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Department

on. He informed that an

amount of around Rs. 300 crore had been allocated for

conservation of water bodies

Speaking about the Sewage Treatment Plant where the World Environment Day was

observed today, he stated that household wastes from 73

drains, along the Nambul River,

are brought to the Treatment

at Lamphelpat.

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# World Environment Day Observed: 75 lakh saplings to be planted within August

#### IT News Imphal, June 5:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today stated that the State Government is targeting to plant 75 lakh saplings across the State within the August month of this year. The initiative is being taken up as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark 75 years of Independence. The Chief Minister was

addressing the gathering at the observation function of World Environment Day held today at Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Site, Heirangoithong Maibam Leikai, Imphal. The State Level observation was organized by the Directorate of Environment & Climate Change on the United Nations theme "Only One Earth".

To ensure achievement of the plantation target, N. Biren stressed the need to allocate each college in the State, with the task to carry out plantation drive at one hill located in valley areas. He continued



Plant through pipelines. The treated water would be used for irrigation covering 43 hectares of adjacent agricultural land, he added. He informed that rejuvenation of other rivers would also be started. He urged the public not to dump waste into the river, instead put the waste in a dustbin so that it could be

collected from their residence concerned authority. bv Lastly, he appealed to all the public to support and take their part in making the Green

Manipur a reality. Forest and Environment Minister Shri Th. Biswajit, while delivering his speech, expressed happiness on seeing involvement of many

women in the World

Environment Day observation. He informed that the Forest and Environment Department is taking up steps to revive around 1384 number of spring sources and also to

conserve around 1591 number of water bodies in the State. He further stressed on the plan of the Department to

rejuvenate major polluted rivers of the State.

He further announced that the Government has made a plan to set up a Sewage Treatment Plant at Porompat for treatment of waste generated from Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, by sidelining the waste from flowing into Kongba River. This would help in preventing pollution of the river, he added. Expressing concern on the

temperature rise in the State owing to climate change, Biswajit urged the public to start planting trees and take part in conserving nature. MLA for Langthabal AC,

Karam Shyam stated that the observation of World Environment Day under the theme "Only One Earth" had made the whole world a family. making every citizen take responsibility to save nature. Stressing the need for a collective responsibility in giving a true meaning to the World Environment Day, he

appealed to everyone to plant tree today.

Chief Secretary, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary M.H. Khan, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest A.K. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, Dhanamanjuri University Prof. N. Raimuhon Singh, Director, Environment & Climate Change Dr. Y. Nabachandra Singh, Officials of Environment Department and members of Roval Riders Manipur attended the programme among others.

As a part of the programme, the Chief Minister led the other dignitaries in planting tree sapling at the STP site. World Environment Day Stickers and T-shirts and Caps

were also released. Brand Ambassador, CM's Green Manipur Mission Miss Valentina Elangbam was also felicitated during the programme.

Later, N. Biren flagged off Royal Riders "Motorcycle Rally" to spread awareness on World Environment Day

### Police turn deaf on complaint to recover JCB Excavator which has not been return after hiring on February 2021

#### IT News Imphal, June 5:

Complaint lodged to the Imphal West Police station for recovering of a JCB Excavator, which was hired by two individuals in February 2021 after the two fails to return it till today seems to be laying dull for reasons best known the police authority. The JCB Excavator bearing

registration No. MN01- 6665 (Chassis No. 37999 and Engine No. 9816029535) is owned by Special Contractor identified as Ningthoujam Kumar Meitei. Two individuals identified as Ningthoujam Thoiba Singh and Angam hired the JCB excavator on February 27, 2021 on oral agreement of paying Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand) per day as rent for the excavator. A sum of Rs. One lakh was also reportedly



deposited as advance rent to Police. The two persons then fail

by the two owner individuals. The two persons had also reportedly agreed to to response to calls by the owner Ningthoujam Kumar pay hiring charge of the JCB Meitei when asked for Excavator on completion of payment of the hiring charge on completion of one month every month starting from As the two individuals didn't response or neither February 27, 2021. Cell Phone No. provided to the owner of the Excavator by the two return the JCB Excavator even individuals are 8787730334/ 6009822247 (Ningthoujam after completion of 10 months, the owner of the JCB Thoiba Singh ) and 8119851141 (Angam), as per Excavator lodged a complaint to the Imphal West Police the complaint lodged to the pleading for recovering of the

Excavator hired by the two Individuals on December 1, 2021. The Imphal West Police had filed an FIR in connection with the compliant for arrest of Ningthoujam Thoiba Singh (45 yrs) of Nongmaikhong Mayai Leikai near D.S.A. Ground Municipality Office, Kakching District Manipur. However, even after five years the person has not been arrested and question about the whereabouts of the JCB Excavator

Speaking to Imphal Times owner of the JCB Excavator. Ningthoujam Kumar Meitei said that he fear his excavator be taken to border area by the two individuals. He said that if the police remain dull in finding his lost vehicle then trust to the law enforcing agency may be lost. He urged the higher authority to look into the matter.

