

Reservation norm in the admission to the Manipur University still unchange

By- Sukham Nanda
Imphal, May 21:

There is no changes in reservation of seats into the admission at Manipur University and the university is still stick to the directive given by the Supreme Court of India which an order was passed on January 5 this year said an official of Manipur University.

The official is clarifying to ease the present apprehension felt by the students of different communities of the state by this time of admission into the Manipur University.

The official source further said the Supreme Court on January 5 upheld the Manipur High Court order, which said the Manipur University is required to follow the reservation norms of 2 per cent for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), 31 per cent for the Scheduled Tribes (ST), and

17 per cent for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) for purposes of admission.

A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and Hima Kohli said "In the instant case, the respondent No.1 University has clarified in its affidavit that prior to commencement of the Reservation Act, the prevalent percentage of reservation for ST and SC candidates was 31 per cent and 2 per cent respectively. Nothing to the contrary has been brought forth by the appellant."

The bench endorsed the view taken by the high court that after the amendment to the Reservation Act, the university had to follow the reservation norms for candidates 2 per cent for SCs, 31 per cent for STs, and 17 per cent for OBCs.

It noted that appellants counsel strenuously argued that the meaning ascribed to

the words "date immediately preceding the date of commencement of the 2006 Act", used in Clause (a) of the second proviso to Section 3 should be taken to mean the date just before the enactment of the Amendment Act, i.e., a rollback to the situation as was prevalent when the Reservation Act had come into force — 15 per cent for SCs, 7.5 per cent for STs and 27 per cent for OBC candidates.

"In our opinion, any such interpretation would strike at the root of the Amendment Act which was legislated with the sole object of overcoming the ambiguities that had come to the fore on working out the warp and woof of the Reservation Act, namely, the inability to meet the aspirations of a large number of ST candidates looking for opportunities to gain entry in CEIs located in the areas subse-

quently defined as the 'specified north-eastern region' in the Amendment Act," the top court said, adding that university was not wrong in calculating the extent of reservation on seats to different courses.

The top court judgment came on an appeal filed by Kshetrimayum Maheshkumar Singh and others against the Manipur High Court order.

Dismissing the appeals, it said: "We are in complete agreement with the findings returned in the impugned judgment that the university was right in reverting back to the position obtaining immediately before the commencement of the Reservation Act by reserving seats in respect of ST, SC and OBC candidates, pegged at 31 per cent, two per cent and 17 per cent respectively, which was in consonance with the Manipur State Reservation Policy."

State observes Anti-Terrorism Day



IT News
Imphal, May 21:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today, led the State in observing the Anti-Terrorism Day at the 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles Banquet hall.

Speaking as the Chief Guest of the function, the Chief Minister said that the day is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day every year to remember the assassination of India's former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by a suicide bomber at Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu 31 years before. The day is observed to stand and take a pledge against terrorism, he said.

Highlighting that Manipur has also witnessed many inhumane activities like planting explosives at private residences, the Chief Minister said that we have to collectively condemn such incidents.

Over the past five years, the situation in the State has improved tremendously because of the joint effort of the security forces including state forces, central paramilitary forces, intelligence units, etc.

He asserted that some 20 years before, foreign investors were unwilling to invest in the State due to the law and order situation then. However, today the Japan International

Cooperation Agency has expressed desire to invest in the State, he said and added that it is a clear indication of the improvement in the law and order situation in the State.

Stressing that development and peace go hand in hand, and that without a good law and order situation we cannot bring development to the State, the Chief Minister said that the little development and improvement witnessed in the hills today is because of the cooperation of the people and their desire for peace.

In an appeal to the police officers, the Chief Minister said that maintaining law and order is in their hands and so we have improved both intelligence networking as well as public-police co-operation.

Further explaining the importance of improving public-government relations, the Chief Minister said that over the last five years, the State has been able to create a cohesiveness relationship among the people and a peaceful situation in the State with the aid of citizen centric schemes like Meeyamgi Numit. Now Meeyamgi Numit will also be held by DCs and SPs at the district level, he added.

