

Banks hold customer outreach program at Jiribam

IT Correspondent
Jiribam, June 8:

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the banks of Jiribam District led by Punjab National Bank, Jiribam branch and Manipur State Co-operative Bank (MSCB), Bandhan Bank, Jiribam branch, State Bank of India, Jiribam branch in collaboration with Manipur State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM) organised a Customer Outreach Program today at Sorok Atingbi Khunou community hall under Hihghat Gram Panchayat of Jiribam District today.

During the programme, the banks authorities and customers shared their experience on bank credit facilities and on enrolment in various government schemes. As a resource persons to the customer awareness program, Ayekpam Thoiba, Branch Manager MSCB Jiribam, Mangcha Haokip, Branch Manager PNB Jiribam, Silvia Kangabam, Branch Manager Bandhan bank Jiribam, Thangthianven, Branch Manager SBI Jiribam along with Wahengbam Premchand, BMM at Manipur State Rural Livelihoods Mission talked about various credit facilities provided by the banks to the people of Jiribam District in different sectors. They also assured that the banks of Jiribam branch always works for the welfare and benefits of public.

Chief Minister N. Biren flags off highway patrol vehicles, lauds police force for securing public

IT News
Imphal, June 8:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today flagged off five GPS enabled Highway Patrol Vehicles for the Pallel to Moreh stretch of National Highway 102 and lauded Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and the entire police force for their effort in providing security to the public especially along the highways.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the flagging off ceremony, the Chief Minister said that the State Police force has already flagged off six GPS enabled highway patrol vehicles to cover

Kangpokpi and Senapati stretch of the highway. The next preparation is to launch similar patrol vehicles along the Imphal-Jiribam Highway, the Chief Minister added.

The highway patrol vehicles have been quite effective, he said, stressing that the patrol vehicles have been able to check miscreants trying to harm drivers and truckers and other distress calls along the Kangpokpi-Senapati highway stretch.

With these patrol vehicles, the police can now provide assistance to any truck or driver stranded along the highways, he said adding that the patrol vehicles



along the Kangpokpi-Senapati stretch of the highway can be reached through mobile number 9612700785 and those along

Tengnoupal-Moreh stretch on 8794427656.

N. Biren Singh also observed that the dedicated Highway Patrol for the

National Highways in the State has been a dream of the government for long and that recruitment for setting up of 10th and 11th IRB were conducted for the purpose of launching a Highway Protection Force. He said once the results of the recruitments are declared they will be utilised for the same.

Director General of Police P. Doungel said since the launching of the GPS enabled Highway Patrol Vehicles along the Mao-Imphal highway, crime rates have been scaled down and these dedicated patrol vehicles can now act on any distress call along the highway 24*7. We are targeting to provide the

same benefits to the Pallel to Moreh highway as this is another important lifeline of the State. We want to secure the highway also, not only from the underground and other anti-social elements, but also assist people who are stranded, he said. At the same time these patrol vehicles will provide support in surprise checks against illegal drug trafficking and other security operations along the route, he added. Transport Minister Khoshim Vashum, Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, top civil and police officials also attended the flagging off ceremony among others.

AMMSO protest appointment of Bhabeswar Tongbram as MY VC; warns agitation

IT News
Imphal, June 8:

The All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) wrote to the UGC secretary and the Member Secretary of AICTE in protest against the appointment of Bhabeswar Tongbram as Vice Chancellor of Manipur Technical University, claiming that he is not eligible or fit for the position.

In a press release, AMMSO stated that the continued appointment of Dr. Bhabeswar Tongbram as VC of MTU despite continuous submission of memorandums

to the Government of Manipur is a clear example of corruption in the education sector, contradicting Biren Singh 2.0's corruption-free slogan.

The AMMSO cited the most recent UGC regulation, dated July 18, 2018, section 7.3 for vice-chancellor qualification. AMMSO stipulated that the VC be a distinguished academician with at least ten years of experience as a professor. He should also have a minimum of eight research publications in journals approved by the UGC, AICTE, and SCI. Tongbram Bhabeswar, and the newly appointed VC, did not meet any of the criteria for

the position of VC of Manipur Technical University. He has been employed as a Lecturer at the government polytechnic institute in Takel since 1991, and later as an Associate Professor at the same Diploma Institute. The AMMSO stated that there is a significant difference between engineering degree colleges and diploma institutes, as well as differences in service statuses. And he has never held the position of professor. Tongbram Bhabeswar received a Ph.D. in non-engineering subject from Manipur University's History department on the topic of

Manipur's traditional housing and architecture.

AMMSO further said that it is a huge surprise that a person who is ineligible to be the principal in charge of a diploma institute has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of a degree college. He had previously been removed as Principal of Government Polytechnic because he was unfit for the position.

Kh. Dilson, AMMSO's HRD Secretary, furthermore stated that agitations will begin tomorrow if the government fails to remove Bhabeswar as VC of MTU.

NEDF condemns bomb blasts in the state

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The North East Dialogue Forum (NEDF) expressed strong condemnation to the recent bomb blast in Manipur.

A statement of the Forum said, "Manipur has been experiencing many incidents of bomb blast in Manipur and in public places for the last many years. However, we would like to condemn the two bomb blast in Manipur in the last 4 months".

On 5th March 2022, hours ahead of the 2nd phase and last phase of assembly election, a crude bomb exploded inside the campus of Regional Institute of Medical Science.

Another incident happened when unidentified persons exploded a powerful bomb on the premises of Little Flower School, Imphal at 3.10 AM on June 5th 2022. There was no

casualty although some portions of the school building, including window panes, were damaged. The Network has also received information from a credible source that many members, a group suspected not to be from Manipur/ India are moving with arms openly in Moreh Town and nearby villages.

