

State Govt. frames new transfer and posting policy for Govt. employees

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

The state government of Manipur has framed a new transfer and posting policy its employees. Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Personnel Division), Govt. of Manipur has issued a notification on May 12, 2022.

As per the notification, normal tenure of posting of a government employee will be a minimum of one (1) years and six months and a maximum of three (3) years in a place of posting. No transfer may be effected unless concerned employee completed 1 (one) year and 6 (six) months in a post, unless there are compelling reasons or

circumstances to do so.

The new policy is applicable to all employees under the Government and all its agencies, including PSUs, Corporations, Societies, Agencies, Commissions, etc.

The state government framed the new transfer policy to ensure effective, efficient and responsive across the state, while taking care to minimize hardship to all due to frequent transfer and postings, and also to ensure equitable distribution of govt. employees at different locations in fair and transparent manner and to maximize job satisfaction.

Other conditions for the transfer and posting of the state government employees are -

Officer/official must be posted for a total period of not less than 9(nine) years in hill areas/difficult places during the entire service period. This may be served successively or after breaks, as preferred by the Officer/official, subject to each stint being not less than 1(one) year and 6(six) months.

As laid down in Sub-para (iii) above, each such posting in hill areas/difficult places shall not be less than 1(one) year and 6(six) months. However, Officers/officials who are performing well and willing to serve longer in hill areas/ difficult places may be allowed to serve for a period longer than 3(three) years as may be decided.

Categorization of places for the purpose of difficult postings will be made by the respective Departments, in consultation with the Department of Personnel. IT-based Manpower Management System will be used to manage the transfer and postings of all employees.

As far as possible, officials may be posted at their Home District, if the Official so chooses, 2(two) years before their retirement so as to facilitate ease in processing pension matters.

Transfers shall normally be effected in the month of April/ May after the financial year is over so that disruption of work is minimal.

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3 Non-Tribal names listed as STs in the rejected list for jobs application at DM University

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

Three non-tribal names listed as STs in the rejected list of applicants for the post of Deputy Finance Officer in Dhanamanjuri University Manipur.

According to a notification in the Dhanamanjuri University Manipur official website dated 12th May 2022 signed by Dr. Nivedita Lairenlakpam, Registrar, Dhanamanjuri University, re-

jected applicants were listed with specified reasons, cited as remarks against their names. All claims and objections by the rejected candidates, if desired is invited for submission to the office of the Registrar, Dhanamanjuri University by 4 P.M. of 20th May, 2022 for consideration by the University.

Among the rejected candidates three non-tribal names Ningthoujam Ghanashyam Singh, Laimujam Dipen Singh and Rajkumar Giridhari Singh

are listed as STs in the rejected list of applicants for the post of Deputy Finance Officer. The remark column uniformly states 'NOC from the current employer required for all the three applicants.'

All together 10 applicants were rejected for the said post. The notification also includes lists of 25 rejected applicants for the post of Deputy Registrar and another 16 rejected list of applicants for the post of Deputy Controller of Examination.

Illegal teak sawn timber seized in Jiribam

IT Correspondent
Jiribam, May 13:

Based on the inputs, officials of Jiribam Forest Division seized huge consignment of teak sawn timber from Jiribam District.

As per report, on last Thursday around 3:10pm, a team of Jiribam Forest Division led by Rajesh Darade, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Jiribam Forest Division came across 356 nos. of sawn teak beams from Dibong, Jiribam with an approximate total volume of 112 cubic meters.

It was expected, the said teak beams are likely to be transported from Myanmar.

The illegal forest products



is seized under u/s 41,42 of Indian Forest (Manipur Amendment) Act, 2018 and Rule 33(a) of Manipur Forest Rules.

The Confiscation proce-

dures is being initiated under relevant section of Indian Forest (Manipur Amendment) Act, 2018.

The DFO, Jiribam Rajesh Darade and N. Biraj Singh, in-

charge Range Forest Officer, Jiribam Range appeals to public not to indulge in such illegal trade. Such illegal acts are punishable under Indian Forest Act, 1927.

A Multilingual Film "Phuket 1.0" Yaipha Thouni held



IT News
Imphal, May 13:

The multilingual film titled "PHUKET 1.0" Yaipha Thouni was held yesterday at Imoinu Ahong Achouba Achoubigi Laikol, Wangoi.

It will be directed by Joychand Moirangthem with its story by Poireringanbi Chanu and Joychand. Its screenplay is done by Poireringanbi Chanu, Dr. Atom Sunil Singh and Kokjao. It is produced by RD Films and Entertainment, Manipur in collaboration with Thailand based Mbrella Films, Bangkok. It will be casted by Kaiku, Maxina and Eedou from Manipur. Other famous film cast will be from Russia, Ukraine, Congo, South Africa, Thailand and Myanmar. Cinematographer, editor and sound recordist of the movie will be respectively by Sanjoy

Ch., Inaocha Khundrakpam, Romi Lamabam. Francesco Tresca (Italy) is responsible for background music and Russia Mutum is in charge for make-up. Music directors of the movie are Rahul Blue, Gleeson and Dai Cha with Lyrics by Dalom Gurumayum. It is a multilingual film which is planned to be spoken in five different languages. Based on action, comedy, crime and romance, 98% of the shoots absolutely in Phuket, Thailand.

Many at Yaipha Thouni claimed that this movie is quite different from the various movies previously released in Manipur. It will be the first polyglot films not only in Manipur but also in India. And the actors also expressed that it is going to be an exceptionally challenging but it will be extremely fascinating film.

Group Centre CRPF Langjing conducts three days Khadi and Handicraft Skill training

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

Group Centre CRPF Langjing conducts three days Khadi and Handicraft Skill training for the handicapped children of the general public of the Imphal area. Taking a unique and excellent initiative, Madan Kumar, DIG, Group Centre, Imphal started a three days Khadi and Handicraft Skills Training Program for unemployed disabled children of the general public of Imphal from May 10 to May 12, 2022.

