

## M. Linthoingambi Devi adjudged 'Best Goalkeeper of Hero IWL'



Imphal, June 2:

Maibam Linthoingambi Devi, a woman footballer from Manipur's Thoubal district, has been awarded as the 'Best Goalkeeper of Hero Indian Women's League 2021-22' award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a trophy.

For keeping as many as eight clean sheets and effecting numerous saves for her team Kickstart FC in the Hero IWL 2021-2022, Linthoingambi, 23, was adjudged the best goalkeeper of Hero IWL this year.

She also helped her team to a third place finish in the recently-concluded Hero IWL held in Bhubaneswar.

Kickstart FC is a Karnataka Super Division team and an Indian professional football club based in Bengaluru.

Linthoingambi, popularly known as Linthoi, is also one of the goalkeepers of the India women's national football team.

She was also among the six women football players from Manipur to be part of the national football team for the friendlies against UAE, Bahrain, Tunisia and Chinese Taipei in the run-up to AFC Women Asia Cup 2022.

## Delay in action enables erring DDO to manipulate documents

IT News  
Imphal, June 2:

In one of his unceasing efforts to script history by making a corruption-free Manipur, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, on May 13, 2022, directed the authority concerned to process for taking action against the DDO of DIPR Manipur, Lairenakpam Ashok Kumar in connection with corruption charges levelled against him through a complaint submitted to the Chief Minister. However, no

report has been made public yet, brewing the speculations that the department has closed the door to a free and fair inquiry into the matter.

Leveling corruption allegations against Mr. Ashok Kumar, a group of concerned citizens submitted a formal complaint to the Chief Minister, pleading him to take legal action against Mr. Ashok Kumar, who is also the Head of Office.

"Though the DIPR's sole objective is to bolster the relationship between the government and public to uplift society

through various developmental works, some corrupted officials are trying to tarnish the department's image," reads the complaint letter accessed by the Naharolgi Thoudang newspaper. "And, DDO Ashok Kumar is one of them."

One of the allegations leveled against the DDO is a misappropriation of Rs 4, 48,990, which was sanctioned to buy a video camera for covering the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly election 2022. However, it is learnt from reliable sources that DIPR hired a camera

from private firms at just Rs.2000 per day on two different occasions, but no camera was ever purchased for use in the 12th State Assembly Election.

Another allegation is the embezzlement of Rs 5,79, 200 sanctioned by the government for media coverage of the 12th State Assembly election. He was tasked to pay Rs 25,000 each to District Information Officers of the state's 16 districts to cover the expenditures in carrying out the poll coverage. He paid deducted amount ranging

between Rs 10,000 to 20,000 to the DIOs. But he never paid Rs. 25,000 to any of the DIOs.

A reliable source told the Imphal Times that Mr. Ashok Kumar, taking advantage of not placing him under suspension, has started manipulating documents by taking Actual Payment Receipts (APR) signatures from DIOs in his bid to escape from the allegations and ensued action.

Delay in action against such a corrupt officer displays government's remarkable ineptitude in handling

such corruption cases against its officers. With the delay in taking action, the government is giving the DDO a free hand to manipulate witnesses and documents by misusing his position. As a result, N Biren Singh's dream of rooting out corruption from Manipur will remain a dream until the concerned department takes bold and swift action. Moreover, if such delays persist in other cases, no whistleblower will come out, and CM's vision will never be realized.

## Hmar CSOs, leaders felicitate CM, repose trust in his leadership



IT News  
Imphal, June 2:

Various leaders of Hmar community led by Tipaimukh MLA Ngursanglur Sanate felicitated and congratulated Hon'ble Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on his second term as Chief Minister of the State at the Chief Minister's Secretariat, today.

The leaders from Hmar Inpuui, Hmar Women's Asso-

ciation, Hmar Students' Association, and Hmar Artists Association among others also submitted a letter of appreciation to the Chief Minister to show the community's trust in the Chief Minister's leadership.

They also pronounced their support to the government, and said that the Hmar community is a peace loving community and will always stand for development of the

State.

While expressing happiness for placing their trust on the present government, N. Biren Singh also urged all to focus only on development. The community leaders also placed their issues before the Chief Minister, who also assured to look into them. The organizations also gifted presents to the Chief Minister as a show of confidence to the Chief Minister.

## There was no Anglo-Kuki War – Haomee

IT News  
Imphal, June 2:

Federation of Haomee has strongly reacted to the memorandum submitted by the Kuki Inpi Manipur to the Prime Minister of India on June 1, 2022 terming it as a concocted and baseless fancy Manipuri history.

In a statement by Dr. Khomdom Lisam, the Publicity Secy. of Federation of Haomee (FoH), it is stated that the Federation had submitted a memorandum to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah on October 15, 2019, mentioning the fact that there was no Anglo-

Kuki War (1917-1919) along with documents.

The statement by Dr. Khomdom Lisam said that on May 18, 1019 12 Kuki Prisoners who were detained at Kohima Jail had submitted an application to the Commissioner, Suma Valley and Hill District through the Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills stating that they were not waging war against the British but were assisting the war waged by Chingakham Sanachaoba Singh against the Maharaja of Manipur to dethrone him. The Kukis assisted Chingakham Sanachaoba on the ground that if succeeded he would

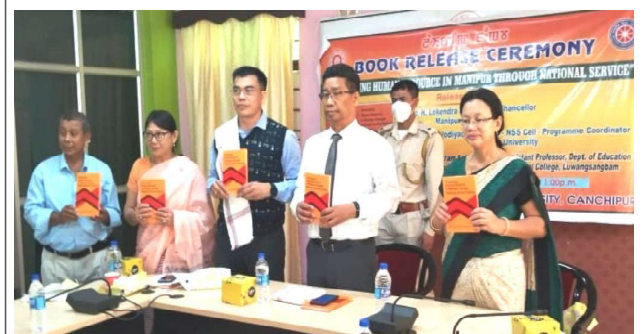
reduced the House tax of the Kukis from Rs. 3/- to Rs. 1/-.

