

## Large numbers of paddy fields devastated due to artificial flood and draught

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Many paddy fields in various part of the valley areas in Manipur have been devastated due to made activities. In Eastern part of the Manipur valley most of the paddy field have been ruin by man made artificial flood, while in southern part, paddy field remain dry due to non-availability of water as some vested interested people in connivance with the government had block the natural water ways.

According to an organization of farmers called 'The Protection Committee of Yaro to Gurupat Loukol Top, Kshtri, Imphal East District, paddy cultivable fields of around 35.5 hectares, located in between Yaro to Naharup area have been flooded with water due to error committed by government department. Farmers are left with no means but to watch



YARAL LOUKOL, IMPHAL EAST

their filed covered with water during this cultivation period.

The protection committee said that the paddy fields are being flooded after the Directorate of Environment and Ecology constructed a ring-band at the cost of around Rs. 1 crore 70 lakhs in 2013 blocking the by blocking the natural waterway from the paddy fields. The other factor for the

artificial flood is due to the Multipurpose Dam constructed by the Minor Irrigation Department at Naharup Khonjin in Imphal East without taking a second thought about the fate of the paddy fields. The dam constructed under the financial assistance from the NEC is 6 feet higher than the water level, informed a member of the Protection

Committee. He said that the artificial flood that devastated the paddy fields at Guru Loukol (Cultivable area) is also caused by the dam.

The committee member said that complaint in the regards to the concern government authority bears no fruit.

On the other hand, at the southern part of the Manipur valley paddy field remain dry

even after adequate rainfall during this sowing session. Around 250 pari of paddy field in Kakching Khounou village in Kakching district remain dry after vested interested people occupied natural waterway that supply water to the paddy fields at Kakching Khounou Lamkhai area. According to farmers, the natural water way was filled and block on the pretext of constructing a market hubs at Kakching Khounou Lamkhai area. The market hubs still is a far away dream but people who have money had occupied the area and filled the area with earthen blocking the natural water way. When complaint some government authority dug a canal diverting it to the northern side but as the area was higher the water failed to flow for supply to the paddy fields.

Some two days back farmers of the area staged a sit-in protest and warn the authority of agitation if fail to reconstruct the natural waterway.

### The Editorial:

## High time to bolster the media and your action, Mr. Chief Minister

Media is often termed the 'fourth pillar of democracy,' the three others being the judiciary, executive and legislative. What it does is perform the diagnosis and treat the illness of the society. And, being the healer of society, it has the potential to bolster the development process to a remarkable extent apart from battling for the rights of the oppressed. Chief Minister N Biren Singh, a former journalist, boldly declared that he would move the mountain or die trying to architect a corruption-free Manipur in his second innings.

However, his move to revamp the anti-corruption cell and encourage people to complain about corruption practices on the 'CM da Haisi' platform has never effectively tackled the problem so far. The need of the hour is to equip journalists with the required skills and mastery to unearth such malpractices. And this can be achieved when the state has institutions or colleges where aspiring journalists can be trained to become one. But it is disheartening to witness the chief minister sitting idle and not even considering starting journalism courses in the state government colleges in his more than five years stint. Given his delinquency, how could the state's journalists contribute to his endeavors to construct a corruption-free state?

The government department Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) plays a crucial role in creating mass awareness about the government policies, schemes, and development. However, most of its employees did not have formal education in journalism and mass communication, let alone the journalists of media organizations across the state. How can this be improved? One of India's premier journalism schools, the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, recently launched Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Media, considering the prospect of digital and mobile journalism. The institute has been training and producing journalists who have made marks in reforming the developmental narrative of the country. Unfortunately, the introduction of IIMC's new course comes at a time when the State Institute of Journalism of the Manipur Government has been dysfunctional. Lamentable.

Since September 2005, Manipur University, a central university, has been providing journalism and mass communication courses at Post Graduate level. Ph.D. program was also added in 2011. But the state government has not started such studies even at the undergraduate level. Recently the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur, declared the HSC results. It would be heartbreaking for those students who aspire to be journalists when they learn that the State Government has not started UG courses in journalism. Such circumstances have even discouraged those who have cracked NET/JRF examinations or earned a Ph.D. in journalism and mass communication as they have no place to teach. It is high time that the government should ponder.

Recently, the DIPR, a department responsible for fostering public and government relations, has been facing the flak for all the wrong reasons - one of its officials is facing corruption charges, and the department is operating understaffed as the government could not declare the result of the 9-month-old recruitment examination. In addition, the department is incapable of assigning reporters to all ministers; as a result, the public is kept in the dark as to what the ministers are up to. Though the CM strives for corruption-free recruitment, the delay in declaring the results of DIPR brews the speculations that the government is playing delay tactics as DIPR has got a new minister and a new commissioner. These developments have put the department in a soup. Now, all eyes are on Chief Minister N Biren Singh to witness if he walks the talk through expediting his boastful promises.

## DPC for the appointment of the Director of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry held on the 2nd Saturday

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Imphal, June 9:

At what could be term as misused of power by government authority, appointment order of a Director of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Manipur has been found issued on Second Saturday. As per document available with Imphal Times, Asem Rangina Chanu, Deputy Secretary (DP), Government of Manipur, had issued an appointment order for Dr. Ch. Nandakishore Singh to the post of Director, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department. The order was issued as a result of the Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2022 at the office chamber of the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur for the appointment by promotion to the position

of Director, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Manipur. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, H. Gyan Prakash, IAS, Commissioner (Vety. & AH) and Ningthoujam Geoffrey, IAS Special Secretary (DP) are the members of the said DPC. One S. Indra Singh of Haoreibi Mayai Leikai had filed a complaint to the Chief Minister of Manipur and the Chief Secretary of Manipur on May, 18, 2022 to declare the promotion order of Ch. Nandakishore as null and void and to take up necessary disciplinary actions against officials involved in holding DPC and issuing promotion order on 2nd Saturday of January, 2022. It may be mentioned that Office Manipur Secretariat close on every second Saturday of each month as per para no. 10 of the Manual of office procedure, 1977.

*Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Commissioner H. Gyan Prakash, and Ningthoujam Geoffrey Special Secretary (DP) are the members of the said DPC.*

In a reply to the said complaint, Deputy Secretary (DP) stated that "there is urgent need to appoint a Director in the Vety and AAH Department due to exigency of work and smooth functioning of the Department and hence DPC meeting for promotion of Dr. Ch. Nandakishore Singh to the post of Director, Vety and AH was held on 08.01.2022(2nd Saturday) by relaxing of the requirement of four years of service as MVS Grade-II for promotion to MVS Grade-I(i.e. Director, Vety & AH) and exempting from consultation

of MPSC as approved by the State Cabinet in its meeting held on 04.02.2022. it may also be informed that there is no prohibition of employee working on holidays, and it has been restored to many times in the past whenever there are exigencies of work, such as when a government business has to be transacted immediately or a deadline has to be met."

Something appears to be amiss in the process of appointing Ch. Nandakishore as Director, as he is also Director-in-Charge of

Veterinary and Animal Husbandry while holding DPC, and thus there is no urgent need to appoint a Director, as stated by the Deputy Secretary. Holding DPC and issuing of promotion orders knowingly on a holiday by a government officer is a violation of the law. Disciplinary action should be initiated against such officials at the earliest, failing which it will be presumed that the government is supporting such erring officials.

## CM interacts with Revenue and Forest Officials Urged them to perform duties sincerely and responsibly

IT News  
Imphal, June 9:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today interacted with officials of Revenue and Forest Department at the Chief Minister's Secretariat to discuss issues regarding implementation of the provisions of the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960.

The interaction programme was attended by Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary V. Vumlungmang, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Dr. A.K. Joshi,

Commissioner (Water Resources) T. Ranjit, Secretary (Revenue) Namojam Kheda Varta, Deputy Commissioners, Sub-Divisional Officers, Sub-Deputy Collectors and Mandals among others.

During the interaction programme, the Chief Minister maintained that Government officials don't belong to any particular community. Rather, they are obliged to serve the public irrespective of community and religion. He urged all the officials to work with sincerity and transparency to save the forest and paddy

lands of the State.

N. Biren Singh stressed the need of the concerned officials to make the public aware of certain Acts implemented to conserve the forest and agricultural lands. Manipur, being a small landlocked State with certain uncertainties like landslides and floods, it is imperative to save our paddy land and increase our produce to become self-reliant.

Continuing that there are instances of overlapping jurisdiction of land between Revenue and Forest Department and issues of Dag Chithas on Reserved Forest

Areas, he expressed concern that such activities would hinder the development of the State creating tension among people.

He urged the officials to rectify any wrong deeds done earlier so that our precious forest and agricultural land could be saved timely.

Some officials also presented their views and suggestions to effectively implement the relevant Acts to conserve forest and agricultural land. They also expressed the problems they faced while carrying out their duties.

## Presidential polls to be held on July 18, results on July 21

Courtesy Zee News  
New Delhi, June 9:

The Election Commission of India on Thursday (June 9) announced the schedule of the election to the office of the President of India. The presidential election will be held on July 18 while the votes will be counted on July 21. The counting of polls will be held in New Delhi. The commission announced that a total of 4,809 electors to vote in the Presidential elections in 2022 and no political party can issue a whip to its members, announced Chief Election

Commissioner Rajiv Kumar.

The poll panel has convened a press conference at 3 pm to announce the schedule.

The poll commission also announced that the term of current President Ram Nath Kovind will end on July 24; thus, an election for the next president has to be held before that day.

About the Covid-19 situation, the poll commission noted that though the pandemic issue is not as serious as it was earlier, proper Covid protocols will have to be followed during the presidential elections.

In India, the president is elected by the members of the electoral college consisting of elected members of both houses of Parliament and elected members of the legislative assemblies of all states including the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The nominated members of either Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha or legislative assemblies of the states are not eligible to be included in the electoral college and therefore, they are not entitled to participate in the election.

# Corruption Is Dangerous Than Caronavirous



By: Aubaid Akhoun

*"The world will not be destroyed by those who do devil, but by those who watch them without doing anything"*

(Albert Einstein)

In the analytical sense, it can be said that corruption means deliberately violating the principle of impartiality in order to gain personal benefits from this type of behavior. Corruption has a wide range of meanings in the English dictionary. Corruption means a flaw in a system that can disrupt the entire system. Computer users know that 'system corruption' causes the computer to stop working. The concept of 'corruption' is not limited

to making money through illicit means, but has many components. If 'corruption' is to be eradicated, then the 'corruption' and corrupt people in the system must be properly identified. After all, there is a reason that other nations are developing and our paddy is dry.

Although there are many social evils prevailing in our society but one of the major evil in my perception, is Corruption. It is very common in our society and is destroying the society from roots.

According to me corruption/bribe is an extraordinary human disaster. Now you might think why am I calling it extraordinary human disaster, the reason is that it is created by humans (an extraordinary thing) and is a disaster because it destroys lives of people, especially the lives of poor. In present World it is spreading like virus. People adopt it with ease and nobody fears its calamitous consequences, especially in J&K.



Dua of Prophet Lut AS

رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُتْسِدِينَ

"My Lord! Grant me victory over those who indulge in corruption."

Quran 29:30

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Now the question is what profits does it carry:

It gives everything in the World but illegally, like if you need job, you will get it illegally with the help of corruption.

But the thing it is an evil and even the religions condemn it.

