

Myanmar still silent on Indian Tamil killed in their territory; Manipur officials visit victim families



IT News
Imphal, July 08:

The military regime of the neighbouring Myanmar country is still tight lip over the brutal killing of two Indian inside their territory on July 5, despite repeated appealed to hand over the corpses to their respective families. Even as the top officials of the government of Manipur including the IGP of state police is stationing at Moreh and trying all effort to calm the anger of the

victim families and relatives, no official words has been issued to the Government of Myanmar from the side of the External Affairs Ministry of the government of India.

Tension erupted in Indo-Myanmar border at Moreh after two Indian Tamil youths - Mohan (28years), S/o Late Perumal of Moreh Ward No.2 and M. Iyarnar (35 years), S/o Murga, both resident of Moreh Ward No. 4, Tengnoupal district, Manipur were brutally killed in Tamutown of Myanmar

on July 5. No official intimation in connection with the brutal killing has been made from the Myanmar authority till today.

As reported by our Moreh Correspondent, there are no confirmed reports on whether the two dead bodies had been disposed or not by the Myanmar authority.

Since the day of the incident, life in Moreh town has been crippled with the protest from the people. The irate people even cross the border to show their anguished and

reportedly burnt a barrack of the Myanmar military in the aftermath of the incident.

Top officials of the state police including DIG Range II, and the Tengnoupal SP, who had rushed to Moreh following the incident along with other police personnel are still camping at Moreh town controlling the anger of the people.

Meanwhile, Manipur government officials including the Deputy Commissioner of Tengnoupal district Mannuamching (IAS) along with the other state government officials and leaders of the Civil Society organisations based in Moreh town today visited the families of both the victims at Moreh Ward No. 2 at around 9 am. The DC shared the pains and sorrow of the two families and assured all possible help from the government.

Later, a meeting of all the communities residing in border town Moreh was held today at the conference hall of Tamil Sangam Moreh.

Earlier, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had stated that his government has communicated regarding the incident to the Indian Embassy at Yangon and the later had given positive response.

Class X result conducted by BOSEM declared; No Govt. School in top 25 again

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Heinokhlongnambi shared the 3rd position by scoring 584 marks. Ashapriya Nongthombam of Tiny Tots' Unique School, Imphal scored 581 marks and secured 4th position while Jeneva Khangbam of B.K. Golden Academy, Kumbi secured 5th position by scoring 580 marks out of 600 marks.

The overall pass percentage for this year is 76% which is the highest in the last 10 years.

One Non-local shot dead

IT News
Imphal, July 08:

A Non-local was shot dead by unknown persons at Uchon under Andro Po-

lice Station today afternoon. As per source, the deceased was a betel leaf seller and was shot in the head by unknown persons in broad daylight.

Locals of Jirighat annoyed and throngs at Jiri Bridge on high charge of COVID-19 testing



IT Correspondent
Jiribam, July 08:

The locals of Jirighat and the neighbouring areas were annoyed over the high charge of COVID-19 testing at the entry gate of Jiribam District from the neighbouring areas of Assam.

In view of the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the State in the last few days. As per instruction of Director of Health Service, Manipur, the Chief Medical Officer of Jiribam District started screening and testing for COVID-19 for the people who were entering Jiribam from the other

State at the entry point of Jiribam at the rate of Rupees One hundred and fifty for each person testing.

On which, the local of Jirighat, Cachar which is adjacent with Jiribam District of Manipur were discontented and blocked the road on the high charge of COVID-19 test-

ing while entering to Jiribam.

Thereafter, taking the stock of the situation, the district police authority of Jiribam talked with police authority and local leaders of Jirighat and brought amicable solution by allowing the people for COVID-19 testing at free of cost for time being till the further order of Manipur government regarding the fixation of COVID-19 screening and testing rate at the suitable price rate.

It might be recall here that Jiribam District is the border area of Manipur adjacent with Cachar District of Assam. Such commotion has often seen at the entry gate of Jiribam whenever any decision of government taken place without the consent of neighbouring State of Assam.

Fitting tribute paid to Lamjing Meira Robinhood



IT news
Imphal, July 08:

Fitting tribute was paid today to Sapam Robinhood, who was martyred during the agitation of ILPS demand on this day of 2015, and who was later given the title 'Lamjing Meira' at his martyrdom at Awa Ching in Imphal East.

Students and teachers of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School also paid floral tribute to the portrait of Sapam Robinhood at the School premises today.

A Awa Ching - the memo-

rial martyrdom of Lamjing Meira Robinhood, 1000s of people including students youths, members of the civil society organisations well wishers among others came to pay floral tribute to the memorial site. Volunteers from the Red Cross Society also provided all possible assistance to those who came to pay tribute to the departed soul.

From young to old, braves the drizzling rains in the morning to climb till the memorial site. Rituals were performed by the indigenous priest before paying tribute.

Later the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System, convened a meeting at the memorial complex and discussed the present regulation of the Inner line permit system being enforced in the state of Manipur.

