

## Mann Ki Baat:

### PM Modi exudes pride on country achieving 400 billion dollar export target

Courtesy AIR  
New Delhi, March 27:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today exuded pride that India achieved the export target of 400 billion dollars. Addressing the people through his Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio, PM Modi said Made in India products are now reaching new markets in every corner

## Uripok body bans entertainment programme

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Imphal, March 27:

Uripok Apunba Lup has appealed to the people of the area to restrain organizing of any kind of entertainment till the examination Class 10 and 12 examinations is over.

A statement by the organization said that due to covid-19 pandemic Education was put on halt as schools were closed for over two years. Now the Covid 19 has been reduced gradually and Schools, colleges have started reopening. The main examination conducted by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur and the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur is all set and the organization appealed to the people of Uripok to cooperate with them.

of the world. He pointed out that when Indians become Vocal for Local, the Local becomes Global. He asked people to make the local 'global' and augment the prestige of Indian products further.

The Prime Minister said the demand for items made in India is increasing all over the world. He said it also signifies that the supply chain of India is getting stronger. He highlighted that the exports of leather products from Hailakandi in Assam, Handloom products from Osmanabad, fruits and vegetables from Bijapur and black rice from Chandauli are increasing. The world-famous Apricot of Ladakh has reached the markets of Dubai and bananas are being shipped from Tamil Nadu to Saudi Arabia.

The first consignment of millets grown in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand was exported to Denmark.

Banganapalli and Subarnarekha mangos from Krishna and Chittoor districts of Andhra Pradesh are being exported to South Korea. Fresh jackfruits from Tripura were exported to London by air and for the first time, King Chilli from Nagaland was dispatched to London. Similarly, the first consignment of Bhalia wheat was exported from Gujarat to Kenya and Sri Lanka. Prime Minister stated that Made in India products are now more visible than ever before in foreign countries.

PM Modi stated that the potential of India in this field is great and farmers, artisans, weavers, engineers, small entrepreneurs, MSME sector, are the true strength. He added that it is only due to their hard work that the goal of exporting to the tune of 400 billion dollars has been achieved.

Prime Minister also said that small entrepreneurs are playing a major role in

government procurement through Government e-Market place - GeM. He added that a much transparent system has been developed through technology. During the last one year through the GeM portal, the government has purchased items worth more than one lakh crore rupees.

Close to 1.25 lakh small entrepreneurs, and small shopkeepers from every corner of the country have sold their goods directly to the government. Mr Modi said there was a time when only big companies could sell goods to the government but that is changing now. He said even the smallest of shopkeepers can sell one's goods to the government on the GeM Portal now. He said New India not only dreams big, but also shows the courage to reach that goal.

Prime Minister spoke of Padmashree awardee Baba Sivanand. He said everyone

was surprised to see the agility of 126-year-old Baba Sivanand at the Padma Awards. He said the age of 126 years and the fitness of Baba Sivanand are the subject of discussion in the country today. Mr Modi said the life of Baba Sivanand is an inspiration for all people to follow a healthy lifestyle.

Modi said World Health Day will be celebrated on the 7th of April. He emphasised that the collective Indian thought on health, whether it is Yoga or Ayurveda, is increasingly trending all over the world. A Yoga program was announced last week in Qatar where citizens of 114 countries participated and made a new world record.

He said the market of the Ayush Industry is also increasing. Mr Modi said that six years ago, the market for Ayurveda medicines was around 22 thousand crores.

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## KNF-N cadre with Rs. 5 Lakhs reward nabbed

IT News  
Imphal, March 27:

Combined troops Assam Rifles and Manipur Police apprehended a wanted cadre of KNF-N with rewards of Rs. 5 Lakhs, from Kholep Village in Kangpokpi District while conducting an operation yesterday.

The apprehended cadre has been identified as

Sakithang Kipgen alias Thangboi alias Ranjit, (37 years). He is reported to have been involved in the infamous firing incident at B Gannom village which resulted in killing of 3 innocent civilians on October 12, 2021. Following the incident Chief Minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh announced a sum of 5 lakhs for providing info regarding the culprits on Oct 15, 21. The

individual has been handed over to the police for further joint interrogation.

A statement by the Assam Rifles said that KNF-N is a non-SoO rebel group and the said cadre arrested is a wanted cadre.

The operation was carried out by COB Motbung of Jwalamukhi Battalion and the police.

On the other hand Mantripukhri Battalion of

Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) in a joint operation with Manipur Police apprehended the self-styled Chairman of United Liberation Force from Khurai Ningthoumb Leikai area in Imphal East district on March 25.

The apprehended insurgent was handed over to Porampat Police Station for further legal action.

## Two Days Public Consultancy on "Land Rights and Forest Land in Manipur" held

IT News  
Thoubal, March 27:

EKTA Parishad Manipur organised Two Days Public Consultancy on "Land Rights and Forest Land in Manipur" inaugurated at Auditorium of IRE Group of Institutions Wanging in Thoubal District today.

Rajivkumar Narengbam Principal IRE Group of Institutions, Ramesh Sharma National Co-ordinator EKTA Parishad, Haobijam Sujit, Revenue Branch Office Thoubal SDC M. Malemnganba and Director Human Right and Law Network (HRLN) Manipur Advocate Rakesh Meihoubam graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, Functional President, Guest of honours and Resource Persons respectively.

Keynote Address by Mamta Lukram State Co-Ordinator EKTA Parishad Manipur said that The physical composition of land structure as 90:10 hill-valley is an indication that forest cover is high in the state. The valley as divided into 5 districts



Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Kakching and Thoubal districts. Reports of forest cover increased to 263 sq km from 2015. It was made official in a report in 2017. Assam and Manipur are the states in NE India with a record of forest cover increase. The expanding forest cover and the limited revenue land for land entitlement are paradoxes for understanding the dynamics. According to Socio-Economic & Caste Census Report (SECC) 2011 Manipur has a total of 71% landless households, which third in

ranking in NE India, while Mizoram is highest and second is Meghalaya.