Manish Kumar Agrawal, IPS, Inspector General, Manipur and Nagaland Sector was the chief of the closing ceremony. Madan Kumar, DIG, Group Centre, Langjing, Imphal, All senior officers, officers, Subordinate Officers, Jawans, families of Jawans, invited eminent guests and personalities were also present on the occasion. The Chief Guest Manish Kumar Agrawal, IPS, Inspector General, Manipur and Nagaland Sector encouraged all Handicapped Children and blessed them for completion of successful training for making cotton to thread, bag from pa-

per and weaving carpet under above training.

The Chief Guest said that all children can do anything if they want because nowadays is the age of technology. He handed over honorarium to Handicapped Development Foundation, Manipur for imparting training to handicapped children. He also handed over Charkha and cotton to the disabled children and Cash reward to the disabled children who presented excellent song and dance. He also thanked Madan Kumar, DIG, GC, Imphal and said that such training should be done by all our battalions deployed in Manipur so that differently disabled children of all places of Manipur can get support.

Madan Kumar, DIG, GC, Imphal in his speech said that Group Centre, CRPF, Langjing, Imphal is always on the path of humanitarian works and he also encouraged all disabled children and presented cash reward who have presented song and dance. He welcomed to Chief Guest and all officers for participating in closing ceremony. Satyendra Singh Asst. Commandant (OL) welcomed all and presented a vote of thanks.

PIB
New Delhi, May 13:

In another significant operation by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), against organised gold smuggling syndicates, code-named "Gold on the Highway", 15.93 kg of foreign-origin gold smuggled through the Indo-Myanmar border, and valued at Rs. 8.38 crore, was seized yesterday in Guwahati and Dimapur.

Acting on the basis of specific intelligence, officers of DRI mounted discreet surveillance on two oil tankers and a truck travelling sepa-

ately from Mao, Manipur to Guwahati, Assam. In the early morning hours of 12th May 2022, these vehicles were intercepted simultaneously at different points along the National Highway between Dimapur and Guwahati.

In the fiscal year 2021-22, DRI has seized 833 kg of gold valued at Rs. 405 crore during its operations across the country. Of this, in the North-Eastern states, DRI has seized more than 208 kg gold valued at Rs. 102.6 crore, smuggled through the highly sensitive Indo-Myanmar and Indo-Bangladesh border.

After intensive examina-

tion of the intercepted vehicles, 96 pieces of gold biscuits weighing 15.93 kg were recovered that had been carefully concealed in different parts of the three vehicles. Five persons of the syndicate have been arrested and three vehicles were seized in the operation. Further investigations are in progress.

DRI's ability to effectively detect and affect such seizures acts as a deterrent to those attempting to compromise India's economic frontiers. DRI remains committed to continuing its relentless crackdown against the perpetrators of such crimes.

Newly installed Beckman Coulter Machine DXC700 AU Machine for the first time in Manipur at RIMS Hospital



IT News
Imphal, May 13:

Director of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Prof. A. Santa Singh, inaugurated newly installed Beckman Coulter Machine DXC700 AU Machine which can perform a test of 1200 numbers in one hour at Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory, RIMS Hospital, Imphal today.

During inauguration program Prof. Shaini Devi, Head

of Department, Biochemistry,

Medical Superintendent in-charge, Prof. Rameshwor Singh, K. Joychandra, President UCM, staffs and faculty members took part in the inauguration program. Prof. A. Santa Singh, Director RIMS mentioned that Beckman Coulter Machine DXC700 AU is the latest machine installed at the Biochemistry Department, RIMS Hospital, Imphal in which different types of test for patients can be done

and access.

Besides, Prof. Shaini Devi, Head of Department, Biochemistry also said with the help of this machine a test for LFT, KFT, Lipid Profile, Serum Electrolytes, Calcium and other test can also be done without much delay since we have also well experience doctors and technician staffs at RIMS.

The Director of RIMS also inaugurated newly constructed auditorium call Sushruta Hall.

Healthcare is the government's responsibility

Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



Last year people were so scared of Covid that the profits of the insurance industry increased manifold. Because of this, health insurance premiums in India registered a

growth of 25 percent last year. A report by the National Insurance Academy, which works under the Union Finance Ministry, revealed that in the year 2020-21, insurance companies collected Rs 58,572 crore as medical insurance premium, while in the next financial year this figure increased to Rs 73,330 crore. The report, released at an event of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that the health insurance market in India has been growing steadily at a compound annual growth rate of 24 percent, but it grew by around 34 percent during the phase of pandemic. According to NITI Aayog, 69 crore people are members of Ayushman Bharat scheme, while 26 crore people in the country are already associated with some health insurance scheme. That is, 70 percent of the citizens of the country are part of some health insurance scheme, the remaining 30 percent of the population, that is, around 400 million people are not yet part of any health insurance.

The central government also wants to connect 400 million uninsured Indians with the Ayushman scheme. The National Health Authority and NITI Aayog have prepared its draft on the subject. To take advantage of the scheme, each of these individuals will have to pay an annual premium of Rs 250 to 300, in return for which each of them will be able to get free treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh in a year. This will also include the facility of being treated in a private ward. This facility is not available in the current Ayushman scheme. The new scheme may be implemented in the next few months. Under the Ayushman scheme, treatment can be done in any hospital associated with the PM-JAY scheme of the government. Even medical facilities will be available in other states. Meanwhile, the Rajasthan government is promoting its own insurance scheme through advertisements. For the first time, a state government has done a work of winning the hearts of the people by announcing the same free facility for all the citizens.