The document submitted to the Commissioner and signed by the 12 Kukis prisoners had been forwarded to the Union Home Minister by the FoH, Dr. Khomdom said.

He added that the indigenous Khongsai and the Thadou community never try to distort the integrity of Manipur, however, the outsider Kukis has been trying to modify the history of the region on communal line.

The FoH will never remain silent to any attempt to distort the history of the state, Dr. Khomdom said.

## Book named "Developing Human Resource in Manipur through National Service Scheme" released



IT News  
Imphal, June 2:

A book named "Developing Human Resource in Manipur through National Service Scheme" was released by Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Vice-chancellor, Manipur University and Dr. Maibam Nodyachand Singh, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS Cell, HOD, Department of Yoga, Manipur University at VC's Committee Room, Manipur University, Canciput today.

The author of the book, Dr. Okram Sanajaobi Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Liberal College, Luwangshangbam and NSS Programme Officer Unit -II,

also explained her researcher experience. This was the first book in such kind in National Service Scheme, also got Ph.D Degree. Vice-chancellor, Prof. N. Lokendra Singh congratulated to Dr. Okram Sanajaobi Devi, for bringing to masses and dispatched information about the NSS. He also suggested to publish further, as this is going to put in value added course subject in the University.

Dr. Maibam Nodyachand Singh, explain about the book. He said that this book consist of important findings, recommendations & results that NSS could be applied near furfures course of action. He also explained about present

scenario of NSS in Manipur as well as in Manipur University. NSS started in Manipur University since from 1980. Manipur University had only two units. Recently Manipur University open one new Unit, now altogether have three Units. The ceremony was also present Dr. Premalata Maisnam, Head, Department of Education, Manipur University, Naozem Joytyn Singh, Manipur University NSS Awardee, Dr. R.K. Brajananda Singh, Asst. Professor, Department of Political Science, Liberal College, Luwangshangbam and programme Officers of NSS Unit -I, II and III, Manipur University.

## ZUF cautions on exploitation of natural resources in the name of development

IT News  
Imphal, June 2:

The Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) has stated that huge portion of the land have been damaged, exploited and over used without proper consent and consultation with the land owners and the stake holders of the area.

It said that the exploitation of the river banks and streams by sand and stone quarrying in the name of development and business activities, the immediate result and effect of which have caused many unprecedented disasters both by natural and manmade. A large chunk of wet paddy field and even human habitation have been greatly damaged and eroded along river valley every now and then. It is also informed to all the Zeliangrong people that indiscriminate gaming of wild animals and

birds have caused dwindling of many endanger species of birds and animals in the wild. The impact of our human activities our land and environment will be left deserted and full of disasters if it is not checked and protected in time. The front also cautions to all the villages and its people not to employ non-conventional method of fishing by poisoning, use of electric and inverter, bleaching powder and so on. The rivers and stream are contaminated with chemical elements and become health hazard mainly from the construction of Trans-Asian Railway from Jiribam to Imphal, National Highway and other mega projects in Zeliangrong areas along with quarrying of stone and sand along the river bank and causes different forms of diseases.

"All these methods are to-

tally banned with immediate effects and any defaulter who is found practicing these methods will be penalized with stringent actions", the statement said.

The ZUF said that it welcomes all forms of development projects and programs taken up by both the state and national governments. However, all the companies and Agencies working in Zeliangrong areas should maintain genuine work quality. Further informed that extract forest products including stone, sand and others resources without proper knowledge and information of the local people and paying nominal tax at the lowest rate to the concern villages will be checked. The ZUF further cautions and informs the Companies and Agencies working in Zeliangrong areas to obtain prior consent from the front

before undertaking any projects.

It added that since its inception, the ZUF as a socio-political revolutionary movement took a hard stand to eradicate illegal drugs, trafficking and consumption in all Zeliangrong inhabited areas and ban cultivation of Psychopathic drug plants including cannabis and poppy.

"It is well known fact that drug is the worst social menace causing detrimental health and mental soundness of youths. The front would extend every possible support and co-operation to any authority and organization in the move to making a free drug society. The Front shall take up strong actions against all illegal drug trafficking and social evils. No further warning or consideration shall be intimated against the defaulters", the ZUF said.