1) **Hinduism**:- In the religion Hinduism, In the Gita chapter 17, Shloka 04 reflects us towards this bad act and considers it as an evil act. The Gita Shloka 04, Chapter 17

"Begins who are pure in heart and mind, who are good, natured and believe in following the path of light, these people worship the Gods of light.

Individuals who are constantly active in earning in material, wealth and power and those who constantly indulge in sin and corruption while living in darkness, worship the evil spirits".

2) **Christianity**:- The holy Bible also reflects some views about bribe/corruption.

Exodus 23:8  
"And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right."

Proverbs 17:23  
"The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice".

Ecclesiastes 7:7  
"Surely oppression drives the wise into madness and a bribe corrupts the heart".

3) **Shikism**:- The holy book Shri Guru Granth Sahib also reflects this topic as under:

"No one has ever found satisfaction in sin and corruption.  
The flame is not satisfied by more fuel, how can one be satisfied with out the lord?"

Guru Arjan Dev ji SGGs: Page 672 line 4.

4) **Buddhism**:- Lord Buddha in panchshila (five precepts of buddhist morality), says

Panch silla

"I observe refraining from taking what does the owner not give."

5) **Islam**:- And at last my religion Islam,

In chapter 2, verse 188, in surah baqarah.

Almighty Allah says "And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it (in bribery) to the rulers in order that (they might aid) you (to) consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know it is unlawful".

And the messenger of Allah (Muhammad saw) cursed both the briber and the bribee (Al trimithi).

This hadith clearly indicates that corruption is a grave major sin because it is known that only grave sins and evil doings deserve to be cursed.

Nowadays bribe is prevailing in almost every sector of society. Even most people are watching the commitment of this sin. I can not say anybody but least people raise voice against this prime evil. And among those least people some are suppressed by these perpetrators.

Even now, every one is believing that it is a part of a society, so don't speak against it, most parents tell their children: Hey who are you to raise voice?, stop it, if no one is raising voice then why you. Most people don't care about this evil. They had made their religion valueless. It is 21 CE and I am feeling shameful to say that in this century least people are raising their voice and one who raises voice is considered foolish, mad and the society looks to the very person with the mocking eyes.

Do you know what people are say most of the times after raising the voices, "who are you to raise voice against it? it's just a kind of gift, you give for your own sake!"

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# Technologies of future for future Career

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agents and retail salespersons.

Then, what new jobs will be created to replace the obsolete? Let's discuss a few technologies for the jobs that will exist in 15 to 20 years but do not exist now. With the continued popularity of drones, in the future there will be drones for everything including delivery services, forensics and filming. Once drones take over the world, there will be a great need for commercial civilian drone operators. This will require a pilot's license and additional extensive training and experience. In the next decade or two, it will not be uncommon to see major delivery airlines using near-pilotless airplanes. Amazon has already proposed the idea of using drones for local deliveries. Whether or not you are linked in to Bitcoin, digital currencies are on the rise as people are becoming untrusting of government-controlled currency. To ensure you do not have a disastrous financial portfolio in the future, you need to enlist a digital currency advisor who is well-versed in the crypto currencies to maintain a diversified portfolio. Skills include a degree in computer security and financial management. With digital locks becoming the norm, in the near future digital locksmiths, who are experts in dealing with digital locks, will start to be employed. Their primary function will be to get people out of locked cars or into their homes when technology fails. Since no technology is 100-percent perfect (there will always be defects), a digital locksmith will save the day. 3D printing has taken the world by storm. From simple uses like creating models in the cosmetics industry to more complicated parts like prosthetics, 3D printing continues to develop. In the near future, there will be 3D food printing which using the same technology as 3D printing only to create different types of food, some of which is edible. Food engineers will need to have chemis-

try and an engineering background to land this type of job.

With the Internet of Things continuing to be adopted, smart grids and home automation systems are on the rise. In the near future, society will need a skilled technician to install all of these devices and configure them to their exact need. Think about it, after decades of improving the technology, people still are unable to setup a new TV. There will be a huge market for the home automation contractor which will require technical training on each product. Forget about DJ's and VJ's, the future will soon be about media remixers who mash-up a variety of past and present audio and video media to develop incredible experiences for weddings, restaurants, schools, artists and brands. The best way to envision this type of position is virtual reality meeting a nightclub with a splash of vertigo. The required skill set includes graphic design and audio engineering. There are currently several labs around the world that can grow human organs in a simple petri dish. Eventually technology will become commercially available and there will be a need for an organ harvester to plant and then harvest the organs prior to them being implanted by robot-surgeons. These positions will require biology and chemistry backgrounds. The role of a personal web manager is to prevent people from making fools of themselves across the social media and the Internet. As absurd as this position sounds, there is a growing need for such a job. Your reputation is only as good as the information that people can dig up about you online. If you are overwhelmed by perfecting your social media accounts, imagine the difficulty in 20 years when the landscape has grown exponentially. Personal web managers will be a combination of publicist, hacker, guidance counselor and security agent. The required

skills for this position include Web and a tech savvy individual. Natural landscapes continue to disappear across the globe as a result of overdevelopment, natural disaster and industrial farming. Therefore, it will be critical in the future to have a fleet of rewilders who have agricultural and wildlife management training to return nature to some of the environment's most forsaken locations. While this is a very general position, robot operators will be needed in specific industries. With robots slowly taking over manual labor jobs, there will be a need for a technician to install, configure and fix issues when there are hiccups or failures. Robot operators will simply need technical training to their specific products.