Health is a matter related to everyone and in the changed circumstances, health care has become a very costly affair, which is not available to everyone. Health insurance is expensive and not reliable either. The problems related to health insurance of private insurance companies come out every day. In such a situation, the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme of Rajasthan government is a commendable initiative. The insurance scheme of the state government includes free health insurance of Rs 10 lakh for each family, accident insurance of Rs 5 lakh and OPD and free medical tests in government hospitals etc. Under this scheme, apart from serious diseases like Heart, Cancer, Neuro, Covid and Black fungus, costly treatments like Cochlear Implant, Bone Marrow Transplant, Kidney Transplant, Heart Transplant, Liver Transplant, Knee Transplant and Dialysis are also included. More than 1.2 million people have got the benefit of this scheme in the state, which is worth Rs 1400 crore.

Books adorn the human way of life



By: Vijay Garg

The light of books does not quench human courage and fortitude. They keep the person frolicking in front of them. It is the miracle of books that by reading books one becomes a beautiful and sensible person. Along with intellectual knowledge, books enrich human life. Bringing together the broken paths of life, giving wings of hope to the realm of despair, illuminating the dark corners, painting sadness in the rising art, holding the flag of victory in the hands of defeat and connecting the paths with the destinations. Giving is the religion of constructive and excellent books. They

also become our true friends and give us the right advice. The late President of India Dr. As APJ Abdul Kalam puts it, "A good book is like a hundred friends."

Books as a whole are a written source of knowledge and information for us. Books that transform many of the mysteries of the human psyche also come in many forms. Literary scholars, intellectuals and historians from all over the world have filled the books with unparalleled knowledge of almost every subject. Numerous books have been published on historical, mythological, religious, social, political, literary, cultural, scientific, botanical, technological, mathematical, employment, academic and many other subjects. Every book satisfies our hunger for knowledge according to our needs and interests. According to an English scholar, books also have their own types. Some books are just for taste, some for swallowing, and some for slow chewing. That means we read some books in fragments, some with food and some with full interest. These books become our mature friends and support us throughout our lives.

Academic and literary books

Students are exposed to academic and literary books from an early age. From schooling to higher education, students have to read the textbooks of the prescribed syllabus, which helps them to pass the exams with good marks which are also the basis of our employment. Certificates of merit in their studies come into their hands. Literary books are a reflection of society, in which the multifaceted shadows of the human mind are automatically reflected. Knowledge of literary books not only guides a person in the right way of life but also helps in his spiritual development.

True friend

Books are man's mature and true friend. People in social relationships often leave us in times of trouble, but constructive and excellent books are always with you. The experiences gained from these and the points of life become our encouragement and our sympathy. Considering books to be man's best friend, English scholar Robert Southey writes, "Books are my best friends, always giving me a sense of support in pain and comfort in pain." We take care, even if someone comes to ask, we are reluctant to give.

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A rays of hope by Nurses in Today's Health Era



By: Maibam Ranita Devi

Investing in nursing and respecting nurse's rights: Key themes for International Nurses Day 2022: The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has announced the new theme for International Nurses Day (IND) 2022: **Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in nursing and respect rights to secure global health**, focusing on the need to protect, support and invest in the nursing profession to strengthen health systems around the world.

Each year, ICN leads the celebrations on International Nurses Day, held on 12 May, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

In India Nurse (Community Health Officer) led an Ayushman Bharat Health And Wellness center in each and every corner of the country to serve the better health care services.

Ayushman Bharat was launched in 2018 with its twin pillars of Health & Wellness Centers (HWCs) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) for full range of services across the continuum of care. This center in India is located in the rural places in every corner with a population of 5000 and above, the government of India launched the Community Nursing Officers' role towards improving quality care to enhance the health of every citizen. Our role in each

centre is multifaceted. Clinical, managerial, recording reporting and public health education management are their major roles.

Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) were launched under the Ayushman Bharat Programme in a bid to move away from selective health care to a more comprehensive range of services spanning preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative care for all ages of population 5000 and above.

The National Health Policy of 2017 envisioned these centres as the foundation of India's health system.

Expanded range of service

These centres deliver a range of comprehensive health care services like maternal and child health, services to address communicable and non-communicable diseases and services for elderly and palliative care. AB-HWCs provide free essential medicines and diagnostic services, teleconsultation, and health promotion including wellness activities like Yoga.

The expansion of services has been planned in incremental manner. As a first step, Screening, Prevention, Control and Management of Non-communicable Diseases and Chronic Communicable diseases like Tuberculosis and Leprosy has been introduced at HWCs.

- Care in pregnancy and childbirth.
- Neonatal and infant health care services
- Childhood and adolescent health care services.
- Family planning, Contraceptive services and Other Reproductive Health Care services
- Management of Communicable diseases: National Health Programs

· Management of Common Communicable Diseases and General Out-patient care for acute simple illnesses and minor ailments

- Screening, Prevention, Control and Management of Non-Communicable diseases and chronic communicable disease like TB and Leprosy
- Basic Oral health care
- Care for Common Ophthalmic and ENT problems
- Elderly and Palliative health care services
- Emergency Medical Services
- Screening and Basic management of Mental health ailments

Now the above services are provided in full swing to impart the awareness session and to implement any programme. Nurses are playing major role and Community Health Officer in India majority are from nursing background and nurse need more update knowledge skill, in-services education. To maintain the quality and sustain the ability, we need to focus our investment in nursing and respect the right to secure global health. In times of covid pandemic, the role was undefined and even in today's health care setting a biggest role has been reflected in ministry of health family welfare government sector and it's the dream of honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji of India to get better health care service to the rural India like ways the hardship journey of a nurses is also fulfil the needs of patient care and to protect community in any filed, the policy maker or governance need to focus the Nurse profession. Nurse is passionate to work.

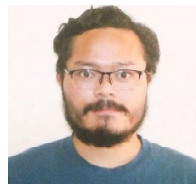
In our states Health and Wellness centre is led by a Nurse who had qualified community health nurse programme. Many innovative work

initiative activities have been carried out by the nurse example – model-based teaching regarding breast cancer, ANC diet planning, 9inch plate practice for diabetic ID card promotion for diabetic patient, medicine chart initiation for NCD patients, volunteer training regarding palliative care. Exchanging developing knowledge skills are our main ideas. Many works done by Nurse (community Health Officer) Cadre has been acknowledged by our state's officials and many governments official visit take places in this centre. Not only this in some centre students from various sectors from nursing department, doctors and others too visit for learning purpose and state training exposure filed visit has been assigned in these centres. Creative work, an upliftment activity has been implemented with the active community participation under the leadership of us "NURSES" We have been updating our knowledges from various platforms like online in-services classes, attending conferences, I learn platform, WCEA, VYGO, Safe delivery app ECHO session etc.

