

All should try to get benefits of various schemes: Governor



IT News
Imphal, June 24:

Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan has appealed people to enroll themselves through various Schemes which are being taken up by the Centre and the State and get the benefits. He was speaking at an interaction programme of Zilla Parishad Members, District Level Officers, Pradhans, Civil Society Organisations and villagers held today at Thiyam

Konjil Mamang Leikai Community Hall under Keirao Bitra Sub-Division of Imphal East district.

Governor said, the Centre and the State governments have been taking up a number of welfare schemes and programmes through which the needy people are benefited. He said, with an aim to develop India in all front and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, developmental programmes in

many sectors including housing, health, education and infrastructure are being taken up in the country. For providing safe drinking water to every household in the country, Jal Shakti Abhiyan has been implemented. Stating that there has been a number of initiatives in the State too, Governor said, people should try to understand about the initiatives and get enrolled through it. He further stated that as a result of maximum

efforts made by the government, COVID infection has been decreased almost to a negligible rate nowadays. He appealed people to get vaccinated at least twice to fight the pandemic.

Reiterating the Centre's commitment to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2025, Governor asked the district administration to take steps for conducting door to door survey and identify TB patients so that prompt action can be taken up.

Earlier, representatives of various civil society organizations raised their concerns on various issues like road connectivity, power, health, education etc. and urged the Governor to take steps. He assured them that he will ask Chief Minister to take all possible steps at the earliest in the larger interest of the people in the area. Lourembam Rameshwor Meetei, MLA Keirao A/C also attended the interaction programme. Governor was accorded a warm welcome by the Deputy Commissioner, Imphal East, Khumanthen Daina Devi on his arrival at the venue.

NDA presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu files nomination papers for Prez polls

New Delhi, June 24:

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led NDA's presidential nominee Draupadi Murmu filed her nomination papers for presidential election scheduled to be held on July 18. Murmu, 64, was accompanied by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while handing over the set of papers to Returning Officer P C Mody.

Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and Piyush Goyal, BJP president JP Nadda and several chief ministers including Yogi Adityanath, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Manohar Lal Khattar, B S Bommai, Bhupendra Patel, Himanta Biswa Sarma, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Pramod Sawant and N Biren Singh were also present on the occasion.

YSR Congress' V Vijaysai Reddy and Biju Janta Dal's Sasmit Patra, who are not part of the NDA, were also in Parliament to back her nomination.



AIADMK leaders O Panerselvam and M Thambidurai and JD-U's Rajiv Ranjan Singh also reached Parliament.

Murmu, the former governor of Jharkhand and a prominent politician from Odisha's tribal community, will be up against former Union minister Yashwant Sinha, 84, the Opposition's candidate in the July 18 election, which will be followed by vote counting on July 21. The term of President Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24.

Murmu spoke with Congress interim-president Sonia Gandhi, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and NCP chief Sharad Pawar seeking their party's support for her candidature in the presidential election, according to sources.

Murmu, if elected, will be the first tribal president and the second woman in the post. She will also be the youngest president ever, second only to N Sanjeeva Reddy, who was a few days elder to her when he became the President.

Illegally possessed Cough Syrup seized from a woman

IT News
Imphal, June 24:

A team of Imphal West District Police Commando along with woman police personnel seized 174 (one hundred seventy four) bottles of cough syrup illegally possessed by a woman from Imphal East district today morning.

Police source said that, a woman identified as, Yumkhalbam Sherabhanu (60 years) D/o (Late) Mv.



Jouruddin of Kshetrigao Mayai Leikai, Imphal-East District was arrested at around 8 am today by the team near Auto parking at Kshetrigao Mayai Leikai. The illegal Cough Syrup were seized from her possessions.

The police source added that the arrested accused woman and the seized Cough Syrup has been handed over to Porompat Police Station for taking further necessary legal action her.

IT News
Imphal, June 24:

Rongmei Naga Peoples Organization (RNPO) and the Rongmei Naga Council Manipur (RNCM) has stated that the Rongmei people are not party to the 'Agreed Position', signed between the Government of India (GoI) and the Working Committee of the Naga National Political Groups (NNPG).

Reacting to the media report, at which it was stated that the Zeliangrong Civil

Organisation namely Zeliangrong Baudi (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland), Zeliangrong Youth front (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland), Zeliangrong Students' Union (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland) and Zeliangrong Baudi (Manipur) have endorsed the 'Agreed Position', signed between the Government of India and the Working Committee of NNPG, the RNPO and the RNCM said that the Rongmei people are not party to the endorsement as claimed in the report.

"Let the world know, once again that the Inpuai, Liangmai, Rongmei and Zeme people are no longer represented by the Zeliangrong organization", a joint statement by the RNPO and the RNCM said.

It said that only a handful of individuals represented the so called Zeliangrong organizations.

"... the endorsement as published in some sections of the press on June 9 and 10, 2022 is nothing but a farce and a media gimmick", the joint statement said.

Memorandum submitted highlighting the grievances of the Chandel people

IT News
Imphal, June 24:

People's Grievances and reform Committee, Chandel district has submitted a memorandum to the deputy Commissioner of the district highlighting the grievances face by the people due to failure in taking up various developmental works in the district.

While the committee appreciated the state govt. policy for corruption free, drug free and clean administration in the whole state of Manipur, the committee felt that many others developmental works being taken up are not satisfied by the people.

In connection with the Rural Road Connectivity Projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Manipur State Rural Road Development Agency (MSRRDA) Package

No. MNO2170, phase - XII (RT) stage II, Black Topping from L031 - Pallel Chandel road at Wangparal Lamkhait to Litan measuring 15 km work was commenced on 06/08/2019 and supposed to be completed on 05/02/2021. But shockingly till today the said work is kept pending by the concerned contractor/ sub-contractor. Therefore we demand immediate resumption of the said Work/Package.