Surveys of the households in isolated pockets of the districts found that land which was former revenue village or unclassified khas land where people have been inhibited for years are claimed by the villagers of being included under forest cover. The fallen into forest cover of inhabited villages pose as threat to existence. Physical surveys before expanding forest cover and timely information to the people for compatibility is a

must. Simultaneously the revenue department also have urgency of initiative to assist the people towards legalised allotment. Appropriate alignment of Land laws and Revenue Department would lead towards legal entitlement of land to many who are devoid of this basic right, she said.

It is undeniable fact that conservation of forest and environment is important. Nevertheless people's existence without legal entitlement is a crucial issue. Forest expansion should be in So, there is need for co-

ordination and understanding between the network of forest department, Revenue department and the people. Ekta Parishad Manipur activist are able to find out the physical reality of non-synchronised relationship between the three departments from the case story of villages like Thoubal Khunou, Lourembam Aripat in Thoubal District and Wakha Village of Imphal district. The organisation is taking up the initiative to create platform where the three dimensions meet to work out towards an amicable solution, she added.

During the Programme, Resource Persons DFO Thoubal Forest Division Th. Lokendro spoke on the topic "Forest Land and Human Habitation" Director Human Right and Law Network (HRLN) Manipur Advocate Rakesh Meihoubam deliberated on "Women and Land Rights" and SDC of Revenue Branch Office Thoubal gi M. Malemnganba spoke on the topic "Revenue Land and Land Allotment Challenges".

## The Editorial

### Who torched the guitar? Students or Goons in Disguise

In an Oxford Union speech, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor famously said: "The British took the Hindi word 'loot' into their dictionaries as well as their habits." In the case of Manipur, student organizations have taken the Hindi-origin word 'goondism' into their duty list as well as their habits. The recent incident is a concrete example. So be it in America or European countries, destruction of others' possessions cannot be justified. It was a move uncalculated for from a group of students who yearn to act as an apostle of a promising education scheme of the state.

The incident also spoke volumes about the law and order situation in the state. It exhibited that the government was unconscious of any incident until it happened. Moreover, it accentuated the government's inability to contain such an act against the law. Prevention will always be better than saying the signature phrases "Matik Chaba Action Loukhatkani" or "Lema Tharo" after the incident. Once, a court lambasted Delhi police: "If pizza can be delivered within 15 minutes, why can't police reach the crime scene on time?" - a question that people of Manipur can ask the Manipur police and government, not just about this particular incident, but numerous others that had occurred recently.

For a society to thrive, imparting good education employing effective pedagogy is paramount. The supreme purpose of education in any democracy is to construct well-formed minds who can partake in our system, whose future depends on citizens' capacity to scrutinize their elected officials. The outcome of education should not be to construct someone who would impair others' lives or properties. If that happens, then the sole purpose of education goes in vain. This notion is relevant across the world. Nobel Peace Laureate Malala Yousufzai was shot in the head by Taliban shooters, and Kailash Satyarthi was also brutally attacked many times. But the duo never used violent means to attain their objectives of imparting education, and they continue spearheading their campaigns for the students. Like them, people expect that student organizations and their members, who are supposed to be students and well-educated, act with decency and follow educational etiquette. But the recent episode of shattering the properties of an organization altered the narrative of Manipur's student bodies.

For decades, Manipur has witnessed the states' student bodies' valor and fearlessness in many significant events. They scripted a proud history, generations to come will treasure and cherish. The people always respect them for their invaluable contributions and never boldly speak against them. But the recent happening drove the people to vent ire on various media platforms, regardless of the consequences. Though the act was intended, or at least claimed, to have been done for the welfare of the students, it backfired because of using illegitimate means to attain the goal.

Though individuals, media outlets, and artist organizations condemned and criticized the act of torching the musical instruments, it is pretty evident that people don't despise them but expect them to interpret the meaning of student bodies correctly. And, clarification in any form won't justify their deed given that it is human nature to remember the bad better than the good. Since the pursuit of education and educational bodies is to expand students' minds in the service of democracy, people from all walks of life expect them to employ peaceful steps in solving issues and it is achievable. Mahatma Gandhi also famously said: "In a gentle way, you can shake the world."

## World Theatre Day observed

IT News  
Imphal, March 27:

Baniar Repertory Theatre today observed World Theatre Day under the theme - Theatre, a culture of peace at its complex at Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal in Imphal East today morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the chairman of the Baniar Repertory Theatre, Meghachandra Kongbam highlighted the role being played by the theatre artists in bringing peace to this chaotic society. He said that the artists of theatre not only played as role models and educators to society but also

gives knowledge for the personality development of individuals. Senior artist Ksh. Rameshwar said that theatre artists should maintain discipline and should have regards for teachers. Those who fail to maintain discipline do not last long in the field of theatre.

The observance was also attended by Ksh. Phajaton, Director of Baniar Repertory Theatre and other artists of the theatre groups.

As a part of the observance, a play based on the Covid-19 Vaccination programme called "Eikhoi Lamngong Khanglasi" was performed by the theatre group.