The service provided by the nurses covers a large scale in today's society. It is truly limitless, starting from the grassroots level till the tertiary level in health sector. The ray of hope starts from each nurse and deviates to all directions and corners of the globe, providing comfort, care and content to the patients. This ray of hope from each nurse around the globe makes the world bright and the health sector even brighter with the lamp of the Florence Nightingale.

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The Semiotic Interpretations of Traffic Policing



By: Paojakhup Guite @ Saihenjang

In the wake of yesterday's traffic abuzz happening in the Tuibong Traffic point, I would like to highlight some semiotics elements related thereto. The hand gesture efforts (as a sign) of a traffic cop amidst busy commuters under heavy rainfall is gaining much of attention.

The term 'semiotics' apparently appears esoteric to understand which actually is not. I would like to illustrate the concept of semiotics in the light of the reward winning traffic police for having braved the heavy downpour in the line of duty.

Work is Worship

The Manipur's Tuibong resident B.T. Henjoy Vaiphei, a traffic police by profession was in the limelight. He endeared himself to the people of the state and beyond by not derelicting his duty notwithstanding the torrential downpour. He remained undeterred come what may! The responsible traffic cop was rung up from the state Chief Minister Office in less than 24 hours of him being in action going viral on social media. He was accorded a standing ovation in the posh CM office with an incentive of a cash reward, reportedly of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh only).

The Concept

Semiotics or Semiosis or Semiology is the study of sign processes. The semiotic process explores the study of signs and symbols as a significant part of communications. Ferdinand de Saussure, who coined the term, defines it "as the science that studies the life of signs in the bosom of society". Generally, there are seven common semiotic systems such as audio, audio sounds, design, facial/hand gestures, linguistic, music and visual. Among them, I would like to bring out particularly hand

gestures to our notice vis-à-vis the traffic management for a discussion here. A substitute for hand gestures of a traffic police is the traffic lights, where manual efforts of a person is not required. Hand gestures are more commonly used in hill district headquarters of Manipur unlike advanced traffic light system which is highly in vogue in more developed areas like in the heart of Imphal, the state capital of Manipur.

Using a sign theory developed by Ferdinand de Saussure, we need to have clarity of understanding first on the two signs: *Signified* and *Signifier*

The Signifier, according to Saussure, is the material form of the sign. This is a concrete object that we can see, hear, taste, touch, smell or is related to traffic codes. The traffic codes here signify traffic lights and/or traffic cops who mainly control traffic at intersections. Another example is, think of a zebra crossing that is used to indicate traffic limit/warning signs. The zebra crossing itself can be described as a signifier. In same vein, traffic lights and the traffic cops (the sound of whistle for that matter) are said to be a signifier as the case may be.

However, a signifier cannot exist in absence of a signified. Therefore, a signified is the abstract idea or concept embedded in a signifier that is being represented. Taken them together constitute the linguistic sign. Generally, one cannot exist in isolation, thus their mutual relationship is called Signification. In a rare case if a signifier is found to be without a signified, then their relationship is said to be noise (in spoken language).

Statistics

The World Health Organization proposed the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. The WHO's initiative was aimed at reducing the number of victims in traffic accidents in countries with higher accidents like Mexico, India, China, Brazil, the United States, among others.

In its report (2012, released in 2015), it is shown that leading cause of death in young people in the 15-29 age group is traffic accident compared to other

causes of death like suicide, HIV/AIDS, homicide, maternal conditions, lower respiratory infections, diarrhoeal diseases, drowning, ischaemia heart disease and meningitis.

According to the Secretaria de Salud (2012), in Mexico City, the most accident prone zone turned out to be intersections, because pedestrians and drivers are wont to having more interactions at these points. This causes greater insecurity for the road users, esp. those who walk. One of the reasons for this insecurity is lackadaisical attitude of service providers- Government, if not CSOs or NGOs who work in this effect. Therefore, a keen interest in understanding traffic issues on the roads is being induced from a semiotic approach.

Goods & Service Providers

This responsible cop, Mr. Vaiphei reminds us of the science of semiotics in order to study road infrastructure otherwise known as communication development.

The theoretical contributions of Ferdinand de Saussure, et al have a lot to do with infrastructure development in so far as road mobility is concerned. Roads are a public utility where pedestrians use them for work, walk, study, recreation and other activities of daily living providing a harmonious and safe way for people to move either on foot, by car, bicycle, public or private transport services.

To determine the safe or unsafe mobility of pedestrians on the roads by any medium, the semiotic interpretations of signifier and the signified comes into picture. The semiotic interpretation based on the traffic personnel or a traffic light system as green-amber-red or red-amber-green light is the most reliable form to determine whether the road is a dangerous place or not for users.

It is high time all and sundry shunned the notion of Dominant Paradigm for development communication to occur which was prominent post-World War II. The emerging alternatives stress on community participation for social change. In a dominant paradigm, participation is almost absent while in State dominated space, it

is limited to listening to the State. According to Jurgen Habermas, in the alternative paradigm, a public sphere is created for more access to communication tools and voice. Jurgen Habermas is a German philosopher and sociologist in the tradition of critical theory and pragmatism. This new paradigm is likely to be initiated by CSOs and NGOs, etc. in tandem with State to ensure an all-round participatory development. State should not muzzle responsible citizens in decision making processes, more so in this age of social media like FB, WhatsApp, Twitter, etc. Rendering them unheard of their voices would entail development ramifications, and this is called Voice Poverty. According to Jo Tacchi, voice poverty is "the inability of people to influence the decisions that affect their lives, and the right in that decision making". Tacchi is a development researcher at Loughborough University, England.