The memorandum said that the Package No. MNO2168 phase - XI (RT) L026 Lambung to Phiran Khullen measuring 15.00 km stage II Black topping work commenced on 01/08/2019 and supposed to be completed in 2021 is still not progress. The concerned contractor has completed some kms, between Lamphou Charu & Anal Khullen villages whereas most of the road left

without proper WBM. If the work is not resuming within two months from today the 13th June, 2022, we shall file legal case against concerned contractor & Dept.

The Committee stated that The Package No MNO287 Phase Xi: Pallel Chandel Road Near Jawahar Novadaya Gate to Lamkang Khunthak measuring 6.50 km is also not progressing. No laborers & contractor are found in the area for the last many months however no action has been taken by the state govt.

"It is also shocking to states that, most of the works initiated under MSRRDA/ PMGSY in Chandel District are still pending & incomplete. We urge the state govt. through Deputy Commissioner Chandel to look into the matter. That IMA MARKET which is constructed at Japhou Bazaar, Chandel hav-

ing a ground floor and 1st floor, constructed under Manipur Police Housing Corporation in 2018 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 16/01/2019. But even though it has been more than 3 years, the market is still unused, and in the structure of the building portion there are crackdowns of building components which need to be repaired immediately. We request your good authority to arrange for rural women vendors at the earliest", the committee mentioned.

The Committee also drew the attention of the deputy Commissioner stating that the KANKHU WOMEN MARKET BUILDING, Chandel District, Manipur constructed under NEC, was completed in 2020, but till today the concerned authority has not yet inaugurated this building.

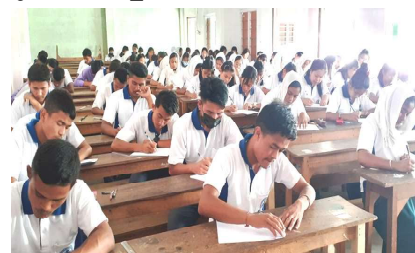
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District Legal Services Authority Thoubal organised essay competition

IT News
Imphal, June 24:

District Legal Services Authority Thoubal in collaboration with the Legal Literacy Club at ACME Higher secondary school organised an essay competition on the topic "Ill effects of drug abuse" at the ACME Higher Secondary School, Yairipok.

The event was attended by Binny Ngangom, Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Thoubal, Bineshwori Maibam, Secretary, DLSA, Thoubal and Yumnam Biren Singh, Principal, ACME Higher Secondary School, Yairipok. Before the competition commenced, Binny Ngangom urged the participants to be aware of the laws such as ND&PS



act, POCSO Act, Juvenile justice Act etc. as offences relating to these acts are commonly occurring in their age group. She also urged the students to refrain from temptations such as indulging with drugs, committing offences related to love affairs as such can be devastating to their future careers.

The essay competition was attended by about 100 students of Class 12.

The event was organised as part of the action plan of the Special unit under NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme constituted for Thoubal District.

★ Editorial

Raw over ILPS base year

The decision of the state cabinet to adopt 1961 as base year for the Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) being enforced in the state since January 1, 2020 has sparked protest from various sections of the people including the CSOs demanding implementation of the ILPS in the state.

Since the ILPS came into effect in the state of Manipur, there has been much debate to the regulation, some calling it as a 'toothless Tiger', as the guidelines in the regulation have no effective clauses for protection of the indigenous people. At the time when the state government framed guidelines and regulations for the implementation of the ILPS, there was no definition of the people of Manipur or the indigenous people of Manipur and thus have no base year on who should be the real people of Manipur. It is obvious that when regulation like the ILPS is implemented, it needs certain clauses which will have to define who are the indigenous people or the people of the state. The Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCIPS) which has been spearheading for implementation of effective regulation like the Bengal Eastern frontier regulations 1873, has been demanding for a concrete definition of the 'people of Manipur' or the 'indigenous' people of the Manipur, as without such, ILPS is meaningless. The main purpose for the demand of ILPS is to protect and preserve the indigenous people, its culture and traditions. If there are no provisions that define the 'people of Manipur' then the purpose of ILPS is meaningless.

By discussing this issue and taking a decision to regulate a base year by the state cabinet, the N. Biren Singh administration showed that it does listen to the voice of the people. The spirit needs to be appreciated, however, if the supposedly good intentions, put the ball in the frying pan, then it is natural that, those taking the responsibility faced the music. Well, the people of Manipur had witnessed mass protest at a time when the state government introduced 3 Bills which had clause that define the indigenous people keeping the base year 1951. Many lives had been lost in the protest at Churanchandpur district. Perhaps the N. Biren Singh administration have apprehension of the similar uproar had his government adopted 1952 as base year for the ILPS. This may be the reason for the state cabinet to adopt the cut off base year for the citizen of Manipur as 1961. But one thing that was asked to everyone is why the state cabinet needs to adopt a base year for the ILPS? Has those in the government ever went in depth on why the people, especially those demanding the ILPS wanted a base year? Had those employees, who are highly paid ever discussed about the need of a base year in ILPS regulations or had they forgotten that, the Manipur State Legislative Assembly had passed a Bill called 'Manipur People Bill, 2018, but remain pending for getting assent of the president of India.

It should have been to the knowledge of those running the government and those executives implementing the decision of the government as well as those advising the government that there is no requisite for inclusion of base year in the ILPS. The ILPS that has been enforced in Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh have no base year. When people demanded a base year for defining the people of Manipur it is about checking of the foreign influx in the state. And for that a base year with a definition of the 'People of Manipur' is needed.