N. Biren Singh also said that he understands the dedication of the State force and

the risk they take. But, sometimes a few individuals mar the image of the entire force with their wrongdoings and misconduct, he said, highlighting the arrest of some personnel in drug related cases.

He suggested stringent actions against any police personnel found involved in drug cases, including force retirement for drug abusers and addicts in the force. Urging the police higher-ups to screen out drug abusers from the force, he said such individuals slump the whole force's morale and diminish public trust in the force. They could be taken back if they become clean again, he added.

The Chief Minister also expressed concern over the spike witnessed in hate and communal press statements issued among communities and similar social media comments over religion, territory etc and said this needs to be checked immediately.

He further advised the Directorate of Information and Public Relations and the Home Department to take the lead and after proper discussion with the media fraternity, stop the publication, broadcast and circulation of any such statements between communities, association.

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MPCC observed 31st Death Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi



IT News
Imphal, May 21:

Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) today observed the 31st Death

Anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at Congress Bhavan today.

Floral tributes were paid to the portrait of the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during

the observance.

The function was graced by CLP leader, O. Ibobi Singh, CWC Member Gaikhangam and MPCC President K. Meghachandra.

Speaking on the occasion, former Chief Minister and CLP leader O. Ibobi Singh said that he condemned the terrorist acts which end the life of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and also said that congress party believe with the non violence.

He continued that the death anniversary of Former P.M was observed as Anti-terrorism days across India and recalled the selfless contributions of Rajiv Gandhi towards the development of the nation and the implementation of women reservation, his demise was a huge loss for all.

CLP leader O. Ibobi urged everyone to work diligently to realise Rajiv Gandhi dreams for the nation's wellbeing.

PM Modi ended differences between Northeast & Delhi: Amit Shah on Arunachal visit

Agency
Tirap, May 21:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday lauded PM Modi for 'ending the differences between Northeast and Delhi' while addressing the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Ramakrishna Mission in Arunachal Pradesh's Tirap district. Shah also praised the prime minister for 'paying attention and giving importance to the languages of the Northeast.'

"During 2014-2022, PM Modi has ended differences between north east & Delhi. No one cared about the languages of the northeast but PM has given importance to them," Shah said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is on a two-day visit to Arunachal Pradesh. He is set to attend various programmes, inaugurate

many development projects in the Northeastern state and interact with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) personnel - the Central Armed Police Forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs deployed in the region to guard Border and maintain the internal security.

Amit Shah also highlighted the resolution of the border issues between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. "Bodoland's issue was resolved. 60% of border-related issues have been resolved between Arunachal Pradesh & Assam. The aim is to develop all 8 states," he said.

On the second day of his visit, the Union Minister will meet with social organisations at the Namsai town in Arunachal Pradesh and offer prayers at the Golden Pagoda

Temple in the area. He is also scheduled to attend a public meeting and inaugurate various developmental projects in the Namsai area on Sunday.

Later in the day, Shah will interact with Army, ITBP, SSB, Assam Rifles, Border Road Organisation, and National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) personnel at Namsai and review security and development.

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday assured that the inter-state boundary dispute between Assam and Arunachal will be resolved by next year, reported news agency PTI.

During the two-day visit to the northeastern state, Shah is scheduled to attend public events, inaugurate various development projects and interact with the personnel of Indo-Tibetan Border

Police (ITBP) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) - the Central Armed Police Forces under the ministry of home affairs deployed in the region to guard the border and maintain the internal security of the country.

Shah also attended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Ramakrishna Mission at Narotam Nagar in Tirap district. He laid the foundation stone of 51 feet bronze statue of Bhagwan Parashuram at Parshuram Kund in the Lohit district.

On day two, Shah will meet with social organisations at 9.30 am at the Namsai town and later go for prayer at the Golden Pagoda Temple in the area.

He will later attend a public meeting and inaugurate various developmental projects in the Namsai area at 11 am on Sunday.