In this way, when a signifier and the signified maintain their mutual relationship and walk the talk, there comes about transactional communication which stands for a consensual dialogue between service providers and the stakeholders or beneficiaries.

Thus, time and again, I pay salute to the traffic cop who deserves a pat on the back for his sincere duty. No less is my heartfelt gratitude as a responsible citizen to the CMO. The ripple effect was seen in several spots on the roads the very next day where traffic police organized a cleanliness drive than to carrying out vehicle frisking.

Lastly, but not the least, the road users in at least district headquarters will feel more secure if the traffic lights are installed replacing physical presence of the cops using hand gestures and sound toiling all day long. Doing this would ensure a better and meaningful relationship between signifier (automatic signal lights) and the signified (what it indicates about). This would be a good sign of communication developments. Aka road infrastructure development.

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Two pilots killed when Chhatisgarh State Helicopter crashed at Raipur Airport

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, May 13:

Two pilots, who were on a flying practice, died when the Chhatisgarh Government's training helicopter-Agusta Westland AW-109, crashed near the taxiway at Raipur's Swami Vivekanand Airport on Thursday night. Chhatisgarh is a state in Central India.

The deceased were identified as Captain Gopal Krishna Panda and Captain AP Shrivastava.

Chhatisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel tweeted that both the pilots, Captain Panda and Captain Shrivastava, have died in the accident. He expressed condolences to the bereaved families. "Just got sad news about the state helicopter crashing at the airport in Raipur. In this tragic accident, both our pilots Captain Panda and Captain Shrivastava died. May God give strength to his family members and peace to the departed soul in this time of grief," Baghel said.

The helicopter crashed at around 9.10 pm. It was on a routine training sortie. Initial indications suggest technical malfunction as the cause of the crash," the Chhatisgarh government said in a state-



ment. Captain Gopal Krishna Panda and Captain AP Shrivastava have unfortunately succumbed to injuries following the crash. A detailed technical investigation at the behest of DGCA and state government shall be undertaken to ascertain the exact cause," the statement added. Chhatisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey also paid tributes to the pilots who died in the accident and expressed condolences to the bereaved families.

According to reports, the helicopter caught fire during landing. A loud bang was heard after the crash. A team of CISF and Fire Brigade

reached the spot immediately and managed to rescue the trapped pilot and co-pilot inside. One pilot succumbed to injuries on the spot, while the second pilot was admitted to the nearby Ramakrishna Care Hospital, where the doctors pronounced him dead. There were no passengers on board.

The crew was undergoing night time flying proficiency checks. The chopper crashed before landing, apparently owing to some technical snag on the runway. All departures/arrivals flights were suspended at the airport soon after the accident.

The sources in the Airport

Authority of India (AAI) maintained that neither the weather condition nor the night landing facility at the airport can be blamed for the mishap. The Director-General of Civil Aviation and the state government will probe into the incident, they added. The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is expected to probe the accident.

The AgustaWestland AW109 (originally the Agusta A109) is a lightweight, twin-engine, eight-seat multi-purpose helicopter built by the Italian manufacturer Leonardo S.p.A. It is the first all-Italian helicopter produced on a massive scale.

India logs 2,841 fresh Covid cases, Active caseload dips to 18,604

Agency
New Delhi, May 13:

With 2,841 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,31,16,254, while the active cases dipped to 18,604, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Friday. The death toll climbed to 5,24,190 with nine fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The active cases comprise 0.04 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.74 per cent, the health ministry said. A decrease of 463 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.58 per cent and weekly positivity rate was 0.69 per cent, according to the health ministry. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to

4,25,73,460, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.22 per cent.

The cumulative doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive has exceeded 190.99 crore. India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one crore mark on December 19. India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23.

The nine fatalities include eight from Kerala and one from Maharashtra, according to the data.

India's cumulative vaccine coverage has crossed 190.99 crore doses. Over 3.12 crore first doses and over 1.13 crore

second doses have been administered for the age group of 12 to 14. Over 5.88 crore first doses and more than 4.36 crore second doses have been given to the 15 to 18 age group. Meanwhile, 2,91,27,285 precaution doses (booster shots) have been given to people above 60 years of age, healthcare workers, and front-line workers.

Meanwhile, coronavirus cases across the world are also witnessing an upward trend. North Korea on Thursday recorded its first patient and within a few hours, the country's leader Kim Jong Un announced a lockdown as the country has been enveloped in a health crisis. Six people are also reported to have died due to a fever that has spread "explosively", news agency Reuters reported, citing local media. Other countries, including China, Italy, and the US are also witnessing a surge in their daily cases.

Assam Rifles facilitates provision of Prosthetic Arm for Specially Abled



IT News
Imphal, May 13:

Joupi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) facilitated the provision of prosthetic arm for a specially abled person of Mombi in Chandel District yesterday.

Ngamkhopao Haokip had sustained injuries to his right arm and left leg when he was 10 years old in a grenade blast. The 28 year old has been walking using the support of a prosthetic leg since the incident.

Assam Rifles took the initiative to liaise with BMVSS (Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti) Foot Organisation, Jaipur, Rajasthan, which arranged for Haokip to travel to Jaipur to meet the team of doctors.

Thereafter the BMVSS team provided him with two

prosthetics arms and one below knee prosthesis.

Haokip expressed his exuberance and conveyed that this initiative by Assam Rifles was a life changing experience for him. His Family and villagers also expressed their gratitude to the Assam Rifles for giving their son a new life.

Assam Rifles dedicates toilet block to border village

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

Tengnoupal battalion under the aegis of IGAR(S) constructed and handed over a toilet block to "NongtokNingthouPanthoibi" Temple committee, Kwatha village, Tengnoupal district on May 11, 22.