As agreed by all the members of the 60 assembly constituencies and also by the members of the Hill Area Committee of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, the 'Manipur People' has been defined in the clause (j) of Section 2 of the Manipur People Bill, 2018.

It said, "Manipur People means all the native people of Manipur who are citizens of India and includes all communities viz. Meitei/ Meetei, Meitei Pangal, Scheduled Tribes as listed under the constitution (Scheduled Tribes) order, 1950 and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1956, read with the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 2011, as amended from time to time, Scheduled Castes as listed under the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 in respect of Manipur, as amended from time to time, and their descendants. And other person or persons who are citizens of India who have been permanently residing and settled in Manipur before 1951, and their descendants, who are living in Manipur as on the date of commencement of this Act (The Manipur People Bill, 2018)".

This showed that there is no differences among the people of the state in defining the people of Manipur as those citizens of India who have resided before 1951.

Then, why not the state cabinet adopted 1951 as the cut-off based years for identification of people of Manipur. Acting on will without considering the consequences, no matter how one want to show his or her essence of patriotism will only invite criticism. Such act is no difference from activities of a monarch or a dictator in today's world.

On the other hand the state cabinet needs to introduce the National Register of Citizens and define the people of Manipur by adopting the base year as 1951.



By: E.R. Prabhat Kishore

A history is going to be created in India when the first tribal women will be its next highest constitutional head. The contest between Draupadi Murmu of the Ruling Alliance and Yashwant Sinha of Opposition parties for the highest post of President of India is final. But the arithmetic of the electoral college confirms that the contest will be one-sided and it is just a formality. It would have been better if all the political parties had a consensus on a common candidate for the constitutional post.

Presently, government as well as society are working for the empowerment and equality of women through many ambitious programmes. The women serving at various positions are role model for girls, who are dreaming of a prosperous future. The elevation of Draupadi Murmu to the top post of the country, having second largest population in the world, will prove to be catalyst for social change. Undoubtedly, her election as President will be a milestone in the Indian history.

Draupadi Murmu : A Nari Shakti in Rashtrapati Bhawan

Draupadi Murmu has travelled her political career from zero to hero. Her family, belonging to the Santhal tribal, struggled with poverty. Born on 20th June, 1958 in the remotest Uparbeda village of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, Draupadi completed her graduation from Ramadevi Women's College, Bhubaneswar. She started her social life as an honorary assistant professor at Sri Aurobindo Integral Education & Research Centre, Rairangpur. Then she served as a junior assistant in Irrigation and Power department in Odisha Government since 1979 to 1983.

Draupadi started her political journey in 1997 as a councillor and vice-chairman of Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat. In the same year she was appointed as the Vice-President of Odisha BJP Schedule Tribes Morcha. She was elected MLA in 2004 and served as state minister in Commerce & Transport department and subsequently Fisheries & Animal Resource in BJD-BJP coalition government under the Chief Ministership of Naveen Patnaik. For her outstanding contribution, she was honoured Neelkantha Award for being best MLA by the Odisha Vidhan Sabha in the year 2007. She was again elected from the same constituency in 2009. In 2015, she was sworn in as the first women governor of Jharkhand and completed her full term. As a governor she proved herself as a compassionate and balanced administrator who was accessible for the cause of the downtrodden and marginalised community.



Draupadi Murmu is not a very high profile personality. She rose through political ranks battling negligence, poverty and personnel tragedies. She faced many ups and downs in her personal life and lost her husband and both sons in a tragedy; but having great zeal to serve the nation and the society, she did not stop her marching step.

In fact, Draupadi's name was also doing the rounds for the BJP's likely choice for the topmost post in year 2017; but then Ram Nath Kovind, the Governor of Bihar, was finally chosen. There may be several political

and other factors regarding her selection by the BJP for the top post, but for the people she represents the Nari Shakti to prop up the message "Yatra Naryastu Pujayante, Ramante Tatra Deva."

Now our Country is ready to welcome its 15th President of the world's largest democracy. For the first time, a Moolwasi Tribal of the country will occupy the Rashtrapati Bhawan at Raisina Hills, which epitomises India's strength, its democratic traditions and nationalist character.

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Violence in the name of dissent turns democracy a lame duck



By: M.R. Lahu

The streets of India are becoming battlefields on a daily basis and every passing day gives us a jolt of revolt. The hornet's nest reactions that we frequently witness these days are enough to bring the country on its knees. A sense of deliberate and well calibrated exercise of outrage is seen across its landscape. Most of the parachute landed reforms by the Modi regime is seen to be blown away in the air itself by the mob frenzy and the impact of it goes beyond borders with more audience interestingly leaning on to manipulate and dictate terms to the world's largest democracy. Is the country at war, the war that it is fighting from inside more hazardous than the one that it has been against its warmongering neighbours? If that is the case, India has no reason to drumbeat its democratic principles anymore. If the democratic values that we designed and defined for the wellbeing of a pluralistic society are not capable enough to maintain amity and balance, there should be efforts to revisit them and modify with respect to the demand of the time. We have so far been of the opinion that the enemies from across the borders are the real threat. But the latest developments in the country educate us that the real threat is from within, which India as a country is struggling to handle, mostly bound by the liabilities that a democratic setup has actually thrown us in. By turning the whole land into a warzone with public properties destroyed, and a mob fury toppling the essence of our democratic edifice to a deplorable and laughable stage, justifying arson and destruction as a

right to express dissent, the parties and the stakeholders of violence are doing a severe injustice to the country. The incendiary mob is trying to challenge the nation's audacity to pick iron gloves to crush its pig-headed outrage.