# Highlighting Assam militants' misdeeds

By: NJ Thakuria

The killing of members belonging to the banned United Liberation Front of Assam (Independent) in their hideouts somewhere in Myanmar-China border areas and the subsequent irresponsible media coverage glorifying the brutal acts of separatist Ulfa (I) leaders really annoyed the majority population of northeast India. The live streaming of militant leaders by many satellite news channels offering sufficient space to justify the murder of Assamese youths in their camps shocked the society. Now demands are being raised to restrict the media outlets propagating the culture of violence in the name of an armed freedom movement run by some militants settled in outside the country. The anti-militancy organization Assam Public Works, while condemning the news channels for interviewing Ulfa (I) leader Paresh Barua and telecasting the content to provide him an opportunity to justify their misdeeds, revealed that it would approach Gauhati High Court to ban both the mainstream and social media outlets of the region in their vicious initiative to admire the act of militancy. The debate gained momentum when Ulfa (I) announced in the first week of May that they had 'executed' two of their cadres namely Sanjiv Sarma and Dhanjit Das in one of their hideouts following a judicial process. The militants claimed that both the new recruits were involved in anti-outfit activities (read spying for police) and they were given capital punishments. The outfit, which is waging a so-called war against New Delhi for an independent Assam for decades, even claimed that both Sanjiv and Dhanjit confessed their crimes. Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, also in charge of the State home portfolio, strongly denied the presence of any spy from the State police department in the militant's camps. The saffron leader, who has been pursuing the peace talk initiatives with Ulfa (I) for a year now, which has resulted in an unilateral ceasefire by the militants showing their sincerity to the negotiation process, argued that it was beyond the State government's jurisdiction to send spies outside the country. Late another casualty was reported from the Ulfa (I) camp, where one cadre named Biju Gogoi was found dead. The matter came to light only after an arrested rebel spoke to the police and claimed that he saw Biju's body with bullet injuries in a camp inside the jungles of northern Myanmar. Biju was associated with All Assam Student's Union and joined the Ulfa-I in 2019 following the uproarious situation emerged due to rigorous protests against the citizenship amendment act in the State's Brahmaputra valley. The arrested rebel claimed that Biju was gunned down by the militants as he tried to escape the camp. As the news spread, Ulfa (I) militants came out with a media clarification that Biju was not executed but he killed himself on 12 February last. Now the family members of Biju raise the pertinent question, why the militant leaders did not disclose it earlier. Biju's mother demands a proof that her son committed suicide by shooting himself in the camp. Patriotic People's Front Assam, while condemning the militants for killing Assamese youths, urged the local media outlets to be responsible while reporting the issue of militancy. Providing live coverage to the militant leaders, the forum argues that the media organisations were only praising the militants for inhuman activities. The news anchors hardly questioned the authority of militants to declare someone as traitors (for subsequent executions). Moreover, if the militants have the compassion to pay final respect to the victims by sending their bodies to the families, it was also not raised by the news presenters. Shockingly a media club tried to accommodate space to the hardcore militant leader with an arranged media interaction, which resulted in a police complaint against the Gauhati Press Club office-bearers. The complainant argued that many journalist-members of the same press club once stood against the separatist militants to hoist (and unfurl) the national Tri-colour in the club premises on every Independence Day and Republic Day, but the present committee has spoiled the spirit of patriotism with an attempt to organize a press interaction with militants leaders. Time for pondering by the media personnel indeed!

# Siddharth Gautama "The Buddha" And Jesus Christ: Lamps Of The World

By: Dr. Aniruddha Babar

*"What humanity owes to personalities like Buddha, Moses, and Jesus ranks for me higher than all the achievements of the enquiring and constructive mind."*  
~ Albert Einstein

Invitation to be one of the key speakers to share my thoughts and research on the relevance of the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama "The Buddha" in a prestigious International Conference organize by Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, 26-28 May, 2022 was not easy to be handled. The reason was very simple. To understand the Buddha's teachings you have to be a devotee of science of logic and scientific temperament. Faith has no scope, space and place in the teachings of the Buddha, in fact like an Investigator and a Scientist he urges his disciples and students – both lay and monks – to diligently live a life of inquiry. Scientists use a way to visualise the working of electric and magnetic fields; we visualise lines of forces or fluxes due to the presence of charges, static vs. dynamic. In a similar way, the Buddha used a way to visualise the working of this world. The fluxes are called Asava. Just like scientists consider that everything is influenced by physical laws, the Buddha consider humans and also gods are under the influence of different sets of laws. For every action, there is an equal but opposite reaction. Scientists call it Newtonian law, but the Gautam Buddha calls it karma and fruit. Due to the scientific and systematic nature of teachings that is evidently characterized by Hegelian dialectic that is -Thesis, Antithesis and Synthesis the best minds in the world history attracted to the teachings of the Gautam Buddha for over two thousand years.

I was delighted with the invitation as I thought it to be an opportunity to present Buddha's teachings as constructive solution to the modern, burning world and its problems. While I was preparing my lecture/presentation titled "Reminiscent of Gautam Buddha's teachings- An Inquiry into the Buddhist Principles of Good Governance", I fondly remembered hours of serious discussions that I had with my disciples Mosa Sangtam, Keneisidzo Mezhu, Ghukha Chophy, Vemudozo Tsetso, Putionen Jamir, Keshavikho Lhoushe and many other best, seeking, inquiring minds I came across at Tsetso College. It would not be wrong to say that the topic of my

presentation at International conference was a result of an inspiration that I derived from my students from whom I learned a lot. Intelligence is flooding everywhere, but what is rare to be found in today's world is -THE CONTEMPLATIVE MIND- which I discovered in my students.

My relationship with Gautam Buddha is not new. I discovered him in my childhood. In fact, the discovery of Moses, Jesus and the Buddha was the best discoveries of my childhood life. Frankly speaking, I don't understand, or maybe I am not evolved enough to understand their divinity as what is being normally projected. In fact, I do get really bored reading about all those stories about miracles and divine interventions, however, my focus has always been on the core teachings which transformed my inner world completely. I do not pray loudly (I just cannot), nor do I worship, but I meditate on teachings and try to apply them in my life. Jesus Christ and the Gautam Buddha are my two personal teachers. I imagine them and myself in a relation of disciple and the teachers. Whether I am religious or a believer or not, should have no relevance because the plain in which the union of me and my teachers exist is not a material plain but a cosmic plain of the mind where earthly, manmade words and concepts like religion, faith, beliefs, rituals, systems, rules has no space. What a greater pleasure a seeker can have than having a company of two Masters of the wisdom?

The International Conference was successfully concluded, I also got a chance to chair one of the sessions, and however, my mind was clouded with thoughts and ideas. It was heavily raining outside. Night was becoming stormy. I went into a contemplative mode- the most dangerous state of mind where I often meet my LIVING Masters- The Jesus and The Buddha. What DO they teach us? What do they teach me?