Technology has and continues to change the world on a daily basis. With innovation at an all-time high and exponential growth of technology, in 10 years, the world will be a completely different place. There are many uses of technology, convenience, entertainment, efficiency, cost savings, etc. With thousands of products and fields undergoing a technological makeover due to startup companies making better products, processes and services, there needs to be experts in those fields. The aforementioned jobs that will exist in the near future that do not currently exist will open an entire market of applicants. While many are losing their jobs because of technology, there are just as many gaining new positions as a result of that same technology. And yet we must be vigilant. Not of technological change; we have the power and innovation to harness and use its power as we see fit. But of access to the connectivity and opportunity it brings. Lastly, we must use every tool within our armory to ensure the current and future generations are not left behind in the global digital skill race.

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# Indian Fisheries: March to Prosperity

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The 'fish' finds a prominent place, not just in the cycle of evolution, but in the stories of all major ancient civilizations as well. Our Puranas talk about the Matsyavata, the first incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The beautiful Sangam literature of ancient Tamil Nadu vividly describes the life of fishermen and the curved boats (Akananuru). Indus Valley excavations lead us to appreciate the prevalence of fishery related activities in ancient India. India with its extensive coastlines and mighty rivers is endowed with rich fishery resources, and the fish and fishermen have, since the beginning, occupied a central place in our culture.

After independence, being largely a State subject, Indian fisheries developed at varying pace and directions depending on the initiative, priorities and resources of the respective States. With little involvement or investment from Centre (Reports indicate total Central Government Releases for fisheries sector as low as Rs 3682 crore since independence till 2014) Indian Fisheries remained hugely neglected. The brave Indian fishermen continued to venture into the oceans, on the rickety boats, with little support in terms of insurance, safety kit, credit facility, post harvest and marketing support. After 67 years of Independence, the sector which was an important source of food, nutrition and livelihood to crores of Indians, was left adrift like a rudderless ship in open seas.

The problems were numerous, and issues inexhaustible. To its credit, the BJP was alive to these concerns, and declared its intention to address them in the 2014 Election Manifesto. In 2014, the people of India, fed up with corruption, policy paralysis of the then government, took a decision and

elected a decisive government at the Centre, under the dynamic leadership of Narendra Modi, a leader, who could understand the pain of this sector, and the pulse of the nation.

First and the foremost thing that Modi did was, he brought the focus of the Centre back to the Fisheries sector. The last eight years have seen rollout of investments worth more than Rs 32000 crores in the form of Blue Revolution Scheme, Fish and Aquaculture Development Fund and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), apart from many other initiatives.

These steps removed the bottlenecks and unshackled the sector, following the mantra of 'Reform, Perform and Transform', which ensured phenomenal growth in India's fish production, from 102.6 lakh tons in 2014-15 to 147 lakh tons in 2020-21. Out of about 90 lakh tons additional fish produced in 20 years starting from FY2000-2001 to FY2020-21, 45 lakh tons was added just in last 5-6 years. The fisheries sector grew at an average annual growth rate of 10% in the first five years of Modi Government, as against 5.27% from FY2009-10 to 2013-14.

Fulfilling his 2019 election promises, Prime Minister Modi created a separate Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, for more focused and holistic development of fishery sector, and in 2020, launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with the highest ever investment of Indian Fisheries at Rs 20050 crore, as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat, giving stimulus to 'Vocal for Local'. The PMMSY is proving to be the main driving force to take Indian fisheries to new heights. The scheme, by 2024-25, envisages to increase the

production, productivity and exports of fishery products exponentially. It also envisages to reduce post-harvest losses significantly, and to increase the fish consumption in India.

The reforms and initiatives in last eight years have seen core infrastructure development and modernisation in Indian fisheries, especially by constructing new fishing harbours/landing centres, modernisation and motorisation of traditional fishermen crafts, deep sea going vessels, provision of post-harvest facilities, cold chains, clean and hygienic fish markets, two wheelers with ice boxes and many more. Fishermen are provided with insurance cover, financial assistance and a facility of Kisan Credit Card as well. The Fish Farmer Producer Organisations are encouraging a spirit of cooperation, and increasing the bargaining power of fisher-men community.

Ease of doing business is rigorously being pursued. The Digital India has drastically reduced the processing time for obtaining Sanitary Import Permits (SIPs), from 45 days to just 48 hours. The requirement of SIPs for import of SPF Shrimp Brood stock from approved sources has been done away with, helping hundreds of shrimp hatcheries. The government also reduced import duty on many inputs required for shrimp aquaculture, to promote their exports.

Our fishermen are our pride. Modi government has been continuously working, with the motto of 'Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan' for the welfare and empowerment of fishermen and women. The sector is being diversified. Now, women from Tamil Nadu are working for seaweed cultivation, while those from Lakshdweep develop Ornamental Fisheries. Our Assamese fisher-men develop river

ranching in Brahmaputra, while Andhra entrepreneurs show strong results in aquaculture, getting more crop per drop. Young women entrepreneurs from the Kashmir valley are setting up cold water trout units. Saline lands of Haryana are being productively used for fisheries, converting waste lands into wealth lands.

New Start-ups in aquaculture are attracting talent, technology, finance and entrepreneurial spirit to the fisheries, ushering in a silent social revolution too. A glorious sub-chapter of Indian fisheries, in the form of aquaculture is being scripted currently, catapulting India to leading global position in Shrimp production and exports. India has become 2nd largest aquaculture producer, 3rd largest fish producer, and 4th largest exporter of fish and fisheries products. The fish exports have doubled since 2013 from Rs 30000 crores to Rs 59000 crores in 2021-22, with a whopping rise of 30% this year, despite global Covid-19 pandemic, taking brand India from 'Local to Global'.

With the bottlenecks removed, technology infused, welfare re-directed to actual beneficiaries, entrepreneurial spirit encouraged and women empowered, Indian Fishery has broken away from the shackles that bound it for the last seventy years. With 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas', the eight years of Modi government have laid a strong foundation of Indian Fisheries. From here, it can only grow higher, returning with more income and smiles on the face of our fisher brothers and sisters.

(Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, And Information and Broadcasting)

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# The Loans Likely to Become Dearer Following Hike in Repo Rate by RBI

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, June 9:

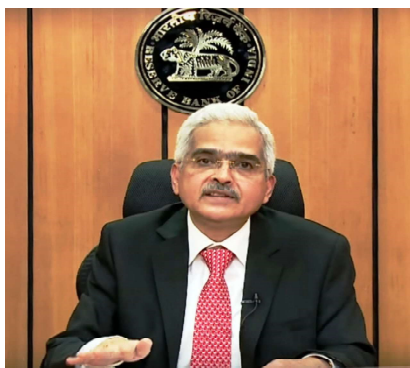
The Reserve Bank India (RBI) increased the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.90%, while announcing its third monetary policy, noting that inflation is likely to remain above the 6 percent mark for the first three quarters of the current financial year, on Wednesday.

Similarly, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate was hiked to 4.65% and the Marginal Standing Facility at 5.15% as recommended by the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

RBI had slashed the repo rate in March 2020 intending to cushion the impact of Covid-induced lockdown and maintain the status quo in the benchmark interest rate for almost two years before increasing it on May 4, 2022.

The Repo rate is the interest rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks in the event of any shortfall of funds. It is used by monetary authorities to control inflation. The Reverse Repo rate is the interest rate that the RBI pays commercial banks when they park their excess cash with it.

However, according to experts, the hike in repo rate will automatically increase the rate of interest charged by banks and other financial institutions on different types of loans. For example, if a home loan of Rs 20 lakh is obtained for 30 years



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

at 7.1% interest and if the interest rate is hiked up to 8%, then the Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI) will shoot up to Rs 14675 as against existing Rs. 13441 (a hike of Rs. 1234).

In the case of a car loan, if a loan of Rs. 10 lakh has been obtained for 5 years duration at 7.45% interest and if the interest is hiked up to 8.35%, the EMI will increase up to Rs. 20444 as against existing Rs. 20014 (a hike of Rs 430). As for personal loans, the rate of interest is expected to shoot up to 7.95% from the existing 7.05%. As such the EMI for Rs 10 lakh loan for 10 years' duration will increase up to Rs. 12106 as against existing Rs. 11637 (a hike of Rs. 469).

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the members of the RBI's MPC voted unani-

mously to hike rates and to continue the withdrawal of the accommodative stance. MPC noted that inflation is likely to remain above the 6 percent mark. The decision has been taken to contain the soaring inflation. The MPC has maintained its policy stance of 'accommodative' while focusing on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward along with supporting growth.

Looking ahead, the inflation trajectory will depend upon the tense geopolitical situation, elevated commodity prices, and elevated fuel prices with risks of further pass-through to domestic pump prices and further input and output price pressures. CPI inflation projection has been

revised to 6.7% for Financial Year 2022-2023 against 5.7% earlier. It will be Quarter 1 at 7.5%, Quarter 2 at 7.4%, Quarter 3 at 6.2%, and Quarter 4 at 5.8%, with risks evenly balanced.

The recovery in domestic economic activity is gathering strength. Rural consumption is likely to benefit from a normal monsoon and a rebound in contact-intensive services is likely to bolster urban consumption, going forward.

Spillovers from elevated commodity prices, continued supply bottlenecks, and tightening global financial conditions nevertheless weigh on the outlook. Taking various factors into consideration, the real GDP growth for the Financial year 2022-2023 is retained at 7.2%, with Q1 at 16.2%, Q2 at 6.2%, Q3 at 4.1%, and Q4 at 4.0%, with risks broadly balanced, the RBI statement said.

## Cooperative banks

RBI said that it is raising the existing limits on individual housing loans by cooperative banks due to an increase in housing prices since the last revision and after factoring in customer needs. These limits were last revised for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) in 2011 and Rural Cooperative Banks (RCBs) in 2009. The limits for tier-I/ tier-II UCBs stand revised from Rs 0.30 crore to Rs 0.60 crore and Rs 0.70 crore to Rs 1.40 crore, respectively.

As regards rural co-operative banks, the limits stand revised from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 50

lakh for RCBs with an assessed net worth less than Rs 100 crore and for other RCBs, the limits would increase from Rs 0.30 crore to Rs 0.75 crore.

It has been decided to allow RCBs — state cooperative banks and district central banks — to extend finance to commercial real estate — residential housing within the existing aggregate housing finance limit of 5 percent of their total assets. This decision has been taken given the growing need for affordable housing and to realize their potential in providing credit facilities to the housing sector, RBI added.

## The other features

The inflation projection has been revised for the Financial year 2022-2023 to 6.7% from 5.7% earlier. Credit cards, starting with RuPay credit cards, can now be linked to UPI. E-mandate on cards for recurring payments, limit upped from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction. The digital rupee will be introduced this fiscal year. RBI will wait for government paper on cryptocurrencies.

In case you missed it (ICYMI): The customers are no longer required to give OTP for auto-transactions of up to Rs 15,000. The RBI took this decision after it received requests from several stakeholders to increase the limit under the framework to facilitate payments of larger value like subscriptions, insurance premiums, and education fees, among others.

# India reports 7,240 Covid cases in 24 hours, highest since March

Agency  
New Delhi, June 9:

The number of daily coronavirus infections in India breached the 7,000 mark for the first time since March 1 as India logged 7,240 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours. The number of Covid cases reported on Thursday was 38 per cent higher than Wednesday's tally of 5,233. In the month of June, India has so far reported over 39,400 fresh cases - of these, over 20,000 new infections have been reported just this week.