A steady shift of violence from the Gyanvapi to the Agni path in less than two weeks has terribly shattered the minds of people, who uphold the values that the country principally espoused for generations, but seeing them fall apart writhing and wriggling, a sense of anxiety is simmering across India. The political involvement to tarnish the reputation that India has been successfully building on a global canvas is visible. This must be the result of a silent hopelessness that some parties have been going through - a predicament that they got entrapped in since 2014. No probable comeback at sight, most of them frantically jump into vehemently unethical and political slugs bringing the country into the middle of a terrible trap. The government at the centre seems to be failing to explain its reforms before they are hard pushed on the polity. Every reform, for that matter, needs to be possibly put for public debate and the government must exhibit tenacity and patience and afford to look for the views evolving without prejudiced dispositions. Unless being authoritarian, no reforms can be hammered on the country. Radical reforms with long standing effects need thorough consultations in a democratic setup. The mystery behind the hullabaloo and violence leading to mass destruction of public property is gradually turning discernible. Should we call this an outcome of the nervousness that the Congress has been reeling under since the ED began to grill Rahul Gandhi on the National Herald case? The Agni path has turned out to be a heavenly subject for the Congress party as its political horizon is clouded with bad times. The unquestionable authority of the Gandhi family in the Congress party is seen principally shaken and browbeaten and unable to take on to the country's saffron political upsurge. It has taken a silhouetted representation by turning the party cadre into an unruly mob as the Congress scion sat facing the ED and the Agni path gave it a tip off moment to empty its anger further.

The mythological intensity and tenacity the government maintained while dragging Rahul Gandhi to the ED's table was criticized, but the suspicion on the Gandhi family on the National Herald case is escalating. Of course, it is untimely to comment on his culpability now. But the party that he leads needs to be tutored on how a democratic country functions when it comes to crippling the corrupt. If the corruption charges that are levelled against him are not true, his party needs to maintain restraint until he comes clean. This indeed would raise his brand value as a politician.

The present depiction of disruptive behaviour by the party cadre pretending to be unleashing its aggression against the defence reform, and a genuine cause that it is trying to paint the arson and violence as, is a cowardly attempt to shield the complexity of a political huddle that Rahul Gandhi is naturally pulling his party into. The Congressmen have probably been thrown into a trap by the BJP by letting it unleash horror in the streets in the name of the ED investigation, in effect an act that the Congress party was articulating, mostly fearful of the damage the outcome of the investigation can cause to the Gandhi family and the party. An investigation, which could have been a silent process, was brought to limelight by the immaturity of its cadre, rampaging into the streets deliberately playing a victim card for its leader. This outrage and turbulence that the party designed was particularly meant for deepening the crisis that the country was already in due to the controversial remarks on the prophet by the BJP spokespersons.

Again, the uninterrupted and infuriating violence since Gyanvapi

seems to have been a framework of this desperation which could successfully throw the country into flames. Local offences which should have remained mere trifling issues within the boundary of the country were oversteered to the level of attracting global attention. The episodes spanning from Gyanvapi to the grilling of Rahul Gandhi by ED to the Agni path, a sequence of deliberate interventions both internal and external were intended to break the brittle bones of democracy. Narratives to camouflage guilt and paint the initiatives of the government as attack on the democratic principles, allowing hostilities to bristle and ignominious attitude being permitted to precipitate, the visible apathy with which the parties deal the essence of India is insidious. A recipe for national disaster that the political ignominy in the country has developed, injects India's veins with venom of hatred and the effect of the sedative has the power to shrink the ideological structure that we built the nation from where it began to pulsate the idea of acceptance and inclusiveness in principle and practice. By disturbing this equilibrium, the dynamism of the country's democratic values would be tyrannised. We need enough cultural backing as a country to understand the perception battle that the parties have been pitching for years. Carried away by a flash flood of controversies that the political desperation is trying to cause; every common citizen is getting entrapped in a whirlpool of chaos, unable to catch hold of the protective embankment of the democratic values which the politics in India turned slippery and feeble for the last few decades. We need tremendous intellectual involvement not emotional to understand the melodramatic impulse of politics, which often takes diplomatic somersaults in frequent intervals.

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Assam floods: Silchar remains under water, toll rises to 108

Agency
Guwahati, June 24:

The flood situation in Assam was critical on Friday with 45.34 lakh people reeling under the deluge, officials said.

The Brahmaputra and Barak rivers along with their tributaries are in spate, even as floodwaters started receding from a few areas, they said.

The toll rose to 108 with seven deaths reported in the last 24 hours, they added.

The situation in Silchar, considered 'Gateway to Barak Valley', is alarming with most areas still under water, a district official said.

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said that it has further expedited rescue and relief operations with additional resources deployed in the severely affected districts, especially Cachar where Silchar is located.

Eight NDRF teams with 207 personnel were brought in from Itanagar and Bhubaneswar, while an Army team with 120 members was sent in from Dimapur along with nine boats for the opera-



tions in Silchar, officials said.

Additionally, two CRPF and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams were airlifted to Cachar, they added.

The state government has started a helpline — 0361-2237219, 9401044617 and 1079 — for the situation in the district.

Nearly 3 lakh people have been affected by an acute shortage of food, clean drinking water and medicines as almost the entire Silchar town is submerged in flood waters, officials said.

Food packets, water bottles and other essentials are being dropped by Air Force helicopters, they said.

The three districts in the valley — Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj — were severely affected by the rising waters of the Barak and Kushiara.

The worst-affected district is Barpeta where 10,32,561 people are suffering, followed by Kamrup where 4,29,166 people have been hit.