"These types of incidents are leaving fear and insecurity among the civilians which is creating more unrest among the people of Manipur" the NEDF said that urged the authority to take urgent action by appointing a special investigation team (SIT) to thoroughly investigate all the bomb blast case, the free movement of members of the groups with arms in Moreh and find the perpetrators so that civilians will feel safer at their own home.

ZUF welcomes 2 cadres of NSCN-K (Niki Sumi) and NSCN-IM who joined ZUF

IT News
Imphal, June 8:

The Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) has extended warm welcome to the brave cadres who have joined the Zeliangrong United Front.

In a press statement, John Pame, ZUF's Information and Publicity Director, stated that

it is a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Dinganlung Kamei, Additional Secretary of the NSCN-K (Niki Sumi), who made the correct decision to join the front with arms.

Lance Corporal Lungchuiou Kamei of the NSCN-IM was also warmly welcomed and accepted by the Front.

Both cadres were officially

installed into the fold of the Front on June 4, 2022, after completing all formalities.

Their testimonies and firm decisions demonstrated that they fully understood ZUF's logical and pragmatic approach with the GOL. And that the Zeliangrong people's demand for a secure position and status within the Indian

Union is a legitimate and political right of the people. The Front is always reaching out with a wide arm of acceptance and brotherly love to anyone who wishes to serve for the common cause and aspiration of the dearly held movement of the Zeliangrong historical struggle.

ZWAD and ZSUD congratulate Zelianring toppers in class XII exam

IT News
Imphal, June 8:

Zeliangrong Welfare Association, Delhi (ZWAD) and Zeliangrong Students Union Delhi (ZSUD) have congratulated Golmei Gaihemmei for securing Top 1 Position in Arts, and Palmei Lungaiphun in Top 5 Position in Commerce in the Higher Secondary Examination, 2022 conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur.

While, Golmei Gaihemmei is the daughter of G. Katapzinpo and G. Akashini and studied at Enlighten Knowledge Higher Secondary School, Sangakpham, Palmei Lungaiphun is the son of Palmei Sanabang and Palmei Kashangailu and studied at SDJM Higher Secondary

School, Paona Bazar. They hailed from Langthabal Khoupum and Namthanlong of Imphal Manipur respectively.

"We are very delighted and proud to celebrate on their outstanding achievement. We encourage and wish them to bring more laurels and glory even in the near future. We appreciate and thank their hard work and dedication that brings great example of excellence to the society", a statement by the two student bodies said.

ZWAD and ZSUD congratulated to all the Zeliangrong students who have successfully completed the Higher Secondary Examination (XII) under the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur.

Giant Himalayan Lily attracts visitors at Liyai khullen

IT News
Imphal, June 8:

The Giant Himalayan Lily (*Cardiocrinum giganteum*) which grows on the hill slopes of this picturesque village located about 120 km northeast of Imphal in Senapati district attracts visitors including the Mega Miss Northeast during its flowering season this year.

This came to light when this reporter visited the flowering site of this fragrant trumpet-shaped lily at Liyai Khullen village inhabited by the poma tribes last week.

According to chairman DK Isaac Cassi of the village, this Giant Himalayan Lily popularly known as 'beivoli' in local dialect which grows in a large scale on the western slopes of heudu blue hill range which surrounds the village with an altitude of 2500m, flowers for about two-three weeks spreading from May to June every year.

But this time, many people from the state and neighbouring states including those from Madhya Pradesh visited to witness these lilies, the chairman said adding that Last year, the Director of



Tourism department led officials had also visited to inspect the village and other tourism potential areas.

Here I would like to urge the government to develop the flowering site and other tourism potential spots in our village, he felt.

It may be mentioned that Manipur's largest river Barak originates from Liyai Khullen village which also houses two centuries old twin banyan trees- locally known as two Rakaitbi.

Considering the tourism potentials of the village having a population of more than 13,000, the village elders have been seeking public attention in conserving the forest and biodiversity of the village.

This little known majestic lily is said to be the largest lily species of any of the lily plants growing up to 2-3 metres high.

War on Drugs: CM's exceptional skill in mobilising community

Even as many more are yet to be taken up to fight the menace of drugs in the state, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had successfully made all people of the state irrespective of the differences of community to join in the war against drugs. Every communities of the state today have openly declared support to the Chief Minister's initiative and pledge to fight against the drugs.

The participation of all people of the state against the menace of drug is seen for the second time in the history of Manipur. In mid 1980s the state witnessed mass uprising against drug users and smugglers after a child was allegedly murdered by a user here in the state. Unlike that time, the Chief Minister of Manipur personally takes initiative in making all the people joined in the war against drug.

If one recounts the sequence of events that took place in the mid 1980s in the aftermath of the murder of a child at Singjamei by a drug user, it will be easy to understand on how effective the war on drugs was those days. Almost every club members of all communities started hunting for drug users and punished them. Even some underground groups also punished those drug users including alcoholic by shooting at their legs. However, punishing the drug users in front of public or by physically assaulting them fails to minimize the drug users those days. After some experts found that punishing the users by physically assaulting them is not the solution, it was learnt that lack of well prepared strategy to fight the drug menace was the main reason of the collective struggle of that time.

Reason for reminding the sequence of events that took place in mid 1980s was to convey a simple suggestion to the CMs initiative to the fight against drugs. It is a fact that every community has extended support to the CM's war on drugs. When there is a support to the good cause then the war is half win. If wanted to win this war then some more policy need to be framed. A policy for rehabilitation of the drug users should be a priority. And next, improvement of the socio-economic conditions of the people is also another factor. As the users now has been concentrated among the youths and the school going children the authority in power need to monitor the conditions of students in all government schools. Above these, the authority needs to be sincere in punishing the drug smugglers without bias.