Convenor of JCIPS, Phulindro Konsam, RK Bino (Women Wing) and Consultants - Yumnachha Dilipkumar, Ito Tongbram, Khongdrum Ratan, Thiyam Bharat Singh and SK Wajid Shah, President Manipur Muslim Welfare Organisation graced the meeting as dignitaries.

Eid-Ul-Adha

IT News
Imphal, July 08:

All India Tanzeem-e-Insaf (AITI) Manipur State council greets the people of the region on occasion of Eid-Ul-Adha (Bakra Eid) which is scheduled tomorrow.

In a message, the AITI said that peace be prevailed among the various community of the region. Let the people - rich or poor help each other to prosper the land and live in unity.

IT News
Imphal, July 08:

The District Administration, Bishnupur in association with Urban Local Bodies and District Level Officers today organized One Day Mass Awareness Campaign on Ban of Single Use Plastics (SUP) at Bishnupur Bazaar. The awareness campaign will continue all through this month.

The awareness campaign had been carried out in line with the Manipur Plastic

Awareness drive on ban of single use plastics begins

Policy, 2022 for effective management of plastic waste and complete elimination of single-use plastics in the State.

Addressing the gathering of the Mass Awareness Campaign, Deputy Commissioner Lourembam Bikram stated that the District Level Task Force had been formed to coordinate the implementation of the Manipur Plastic Policy, 2022 at grassroots level. The DC further informed that the ban which will be enforced from 1st August covering sale,

use, distribution, stocking, manufacturing and import of SUPs. He said that defaulters could be prosecuted and penalties will be imposed as permissible under law which may extend to five years imprisonment including a fine upto one lakh rupee.

Lourembam Bikram also emphasized on the use of jute and bags made out of clothes or jute as an alternative to polythene bags. He also stressed on the need to revive the practice of bringing one's

own carry bags while going to market and shopping.

Stating that Bishnupur is one of the main tourist hotspots of the State, the DC stressed that it is important to maintain cleanliness in the district by abandoning the use of SUPs. He also discouraged the use of Single Use Plastic items such as plates, cups, glasses, cutleries and wrappers or packing films to avoid littering in the tourist spots.

While informing that simi-

lar awareness drives on SUP ban will be carried out at different markets of the district, Lourembam Bikram appealed for cooperation and support from the people in the interest of the environment and future generation.

Also speaking on the occasion, SP Bishnupur N. Herojit advocated against the use of plastic bags by saying that the hazards of plastic far outweighs the convenience of using them. He also pointed out that Single Use Plastics

are hard to dispose of as it would take many years to degrade.

Later, Deputy Commissioner, Lourembam Bikram, SP, N. Herojit, Chairperson, Bishnupur Municipal Council, L. Maniyama Singh, ADM, H. Bobby Sharma, SDO Moirang, L. Rishikanta and DLOs walked through the streets of Bishnupur Bazaar distributing cloth carry bags and interacted with the shop owners, market vendors and their customers.

★ Editorial

Lamjing Meira Robinhood and Manipur with ILPS today

If one recalled the intensity of people's movement particularly by the student community for implementation of a 'regulation' to protect the endangered indigenous people of Manipur; there will be no words to thank to all those brave hearts for what Manipur gets today. The horror scene at DM College campus, at which students staging peaceful protest demanding 'regulations' for protection of the indigenous people were pushed in a close room and assaulted without any mercy treating them even worst than their enemy, still continue to haunt to the mind of many. The climax of the protest was reached after armed police personnel fired towards a group of protesting students which caused the death of class -XI student Sapam Robinhood in Imphal East district.

Maybe the heat of the protest reached out to the political leaders sitting at the Center or may be for other reason, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that Manipur will be included under Inner Line permit regime on December 9, 2012 in the Parliament of India while moving the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and following that the - Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 which has been already in force in the North Eastern States id Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, was introduced in Manipur with Effect from January 1, 2020.

Robinhood, the class XI student of Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School, who was killed during the agitation for implementation of ILPS in the state was remembered today on his 7th Death Anniversary. People from all wake of lives excluding those elected representatives of the state today pay tribute to the departed soul who sacrificed for the cause of the people of the state at Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School and at Awa Ching - the memorial site of Robinhood.

The agitation which Robinhood joined without fear along with other students and people of the state was spearheaded by the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS).

January 1, 2020, when the state framed guidelines for implementation of the regulations, the JCILPS, strongly criticized the content as the regulations did not define who are the indigenous people as per the guideline and who are to be considered as the indigenous people of Manipur as per the regulations frame under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873. The JCILPS term the regulations as toothless tiger that will not serve its purpose. Now, the State government of Manipur had enclosed a base year to define the indigenous people as 1961 on June 24 this year. Indeed, the criticism to the ILPS regulations framed by state was non-inclusion of a base year that will define the indigenous people of the state. There are people who are not satisfied with the 1961 as base year as they have been demanding 1951 as base year. On the other hand, a handful of people argued about the need for inclusion of base year in the ILPS regulations on the ground that such base year have not been included in the ILPS that are implemented at Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

But one thing that is commonly understood by all is that even after the inclusion of the base year in the ILPS regulations of Manipur, the state does not give a concrete definition of who should be the 'Indigenous people' of Manipur. The necessity of base years comes when the state feel that the state should follow the same National Register for Citizens (NRC) as implemented in the state of Assam.