## Less corruption, more jobs, that's the need of the hour

### Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



As the spread of Corona virus is subsiding, economic activities are gaining momentum across India, which fuels hope for a better tomorrow. Slowly but surely

physical events and programs are being held and job opportunities have started showing up. Most of the people are now working from their offices. There are very few people who are on work from home (WFH) mode right now. As a result of this, there has been a decline in the quarterly earnings of Zoom, a video conferencing company. Zoom's business grew only 21 percent between November 2021 and January 2022, compared to 191 percent growth in its business in the same period last year. It is estimated that in the next five years, the demand for technically skilled employees will be more in the job market. According to an HR firm called TeamLease Digital, 12 million new jobs will be created in the engineering, telecom and healthcare sectors during this period. Employment opportunities in these sectors are expected to grow at the rate of 27 percent per annum as these sectors are undergoing transformation. At present, 42 million people have got employment in these sectors.

Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which came to power in Punjab by promising to eradicate corruption from the government offices, has started taking baby steps in this direction, which is a welcome step. The old records of IAS, IPS, PCS and PPS level officers of the state government are being checked. In the next two weeks, a list of such tainted officers will be prepared, who have been involved in any kind of corruption. The tainted officers will not be given public dealing posts. This step of CM Bhagwant Mann is being appreciated. Seeing this policy change, preparations are on to check corruption in the neighboring Haryana state as well. A high power committee was constituted at the administrative level which would investigate cases of corruption up to 10 millions rupees. Under this, arrangements are being made for investigation up to the division level. There is a need to take swift action in cases of corruption, as it harms the economy and society like termites.

Despite the third wave of Covid, the first month of this year was good in terms of employment and recruitment. According to the Jobseek index, there was a 41 percent year-on-year growth in recruitments in January. In January last year, this index was at 1925, which reached 2,716 this year. The sectors which proved to be effective for increasing recruitment are IT, Software, Retail and Telecom. Along with this, the growth was 29 percent in the pharmaceutical industry, 10 percent in medicine and healthcare, 8 percent in oil and gas, 8 percent in insurance, 7 percent in fast consumer goods and 2 percent in manufacturing. The graph of new recruitment in IT Jobs is continuously increasing. In the first week of January, major companies like Accenture, Dell, Oracle, IBM, Genpact, Salesforce offered more than 70 thousand new recruitments. It is estimated that in the current financial year, the number of new recruits in India's top 10 IT companies like Infosys, Wipro, TCS, HCL, Tech Mahindra and Mind Tree will reach 5 lakh.

## What is dirt?



By: Vijay Garg

Environmental pollution is one of the major problems that directly affects the health of living beings, the earth and human beings. Due to social and industrial development this pollution is increasing day by day. There are different types of pollution depending on the source and the situation. Each type of pollution has its own causes and consequences. Most people do not know what pollution is and its consequences.

For this reason, we are going to dedicate this article to tell you what pollution is, its features and consequences.

Start by understanding what air pollution is, and then define what other types of pollution or pollution exist. When we talk about environmental pollution, we are referring to the introduction of any kind of chemical, physical or biological agent in the environment which causes many harmful changes. Whether or not these changes can generally affect the health, well-being and conservation of biodiversity.

Contaminants can be, for example, pesticides, herbs, polluting gases and other chemicals such as petroleum, radiation and municipal waste. Human beings have different economic activities which prevent the formation of different pollutants. Human activities such as industry, commerce or mining are responsible for many of these pollutants.

Environmental pollution is directly related to the economic and social development of a country. If a country is developed then pollution is as common as it is high. For this, it is important to formulate and present the concept of sustainable development in all countries. Once we know what pollution is, we will talk about the different types of pollution that exist.

It is an environmental pollutant that affects both oceans and river waters. This pollution affects all living species in these waters and the surrounding ecosystems. This water contamination can come from various sources such as:

#### Industrial exhaust

Excessive use of pesticides or insecticides in agriculture. These chemicals upset the balance, killing thousands of aquatic life.

Discharge of laundry detergent causes eutrophication of water. This eutrophication occurs because the passage of light and oxygen is blocked. Spills oil from large oil platforms.

Storms or floods can also mix hazardous materials and cause water pollution.

#### Climate change

#### Atmospheric pollution

This is one of the biggest types of pollution on our planet. It occurs when the chemical and natural composition of air changes, affecting all life on Earth. Especially the animals most affected by the seat. Among the causes of air pollution, we find the following:

## Reality of Congress and its fading trinity

Goa once again made the party think in sustainable lines to find solutions for its revival. The party leadership knows it is frequently biting dust in every election. Not only with the BJP but its fights against the regional parties have also been hitting its prospects hard.



By: M.R. Lalu

India's modern political history is largely a portrayal of the activities of the Congress party. It had remained a platform of mobilization for the country's quest for freedom. It was nurtured by great personalities and it sustained an idea of togetherness for long, encapsulating indomitable power to shake the East India Company's colonial dominance. The Indian National Congress (INC) epitomized the soft face of the ideals that India represented. The party that Mahatma Gandhi wanted to be wrapped up when the long-struggled freedom was achieved, did continue to grow as a political power stretching its hands across India. The political upscaling of the Congress was consistent for decades until it began to shudder in the saffron storm that the country came across in 2014. That was the strongest ever shake the party bumped into and the one from which it failed to come out. For Gandhi, the purpose of Congress's existence was fulfilled on the day when India became free. He questioned the need of the party in a free India. Probably he could forecast the inevitable fall of the Congress passing through generations. "Congress Mukh Bharat" was the political slogan with Narendra Modi's saffron hurricane hit the shore of India's election campaign. He seems to have discovered the USP in propagating this idea of an India without Congress or the corruptive mindset that he later intelligently tried to correct it as and declared that the country wanted to get rid of it. Whatever, the Congress in India, though it has a credible vote share, has almost disappeared from the power politics that it enjoyed for generations. Gandhi indeed wanted the idea of Congress that he and his cohorts of those days fostered to exist as an organization focused on the social, moral and economic freedom of the people, especially for the underprivileged and the rural poor.