The devastating floods, caused by incessant rainfall,

have affected 103 revenue circles and 4,536 villages. A total of 2,84,875 people have taken shelter in 759 relief camps across the state, it said.

The flood also damaged 173 roads and 20 bridges, while two embankments each were breached in Baksa and Darrang districts.

In all, 10,086.7 hectares of crop area has been flooded. Large-scale erosion has been reported from Baksa, Barpeta, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Chirang and Dhubri districts, among others.

India's daily tally at 4-month high with 17,336 cases

Agency
New Delhi, June 24:

India's daily Covid tally crossed the 17,000-mark for the first time in over 120 days. The country reported 17,336 new infections in the last 24 hours, the daily health bulletin showed. Thirteen fresh Covid-linked deaths were also reported during the same period, taking the total number of lives lost since the beginning of the pandemic to 5,24,954.

Here are the top updates on Covid-19 situation in India:

1. This week, India has already logged over 48,200 new infections. The daily cases have stayed above the 12,000-mark for the entire week except on Tuesday when 9,923 fresh

infections were reported.

2. The number of active cases in India went up by over 4,200 and now stands at 88,284 - or 0.19 per cent of the total cases. On Monday, the active cases were near the 76,000-mark.

3. 13,029 people recovered from the deadly infection in the last 24 hours, taking the recovery rate to 98.60 per cent.

4. In terms of the statewide data, Maharashtra on Thursday reported 5,218 new coronavirus infections and one Covid-related death. Of the cases, Mumbai alone accounted for 2,479 fresh infections.

5. Delhi recorded more than 1,900 new infections on Thursday with a positivity rate of

8.10 per cent as per the official health bulletin.

6. The state of Karnataka saw 858 fresh infections in the last 24 hours. Bengal reported 745 new cases while Telangana logged 494 infections in the last 24 hours.

7. As per the data shared by news agency PTI, Gujarat saw 416 Covid-19 cases in 24 hours. 151 cases were reported in Goa, 114 in Chhattisgarh and 38 in J&K.

8. On the vaccination front, over 13 lakh doses were given on Thursday, of which 3.77 lakh were booster doses. Including both - the 1st and 2nd doses - over 3.23 lakh children between the ages of 12 to 14 years were also vaccinated in the last 24 hours.

Unemployment of youth and inequality in Indian society is rising Modi Government tried to project Agnipath as Bonanza but failed

By: Krishna Jha
New Delhi, June 24:

There are reports, released by Oxfam a few months back, to be exact, on January 23, 2022, that reveal that seventy percent of the national wealth is in the hands of select ten per cent. For the rest, it is thirst, hunger and a bleak present. Dragging themselves towards the end of the road, they find the myth of the promise, the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'. A mirage with a name under which the government has spelt out its economic policies, offering more concern than succour.

Among the major concerns is data fudging, that shrouds the truth. There are also attempts to force centralisation, destroying the spirit of federalism advocated by the Constitution to protect our multiplicity. Our Constitution says that the system that we have adopted declares our country as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic, with a parliamentary form of government which has a federal structure with unitary features. In last more than half a century, there was not a single moment when these proclamations could have been challenged.

But now we face it every day. We see sovereignty getting surrendered in the hands of the ten percent. We are placed as a commodity in the market and the value is decided by factors that do not have any allegiance to socialism. In our journey from 'service to servitude' as someone famously named it, democracy is mocked at every moment when bulldozers demolish slums, shelters that are homes for those who suffer unemployment, absence of any source of income despite the promises of jobs in lakhs every year. Instead they get baptized by fire, when the Agnipath (trail of fire) is offered. The flames of frenzy swallow their calm, as the trains, buses, roads, offices, especially those that belong to BJP are set aflame. What else they could do to prove their capability to do the jobs

at hand? They have studied well, and earned good results. Yet, even for a job of peon, there are thousands waiting.

To resolve the piled up issues, a short term contractual recruitment scheme has been announced in which training and the job period both together are for four years with a wage and at the end of the period, they are to be offered a small sum. The four year period begins when the aspirants are to be seventeen, and last till they would be twenty one. With much insistence, and resistance, the retirement is to come now at twenty three. The cycle predictably gets completed, and the baggage of acute unemployment gets back crushing the dreams about the future, along with violence and anger. The forces that rise to meet them are basically those Hindutva militants. They come with bulldozers and lawlessness, untamed as they are. The unfed, jobless youth may not sustain the pressure and surrender to humiliation, but there is no denying that the flame could lick into the brimming injustice itself in the coming days. Agnipath, in reality, does not allow one to go back, instead it burns everything to ashes without promising anything new.

Among the guiding principles that the Hindutva militants keep evoking, it is 'their sacred duty' to have solidarity with every enemy that calls for stigmatising all those that are not Hindus. It is Hindutva with multiplicity.

The analysis of Hindutva takes one far deeper into its roots that are not only within the country, it has its source without too. Militancy has been imbibed from other than within.

When the efforts were initiated to restore the 'shine' back to the country since the middle of the second decade of twenty first century, there was the echo of the call issued by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (1883-1966). In his book 'Hindutva: Who is a Hindu', he had said without qualms, "Bring the entire politics into the folds of

Hindutva, and militarise the entire Hindutva." It was this call that turned into a slogan to establish Hindu identity and Hindu nationalism. In the same context, he added further, that it is Hindutva that creates Hindu identity, not Hinduism. He elaborated further that Hindutva is not only a mere word, it has in its folds the entire history. He said its analysis is beyond words. Savarkar does not stop there, he says that Hindutva is not only a religious or spiritual history, it is a complete history on its own.

