programme was led by Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Ex-VC, CAU, Imphal and National Chairman (Environment), BVP in presence of Dr. S. Rajendra Singh, Regional Patron, Bimol Thapa, Gen. Secy, BVP, Imphal Sakha and Jibon Singh, President, BVP, Bishnupur Sakha.

Prof. M. Premjit Singh said that 'Van Mahotsav' is an annual tree-planting festival celebrated in the month of July in which thousands of trees are planted all over the country. Van Mahotsav week is celebrated from 1st to 7th July every year to spread awareness of forest conservation and to save the environment. Dr. Rajendra Singh said that planting of trees along roadside should be encouraged as they look beautiful and provide greenery. Trees planted along the roadside provide shade to the travelers during summers and also give us fresh air as they produce oxygen.



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## Intensified Diarrhoea control Fortnight Campaign begins in Thoubal

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Deputy Commissioner Thoubal, A. Subhash Singh, IAS, today launched Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) in the District. The program is organised by District Health Society, Thoubal. IDCF consists of a set of activities to be implemented in an intensified manner for prevention and control of death due to dehydration from diarrhoea. This year the theme is "Zero Child Death due to Diarrhoea".

Speaking at the function, Deputy Commissioner said that Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight is organised with the objective to give awareness to the people about sanitation to prevent from diseases. He urged all Healthcare workers to give/

share knowledge to the parents/guardians about homemade ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution) as diarrhoea is a common illness which affects people of all age group.

CMO Dr.Y. Nokul in his speech said IDCF is set up with the aim to reduce mortality and malnutrition due to diarrhoea with the usage of ORS solution. He said ASHA workers should give awareness to the parents about the preparation and use of homemade ORS solution which is very easy to prepare.

As part of the program zinc tablets and ORS packets were distributed to the ASHA workers.

A. Anilkumar MES,ZEO Thoubal,Dr.Ch.Memcha MS, District Hospital,Thoubal and Th. Suranjoy DPO,ICDS cell were the other presidium members.

## Assam Rifles organises Tree Plantation Drive

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Churachandpur Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (S) organised Mega Tree Plantation Drive to promote afforestation under the theme of "Plant a tree, Make Earth Risk free" at Aina, Churachandpur district today.

The plantation drive was focused upon imbuing the importance of trees and spread-

ing awareness amongst locals and troops on saving earth by planting more trees. The villagers were also briefed upon adopting eco-friendly lifestyle thereby contributing towards Mother Earth and cleaner environment. A total of 200 saplings of fruits, shady and local variety of plants were planted as part of the Plantation drive at Aina. A total of 70 locals attended the plantation drive.

## AR conducts Medical Camp

IT News  
Imphal, July 07:

Loktak Battalion under the aegis of IGAR(S) conducted a medical camp at Ngangkhalwai village, Churachandpur district today.

In continuation with the efforts of Assam Rifles to reach out to a helping hand for the local population and assist them in humanitarian aid, a medical camp

was organised to provide basic medical checkup, first aid and essential medicines to local populace including children.

As part of medical camp, information on various aspects were provided to include hygiene, sanitation, COVID - 19, lifestyle diseases etc by Medical Officer of Assam Rifles.

Total 45 locals were benefited from medical camp.

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# New COVID-19 Omicron sub-variant BA.2.75 detected.....

Five of 10 countries (50 per cent) for which data are available showed increases in the number of new cases of 20% or greater, with the greatest proportional increases observed in Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The highest numbers of new cases were reported from India (12,456 new cases, an increase of 21 per cent), Thailand (15,950, an increase of 6 per cent) and Bangladesh (13,516 new cases, a 53 per cent increase).

The number of new weekly deaths in the region increased by 16 per cent as compared to the previous week, with over 350 new deaths reported. The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from India (200 new deaths, a 39 per cent increase), Thailand (108 new deaths, a decline of 14 per cent), and Indonesia (32 new deaths, an increase of 7 per cent).

WHO Incident Manager COVID-19 Abdi Mahamud said that now is not the time to declare that the pandemic is over.

We're still in the midst of the pandemic and the virus has a lot of force left. So whether it is the BA.4 or BA.5 or BA.2.75, the virus will continue. It does what it does good, he said adding that people and communities must continue to wear masks, avoid crowds and ensure that the most vulnerable and high-risk population is protected.

Ghebreyesus said compounding the COVID-19 challenge are a number of factors, including that testing has reduced dramatically in many countries. This obscures the true picture of an evolving virus and the real burden of COVID-19 disease globally. It also means that treatments are not given early enough to prevent serious illness and/or death.

He said secondly, new treatments, especially promising new oral antivirals, are still not reaching low- and low-middle income countries, depriving whole populations that need them. Further, as the virus evolves, vaccine protection while still really effective at preventing serious disease and death does wane.

Decreasing immunity underscores the importance of boosters, especially for the most at-risk, the WHO chief said adding that each wave of the virus leaves more people with the long-COVID or post-COVID condition.

This obviously impacts individuals and their families but it also puts an extra burden on health systems, the wider economy and society-at-large. These challenges require action at a global, national and local level, he said.

## CM leads plantation drive....

Forests, Environment and Climate Change Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh said we should be deeply concerned by the environmental imbalances.