Even after, the implementation of the ILPS, the actual demand that the people wished has not been given. Even though thousands pay floral tribute to the departed son of the soil, Sapam Robinhood for his sacrifice of the land, the demand that late Robinhood - Our Lamjing Meira is still not received.

It is no time that we celebrate the 7th Death Anniversary of Sapam Robinhood but rather moment to ponder on why we people should not follow the path that Rabinhood had taken for the cause of the people.

In India, rules are meant to be obeyed by leaders of Opposition only, not Ruling Party

Use of Central Agencies in last eight years by Modi Government is a proof of this

By: Sushil Kutty

'Why do we obey rules?' asks The New Yorker and then stretches the answer till one of the rules is about how everybody has the right to let go of the rules too strenuous to live by. And, from what is happening in our own country at, we can assume that we are living in dangerous times, largely because there is an absence of rule of law.

The story begins with the King quoting Rule No.42 to Alice, which says that all who are taller than a mile high should leave the court. To this Alice says that she isn't a mile high, and that the King must have made the rule just then. Offended, the King retorts, "It is the oldest rule in the book." Alice, unfazed, counters with "in that case, it should have been Rule No.1".

Exasperated, the King exits the court, leaving everybody to the conclusion that reasoning is hardly reasonable. So true in how things are currently focused in India, starting from the highest echelons, whether that be any of the four pillars, from the executive to the Press; from the legislative to the judiciary.

Our country doesn't seem to be running on rules. In automobile terms, we are running on empty! As if there weren't any rules and we make them as we go; to each his/its fancy set of rules. The highest court

of the land makes observations and it sounds like they're rules, which they aren't! The tragedy is once the top court makes its observations, no lower court worth its salt has the gumption to take on the apex court's "observations".

And "our King ruling us right now" is no different from the King in "Alice in Wonderland". Whoever would have thought he would change the rules of the game with harebrained money games. One was called 'Demonetization' and the other had to do with taxes. But he did it, nevertheless. One at 8 in the evening, the other at 12 midnight! Both rule-changing, and game-changing, the after-effects of which are still being felt, seven years on.

All this was happening when the rule of law was taking a hit; solid and devastating hits. People took law in their hands and lives were lost. And the old Nero had aged, but not his penchant to wait and watch. "Our King" hadn't changed. He worked at his own pace and was applauded for working day and night, changing the rules as he went from one start-up to another.

If the stories are to be believed, election and electoral rules were changed though nothing was proved. The only thing that could be said with certainty is that the EVM

has a life of its own, and that more often than not it favoured the ruling party.

On the face of it, everything seemed like it always was. Central law enforcement agencies continued to function as they used to under earlier regimes, but keep track of their movement during the last eight years and the slip shows! The rules of engagement had changed. Also, the Enforcement Directorate had become the 'go-to' central agency, not the CBI.

Maybe this was because the rules say states can stop the CBI at the gates, like West Bengal did. And, if the state governments are to be believed, the rules of engagements have been twisted and distorted to target opposition ruled states, and opposition politicians with the ED, specifically, which has been used extensively to coerce opposition politicians to either fall in line, or take the fall!

Cases got slapped or "unslapped" depending on whether targeted politicians succumbed, stalled or refused. There are enough jailed politicians to prove the thesis right or wrong. The rule about who is guilty and who is innocent has been changed in the last eight years.

Rules have also been changed for journalists. The whole thing about how the rule to fly with the

Prime Minister on his foreign trips was changed is too petty to be of any consequence. No journalist grudges the Prime Minister his right to 100 percent occupancy of India's version of 'Air Force One', what galls journalists is how rules have been changed with the sole purpose of crimping his reporting style. From changing the rules of accreditation to changing rules that concern his access to ministries, and government departments.

This government wouldn't mind a black swan event that will see the overnight paralysis of all journalists who do not bend to its dictates. It is as if the Prime Minister not having the guts to face the Press one-on-one is not enough! It is as if not having scores of private television channels kowtowing to it is not enough! It is as if not having a captive Doordarshan at its command is not enough!

The first rule for any government is that everything it does should be for the good of the nation, and for the greater good of the people? Is the Modi government measuring up to this requirement? To paraphrase, it is only in Alice's Wonderland where the rules keep changing; where one rule makes you larger; another makes you small; and it is always teatime! (IPA Service)

Cementing Bangladesh-Northeast India relations and connectivity for ensuring a win-win situation

By: Dr Arpita Hazarika

Former director-general of Indian NSG (National Security Guard) Jayanto Narayan Choudhury said recently that the security challenges India faced in its northeast region have been controlled and managed, in part thanks to the enormous assistance Bangladesh has provided. It is true that Bangladesh played major role in ensuring peace in northeast India.