What emerges from the entire initiative is an attempt to distort history to serve the vested interest and also to destroy the great heritage of unity in multiplicity. At the root of all this is a conspiracy to establish dictatorship of the majority. Hindu nationalism was born to destroy all other communities and establish its own majority rule, and hence to achieve this goal, enmity and imposed superiority are imperative. The search for Hindu identity itself has lost its basic stream which is the merger of various communities and their culture.

In the 1930s, when the Right was trying to gain roots, Hindu nationalism was borrowed from European fascism to transform 'different' people into 'enemies'. Militancy was added to Hindutva under the influence of authoritarian leaders such as Mussolini and Hitler. It was their so called achievement to find a format for the new society they were keen to establish, and the name of the system was Fascism.

The first step itself was complete servitude of the entire other half. But the times have changed. The surging crowd on the roads knows that India has become a country where inflation is wholesale and that too three times high. Rupee is at all time low and wages are, and that too if employed, too little to feed the family. On the other hand, it is heaven for the ten percent they had dreamt of all their lives. Fascism has now a different face! (IPA Service)

Focus on Surveillance, WGS for Possible Mutation: Mandaviya to Officials Amid Surge in Covid Cases

Agency
New Delhi, June 24:

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday directed officials to continue to focus on surveillance and whole genome sequencing to scan any possible mutations while stressing on adequate testing and effective monitoring to assess the spread of COVID-19 in a timely manner. Mandaviya, who chaired a meeting with key experts and officials amid an up-

surge of COVID-19 cases in some states, stressed the need to focus on districts reporting high case positivity and undertake adequate testing (with higher proportion of RT-PCR) and effective surveillance to assess and control the spread of the infection in a timely manner, the Union Health ministry said in a statement.

The minister directed officials to continue to focus on surveillance and on whole genome sequencing (WGS) to scan for any possible muta-

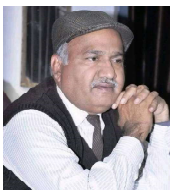
tion, it said. He also directed officials to monitor hospitalizations due to COVID-19, and SARI/ILI cases, the statement stated. He exhorted them to increase the pace of vaccination, including booster doses, in districts reporting high cases. "As there is adequate vaccine doses available, let there be no vaccine wastage while focusing on accelerating vaccination among the eligible and vulnerable groups," he said.

In the meeting, Health min-

istry joint secretary Lav Agarwal made a detailed presentation on the global scenario of surge in cases and status of COVID-19 in the country, the statement said. This included presentation and analysis of the trend of Covid cases, daily and active cases, positivity and deaths, testing status along with state-wise weekly tests per million, RT-PCR share in weekly tests, genome sequencing and vaccination status, it added.

Career Guidance

Career in Branding



By: Vijay GarG

What should you do to start a career in branding?
What are the traits required for a successful career in branding?

Branding is much more than what is taught in B-schools. It is about dreams, big ideas, bold transformations and the constant desire to evolve. Some of the world's most influential brands are born out of a certain kind of daring and imagination, one that is rarely taught in classrooms.

Branding, today, rests at the heart of corporate strategy. While it may rest under the marketing manager's mandate, it actually starts from the top and becomes the

heart and pulse of the entire organisation. Leaders who have understood this have built their brands inside out by becoming beacons of change, helping transform the world through the power of their brands and creating continuous engagement, relevance and excitement in the most turbulent of times. While having an MBA or a Marketing degree may be a requirement on paper, there are a many softer traits that make for a good branding professional. Here are a few:

Power of observation: Observe and understand the world around you, people, how they live, and what moves them. Comprehending and decoding behaviour lies at the heart of branding, as brands are built as reflections of people and their lives. While observing through first-hand experience is key, one can get interesting insights from pop culture such as movies, books and songs which also have a great understanding of the behaviour and society. Make it a point to absorb it all like a sponge, and your mind and

heart will make the necessary connections to help you build and spark off a great brand conversation.

Always be inspired: Branding is a creative, intuitive science; one that comes from a space of inspiration, which is why it becomes all the more imperative to experience the world around you with your heart and gut. Great inspiration comes from the arts and culture. Like a great piece of music, literature or art can become the basis for inspiration. And it doesn't necessarily need to be the kind of things that appear in museums or concerts. Great inspiration can come from street art or folk music. At the end of the day, all forms of art are about creating something meaningful and memorable, which is exactly what branding is also about. Soak in the fine arts to develop a side to your personality that can never be learnt through a book or in a classroom.

Dissolve boundaries: We have learnt to live our world in silos. In organisations as well, it is common to work in departments or teams that

don't necessarily interact much. A good branding professional needs to be a cross-pollinator, one who can traverse multiple teams and boundaries and understand the big picture easily. For example, understanding product design and its challenges and marrying it with a consumer insight to deliver a meaningful experience at a store require the ability to zoom in and zoom out simultaneously, multiple times over. While you may want to become a branding professional, always realise that at the heart of every brand is a product, business, and an idea that needs you to constantly go beyond and dissolve boundaries.

Keep your ego in check: Branding is not about you. The brand is at the centre. Having the ability to cross yourself out from the equation and being able to build for another, with a sense of non-attachment, is key. A good brand is not created out of individual brilliance, but the amalgamation of many moving parts.

DLC meeting for implementation of PMJVK scheme in Pherzawl held

IT News
Pherzawl, June 23:

A DLC meeting in connection with the implementation of PMJVK Scheme in Pherzawl District chaired by the Caretaker ADC Chairman Khaipao Haokip in presence of Tipaimukh Ac MLA Ngursanglur Sanate; representative of Outer PC MP and DLOs was held in the Office Chamber of the Pherzawl Deputy Commissioner, Old DC Complex, Churachandpur on Thursday.