Jesus and the Buddha both urge

followers to live a life of peace and love, returning love and compassion for hate and anger. They both promote what Buddha called "right action"—do not kill, steal, slander, etc. they both stress the importance of helping others. Both Siddhartha Gautama, who was to become the Buddha, and Jesus of Nazareth, who was to become the Christ, are said to have left their homes in the prime of their lives, seeking truths that exist beyond the scope of most people's interest. Both were eventually led into a wilderness where, alone, they faced the devil and his traditional three temptations. Siddhartha sat beneath the Bodhi tree where Mara, a malignant celestial king and devil figure, confronted him while he was meditating. Jesus, in the Judean Desert, after forty days and nights of fasting faced Satan, the fallen angel formerly known as Lucifer. It's believed that both were tempted by the cravings of the flesh, the spirit, and worldly pride. Both emerged from that experience with a new teaching and immediately proclaimed their insights.

The Buddha's first order of business was to deliver the famous Deer Park Discourse. Here he put forth the teaching that was to become the bedrock of Buddhism: The Four Noble Truths. Jesus preached what has come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount, wherein he outlined, in the Beatitudes, a model for Christian life. Both sermons detailed, in systematic fashion, how followers were to live out the precepts of the founders. Even the final words of the Buddha are echoed by the proclamations of Christianity. The Buddha said, "Be ye lamps unto yourselves." Jesus said almost the same thing: "Ye are the light of the world." The Buddha declared all matter in this world to be transitory. Jesus said: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." The Buddha's last words are said to be, "Work out your own salvation with diligence." The Apostle Paul, speak-

ing for Jesus, said, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Moreover, there is a strong tendency in Christianity to consider Jesus or Christ as a "living essence", and not just as an individual. This is quite clear through indications such as the "Christ in you" or that "God exists in your heart". In this perspective, Christ is synonymous with the spirit of love, compassion and devotion to helping others, features which coincide with what Buddhists understand "the Buddhature" existing as a potential in all people. Call of Jesus for "overcoming self" (Deny yourself) is almost identical to the Buddhist principle of Self-Mastery (mastery over the mind and desires). Christian is a religion which believe in an omnipotent God who has feeling like humans do; and He is concerned about which persons believe his existence and which do not.

Buddha and Jesus started out as devout followers of an older religion (Judaism, Vedic Tradition) but set out to break the monopoly of spiritual power by a hereditary priesthood, which guarded spirituality as the privilege of an elite. Both of them tried to simplify the principles of their religion, reduce it to its moral and spiritual essence, and then make it universally available to all the people, the "lowest" as well as the highest. Neither sought to start a whole new religion. Both sought to purify and strengthen their religion by reminding people what religion ought to be all about.

Buddha rejected the Vedic Caste system and the notion of "untouchability." a terrible way of treating the lowest of the low of society, who were made to do all the dirty jobs no one else wanted to do. Jesus, for his part was always taking the side of the poor and admonishing the wealthy to share their good fortune.

Buddhism is more of a philosophy although some people turned it into a religion and Christianity was primarily an idealistic social movement which gradually turned into a religion. Jesus and Buddha both attempted to transform the society as a whole and the Man in particular through their teachings. A Common Man was the focal point of their observation and teachings.

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# The role of Statistics in Society

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Statistics is the subject that deals with the information gained by the data. Studying statistics help us to apply appropriate and different techniques for collection of data, analyzing and examining it, and concluding the result. Statistics can also be defined as a complex but useful process with the help of which we are able to make scientific discoveries, make choices on the basis of data and predict things. It may be interesting to point out that statistics is not a new discipline but as old as the human society itself. It has been used right from the existence of life on the earth, though its use was very limited. In the good old days, statistics was regarded as the "Science of Statecraft" and was the by-product of the administrative activity of the State. It has been the traditional function of the government to keep records of population, births, deaths, taxes, crop yields and many other types of activities. Counting and measuring these events may generate many kinds of numerical data. Though, in its present usage, the word "Statistics" is barely a century

old, it has been in use for a much larger period. The word "Statistics" seems to have been derived from the Latin word 'Statu' or Italian word "Statista" meaning statesman or the German word 'Statistik' which means a Political State.

The word "statistics" conveys a variety of meaning to people. To some "statistics" is an imposition form of mathematics, whereas to others, it suggests tables, charts and figures, commonly found in newspapers, journals, books, various reports, speeches, classroom lectures, TV etc. Almost daily, we are exposed to a wide assortment of numerical information which often has profound impact on our lives. The field of statistics has a major contribution to the development of all the other fields and subjects, thus adding to the development of the society. All the aspects of life come under the umbrella of statistical knowledge; economical, housing, medical, education, industrial, mathematics, business psychology, and natural sciences such as physics, biology, and chemistry, etc. Thus, the appli-

cations of statistics are wide-ranging.

There are many implications of statistical knowledge in different grounds and field. Statistics help the businessmen in making quick and appropriate decisions. He becomes aware of his customers' demands and then produces and sells accordingly. He also keeps a balance of the quantities. Proper planning of production is performed by the businessmen with the help of the statistics. After the production of resources, the quality is checked and assured with the aid of statistical methods. Thus, statistics play a vital role in the establishment of businesses and making correct decisions regarding all the aspects of the business. Using correct knowledge of statistics, businessmen make their businesses successful. "Statistics can help us to assess risk and to stay the right side of foolishness". The economic conditions are also impacted by the knowledge of statistics. The statistical methods prepare national income accounts which are the multipurpose indicators for administrators and economists. These methods are also utilized for the collection, analysis of the data, and testing of the hypotheses in the economic research. Im-

ports and exports, supply and demand, per capita income, and the inflation rates, all are studied and examined under the statistical knowledge. In all the social and natural sciences, statistics majorly contributes. In mathematics, statistics make and describe the measurements in a most precise way. Dispersions, probability averages, and estimations etc. are applied in mathematics. The relation of mathematics and statistics is deep. Where the statistical methods are applied in mathematics, mathematical methods are applied in statistics such as algebra, differentiation, and integration. Banks also make use of the statistical knowledge. The notion of depositing the money, and gaining profits and losses, all use the statistical methods and approaches on the basis of probability in order to estimate make an estimation of the number of deposits and also their statements for a particular day. Statistics is the fundamental ground of all the governmental policies. All administrative decisions are now being made using the statistical data. The methods are used in the determination of an increase in the cost of living in an instance where the government wishes to revise the employees' pay scales in order to determine the stan-