Bangladesh is responsible for laying the foundation for a tranquil North East India. North East Indian provinces are gaining from those as regional states. Bangladesh has been crucial in the region's efforts to reduce terrorism. North East India especially Assam has been liberated from separatism and extremism thanks to Bangladesh's transfer of ULFA fighters to India. Bangladesh wants its neighbors to live in peace and harmony. Bangladesh rejects anarchy and turmoil. As a result, Bangladesh deserves to receive eternal gratitude from North East India. Conflicts on either the domestic or international front are disliked in Bangladesh. In order to achieve this, Bangladesh and the CHT militants signed the "Chittagong Hill Tract Peace Accord" in 1997. In the past, it also returned a number of Chakma refugees to their home country.

Major security concerns that India has long had have already been addressed by Bangladesh. A substantial portion of the insurgents in India's northeast have been turned up to India by Bangladesh. These insurgents were operating against India from Bangladesh territory. The United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) insurgent group member Major Anup Chetia caused the Indian security officials a lot of trouble. Additionally, Bangladesh turned him over to India. Bangladesh strictly forbade the activity of these terrorist and rebel organizations that receive support from abroad. Bangladesh truly wishes North East India well. This should be understood by all the North-East Indian regions, especially Assam.

Nevertheless, Bangladesh and India share a border. India and Bangladesh enjoy a cordial, complex, and wide-ranging relationship. The 50th anniversary of bilateral ties is being commemorated by both nations. The other partner in this partnership is Assam. Bangladesh is bordered by five provinces of India, including Assam. Assam, the largest state in India's Northeast Region (NER), and Bangladesh share about 263 kilometers of riverine and land border. The Indian government values Assam's involvement in trade and commerce with Bangladesh given its size, population, and location. Assam is therefore crucial for Bangladesh.

When External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited in Dhaka, Bangladesh, last month (in May, 2020) to extend an invitation to Sheikh Hasina for her upcoming New Delhi visit in September this year, Sheikh Hasina offered India the use of the Chittagong Port. The northeastern provinces of India, particularly Assam and Tripura, will benefit from the prime minister Sheikh Hasina's recent offer to India. This is particularly important since there has long been a demand for connectivity between Bangladesh and mainland India's northeast via multiple modes of transportation. In-depth conversations were held before efforts to increase capacity on railroads, highways, and waterways were started. Over the past few years, successful trial runs and transshipments have also taken place.

West Bengal forms the bulk of the Bangladesh-India border. In terms of commercial operations, this Bengali-speaking region of India dominates. The strength and potential of the bilateral trade relations between Bangladesh and North East India should be a priority for the North-Eastern Indian states, particularly Assam. This is something that Assam should pay close attention to. In South Asia, Bangladesh is experiencing an economic miracle. It

is real. Therefore, strengthening the business relations between Assam and Bangladesh will be advantageous. Assam ought to take advantage of any prospective connections with Bangladesh. Growing connectivity and trade relations could be advantageous for Bangladesh. In this regard, Assam and Bangladesh can work together.

The economic growth of Bangladesh can help Assam. For Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos, connectivity between Assam and Bangladesh may be advantageous. (Potential link between Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, and Thailand). Also Read: All dynasties need to pay attention after Shinde's insurrection Given that Bangladesh is cut off from the northeastern region of India, transit across it is crucial. Because of this, it is necessary to foster cooperation in Bangladesh's development. South-east Asia will be accessible once Chittagong and Mongla ports are fully utilized. Railway, river, and aviation connectivity would improve the area. On the Bangladeshi side of the border, both parties should erect "Border Huts" where people can exchange a range of items for their home currencies.

The ultimate winners would be people from both sides. Both governments anticipate that people will find this style of border cottage to be quite appealing. In the Dhuri area of Lower Assam, India and Bangladesh are permitted to construct border huts along the international boundary. Ultimately, using this will be advantageous to the residents of Sylhet and Assam. More land tariff stations can be built along the border between Bangladesh and Assam. This will promote and boost volume of land-based international trade. The land tariff stations at Sheola, Balla, and Bholaganj could increase and speed up cross-border trade. Bangladesh and Assam tourist exchange could be a potential industry.

Through their borders, Bangladeshi visitors can travel to

Assam. The historical linkages that once existed on the border between Assam and larger Sylhet should be strengthened. Reopening long-suspended rail, road, and river connections will improve connectivity between the two nations. Sutarkandi is the international border between Bangladesh and India and is well known for being a hub of international trade. Fruit, silicon, and coal exports are all carried out through this area.

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How to prepare for NEET 2022 in one week?



By: Vijay GarG

A lot of midnight lamps, NEET aspirants have already burnt and a few more to go until the D-day. Their minds must be bogging to get answers for how to prepare for NEET 2022 in one week? It is important to solve previous year NEET question papers, sample papers, mock tests religiously in one week left for preparation.

How to prepare for NEET 2022 in one week?

In order to make the maximum and optimum use of the time at hand for NEET preparations 2022, candidates are advised to follow the points mentioned below.

