

CM inaugurates Start Up Incubation Centre at DM University

IT News
Imphal, May 10:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today inaugurated a Start-Up Incubation Centre at D.M. College of Commerce, Dhanamanjuri University, Imphal. The incubation centre is supported and funded by the Planning Department, Government of Manipur.

Speaking on the occasion, N. Biren Singh appreciated the discipline and hospitality shown by students of the University on his arrival. He recalled that Start Up India was launched in 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. However, the Scheme was materialised in the State only after the formation of his Government in 2017.

Maintaining that youths of Manipur had got many talents and were hard working by nature, he added that lack of discipline, professionalism and ethics among the people had been giving hindrance to growth and development and even to governance. As such, he stressed the need for proper guidance of youth in the right direction to make them job providers instead of becoming job



seekers. He continued that the State Government had taken up certain steps to make educational institutions systematic and organised by appointing a regular Vice-Chancellor of Universities. Making institutions and offices work systematically would help in smooth functioning and progress of society, he added.

The Chief Minister continued that many entrepreneurs had come up with production of wide ranges of items like strawberry, poultry, fish etc, thereby helping the

State in import substitution and progressing towards self-reliance in many sectors. Stating that support of public was much necessary in any development work carried out by the Government, he stressed the need to maintain unity among all communities by bringing emotional attachment and further appealed everyone to join hands and work together for the development of the State.

Education, Law & Legislative Affairs Minister Thounaojam Basanta Singh stated that Chief Minister N.

Biren Singh had led the State with much capability, introducing certain innovative schemes for the welfare of the people. He appreciated the Chief Minister's initiatives and his unique way of governing the State.

He continued that youths of the State were very talented and added that the only need was to guide them in the right and useful channel. The Start Up Incubation Centre would provide basic training and help in materialising their innovative ideas, he added.

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Amit Shah says AFSPA will be removed from entire Assam soon

Courtesy: HT
Guwahati, May 10:

Union home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said efforts would be made to ensure the withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from entire Assam. Shah said improved law and order and peace accords with militant outfits had led to the partial withdrawal of AFSPA, which gave immunity to the military from any punitive action, in the northeastern state.

Shah, who presented the President's Colour to the Assam Police in Guwahati, lauded chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, for bringing most of the militant outfits to the peace table. The home minister said "day is not far when the entire state will be completely free from insurgency and violence".

"In the 1990s, AFSPA was implemented in Assam. It was extended seven times. After eight years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule, the Act was removed from 23 districts, and partially from one district. I am confident that it will be completely withdrawn from the entire state soon," he said.



Shah was on a two-day visit to Assam.

The home minister said those who have surrendered and returned to the mainstream are being rehabilitated by both the central and state governments.

Speaking about the Assam Police, Shah said the force had a glorious history and had successfully tackled insurgency, border issues, smuggling of arms, drugs and cattle, rhino poaching and social issues like witchcraft.

He said it rightly deserved to be honoured with the President's Colour.

Earlier today, Shah awarded the Assam Police with the President's Colour as he

praised the state police for successfully dealing with cross-border infiltration, rhino poaching, and closing all doors to cow and arms smuggling. "There are few parallels to the tough circumstances Assam police has dealt with," he said.

Assam is the 10th state in the country to receive the President's Colour, the highest honour given to any military or police unit in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation, both in peace and war.

Shah also planted a sapling here on Tuesday morning, marking the first year of the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led Assam government.

Where has all the money sanctioned for 1255 works programme gone? - MPCC

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Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee today drilled the BJP led government over the cancellation of work programme which had already got administrative approval and subsequently sanctioned work orders.

In a press conference held today at Rishang Keishing Media Center, Congress Bhawan today, President of the MPCC K. Meghachandra said, "In the financial years 2020-2021, one thousand two hundred fifty five (1255) numbers of works under the PWD had been sanctioned for all 60 as-



semble constituencies. These work programme which had already got administrative approval were however, suddenly cancelled by the Government".

Meghachandra said that some of the works programmes had already started implementation formally by the opposition MLAs, alliance MLAs and Ministers of those tenures.

The state congress leader said, "In 2020-2021 financial year Administration Approval was accorded for 669 numbers of works under major head: 5054 for a sum of Rs.562,44,76 (Five hundred sixty-two crore forty-four lakhs and seventy-six thousand) and 586 numbers of works under major head: 3054 for a sum of Rs. 106,23,74 (One hundred

six crore twenty-three lakhs and seventy-four thousand) all these works were cancelled, which included 444 hills area works including bridges and hills road and 811 valley area works including the state capital connecting road", said by MPCC president K. Meghachandra.

"Where has all the money sanctioned for the work programme gone?", the MPCC president asked.

The MPCC president appealed to the government of Manipur to answer the whereabouts of all the sanctioned money gone which get administrative approval from the finance department.

CM N. Biren honours 43 Manipur footballer plays in ISL

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Manipur has contributed 43 football players for different premier football clubs of the country in the Indian Super League (ISL) which is India's unrivalled football championship which kicked off in October 2014.

Expressing happiness over the development, Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh while the footballers, presented a Leirum Lengyan (a traditional muffer) to each of the footballers during a meeting at Chief Minister's official Bungalow in Imphal on Sunday.