Tipaimukh MLA flags off relief team to flood affected villages in Pherzawl District



IT News
CCpur, May 21:

MLA of Tipaimukh Assembly Constituency Ngursanglur Sanate flag off Relief Team at around 7 am today to provide relief items to the flood affected people of

the constituency.

Various places of the Assembly constituency have been severely affected by the incessant rains. Many residential areas have been inundated at the bank of Barak River as the river water breach at various points. Phailienthang

bazar and some houses including many agriculture land have been inundated by the flood.

The Relief team flagged off today was accompanied by SDO and his staffs.

The team will provide relief items to flood affected villagers along Barak River.

Phygital banks: RBI says leave cash go digital

Talking Points

Narvijay Yadav



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked all commercial banks to provide the facility of withdrawing money without debit or credit cards at ATMs. State Bank of India (SBI) is already giving this facility through its YONO app. RBI says that the absence of a card will reduce the incidents of fraud like card cloning and device tampering. In the new system, customers will be able to withdraw money using the UPI PIN. Banks will not be able to charge ATM fees for this service. This will be a great facility for all citizens and it will not be necessary to carry the cards with you. The trend of digital banking is increasing in India. More than 20 crore Indians are currently taking advantage of digital banking. RBI wants to increase the number. A large section of society has not yet gone digital. In order to make the benefits of digital banking services accessible to all, RBI has asked banks to open digital banking units. The Indian Banking Association says that digital banking units will start in 75 districts of the country in July.

In the digital banking units, all the work you do with internet banking i.e. net banking could be done. There will be no cash transaction here. Excluding cash transactions, these branches will deal in all other services like savings accounts, current accounts, FD, RD, internet banking, debit card, credit card, bank loan, BHIM QR codes, etc. Digital banking units will be opened even in the towns. Commercial banks had already given the option of net banking, but now they will be running digital bank units, called Phygital, blending digital experiences with physical ones. By visiting these physical units, you will be able to understand your digital banking needs and also get help from the bank. Cashless payments have already been encouraged by UPI (Unified Payments Interface), which is making digital payments popular. In retail digital payments, the share of UPI has more than doubled in the last four years. In the financial year 2020-21, the share of UPI in digital payments made at shops and business establishments was 28 percent, which has increased to 42 percent this year i.e. 2021-22.

Meanwhile, the digital rupee is also making news. It will be like a banknote, except it will not require any ATM. Its users will be able to transact in the form of tokens online from their savings accounts through smartphone wallets. The Reserve Bank of India will guarantee a digital rupee. Since the central bank is directly involved in this project, people will not be at risk of any loss like it had been done in the case of commercial banks. In the last few years, customers were barred from withdrawing their money from 21 banks due to their own banking malpractices. However, the digital rupee also has some risks. Imagine if the digital rupee becomes more popular than banks will find it challenging to maintain small accounts because everyone can switch to electronic cash. Finance experts believe that there is no special need for a digital rupee in India right now, as there is enough cash in the country.

Add Cucumber to Your Summer Skincare Routine



By: Shahnaz Husain

Cucumbers are one of the cheapest, easily available and best summer-friendly natural ingredients that helps the skin breathe and rejuvenate especially during intense heat waves.

Filled with essential nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, Cucumber is 96 percent water so you can mix it with other natural ingredients to create a mask that will help to exfoliate the skin and soak up cucumber's soothing qualities.

Its high water content not only hydrates your skin, but also helps maintain the water-balance of your body, and simple DIY preparations can work wonders for your skin, targeting a range of beauty woes including skin inflammations, puffiness, wrinkles, fine lines and even cellulite.

Cucumber is an excellent source of silica, the beauty mineral that improves your skin, leaving it rejuvenated and lightening skin color over a period of time.

Cucumber is a natural toner. For oily skin, you can apply cucumber juice by itself on the face and wash it off with plain water after 15 minutes. You can also mix cucumber juice with a little rose water. This would make a good toner. Apply it on the face and rinse off with plain water after 15 minutes.