Salient Features of Flag Code of India, 2002



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- A member of public, a private organization or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days and occasions, ceremonial or otherwise, consistent with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.
- The National Flag shall be rectangular in shape. The Flag can be of any size but the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3:2.
- Where the Flag is displayed in open, it should, as far as possible, be flown from sunrise to sunset, irrespective of weather conditions.
- Whenever the National Flag is displayed, it should occupy the position of honour and should be distinctly placed.
- A damaged or dishevelled Flag shall not be displayed.
- The Flag should not be flown from a single masthead simultaneously with any other flag or flags.
- The Flag should not be flown on any vehicle except of the dignitaries mentioned in Section IX of Part III of the Flag Code, such as President, Vice-President, Prime-Minister, Governors etc.
- No other flag or bunting should be placed higher than or above or side by side with the National Flag.

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The meditations- deeper insights into the dark shadows of 'corruption'

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corruption involves collection of payment/taxes by force. Transacting Corruption is a smooth give and take. Broadly speaking corruption is an abuse of trust to shamelessly fill pockets with super easy money. Such phenomenon are very much visiblet to the wise eye and inquiring mind in our Naga society.

Let us all accept that the Nagaland is a corrupt state trying to survive on a slippery moss of failed governance. Corruption seems to have become a norm in the normal functioning of the state machinery and its nut-bolts. Much has already been written and spoken on corruption and corrupt practices in the state. There is a common consensus that corruption is entrenched at every level of the society, and tribal nepotistic influences over electoral politics-administration-governance and filthy money power have been identified as the leading causes. The economy of Nagaland is fully dependent on the Central Government funds. The state cannot sustain on its own. Despite this fact, the embezzlement of these funds is

irresistibly an order of the day. For decades, as it is in the public domain, that the state financial plan presents deficit budgets. The root cause of this saddening financial drought is corruption. The observation of the Hon'ble Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in its report on the Government of Nagaland (Report No 2. of 2020) that it is a "matter of grave concern that these malpractices (cases of excess/ fraudulent drawal) persist despite being highlighted in past audit reports" is actually a moot point in the entire scenario. The culture of impunity has been killing the soul of Naga society. The culprits are roaming around freely well beyond the reach of the hands of law. This is the story of Nagaland through my eyes.

I generally avoid participating in debates on corruption. It is not that I am avoiding my responsibility as a concerned young citizen, Public Intellectual and a Professor, however somewhere I feel that such 'ritualistic' talks have no use. My observation says that the people often understand corruption from a very narrow and shallow

perspective. Corruption or behavior that can be termed as a corrupt behavior is a manifestation of a problem which is invisible and much more complicated than its manifested symptoms.

The causes and effects of corruption, and how to combat corruption, are issues that have been very much on the discussion table in the Naga society. Moreover, various historically influential philosophers, notably Plato (The Republic), Aristotle (The Politics), Machiavelli (The Prince and The Discourses) and Montesquieu (The Spirit of the Laws), have concerned themselves with political corruption in particular, albeit in somewhat general terms. For these philosophers corruption consisted in large part in rulers governing in the service of their own individual or collective—or other factional—self-interest, rather than for the common good and in accordance with the law or, at least, in accordance with legally enshrined moral principles.

Again, we can observe that the Thinkers of the past too have failed to reach to the exact conceptualization of the reality of corruption.

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Dharamvir Singh: The architect of Doordarshan

Communication has always been of prime importance. With the advent of television in 1927, Indians also dreamed for this service and after independence television service was started in Delhi as a part of All India Radio (AIR) in 1959. For its expansion across the country, its management was separated from AIR and independent new body named "Doordarshan (DD)" was constituted. One of the architects of the ambitious Doordarshan shanservice was - Shri Dharamvir Singh.

Dharamvir Singh was born on 10 June 1932 in Barhin Patna district. His native village is SimraBilgawan on the banks of Son river under Bhojpur district. His father Shri Devsharan Singh (Former Chairman, Bihar Legislative Council) was a renowned Congress leader and freedom fighter at the national level and was an advocate at Barh Sub-Divisional Court. Dharamvir Singh graduated from Bihar National College, Patna under Patna University. He was a meritorious student from the very beginning and along with studies, he also had special interest in journalism, sports and social works. He was selected by Sarat Chandra Bose as a member of the "International Brigade" to go for the independence of Indonesia in 1947. He was a member of Bihar Lawn Tennis Council in 1952 and Secretary of Bihar Table Tennis Association from 1954-67. He was also associated with New Patna Club, Delhi Golf Club and Delhi Gymkhana for a long time.

In the company of his father, Dharamvir Singh inclined towards active politics. In 1967, he was elected for the first time from the 193-Bakhtiarpur Vidhan Sabha constituency in Patna district and became the secretary of the Congress Legislature Party. In the election held on 21 February 1967, Dharamvir Singh (20772 votes) contesting on Indian National Congress ticket defeated Independent Shri Ramlakhan Rai (18221 votes) and Shri R.S. Singh (15317 votes) of Jan Kranti Dal in a tough contest. Again in 1969, he was elected from the 193-Bakhtiarpur Assembly Constituency and became the Chief Whip of the Congress Legislature Party. In this election held on 9

February 1969, Indian National Congress candidate Dharamvir Singh (19578 votes) defeated Ram Lakhan Rai (17896 votes) of Samyukta Socialist Party and Ramchandra Singh Chouhan (15364 votes) independent. In 1970, he was inducted for the first time in the Bihar Cabinet as Minister of State for Labor, Information and Tourism.