dard of living. Statistics is also helpful in the preparation of the budgets of the provincial and federal governments. It estimates or predicts the revenues and expenditures from various sources. In the fields of meteorology, biology, chemistry, physics, commerce, communications, etc., statistics has its significance in analyzing and examining the experiments and deducing the results. Astronomy which is the study of stars and space also utilizes the statistical knowledge. With the help of statistics, different properties and characteristics of the heavenly bodies are measured such as the densities, masses, sizes, and distances. Statistics have also made transformations in the ideology of the state. The choices and the decisions we make, all depend on the statistics.

Pullinger admits that the statistical knowledge is all regarding the subjects of high value and importance in human activities. Apart from all these applications, we see statistics benefitting us with different methods which are applied in making predictions about the weather forecast, spread of any disease, mortality rate, occurrence of any natural disaster such as earthquake, or floods etc., effectiveness of any medicine or drug, examining and

studying genes and their impacts, predicting the results of elections, keeping a track of buying and selling, rates of insurance company, etc. People in weather make predictions about the coming weather, and make everyone aware of that. Scientists make research about the how any particular disease is spreading and how much it has affected the people using the statistical methods. Similarly, they also make people aware of any disaster that's going to happen in the near future. Different methods of statistics deal with different kinds of data. Not every method is applicable to all kinds of data. Hand says, "There is no aspect of modern life upon which statistics do not impinge". Hence, we observed how the knowledge and learning of statistics take control of all the aspects of our life and society; whether it is educational, medical, jobs and employment, governmental, administrative, astronomic etc. **Though all the calculations and conclusions cannot be made on the basis of probabilistic perspective, statistics provide the stepping stone for reaching the right conclusions and results.**

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# With Growing Covid Cases, BMC Chief Asks Officials to Ramp Up Test Facilities

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, June 2:

With a steep rise in the number of new Covid-19 cases, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Iqbal Singh Chahal on Wednesday asked civic officials to ramp up testing on a war-footing to curb the spread of the disease.

On Wednesday 1081 new cases were reported in Maharashtra. The number was much higher compared to 782 cases registered on February 27. With this, the number of active patients rose to 5113 in the state. While 524 patients were recovered, no death was reported on Wednesday. With 77,36,275 patients recovered so far, the recovery rate remained at 98.07 percent, whereas the casualty rate was 1.87 percent in the state.

In Mumbai, the COVID-19 cases have been steadily going up since the beginning of May. With 506 new cases reported on Tuesday, the number of daily fresh cases crossed the 500-mark for the first time after February 23, when 168 cases were reported. With this the number of active cases reached 2526 in the me-



ropolis.

Chahal asked officials to keep the staff of jumbo field hospitals. Nine Covid centres have been dismantled while the nine Jumbo Covid-19 centres will remain operational at least till September in Mumbai. Out of 24,472 beds, only 90 beds have been occupied at present. Till now the BMC has conducted 1,71,36,694 tests.

The new cases being reported daily have tremendously gone up in Mumbai, and with monsoon around the corner, we will now see a rapid rise in symptomatic cases, Chahal told BMC officials.

The civic chief asked the BMC officials to tell private laboratories to be proactive and fully prepared. He also asked the Assistant Municipal Commissioners (AMCs) to take daily reviews of the COVID-19 situation in their wards and intervene wherever required. He also asked all the AMCs to review the status of ward war rooms to ensure they are fully equipped with staff, medical teams, and ambulances, and also to put private hospitals on alert.

Chahal also directed the officials to visit jumbo hospitals coming under their juris-

diction, to ensure they are monsoon-ready with de-watering pumps, structural stability certification, fire safety mechanisms, medical and paramedic staff, and oxygen manufacturing plants and fully equipped with medicines. He also stated that the jumbo medical facility in the Malad area in North Mumbai should be put to use on priority if hospitalizations rise in the coming days. He also asked the civic officials to boost up the inoculation drive in the 12-18 years category and persuade people to take booster doses of vaccine against COVID-19.

# 35.22% Jump in Daily Covid-19 Cases in India as 3,712 Infections Reported in Last 24 Hours

Agency  
New Delhi, June 2:

India on Thursday recorded 35.22 per cent jump in daily COVID-19 cases with 3,712 fresh infections of coronavirus in the last 24 hours, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

The daily COVID-19 positivity rate has also gone up to 0.84 per cent, from Wednesday's 0.60 per cent. The weekly positivity rate now stands at 0.67 per cent.

The country's COVID-19 death toll has climbed to 5,24,641, with five latest fatalities reported from Kerala, the ministry data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprised 0.05 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.74 per cent, the health ministry said. An increase of 1,123 cases has been recorded in the active Covid caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.84 per cent

and the weekly positivity rate at 0.67 per cent, according to the health ministry. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,26,20,394, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.22 per cent.

The cumulative number of doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive has exceeded 193.70 crore. 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, crossed 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 and three crore on June 23.

The country had recorded 2,745 coronavirus infections on Wednesday, while the active cases increased to 18,386.

Mumbai on Wednesday reported 739 fresh Covid-19 cases, the highest daily rise after February 4, but no fatalities. Even as the country has

seen a lull in terms of virus spikes, the fresh news rung alarm bells.

The infections on Wednesday rose by 233 compared to the previous day when the city had logged 506 cases. On February 4, Mumbai recorded 846 infections and seven related fatalities.

On Wednesday, the number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,26,17,810, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.22 per cent.