He said the Van Mahotsav is celebrated weeklong starting from July 1 to 7 every year. The Mahotsav is also celebrated to create awareness among the people for forest conservation and to save the environment, he added.

Further seeking support of the public, the Minister said that government action is not against any community or individual but for the collective welfare of the people.

He also said that the State's target is to achieve 75 lakh saplings plantation in the State by the end of August to celebrate and commemorate 75

years of Independence. He said that till date more than 29 lakhs saplings have been planted and another 15 lakhs saplings have been distributed for plantation which comes to around 44 lakh saplings.

He said that the department will achieve the Chief Minister's target of 75 lakh saplings plantation by August-end.

Member of Parliament, Raja Sabha Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba encouraged the general public to plant trees stating that we are all aware of the benefits of tree plantation.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Dr AK Joshi, IFS in his key-note address said that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has not only taken a special interest in carrying

out mass plantation drive across the State, but has been constantly motivating the staff and officers of the department.

Today we are celebrating the 73rd Van Mahotsav, 2022 by carrying out a plantation in Nongmaiching Reserved Forest, he said, adding that the Nongmaiching Reserved Forest was finally notified on 4th January, 1990 with an area of 67 sq. Km.

The function was also attended by Minister Shri Leishangthem Susindro Meitei, Lamlai MLA Kh. Ibomcha, Kshetrigao MLA Sheikh Noorul Hassan, and Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar among others.

Today's tree plantation was also participated by local public, CSO, students, etc.

## Sports

# Opportunity for me to be a Good Ambassador for Indian Women's Football : Dangmei Grace

Agency  
Uzbekistan, July 07:

Dangmei Grace, one of the biggest stars of Indian football, has fulfilled her first dream of playing abroad by signing a professional contract with an overseas club - FC Nasaf from Uzbekistan.

"I am extremely excited. It's a dream come true for me," Grace told www.the-aiff.com.

"It was not an overnight dream for me. In fact, playing abroad has been a dream for a long. I used to daydream a lot about this day. It's an opportunity for me to show my skills, and be a good ambassador for Indian women's football," she added.

Grace started her International career in 2013 and has won the South Asian Games (2016, 2019) and SAFF Women's Championships in 2016, and in 2019. At the domestic front, she joined KRYPHSA FC, and moved to Sethu FC in 2018-19 before switching to Gokulam Kerala FC in the Indian Women's



League. In the process, she has won two HIWL triumphs under her belt, and a bronze in the AFC Women's Club Championship last year.

"I want to share my experience as I have played with the National Team for many years. I want to explore myself here. I have played three international

matches against the Uzbekistan National team, and they are very tough," the 26-year-old forward maintained.

Grace is always known for her electric pace, and exceptional dribbling skills. "I know everything will be different in Uzbekistan — their playing style, the culture. I will need to

adapt fast, make new friends. But I am extremely excited to bring on this new challenge and share my experiences," she expressed.

The AIFF Emerging Player of the Year in 2019 had scored a brace against Indonesia in the 2020 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifiers, and more recently scored against Venezuela during India's tour of Brazil in 2021.

"We are all extremely thankful for the exposure tours that have made us confident as players, and also facilitated the popularity and growth of women's football in India. Experience in international football is paramount, and the exposure tours over the last few years have helped me immensely in my individual growth," she stated.

"My message to the young girls will be, keep trying — anything can happen if you keep believing in yourself. Whatever challenges you face please don't give up, keep trying until you reach your goal," Grace concluded.

Agency  
London, July 07:

After a nail-biting quarter-final victory over Taylor Fritz, Rafael Nadal booked himself a date with Nick Kyrgios in the Wimbledon 2022 semi-final. However, the 22-time Grand Slam champion isn't sure if he would be able to participate in the penultimate match of the tournament.

Nadal had to grind against Fritz, with the match going into 5 sets. While it was the Spaniard who eventually emerged triumphant, for a big part of the contest, it looked like he would not be able to complete the match. Nadal himself admitted that he was on the brink of calling it quit, having struggled to get his body to cope with the demands of the game.

Ahead of the semi-final match-up against Kyrgios, Nadal has put his participation in doubt.

"I don't know," Nadal said when asked about his chances of playing the unseeded 27-year-old Kyrgios. "Honestly, I



can't give you a clear answer because if I gave you a clear answer and tomorrow another thing happens, I will be a liar." Nadal suffered an abdominal injury in the match against Fritz and even took a medical time out. He eventually pulled through to complete the match. He is now scheduled to get a few scans done on the injury before deciding whether he

would be able to play against Kyrgios or not.

"I am used to holding pain and play with problems," said Nadal, who played and won Roland Garros with pain-killing injections prior to each match and only confirmed his Wimbledon participation after radio frequency treatment eased pain in his foot. "Knowing that, when I feel something like I felt, that is because something is not going the proper way in abdomen. But let's see. I had these feelings for a couple of days. Without a doubt, today was the worst day, has been an important increase of pain and limitation," he said.

## RC Book Lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Registration Certificate of Motor Bike, bearing Registration No. MN01C-1422 on the way between my residence to Porompat on June 5, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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