The Temple Committee looks after the ancient Kwatha Temple located at Indo-Myanmar Border. The Temple Committee expressed their gratitude and appreciated provisioning of much needed toilet facility in the village before commencement of "Lai HaraobaPooja" from 14-18 May 22.

AR conducts Security Meet for the Kana Area

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

SajikTampak Battalion under the aegis of IGAR(S) conducted a security meeting at Haika Village of Chandel District on May 11, 2022.

During the meeting, participants were briefed on the ongoing security situation in the Kana Area. The holistic development plan of the

Kana area and the steps required to synergise the efforts of the locals and Assam Rifles for its advancement were discussed.

The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of the Assam Rifles for the conduct of the security meetings, ensuring peace in the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same.

Most Congress leaders set to be exempt from 'one family, one ticket' rule

Agency
New Delhi, May 13:

The "one family, one ticket" proposal for the Congress leaders, which is being discussed with much fanfare by the party's top leadership at its Chintan Shivir in Rajasthan's Udaipur, will not impact most of senior party leaders, let alone Gandhis, if it is cleared.

The proposed rule's caveat that those sons, daughters and other relatives of the Congress leaders who aspire to contest elections should have worked for the party for at least five years will in effect give an exemption from it to most of the leaders and their wards, who are MPs or MLAs, or have already been in public life.

For instance, both Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her son and ex-party

president Rahul Gandhi can contest the coming Lok Sabha elections. The Nehru-Gandhi family's third member in public life, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, would also be eligible to contest the Lok Sabha polls, slated for April-May 2024, if she wishes, given that by 2024 she would have worked for the party for five years. She became an All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary in January 2019.

The "one family, one ticket" rule will thus affect only those Congress leaders who want to launch their wards or relatives directly into the hustings. Rahul, for instance, had himself made his debut straightaway as a Lok Sabha candidate of the party from Uttar Pradesh's Amethi in the 2004 general elections. That straight poll route will now be closed.

Take the cases of other party leaders whose wards are also in politics but will not be affected by the rule.

Among the Congress Working Committee (CWC) members, Digvijaya Singh is a Rajya Sabha MP while his son Jaivardhan Singh is an MLA in Madhya Pradesh. A K Antony's son Anil has been working with the digital communications department in the party's Kerala unit for some time. Mallikarjun Kharge's son Priyank Kharge is an MLA and ex-minister. Harish Rawat's son Anand Rawat is a former Uttarakhand Congress president. P Chidambaram's son Karti Chidambaram is a Lok Sabha MP.

AICC in-charge of Chhatisgarh, P L Punia's son Tanuj has been active as the working president of the UP Congress central zone's SC

department. He had contested the 2017 and 2022 Assembly polls and the 2019 Lok Sabha election. Pramod Tewari's daughter Aradhana Misra is a two-time MLA. Salman Khurshid and his wife Louise Khurshid have been in public life and contesting elections for decades. Former Lok Sabha MP Meira Kumar's son Anshul Avijit became a Congress spokesperson in September 2019.

Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda's son Deepender Hooda has been in public life for close to two decades. He became a Lok Sabha MP in 2005 and is currently a Rajya Sabha member. Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath's son Nakul Nath is already a Lok Sabha MP. Sushil Kumar Shinde's daughter Parinita has been an MLA since 2009.

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Books adorn the human way....

The right choice

It is important to choose the right books. The choice of books also varies according to the interests and hobbies of children and the elderly. Children should be provided with colorful and life-saving books. Give preference to books that lull their children's minds into reading children's literature. Older people can choose books of different genres of literature according to their interest. Good books should be read again and again because by reading books, the adage "Your mind is good and Ganga in Kuthali" comes true. Books that create high-quality ideas should never be lost.

Stairs to success

Books are not only a treasure of knowledge for human beings but with the good use of this knowledge new doors of success are opened. Reading a standard book gives us the courage to set high standards. We aspire to be high ideals by being influenced by a hero or personality. We also learn how to rise and fall and win. We succeed in reaching our destination step by step by adopting an optimistic attitude.

Make a home decoration

We spend millions of dollars building our own luxurious homes. Create designs in a variety of colors. We also use chairs, sofas, cupboards, beau-

tiful linen, modern kitchens and communication facilities but forget to keep a small space for home library. According to the Roman scholar Cicero, "a room without books is like a body without a soul." Would give Books must be used as home decoration to develop reading habits in children and make them mature, otherwise the modern mobile network will swallow the tender feelings inside them.

Precious treasure of knowledge

Books are said to be a precious treasure of knowledge. There is a bottomless ocean of knowledge in the books, which we can get precious gems in the form of knowledge by rubbing

it with our Jagyasa Madhani. Readers find themselves floating in a sea of words as they read books loaded with beautiful flavors. The French philosopher Voltaire states that books are worth more than gems because gems reflect the outward beauty or beauty, whereas books illuminate our inner world.

Intellectual development of students

Books are a boon for students' sharp intellect. Books not only develop our reading habits but also our intellect. Book communication in our brain's backyard to understand topics, ideas, events sharpens our intellect. Reading more and more books increases our vo-

cabulary and enriches our spoken and written vocabulary. This vocabulary helps to hone students' writing ability.

In today's fast paced and dazzling life man is very much entangled. On small occasions, weddings, birthdays and other special occasions, we show our wealth and present valuable market gifts to the people. After a while, they break down or become unusable over time. So on these occasions we should give a good book as a gift, which people will read and take care of. While honoring school children, we should also give them guidance books, a good children's literature book with beautiful illustrations on their birthdays.

Lifeline road to I.T. Road cut-off since two days, JMDC to continues clears landslide

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

As rain continues to pour over the past two days, the region of I.T. Road is once again cut-off from District Head Quater, Kangpokpi, due to landslides. The region have three main roads that reaches T. Waichong at this juncture, yet all the three have been blocked due to recent rains in the area.