The number of active Covid-19 cases went up by 3,641 in the last 24 hours as per health ministry data. Active cases now stand at 32,498 and account for 0.07% of the total cases. According to the health ministry data, eight deaths have been reported in the last 24 hours, taking the total fatalities to 5,24,723. The recovery rate remains stable at 98.72% with over 3,500 people recovering in the last 24 hours.

Maharashtra recorded 2,701 fresh coronavirus positive cases in the last 24 hours - the highest in nearly four months- but did not report any fatality. Mumbai alone accounted for 1,765 cases.

Delhi recorded 564 new Covid cases - the highest since May 15 - and one more fatality on Wednesday, while

the positivity rate rose to 2.84%, according to data shared by the health department.

Tamil Nadu logged 195 new infections, and Telangana saw 116 fresh cases whereas Gujarat reported 111 new cases in the last 24 hours. As per data shared by news agency PTI, J&K saw 11 new infections on Tuesday, Madhya Pradesh saw 39 new cases, and 9 infections were reported in Chhattisgarh.

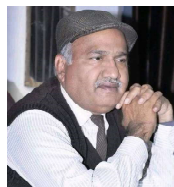
In the last 24 hours, 15.4 lakh vaccine doses were administered under the National Vaccination Drive. Of these, nearly 4 lakh were booster doses. Over 3 lakh children between the ages of 12 to 14 also were administered the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine in the last 24 hours.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19, 2020. India crossed the grim milestone of two crore cases on May 4 and three crore on June 23, 2021.

The eight new fatalities include one each from Delhi and Chhattisgarh and six deaths from Kerala.

## Career Guidance

# Playing with Nature



By: Vijay Garg

(Controlling the carbon emissions from vehicles and industrial units remains a major challenge)

India has once again proved to be a laggard in environmental performance. It is at the bottom of the list of one hundred and eighty countries. This is clear from the study conducted

by Yale and Columbia University on the environmental situation of one hundred and eighty countries. Apart from India, the situation of Russia and China is also worrying in this study. In view of climate change, all the countries of the world together have pledged to cut their carbon emissions by 50 percent by 2050.

But it is clear from the latest study that by 2050, India and China will be the world's most carbon emitting countries. Although studies by international environmental agencies are sometimes viewed with suspicion, they are also intended to put pressure on developing countries.

But in relation to India, this is not a very shocking figure re-

garding environmental pollution. Studies keep coming from time to time about this and almost all have been underlining the need to improve in this direction. While measures such as clean fuels and solar energy are increasingly being implemented in India, controlling the carbon emissions from vehicles and industrial units remains a major challenge.

The deepening climate crisis around the world is undoubtedly a matter of concern, with the aim of overcoming it, all the countries together have pledged to cut carbon emissions. But it has been a bit trickier. Implementing measures to cut carbon emissions means curbing many industrial and development activities here.

english novelist, essayist, journalist, and critic "A people that elect corrupt Politicians, Impostors, Thieves and Traitors are not victims...but accomplices" and according to William Shakespeare "Corruption Wins Not more than Honesty"

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# Assam Rifles conducts International Yoga Day

IT News  
Imphal, June 9:

Chassad Battalion of HQ 10 Sector under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a

yoga session for troops of Assam Rifles as part of a series of planned events to commemorate 8th International Yoga Day in all AR locations of Kamjong District.

Troops were briefed on forms of Yoga, necessity to incorporate yoga in their daily routine to reduce the effect of lifestyle diseases and other physical ailments.



## MANIPUR STATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

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## NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Tender)

Imphal, the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

No. 2/212(RTS-II/MN/FY 22-23)/2022-MSPDCL-TECH/2278-84: Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL), a Government of Manipur enterprise, invites Sealed Tender for **Empanelment of Vendors for Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning including warranty, Comprehensive operation & maintenance of Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar Plant of various capacities under the Phase-II of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme of MNRE in Manipur/operational area of MANIPUR STATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD (MSPDCL) from Experienced and reputed bidders & developers for works under MNRE Schemes through on-line submission.**

<b>Last Date &amp; time for submission of Techno-Commercial Bids &amp; Financial Bids (on line) and submission of Techno-commercial bids in hard copy along Bid fee &amp; EMD (if applicable)</b>	<b>30/06/2022 upto 02.00 pm</b>
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For details interested bidders may visit website [www.manipurenders.gov.in](http://www.manipurenders.gov.in)  
Interested bidders may visit the website regularly and remain updated for any amendments/modifications/corrigendum etc. on the above mentioned Tender. No separate notifications will be given for amendments/modifications/corrigendum etc. in the print media (Press) or intimated to the bidders separately.

Sd/-  
(Ng. Subhachandra Singh)  
Managing Director  
MSPDCL

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# Corruption Is Dangerous...

They say what will we obtain after raising voice and infact they are also involved in this sin.

It is a good thing that education is spreading very quickly in the World but it is heartbreaking that the speed corruption is twice that of education.

And at last, it is my message to all the World that kindly raise voice against it.

## To conclude

1. Corruption as a phenomenon is a vicious virus. Eating up nations more than coronavirus.

2. Corruption contains moral impurity or impunity

3. Corruption debases integrity.

4. Corruption destroys fidelity

5. Corruption violates public trust

6. Corruption corrodes social capital.

7. Corruption brings odious reputation.

8. It destroys planning and building developmental processes

9. It is the cause of high cost of our electoral politics.

10. Corruption is a sinful act.

11. Corruption is a crime that is punishable by Almighty Allah and you shall not escape his judgement

According to Eric Arthur Blair, known by his pen name George Orwell, a famous

# PM inaugurates Biotech Startup Expo – 2022

**“India’s bio-economy has grown 8 times in the last 8 years. We have grown from \$10 billion to \$80 billion. India is not too far from reaching the league of top-10 countries in Biotech’s global ecosystem”**

PIB  
New Delhi, June 9:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated the Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 at Pragati Maidan, here today. He also launched Biotech products e portal. Union Ministers Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Dr Jitendra Singh, stakeholder of biotech sectors, experts, SMEs, investors were among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that India’s bio-economy has grown 8 times in the last 8 years. “We have grown from \$10 billion to \$80 billion. India is not too far from reaching the league of top-10 countries in Biotech’s global ecosystem”, he said. The Prime Minister also noted the contribution of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) in the development of the sector in the country. The Prime Minister said that today, when the country is taking new pledges during the Amrit Kaal, role of biotech industry is very significant in the development of the country.