### Tree planted at Langjing Achoubagi Old Age Home on the occasion of world environment day



#### IT News Imphal, June 5:

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2022, the Kangla Accupressure, Alternative Therapy, Treatment Tesearch & Training Centre and

programme at Langjing Achiouba Old Age Home.

event that we should plant more trees before humans start

Accupressure, Alternative Therapy & Research Centre organised a tree planting

Rakesh Naorem, a Social & Cultural Activist, stated at the

the Yoga Nature Cure

our backs. Rakesh Naorem further said that World Environment Day was established in 1972.This

year's World Environment Day commemorates the 50th anniversary.Sweden will host World Environment Day in 2022, with the theme 'Only One Earth,' emphasising sustainable living in harmony with nature. We must try not to harm the environment in the

carrying oxygen cylinders on

face of climate change. During the event, Secretary of the Old Age Home, KC, Gita Devi, stated that nature is very important for all living beings to survive and thrive, it protects our lives, and it is our first duty to protect nature in any way we can. To make our planet healthier and greener. we must plant more trees. On the occasion of World Environment Day, we plant saplings in this old age home to make our planet healthier and greener.

## AR apprehended an UG

ITNews Imphal, June 5:

Manipur Police has apprehended of a suspected PLA insurgent in Khurai SoibamLeikai, Imphal East district on June 4, said a statement by the Assam Rifles.

The apprehended person was actively involved in extortion activities on behalf of the prescribed group in the valley areas and handed over to Porompat Police Station for further investigation, the statement added



# India's efforts to protect environment multi imensional. says PM Modi

at Vigyan Bhawan in New

### Agency New Delhi, June 5:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday addressed Sunday addressed a programme on 'Save Soil Movement' here on the occasion of World Environment Day. Isha Foundation founder Sadhguru Logari Vasuday, hed olso Jaggi Vasudev had also participated in the event held

Delhi. The gathering was first addressed by Jaggi Vasudev, popularly known as Sadhguru. PM Modi's participation in the programme is reflective of the shared concerns and commitment towards improving the health of the soil in India. PM Modi announced India has achieved target of 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol five

months before deadline. The policies related to biodiversity and wildlife that India is following today have also led to a record increase in the number of wildlife: PM Modi told the gathering at the 'Save Soil Movement' programme attended by several experts in the field and environmentalists

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By - Er. Prabhat Kishore

A large number of children have

lost both parents or surviving parents or legal parents or adoptive

parents during the period of

theCOVID-19 pandemic starting from 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> February

2022. The whole country stands with such children in difficult time.

To support such orphan children, the "PM CARES for Children"

schemehas been launched across

the country on 29th May 2021. The

scheme is a determined step taken

by the country for a golden future

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# PM CARES for Children : A Visionary Approach

of such children

The scheme aims to ensure comprehensive care and protection of children who have lost their parents to the COVID pandemic, in a sustained manner, enable their well being through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support of Rs 10 Lakh on reaching 23 years of age. The child should not have mpleted 18years of age on the death of the parents. The PM CARES for children

scheme shall provide educational assistance entitlements - (i) Support for Boarding and Lodging to the extent feasible in the government residential schools, (ii) Uniforms, Textbooks, Tuition Fees, Notebooks, Stationery, Transport facilities to the beneficiaries. Children above 10 years of agecan be enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi BalikaVidyalaya, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose AwasiyaVidyalaya

Eklavya Model Schools, Sainik School, NavodayaVidyalaya as per the guideline of the concerned ution.

All identified and verified children will be enrolled as beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan ArogyaYojana(PM-JAY)Scheme with a health insurance cover of Rs 5 Lakh. The cover under the scheme includes all expenses incurred on Medical examinations, treatment & consultations, Pre-hospitalisation, Medicine & medical consumables, Non-intensive & intensive care services, Diagnostic and laboratory investigations, Medical implantation services Accommodation benefits, Food services, Complications arising during treatment and Post-hospitalisation follow-up acre upto 15 days.

A lump-sum amount will be directly transferred to the post office account of thebeneficiaries. A pro-rata amount will be credited upfront in the account of the beneficiary such that the corpus becomes Rs 10 Lakh at the time of attaining the age of 18 years. On attaining the age of 18 years, the beneficiary will receive a stinendtill the age of 23 years by investing the corpus of Rs 10 Lakh. They will receive an amount Rs 10 Lakh on attaining the age of 23 years. The

central government has promised Rs 4000/- for daily basic needs of children through other schemes.

For the execution of the scheme, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) is the nodal Ministry at the central level; Department of Social Justice of Department of Women& child Development is the nodal agency at the State level and District Magistrate is the nodal authority at the district level. Various Ministries

Various Ministries and Departments have a crucial role to play in providing facilities and services to the children as per their needs.The Department of School and Literacy will ensure that the beneficiary children receive educational assistance; Department of Higher Education will facilitate loans and scholarships; The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will ensure insurance cover under PM-JAY scheme. The Ministry of Social Justice and Employment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs will accommodate the children identified under their scholarship programme. The Department of Economic Affairs will facilitate investment of the fixed deposit in an instrument to ensure stipend after 18 years of age and

lump-sum payment of Rs 10 Lakh at 23 years of age. Identification of beneficiaries will

be done by the District Magistrate with the assistance of police, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Child Line & Civil Society organizations. Gram Panchayat, Anganwadi& ASHA network will be sensitized to report such children to CWC. The identified child will be registered within a week time on the online ortal developed for the purpose. The detailed verification of the beneficiary will be done by the CWC and will be uploaded on the portal within 15 days. After the recommendation of CWC and confirmation of the DM, the account of eligible beneficiaries will be opened in the Post Office. Children below 18 years of agewill have a joint account with DM; whereas in case of children of 18 years or above a single account will be opened.