Informing this by sharing a brief video of a meeting of the state footballers who play in ISL in a facebook post on Sunday, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh wrote, "It was a pleasure meeting all the Indian Super League players from Manipur at my official residence. Today, I'm very proud that a small state like Manipur which has a population of nearly 30 lakh population is able to contribute 43 players in the ISL."

The footballer turned journalist and subsequently turned

politician Biren Singh further wrote, "We must take pride that we are contributing more footballers in ISL than West Bengal which has a population of over 10 crore. Currently 30 players from West Bengal are playing in the ISL."

Happy to honour all of them with a Leirum lengyan, he added.

FIFA U-17 World Cup squad of India has eight players from Manipur out of the total 21 selected for the mega-event in 2017.

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New orchid recorded in Manipur

By A Correspondent
Imphal, May 10:

Biswasi Butterfly Orchid (Papilionanthe biswasiana), a medium sized orchid growing on trees, found only in Burma, Thailand and China, was recorded for the first time in India by a team of New Delhi based websites for flowers called the Flowers of India from Manipur.

This cool growing orchid growing on trees, with an erect to pendulous, stout, often unbranched stem carrying well spaced, is native to China South-Central, Myanmar, Thailand.

A flower hunter team who had been contributing photographs of many flowers to The

Flowers of India team, photographed the orchid (Papilionanthe biswasiana) while exploring floristic diversity at Khangkhui area in Manipur's Ukhrul district, the natural habitat of state flower Shirui Lily (Lilium mackliniae) which blossom in May-June, according to Tabish Qureshi of The Flowers of India.

This new orchid plant was recorded from Khangkhui area in Ukhrul district, says Tabish, creator of the 17 year old site. Later it was identified by Botanist (Orchid ecology & Taxonomy) Dr Pankaj Kumar of Hong Kong based Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, a conservation and education centre.

This species was not re-



ported earlier and is a new addition to the flora of the country. Tabish, a physicist by profession also claimed that this rare plant must be growing in similar climate in North East but nobody realised it

In August 2018, Aristolochia ovatifolia, a climbing shrub found in China, was also spotted for the first time in India by a team of Flowers of India in Manipur. The oval-leaf Pipevine species was known as "Ngashanwon" at the Shirui village in Ukhrul district. The name pipevine refers to the unusual shape of the flowers, which look like Dutch smoking pipes. The flower was also once featured in the 'newly added flower first' category of www.flowersofindia.net

SSUM bans construction works at Saiton High School

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A statement by Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) said that construction work for Science Laboratory, Library and Computer laboratory at Saiton High School had been found under quality.

A statement of the stu-

dents' Union said that unless the contractor and authority of the Engineering Cell of Education department held a meeting with them, all construction works had to be put on hold.

The SSUM said that the Education Minister, local MLA and the ZEO should take the matter with extreme seriousness.

Being a country of youth India is full of hope

Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



India is a country full of diversity, but it has now got the distinction of being a country with the largest number of youth in the world. The country is bubbling with 440 million youth. No other nation in the world has such a huge young population. These include young people who were born between 1981 and 1996. In US style, they are termed as Millennials. Most of these boys and girls have been born in the midst of the technological transformation of the country and almost all of them are aware of the new lifestyle associated with the smartphone and fast speed automobiles, be it the youth of the rural areas or the townsfolk. Of course the urban youth use all kinds of gadgets. Social media is the super connector and it keeps them busy all the time, whether it's work or leisure time. There may be many shortcomings in the new generation, but the merits are also not less. Whatever progress is being made in today's era and new technology is coming, behind it all is the innovative thinking of the new generation. Google (Alphabet) CEO Sundar Pichai is very impressed with this quality of the youth, and says that "the new generation is leading the changes in the world".

Google is a company with lots of young employees and a positive thinking environment where they only talk about the possibilities. It has a culture of looking at the positive side of things and never losing hope. Actor and filmmaker Satish Kaushik also said in one of his interviews that "the new generation filmmakers work on new themes and they understand the value of time". However, engineering students are least interested in sports. This fact has come out from a latest survey. Sports and gym are not even mentioned in the top 10 hobbies of these students. Stanford University of USA conducted a survey of hobbies of students from 167 technical institutes in US, China, Russia and India, in which new information about engineering students came to the fore. A similar survey was also conducted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). About 90 thousand students took part in it. Their top three hobbies include learning something new, reading and watching documentary films on YouTube.

The first 10 hobbies that emerged, in order of preference for engineering youth include - learning new things, reading, watching online documentaries, gardening, tourism, painting, cycling, cooking, online games and photography. Meanwhile, Tennis champion Rafael Nadal said on the Australian Open TV stage that "After every tournament I try to discover myself and for this I often go on sea voyages. I find immense peace and energy in the midst of the ocean. When I come back after spending some time in the sea, I find it easier to balance life. I have to save my energy for practice. That's why I don't waste my energy by getting tangled in useless things. To get success, it is necessary to put your energy in the right place. I find my energy in the ocean, you can find it somewhere else. Find the source of energy and put it in the right place, your success is certain".