The Congress party's drubbing in the state elections in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and

her husband Rajiv Gandhi. Her stint as the party president from April 1998 was full of political experiments and expectations. No doubt, the lady with limited idea about the impulses that India was, managed to pull her party a long way through ups and downs. More than two decades of her presidency was accepted and appreciated at times and critically put for evaluation. She could metaphorically make the historic sacrifice that she is reported to have made denouncing the chair of the country's prime minister. For an enthralled Congress leadership, she was the incarnation of divinity in its femininity capable of transforming the party's destiny unchallenged, unparalleled and unbreakable. The dynasty's pursuit of finding an heir apparent to hold the heaviness of the grand old party naturally directed its fingers on Rahul Gandhi. A natural choice for the party, the young and dynamic Rahul Gandhi, with his visibly scanty maturity to run a complexity such as Congress had trembled, stumbled and mumbled while experiencing the storm that the people of the country described- the saffron tide.

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Prashant Kishor to find a calculable and viable solution in the direction of its revival. Spending most of her life between the walls of her residence, Sonia Gandhi began to assume a role in political life after the death of her husband Rajiv Gandhi. Her stint as the party president from April 1998 was full of political experiments and expectations. No doubt, the lady with limited idea about the impulses that India was, managed to pull her party a long way through ups and downs. More than two decades of her presidency was accepted and appreciated at times and critically put for evaluation. She could metaphorically make the historic sacrifice that she is reported to have made denouncing the chair of the country's prime minister. For an enthralled Congress leadership, she was the incarnation of divinity in its femininity capable of transforming the party's destiny unchallenged, unparalleled and unbreakable. The dynasty's pursuit of finding an heir apparent to hold the heaviness of the grand old party naturally directed its fingers on Rahul Gandhi. A natural choice for the party, the young and dynamic Rahul Gandhi, with his visibly scanty maturity to run a complexity such as Congress had trembled, stumbled and mumbled while experiencing the storm that the people of the country described- the saffron tide.

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Priyanka trinity almost completely. The recently held elections in the five states came as a testimony for the Congress and its unquestionable trinity coming face to face seeking answers to the uncomfortable questions that the G-23 has been asking. The dynasty, habituated to swallow praises in full length from the planets surrounding it in the orbits of servitude and surrender, began to see irritable goose bumps giving it itchy tickles. Without wasting time, unconventional to the principle of the dynasty, it offered to make a 'sacrifice' of the highest order in the form of resignation which the planets in the CWC rejected outrightly. The unquestionable dominance of the Nehru-Gandhi family remained for decades and the Congress is still running the train on the same track consecrated by the dynasts.

The party's experiment in Uttar Pradesh with the third person in the dynasty, Priyanka Vadra had an unpleasant ending. It collapsed in all seats except in two where it managed to gain a skinny majority. The Congress and the dynasty waited for long before they decided to bring the Vadra brand to the forefront. As of now the party and the trinity are convinced to the extent of realizing that the revival of the Congress is an uphill task and there is no presentable face except those sunken three in the dynasty that could do anything to satisfy the party's withering hopes. Now the party is left with no choice but to compulsively repose its faith in the family after every defeat with no murmur of discontent. Though there are demands for a reliable titivation inside the party, its leadership is clueless as to what should be the strategy in case of it nosedives in the coming elections. The BJP, with its massive political machinery, is all set to win the 2024 general elections and the state elections that are due including the one in Gujarat. The Congress on the other hand is banking on its fading trinity.

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## India-Bangladesh Must Always Stand With Each Other

By: John Rozario

Thanking the Indian government for cooperating in rescuing Bangladeshi nationals from Ukraine during the war, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the two countries would always stand by each other. It is absolutely true. As a friendly neighbouring country, India was, and will be standing with Bangladesh. India and Bangladesh are eternal friends. India should stand in support of Bangladesh which embodies values that emerge from the Liberation Movement of the country. On the other hand, Bangladesh should be with Bangladesh as India always stands with Bangladesh.

Bangladesh and India are common members of SAARC, BIMSTEC, IORA, and the Commonwealth. The two countries share many cultural ties. In particular, Bangladesh and the East Indian state of West Bengal are Bengali-speaking. In 1971, the Bangladesh Liberation War broke out between East Pakistan and West Pakistan; India intervened in December 1971 in support of East Pakistan and helped secure its independence from Pakistan as the country of Bangladesh. Since the visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bangladesh in 2015 and round back visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India in 2017, the notable developments that have taken place include resolution of long-pending land and maritime boundaries asserting the issue of enclaves, the conclusion of over ninety instruments comprising in the hi-tech areas, i.e., electronics, cybersecurity, space, information tech-

nology, and civil nuclear energy and observed increase in bilateral trade from US\$9 billion to US\$10.46 billion in the fiscal year (FY) 2018-19, preceded by US\$7 billion to US\$9 billion in FY 2017-18, an increase of 28.5 percent.

On 6 December, Bangladesh and India celebrate Friendship commemorating India's recognition of Bangladesh and the continued friendship between the two countries.

However, the Prime Minister expressed this hope in a letter to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. Sheikh Hasina wrote, "Over the last few years, our bilateral relations have been further strengthened through effective dialogue at all levels." "I firmly believe that Bangladesh and India will always stand by each other and reflect the shared aspirations of the people of both countries." India is conducting a rescue operation called 'Operation Ganga' to evacuate civilians from Ukraine during the war.