Upon receiving approved list of beneficiaries on the portal, MoWCDwill transfer the lump sum amount to the account of DM. Subsequently, the DM will provide funds to the children's account and to the institutions responsible for their education, health or other activities. According to MoWCD, uptill now more than 4000 children from all corners of the country have been approved and the process is

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has claimed that 147492 children have lost either both their parents or one of their parents due to the Covid-19 pandemic and other reasons between March 2020 and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021, but data of only due to Covid is not available. According to MoWCD, 9042 applications from 33 States/UTs have been received on the "PM CARES for children"portal, out which children"portal, out which 4345beneficiaries from 31 States/UTs have been approved. In reality, neither the government nor any NGO has complete data of children orphaned during the Covid.The Government should ensure proper survey of such children. Only then,the developed policies and programmes can benefit them. Also the society should come forward to adopt such children for their welfare.

PM CARES for children is a holistic approach to cover children, who lost their parents during the worldwide pandemic Covid-19. It is hoped that through this ambitious scheme, the lives of such scheme, the lives of such unfortunate children will be settled to some extent and they will move ahead on the path of a bright future.

### **Significance of World Environment Day**, Theme and More

#### By - Vijay GarG

Change is a very obscure word that can mean both good and bad things — depending on the context. The world is changing at an unprecedented rate right before our eyes. And while the changes in technology and innovation are signs of how well the human race is doing, changes in our Earth's climate are concerning.

The climate crisis has exacerbated extreme weather events that kill or displace thousands, while resulting in trillions of dollars in economic ses. These disastrous consequences are pushing humanity towards a change of a different kind: a change in our priorities. We need a world where policy makers care more about the environmental aspects of any given project over the monetary viability.

The best way to make this happen is to spread awareness and make people realise just how dire and precocious our positions are. To do so, the World Environment Day is celebrated annually — to stress on just how close the Earth is to tipping over the point of no return. First observed in 1973, World Environment Day is characterised by

the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as "a global platform for inspiring positive change". The event is celebrated on June 5 every year. And this time, the global environment summit that first took place 50 years ago will be hosted by Sweden.

What is the theme of World Environment Day 2022?

The theme of World Environment Day 2022 is Only One Earth, focusing n "Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature". The world population is steadily inching towards 8 billion, and we're

using the equivalent of 1.6 Earths to maintain our current way of life, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) reported. Naturally, the ecosystems cannot keep up with our demands and, as a result, are fast declining. Now more than ever, we need to remember that we only have one

Earth and are running out of time to save our planet. Which is why the theme for this year's World Environment Day — only one Earth — fits the current scenario perfectly

#### Why is World Environment Day important

World Environment Day urges all of us to protect our natural surroundings. With millions of people from over 150 nations taking part, it is now the world's largest environmental event. The goal is to involve governments, businesses, civil society, schools, celebrities, cities, and communities in boosting environmental awareness and celebrating environmental action.

According to UNEP, despite a slew of climate agreements, progress toward halting climate change is still too slow. Individuals and civil society must play a critical role in raising awareness and pressuring governments and the private sector to make large-scale changes.

Therefore, World Environment Day 2022 calls for "collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet," encouraging everyone, everywhere, to live sustainably In address the climate catastrophe. How will climate change impact the planet if no action is taken?

In the next two decades, there is a 50% chance that global warming will exceed 1.5°C. To limit global warming to 1.5°C by the end of the

century, annual greenhouse gas emissions must be cut in half by 2030. Ecosystem degradation will affect the well-being of an estimated 3.2 billion people, or 40% of the world's population. Under a business-asusual scenario, annual plastic waste entering aquatic ecosystems could nearly triple from 9-14 million tons in 2016 to 23-37 million tons by 2040.

Even in the most optimistic scenario, in which net-zero emissions are achieved by 2050, global warming will continue! All things considered, renewable energy investments that can generate high economic multipliers are the need of the hour, as they have a high potential for crowding in private investment, and are an

essential step toward economy-wide decarbonisation.

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### **Rare praise of Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina** from Pakistan

#### By - Samina Akhter

The Padma Bridge project is a dream project for Bangladesh. This bridge is planned to transform connectivity between Bangladesh's southwest and the rest of the country, particularly Dhaka, Several years ago, the World Bank brought suspicions of wrongdoing against this project. The majority of people, including some authorities at the time, believed that the Padma Bridge could not be built without World Bank funding. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on the other hand, has stated unequivocally that the Padma Bridge can be built on a self-financing basis. At that critical incture, yes, we can build the Padma Bridge with our own money,

Bangladesh's Padma bridge is cheduled to be inaugurated on June 25. On June 25. the Padma Bridge will be inaugurated in all 64 districts of Bangladesh at the same time. To commemorate the event, there will be similar programs all around the country, including a laser show in Dhaka's Hatirjheel. For five days, special programs will be held in four districts: Munshiganj, Madaripur, Shariatpur, and Dhaka. The inauguration of the Padma Bridge will be open to all parties and international representatives (even World Bank!)

Amidst these, in a rare move, a Pakistan based researcher on Thursday (June 02, 2022) praised the contributions and roles of Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina in building a prosperous Bangladesh.

The Pakistani media has praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's confidence, wisdom, and bold choice to build the Padma Bridge with the country's funds ahead of its inauguration.

Dr. Malika-e-Abida Khattak, an educator, researcher, and international analyst in Pakistan's Punjab province, published an article titled "The Story of the Padma Bridge in Bangladesh: Something Bigger Than Just a Bridge?" in Pakistan's most widely read Daily Times. In a recent article hailing the

completion of this massive project, a number of Pakistani English publications referred to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as the embodiment of Bangladesh's progress. Sheikh Hasina had to navigate through a maze of difficulties, but she arrived at her target and established the truth by firmly facing the conspiracy that was disseminated during the construction of the Padma Bridge, according to the statement. The international community must

also be aware of Bangladesh's ongoing prosperity and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's dedicated service to the country's people. In an article titled "Story of Bangladesh's Padma Bridge: More than a Bridge," Dr Malika-e-Abida Khattak said, "The world got an opportunity to realize once again the capacity of Bangladesh in the Hasina era."