During the meeting, Khaipao Haokip, Caretaker

ADC Chairman apprised that the meeting was called to deliberate on formulation of proposals under the PMJVK Scheme for the district. Urging all Line Departments to submit proposals based on actual field requirements after prioritizing the work latest by 28th June 2022, he stated that the Committee will sit again for review and examination of proposals on a later date.

MLA Ngursanglur Sanate stressed that the primary focus area should be on Education, Health, Skill Development Centre, Community Assets viz Development of existing Play-

grounds, Market Sheds, etc. He also opined the need for a Skill Development Training Centre and implementation of Project at the District level.

Deputy Commissioner Joseph Pauline Kamson emphasized the need on focusing on the areas which needs maximum intervention and to avoid duplicacy with any other ongoing projects either funded by the State Government or by the concerned Ministry. Meanwhile, Ch Sachi, ADC Pherzawl briefly shared the ongoing Projects under MOMA/MOBEDS in the district along with the admissible

Projects under Health, Education, Skill Development, Sports, Drinking water/Sanitation, Solar and Women Centre Projects.

It may be noted that the District Administration, Pherzawl in its continuing commitment to serve the people of the district, Irengbam Dineshkumar, MCS, SDO Tipaimukh & Vangai Range started delivering immediate flood relief materials in the district displaced by the recent floods since the last two days. Floods affected 4-5 villages in parts of Tipaimukh Sub-Division and Vangai Range.

PANDAM demands removal of Chief Engineer, Edn Engineering Wing

IT News
Imphal, June 24:

Peoples' Action for National Democratic Movement (PANDAM) has demanded the removal of the Chief Engineer of the Education Engineering Wing of the state government, L. Saratchandra for irregularities and incompetency over utilization of central fund.

A statement of the organization said that in 2011-2012, the central government had sanctioned Rs. 96 crores for construction of buildings and infrastructures for Govt. polytechnic at eight districts of Manipur - viz., Imphal East, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Chandel, Ukhrul, Tamenglong, Churachandpur, and Senapati. 50% of the amount has been sanctioned. However, failure to provide utilization certificate release of the remaining fund already sanc-

tioned has been put on halt.

The PANDAM said that for state like Nagaland the similar fund for construction of the Polytechnic building has been completed and have already started academic session and even produced students with degree certificates.

PANDAM further said that the failure to construct polytechnic building in all the eight district of the state was due to the incompetency of the Chief Engineer-in charge of the Engineering Wing of the Education department. PANDAM also said that on investigation conducted by them it has also been found that the appointment of L. Saratchandra Singh is in violation of the official rules as he didn't fulfill the required RR for the appointment to the post.

AR provides Medical Aid to Snake Bite Victim



IT News
Imphal, June 24:

Khuga Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (S) extended life saving medical assistance to a snake bite victim of Buallian vill, Churachandpur district today.

An 8 year old child named Paulsiam from Buallian village, Churachandpur district was bitten by a venomous snake and was having symptoms of swollen hand, mild fever, vomiting and headache

since the time of bite. The kid was taken by his parents to the Assam Rifles Medical Center at Khuga where he was rendered life saving medical care and anti-venom by the Assam Rifles Medical Officer thereby stabilizing his condition.

The kid was kept under observation at the Unit hospital, Khuga and was discharged once his condition was out of danger. Later, he was referred to district hospital, Churachandpur for further medication.

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Memorandum submitted highlighting the grievances...

The general public's of Chandel District and People's Grievances & Reform Committee, Chandel urged the DC Chandel to pursue for early functioning of this market in public interest.

The memorandum further said - "The GNM Nursing School at Chandel Christian Village under, Manipur Development Society (MDS) is still incomplete and construction work is halted for non-availability of fund till filling of this petition. Chandel being the most backward District of Manipur needs such Institute for poor Girls & Boys to pursue their nursing training in the region. We humbly request your good self to pursue the matter. That, 50 BEDDED CHANDEL DISTRICT HOSPITAL was upgraded to 100 beds in 2016 - 17 and all round infrastructures works including main building had begun the infrastructure development works in 2017. But after a gap of six years there is not much progress in all round infrastructures works. The Deputy Commissioner, Chandel is earnestly requested to urge the State Govt. to provide maximum fund for speedy works. We also urge your good self to convey concerned work agency and Planning & Development Agency Manipur to complete the works before Dec, 2022 as Chandel District needs urgent medical care & facility for the rural people.

That the construction of G+1 TRIBAL BOYS HOSTEL AT CHAKPIKARONG HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL under Tribal Development Department has stopped working since 2018. As a result many civil organizations and public leaders has approach the T.D office to complete the work but no positive result are made from the Govt. It may be mentioned that Mr. Seltun Roben and others file PIL case but the case was dismissed as both side mutually agreed to resume construction works

within few months but till today the state govt. particularly Tribal Development Department is not doing their given assignment. That, the DISTRICT SPORT COMPLEX, CHANDEL CHRISTIAN Village which was executed in early 2009 - 10 still stands incomplete, the land was allowed to utilize without compensation for the benefit of the District, however, the work progress is not satisfactory and youths in general is expecting early inauguration of this project. The condition at present is pathetic as there is no proper drainage, play field is under poor condition, no compound wall, no electrification, pavilion or gallery is incomplete, indoor stadium is substandard, so, the District Administration is requested to address this complaint. That, the EKLAVYAMODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (EMRS) was granted approval by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI and some two years back land availability was finally allocated at Beru Wangkhera (Western valley) by the State Government of Manipur.