Talking about the growing reputation of Indian professionals on the global stage, the Prime Minister said “trust in the skill and innovation of our IT professionals in the world is at new heights. This same trust and reputation, this decade, we are seeing happening for the Biotech sector of India and for the Bio Professionals of India.”

There are, the Prime Minister said, five big reasons



why India is being considered a land of opportunities in the field of biotech. First- diverse population and diverse climatic zones, Second- India’s talented human capital pool, Third- increasing efforts for ease of doing business in India. Fourth- The demand for Bio-Products is increasing continuously in India and fifth- India’s Biotech Sector and its track record of success.

The Prime Minister said that that the government has worked tirelessly for the improving the potential and power of Indian economy. He emphasized that the there is stress on ‘whole of the government approach’. Mantra of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas is applicable on the different sectors

of India also, he said. This has resulted in reversal of the scene when few selected sectors were focused upon and other were left to fend for themselves. Today, he said, every sector is giving impetus to the development of the country, that is why every sector’s ‘Saath’ and every sector ‘Vikas’ is the need of the hour. This change in thinking and approach is giving results, he added. He gave examples of focus on a much larger number of sectors in recent years.

For biotech sector too, unprecedented steps are being taken which are clearly manifested in the startup ecosystem. “In the last 8 years,

the number of start-ups in our country has increased from a few hundred to 70 thousand. These 70 thousand start-ups are made in about 60 different industries. In this also, more than 5 thousand startups are associated with biotech. Every 14th startup in the biotechnology sector and more than 1100 such bio tech startups emerged in the last year itself”, the Prime Minister informed. Further talking about the shift of talent towards the sector the Prime Minister said number of investors in biotech sector has risen by 9 times and biotech incubators and funding for them has increased by 7 times. Number of Bio tech incubators have increased from 6 in 2014 to 75 now.

Biotech products have increased form 10 products to more than 700 today”, he informed.

The Prime Minister said in order to transcend government-centric approach, the government is encouraging a culture of providing new enabling interfaces. Platforms like BIRAC are being strengthened and many other sectors are seeing this approach. He gave example of Startup India for start ups. IN-SPACE for space sector, iDEX for defence startups, India Semiconductor Mission for Semi Conductors, Smart India Hackathons for encouraging innovations among the youth and also, the Biotech start-up Expo. “Inculcating the spirit of Sabka Prayas, the government, through new institutions is bringing together the best minds of the industry on a single platform. This is another big benefit to the country. The country gets new breakthroughs from research and academia, the industry helps in what is a real world view, and the government provides the necessary policy environment and necessary infrastructure”, the Prime Minister elaborated.

The Prime Minister emphasized that “Biotech sector is one of the most Demand Driven Sectors. The campaigns for Ease of Living in India over the years have opened up new possibilities for the biotech sector.” He pointed out that developments health, agriculture, energy, natural farming, bio fortified seeds are creating new avenues for the sector, he concluded.

## Don’t allow your soil for spreading false information – PAPP

IT News  
Imphal, June 9:

People’s Alliance for Peace and Progress (PAPP), Manipur, has urged the Government of Mizoram not to allow the soil of Mizoram for spreading false information which may affect the inter-community relationship in other states.

In a memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister of Mizoram, the Alliance said that the Zo Reunification Organization (ZORO) held a press conference in Aizawl Press Club on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 making an allegation that Manipur government is “planning to take away land from the Zo people (Chin - Kuki - Mizo) living in the state’s hill areas” by declaring multiple tribal settlements as reserved forests. However, Dr Aditya Kumar Joshi, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force of Manipur Forest Department had stated that there has been no recent declaration of reserved forests. He also informed that there are 37 Reserved Forests and 23 Protected Forests in the State of Manipur covering 1,467 Sq. Km and 4,171 Sq. Km respectively. Some of the Reserved Forests were notified by the then Manipur

State Darbar and some were notified under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 as per the provisions provided under the Act. The declaration of Reserved Forests by Manipur State Darbar are considered to have been notified under IFA, 1927 as per the provisions of the Manipur (Administrative) Order 1949.

The declaration of the reserved forests decades back and not recently suggests strongly that there were no village settlements or very few settlements inside the forests when it was declared either as reserved or notified forests.

It said that the Mizoram State is also facing problem in managing the 7,045.29 Sq. Km of reserved forests, which is much more than the reserved and protected forest areas of Manipur. Mizoram has implemented a New Land Use Policy whereby village settlements are restricted to certain definite areas. The Alliance urged the Chief Minister of Mizoram to enlighten the office-bearers about the facts of reserved and protected forest in connection with the spreading of false information which may affect the inter-community relationship in other states.

## The Cultural Confluence of Tamil and Manipuri

IT News  
Imphal, June 9:

The Department of Art & Culture, Government of Manipur organized the second chapter of Cultural Confluence of Tamil and Manipuri at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Myslapore, Chennai on June 4 with special focus on Celebration of Birth Centenary of Imashi Maharaj Kumari Binodini Devi. The event was attended by

Governor of Manipur La Ganesan as the Chief Guest along with others.