Janaki Navami and its significance



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

"Bhai Pragat Kumari Bhumi - Vidari Jan Hukari Bhayahari. Atuli Chhabhi Bhari Muni - Manhari Janak Dulari Sukumari. Sundar Sinhasan Tehi Par Aasan Koti Hutasan Dyutikari. Sir Chhatra Birajai Sakhi Sang Bhajai Nij-Nij Karaj Kardhari. Sur Siddh Sujana Hanai Nishana Chadhe Bimana Samudai, Barsahin Bahuphula Mangal Moola Anukooliya Siya Gun Gal."
- Tulsidas

Janaki Navami or Sita Navami has great significance in Sanatan Dharma and Indian culture. Janak Nandini and spouse of Bhagwan Ram was born or revealed on the Navami Tithi of Shukla Paksha of Vaishakh month. This day falls exactly one month after Sri Ram Navami and is celebrated with great pomp and gaiety all over the Indian Sub-continent.

Maa Sita was the adopted daughter of Raja Janak, the king of Mithila (also called Videh), hence she is also termed as Janaki or Janak Nandini. According to Sanatan Dharma mythology, Raja Janak was ploughing the land during a Yagya ritual at present day Sitamarhi in Bihar, the border dis-

trict of Nepal. He found a baby within a golden casket in the furrow of the field, whom the childless king accepted as the divine gift as his beloved daughter. Sri Ram was the Avatar of Bhagwan Vishnu and Maa Sita is regarded as the embodiment of his wife Devi Lakshmi. She is also called Bhumi as she appeared from the Bhumi i.e. the earth.

Prabhu Sri Ram and Maa Sita is considered as an ideal couple. Although several hurdles had come in their way, they were firm about their relationship. The character of Maa Sita is the epitome of an ideal woman in the human world and almost all families have the ambition for a daughter, a spouse, a daughter-in-laws, or a mother like Sita. She is known for her dedication, sincerity, courage, purity and self-sacrifice. She was a princess, but she accompanied her husband as a Pativrata Stree (devoted wife) during his exile. She loved Lakshman and Hanuman as her brother and son. She followed the traditions of helping the poor & Sant by providing Bhiksha to Ravan, who was disguised as Sadhu. She was intelligent and had the presence of mind to throw her jewels to the monkeys, which later helped Sri Ram-Sena to trace the abducted route. After her kidnapping, she warned Ravan for the debacle of his generation due to his misdeeds.

Sita was unhappy with her separation or informal divorce during her pregnancy, but she was courageous. She decided to give birth to children and equip them with all virtues. She lived as a single mother in the later part of her life. She didn't consider herself a victim and did not go back to



Ayodhya to demand equal rights. She understood Sri Ram's internal struggle to choose the role between a king or a husband.

She performed her duty as the beloved daughter of Raja Janak's family, the daughter-in-law of Dashrath's family, the spouse of Prabhu Ram, and lastly the mother of Maharaj Luv and Kush. When Luv and Kush were accepted by the Praja of Ayodhya and father Ram, her last role as mother was also completed and she returned to the womb of Dharati Mata (the earth) to seek solace from the cruel world, where purity needs proof from women.

On the auspicious day of Janaki Navami, the married women observe Upwas (a day-long fast) for the longevity and success of their husbands and worship Sri Ram and Maa Sita to seek their blessings. Along with deities of Ram, Sita and Lakshman, the plow representing

Dharti Mata (Earth) is also worshipped with proper Puja-vidhi. Devotees chant the slok of Rigveda (4.57.6) - "Arvachi Subhage Bhava Site Vandamahe Tva. Yatha Nah Subhagasasi Yathah Nah Sufalasasi." (O Maa Site, come in front of us. We bow before you. O Goddess, enriched with supreme treasure and vibes, please show your kindness and generosity and be the harbinger of auspicious outcomes for us).

Maa Sita, her character and struggle life is part and parcel of the enriched culture of the Indian Sub-continent. It is believed that by performing the Puja rituals and Vrat on Janaki Navami bestows virtues like modesty, motherhood, sacrifice and dedication and blesses a joyful and prosperous married life.

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Importance of English Language



By: Vijay GarG

English is the official language of 53 countries and spoken by around 400 million people across the globe. It is the most common second language in the world. If you want to interact with someone from another country then the chances are that you will both speak English to communicate. Everyone has to understand the English language because people from different regions know different languages due to which they cannot understand each other, at that time English is the only medium to interact with each other.

The Language of Business: It has become a necessity for people to speak English if they are in a global workforce. There are various global companies and organizations all over the world in which English is mandated as well as their official corporate language. In a survey of a local newspaper, it is stated that cross-border business communication is most often conducted in English.

Hollywood: Hollywood is the best platform for global entertainment, so it's obvious that English would become the main language for movie-making. However, the movies are often dubbed over or subtitled but they are really best enjoyed in the language in which they were intended. Many foreign actors have learned to speak in English for the simple reason that they must know how to speak the language to be the part of the Hollywood. Millions of foreigners watch Hollywood films in English with help of subtitles. So, we have to admit that English is the prevalent language in the world's largest movie industry.

Global Language: As English is the global language, so we can use it around the world. It is the com-

mon language. Students can go abroad for their studies if they have the proper knowledge of this language. If they have weak command over English then they may face the difficulty of adjusting to the new environment.

The Language of the Internet: A large number of websites on the Internet nowadays are in English and it's estimated that more than half of the entire online material is published in English. It becomes the unofficial language of the internet. So, we can say that internet speaks English. Learning English is important as it gives you access to over half the content on the internet. Knowing how to read and understand English will allow you access to billions of pages of information which are available on the internet.