On the special initiative of the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi, Dharamvir Singh contested for the Fifth Lok Sabha in 1971 on Indian National Congress (R) ticket from the 34-BarhLok Sabha constituency. Outgoing MP and former Union Minister Smt. Tarkeshwari Sinha was contesting against him as an Indian National Congress (Organization) candidate. The Firebrand stalwart Smt. Tarkeshwari Sinha had won four consecutive elections namely- the First Lok Sabha (3-Patna East constituency in 1951), the Second Lok Sabha (28-Barh constituency in 1957), the Third Lok Sabha (34-Barh constituency in 1962) and the fourth Lok Sabha (34-Barh constituency in 1967). Dharamvir Singh (184484 votes) created a new history in this area by securing 48.10 percent votes defeating an invincible MP like Smt. Sinha.

After being elected to the Lok Sabha, he resigned from the membership of the Bihar Legislative Assembly, on which the flamboyant socialist leader Bhola Prasad Singh was elected in the by-election. Mrs. Gandhi was highly impressed with Dharamvir Singh and he was inducted into the Union Cabinet in 1971 as Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting, in his first inning as a Member of Parliament, a position he held till 1977.

Several remarkable works have been performed in the Ministry during his tenure, the most notable event was the formation of "Doordarshan". On 1 April 1976, television broadcasting was separated from the radio network and replaced by the name "Doordarshan". In 1972, television service was started in the second city of the country, Mumbai. Prior



By -Er.Prabhat Kishore

to this, the service of television broadcasting was available only in the then capital Delhi. By the year 1975, television service had expanded to seven cities of Bharatvarsha. During his tenure, he made a lot of efforts to promote artistic films as well as commercial and devotional films like "Jai SantoshiMaa". All India Radio Annual Awards were started in 1974. He led several Indian delegations abroad.

During the election of the Sixth Lok Sabha in 1977, there was a wave of Janata Party due to the student movement in the whole country. Bihar was the center of this movement. Congress could not get a single seat in Bihar due to the anger of the people stricken by the Emergency. On Indian National Congress ticket, Dharamvir Singh got only 101945 votes and lost to a newcomer Shyam Sundar Gupta (372227 votes), the Mayor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. In 1979, a separate political party named Congress (I) was formed by Smt. Indira Gandhi, but Dharamvir Singh decided to remain in the original party.

Due to mutual tussle and personal arrogance, the Janata Party government could not survive for its full term. In the mid-term elections to the Seventh Lok Sabha in 1980, Dharamvir Singh contested from the 18-BarhLok Sabha constituency as a candidate of the Indian National Congress (Urs) led by Shri Devraj Urs, the then Chief Minister of Karnataka. He defeated Smt. Kamla Devi (160801 votes) of Janata Party and Ramraj Pd. Singh (102566 votes) of Indian National Congress (Indira) by securing 192407 votes on his own capacity. He held many important positions in the National and Parliamentary Party of the Congress. He later aligned himself with SharadPawar-led Congress (S) and became the party's national general secretary. After Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav left the party to join Congress (I), DharamvirBabu was also given the responsibility of the post of President of Bihar unit of Congress (S).

In 1984, for the Eighth Lok Sabha, Dharamvir Singh contested again from the 18-BarhLok Sabha

constituency on Indian National Congress (S) ticket. In the election, he got full support of socialists like Karpoori Thakur. But he again fell victim to the sympathy wave triggered by the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and lost the election to a controversial figure like Prakash Chandra alias Baby, son of Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, who was contesting on Indian National Congress (Indira) ticket. Shri Prakash Chandra got 384719 votes out of total cost of 610745, while Shri Singh had to be satisfied with only 161983 votes. The people of the Barh area continued to repent of his defeat till the end. In 1986, at the National Convention of Congress (S) in Mumbai, Dharamvir Singh proposed the merger of Congress (S) with Congress (I) in his capacity as General Secretary, which was accepted unanimously.

The entire life of Dharamvir Singh was dedicated to the nation. He wanted to see India as a great nation. The only goal of his life was to make the country self-sufficient and prosperous and to bring harmony in the society. He was constantly striving to achieve his goal. He was an articulate and fighting man. He was a strong supporter of the politics of honesty and remained unmarried throughout his life for the fulfillment of this motto. He was a skilled politician and a strong orator. His charitable life inspired him to travel to European countries. Dharamvir Singh was no match in the field of journalism. The editorials and articles written by him on various national as well as international burning issues in newspapers and magazines like Weekly Dinaman etc. had fascinated the public. He was the flagbearer of the communication revolution in India.

On 5 April 1989, in the midst of the discussion on his election to the Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra, Dharamvir Singh went to Mumbai where he held detailed talks with the then Chief Minister SharadPawar on various issues. But on 06 April 1989, he suddenly passed away in a suspicious condition in Mumbai. A wave of mourning ran across Bihar and this shining star of Indian politics disappeared from the national horizon forever.

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The Face of Mumbai DD Pradeep Bhide Passes Away

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, June 08:

Veteran news anchor and commentator Pradeep Bhide who was associated with Mumbai Doordarshan for over four decades, passed away after a prolonged illness due to brain cancer on Tuesday.

He was 68 and is survived by his wife Sujata, a son, and a daughter. His last rites were performed at Parshiwda crematorium at Andheri East in northwest Mumbai on Tuesday evening. A large number of media persons were present.

Beginning his career as a trainee production assistant with Mumbai Doordarshan after it started on October 02, 1972, he switched on to news reading in 1974. He shaped newscast in its formative years and continued to handle the news reading assignments till 2016.