Bangladesh is a country that has demonstrated its strengths on numerous occasions. Bangladesh's economic potential and image have been established all over the world as a result of the construction of the Padma Bridge with its own money.

The intellectual people of Pakistan are no less interested in Padma Bridge. Abida Khattak "Bangladesh's much-anticipated Padma Bridge is a dream project. It is going to be inaugurated on June 25 this month and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the long-awaited bridge at 10 am.'

She wrote about the plot against the bridge, stating that the World Bank had withdrawn its guarantee due to bogus allegations of corruption and that other funders had done the same. The future of the Padma Bridge was in jeopardy, and construction work on the bridge was put on hold. Critics burst out laughing, causing a swarm of harsh comments that Sheikh Hasina would never be able to build the bridge.

In the article describing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as the epitome of Bangladesh's development, a Pakistani English daily said Sheikh Hasina had to walk through a maze of obstacles to get to her destination and establish the truth by firmly confronting the conspiracy that was spread at the time of the the Padma Bridge's construction. She wrote, "The Padma Bridge bears the signature of Ms

Hasina's visionary leadership." It is true that today the Padma Bridge is not just a bridge. It is a symbol of the dignity of the Bengali nation. The nation that was once ridiculed as a 'bottomless basket', Bangladesh, which was known abroad as a country of poverty and flood plague. There is nothing to underestimate the glory that Sheikh Hasina has created A successful leader is one who can show the dream to the people and make that dream a reality. The father of the nation showed the Bengali nation the dream of independence, she made that dream a reality. His daughter Sheikh Hasina has also shown the dream to the nation and she has made that dream a reality. This is the difference between Sheikh Hasina and others.

When Bangladesh unveils the now-completed 6.15-kilometre railroad bridge across the mighty Padma in June, it will send a powerful message to the rest of the globe. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's single greatest success in her 'Golden Decade' in the office is the construction of the Padma Bridge, Bangladesh's largest infrastructure project to date. She was the one who opted to proceed with the roughly \$4 billion projects using Bangladesh's own funds after the World Bank made a big fuss over alleged but later debunked corruption allegations.

Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, decided in a cabinet meeting in July 2012 that the government will fund the construction of the Padma Bridge with Bangladeshi funds. The Canadian Supreme Court dismissed claims of corruption in the Padma Bridge in 2016, calling them "baseless." Bangladesh is a stigmafree country. The Prime Minister's "challenge" was successful.

Few leaders from the Third World ould have dared to do what Hasina did. She promised a comprehensive investigation into the corruption charges at initially, but she needed the World Bank funds to get the project off the ground. When the World Bank took too long to provide the monies, she told them to pack their belongings and go.

China and Malaysia offered finance almost away, but Hasina decided to build the bridge with Bangladesh's own funds, citing the country's growing foreign exchange reserves and the flourishing economy as motivation. Some claim she gave the contract to a Chinese firm but refused to take Chinese funds. What a bold decision of a Prime Minister! Bangladesh is currently on its

journey to become a developing country. Furthermore, the Padma Bridge is more than just a bridge; it represents our progress, pride, and superiority. Above all, the fortitude and devotion of Bangabandhu's daughter Sheikh Hasina have resulted in self-dignity, self-identity, and merit. Bangladesh has also made considerable progress in its quest to become one of the world's happiest countries.

Sheikh Hasina has had huge success. This will also be evaluated in the future. There will also be research. Sheikh Hasina has triumphed over the tremendous task of the Padma Bridge. Bangladesh has already progressed to the status of a developing country. The Padma Bridge will expedite the country' progress. This bridge will play a vital role in bringing Bangladesh closer to the developed world. The decision to construct the longawaited Padma Multipurpose Bridge, which is due to open for traffic on June 25, improved the country's international image and boosted

national confidence. Bangladesh is such a success story, with its people doing incredible feats. A fresh and inspiring chapter titled "Padma Bridge," written by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been added to that incredible story. Bangabandhu's "political will" was important in Bangladesh's formation.

Similarly, Sheikh Hasina's political resolve is at the heart of the Padma Bridge's implementation. It was her unwavering drive to build it, as well as her courage in overcoming many of the adversities that befell it along the road, that allowed the nation to see what it did yesterday: the completion of the bridge's physical framework. The dream of millions of Bangladeshis has come true thanks to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's innovative and proactive leadership. Pakistan's Dr Abida Khattak has portrayed the real scenario in her write-up. Thanks to Dr. Malika-e-Abida Khattak, Yes, It's More Than Just a Bridge!! (\*\*\*The writer is a Dhaka-based

freelance writer and wom en and human rights activist )

### **Twitter, YouTube Asked to Pull Down Derogatory Deodorant Advertisement**

#### By Raju Vernekar Mumbai, June 5

The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I & B) has asked Twitter and YouTube to immediately pull down an inappropriate and derogatory advertisement of a deodorant that is circulating on social media.

Kshitij Aggarwal, Assistant Director (Digital Media), I&B, in a letter dated June 04 to Twitter and YouTube, referred to the video -LAYER'R Shotmall 15 OPT2 HINDI SUB HD terming it as "insulting and harassing based on gender". The video has been viewed by close to a million and also shared on other social media platforms. As such the video showing an inappropriate and derogatory advertisement of deodorant be pulled down immediately.