A total of 5,24,636 deaths have been reported so far in the country including 1,47,860 from Maharashtra, 69,742 from Kerala, 40,107 from Karnataka, 38,025 from Tamil Nadu, 26,210 from Delhi, 23,520 from Uttar Pradesh and 21,204 from West Bengal. The 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.

# Sonia Gandhi Tests Positive for Covid-19; Congress Says No Impact on June 8 ED Appearance

Agency  
New Delhi, June 2:

Sonia Gandhi has tested positive for Covid-19, the Congress announced on Thursday, days before the interim party president was to appear before the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case linked to the National Herald newspaper.

Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala told mediapersons about Sonia Gandhi's Covid test result a day after her son and party MP sought more time to appear before the ED in the same case.

"Congress president Sonia Gandhi tests positive for COVID-19. She has developed mild fever & some symptoms and has isolated herself and has been given requisite medi-



cal attention. As of today, her date of appearance before ED on June 8th stands as it is," he said.

While Sonia (75) was asked to appear before the agency on June 8, Rahul (51) was summoned on June 2. At a press conference on Wednesday, party leaders Surjewala and Abhishek Manu Singhvi had said that Sonia would comply with the summons, but her appearance on June 8 before the ED is now unlikely given her positive Covid test.

The agency registered a fresh case under the criminal provisions of the PMLA after a trial court here took cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe against Young Indian Pvt Ltd on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013. The first family of the Congress party, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, are among the promoters and shareholders of Young Indian.

BJP MP Swamy had accused Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others of conspiring to cheat and misappropriate funds with Young Indian Pvt Ltd paying off Rs 50 lakh to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that Associate Journals Ltd owed to the Congress.

The Delhi High Court in February last year issued a notice to the Gandhis for their response on Swamy's plea seeking to lead evidence in the matter before the trial court. They, however, contended in the Delhi High Court that the plea by Swamy was "misconceived and premature". The other accused in this case filed by Swamy are Suman Dubey and technocrat Sam Pitroda who have denied the allegations.

Agency  
New Delhi, June 2:

The Quad reflects a stronger sense of converging purpose in the face of regional and global challenges and symbolises the larger direction that the world is taking. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday.

Delivering the KK Nayyar memorial lecture, he also described the charges that the concept of Indo-Pacific is derived from Cold War thinking as "motivated and false".

Jaishankar said the Indo-Pacific is the future and not the

past.

"The charges that the Indo-Pacific derives from Cold War thinking are motivated and false. They are made by the very quarters who seek to freeze the status quo of 1945. And deny the integration that has happened in the last two decades," he said.

"Their endeavour is to constrain the choices of others and impose their own interests," the external affairs minister noted. Referring to the Quad comprising India, the US, Japan and Australia, Jaishankar said its objective is to do global good and that the need for that to be a collaborative effort is self-evident.

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"It can unfold today because painstakingly efforts were made over many years to strengthen the bilateral relationships... But even that, by itself, was not adequate. It took considerable openness of mind in all the Quad leaderships to envisage collaboration in a more contemporary manner," he said.

"If Quad is to continue growing, we must also be cognizant of what we should not do. Trying to strait-jacket it, subject it to stress tests or impose convergence over convergence are harmful, not helpful," Jaishankar said.

## Contd. from Page 2 Siddhartha Gautama "The Buddha" ...

Remember, neither Jesus nor the Gautam Buddha was preacher. They both were teachers. You can never ask a question to a preacher but you can ask questions to a teacher and also agree-disagree with him.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus defined himself by saying who he was and what his mission was. At the same time, he never controlled or manipulated others to agree; instead, he asked questions and invited others into conversation to help them see where they stood in relation to him. ALSO, from its origins in India, Buddhism has had an appreciation for reasoning and debate skills. The profound purpose of Buddhist debate and reasoning is to clear away a wrong conception of our own natures and thereby to

become free of suffering and even death. Siddhartha Gautam "The Buddha" was a debater, a logician, he encouraged debates and dialogues. He gave liberty to his disciples, students and followers to disagree with him.

Whenever the topic of religion and faith would crop up, my parents would always encourage me to discover 'truth' on my own. "Don't ask us or anybody in family or friend circle anything, we do not want you to be under any internal or external influences, it is your life, you have to discover yourself and tell us". I was never given any religious moral teachings/training nor was I ever sent to any Gita, Koran, Bible School or Buddhist, Jain Monastery.

Such a freedom given by parents was not easy to handle

however, my exploration started at very early age. Even though I am a believer in the Christian context, I am closer to the 'teachings' of Jesus than his divinity, similarly as a disciple of the Buddha all what I am concerned about is his teachings alone. There have always been an aura of myths and miracles around great personalities in the history, therefore a seeker's duty is to not get carried away by them, but discover the core of what has been taught by the great masters of wisdom. The path of Christ - is a Practice. The Path of Buddha - is a Practice. Let us not remain just followers, let us become wise, diligent practitioners - beyond material, ritualistic approaches.

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## IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE (SR. DIVISION), IMPHAL WEST, MANIPUR

### ORIGINAL (MONEY) SUIT NO. 1 OF 2021 UNDER ORDER XXXVII OF THE CODE OF CPC

Chabungbam Bebe Devi, aged about year, W/o, K. Dorendro Singh of Mayang Langging, P.O./P.S. Lamshang, Imphal West District, Manipur.

..... Plaintiff

-Versus-

Laishram Menan Singh, age about 55 years, H/o, Laishram Ongbi Menaka Devi of Kwakeithel Thokchom Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur.

..... Defendant

To, Laishram Menan Singh, aged about 55 years, H/o, Laishram Ongbi Menaka Devi of Kwakeithel Thokchom Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur.