During the eighties and nineties when the Doordarshan was the only audio-visual electronic format, he had become a household face and his trademark "Namaskar, Aajchya Thalak Batmya" (Namaskar, Today's News Headlines) became a household greeting for the generations of viewers of the evening Marathi news bulletin.

With a commanding screen presence, a clear baritone

voice, and an engaging style, he also anchored special shows on Mumbai DD, (which was later renamed "DD Sahyadri"), a regional channel. He was much sought for the periodical state or national elections programs or the results and political analysis post-polls that were watched avidly.

Bhide hailed from the Marathi stage and had acted in some of the experimental plays staged by veteran playwright Ratnakar Matkari. Dilip Prabhavalkar, Vasant Soman, and Ravi Patwardhan were his co-artists. As such he had no stage fear. This benefitted him while reading news bulletins.

His father Jagannath and mother Subhalkshmi were teachers in Rayat Shikshan Sanstha set up by Karmveer Bhaurao Patil. Since they were shifted to the schools located at different places from time to time, Pradeep Bhide had to pursue his education in different schools located in villages of Maharashtra.

His parents were adept at Marathi, Sanskrit and Hindi and "Vishnu Sahasranamam" was recited daily at home. The recitation of "Vishnu Sahasranamam" helped him in voice modulation. Bhide had said in one of the earlier interviews. After SSC, he did B.Sc in Pune and later completed a journalism



course from the Ranade Institute of Communications, Pune.

He worked in the corporate communications department in companies including Hindustan Lever and e-Merck before shifting full-time to Doordarshan. Later, he set up his own media company, 'Pradeep Bhide Communications', which produced short, advertising films, and documentaries, and for many of them, he provided the voice-over. However, he simultaneously continued to handle news reading assignments for Doordarshan.

He was the anchor for the swearing-in ceremony of the first-ever Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party government held at Shivaji Park in Central Mumbai in 1995. He also hosted the oath-taking ceremony of the BJP-Shiv Sena government in 2014 at Wankhede Stadium in South Mumbai, besides covering other Government events. He worked in the media for nearly 40 years.

When the situation was

volatile and riots were anticipated after former PM Rajiv Gandhi's assassination in *Sripurumbudur* (Tamil Nadu) on the night of May 21, 1991, Bhide was summoned to read the news bulletin the next morning. Eventually, he reached Mumbai Doordarshan in a police jeep at 6.30 am.

In another incident, when the normal traffic was disrupted after the Mumbai serial bomb blasts on March 12, 1993, Bhide walked from his residence in Andheri up to Worli in South Central Mumbai to reach the Mumbai Doordarshan studios at 5.30 pm to read evening news bulletin, his colleagues recalled.

Several prominent personalities including Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, leader of the Opposition in Maharashtra Assembly Devendra Fadnis, NCP MP Supriya Sule, and Congress and Shiv Sena leaders condoled the demise of Bhide, terming it as the 'end of an era'.

Al-Qaeda Threatens Suicide Attacks in India Over Prophet Remarks

IT Correspondent,
Mumbai, June 08

Al-Qaeda, the terror group (Al-Qaeda in the subcontinent) in a statement dated June 06 sent to media houses has threatened to launch suicide attacks in Delhi, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat "fight for the honour of the Prophet".

The statement begins with the heading "May our brothers be bereaved of us if we fail to defend or prophet. Given the disrespect shown towards the best of creation in India".

The terror group has threatened to carry out suicide attacks in different parts of India over the recent remarks made by a few BJP leaders on the Prophet Muhammad.

"We shall kill those who affront our Prophet and we shall bind explosives with our bodies and the bodies of our children to blow away the ranks of those who dare to dishonour our Prophet. The saffron terrorists should now await their end in Delhi, Bombay, UP, and Gujarat," the statement says.

The statement concludes with "In the sight of this deplorable incident, we say to our Ummah in general to our Muslim brothers in the subcontinent who are suffering prosecution and cruelty at the hands of India, that we bring glad tidings and consolation to you in the words of Imam ibn Taimiyah (may Allah have

mercy on him).

In the last few days, over 12 countries including Malaysia, Kuwait, and Pakistan have condemned recent remarks made by a few BJP leaders on Prophet Muhammad. While Nupur Sharma made comments during a TV debate, another leader Naveen Jindal posted a controversial remark on Twitter. Both were recently suspended and the BJP issued a statement emphasizing its intolerance for disrespect of any religious personality.

In another development, Nupur Sharma has been threatened by the terrorist organization Mujahideen Gajwatal Hind. The organization

has issued a press note saying that Sharma and Jindal should tender an unconditional apology to the whole world for making objectionable remarks on Muhammad or else they should be ready to face the consequences. This press note is written in Urdu.

Meanwhile, India has maintained that the views belong to a few fringe elements only and do not represent those of the Government of India. India also "categorically rejected" the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) statement slamming India as "unwarranted and narrow-minded".

44 AR concludes week long Yoga Shivr

Imphal, June 8:

44 Assam Rifles under the aegis of 22 Sector/IGAR (East) organised a mega yoga event to mark the end of the week long capsule at Tamenglong Helipad on Tuesday. "Yoga Shivr" The week long yoga program started on 30 May 2022 in the backdrop of scenic hills of Tamenglong. The event was part of unit's ongoing initiatives as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and was aimed to inspire "Mass Movement for Health and Well Being" through Yoga. The Capsule included Yoga Demonstrations by expert, Common Yoga Protocols, Yoga postures and meditation

techniques. Speaking on the closing ceremony, the Commandant, 44 Assam Rifles asked the people of Tamenglong and KPI to come forward and practise yoga as a routine for a healthy and stress free life and help the Unit's initiative to promote yoga and spread message for holistic development of mind and body. Further he said although we have hi-tech medical facilities, we are still leading a stressful, unhealthy and unstable life. In this situation, yoga can bring peace to our body, mind, and soul and add more value to our life.