The Ministry said that the advertisement of a deodorant brand is detrimental to the portrayal of women in the interest of decency or morality and is in violation of the Information Technology Rules 2021. The Television channel on which the advertisement appeared has already pulled it down in its directions, the ministry added. These advertisements were

earlier aired on SonyLIV during England versus New Zealand match in June 2021. In one of the ads, a group of men is seen entering a room that had a young couple. The couple gets startled.

In another ad four men are shown stalking a woman in a store. They are heard saying "there are four of us, but there is only one, who will get a It then shows the shocked woman visibly turning to them uncomfortably



when one of them goes to grab a single bottle of 'Shot' or harassing based on

gender," Aggarwal stated in perfume kept on a rack. These 15-seconds of each he letter to Twitter and YouTube.

advertisement were made by a Mumbai-based advertising In light of the above the intermediary Twitter is hereby c o m p a n y - T r i t o n Communications, for Adjavis Venture Limited, a customernotified under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 79 of the IT Act not to host the tweets containing the concerned videos on its platform," the I&B ministry focused organization based in Ahmedabad (Gujarat). These ads were suspended by the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) letter stated. The ministry also referred to following criticism for being 'disrespectful towards ASCI's earlier notification to the advertiser to suspend the women'. However, they have

resurfaced again on social

videos are detrimental to the

portrayal of women in the

interest of decency or morality,

and in violation of rule

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ad on an immediate basis. The ASCI lays down the Code for self-regulation in advertising on TV by rule 7(2)(ix) of the Cable Television Network Rules 1994. The ASCI has found the video to violate its guidelines. The concerned videos were broadcast on TV, the letter stated.

Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, In turn, the ASCI wrote on Twitter that "The ad is in serious breach of the ASCI which inter-alia provides that the users shall not host, Code and is against the public display, upload, modify, publish, transmit, store, interest. We have taken immediate action and notified update or share any information which is insulting the advertiser to suspend the ad, pending investigation."

Meanwhile, the Delhi Commission For Women (DCW) chairperson, Swati Maliwal on Saturday tweeted that the advertisements reflected "toxic masculinity in its worst form". The ad seeks promote rape culture. The DCW has written to Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur seeking urgent action against a body spray advertisement that trivializes sexual violence She has asked the minister to build robust systems "to make sure that such filthy advertisements that promote rape culture are never played again on mass media. A heavy penalty should be imposed on the particular brand so that other companies refrain from

DCW stated in a release Maliwal also issued notice to the Delhi Police Cyber Crime team and sought registration of an FIR and removal of the content from mass media. The DCW has also asked the Delhi Police to provide an action taken report on the matter by June 09

such advertisements, the

### **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath** Singh to be on a three-day visit to Vietnam from June 8

#### PIB New Delhi, June 5:

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to Vietnam from June 08-10, 2022, at the invitation of Vietnam's Minister of National Defence General Phan Van Giang. The Raksha Mantri will start his visit by paying respects to Late President Ho Chi Minh at his Mausoleum in Hanoi.

Rajnath Singh will hold bilateral talks with General Phan Van Giang, during which both the Ministers will review defence cooperation between the two countries and explore new initiatives to further strengthen the defence engagements. The two Ministers will also exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest. The Raksha Mantri is also scheduled to call on the President of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Prime Minister Mr Pham Minh Chinh. At the Hong Ha Shipyard

in Hai Phong, the Raksha Mantri will preside over the nanding over ceremony of 12 High Speed Guard Boats constructed under the Government of India's \$US 100 million Defence Line of Credit to Vietnam. This project is significant in the context of the growing defence industry cooperation with Vietnam and exemplifies Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India, 'Make for the

World' During the visit, Shri Rajnath Singh will also visit

the training institutions of Vietnam at Nha Trang, including the Telecommunication University where an Army Software Park is being established with the \$US 5 million grant from Government of India. He will also attend a community event organised by the Embassy of India, Hanoi and interact with the Indian

diaspora in Vietnam. India and Vietnam share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership since 2016 and defence cooperation is a key pillar of this partnership. Vietnam is an important partner in India's Act East policy and the Indo-Pacific vision. Bilateral defence engagements have expanded over a period of time to include wide-ranging contacts between the two countries, including defence policy dialogues, military-tomilitary exchanges, high-level visits, capacity building and training training programmes, cooperation in UN Peace Keeping, ship visits and bilateral exercises. The Raksha Mantri's visit

on the historic occasion of 50 years of establishment of India-Vietnam Diplomatic relations and 75 years of India's Independence will further consolidate the bilateral defence cooperation and the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

### Govt to launch 'Clean and Green' campaign on World **Environment Dav**

### Agency New Delhi, June 5:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will launch a 'Clean and Green' campaign on World Environment Day on World Environment Day on Sunday. Under this campaign, Urban Local Bodies across the country will hold awareness programmes to free the country from single-use plastic and

contribute to improve the environment. The Ministry also has issued a detailed advisory to State and Union Territories in

this direction. In the advisory,

the Ministry has instructed

to ban Single-Use Plastic by

30th of Jnue. The Ministry

further said that States and

Urban Local Bodies have to

enter into Memorandum of

Understanding with nearby

cement plants or other industrial units. It also directed to ensure that a part of the plastic waste generated is used either as an alternative fuel in cement plants, or for road construction purposes.

The advisory stresses on large-scale people participation to carry forward the message of Single-Use Plastics ban and enforcement.