Blend and mix two spoons of rose water to cucumber puree and apply the paste to your face. Then rinse with cool water to close and tighten the pores. Cucumber is also an astringent. Apart from toning and refreshing the skin, it closes the pores and reduces oiliness.

The effect of cucumber is gentle on the skin. That is why it is a traditional remedy for the delicate skin around the eyes, helping to reduce dark circles and brighten the skin. In fact, it also helps to reduce swelling and puffiness around eyes, due to its anti-inflammatory properties. Grated cucumber or cucumber juice may be applied daily on the skin around eyes, washing off with plain water after 15 minutes. Make a creamy blend of cucumber, coconut oil, carrot seed essential oil and aloe vera gel. Place the cream in ice cube trays and freeze. Apply the frozen cream around the eyes; be careful not to let it go inside your eyes. This mask will get rid of the dry circles, puffiness, and keep the little crow's feet around the eyes at bay.

When applying a cucumber face mask, gently massage the mask into your skin in small circular motions. This helps the ingredients to penetrate your pores. It also stimulates blood flow on the surface of your skin. Allow the mask to sit on your skin for 10 to 15 minutes, then rinse off with cold water. Don't forget to apply a good eye cream for moisturization afterwards.

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International Day of Biodiversity 2022



By: N. Munal Meitei

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors but we borrow it from our children." International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on 22nd May every year to increase understanding and awareness of our biodiversity issues. This day also advocates the people for harmony between humankind and nature and reducing biodiversity loss. The theme for this year is 'Building a shared future for all life'. As the global community is called to re-examine our relationship to the natural world, its certain that despite all our technological advances we are completely dependent on healthy and vibrant ecosystems for our survival. The theme also conveys the message of biodiversity being the future foundation and is the answer for all our environmental issues.

With this celebration we are remind for using the existing scientific and traditional knowledge to conserve, sustainably use and ensure equitable access and benefits associated with our biodiversity. We also have a unique opportunity to make biodiversity and nature a priority for all. Together we can galvanize action and awareness on the political impetus to nature for people, prosperity and for the planet.

Biodiversity is the variety of all living beings on earth. It is the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, their genes and the terrestrial, marine and freshwater ecosystems of which they are a part.

Biological diversity resources are the pillars upon which we build

civilizations. Over 80 % of the human diet is provided by plants. As many as 80% of people living in rural areas in developing countries rely on traditional plant based medicines for basic healthcare. But loss of biodiversity threatens everything. It has been proven that biodiversity loss could expand 200 noses while, on the other hand, if we keep biodiversity intact, it offers excellent tools to fight against pandemics like COVID-19 etc.

While there is a growing recognition that biological diversity is a global asset of tremendous value to future generations, the number of species is being significantly reduced by various human activities. Biodiversity provides building blocks for sustainable livelihood. It recognises that a country's biodiversity is the sovereign property of its people.

In spite of the importance given to biodiversity conservation, genetic erosion continues globally. Twelve per cent of birds, 21 per cent of mammals, 30 per cent of amphibians, 27 per cent of coral reefs and 35 per cent of conifers and cycads face extinction. According to the World Conservation Union (IUCN), over 47,677 species may soon disappear.

Biodiversity loss is predominantly related to habitat destruction. To reverse the paradigm and enlist development as an effective instrument for conserving biodiversity is a big question for reinforcing.

Biodiversity is a common good, an invaluable legacy formed over the course of millions of years and capital to transmit to future generations. To support 787 crores global population, the mother earth is over exhausted. To meet our demand, mankind will require two earths by 2030. The rate of Biodiversity loss from the earth is about three species per hour and about 150 species per day. A species once lost is the loss forever and when a species is lost, it affect to another species.

Forests are the integral part of global sustainable development. The loss of forest is about the size of a football ground per minute with about 15 billion trees per year. But a fully grown up tree can produced oxygen for 10 persons in a year. Forest and forest soil contain 80% i.e. one trillion tons of carbon – twice the amount found in the atmosphere and deforestation emit about 1.7 billion metric tons of carbon per year into the atmosphere. Hence, the conservation of forests offers important opportunities to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate change.