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The meditations- deeper insights

The problem with those who study corruption is that they concentrate on the manifestation of the material symptoms however they do not know the disease which generates such symptoms. For me, Corruption is primarily a mental disease and corrupt actions are basically resulting as symptoms of the disease.

What is the beginning of Corruption? What is the true genesis of corrupt behavior that generates corrupt practices? Or if I transform my queries and ask, corrupt body, corrupt speech, corrupt mentality, which one is the worst? What would be the answer? If we are able to inquire deeper, we will easily discover that answer is mind fraud of corrupt mentality, because it is beginning of everything and is the worst. Thinking/generating corrupt thoughts is sinful however in order to consider it Sin thoughts must be acted upon, must be executed, put into action. Therefore, when people continuously think corruptly, by default it will automatically cause a corrupt action in absence of the presence of 'inner system' of 'checks and balances'.

In Court of Law, we argue that two elements must mandatorily involve in the Crime, the first is Mens Rea and the second is Actus Reus. The Mens Rea is a Latin term for the intention or knowledge of wrongdoing that constitute part of a crime as opposed to the action or conduct of the accused. The Actus Reus also a Latin term refers to action or a conduct which is a

constituent element of a crime, as opposed to the mental state of the accused. In order to establish crime, these two elements have to be present and be proven beyond reasonable doubt. So it is the mind that primarily is a culprit. Body is merely a slave of the mind, and therefore it is not wrong to assert that a person who is engaged in the corruption or corrupt activities (as listed before) is basically suffering from a serious 'Mental Disease' hence needs treatment and cure.

Let us inquire further and understand. An individual who engages in corruption suffers from several underlying problems. Are they craving for something? This could be wealth and materialism, or it might be something about the exercise of power and the temporary boost of confidence that gives. They are likely engaging in some form of hatred or at least a lack of compassion for the victim of their crime, implying a further state of mental and emotional damage. There is a serious absence of moral insight or wisdom. They are likely to have moments of torment about corrupt practices (fear of being discovered, guilty feelings, anger, shame, defensiveness, a will to commit other crimes to keep from being caught out). And, evidently, they willfully engaged in sustaining ignorance about the world and the impacts of their choices through which sinulations have been generated hence aggravating their mental disease, as the

more the individual engages in these sinful activities, the deeper the trouble gets, and the more serious the psychological, physiological and material consequences. Fundamentally, the corrupt official is also not in control of their mind; the craving, desires, greed and ignorance dominate and torment the individual, poisoning the quality of life and the relationships with others.

So, as we can see that the problem of corruption is not really what we think it is. It is not just about pilling up of illegal money or involving in illegal, unlawful actions consequent to the breach of trust but much more than that. We have to understand that origin of corruption is relevant to ignorance which is a result of greed, clinging, hatred, arrogance, misconception, inconsistency and ignorance.

So what the solution then is? Before exploring the probable solution let us remind ourselves that corruption first breeds in mind and then it is translated into evil action. In this context, the primary duty, therefore, of a man is to control mind by developing the practice of 'mindfulness' and 'equanimity' to generate 'GOD CONSCIOUSNESS'.

Despite existence of several Laws and Law enforcing agencies corruption could not be curtailed in Nagaland rather it is increasing day by day. As previously mentioned corrupt behavior is Mental Disease, therefore, it is important to challenge this behaviour with compassion and insight, guiding those individuals who

can change their behaviour to do so.

As this evil condition arises in the mind, the transformation of the behaviour must also address knowing and guiding the mind. Such an effort may seem unattractive to a corrupt official, however, following a righteous and noble path is in itself rewarding, and brings real benefits, including inner happiness, self-respect, and the love of those around us. Where the individual is unable or unwilling to transform their behavior, appropriate sanctions should be pursued to prevent such behaviour which erodes the moral integrity of the current society and infects future generations and robe off their happiness.

Also, in addition to what has been argued here, in order to free the society from the tentacles of corruption, asset (Fixed and Liquid) disclosure campaigns (Self and Family members of Government officials including Class 1,2,3,4 employees, MLAs and Ministers) should be initiated by socially awakened, free spirited, visionary individuals and organizations. Let everyone who is holding the government office as an official or a minister or MLA or just an employee lawfully reveal their assets periodically in the public domain. Also, speedy computerization of accounts system, implementation of B L O C K C H A I N TECHNOLOGY on a war-footing will go great mile in curtailing corrupt practices in

the government. Also, strengthening and empowering citizens to hold government accountable will prove to be a sustainable approach that will help develop trust between government and citizens. For example, community monitoring initiatives can contribute to the detection of corruption, reduced leakage of funds and improved quality and quantity of public service. Moreover, a proper check and balance system be established to keep vigilance over mechanism through which government contracts which have been granted to private contractors.

However, if nothing works, I have a final solution. I appeal loudly to all my young students and friends to start asking questions to their parents about the source of their income. Ask them how their parents built mansions for family, ask how they can afford to keep fleet of vehicles, ask how they can buy you maybe one of the most expensive cars and bikes to go to College, ask them the how did they buy lands and properties, ask the questions. Such questions from own children- who are the real architects and stakeholders of Nagaland might lit up the dead conscience and ignorant mind of the people suffering from the mental disease of 'corruption' and they probably could see the light of 'truth' which will lead them to the 'cure' and finally to the 'Pure life' into the KINGDOM OF GOD.