### NMDC - The Eco-Friendly Miner celebrates World Environment Day 2022

#### PIB New Delhi, June 5:

India's largest producer of iron ore, the National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., (NMDC) under Ministry of Steel celebrated the World Environment Day 2022 on the keynote of 'Only One Earth' at its Head Office in Hyderabad. Mukesh Khare, Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi was the Chief Guest for the was the Chief Ouest for the event with Vineet Pandey, CVO, NMDC as the Guest of Honour. NMDC's ED (Production and Safety) B. Sahoo, ED (Commercial) A.K. Padhy, CGM (Resource Planning and Environment) M. Jayapal Reddy and senior officials were also present.

A global environment expert and among the top researchers on air pollution concerns in India, Professor Khare praised NMDC's vision on Sustainable Mining Objectives of the company and said, "The mining major's decades of commitment towards the environment and the community is building a robust ESG framework. In the future, the miners and engineers should look at an economic, engineering efficient, and ecology conscious approach to

resolve

in our future."

been relevant for 50 years and

will continue to find relevance

from the Indian Bureau of

Mines for their responsible



mine and resource planning. NMDC has built a sturdy Contributing to the Government of India's push afforestation programme and has planted over 3.0 million towards Green initiatives, the trees in and around its projects. Reiterating NMDC's company has invested in renewable power generation, practices zero-waste mining, and is laying a 15 MTPA towards reforestation, Vineet Pandey slurry pipeline for environment-friendly ore said, "We mine in ecologically sensitive areas and it is our duty to restore the mines back transport. to their natural state. The theme 'Only One Earth' has

Wishing his employees a happy Environment Day, NMDC CMD Sumit Deb said, "The phrase 'Eco-Friendly Mining' is typically an oxymoron but we have been able to transcend this with NMDC's mining complexes have earned a 5 Star Rating environment conservation at the core of our business.

With being the largest iron ore producer of India, NMDC plays a pivotal role in embracing and advocating

eco-friendly mining." On the occasion of World Environment Day 2022, B. Sahoo led the employees to take an oath to contribute to take an oath to contribute to environment conservation and healing. NMDC employees received Jute Bags, Clay Bottles, Biodegradable Pens, and plants The Environment plants. The Environment Department of NMDC also conducted essay writing and elocution competitions on May 23, 2022 and the winners were felicitated

## World Environment day to be observed at Bishnupur and **CCpur district**

#### IT New: Imphal, June 5:

As a part of the world-wide celebration of "World Environment Day" across the globe, Loktak Development Authority (LDA) celebrated the World Environment Day today at Loktak Lairembi Ground, Thanga, Bishnupur District, Manipur. Union Minister of State.

External Affairs & Education Dr. RK Ranjan Singh; President, BJP Manipur Pradesh Smt. A. Sharda Devi and MLA, Thanga AC T. Robindro grace the programme as dignitaries. The Program have two

sessions namely Morning and Afternoon Session. Community tree plantation along the foot hills of Thanga, Sendra and Karang in the Morning Session at 7:30 A.M. and Cycle Rally from Maibam Lokpa Ching mark the occasion

The World Environment Day is the biggest international day for the environment. Led by the

United Nations Environment Programme (<u>UNEP</u>), and held annually since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach and celebrated by millions of people across the world.

In relation to the celebration of World Environment Day, Chairman of the Loktak Development Authority cordially invites all to attend at the World Environment Day programme.

At Churachnadpur, th National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps of Rayburn College, Gangpimual, in association with Churachandpur Forest Department organized Tree Plantation Drive on the occasion of World Environment Day at Rayburn

College campus. As a part of this campaign, a solemn program was organized in the campus graced by the presence of the ShivanandSurve, SP, Esther LaltankimSerto, Divisional Forest Officer, Lunkhomang T. Haokip, Range Forest

Officer, Principal, Deans, faculties, and students from various departments who enthusiastically engaged in World Environment Day campaign.

Speaking on the occasion, Esther urged the participants of the event to protect the world we live in, rejuvenate our only earth and take the initiative to promote afforestation. "The theme of this year's environment day is Only One Earth and we must come together to take efforts to make our planet clean and green for generations to come" she added.

A tree plantation programme was also conducted as part of the celebration at the campus of the institute.

Students showed a lot of energy, but more importantly, they came together with the goal of working for our planet. The event was a success, with enthusiastic participation and efficacious awareness towards our green environment.

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# World Environment Day, 2022

### By-N. Munal Meitei

The whole world is celebrating the planets biggest environmental biggest event, the Worl Environment Day on 5 World June with this year's theme of:Only One Earth with Sweden as the global host. This is the repetition of the first theme of World Environment Day during 1974 held in the city of Spokane in the USA.

The planet is our only home and humanity must safeguard its finite resources.People who have seen Earth from space feltthe awe and responsibility to savethe earth. It serves as the people's day for doing something positive for the mother earth. WED also remind the reverence and care for our environmental pristine.

Healthier theenvironment, richer is the biodiversity and greater will be the yieldbenefits. Planting trees is the easiest way to battle the current environmental problemsto soak up the excess CO, from the air. Trees and forests are the critical part of the solution to the climate crisis and biodiversity collapse In 2019, a paper published in *Science*, created a furor that if the 900 million hectare land available on earth are reforested, it would help to store 205 gigatonnes of carbon, which will be our most effective climate change solution till date.