Under the initiative, India has promised to rescue 23,000 people from the Eastern European country by March 15. Besides, 147 foreign nationals from 18 countries including Bangladesh have also been rescued. According to a March 10 report in the Times of India, 13 Bangladeshis were rescued from the northeastern Sami city of Ukraine and taken to another city during the fierce fighting.

Expressing gratitude for rescuing Bangladeshis from the battlefield, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wrote in the letter, "I am writing this

letter to express my sincere gratitude to you and your government for their assistance and cooperation in rescuing and evacuating Bangladeshis along with Indian nationals from Sami Oblast, Ukraine."

"The sincere cooperation of your government in this regard bears witness to the rare and lasting relationship that has existed between our two countries year after year." In the letter, Bangabandhu Kanya also recalled the arrival of the Indian Prime Minister on the occasion of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman last year. Wishing Prime Minister Modi good health, Sheikh Hasina wished him a happy Holi.

India remains committed to assisting Bangladesh in its journey towards a strong economy, partnering with Bangladesh as Bangladesh proceeds to greater prosperity. The business communities of the two countries should seize the opportunity to enhance trade and economic linkages to new heights, especially between Bangladesh and India's northeastern region.

India and Bangladesh have the same developmental visions as the ties between the two nations remain strong. The relations between the two countries have been characterised as a special relationship. Bangladesh started mass COVID-19 vaccinations with India's Serum Institute Covishield vaccines on 7 February 2021. Bangladesh procured 7 million doses and India had meant to gift a further 3.3 million doses. Due to the second wave of COVID-19 in India, the vaccine ex-

port was halted.

In April 2021, Bangladesh sent medicines and medical equipment to India following the deteriorating COVID-19 situation in India. The relief package consisted of approximately 10,000 vials of Remdesivir, (produced in Bangladesh by Beximco) anti-viral infections, oral anti-viral, 30,000 PPE kits, and several thousand zinc, calcium, vitamin C and other necessary tablets. In May 2021, the government of Bangladesh sent a second consignment of COVID-19 relief consisting of antibiotics, paracetamol, protective equipment and hand sanitiser.

Operation Ganga was conducted to rescue Indian nationals stranded in war-torn Ukraine. So far, thousands of Indian nationals were repatriated under the scheme. Significantly, the Indian government has rescued citizens of several other countries besides Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal through this operation.

It is India that stood by Bangladesh always. Even during the Ukraine crisis, India helped Bangladesh to evacuate Bangladeshi people. India's helping hand to Bangladesh is time-tested. A friend in need is a friend indeed. According to the media reports, 9 Bangladeshis nationals have been rescued from Ukraine recently under Operation Ganga. Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has already thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for rescuing the citizens of Bangladesh. India and Bangladesh should stand with each other.

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# The Neglected Road- I.T. Road

By: Thanggoul Khongsai.

It's been quite long that the people of I.T Road prolong suffering have been ceaseless every year particularly during rainy season due to Govt negligence of the region. Not surprising, it has once again block our mainhighway connecting District Head Quater, Kangpokpi, nearby T.Waichong yesterday as the region experienced a continuous heavy rainfall since the past few days. The irony is, the road in the region connects three constituency-Kangpokpi, Tamei and Tadubi; yet no much efforts have been taken up so far on road infrastructure by concern govt including the three MLAs which is unfortunate to public at large. How long should the people of I.T.Road suffer will be determined in the hands of present Govt and concern MLAs of the region. There can be no alternatives for the region than awarding smooth and reliable permanent roads which the general public demands.

## What People Expect From Govt:

Notwithstanding of who form Govt and their Party affiliations, there is always a common perception amongst general public that Govt will bring Change-associated with development and peaceful co-existence; prosperity and accountability. It is this that people's mandate after every elections are taken into account and general public is looking forward as to where People's Govt would utilized public fund to see the CHANGE that they expect.

The newly formed BJP Govt, for second consecutive terms, with single majority holds huge responsibility in fulfilling public's demand. The



state of public infrastructure is still lacking as compared to other NE States. In fact, the entry of railway which is at its beginning will bring positive development in the field of trade, better connectivity and employment in the state. However, there are several other sectors in which govt should focus more at. For instance, School in Hilly areas are not of much concern over many decades. They should be provided with better infrastructure at par with valley schools. Teaching staffs should be made equip and quality knowledge should be equally imparted. This can bridge the gap of knowledge between the Hills and the Valley students.

In February this year, I was attending my mom at RIMS wherein I have had lot of lessons to learn from the hospital. Being renounced by its name and fame all over India, Imphal RIMS got to be equipped with polite staffs and better infrastructure. People from all over the districts, irrespective of distances, approach RIMS in hope of quality treatment with minuscule cost. However, to some, this dream turns a nightmare. They are being lockdown due to bad common over manipuri and for their tribal looks; result-

ing to difficulty in communicating with the staffs. As not every patient attendants can speak manipuri and well verse with the hospital surrounding, their query and doubts should be properly address. In fact, the all time clean and tidy RIMS, within and outside the hospital premise, is really appalled and reflect the commitment of the staffs.

As health care sector is lacking particular in Hilly areas, govt should focus more on the existing PHCs and CHCs. For instance, the T.Waichong PHC is common to more than 25 villages located at various distances. For some villages, it is a huge burden to receive first aid even in the case of emergency. Meanwhile, the CHC in Chawla still remains to open its door despite the building construction completed years back. Such is the condition of I.T Road Health Care sector. Not the least, due to crooked, dusty and unmetalled, the current road is filled with potholes adding double burden to the people of the region.

**Public Trust in Govt :** Diversity in the region and its peaceful co-existence amongst the communities, the people of I.T Road have never had heavy protest or any kind of agitations in recent pasts to express their displeasure over the govt in public domain even after prolong negligence by the govt. Such is the faith and trust the general public holds to Govt until today. This of public humanity can't sustain for long as

there always lies an expectation of govt's commission towards public duty. The faith and trust given by the public should be delivered by govt in the form of building public infrastructure and developing well being community as a whole.