The main highway which was the lifeline of I.T. Road before the construction of the other two roads under PMGSY is now cover with mud and stones at Lamlenkon near T. Waichong. This is the seventh times that mudslide occurs at Lamlenkon. Yet, nothing has been done so far by the State govt. for permanent solution. Each time mudslide occurs, it is the Join Monitoring and Development Committee, JMDC that

would take up the matter to clear the road at their best in the interest of the people.

The Road that begins from Chawangkining and end at T. Waichong is blocked due to landslide at Bajogara today. Some of the passengers were stranded and the locals with the help of passengers find their means to clear the debris despite their effort in vain.

Meanwhile, the most common road passing from Thonglang and ended at T. Waichong also called The Short Cut road is now obsolete as the frang water level rise at its peak. This is the only road that was commonly used since recent years. Had the bridge which is under construction is completed by now, it would have served a great purpose to people of the area.

Every time during rainy season, the area from Thonglang Akhutpa to 12 Mile is cover

with slippery mud and caused havoc to passengers whoever passes by. This area need immediate attention as further delayed could posed serious threat to the vehicles passing through.

Also, the landslide at Tamei yesterday caused another havoc posing to cut off electricity.

Team of JMDC inspected the spot yesterday morning at Lamlenkon. After an assessment, they began to clear debris with the help of JCB. As rain continues, they could not complete the work. JMDC is greatly concern of the area and admitted that prolong negligence of the area would bring disharmony to public.

It is at this critical hour that the area of I.T. Road appeal to the govt to ensure all the three routes of I.T. Road be reliable and a permanent solution to it be simultaneously work out.

Monthly Pension distributed

IT News
Imphal, May 13:

The Monthly Pension to all the inmates of the Langol Old Age Home, Langol, Imphal West District, Manipur has been distributed under the exclusive sponsorship of Thounaojam Romen Singh, the Managing Trustee of Thounaojam Chaoba Memorial Charitable Trust, Singamei today. This is the first of its kind of initiating the Pension Scheme to the Old Age Homes located in the State of Manipur which do not get any financial benefits from the Government.

Distributing the Pensions to all the inmates of the Old Age Home, Romen Singh said that he will initiate more Pension Schemes with other Old Age Homes which do not get any benefits from the Government. He said that the State Government recently initiated the Scheme - Chief Minister gi Sotharabasingi Tengbang (CMST) but the Langol Old Age Home does not get the benefit as of now thus he initiates the



Scheme only for helping the inmates and the Home as well. The Pension has been given to the inmates only from his pocket money earned by him and not taking any contribution from any other else, Romen Singh contended.

Romen Singh said that the State Government should take initiative for the welfare of the inmates of such Homes located in different parts of the State. If not, what the consequences will be for the inmates. It is quite a questionable. Helping them for their livelihood is a great virtue, he asserted.

In further course of his speech, Romen Singh said that such the Old Aged took respon-

sibility in making their wards and youngsters becoming today's responsible citizens. Neglecting them by the sons, daughters and relatives is very pathetic. Such wild act should not be done any more as it will affect the relationship among parents, sons, daughters and relatives as well. The youngsters and offsprings should learn a lot of things from such Aged Persons so that they could be enlightened in their course of lives and actions instead of neglecting them. They took sole responsibility in nurturing their wards and the Society in the right paths.

Romen Singh said that the maintenance and the care of such elderly persons is a must

and the default sons and daughters should be punished in case of their dereliction of their duty towards parents. If there is no Old Age Homes in the State, where would be the dwelling place for them, he wondered.

He further said that the inmates of the Langol Old Age Home cannot get any benefit of the Health Scheme - Chief Minister gi Hakselgi Tengbang (CMHT) initiated by the State Government so as to give free treatment to the persons having Below Poverty Line. When asked to give them the benefit, they cannot get it because they cannot furnish the documents. How they can furnish the required documents, Romen Singh asked. He requested the Government Authority to issue the Cards to such persons not complying the necessary documents as they are reeling under a severe conditions in the Old Age Homes.

Chingakhum Sunder Singh, Oinam Mangi Singh and Thounaojam Ibemhal Devi were attended among others in the function.

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State Govt. frames new transfer and posting policy

Government employees connected) with the conduct of elections shall not be transferred without specific consultation with Election Department.

Transfer of Teachers/Lecturers of Schools/Higher Secondary Schools/Colleges and other academic institutions shall normally be affected between the academic sessions i.e. just after the closing sessions so that disruption of teaching/learning activities is avoided.

All transfer orders will indicate the first-mover and charge shall be handed over by the relieved officer to the relieving officer after briefing him/her of the priority/sensitive issues connected with the post.

Whenever cadre posts are to be utilised by non-cadre officers/officials, the transfer & posting orders to such posts shall be issued by the controlling authority of the cadre post. Officers/officials who do not belong to the said cadre will be deemed to be on deputation to the Department to which the cadre post belongs.

Where both the husband and wife are in Government service, they may be posted conveniently at the same station/

District as far as possible, subject to availability of the post and keeping in view the interest of administration as well.

Physically challenged persons may be given convenient posting at their local stations, subject to availability of post.

Officers/officials suffering from identified category of diseases may be given preferred places of posting, to enable the officer/official to function without affecting the responsibilities of the post. (xvi) As far as possible, the State Government may provide for payment of incentive for serving at difficult

postings, provided it is not the Home District of the employee.

The period of deputation of officers/Officials from the Central Government or other State Governments who are appointed to any post/service under this Government on deputation shall normally not exceed 3 (three) years, which may be extended for another 2(two) years in deserving cases, with adequate justification and with specific approval of the Department of Personnel.

In respect of officers of non-transferable services like the Ministerial cadres in the Secre-

tariat and in the Heads of Departments/Offices, no person shall be retained in a particular post with the same work allocation for more than 3(three) years.

This may be relaxed, only in special circumstances, up to a maximum of six years, with specific approval of the Competent Authority in this regard.