Whereas, the Plaintiff, has instituted a suit against you under order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1980, for recovery of Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twentyfive Lakhs) only, you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you, within 10 days from the service hereof, in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled, after the expiration of the said period of 10 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twentyfive lakhs) only, as the court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you a summons for judgement at the herein of which you will be entitled to move the court foe leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the court for by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to suit on the merits or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day April, 2022.

Seal:

By:  
Advocate

Sd/-

Civil Judge (Sr. Division)  
Imphal West, Manipur

# Minister Awangbow checks vulnerable areas of Iril River Banks

IT News  
Imphal, June 2:

Minister for Water Resource and Relief & Disaster Management, Awangbow Newmai today checked the vulnerable river bank of Iril river and its tributaries namely Guru Pat stream and Yalapat stream along with Kshetrigao AC MLA, Sheikh Noorul Hassan.

The Ministerial team noted the critical areas such as left bank of Iril river at Kshetri Awang Leikai Top Khongnangkong, Salaudin and Jilil Mapa, Naharup Chandan Thongkhong, Khongjin Culvert Achoubaand Saikhom Mapa. Moreover, the present conditions of streams from Yalapat and Guru Pat which is about 5.5km in length was also inspected and decided to take up desilting work after the monsoon season.

Briefing the Media, Minister Awangbow expressed that expert study and technique on soil condition is required for a permanent solution to avoid flooding and soil erosion during the rainy season. For permanent solution of affected areas, the



Minister informed that the Department will submit a DPR to the concerned Ministry. The Ministerial team was accompanied by Additional

Chief Engineer (Flood), Y. Homendro Singh, Shahid Shah, SE and Remmei Ningthouja EE, WR Department and other officials of the Department.

While pursuing the

# Assam flood: Situation improves as death toll rises to 38; over 1 lakh remain affected

Agency  
Guwahati, June 2:

The grim situation in Assam, where pre-monsoon floods affected several regions, saw some improvement on Wednesday. An official statement said that while two people died today about 1.02 lakh still remain affected by the deluge. It further added that the death toll stands at 38 persons across the state who lost their

lives due to floods and landslides.

Currently, the worst affected region remains Nagaon. It saw almost 47,200 people suffering. Nagaon is followed by Morigaon with more than 40,700 people and Cachar with nearly 14,000 people. According to the daily report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), one person each died in Katigorh and Sonai of Cachar district due

to the flood.

The ASDMA said 1,01,926 people are still in distress due to the floods in Cachar, Dima Hasao, Morigaon and Nagaon districts. Till Tuesday, almost 1.77 lakh people were affected by the deluge across the four districts in the state. At present, 171 villages are underwater and 6,892.42 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across Assam, the ASDMA said.

The authorities are running 12 relief camps and distribution centers in four districts, where 2,560 people, including 578 children, are currently staying, it said. The administrations have distributed 243.87 quintals of rice, dal and salt, 50 quintals of cattle feed and other relief items. Massive erosion has been witnessed in Barpeta, Biswanath, Dhubri, Hojai, Sonitpur, Tinsukia and Udalguri districts.

## Sports

# Messi majestic as Argentina beat Italy 3-0 in La Finalissima

Agency  
Rome, June 2:

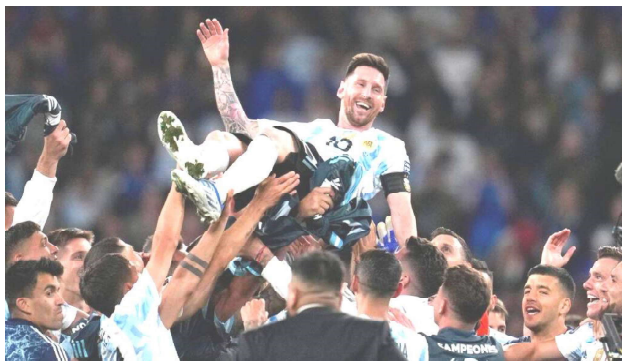
Powered by Lionel Messi's dazzling football in front of a packed crowd at the Wembley Stadium, Argentina men's national team celebrated a 3-0 thumping of Italy to claim La Finalissima.

The seven-time Ballon d'Or winner lifted his second international trophy with Argentina in 11 months. What makes this win all the more special for Argentina's number 10 is that the last La Finalissima holder was another Argentina number 10, one Diego Maradona.

In a one-off meeting of the European and South American champions, the latter came strong, courtesy a player of the match performance from Lionel Messi, who'd put in a player of the tournament performance last summer to win the Copa America.

The 34-year old has now made 46 goal contributions in the 45 finals that he has played in his career. And judging by the two assists that he recorded on his record-extending 161st Argentina appearance last night, there is no sign of Messi slowing down with the chance to win a first World Cup title later this year.

"What we experienced here was beautiful," Messi said. "We knew it was going to be a nice game and a nice setting in which to be champions."



autaro Martinez opened the scoring on the night after Messi had made a brilliant solo run on the left taking him past Giovanni Di Lorenzo, leaving his teammate with only the tap-in formality to make it 1-0 in the 28th minute.

Martinez then turned creator in the dying seconds of the first-half as he threaded a through ball for Angel Di Maria, who chipped it past Gianluigi Donnarumma to double Argentina's lead having left behind Giorgio Chiellini in the process. The 37-year old Italy captain made his last appearance for his country, signing off with a 117 caps.

The win was wrapped up

with only seconds left to play on the night as Messi gained possession on the halfway line and rampaged to the edge of the penalty area, evading Di Lorenzo's challenge to set up substitute Paulo Dybala, who struck it to low into the net.

It was a second trophy lift at Wembley for Messi, who had won the Champions League Final here with Barcelona in 2011, beating Manchester United 3-1 and putting in another player of the match performance. The celebrations for La Albicestse were not so different as they threw their captain in the air, forming a huddle around him. Same as they did after their Copa

America win last year in Brazil.