Inauguration of public toilet & distribution of worksite facilities held

DIPR
Cepur, June 8:

Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur Pawan Yadav had inaugurated a Public Toilet constructed under MGNREGA 2021-22 at Peace Ground, Tuibong and distributed worksite facilities namely - parachute, water storage tank and megaphone each to 20 selected Village Authorities under Tuibong TD Block.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Yadav, who is also DPC of MGNREGS, Churachandpur highlighted the various remarkable works achieved under MGNREGS in the district. He appealed to all participating Village Authorities and CSOs to further work for the overall development of the district and make collective efforts to eradicate poppy cultivation in the district and avoid its disastrous effects. He said that poppy cultivation, if not contained now, would have adverse impact to the next generations.

Yadav also highlighted the necessity and importance of a proper public toilet at Peace

Ground, which is the main venue for most of the district functions like Independence Day and Republic Day. He also appealed to all concerned for the successful completion of construction/renovation of 75 Amrit Sarovar ponds for the district to commemorate the 75th years of Indian Independence.

The worksite facilities distributed today were procured under MGNREGS and meant to be utilized during NREGA works. The drinking water storage tank was meant to serve the twin purposes of MGNREGS worksite and storing rain water under Jal Shakti Abhiyan (Catch the Rain mission).

The programme was attended by PD, DRDA S Thienlaljoy Gangte, EE, DRDA Sanga, Project Officer Joyce, BDO/ Tuibong Jangminlen Lupo; SO of Tuibong Block Thangkhoem Haokip and other staff of DRDA/ Churachandpur & BDO/ Tuibong. Apart from the chiefs/ representatives of the selected 20 villages of Tuibong Block.

Name change

I, the undersigned, Konjengbam Hariyari Devi, do hereby declare that I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name Salam Konjengbam Ongbi Hariyari Devi as I have assumed my new name Konjengbam Hariyari Devi.

Sd/-

Konjengbam Hariyari Devi

W/o Konjengbam Jagadishwar Singh
Sagolband Nepra Major Leikai, Imphal West

Narendra Modi Govt's image has got a big jolt in gulf nations in last few days Toxic remarks by BJP leaders have potency to poison Arab mind for long

By K Raveendran
New Delhi, June 8:

The Narendra Modi government might be able to bring the friendly Arab governments round to softening their initial response to what they consider to be the most sacrilegious remark by BJP leaders against Prophet Mohammed. The government has already intensified the firefighting, with special efforts being made to explain the situation to the ruling dispensations in the Gulf and Arab world.

While the more strident among them, such as Qatar though with lesser clout, have demanded that the government of India tender an official apology for the remarks, the government may be able to persist with the stand that there is no question of the government apologising. There is no precedent for such a step. Even in the case of the Babri Masjid demolition, the government of India has never apologised.

The stand that the government and the party are two different entities is a diplomatically accepted norm and therefore one is not expected to act on behalf of the other. The government

has, however, mounted a special drive to take the Arab leaders into confidence and it might succeed in the effort as well.

But the damage it has caused to India's reputation among the Arab Muslim populations is bound to take a much longer time to repair. The collective Muslim mind has been poisoned beyond recognition and this will have far-reaching implications for Indian interests in what the Muslims consider as the Islamic 'nation' that extends beyond geographical boundaries.

Supermarkets and shops in some countries have already pulled out Indian products from the shelf as businesses vie with each other to win customer loyalty, particularly from more fundamentalist customers. And they will make a show of it to gain maximum advantage. At a supermarket in Kuwait City sacks of rice and shelves of spices and chillies were seen covered with plastic sheets, along with printed signs in Arabic reading: "We have removed Indian products".

As some of the more sober responses to the atrocious comments by the BJP spokespersons pointed out, terrorist and fundamentalist elements are bound to exploit the anger to take over the defence of Islam, which will

have dire consequences for Indians both inside and outside the country.

Terror group Al-Qaeda lost no time in getting involved, threatening to launch suicide attacks in Delhi, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat to 'fight for the honour of the Prophet'. An Al-Qaeda letter in this regard has threatened to kill those who 'affront the Prophet' and that its members 'shall bind explosives with 'our bodies and the bodies of our children' to blow away the ranks of such people.

It is significant that a section of the Muslim public opinion has even termed Nupur Sharma's remarks as terrorism, making it an alibi for retaliation. Al-Azhar University, considered as one of Islam's most important institutions, said the BJP leaders' comments were 'the real terrorism', which could 'plunge the entire world into deadly crisis and wars'.

Similarly, Saudi-based Muslim World League said the remarks could 'incite hatred'. Perhaps, in what emotes even more, Saudi Arabia's general presidency of the affairs of the Grand Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque called Nupur Sharma's conduct a 'heinous act'.

There could be parallels with the aftermath of the

cartoons featuring Prophet Mohammed at different intervals of time. A dozen cartoons published by Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten in 2005 led to widespread protests, some of which escalated into violence, claiming more than 250 reported deaths, with Danish and other European diplomatic missions coming under attack along with churches and Denmark being boycotted.

Swedish artist Lars Vilks, who stirred a controversy in 2007 with drawings depicting the Prophet with the body of a dog, was killed last year in a car crash in what is believed to be a revenge accident. The accident occurred while Vilks was travelling in a police vehicle.

Similarly, after French President Emmanuel Macron defended the right of a satirical magazine to publish caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed, a French teacher was beheaded by a Chechen refugee after showing the cartoons to his class.