Intuitively, planting es makes sense, trees makes sense, especially when high degrees of forest are loss around the world. Even in 2021, when we are in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world lost about 6 million hectares of forests according to data published by <u>Global Forest</u> Watch

Now, environment should be put in the category of national security. To defend our natural resources is equally important as to defence from neighbours.Protecting environment our everyone's responsibility.

Our blue planet is the only place in the universe inhabitable by the living beings. Yet, our so called homeis visibly losing its vitality and pristineness due to the reckless policies and ruinous acts of the wise uman beings. Its resources are being exhausted and the safe livelihood of mankind is gravely endangered Alarming environmental challenges, disasters, unprecedented and unheard of before, occur at a greater rate. Climate change with ensuing water scarcity, desertification, melting of ice, sea level rise, soil and vegetation degradation lead not only to depletion of natural resources, but threaten the social and economic development of the entire world. The oceans

absorb almost 25% of all human CO2 emissions. The gas then combines with other elements forms carbolic acid. Over the last 250 years, surface acidity of the occan has increased by 30%. The acidity is expected to increase by 150% in 2100.

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With such over acidification, all the sea creatures more importantly, the plankton which produces 65% of all the earth's oxygen is in the brink of extinction.

The clearing of forests continue at an alarming rate of 20 football grounds per ute. Trees are cut around 4-7 billion globally per year but annual afforestation and germination natural together accounts 1% only. tree can store 1 ton CO2 in its life and can produce O<sub>2</sub> for 10persons a year. Hence its really miserable. In India in 2018, Churu

in Rajasthan, the temperature shoots up to 50.8°C. It is really a horrible for the infants and elderly to live in. But if we do not care of our environment today, it is inevitable to face an extreme heat in the coming years. On the other hand, due to lack of annual rainfall, the whole country is facing from acute water crisis but facing from frequent thunderstorms like Yaas, Helen, Phalin, Hudhud, Fani and Asani

etc. India saw the warmest March this year since IMD began keeping records 122

at the root cause for all environmental issues facing by the planet today. Population will surely makethe environmental meltdown and mankind will required 2 Earths by 2030.India with 2.8% of the global geographical areawill be the most populous country by 2030 surpassing China with 1.51 billion presenting 21% of world population i.e. 1 every five people in the world are Indian. We also support 20% earth's cattle population, but luckily the country owned 7.8% of the global Biodiversity in the

food, water and livelihood, the country's daily requirement will be almost double at that time. Unluckily, annual precipitations are likely to tremendously reduce thereby decreasing the food production giving a huge gap between the demand and supply. The rainfall type on those days will be very haphazardus with dry places may get more rainfall and the rest with almost nil negligible thereby leading tosevere drought and famine to all over the country. The rainfalls will be for a shorter period accompanied by cloudburst and downpour thereby making floods, landslides everywhere leading to huge loss of lives and properties. The pollution level both

in air, water and soil may shoot up to three times of the present condition and temperature will rise around 55°C in almost all the parts of the country. Hence people will force to concentrate their settlement in the colder regions and that will be a huge social and political problem. Heat waves mixed with drought conditions can trigger se wildfires that cause high levels of air pollution

accompanied by heavy cyclones and storms. Due to these multifarious environmental issues, the country will be in turmoil both in politics, Law & Order and governance. At that time 80% of the

Himalayan glaciers might be melting away which may result abrupt changes in the climatic condition of the subcontinent and also submerging of many parts of the low laying coastal areas. At that time, most of our snow fed rivers might be

in wildlife products is eroding Earth's precious biodiversity, robbing us from our natural heritage and pushing the whole species toward extinction. The killing and smuggling is also undermining economies, fuelling organized crime and feeding corruption and insecurity across the globe. Illegal trade in wildlife is the largest trade in the world ahead of drugs and arms. The loss of Biodiversity are to the tunes of 1 species per 20 minutes and thusmost of species may wipe out by 2100.

wetlands is our primary objectives. The country has recorded 757,000 wetlands and 37 Ramsar sites with 15.3 million ha which is 4.7% of total geographical area. Our wetlands support 23% reptiles, 13% amphibians, 23% fishes, 65% birds and 26% mammalian species. But we have lost 30% of our wetlands, the cradles for our biodiversity due to urbanization, land use change and pollution.

affects the lives of everyone on the earth, the marine animals, pollution of soil, air, water, blockage of channels, rivers, streams, landscape disfigurement, the nature including the future generations. This is because plastic takes too many years decompose and it to releasetoxic substances like dioxins, furans, mercury and **BPAsinto** the environment This year the world will

bags - that's 20 lakhs a minute.Its again 75 kg per person annually. If these plastics are put one after another they would go around the earth 7 times every hour and can cover half of India. Covid-19 has also compelled us to use masks which are made up of polypropyline, that take about 450 years to decompose.

due to bad

Thoubal, where PM2.5 is forecasted to be  $7.6 \mu g/$ m3. As per a report from the State transport Department, the number of vehicles registered in the state during 2020-21 were around 36000 vehicles. We know that when one litre of petrol burns, three kilo moles of CO2are emitted. Such increase in number of transport vehicles have caused a huge also challenge to our climatic condition of this land-log state

In Manipurthere are 155 lakes and 2 ox-bow lakes. But more than 64% of our wetlands have disappeared during the eight decades. last Wetlands constitute about 2.37% of the geographical area of the state. The numbers of wetlands floral species so far identified are 86 species but counted 110 species of amphibians and reptile among 580 species so far found in Îndia. Though we lost 18 species of fishes, we have counted 120 species while the country is having 1700 fish species. Such a faunal richness of our wetland represents 10.80% of whole country though the state though the state constitutes only 0.7% of the country's geographical area.