Biodiversity is the measure of the health of the ecosystem. It therefore underpins peoples livelihoods and sustainable development in all areas of activity, including economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism, among others. By halting biodiversity loss, we are investing in people, their lives, future and their well-being. Preserving biodiversity and human development must go hand-in-hand. Once there was only a choice between development and conservation. But now we realize that we cannot separate these two worlds any longer.

Biodiversity is like a large tank, from which humans can draw food, pharmaceutical products and even livelihood. Biodiversity is an "assurance" for life on our Planet and therefore must be protected at all costs, because it is a universal heritage that can offer immediate advantages to human beings.

Biodiversity is the living fabric of our planet. It underpins human wellbeing in the present and in the future, and its rapid decline threatens nature and people alike. Biodiversity loss jeopardizes nature's vital contributions to humanity, endangering economies, livelihoods, food security, cultural diversity and quality of life, and constitutes a major threat to global peace and security.

Climate change is a major driver of biodiversity erosion. Changes in the temperature of the atmosphere and precipitation, ocean acidification, sea level rise and the nature of some extreme events adversely impact biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The occurrence of over 1 200 species of plants and animals recorded in North-east India fascinate us. These species comprising of 50 species of soil and airborne fungi, 55 orchids, 52 edible fruits, and 50 medicinal plants, 75 each of woody plants, shrubs and herbs, 5 rotifers, 169 nematode worms, nearly 500 insects including 65 species of silk moths, 25 each of edible insects, lady bird beetles, aphids, parasitoids and 150 each of thrips and butterflies besides 120 species of fishes including 29 ornamental forms. It is a home of 17 crop species that represent 47% of the crop diversity available in the country.

North-east India supports nearly 50% of the total flowering plants recorded in India, out of which 31.58% are endemic. But the region is suffering from the acute environmental degradation threatening to the permanent loss of the biodiversity.

The biodiversity richness of Manipur includes about 4,000 angiosperms, 1200 medicinal plants, 34 species of edible fungi, about 500 orchids, 55 species of bamboo, 695 birds, 160 fish species, 21 migratory aquatic birds and multitude of butterflies, insects etc. It has two globally recognized biodiversity hotspots and an ecoregion renowned for its high species diversity and endemism. There are 145 medicinal plants that the healers use for treating 59 ailments. But state is now facing with an irreparable environmental damages that will never be able to bring back.

Therefore for the sake of mother earth and the future generation, let's save our Biodiversity.

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Naga Nationalism Change and continuity: An overview

By Thangmoi Haokip

It's an uphill task to pen down the whole picture of the Naga political movement, in other words, Naga Nationalism in one frame. However, an attempt has been made to bring some sort of factual testimony about an age-old long Naga Movement from the 20th Century to the 21st century which can be called as a living movement. The Nagas issue has become one of the Longest memo which had still relevant in today's contemporary Indian politics. The movement which took place from 1918 under the able leadership of Az Phizo to T. Muivah has had a vast impact on India's internal security at large, following several peace talks from abroad and the Indian soil yet, no final settlement at the existing moment.

There have been numerous ethnic movements that operated and are active in different Nation states and thus Naga Movement was one among them on Indian soil. With the coming of the British to India, various tribes / communities from the composite state of Assam resist the British colonialism and fought back against the mighty British in defense of their ancestral land, for instance, Anglo-Kuki war or the Kuki Rising 1917-1919 one year ahead of the Nagas movement, had there been a political consciousness like the Nagas the Kukis may also have a far reaching impact for their right and self determination in this present political scenario. The presence of the British was an advantage for some communities as there was an ex-