Social Status: There are numbers of business opportunities in the developing nations and if you have good knowledge of English you can avail the chance. Moreover, if you speak fluent English, your job opportunities are much better than those who are average in English, and it is inevitably leading to a certain social status being assigned to fluent English speakers. The number of people trying to learn the language is growing day by day because of this social status factor.

Useful for Students: For the prosperous future of the students, they should have the better command over this language. They must practice English from their school age so that when it's time for their career building they have a good grip over the language and can able to avail the bundle of opportunities. Also, there are large numbers of books that are written in the English language. English literature is vast and rich. Many of the latest scientific discoveries are documented in English.

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BJP is facing little challenge from its rival is now in National Politics Disunity in Opposition gives a boost to confidence of Narendra Modi

By: Amulya Ganguli

The Delhi police's initial reluctance to book saffron activists for their hate speech against Muslims, and the centre's certificate to the sedition laws before the Supreme Court, are typical signs of authoritarianism. Left unchecked, such an official attitude is bound to pave the way for an intolerant, pro-Hindu state.

The only saving grace at the moment is the judiciary which is why the police have had to overturn their earlier clean chit to the hate-mongers and may even put some of them behind bars. The verdict on the sedition case is still awaited. But there is little doubt that the government will fight tooth-and-nail to retain it on the statute book, given its utility in harassing critics.

What these developments show, however, is the thin line on which the nation is walking to safeguard its democracy. There is little doubt that any misstep will usher in a totalitarian regime. The danger is all the greater because apart from the judiciary, there are virtually no bulwarks against a steep descent into autocracy.

While parties such as the Trinamool Congress, the DMK, the Congress, the CPI(M), the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Aam Admi Party (AAP) are likely to resist the authoritarian trends, there are others like the Janata Dal (United), the Biju Janata Dal and the YSR Congress which will tamely go along with the BJP.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi is threatening to take on the BJP, but it is a lone ranger. Moreover, its past bonhomie with the BJP can raise

doubts about its future plans.

Similarly, the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen has been accused of being the BJP's "B" team although its leader, Asaduddin Owaisi, has been sharply critical of the saffron party. But its Muslim background makes the "secular" parties wary of associating with it for fear of alienating the Hindu voters. The ghost of Jinnah still haunts the Indian political scene.

That leaves few credible challengers to the BJP, leaving it an open field. Besides, the challengers themselves do not always inspire confidence because of their many flaws. Mamata Banerjee, for instance, lacks sophistication. The DMK's M.K. Stalin, too, is a provincial figure who can only speak Tamil. The CPI(M) is confined to Kerala, having frittered away its earlier strongholds in West Bengal and Tripura, and the RJD to Bihar.

The AAP at the moment appears capable of giving the BJP a run for its money in states outside the Hindi belt such as Gujarat. But the AAP's ideology is woolly and its politics is marked by opportunism where taking a firm stand against the BJP's minority-baiting is concerned. As its pro-Hindu slogans suggest, the AAP is careful about its stance vis-à-vis the majority community.

Where the BJP is concerned, therefore, it appears to be well-placed on the road to a Hindu rashttra. Given the present political trends, the RSS can look forward with great elation to a successful celebrating of its centenary year in 2025. What seemed undiraable in the years of Nehru and Indira Gandhi is now apparently well within reach.

Against the backdrop of establishing a Hindu rashttra, the existing difficulties with regard to inflation and unemployment will appear minimal and even inconsequential. What will matter to the average Hindu is the possibility of achieving a dream where the minorities - Muslims and Christians - will be totally marginalized, being unable to exercise any influence in the fields of music and movies, as the Muslims have done for long, or in the fields of education and a westernized lifestyle which have been associated with the Christians.

It is not accidental, therefore, that there is a row over replacing English with Hindi as the link language and an attempt is being made to drown out the sound of the azaan - the Muslim liturgy of prayers - with loud chants of Hindu religious invocations. It is also not accidental that bulldozers are being deployed to destroy the supposedly illegal shops and establishments of the Muslims since these mechanical monsters tend to create fear among the bystanders.

The hesitancy shown by the Delhi police to act against the hate-mongers till the judiciary intervened is not seen in the audio-visual media which is full of saffron bloggers and anchors. They rarely lose an opportunity to praise the ruling dispensation and criticize its opponents. Not since the Emergency have such large sections of the media been so subservient except for a few notable exceptions. Whether it is the police or the bureaucracy or the media, therefore, authoritarianism is rampant.

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India's fresh Covid tally below 3k-mark after a week with 2,288 new cases; 10 deaths in 24 hrs

Agency
New Delhi, May 10:

India's daily Covid-19 tally fell below the 3,000-mark on Tuesday after nearly a week. In the past 24 hours, the country reported 2,288 fresh cases – a dip of 919 cases in comparison to the previous day's tally of 3,207 – taking the total number of infections recorded so far to 43,107,689, according to the Union health ministry's latest data.

Ten deaths reported in the same time span took the toll since the start of the pandemic to 5,24,103.

Active cases now comprise 0.05 per cent of the total infections, the data further showed. The national recovery rate reached 98.74 per cent after 3,044 people recuperated from the viral disease in the same time span. This took the

cumulative tally of recoveries to 4,25,63,949.

The total number of tests conducted the previous day to detect the Covid-19 infection stood at 4,84,843, the health ministry said. On the vaccination front, the total number of vaccines administered so far has reached 1,90,50,86,706, of which 13,90,912 were given on Monday.