These are no doubt fringe elements. But the real threat is that fringe elements would draw responses from other fringe elements, which despite their lack of representative character can cause immense harm. (IPAService)

Union Minister Krishnan Pal Gurjar reviews various developmental schemes in Chandel district



DIPR
Chandel, June 8:

Union Minister of state for Power & Heavy Industries, Govt. of India, Krishnan Pal Gurjar today had a review meeting of various developmental projects/schemes, under the government of India, which are being implemented in Chandel district at the conference Hall, DC Office Chandel.

Speaking on the occasion the Union Minister said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, with the objective of bringing development in under developed areas of the country, the central government had identified around 144 most under developed district in the country and of which Chandel

is one of them. In all of these districts special emphasis are being given for the proper implementation of all the developmental projects and schemes in all the sectors like, Health, Education, Sports, Infrastructure, Electricity, Drinking water etc. so that these areas are at par with the other developed district. He expressed his happiness that the District administration Chandel had done a good job and is working towards achieving the targets set by the central Government. He said that lot more is left to be done in the district and the central government is ready to provide all the necessary resources for it.

During the meeting the Minister inquired about the status of the implementation of various schemes like Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, availability of medicines etc. He emphasised the need of skill development for the youths. He also asked for five most important issues which need to be taken care of.

Today's meeting started with a power point presentation by the Deputy Commissioner, Chandel. Rajkumar Mayanglambam regarding the ongoing projects in the district. Different District Level Officers also interacted with the Hon'ble Minister during the meeting. As part of his visit, the Minister also interacted with different SHGs of the District.

Today's meeting was attended the SP Chandel, Mahesh Narayan, ADC, Chandel, Md.FirojKhan, SDOs, DLOs and other officials of the district.

Union Cabinet approves transfer of 10 In-orbit Communication Satellites from Government of India to M/s.NewSpace India Ltd.(NSIL)

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New Delhi, June 8:

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from Government of India (GoI) to M/s.NewSpace India Ltd. (NSIL),

a wholly owned Public Sector Enterprise of GOI under the administrative control of the Department of Space.

The Union Cabinet has also approved increasing the authorized share capital of NSIL from Rs.1000 crore to Rs.7500 crore.

Transfer of these assets to NSIL

will further provide the desired financial autonomy to the company to realize capital intensive programmes/projects and thereby offering huge employment potential and technology spin-off to other sectors of the economy. This approval is expected to trigger domestic economic

activity in space sector and increase India's share in the global space market.

The Space Sector reforms mandated NSIL to undertake end-to-end commercial space activities and function as a full-fledged satellite operator. NSIL functioning as a single-window operator will also facilitate the

ease of doing business in space sector. NSIL Board will now be empowered to price the transponders as per the market dynamics and global trends in the Satellite Communication sector. NSIL is also authorized to offer and allocate capacity as per its internal policies and guidelines.

Sports

Gopakumar Sudhakaran becomes the first Indian to be appointed as Deputy Chief Arbiter for Chess Olympiad

The 41-year-old International Arbiter will officiate at the 44th edition of the prestigious event in Chennai

IT News
Chennai, June 8

International Arbiter Gopakumar Sudhakaran has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Arbiter for the 44th Chess Olympiad, becoming the first Indian to be nominated for this prestigious and responsible post at the world's biggest chess event.

Previously, as an arbiter, Gopakumar has officiated in three Olympiads as well as World Youth Championships, multiple Commonwealth events, Commonwealth Championships, Asian events among other top



chess events. "The only thing I can say is that the Air Force made me what I am today. I am

indebted to Bharat [Sigh Chauhan] ji (Olympiad Director) for encouraging me to pursue my interest and Air Vice Marshal J Rajendra and Air Force Sports Control board for providing much required support and also to my wife," said the 41-year-old air force officer by profession, who was adjudged Fair Play Officer at the World Rapid and Blitz event held in Warsaw this year.

The upcoming 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad is scheduled to take place in Mahabalipuram near Chennai from July 28 to

August 10.

Gopakumar's love for chess began after he was crowned under-12 Kerala champion. In 1996, the 15-year-old took over the pairing in a local tournament in his hometown after his arbiter father was assigned some urgent work and this accidental initiation took over his life.

Gopakumar also has gold and silver medal to his name in 3000m steeplechase and cross country in Air Force respectively and currently, he is a qualified Technical Official for Athletics Federation of India.

National Air Sports Policy 2022 introduced

Agency
New Delhi, June 8:

India is all set to take a flight up in the sky with the introduction of the country's first national air sports policy (NASP 2022), paving the path for a new era in 'Aero Sports' for India. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced the policy and said that India has immense potential in the field of aerial sports, mainly because of the country's vast geographical area, varied climate, growing youth population and government policies and interventions.

The target is set! By 2030 India will emerge as a global

air sports hub, as stated by Union Civil Aviation Minister.

To make India the leading country in the world of air sports and to tap on the untapped potential in the aerial games, National Air Sports Policy has been formulated. In the mandate, the government declares that it plans to promote the country's air sports sector, by way of making it safe, affordable, accessible, enjoyable and sustainable. NASP 2022 is a step in this direction. It has been drafted on the basis of the inputs received from policymakers, air sports practitioners and the public at large.

Registration Certificate lost

I, the undersigned, Chingya Jidana, have lost my registration certificate bearing registration No. 867 of 2019 issued by Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM), (Roll No. 9657) on the way between Mayang Imphal Bngoon to Pravatib College on June 2, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned

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Imphal-West, Manipur

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I, the undersigned, Washim Chesam, have lost my registration certificate bearing registration No. 2488 of 2020 issued by Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM), (Roll No. 9657) on the way between Mayang Imphal Bngoon to Pravatib College on June 2, 2022.

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