1. Get your doubts and queries solved

Candidates should highlight all those areas where they are facing difficulties and have doubts and get them clarified by an expert in the subject as soon as possible. It is advised that they only take the help of experts in the same to get the apt solution. If they take a helping hand from anyone with no proper knowledge about the topic they might be misinformed or confused.

2. Practice sample papers and previous year question papers

Undoubtedly this is the most important thing to do while there are only 9 days left for the preparation for NEET Chemistry 45 questions 180 marks Biology (Botany and Zoology) 90 questions

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India logs 18,815 fresh COVID cases, active infections increase to 1,22,335

Agency
New Delhi, July 08:

India saw a single day rise of 18,815 new coronavirus infections, taking the tally of COVID-19 cases to 4,35,85,554, while the active cases increased to 1,22,335, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Friday.

The death toll has climbed to 5,25,343 with 38 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The active cases comprise 0.28 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.51 per cent, the health ministry said. An increase of 2,878

cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 4.96 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was 4.09 per cent, according to the health ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,29,37,876 while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.21 per cent.

According to the ministry, 198.51 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark

on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

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

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

The 38 new fatalities include 16 from Kerala, eight from Maharashtra, two each from Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and one each from Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Meghalaya,

Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

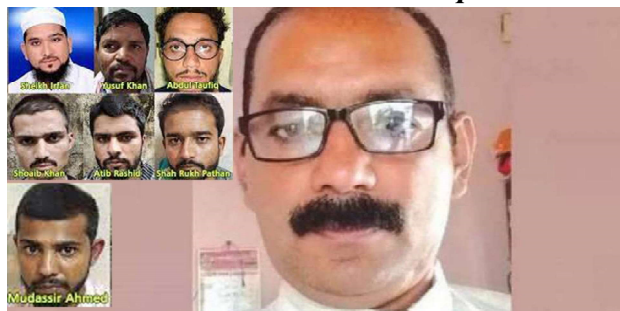
A total of 5,25,343 deaths have been reported so far in the country, including 1,47,964 from Maharashtra, 70,089 from Kerala, 40,122 from Karnataka, 38,028 from Tamil Nadu, 26,277 from Delhi, 23,545 from Uttar Pradesh and 21,233 from West Bengal.

The health ministry stressed that more than 70 per cent of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities.

"Our figures are being reconciled with the Indian Council of Medical Research," the ministry said on its website, adding that state-wise distribution of figures is subject to further verification and reconciliation.

Amravati Pharmacist's Murder, Seven Accused Remanded to NIA Custody till July 15

The NIA Told the Court that the Killing Was an Act to Terrorise People



(Left): The accused involved in the murder of Amravati pharmacist (Right): the slain Umesh Kolhe.

IT Correspondent
Mumbai, July 08:

The seven accused arrested in connection with the murder of Umesh Kolhe (54), a pharmacist from Amravati, were remanded to National Investigation Agency (NIA) custody till July 15 by Judge AK Lahoti of Special court in Mumbai on Thursday.

The pharmacist, Umesh Kolhe, was murdered on June 21 for supporting the statement of suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma, in Amravati in Eastern Maharashtra on June 21 when he was returning home at the night. Two motorcycle-borne men had slit Kolhe's throat leading to his death.

The NIA sought the custody of Irfan Khan (32), the alleged mastermind behind the murder, along with Mudassar Ahmed alias Sonu Raza Sheikh Ibrahim (22), Shahrukh Pathan alias Badshah Hidayat Khan (25), Abdul Taufik alias Nanu Sheikh

Taslim (24), Shob Khan alias Bhurya Sabir Khan (22), Atib Rashid Aadil Rashid (22) and Yusuf Khan Bahadur Khan (44).

The pamphlets spreading hate messages, knives, mobile phones, SIM cards, and other incriminating documents were found during the searches of the premises of the accused, the NIA pointed out. Besides the NIA told the court that the killing of Kolhe was "not just a murder" but prima facie an act to "terrorize people".

After the case was transferred from Kotwali police station in Amravati to the NIA earlier this week, the central agency produced the men before a Mumbai special court on Thursday.

The accused have also been charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The NIA special public prosecutor told the court that the incident was a "deep-rooted conspiracy" and the probe was not limited to Amravati. He added that Kolhe's wife and son, who were accompanying him on another scooter on the night of the incident, had said that the reason behind the murder was not any old enmity.

The prosecutor said that the NIA probe showed prima facie involvement of the seven men in the terror case. The Union government was also in the know of the case, as it was a serious offense, and a similar incident had occurred elsewhere.

The NIA sought the custody of the seven men for two weeks

stating that it should be allowed to probe the alleged conspiracy. It added that there were more suspects in the case, including one who was absconding.

NIA arrests six accused over Rajasthan tailor's murder

In another development, the special NIA court on Wednesday sent a sixth accused in connection with the killing of tailor Kanhaiya Lal on June 28 in Rajasthan's Udaipur to the federal agency's custody till July 12. The NIA has taken over the probe into the killing of the tailor in Udaipur for allegedly sharing remarks by Nupur Sharma.