change of ideas, and the concept of political consciousness and self-determination gained momentum, especially among the tribal Nagas. Their presence on the Indian soil became a turning point for the tribes of North East India where the so called Middle class/ elite emerged in various sections of society. It may not be wrong to say that the Nagas movement has become one of the most influential movements in the history of humankind, keeping in mind the uniqueness of Naga history and culture it always had a space for discussion in the state politics in particular the national politics in general since its inception in 1918 with the formation of the Naga Club where the roots of political consciousness and self-determination born, this club provided the socio-political foundation for Naga Nationalist movement eventually becoming a platform for the entire Nagas to raise their grievances and demand. In the year 1929, the club submitted a memorandum to the Simon commission requesting that Naga should be given a choice of self-determination after British departure from Indian soil. One interesting fact is that during Naga Movement in 1930-31 there was a close relationship between Naga and Kuki as per British record book, for instance, the then Lengjang Kuki Interpreter was a signatory of a memorandum submitted to Simon commission. I would like to share a few lines of the memorandum which reads "if the British govern-

ment, however, wants to throw us away, we pray that we should not be thrust into the mercy of the people who could never have conquered us themselves, and to whom we were never subjected but leave us alone to determine for ourselves as in ancient times" (Naga Club Memorandum) Change and continuity can be witnessed from the Birth of NNC to earlier Naga Club. The formation of Naga National council out of Naga district tribal council heralded the rise of the middle-class intellectuals. NNC became a political organization for the Nagas to raise their issues and concerns eventually led to the signing of 9 points Hydari Agreement with the government of India however NNC decisively rejected the government's interpretation of a particular clause of the hydari Agreement. some notable public figures of India commented that the Naga position on self-determination was anti national and the Naga struggle was a direct challenge to the nation and state building process in independent India but few leaders like Nehru, Gandhi, Narayan, understood the Naga standpoint. In opposition to Hydari Agreement AZ Phizo and his team met Gandhi on 19 July 1947 what Gandhi told the delegation that "The Nagas have every right to be independent. We did not want to live under the domination of the British and they are now leaving I want you to feel that India is yours, but if you said that it is not mine the matter must stop there. I believe in the brotherhood

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14 people dead, over 800,000 affected in Assam floods

Agency
Guwahati, May 21:

The flood situation in Assam turned critical on Friday with the death of four more persons in the state, officials said.

With the death of four more persons, the toll to 14 in the current pre-monsoon floods and landslides and over 8 lakh people have been affected in 29 of the state's 34 districts, officials said. Assam State Disaster Management Authority officials said that the four deaths were reported from Cachar (2), Nagaon, and Lakhimpur districts.

The Army, the Assam Rifles, the National Disaster Response Force, and the State Disaster Response Force, along with the district administrations, are working round the clock to rescue the stranded people and to provide relief to the marooned citizens.



UNICEF has deployed 7 teams of technical specialists and consultants to support the DDMA of Cachar, Hojai, Darrang, Biswanath, Nagaon, Morigaon and Dima Hasao in monitoring flood relief camps in accordance with the relief camp management SOPs, assessing ground situation and needs, and supporting relevant stakeholders in strengthening the response activities.

According to an ASDMA report, 8,12,619 people, including 1,39,780 children, of 2,585 villages in 29 districts have

been affected.

A total of 21,884 stranded persons have been evacuated with the help of disaster response forces and volunteers. In all, 343 relief camps and 411 relief distribution centres have been opened in all affected areas.

A total of 86,772 people are staying in the relief camps.

Over 81,920 hectare of crops has been affected in the ongoing pre-monsoon flood.

The worst-affected districts include Nagaon, Cachar, Karimganj, Hojai, Darrang, Charaideo, Dhemaji,

Dibrugarh, Bajali, Baksa, Biswanath, and Lakhimpur.

The situation in the hill section of the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) in Dima Hasao district remained critical on Wednesday as rain continued to batter the area, affecting the Lumding-Badarpur single line railway route, which connects Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and the southern part of Assam with the rest of the country.

According to NFR's Chief Public Relations Officer, Sabyasachi De, the Lumding Division, in association with district authorities of Hojai, ran a special train for the relief and rescue of flood-affected people of the district recently.

Consisting of three coaches, this flood relief train ran from Hojai to Jamunamukh, carrying food and essential materials for the flood affected people, who were taking shelter in make shift tents beside the railway tracks in the Hojai-Jamunamukh section.