L. Kishorjit Singh, Director (Art & Culture), Manipur was the main speaker of the event talking on Imashi M.K. Binodini. The programme was commenced with state songs of Tamil Nadu and Manipur.

More than 400 people including Tamil and Manipuri gathered in the programme as audience.

## Sports

# Esports Premier League Season 2 to start on June 13 with Rs. 1 Crore Prize Pool

**TECNO Mobile named title sponsor as ESPL Season 2 aims to take BGMI esports to next level with the massive prize pool**



IT Correspondent  
New Delhi, June 9:

India’s first franchise based-league for gaming, Esports Premier League (ESPL) is all set to roll out the second season of the tournament on June 13, following the overwhelming success of its inaugural event.

In its endeavour to make it bigger, ESPL has roped in global smartphone brand, TECNO Mobile as the Presenting Sponsor.

This year’s league is set to engage gamers across the country in a high-voltage action with the most popular battle royale game, “BATTLE- GROUND MOBILE INDIA” (BGMI), which carries a whopping prize pool of Rs 1 Crore. “The first season of the

Esports Premier League was a great success and this time we will try to make it even bigger. We are thrilled to have TECNO Mobile on board as the Presenting Sponsor for this event. Just like how TECNO Mobile is committed to unlocking the best contemporary technologies for its customers, we are also committed to providing a world-class platform for Indian talent through this league in order to develop the Indian esports ecosystem and take it to the next level,” said ESPL Director Vishwak Nath.

The league will be played in two separate stages in the initial phase - online qualifiers as well as an invitational qualifier to shortlist the top 18 teams.

The first 12 teams, top-2 teams from the online event and top-10 teams from the invitational qualifiers will directly process to the final phase and compete for the top 2 spots.

The teams ranked from 3 to 10 (7 teams) in the online qualifiers and teams ranked from 11 to 18 from invitational qualifiers will compete for the other three final spots, which will also have two directly invited teams competing

and vying for the mega title.

The champion team will take home Rs 50 lakh while the second and third-placed teams will bag Rs 25 lakh and Rs 10 lakh respectively. Top-16 teams will be awarded cash prizes and the Most Valuable Player Award-winner will get richer by Rs 1 lakh.

The upcoming edition of India’s premier esports league, ESPL will start on June 15.

TECNO Mobile plans to promote its upcoming smartphone phone, TECNO Pova 3 through this league. The poised to launch smartphone will give class-apart gaming experience to the users. It not only offers a super-fast processing speed but also comes with a massive battery. As per the recently released Counterpoint Market Share Report, the smartphone brand is the third-largest smartphone player in the sub-10k segment.

Talking about the recent association with ESPL, Arijet Talapatra, CEO, TECNO Mobile India said, “India’s gaming community is

witnessing a boom and growing exponentially at a rate of 38% per annum. The Indian gaming industry is estimated to be valued at \$3.9+ billion by 2025. These developments have heightened gamers’ expectations from the technology sector and there is an increased demand for better and more powerful gaming devices with high-end processors, augmented speed and longer battery life. We have been driving this revolution with our feature-rich gaming devices under the ‘POVA’ series, which targets the mid-range segment. With the POVA product line, we are determined to provide Indian smartphone consumers with a trinity of speed, power and performance that supplements the Zillennials’ never-ending hustle and further motivates them to ‘Stop at Nothing’. Our association with ESPL is bringing us forward towards achieving the same goal. We are looking ahead to a valuable partnership to create a more exciting online gaming ecosystem.”

The inaugural season of ESPL recorded more than one

million registrations and 100 million-plus video views as the action was streamed LIVE on the official YouTube and Facebook channels of India Today and Aaj Tak and its websites.

Nath continued, “Every season we plan to do something different in order to take the league to the next level. The upcoming edition will also be action-packed, especially with players fighting it out on the BGMI esports maps which is a very popular title among the gaming community. This platform is for our athletes and they are equally excited.” He concluded by adding, “ESPL is a game-agnostic tournament to ensure that India Today Group offers the maximum opportunities to gamers across the nation.”

Professional athletes as well as esports enthusiasts above the age of 16 can participate. The registrations will begin on June 13 with the last date being June 20. Each team should have a minimum of four members and the interested teams can register themselves on <https://espl.itg.gg/>.

## STATE HANDLOOM EXPO 2022-23

**NOTICE**  
Imphal, the 4th June 2022

No. 16/AWAS/NOTICE/2010-11: In taking reference to the letter of the O/o Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, vide No. 4/22/DCH/PM&E/Manipurapex/19 Dated 12/05/2022, applications are invited from the Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies / Awardees / Individual Weavers / SHGs / Handloom Entrepreneurs / Producer Company / NGOs who have already registered to **Handloom Markor India Handloom Brand or under-going for registration** to either of the above for participation in the State Handloom Expo 2022-23 to be organised by the Manipur Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts Artisans C.S. Ltd. (AWAS), Governor’s crossing, Paona Bazar from 15/06/2022 to 28/06/2022 at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi, Imphal East. Eligible and interested ones are informed to submit the filled in application forms on or before 13th June 2022 to the office of the undersigned during office hour. Forms are available at the AWAS office during office hour.

Sd/-  
(L. Ojit Singh)  
Business Manager, AWAS  
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## Money bag with documents lost

I, the undersigned, Taorem Dineshwar Singh, have lost my Money bag containing my Two (2) ATM cards issued by SBI, Imphal Main Branch, one ATM card issued by Punjab Sindh Bank, Lamlong Branch, Registration Card of DZIRE Car, Aadhaar Card, Voter ID, PAN Card and other important documents while going to RIMS Hospital New Special Ward Room No. B/6 on June 2, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
**Taorem Dineshwar Singh**  
Khurai Kongpal Sajor Leikai,  
Imphal East  
# 7005341200