The given abysmal road in I.T Road is indeed not a demand but a necessity. Govt should play their part to earn public trust. Also, the present road needs fully metalled unlike the earlier where mixture of pebbles and soil are being plastered to cover the potholes which is of for a short term period only

Therefore, it is Trust that holds everyone and commitment that Change anyone. Govt should commit to change the image of people and their regions. Public interest should not be undermined and good governance, as has been delivered, should be made to reach to all the corners of the state.

The emerging of rainy season may bring more damages to the image of I.T Road in general and concern authority in particular had no concerted effort in building road infrastructure is taken up. The people of the region had suffered alot. To end this suffering, govt should kindly took up the matter seriously otherwise, disruption of business and communication will continue to exist every rainy season. Not the least, the I.T Road needs a permanent solutions.

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# Cinematography workshop kickstarted at MSFDS

IT News  
Imphal, March 27:

A 6-day workshop "Cinematography Lab" kickstarted yesterday as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Manipuri Cinema, which began on April 13 last year at Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) auditorium, Palace Compound.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic situation, the celebration had to be put on hold for some time. The Cinematography Lab aims at upscaling skills of cinematographers, which will be focused particularly on the essence of light and shadows.

On the first day of the workshop, acclaimed cinematographer and filmmaker, Mazhar Kamran, of the 'Satya' and 'Mohandas' fame, briefly shared his cinematic journey. He emphasised that cinematography in film art is a teamwork, adding that close coordination within the team is essential.

Further, Mazhar pointed out that the workshop will be more of an interactive format, with wholesome participation of all the participants. "It is not going to be a rigid classroom setting. The more the interaction - the more the workshop will be fruitful. And I will be sharing my experiences as much as I can", he added.

Nilotpal Majumdar, Director of the Manipur State Film and Television Institute, is the key facilitator of the workshop. He said, "The workshop was planned since two years back. But the pandemic has been a big hurdle in realising it. I am glad that today we are able to make it happen." Nilotpal urged the participants to take maximum benefit out of the workshop.

Sunzu Bachaspatimayum, Secretary of the Manipur State Film Development Society, who also spoke on the occasion, specifically said that language should not be a barrier in the workshop. "We should feel free to share in our own

native languages. The organisers will take care in that aspect for a free flow of communication", he said.

Members of Cinematographers' Guild, filmmakers and cinematography enthusiasts including two filmmakers from Ukhrul district are taking part in the workshop.

Besides the Cinematography Lab, the MSFDS will organise "Edit Lab; Building narratives: shot by shot" from April 4-8, 2022 as part of the yearlong festival. FTII alumnus Pankaj Rishi Kumar will be the resource person of the Edit Lab.

It may be mentioned that the winding up of the Golden Jubilee celebration will witness the '1st Eikhigi Imphal International Film Festival' as one of the main attractions of the year-long celebration of Manipuri cinema. The festival is scheduled from April 2 - 6. Internationally acclaimed short, documentary and fiction films will be screened during the festival.

# Assam Rifles extends humanitarian aid to "Mission Blind School"

IT News  
Imphal, March 27:

Modi Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(S) extended humanitarian aid to "Mission Blind School" in Pallel, Tengnoupal District on 26

Mar 22. Standing firm to its motto "FRIENDS OF THE NORTHEAST", the troops of Assam Rifles interacted with the students and extended a helping hand in providing basic essential commodities to the "Mis-

sion Blind School", an institution for differently-abled children.

This humanitarian gesture of Assam Rifles instills confidence among the staff members of the school and brought happiness in the hearts of the children.

# AR celebrates Shangshak Day

IT News  
Imphal, March 27:

Shangshak Battalion under the aegis of IGAR(S) paid homage to the bravehearts on the solemn occasion of "Shangshak Day" at War Memorial Shangshak, Ukhrul District on 26 Mar 2022.

The "Battle Honour Day" also known as Shangshak Day is celebrated on 26 March every

year by Maratha Light Infantry as well as Shangshak Battalion with befitting enthusiasm and great fanfare. A Wreath Laying Ceremony was held which was attended by the troops of Maratha Light Infantry, veterans, students & local villagers.

Participants paid homage to the fallen soldiers and paid floral tributes to the valiant soldiers who attained Veergati on the noble path of duty.

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## What is dirt?

**Floor**  
This is one of the most common types of environmental pollution we find. This is usually the result of the introduction of chemicals that affect the fertility of the soil. Of these chemicals, we have the most pesticides, insecticides and herbs.

Plants are mainly affected by this soil contamination. However, animals are also affected because they feed on animals that have eaten the contaminated soil. These contaminants can increase the negative effects of the food chain.

**Thermal**  
This is due to the increase in global temperature. This is one of the direct effects of climate change. These modifications are man-made due to excessive emissions of greenhouse gases. The main feature of these greenhouse gases is their ability to retain some heat from the sun's ultraviolet rays and not allow it to be released into outer space.

If we continue to improve insulation, the global average temperature will rise. This has led to negative consequences, such as the collapse of the ecological balance of many ecosystems around the world.

**Radioactive contamination**  
One of the most widely used forms of energy is nuclear energy. This energy releases substances capable of discharging radioactive waste in the long run. Because these radioactive substances directly affect the DNA of living organisms, causing mutations and mutations in different

generations, they are extremely harmful to living organisms.

**Sound**  
It is a type of pollution caused by excessive urban noise. They are human activities and activities that cause pollution. It is not a type of pollution that directly affects the survival of living organisms, but it does affect habits such as diet and reproduction, migration and general well-being.