Assam Rifles foils cross border smuggling of narcotics



IT News
Imphal, May 21:

Tengnoupal Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) foiled cross border smuggling of narcotics at Khudengthabi, Tengnoupal on 19 May.

During routine checking at Permanent Vehicle Check Post, troops of Assam Rifles intercepted a vehicle. On thorough search of the vehicle, 1.5 kg of brown sugar in 37 soap cases concealed inside the front and rear of the vehicle were recovered.

The seized narcotics were assessed to be worth Rs 3.01 crores.

The recovered items along with the drug peddler were handed over to Moreh Police for further investigation.

44 AR renovated Apollo market shed, Tamenglong

IT News
Imphal, May 21:

44 Assam Rifles under aegis of 22 Sect AR / IGAR (East) renovated the women's market shed. The same was inaugurated by Commandant, 44 Assam Rifles on 20 May 2022. He dedicated this centre to the spirit and grit of local people of Tamenglong. The local women approached 44 Assam Rifles to help them repair the market shed just in front of the entrance of the battalion. The

women's market shed opposite Apollo ground was not in a hygienic state and was not used effectively. During rain, the problems magnified due to water clogging.

The renovation works included repair of walls, roof, cement floor, painting of roof and white washing of walls.

The Commandant, Tamenglong battalion while addressing stressed upon the importance of women empowerment for a better society. He further emphasised upon the

contribution of women in the nation building. He also said this small act of battalion shall empower rural women and shall build upon by leveraging resources and inspire many other villages and usher a new ray of hope for development of Tamenglong district. He called upon people to move towards self reliance and sustainability. On this occasion he sought the cooperation of locals especially the women in maintaining the security situation in the area.

Mid-Sea Drug Bust: DRI and ICG Interdict 218 kg Heroin worth Rs 1526 Crore

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, May 21:

The high-grade heroin weighing 218 kg worth Rs 1526 crore in the international illicit market was seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in a joint operation off Agatti coast in Lakshadweep (Union Territory) on Wednesday.

The contraband was seized from two boats 'Prince' and 'Little Jesus' after several days of continuous search and monitoring amidst very rough seas a press release issued by the ICG on Friday stated.

Both the boats were escorted to Kochi (Kerala) and were thoroughly searched at the ICG District Headquarters in Kochi, which led to the recovery of 218 packets of heroin weighing 1 kg each. On questioning, crew members in

these boats confessed that they had received heroin in huge quantity on the high seas and that they had concealed it in both the boats.

An official statement said that an operation was launched by the DRI after it developed specific intelligence over several months that two Indian boats would be sailing from the coast of Tamil Nadu and will receive narcotics in large quantities somewhere in the Arabian Sea, during the second/third week of May. Based on these inputs, a joint operation was launched by the DRI and the ICG on May 07. Under the operation, ICG ship "Sujeet", with DRI officials onboard, maintained a close watch near India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Now the proceedings under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985

are being undertaken by the DRI. Besides the follow-up searches are also taking place at various locations and further investigation is in progress, the statement said.

This was the fourth major drug haul by the DRI in the past month. Earlier, the DRI had recovered 205.6 kg of heroin from a commercial import consignment of gypsum powder at the Kandla port (Gujarat) on April 20, 396 kg of yarn (laced with heroin) at Pipapav port (District Amreli, Gujarat) on April 29, and 62 kg heroin at Air Cargo Complex, IGI Airport in New Delhi on May 10, collectively valued at approximately Rs 2,500 crore in the international illicit market.

In the recent past, the ICG and DRI have undertaken some significant anti-drug trafficking operations. The joint operation against transnational drug trafficking

networks has been successful in disrupting the inflow of narcotics into the country through maritime routes.

The DRI has seized over 3800 kg of heroin worth Rs 26,000 crore in the international illicit market. Besides, over 350 kg of cocaine valued at approximately Rs 3500 crore was seized by the DRI, including a 303 kg haul of cocaine from a container at Tuticorin Port (Tamil Nadu) in April 2021. The ICG on the other hand recovered over 03 MT of narcotics worth nearly Rs 6200 crore in the last three years, bringing total drug seizures to Rs 12,206 crore to date.