Fresh infections began rising across the country, including Delhi and Maharashtra, a few days ago. The surge had come after cases had gone down following a period of spike between January to February, driven by the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

However, the daily Covid tally has maintained a downward trend for the past two days, with infections now dropping below the 3000-mark. The World Health

Organisation's recent report on excess deaths that went unreported globally made headlines as the report pegged the number of deaths in India associated with Covid-19 to 4.7 million – as against the government's toll of 4,80,000. The government refuted the report and stated its objections to the use of "mathematical model" for projecting excess mortality estimates in view of the availability of authentic data.

In the past two days, total 745 samples were collected from the NID, barely a month after the institute resumed regular offline classes. Ten health teams of the AMC with over 20 staff stationed on the campus on Monday collected 575 samples for RT-PCR test and another 20 for RAT, while on Sunday 147 samples for RAT were collected.

Manipur Integrated Logistics Policy, 2022 will streamline state's logistic infrastructure: Minister Nemcha

IT News
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Textiles, Commerce & Industries Minister, Nemcha Kipgen stated that the Manipur Integrated Logistics Policy, 2022, which was approved in the 1st Cabinet Meeting, will surely streamline the logistic infrastructure in Manipur. This was informed by the Minister during his official visit to Integrated Check Point (ICP), Moreh.

While interacting with the Officials of Land Ports Authority of India, Minister Nemcha urged for the proper maintenance of the infrastructures of the ICP, Moreh as it has the strategic advantage of India's Gateway to the East and the only feasible land route for trade between India, Myanmar and other Southeast Asian Countries. Minister also



sought cooperation from the local CSOs and the villagers for proper maintenance of the ICP and other developmental activities/projects of the Central and State Government. The officials of Land Ports Authority of India also felicitated

Minister Kipgen with the insignia of ICP, Moreh.

During the visit, Industries Minister, Nemcha also inspected the site for Industrial Estate in Tengnoupal District and Trade Centre in Moreh. Enroute to the border town, the

Minister inspected the Keiraopokpi Industrial Estate, Kakching District too.

Director, Commerce and Industries, Y. Robita and concerned Officers and Officials also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

NIA Conducts Searches at Premises Linked to Dawood Ibrahim's Terror Network in Mumbai

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, May 10

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted searches at several premises in Mumbai and adjoining areas, linked to terror activities of the terrorist network of fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar (D company) and detained a couple of people for interrogation on Monday.

"NIA conducted searches at 24 places in Mumbai commissionerate and 5 places in Mira Bhayander Commissionerate in a case (No RC 01/2022/NIA/Mum) registered suo moto by NIA on February 03, 2022," the NIA stated. "The case pertains to terror/criminal activities of the international terrorist network of D company involving Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar and his associates including Haji Anees @Anees Ibrahim Shaikh, Shakeel Shaikh @ Chhota Shakeel, Javed Patel @ Javed Chikna and Ibrahim Mushtaq Razzaq Memon @Tiger Memon who are indulging in arms smuggling, Narco-terrorism, money laundering, circulation of Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) and are in unauthorised possession/ involved in the acquisition of key assets for raising terror funds and working in active collaboration with international terrorist organizations including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish e Mohammad (JeM), and Al Qaeda (AQ)" NIA said in a tweet.



NIA conducts searches at multiple locations in Mumbai. (Inset: Left): Dawood Ibrahim. (Inset: Right): Salim Qureshi aka Salim Fruit.

"During the searches conducted today at premises of the suspected associates of Dawood Ibrahim, various incriminating materials including electronic devices, documents of investment in real estate, cash, and firearms were seized. Further investigation continues", the NIA added.

In February, the NIA had

registered a case about the involvement of top leadership and operatives of D-Company, many of them based abroad, in terror activities, organized crime, and acts aimed at creating unrest in India.

On Monday the raids were carried out in Parel, Nagpada, Bandra, Santacruz, Goregaon, Borivali, Mumbai (Thane), and in other areas against sharpshooters, drug traffickers, hawala operators, real estate managers of Dawood and other key players in the criminal syndicate. The NIA is monitoring the gamut of criminal and terrorist acts committed by members of the underworld network

run by Dawood from his haven in Karachi, Pakistan.

Detained

The NIA picked up Salim Qureshi aka Salim Fruit, gangster Chhota Shakeel's aide, from his residence in the Bhandi Bazar area of south Mumbai. Similarly, Suhail Khandwani, Managing Trustee Mahim Dargah & Haji Ali Dargah, was taken into custody. A few others were also taken into custody during the raids.

Salim Fruit was accused of running an extortion racket for Shakeel and Dawood abroad in the early 2000 and was deported to India by the UAE government in 2006. He was arrested in an extortion case related to Chhota Shakeel and was charged under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) along with others. He was in prison till 2010. In 2016, he was again arrested by the Anti-Extortion Cell of Mumbai police in connection with a case of threatening and demanding Rs 25 lakh extortion from a doctor in Central Mumbai. Fruit and his accomplice were arrested after the Crime Branch laid a trap in that case.

According to official sources, "D-Company has established a special unit for striking terror in the people of India by attacking eminent personalities in India including political leaders, businessmen, and others by using explosives, fire-arms and other lethal weapons and is planning to instigate and trigger incidents which may lead to the onset of violence in various parts of India, including National Capital Region, Mumbai and other major cities in India."