<u>Manipur with</u> 77.12 % forests has <u>lost 449 sq. km</u> and 249 sq. km of forests during 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 respectively due to large scale poppy due to large scale poppy plantation, ihoom cultivation and the indiscriminate felling along with 4000 sq. km lost of bamboo brakes. The present status of wildlife in Manipur is also very pitiful. In hill districts, today also there is the tradition of

is the tradition of hunting. Meats for many scheduled animals are sold without restrictions Authorities are still issuing gun licenses which are mainly meant for hunting. Thus, the wild animals that were once found abundantly have now become almost extinct and the few remaining also have started to enter the human habitations.

Nature is sending mankind a message, specifically that mankind is on the verge of a breakdown. It is time to wake up. It is time to notice. It is time to ake reformulate man's relationship with Nature. It is time to restore equilibrium between man

and mother nature. Therefore with the celebration of World Environment Day, 2022, we urge every individual to come forward and act together to find for a long term solution for a green and beautiful planet right now because tomorrow may be too late. Personal participation and planting trees in all available barrens will the best option for taking part the World Environment Day this year for the sack of the mother earth and our future generation.



**Documentary Film on** 

Nungphou of Cachar released

IT News Jiri, June 5:

Two documentary film called The Shining of Ningphou in the Century and chahi chada Ngangthoibi Nungphou produced by Laitonjam Raj Kishore Singha were released today at Chiripari Part 1 of Nungphou in Cachar district today. The

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The film released function

was attended by Sanjoy Thakur, BJP Lakhipur,

Ereima Lairembi Temple Management Committee, Anita Devi, Member, Zilla

Parisad Cachar, Lakhipur

President,

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### India's efforts to protect environment ....

PM Modi said, "Earlier, our farmers were not aware of soil health. To overcome this problem, a huge campaign was launched to give soil health cards to the farmers in the country." "In this year's Budget, we've announced natural farming along the Ganga river corridor will be promoted," he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also launched the Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement", a global initiative, via video conferencing. The launch will initiate "LiFE global call for papers" inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities and research institutions to influence and persuade individuals, communities and organisations across the world to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle. PM Modi also delivered the keynote address during the programme. The idea of LiFE was introduced by the prime minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow last year. The idea promotes an environment-conscious lifestyle that focuses on mindful and deliberate utilisation" instead of "mindless and destructive consumption."

The programme also witnessed participation of Bill ates, Co-Chairman of the Bill & Melinda Gates Gates, Foundation, climate economist Lord Nicholas Stern, Nudge theory author Cass Sunstein, World Resources Institute CEO and president Aniruddha Dasgupta, UNEP Global Head Inger Andersen, UNDP Global Head Achim Steiner and World Bank president David Malpass, among others

### Sports

### **Chennaiyin FC sign Bengal** skipper Chakladar

#### IT News Chennai, June 5:

Two-time champions Chennaiyin FC have signed Bengal captain and defender Monotosh Chakladar ahead of the upcoming Indian Super

League season 9. Chakladar is the third fresh signing for Marina Machans this summer. It is also a maiden ISL contract for the 24-year-old footballer, who captained Bengal in the 75th Santosh Trophy last month and played a crucial role in the state team's runners-up

'We are really happy to welcome Monotosh Chakladar to the Chennaiyin family. All of us at the club are aware of his leadership qualities and performances at the Santosh Trophy and we are excited to have him bring

those qualities to the fold. I am certain he will fit in seamlessly into the team, and raise the overall level. Chennaiyin FC co-owner Vita Dani said. A well-known face in the

Bengal football circuit, Chakladar will bring in valuable experience into the Chennaiyin side, having played in various domestic competitions in his five-year long career so far.

Previously, he was part of I-League teams Gokulam Kerala and East Bengal and now the Bandel-born player vill look to make his mark for Chennaivin FC in the country's premier football league. "I'm very excited to play in

the ISL for the first time and that too for two times champions, Chennaiyin FC. My only motive now is to

work hard, get into the first team and win titles with this team," an elated Chakladar expressed.

Chakladar began his youth career at Kolkata-based United Sporting Club before moving to Mohammedan Sporting, where he made two I-League second division appearances in 2017-18 season.

His good showing for Pathachakra FC in the 2018-19 Calcutta Premier Division earned him an I-League debut in that season when he joined Gokulam Kerala on loan. He played four matches for Malabarians and then featured for East Bengal in the next I-League season.

Chakladar was also part of Peerless SC's historic maiden title-winning campaign in the Calcutta Football League in 2019.

Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal observed the "World Environment Day" with the theme "Only One Earth" on June 5th 2022. As an initiative to promote afforestation and rejuvenate the earth we live in, IBSD scientists, students and staffs from various

departments under the leadership of Prof. Pulok K. Mukherjee, Director, IBSD planted around 150 fruit bearing plants in the Bioresources park of IBSD at Haraorou

four Mega Hot Spots. To meet the sufficient

years ago and the whole country is expected to face the hottest year this time. Population explosion is

dried up. The booming illegal trade

Enabling people for a decent living and at the same time ensuring the conservation and safety of

Plasticsis thebiggest menace for world today. Plastics we dispose of,

consume 5 trillion plastic

Environmental crisis of Manipur will be turmoil.The main source of air pollution in the state has been identified as auto exhaust emissions of the fast growing number of automobiles, dust-fall road management and other miscellaneous commercial e a r t h m o v i n g activities.The source for the pollution of the river stretches in Manipur are sewage and plastics. The district with the worst air pollution in Manipur is

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