However, so far there is no starting of any construction work; therefore, your office is requested to approach the concerned competent authority for early implementation of the project. That, Chandel being one of the most backward Districts in Manipur, the central govt. has declared Chandel as an aspirational District and in terms of Medical facilities & Health care Chandel District Hospital is permissible to upgrade as a full-fledged medical college. That maximum land measuring 30 acres is available in the area for up gradation of Chandel District Hospital to Medical College.

Therefore your good self is requested to request the state & central govt. to pursue for approval of the Project and necessary sanction for Construction Work of Medical College at Chandel. F.C.I GODOWN AT

LIWA KHULLEN: In every block/ Subdivision Headquarters the govt had constructed FCI godown for storing rice and essential commodities. The Construction plan of 2500 Mt capacity for all Sub-Divisions of Chandel District was identified and the technical committee of FCI along with the District Administration had also inspected at Liwa Khullen for construction of FCI Godown at Liwa Khullen, Chandel District. But shockingly till today the state govt. and concerned FCI authority fails to translate mutual decision taken in the past years.

Therefore, we urge the Deputy Commissioner, Chandel to convey the people's desires and needs to the state govt. for early commencement of the project.

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN AT CHAKPIKARONG: Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) at Chakpikarong was approved by the central govt. in 2018 and formal academic session was started in 2017-2018. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan National Authority has also given formal approval for running the school under challenge method in terms of the guidelines circulated by the govt. of India. Even though the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Chakpikarong has fulfilled all the criteria for funds sanction for permanent building structures at Chakpikarong. Both the Students & Teachers of K.V.S Chakpikarong are running their classes at Chakpikarong Higher Secondary School campus, which has limited classrooms & Teachers quarters. Therefore, we urge your good wisdom to intimate the central govt. for early construction of permanent building at K.V.S. Chakpikarong. JAL JEEVAN MISSION (JM) PROJECTS IN CHANDEL DISTRICT, MANIPUR: Jal Jeevan Mission is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap.

Sports

Archery World Cup: Indian women's team storms into final; Jyothi Sureka reaches semi-final

Agency
Paris, June 24:

India's recurve archers, who had a nightmarish qualification round in the women's event, bounced back strongly to storm into the final, confirming their first medal at the ongoing World Cup Stage 3 here on Thursday. A day after all of them slipped out of top-30 in the qualifying round to get a lowly 13th seed, the trio of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur beat Ukraine, Britain and Turkey en route the summit clash.

They will be against Chinese Taipei in the final on Sunday. The Indian women's recurve trio started off by eliminating fourth-seed Ukraine 5-1 (57-53, 57-54, 55-55). Against Great Britain in the quarterfinals, they dropped just four points to down their opponents 6-0 (59-51, 59-51, 58-50).

In the semifinals, the Indian team had a slow start, aggregating 56 in the first set but their eighth-seeded Turkish rivals of Gulnaz Coskun, Ezgi Basaran

and Yasemin Anagoz shot a poor 51 to concede the first set by five points.

The Indians stepped up in the second set to edge out their rivals by one point before they went on to lose their first set of the day when the Turkish team won the third 55-54 to make it 2-4.

Needing a tie in the fourth set to confirm their passage to the final, the Indians held their nerves for 5-3 (56-51, 57-56, 54-55, 55-55) win.

Luck also was on their side as they did not have to face their nemesis Koreans as the top-seeds were upset by eighth-seeded Turkish team in the quarterfinals.

In the final on Sunday, they will be up against the third seed Chinese Taipei, who have Rio Olympics team bronze medalist Lei Chien-Ying in their ranks.

Star compound archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam, who qualified as second seed, kept India in the hunt for a second medal, advancing into the semifinals in the women's individual section.

The World Championship



silver medalist overcame Lisel Jaatma of Estonia 149-148 in some intense shooting that went to the last arrow of the deciding fifth end where the Indian shot an X to seal the issue.

Both the archers had three perfect ends to start with to be locked 90-all. The penultimate end too was a neck-and-neck affair with both shooting 29 each, making it 119-all.

But the 22-year-old Esto-

nian cracked under pressure in the fifth end when she shot a 9, as Jyothi sealed the issue with three 10s including an X (closer to centre).

In the semifinals, world no. 3 Jyothi will face 48-year-old Frenchwoman Sophie Dodemont, the Beijing 2008 Olympic bronze medalist, who switched to compound discipline after failing to make the 2012 London Games team.

India's campaign ended in the men's compound individual section after former World Cup champion Abhishek Verma made a last-eight exit with a narrow 147-148 loss to Jean Pizarro of Puerto Rico.

The men's recurve team of Tarundeep Rai, Jayanta Talukdar and Pravin Jadhav, seeded eighth, was eliminated after losing in the first round against Switzerland.

FIFA allows teams to select up to 26 players for 2022 World Cup in Qatar

Agency
Qatar, June 24:

FIFA will allow countries to select up to 26 players for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, increasing the maximum squad size by three for the November 21-December 18 tournament.

"The number of players to be included on the final list has been increased to at least 23 and a maximum of 26," FIFA said in a statement.

World football's governing body said the decision to expand squads was made "given the need to retain additional flexibility due to the unique timing"

of this year's competition, which will interrupt the European club season.

FIFA also took into account the "broader context of the disruptive effects caused by the Covid-19 pandemic on squads before and during tournaments".

UEFA adopted similar changes for Euro 2020 last year, meeting a demand from coaches who feared they could lose players due to coronavirus.

National teams had named squads of 23 players at the World Cup and European Championship ever since the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

Migration Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Migration Certificate, issued by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur, bearing Registration No. 1 of 2009, on the way between Moirang Bazaar to Bishnupur Bazaar on June 15, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

Hemam Dipachandra Singh