Dawood Ibrahim was designated as a global terrorist in 2003 by India and the United States, with a reward of US\$25 million on his head for his alleged role in the March 12, 1993, serial bombing in Mumbai. He is also accused in multiple cases of extortion, murder, and smuggling. More recently, the Pakistan government-sanctioned Dawood Ibrahim and 87 others for terror-related activities to evade being put on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list. The list is prepared by the FATF, an intergovernmental body formed to control money laundering. It was established in 1989 by the G 7 summit in France.

Air Marshal DK Patnaik Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Air Command visits Air Force station



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Air Marshal DK Patnaik, Air Officer Commanding in Chief Eastern Air Command visited Air Force Station Kumbhirgram on May 8 & 9, 2022. He was received by Group Captain GS Tung, Station Commander, Air Force Station Kumbhirgram.

After being presented with a Guard of Honour on arrival the Air Officer was briefed upon the operational preparedness of the Station. In his address Air Marshal DK Patnaik appreciated the high degree of motivation of the air warriors and unflinching efforts put in by the station despite its remote location.

Mon firing incident probe complete: Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande

Agency
New Delhi, May 10:

Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Monday said the investigation into the December 4 firing incident in Nagaland's Mon district has been completed and the report is now undergoing legal scrutiny.

In an interaction with a

group of journalists, he also suggested that standard operating procedures and drills could be refined based on the findings of the report.

The botched counter-insurgency operation at Oting village in Mon district of Nagaland claimed the lives of 14 civilians and it triggered a massive public outcry in the state.

Name correction

I, the undersigned, Laishram Gyanendro Singh, serving in the 34 Assam Rifles as a Rifleman/GD, do hereby declare that the date of my legal wife Saikhom Sandhyarani has been wrongly recorded as 01/02/1986 instead of 01/03/1987 in my service record.

I, therefore clarified that the date of birth of my legal wife should be rectified as 01/03/1987 in my service record by concerned to avoid complicity in future.

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Importance of English

So, students should have knowledge of English so that they can understand all these material and enhance their knowledge. Besides this, many universities and schools worldwide are offering an increasing number of courses taught exclusively in English. In order to take advantage of a number of study opportunities and courses, English will be a necessity. Furthermore, for a research study or other publication to get sufficient attention, it should be published in English.

Career Opportunities: If you have a vast knowledge of English then there are various fields in which you can pursue your career. To begin with, Call centres and helpline centres, where you need to have good

English speaking skills in order to understand and make the other person understand the problem. Then comes the translation either translating English to some other language or vice versa. Also, Anchoring carrier also requires a person with good speaking ability who can instantaneously frame words and phrases in a good way. Further, writing and editing, to write a good stuff requires a good knowledge of using the words in such a way so that the audience becomes more interested in reading your content. So, such writing needs a person with good ability in thinking and writing in English. Moreover, carriers like acting, dancing, singing etc. though need not a qualification in English

but if you have good English speaking skills then you are likely to become more famous and communicating with the people. There are various other professions like RJ (Radio Jockey), Journalism, Marketing and Advertisement in which you can achieve a good position if you have good knowledge of the language.

Interstate Communication: In India, people going from North to South for education or business mostly communicate in English, due to which English has become a link language. Keeping this in mind, the Parliament has also recognized English as an official language in addition to Hindi. The people from different states and with different languages cannot able to understand

each other but they can easily understand the English language, and it became the link between these people. In such cases, it is very profitable for the interstate communications. Here, we cannot deny the importance of this language in our life.

Language of Tourism: English plays a vital role in the tourism for the both; tourist as well as local. Tourists and local people can understand each other. English has the ability to motivate international tourists. With the better knowledge of the English language, we can understand the culture of the place where we visit as a tourist. We can create better internal and external communication. As every place has their own rules and

regulation, we are able to understand them if we know English and follow them because mostly sign and warning boards are in English.

We admit it that there are some absolute advantages of regional languages over English no doubt, but in spite of that, there is the need and importance of English language in our life. There are many advantages to this style as discussed above. No one can avoid its importance because it is necessary for everyone. People can use it internationally. The other regional language of the country is absolutely the good, but the English language in our life has most needs and importance. Consequently, English is the best language in the worldwide.

Borun Thokchom's *I Rise* & James Khangembam's *Meiram-the Fireline* selected in MIFF 2022

IT News
Imphal, May 10:

Two documentary films namely- Borun Thokchom's *I Rise* and James Khangembam's *Meiram - The Fireline* have been selected at the 17th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films (MIFF-2022) organized by the Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India to be held from 29 May to 4 June, 2022 in Mumbai. Both the young filmmakers from Manipur are officially invited to participate at this prestigious festival which is one of the biggest documentary film festivals in the world.

Borun Thokchom's documentary film- *I Rise* has been selected at National Competition section whereas James Khangembam's debut documentary film- *Meiram - The Fireline* in the International Prism section of MIFF 2022.