Creation of Zones for the purpose of transfers: Districts may be clubbed/organised into Zones for recruitment of Group III & IV posts, within which they will be transferable. Such Group III & IV officials shall normally not be transferred out-

side their respective zones. The Zones for this purpose may be notified by the Department of Personnel.

All posts sanctioned for specific purposes should be utilized only at the places for which the posts had been created. No transfer of post will be permitted under any circumstances. Only in extreme exigencies of public interest, posts can be transferred with the approval of the State Cabinet.

Appointments/postings of officers/officials to a higher post/non-cadre post on in-charge basis shall be strictly as

per the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel from time to time.

Power to relax: Notwithstanding anything contained in the policy, the State Government, with the prior approval of the Chief Minister, Manipur, shall be competent to transfer an employee to any place in relaxation of any or all of the above provisions after recording reasons justifying such relaxation. No transfer & posting which is contrary to this Policy shall be made by any Department without the approval of the Chief Minister, Manipur.

Sports

Anamika, Shiksha, Jaismine off to a winning start at 12th IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

Agency
New Delhi, May 13:

Anamika, Shiksha and Jaismine produced brilliant performances to extend India's unbeaten run at the 12th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships with dominating victories in Istanbul on Thursday.

Anamika (50kg) showed her prowess and technical superiority to advance to the pre-quarterfinals as she defeated Romania's Eugenia Anghel by a unanimous decision. Meanwhile, Shiksha (54kg) defeated Argentina's Herrera Milagros Rosario 5-0 in the round-of-32 bout while Jaismine (60kg) defeated Thailand's Pornpit Buapa 4-1.

Anamika's bout started on an aggressive note as both the boxers relentlessly attacked from the word go but Anamika displayed her sharp footwork and movement to land clear punches and evaded her opponent's punches.

The boxer from Rohtak continued her relentless attack in the second round and didn't let her opponent settle down. She dictated the terms throughout the whole bout and comfortably won by 5-0 to



India boxer Anamika (left)

move to the next round.

Anamika will next face World Championships bronze medallist, Kristy Lee Harris of Australia, in the round-of-16 bout on Sunday.

The high voltage competition in presence of record 310 boxers from 73 countries across the world marks the 20th anniversary of the IBA Women's World Championships. It will be played till May 20.

Two time Asian Champion Pooja Rani (81kg) and Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist

Lovlina Borgohain (70kg) will play their respective round-of-16 bouts on Friday (May 13). Pooja, who will begin her World Championships campaign, will take on Hungary's Timea Nagy while Lovlina will fight against Cindy Ngamba of Fair Chance Team. Lovlina had defeated former world champion Chen Nien-Chin in the first round on Monday.

Earlier on Wednesday, making progress into the second round, the 2019 Asian Championships bronze medallist Nikhat Zareen

outpunched Mexico's Herrera Alvarez in the 52kg category by unanimous decision, while Parveen also thrashed Maria Bova of Ukraine by a similar margin.

Manisha (57kg), who was handed a bye in the opening round, also notched up an easy 5-0 win against Nepal's Kala Thapa to make her way into the 57kg third round.

In the last edition of the tournament, held in Russia in 2019, Indian boxers secured one silver and three bronze medals.

Mumbai Indians beat Chennai Super Kings by 5 wickets, CSK eliminated



Agency
Mumbai, May 13:

Mumbai Indians (MI) bounced back with a victory in the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 after beating the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by 5 wickets on Thursday at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

A fine bowling display led by Daniel Sams' three wicket haul reduced CSK to 97 in the first innings before a vital partnership between Tilak Varma and Hrithik Shokeen powered MI to a 5-wicket win. Chasing 98 to win, MI lost Ishan Kishan's wicket in the first over after the opener was caught behind off Mukesh Choudhary's bowling.

Rohit Sharma's elegant shots at the start put MI on the front foot. However the MI skipper was caught behind off Srimangal Singh's bowling. Both Daniel Sams and Tristan Stubbs were

trapped LBW in the 5th over, bowled by Mukesh Choudhary. MI were 36-4 at the end of the powerplay with Tilak Varma and Hrithik Shokeen at the crease.

The duo stitched a vital partnership which moved MI to 66-4 at the halfway stage as they required 32 off 60 deliveries. The duo kept ticking the runs before Moeen Ali deceived Shokeen and castled the stumps. With only 9 runs required, Tim David clobbered a maximum and hit the winning runs in the 15th over. Earlier, CSK, who were put in to bat first, remained unchanged from their previous game.

CSK lost in-form Devon Conway and Moeen Ali in the first over bowled by Daniel Sams. CSK were 5-3 after Robin Uthappa was trapped LBW off Jasprit Bumrah, who bowled a wicket-keeper. Sams scalped his third wicket inside the powerplay after Ruturaj Gaikwad was caught down the leg side. Skipper MS Dhoni was at the crease but MI kept mounting pressure on the CSK batters after Riley Meredith dismissed Ambati Rayudu and Shivam Dube.

Dhoni dispatched his first six of the innings and was leading the charge with the bat for CSK, who were 65/6 at the halfway stage. Kumar Kartikeya claimed two wickets in the 13th over to dismiss Dwayne Bravo and Srimangal Singh. Tilak Varma took a sharp catch to dismiss Bravo while Srimangal was trapped LBW. CSK lost their 9th wicket after Maheesh Theekshana was caught by Rohit off Ramandeep Singh's bowling. Ishan Kishan produced a direct hit to run-out Mukesh Choudhary and CSK were all out for 97.

CSK skipper MS Dhoni played a lone hand with an unbeaten 36 but there was no real support for him from the other end.

The CSK bowlers tried their best to make a match out of it but the total was just too inadequate for it and they went out of the IPL 2022.

Brief Scores: Mumbai Indians 103/5 (Tilak Varma 34, Rohit Sharma 18; Mukesh Choudhary 3-23) beat Chennai Super Kings 97 all out (MS Dhoni 36, Dwayne Bravo 12; Daniel Sams 3-16) by 5 wickets.