NIA picked up Wasim Ali, who ran a meat shop opposite the tailoring shop of Kanhaiya Lal, on Tuesday night and questioned him for his alleged role in helping the other accused carry out a recipe of the area. He was arrested on Wednesday and produced before the Special Court in Rajasthan.

Lal was killed with a cleaver inside his tailoring shop on June 28. While Riyaz Akhtari attacked the 47-year-old tailor, Gaus Mohammed recorded the act and posted it online. They said in a video later that they killed Lal to avenge an alleged insult to Islam. The two were arrested within hours of the killing. Two others, Mohammad Mohsin and Asif, were later arrested for allegedly being involved in the conspiracy. The accused in the case are Riyaz Akhtari, Gaus Mohammed, Mohammad Mohsin, Asif, Muhammad Riyaz, and Wasim Ali.

Assam Rifles promotes Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign in Kaimai under Tousem Sub Division

IT News
Imphal, July 08:

Srikona Battalion of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) promotes "HAR GAHR TIRANGA" Campaign.

Kaimai Operating base organised an event to spread the awareness about the importance of National Flag. During the event a detailed lecture emphasizing on importance of tricolour flag was conducted. The event was conducted under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: Ha Ghar Tiranga.

The campaign was envisaged under the overall schemes to enhance and instill pride and



honour of the National Flag amongst the locals.

The locals applauded the efforts of Assam Rifles in educating them on importance of national flag.

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Cementing Bangladesh-Northeast India.....

In a joint venture between Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, Bangladesh and India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the building of a high-speed diesel pipeline from Numaligarh in Assam to Parbatipur in Bangladesh. As a gesture of goodwill, the Indian Railways have already sent a first shipment of 2,200 tonnes of diesel in 50 wagons from Siliguri in West Bengal to Parbatipur. During Modi's most recent visit, the choice was made to construct the pipeline. There could be some NRC issues between Bangladesh and Assam. However, these issues should be

handled diplomatically and politically. Bangladesh and Assam should gain from improved connectivity and trade relations.

The potential for increased exports of goods from Sylhet and Bangladesh to Assam in northeastern India is enormous. Assam may help Bangladesh by contributing. Assam can convince the Indian Central Government to support Bangladesh in the event that a solution to the Rohingya problem is needed, cease border killings along the India-Bangladesh border, and sign the Teesta water-sharing agreement as soon as feasible. The Brahmaputra-Barak-Padma-

Meghna riverine waterways must connect Bangladesh's ports with Assam in order to promote regional economic development and restore train connectivity between Bangladesh and the North East. Assam and Sylhet have a long-standing friendship.

It is necessary to sustain Bangladesh's bilateral ties with its seven sister states, including Assam and Meghalaya in northeastern India. The expansion of trade and commerce between Bangladesh, including Sylhet, and the seven sister states, including Assam, won't happen till then. Bangladesh and Assam can collaborate in the apparel, medical tourism, IT, and

educational sectors. Additionally, Bangladesh and Assam can cooperate in the fight against terrorism, human trafficking, and the illegal drug trade, among other areas. With cooperation from MEA and the Assam government, the state can fight for improved rail, road, and air connectivity with Bangladesh in the future, as well as an emphasis on fisheries, tourism, organic food, silk, crude oil, and work permits for talented youth.

Bangladesh forms an important triangle with Bhutan and Myanmar around Assam. Assam must be encouraged and assisted by the Union government to benefit from its proximity to these three nations. In gen-

eral, Assam and Bangladesh have enormous potential for trade, connectivity, people-to-people exchange, and cultural diplomacy. The potentials should be reaped by Bangladesh and Assam. The moment has come for Bangladesh and Assam to benefit. As Bangladesh paved the way for the Assam peace process in North East India, North East India should now pave the way for fulfilling Bangladesh's demand.

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How to prepare for NEET 2022.....

360 marks
Total Marks
720 Marks
Marking Scheme
4 marks will be awarded for each correct answer
1 mark will be deducted for a wrong answer
No mark will be given for unanswered question

Thoroughly reading NEET dress code guidelines - Since the authorities have laid down a specific dress code for the examination and not abiding by the same might lead to cancellation of candidature, candidates must go through it thoroughly

and make arrangements accordingly

Tracking official website daily - It is imperative that candidates keep a track of the official website of NEET 2022, neta.ac.in at all times before and after the successful conduction of the examination. This is vital as all important information will be communicated to candidates on the official website itself

Visit the exam centre of NEET once - Candidates must do this in order to get an idea of the distance and the duration that is going to be covered in reaching the same on the date

of examination. By solving previous year question papers and sample papers candidates get an idea of the difficulty level of the NEET exam in the past and also the question paper pattern. Moreover, this will help candidates seek out their weak and strong areas subject-wise.

3. Set a timer while answering the questions

While answering mock tests or sample and previous year question papers of NEET candidates must set a timer and make sure they answer the same in 3 hours (the duration of examination). If they are not able

to do so, they should practice harder to be able. This will also help them tackle tight deadlines in the examination and strategise their answering of examination during the same duration.