I Rise is a 52-minute Indian documentary film inspired by the real-life saga of a seven-time Asian Championship med-



Borun Thokchom



James Khangembam

alist Laishram Sarita Devi. The film is directed and cinematographed by National award-winning filmmaker Borun Thokchom and produced by Films Division Mumbai. The documentary, *I Rise*, begins from the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea where Sarita Devi refused to accept her bronze medal after protesting against the match decision and goes on to cover the life of India's ace boxer. The film was awarded the Best Documentary at the 9th Mumbai Short International Film Festival held in October 2020 in Mumbai. It also won the Best Film on

Women Outstanding Achievement Award at the Tagore International Film Festival held in West Bengal in 2020. The film is based on the real story of Sarita Devi who was born to a poor family in Thoubal district of Manipur. She gained prominence after winning a bronze medal at the World Championship held in 2005. She was also bestowed upon with the Arjuna award for her achievements.

Borun Thokchom, a journalist and filmmaker from Manipur won the National Film Award for Best First Non-Feature Film of a Director in 2011 in his 17-minute his

documentary, *The Silent Poet*, which highlights the poetic side of Manipur's iron lady, from Sharmila Chanu.

James Khangembam's *Meiram - The Fireline* is a 33-minute documentary film on forest conservation at the Punsilok area of the Langol hills started by Loiya Moirangthem and his group of friends. The film visually touches the embracing colours of wild and slices of biodiversity. The film is produced by James Khangembam who handles the camera. Mocha Kangiam is the sound designer whose work revolves around the moving environment and nature. Johni is the editor. James Khangembam said, "My film is an observational documentary. When one sees my film, one would feel like he or she is in the forest. My film also generates the sense of voluntariness among the youths towards the conservation of forest." He started the filming since 2017 and completed in 2020 and it took around one and half year in post-production.

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CM inaugurates Start Up.....

In his keynote address, Vice-Chancellor, D.M. University Prof. N. Rajmuhon Singh stated that incubation centres had been set up as an integral part of the Start Up scheme to impart necessary infrastructure, mentorship, assist in obtaining financial support and to nurture and support innovations of Start Ups. The National Education Policy 2020 had emphasized on skill development, entrepreneurship and to promote technology incubation, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor continued that the incubation

centres aimed at enriching the Start Ups with all business related issues and opportunities, thereby laying stepping stones for the young entrepreneurs and helping them compete at global level. He further expressed hopefulness that incubation centres would help in mitigating the unemployment problem in Manipur.

It may be mentioned that in the first phase, the incubation centre at DM University will organize a three months incubation training programme for 35 selected participants.

Vice-Chancellor, Manipur Technical University (MTU) Dr. Bhabeswar Tongbram, Registrar, D.M. University Dr. Nivedita Lairenlakpam, Registrar, MTU Ng. Bhogendra

CM N. Biren honours 43 ...

It may be mentioned that the ISL is co-promoted by Reliance, Star Indian and supported by the All India Football Federation. Presently eleven premier football clubs are playing in ISL.

India's leading industrialists and celebrities from

Meitei, Director, Planning N. Kulkarani Devi, Principals of Colleges under D.M. University, Officials, Faculty members and Students also attended the programme among others.

sports as well as the Indian film industry have heavily invested in the league's 11 franchises based in the following cities: Chennai, Bhubaneswar, Goa, Guwahati, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Jamshedpur.

Chief Minister N. Biren feted at Yangkhullen; Want to preserve as a Heritage village

IT News
Imphal, May 10:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh was today felicitated at Yangkhullen Village, Senapati District. The felicitation programme was organised by the Zeme Literature Society, Manipur under the aegis of the Zeme Naga Council Manipur.

Addressing the function as the Chief Guest, Chief Minister N. Biren expressed his appreciation for the people of Yangkhullen and Bendramei Villages for preserving the jungle cover in their area and assured construction of a football ground under the Green Manipur Mission as a reward.

The Chief Minister, who expressed his delight and happiness on seeing the beauty and uniqueness of the village, also assured to apprise and urge the central Government immediately to declare Ze-Mnu (Yangkhullen) Village as a Heritage Village. Further calling upon the people to preserve their heritage, the Chief Minister also assured all possible assistance from the government and to send experts from the Archaeology Department for preservation works.

The government had allocated Rs. 3 crores for the preservation of the Heritage Site at Yangkhullen, he stressed adding that he couldn't see proper execution of the same. Further instructing the Deputy Commissioner to prepare a detailed report of the same, he warned that anyone found misusing funds, wouldn't be spared.

Further explaining government schemes and urging the public to come out and avail of the benefits provided, N. Biren Singh said that the State Government had launched the Chief



Ministergi Hakshelgi Tengbang on 1st May, 2018 providing health assurance to poor people of the State. He further expressed his satisfaction as 30 people from the village would be able to avail of the benefits of the scheme as they were delivered CMHT cards during today's programme.

The Go to Hills Mission was launched to bridge the developmental gap between the hill and valley, he said.

He further explained the appointment of IAS and MCS officers as Prabhari for the Sub-Divisions of the State and introduced L. Nandakumar Singh, who was appointed as the Prabhari for Willong Sub-Division. The Chief Minister said the Prabhari were appointed to monitor, streamline development works and ensure benefits of government schemes reach the intended beneficiaries in the Sub-Divisions. He further requested to the people to welcome government officials and to show a friendly and hospitable nature.

The Chief Minister further stressed the need for all communities to live and grow together giving respect to one another.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also looked into the memorandum submitted and assured all possible actions. He further

assured of setting up a mobile network tower in the area.