**Mild pollution**  
Light pollution in particular is caused by excessive artificial lighting in cities. It usually affects the life cycle of many animals and the way they mate. Many species lose their ecosystems due to light pollution. It also affects humans by depriving them of sleep and rest and increasing the stress levels of many people.

Electromagnetic pollution  
It is a type of environmental pollution that occurs due to the resignation of electromagnetic particles in various industrial activities. It can cause diseases and affect different habits of living beings.

This is very common in any city. It is about changing the elements of the landscape that spoil its beauty. This is mainly due to the introduction of elements that are not natural.

**Food**  
This contamination is caused by the consumption of products that contain toxic and polluting agents that enter our body. Even today there are many protocols and controls to avoid toxins in food. However, we can never be in danger of having toxins in our food.

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# Government Approves New Sainik Schools

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, March 27

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approved the setting up of 21 new Sainik Schools, in partnership with NGOs, private schools and State Governments across the country, from the academic year 2022-2023.

These schools will be set up in the first phase, as part of the Government's initiative of setting up 100 new Sainik schools in partnership mode. They will be distinct from the existing Sainik Schools.

The objectives behind PM Narendra Modi's vision to set up 100 new Sainik Schools is to provide quality education to the students in tune with National Education Policy and give them better career opportunities, including joining the Armed Forces. It also allows the private sector to work hand-in-hand with the Government towards nation building by refining the youth to become responsible citizens. The new Sainik schools will encourage girls to realize their dream of serving the country.

The Union Cabinet in October last year had approved a proposal of setting up 100 affiliated Sainik Schools. A total of 194 schools have applied to get affiliated to the Sainik School Society (SSS), the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

17 of these Schools are Brownfield running schools and 4 are Greenfield schools. While NGOs, Trusts, Societies have a share of 12 approved new schools, 6 private schools, and 3 State Government-owned schools find a place in the list. Unlike existing Sainik Schools which are purely residential, 7 new Sainik Schools will be Day Schools and 14 schools will have residential arrangements.

The Sainik Schools Society (SSS), is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of



New Sainik Schools are being started across the country from academic years 2022-2023

**Defence** which runs English medium residential Sainik Schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). These schools prepare cadets to join the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla (Pune), Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala and other Training Academies for officers. At present, there are a total of 33 Sainik Schools across the country, which offer admission at the level of Class VI and Class IX, based, on the performance of candidates in the All-India Sainik School Entrance Examination (AISSEE).

Now these new Sainik schools, besides their affiliation to respective education boards, will function under the aegis of the SSS and will follow the rules and regulations in partnership mode prescribed by the Society. In addition to their regular affiliated board curriculum, they will also impart education based on the Sainik school pattern.

**Admission process:** (A) Entry to these schools will be at only class VI level based on the following lines: a) at least 40 percent of intake in class VI will be from candidates who will be from the AISSEE conducted by National Testing Agency through E-Counselling. B) up to 60 percent intake will be from

students enrolled in the same school and desirous of taking admission under this vertical of new Sainik Schools through a qualifying test, notification for which will be issued separately.

(B) Candidates qualified in AISSEE-2022 willing to take admission in a newly approved school of their choice will have to register themselves for counselling. (C) For the students already enrolled in the new Sainik School, admission will be provided based on a qualifying test. The academic session for approved new Sainik Schools is likely to commence in the first week of May 2022. Portal for inviting applications for the remaining new Sainik Schools for consideration in the next round is likely to be re-opened in the first week of April 2022.

**New schools**  
**Andhra Pradesh:** Y.S.R. Kadapa Pooja International School, **Arunachal Pradesh:** Tawang, Tawang Public School, **Assam:** Cachar, Directorate of Secondary Education, **Assam, Bihar:** Samatipur, Sundari Devi Saraswati Vidya Mandir, **Chhattisgarh:** Raipur, N H Goel World School, **Dadra, and Nagar Haveli:** Vidya Bharati Gujarat Pradesh (Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Military

Academy) and **Gujarat:** Junagadh, Brahmarshi Shri Bhagavatinandji Education trust( Shri Bramhanand Vidya Mandir,

**Haryana:** Fatehabad, Om Vishnu Education Society( Royal Residential School), **Himachal Pradesh:** Solan, Raj Luxmi Samvad Gurukulam, **Karnataka:** Belgaum, Sangoli Rayanna Sainik School, **Kerala:** Ernakulam, Sree Sarada Vidyalaya, **Madhya Pradesh:** Mandsaur, Saraswati Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School and **Maharashtra:** Ahmednagar, Pd Dr. V Vikhe Patil Sainik School,

**Nagaland:** Dimapur, Livingstone Foundation International, **Odisha:** Dhenkanal, Sanskar Public School (Abakash Foundation), **Punjab:** Patiala, Dayanand Public School Silver city, Nabha, **Rajasthan:** Ganganagar, Bharti Charitable Trust (Bloomington School), **Tamil Nadu:** Tuticorin, The Vikasa School, **Telangana:** Karim Nagar, Telangana Social Welfare Residential Sainik School, **Uttar Pradesh:** Etawah, Vikas Lok Seva Samiti (Mount Littera Zee School), and **Uttarakhand:** Dehradun, GRD World School Bhauwala.

# Over 183 crore 20 lakh doses of COVID vaccines administered

New Delhi, March 27:

Over 183 crore 20 lakh doses of COVID vaccines have been administered in the country under the nationwide vaccination drive so far. The Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry today said,

more than 29 lakh 90 thousand Covid vaccine doses were administered to the eligible beneficiaries yesterday.