4. Make time table

Medical aspirants must make a timetable for themselves while preparing for NEET 2022. This is advised to them from the very beginning of their preparations as it helps in systematic and overall progress. However, if they have not done this yet, it's better late than never, also, if made earlier, refresh that timetable accordingly. Candidates should make

such a timetable which gives them enough time to cover all the important topics.

5. Get enough sleep and maintain physical and mental health

All-day work and no rest will make candidates ill physically as well as mentally. It is important that they take enough care of themselves and not panic in the 11th hour. Candidates are advised to take proper sleep and a balanced diet. If candidates take too much stress, it is sure to take a toll on their mental and physical well-being. Thus, it is advised that they take care.

BEFORE THE OATH COMMISSIONER: MANIPUR AT IMPHAL

AFFIDAVIT

I, Moirangthem Thoibi aged about 55 years, W/o Moirangthem Leibakmacha Singh resident of Thangal Bazar, Oppt. Central Bank of India, P.O. - Thangal Bazar & P.S. - City, District - Imphal West, Manipur do hereby take oath and solemnly affirm as follows:

1. That, I am a bonafide citizen of India by birth. This is true to the best of my knowledge.
2. That, in AADHAAR Card being No. 4959 8164 9526 and Passport No. U5459679 my name is recorded as Moirangthem Thoibi whereas previously before marriage my name is recorded as Pukhrambam Thoibi Devi. This is true to the best of my knowledge.
3. That, now my name is changed from Pukhrambam Thoibi Devi to Moirangthem Thoibi and other may be recorded as per the details of my AADHAAR Card being No. 4959 8164 9526. This is true to the best of my knowledge.
4. That, Moirangthem Thoibi and Pukhrambam Thoibi Devi is one and the same person. This is true to the best of my knowledge.

Verified on 6th July, 2022, that the contents of this affidavit are all true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated/Imphal
The 6th July, 2022

Signature of the Deponent

By:
Advocate.

Former Japan PM Abe dies after being shot at stump speech in Nara



Agency
Nara, Japan, July 08:

Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is dead after being shot on Friday while delivering a stump speech in the western city of Nara two days ahead of a national election, a ruling party source said.

Japan's longest-serving leader was attacked by a 41-year-old man from behind at around 11:30 a.m. when he was speaking in front of Kintetsu Railway's Yamato-Saidaiji Station, police said, adding he collapsed to the ground after two shots were heard. He was rushed to hospital with blood seen on his shirt.

Tetsuya Yamagami, a resident of Nara, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of attempted murder, the police said. The suspect was formerly a member of the Maritime Self-Defense Force, according to government sources.

"It's not a grudge against the political beliefs of former Prime Minister Abe," the Naha prefectural police

quoted Yamagami as saying. According to the disaster management agency, Abe, who was prime minister until 2020, was also wounded and bleeding on the right side of his neck with internal bleeding confirmed in the left side of his chest.

After returning to his office in Tokyo by helicopter from Yamagata Prefecture where he was campaigning, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida condemned the shooting of the 67-year-old former leader "in the strongest possible terms," saying such a barbaric act should never be tolerated.

The assailant's motive is not fully known, he said.

Abe, who was also the longtime leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, was in the city to support a candidate running in Sunday's House of Councillors election and there was a crowd of people listening to his speech near the railway station when the attack occurred.

A Kyodo News reporter at the scene saw the attacker silently approach Abe, who

had been speaking for several minutes, before shooting him. Louds screams were heard from the crowd and Abe fell to the ground seconds later. Yamagami was immediately apprehended by police officers.

A campaign staff member was seen desperately trying to revive Abe by pushing on his chest with both hands as he lay on the ground with his eyes closed. People nearby called for medical assistance.

It is a rare case of a shooting in Japan, a country that has strict gun regulations.

The weapon used by Abe's assailant made a noise that could be compared to an explosion and white smoke rose into the air after it was discharged. A gunpowder-like smell could be detected afterward.

The weapon appeared to have its barrel wrapped with duct tape, the reporter said.

Kishida and his Cabinet ministers later discussed the government's response to the incident.

Asked about any impact on Japanese politics, Kishida said it was not the right time

to think about it, adding nothing has been decided on how to respond to the remaining campaign period through Sunday.

Born into a prominent political family, Abe served as a secretary for his father, former Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1993.

He had a short stint as prime minister between 2006 and 2007 before assuming the post again in 2012. He stepped down due to health problems after nearly eight years.

During his second term as leader, he pursued economic policies dubbed "Abenomics" which were marked by massive monetary easing, fiscal stimulus and structural reforms aimed at beating deflation and turning the nation's stagnant economy around.

Abe made efforts to bolster Japan's security alliance with the United States and raise Japan's profile overseas, while seeking to promote reform of Japan's U.S.-drafted pacifist Constitution.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel said he is "saddened and shocked" by the shooting.

In 2014, the Abe administration went ahead with a re-interpretation of the Constitution to enable the use of collective self-defense — defending allies even without an attack on Japan itself — and expanded the role of the Self-Defense Forces under new security legislation in 2016.