The memorandum includes the establishment of a police station in the area, police outpost, construction of roads, water supply project, and upgradation of Yangkhullen Primary Health Centre to Community Health Centre among others.

Meanwhile, Zeme Let Text-books for Classes 9 and 10 were released as part of the programme.

As part of the programme, GIS sheets were distributed to 46 beneficiaries at 5 bundles per beneficiaries. CMHT cards to 30 beneficiaries and gas cards to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries.

The Chief Minister also stressed the need to develop Dzuko Valley to attract visitors. He further expressed his gratitude to the villagers for their hospitality, love, and care.

The function was also attended by Minister Water Resources, Relief and Disaster Management, Manipur Awangbow Newmai, Minister Education, Law & Legislative Affairs, Manipur Thounaojam Basanta, MLA 48-Mao AC, Losi Dikho, MLA 47 Karong AC J Kumo Sha, government officials, village chiefs, among others.

Cultural performances also highlighted the programme.

Sports

Lovlina off to flying start at 12th IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

IT Correspondent
New Delhi, May 10:

Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain kicked start her campaign on an impressive note by notching up a thrilling win at the 12th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Istanbul on Monday.

The 24-year-old star Indian boxer dished out a splendid show to secure a 3-2 win against the former world champion Chen Nien-Chin in the 70kg opening round bout.

The Chinese Taipei boxer entered the match with a 3-1 head-to-head record. She had defeated the Indian in the 2018 World Championships semifinal. On the other hand, Lovlina's only win against Chen came in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics quarter-final enroute her bronze medal winning triumph.

Both the boxers started off cautiously and maintained distance from each other. Making her first outing at the international circuit after heroics in Tokyo, the boxer from Assam showed no signs of rustiness and hit some timely



punches.

The intensely-fought second and final saw both the boxers exchanging heavy punches. Chen, who won gold and bronze medals in 2018 and 2016 respectively at the World Championships, tried attacking but the swift-moving Indian managed to block with a good defence technique and tilted the result of the nail-biting match in her favour.

Lovlina will take on Cindy Ngamba of Fair Chance Team in the round-of-16 match on

Friday.

On the second day, Nitu, the lone Indian boxer in action, will begin her challenges in the 48kg opening round against Romania's Steluta Duta.

Four Indians—Shiksha (54kg), Manisha (57kg), Ankushita (66kg) and Nandini (+81kg)—have been handed a bye in their respective opening rounds.

With a record participation of 310 boxers from 73 countries across the world, this

year's event also marks the 20th anniversary of the prestigious event which will be played till May 20.

In the last edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships held in Russia in 2019, the Indian boxers clinched one silver and three bronze medals. India's tally of 36 medals, including nine gold, eight silver and 19 bronze, so far in the 11 editions of the tournament is the third highest after Russia (60) and China (50).

I-League: Kenneth Ngwoke takes Churchill Brothers to win over NEROCA FC

Agency
Kalyani, May 10:

Churchill Brothers missed out on another clean sheet but snatched all available points against NEROCA FC, here at the Kalyani Stadium in the Hero I-league match on Monday. A solid and steady performance by the Red Machines saw them hand the Orange Brigade their third successive defeat.

After a heavy defeat against Gokulam Kerala in their previous encounter, NEROCA made six changes to the side. However, there were still nervous moments minutes into the first half. Quan Gomes' corner came straight to Momo Cisse. The defender's header sailed over the bar. At the other end, Sergio Mendigutxia was causing trouble for the Churchill defense on several occasions.

Minutes past the midway point of the first half, Nora Fernandes almost gifted NEROCA a goal spilling the ball in his box. But the keeper was quick to recover before the Orange Brigade could cause any damage. Mendigutxia picked

up an unnecessary booking for striking the ball towards the goal after the referee had blown his whistle. Around the half-hour mark, Saurav Mandal was denied at the near-post by Prateek Singh.

NEROCA probed forward on multiple occasions as Churchill broke on the counter with Gnohere Krizo. The Ivorian nutmegged Ben Nash before he was brought down on the edge of the box by James Singh, who was tracking back at full speed. Cisse stood over the ball and was also involved in a small scrap with Olen Singh. The incident did not distract the Senegalese as he smashed the freekick home to give Churchill the lead.

Four minutes after the opener, Churchill added another goal to their tally. Gomes' delivery from the corner came to Richard Costa. Costa's effort was blocked on the line by Davis Kamanga and the rebound went directly to Kenneth Ngwoke as the Nigerian slot it past the keeper and defenders to give his side a comfortable two-goal cushion at

half-time. Two minutes from half-time, Mendigutxia could have pulled one back but the Spaniard's header was saved superbly by Nora.

After the interval, NEROCA came out on the front foot. A minute into the half, Mendigutxia tried to squeeze the ball into the goal with a side-footed shot that was saved comfortably by Nora. Minutes later, Ngwoke fouled Kamanga as NEROCA was awarded a freekick in a good position. Kamanga struck it beautifully as the ball curled and dipped but only bounced off the crossbar and went out for a goal-kick.

Suresh Meitei was solid inside the Churchill box. However, it was Lamgouen who popped up with a crucial intercepting header to deny Mendigutxia. Churchill Brothers were dealt an injury blow as Cisse was withdrawn minutes after the hour mark. Just when it looked like NEROCA would exploit a vulnerable Churchill defense, Mendigutxia limped off the pitch clutching his hamstring.