The country reported over one thousand four hundred new Covid cases in the last 24 hours. Currently, India's active caseload stands at over 16

thousand. Over one thousand eight hundred Covid patients have recovered during the last 24 hours and the national recovery rate stands at 98.75 percent. More than four crore 24 lakh patients have recovered from COVID-19 in the country so far.

# Union Agriculture Minister addresses 93rd Annual General Meeting of the ICAR Society in New Delhi

New Delhi, March 27:

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed for the betterment of Indian Agriculture. Mr Tomar said, Prime Minister has always encouraged the farmers and scientists of the country to compete at the global level.

The Agriculture Minister said, this has led to the steady increase in the export of agricultural products from India. He was addressing the 93rd Annual General Meeting of the ICAR Society in New Delhi yesterday.

Mr Tomar said that the Prime Minister holds regular dialogues with the people associated with the agriculture

sector of the country including farmers and scientists and ensuring the better quality of the agricultural products has always been the main concern of the Prime Minister.

He underlined the establishment of the ICAR in 1929 and the pivotal role played by it through its research and technology development in creating the food and nutritional security in the country with the untiring cooperation of farmers and scientists over the years.

Mr Tomar underlined the record production of the food grains and horticultural products in the country that has made India self-sufficient to meet not only the domestic demands enabled to supply

the same to the different countries as well.

He said, hard work of the farmers, efficient research of scientists and farmers' friendly policies of the government have led Indian Agriculture to grow even during the challenging times of COVID-19 Pandemic. He urged the Council to start the preparations for its Centenary celebrations in the Year - 2029 at the national and international levels.

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala, Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary, Member, NITI Aayog Ramesh Chand, Ministers from States also participated in it.

# Power Ministry issues circular for taking timely action for adequate coal availability for power generation

New Delhi, March 27:

The Power Ministry has issued a circular for taking timely action for adequate coal availability for power generation in the country. It has been monitoring the coal supply situation in the country and taking steps to ensure adequate coal supply and coal stocks based on the domestic coal received from Coal India Limited (CIL), Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Captive coal mines.

As per decision taken, the domestic coal supply to all Gencos will be in proportion to the coal received from CIL and SCCL for all the Gencos and it will not be possible to give more coal other than on proportionate basis to make up any shortfall.

In its circular, the Ministry said that the production in captive coal mines allotted to power plants may be maximized to the limit permitted. It has been reported that a number of power plants are taking much

longer time than the prescribed norms in unloading coal from railway rakes which is affecting the turn-around time, the Ministry has asked to monitor the unloading time at power plants and it has been decided that lesser number of rakes would be made available to such power plants where there is slackness in prompt unloading of coal from rakes.

This step has been taken with the objective of maximizing the utilization of available railway rakes.

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# Mann Ki Baat:

Today, the Ayush Manufacturing Industry is touching around one lakh forty thousand crore rupees. He added that in the Start-up world as well, AYUSH is becoming a subject of attraction.

Prime Minister mentioned a number of Ayush Start-Ups. He spoke about a start-up called Kapiva. This Start-Up is based on healthy eating habits in accordance with Indian traditions. Nirog-Street was another such Start Up mentioned by the Prime Minister which is a unique concept in the Ayurveda Healthcare Ecosystem. Its technology-driven platform connects Ayurveda Doctors from across the world directly to the people.

More than 50 thousand practitioners are associated

with it. He also mentioned Atreya Innovations, a healthcare technology start-up, which is working in the field of Holistic Wellness. He said Ixoreal has spread awareness about the use of Ashwagandha and Cureveda has created dietary supplements for holistic life through the confluence of modern herbal research and traditional knowledge.

The Prime Minister said such Start ups are a symbol of the young entrepreneurs of India and the new possibilities being created in the country. He requested the Start-Ups of the Health Sector and especially the Ayush Start-Ups that they should try to make the content in their portal in all the languages recognized by the United Nations. He expressed confidence that Ayush Start-Ups

from India with better quality products will reign all over the world.

Touching upon the topic of Cleanliness, Narendra Modi gave the example of Chandrakishore Patil who lives in Nashik, Maharashtra. Chandrakishore stands by the Godavari river, and constantly encourages people not to throw garbage in it. The Prime Minister mentioned Rahul Maharana of Puri in Odisha. Rahul goes to the pilgrimage sites in Puri early in the morning every Sunday, and clears the plastic garbage there.

Prime Minister also cited the example of Mupattam Sri Narayanan of Kerala who has started a project named - Pots for water of life. He is running a campaign to distribute earthen pots so that animals and birds do not face water problems during summer.

# President Kovind Urges youth to draw inspiration from examples of serving leprosy affected people, also contribute actively

Courtesy - AIR  
New Delhi, March 27:

President Ram Nath Kovind has urged the youth of the country to draw inspiration from examples of serving the leprosy-affected people and also contribute actively. President was addressing the closing ceremony of the Silver Jubilee of Divya Prem Seva Mission in Haridwar today.

The President said that a person suffering from leprosy during and after being cured of the disease should be accepted by the society and family in the same way as a person affected by other diseases is treated. President said that Divya Prem Seva Mission has done a great job in this field. Kovind said that Gandhiji believed that leprosy is also a disease like cholera and plague which can be treated.



Therefore, those who consider its patients as inferior are the real patients. His message is relevant even today. Shri Kovind said that Gandhiji believed that leprosy is also a disease like cholera and plague which can be treated.

The bondage of the world is easily broken by performing the right rituals of service to religion. He said that the glory of this holy land of Uttarakhand is unique. By coming to this sacred range of Mother Ganga, they

bow down to the incomparable spiritual tradition of India. Uttarakhand Governor Gurmurt Singh and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami were also present on the occasion.