It was a painful return for the Italians to Wembley Stadium, who'd won their Euro title last year on the same turf. The Azzurri will miss playing at the World Cup for the second successive time.

Argentina on the other hand will head to Qatar in November with another trophy — one created as part of a UEFA-CONMEBOL partnership that challenges the global supremacy of FIFA.

The choice of London as the venue for the game stood right as 87,000 packed the arena with UEFA picking the stadium despite the unrest caused by the local fans at the Euro 2020 final.

# BJP much ahead of political rivals in Lok Sabha Poll preparation

By Pradeep Kapoor  
Lucknow, June 2:

BJP is much ahead of political rivals in making preparations for 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Uttar Pradesh using Hindutva, holding investment meet and gearing up party workers to achieve target. Significantly enough Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked the party leaders and workers to achieve the target of 75 seats out of 80 Lok Sabha seats from UP in Lok Sabha polls in 2024.

Addressing the day long first state executive meet of party on May 29 at Lucknow CM Yogi Adityanath asked party leaders and workers to start preparation of Lok Sabha polls. It would be worth mentioning here that during 2019 Lok Sabha polls, BJP won 62 seats while two were won by alliance partner Apna Dal.

The ministry formation and allocation of portfolios in UP was also done while following social engineering in view of 2024 Lok Sabha polls. As many as 22 ministers were dropped. Similarly the criteria for selection of party candidates for

Rajya Sabha polls was also done taking into account its impact on the Lok Sabha polls.

BJP has identified weak polling booths in the state and has asked party strategists and leaders to strengthen them with effective management. BJP has already taken initiative to train party leaders and cadres in all over the state where participation of party leaders including MPs has been made mandatory.

For a better outreach of the state government to implement central and state welfare schemes Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has allocated districts to ministers with directive to stay there for few days to interact with people and prepare ground report about proper implementation of welfare schemes.

In order to bring investment in UP, CM Yogi Adityanath is pursuing the massive investment program to be attended by top corporate houses of the country in the presence of PM Narendra Modi and other union ministers.

While pursuing the

Hindutva agenda, CM Yogi Adityanath is monitoring the construction of massive temple of Lord Ram at Ayodhya. CM Yogi Adityanath has prepared roadmap of development of important holy cities Ayodhya, Varanasi and Mathura. The CM who has emerged as the new icon for the Hindutva groups, is giving full support to the moves of the pro-Hindutva petitioners to keep the communal passions hot till the 2024 elections.

Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi is already in discussion due to litigation. People are watching the litigation with big interest. The BJP is trying to exploit the Hindu sentiments fully by focusing on the Gyanvapi and the other mosques. CM himself is monitoring the pace of construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya which is expected to be completed before the 2024 polls. All these pro Hindutva moves are expected to help the BJP in getting massive support in the Lok Sabha elections, the state BJP leaders believe. (IPA Service)

# New Guidelines for Central Sector Scheme "Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region"

PIB  
New Delhi, June 2:

The Central Government has approved New Guidelines of Central Sector Scheme "Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region and Sikkim". The scheme will be implemented during 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26). The Scheme is envisaged to provide financial support for enhancing the productivity and competitiveness as well as capacity building of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the NE and Sikkim. The scheme has following components:

**1. Setting up of new and modernization of existing Mini Technology Centres:**  
The Scheme envisages financial assistance to State Governments for setting up new and modernization of existing Mini Technology Centres. Projects for creation of common facilities to supplement manufacturing, testing, packaging, R&D, product and process innovations and training for natural resources such as fruits, spices, agriculture, forestry, sericulture and bamboo etc. available in NE and Sikkim would be given priority. The financial assistance of Central Government will be 90%. The projects with total project cost more than Rs. 15.00 crore, will also be considered but maximum assistance shall be limited to Rs. 13.50 crore.

**2. Development of new and existing Industrial Estates:**  
Central Government financial assistance will be provided for development of new and existing Industrial Estates, Flatted Factory Complexes. The financial assistance of Government will be 90%. The maximum project cost for calculation of assistance shall be Rs. 15.00 Crore for development of new industrial estate

whereas Rs.10.00 crore for development of existing Industrial Estate. The projects with total project cost more than Rs.10.00/15.00 crore, will also be considered but maximum assistance shall be limited to Rs. 9.00/13.50 crore as the case may be.

**3. Development of Tourism Sector:**

The projects for creation of common services such as kitchen, bakery, laundry & dry cleaning, refrigeration and cold storage, IT infra, potable water, display centre for local products, centre for cultural activities etc. in a cluster of home stays may be considered under the scheme. There has to be linkages of projects with local MSEs. The financial assistance of Central Government will be 90% for projects with maximum assistance limited to Rs. 4.50 crore.

The new guidelines of the scheme are available on the website of the office [www.dcmsme.gov.in](http://www.dcmsme.gov.in)

# Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 begins to propel Covid-19 vaccination

Agency  
New Delhi, June 2:

The Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0 commenced across the country on Wednesday to ensure complete Covid-19 vaccination of all eligible beneficiaries, with special focus on inoculation of those in the 12-14 age group and precaution dose for those above 60. The two-month long door-to-door campaign will run between June 1 and July 31.

The first Har Ghar Dastak

campaign was conducted in November last year. So far, 193.6 crore doses have been administered across the country. Nearly 96.3% of those above 15 years of age have received at least one dose and 86.3% have got both the doses of the vaccine. The states have been asked to come up with micro-plans to widen the coverage.

Vaccination has also been slow among children between 12 and 14 for whom the Biological E's Corbevax was cleared in March.

An official from Delhi said, "Initially, there was some hesitation among parents because it was a new vaccine. By the time they became comfortable, the schools had re-opened and vaccination centres on the premises had to be closed...There was also the problem of finding. Schoolchildren got free at 1 or 2 pm, which is the closing time for dispensaries... All these factors led to slower vaccination among the 12 to 14 years old."