The hawkish conservative sometimes drew the ire of Japan's Asian neighbors over wartime issues. In December 2013, Abe visited Tokyo's Yasukuni shrine, viewed as a symbol of Japan's past militarism, provoking a strong response, especially from China and South Korea.

UCM pays tribute, plants trees at Mount Manipur



IT News
Imphal, July 08:

The team of United Committee Manipur (UCM) who had left Imphal for Andaman and Nicobar Island today paid tribute to the Manipuri King Kullachandra and other 22 unknown martyrs at

Mount Manipur today.

The team led by the President of UCM, Joychandra Konthoujam also planted Manipur's indigenous trees — Yongchak (bean trees), Tairen and Heiranggoi at the premises of Mount Manipur. Later the UCM team also handed over

a portrait of King Kullachandra to hang it at the Forest office.

The plantation of indigenous trees at Mount Manipur was conducted after getting prior permission from the department of Forest of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

Forest & Environment Minister leads Mass Tree Plantation at Waithou Protected Reserved Forest

IT News
Imphal, July 08:

As part of the week long festival of tree plantation long known as Vanmahotsav, Thoubal Forest Division conducted mass tree plantation today at Waithou protected reserved forest. Forest and Environment Minister Th. Biswajit led the tree plantation. Speaking to the media, the Minister

said that the Forest department is targeting to plant 75 lakh saplings in commemoration of 75th years of India's Independence. He thanked the students for participating in the tree plantation. He said human being requires oxygen for survival and to meet the requirements we must plant more trees. He urged the students to plant more trees especially on special occasion like birthdays which will be a

pleasant reminder for them when they become an adult.

Staffs of Thoubal Forest Division, students of Paradise English School and NCC cadets took part in mass tree plantation.

The State Government has been organising tree plantation drive across the state to combat climate change and to inculcate the idea of forest conservation.

Sports

Gujarat to host 36th National Games from Sept 27 to Oct 10, says CM Bhupendra Patel

Agency
Ahmedabad, July 08:

Gujarat will host the 36th National Games between September 27 and October 10, the first time the state is hosting the prestigious sporting event. After a gap of seven years, the event will be held in six cities — Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel made the announcement on his verified Twitter handle on Friday. "I am happy to announce that Gujarat will organise the National Games between September 27 and October 10. I thank the IOA (Indian Olympic Association) for quick acceptance of Gujarat's proposal," he said.

"When Gujarat has been equipped with world class sports infrastructure and a renewed enthusiasm towards sports is visible among the people of Gujarat, the state will leave no stone unturned to make the national games best till date," the CM added in another tweet.



An official release said that the last edition of the National Games was organised in Kerala in 2015. Due to various reasons, including the pandemic, the games are now being organised after a gap of seven years. "Gujarat government, noticing this long gap in conduct of these games and postponement of the 2022 Asian Games, approached IOA to be the host to the 36th National Games," the release said.

Citing IOA Secretary General Rajeev Mehta, the release said that he had expressed happiness with Gujarat's readiness to organise the event. "He (Mehta) mentioned that the infrastructure in the state was assessed in consultation with the IOA and NSF and the details of the sports were finalised accordingly. He appreciated the proactive approach of the state government to host the glorious National Games," the release said.

The release added that more than 7,000 sportspersons will showcase their might in 34 disciplines, including athletics, hockey, football, volleyball, judo, kabaddi, kho-kho etc. "...Gujarat will enhance and optimally utilise its existing infrastructure to organise these games. This way, the infrastructure created and enhanced will continue to be utilised by the state's sportspersons on a regular basis," the release said.

Rafael Nadal pulls out of Wimbledon before semifinal due to injury

Agency
London, July 08:

Rafael Nadal on Thursday withdrew from the Wimbledon semifinal match because of injury. As a result, Nick Kyrgios advances to Sunday's final.

"I have to pull out of the tournament. As everybody saw yesterday I have been suffering from pain in the abdominal [area]. That's confirmed. I have a tear in the muscle," Nadal said during a news conference at the All England Club on Thursday.

"It doesn't make sense to play, injury will get worse," he added.

The 22-time Grand Slam champion was scheduled to face Nick Kyrgios for a berth in the final on Friday.

Kyrgios advanced to his first final at a major tournament. He will meet either Novak Djokovic or Cam Norrie for the championship on Sunday.

Nadal has been bothered by a stomach muscle for about a week, and the pain became nearly unbearable in the first set of his 4-hour, 21-minute



victory via fifth-set tiebreaker against Taylor Fritz in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

After that match, Nadal said he had considered stopping. He took a medical timeout to take painkilling pills and his father and sister motioned from the stands for him to quit.

On Thursday's off day, Nadal went to the All England Club for a light practice session. He was signed up on the official schedule to train on one of the competition courts but did not show up there, in-

stead opting for practice courts to which fans don't have access.

Mostly content to hit forehands and backhands, Nadal did attempt a few serves — the part of his game that revealed the most obvious inability to play with full force and, he said, caused the most discomfort against Fritz. Those practice serves Thursday were generally tapped in, by Nadal's standards, not with any of the body-torquing effort he usually uses.