The notable cases include the apprehension of Sri Lankan boat Shenaya Duwa and Ravishani, both of which were apprehended with drugs and arms viz. AK-47 and pistols, Iranian boat Jumma, Pak boat Al Huseni and Al-Haj recently.

Job sectors are recovering from Covid induced slump

Unlike the last two years, this year most of the job roles from across sectors have considered for a salary hike. Facebook sharing, button linked in sharing, button mail sharing, button print sharing, button. A recent study conducted across various job sectors in the country has revealed that most sectors have recovered from the covid induced slump.

The report titled Jobs and Salary Primer Report for FY'22 was conducted by TeamLease



By: Vijay GarG

Services India'. The research for the report was conducted across 8 functions, 2,63,000 profiles, 17 industries and 9 cities.

Out of the 17 sectors reviewed 14 have indicated a single digit hike. The median salary increment will be around 8.13%. E-commerce and Tech Start-ups, Healthcare and Allied Industries, Information Technology and Knowledge Services are the only three sectors who have registered a salary growth greater than 10%.

The report showed that of the sectors analysed 10 have indicated a progression rate of 7-10% and the rest are growing at a rate of 5-7%. Also, unlike the last two years, this year most of the job roles from across sectors have considered for a salary hike, however, the increments will be moderate.

The salary hike for super specialised job roles range between 11% and 12%. The top paying (increments of 12% and above) are Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Pune.

The report also found out that 9 out of the 17 sectors created new Hot jobs and 6 sectors created new upcoming jobs this year. These jobs include Field Scientist (Agriculture and Agro-chemicals), EV Technical Expert (Automobile & Allied Industries), KYC Analyst among others.

Employers continue to place a premium on super-specialised job roles and the demand for this job category continues to rise. Growth rates in the category have inched up from 11% to 12% this year.

Despite a marginal 4% drop pay differentials between permanent and temporary job profiles (less than 3%) stood steady for nearly 37% of all profiles across all sectors.

BPO & ITES, E-Commerce & Tech Startups, Educational Services, Information Technology and Knowledge Services are some of the sectors that are likely to benefit on business continuity from WFH.

Name Correction

I, the undersigned Mayanglabam Shanta Singh, do hereby declare that my wife Mayanglabam Bineshwori Devi's name has been wrongly recorded as Elangbam Bineshwori Devi in my service record and that I would like to record the name of my wife as Mayanglabam Bineshwori Devi as it is the correct name.

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Add Cucumber to Your...

You can make a skin toner with cucumber juice, mixing the juice of one cucumber with one tablespoon of rose water and one cup of mineral water. It will not only tone the skin, but also remove tan over a period of time. Or, mix cucumber juice with one teaspoon of mint juice and a cup of mineral water. This will suit oily and acne prone skin.

The juice of one cucumber can also be mixed with half teaspoon lemon juice, one teaspoon aloe vera juice and one cup rose water. Chill the mixture in the fridge. This toner will close the pores and also moisturize the skin, without making it oily.

You can also mix one tablespoon of cucumber juice with one cup coconut water. It makes a most refreshing skin toner, also cooling the skin. It is also a skin whitening beauty treatment if used over a period of time and lightens skin blemishes.

Take 10 gms of rose petals and put them in a bowl. Add two cups of hot water to cover them and let them infuse in the water. Leave overnight. Next morning cool and strain and then add one tablespoon of cucumber juice and the contents of one Vitamin E capsule. Mix well. Put in a spray bottle and use it to spray a fine mist on the face. It helps to tone, refresh and nourish the skin.

Refrigerate two cucumber slices for at least half hour, and apply them on tired eyes for combating any puffiness after a hectic, exhausting day in peak summer season.

Remember, that home beauty recipes should not be made in large quantities.

Store your home-made toner in your refrigerator, so that it is ready and ideal for refreshing the skin in summer.

(The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India)

Naga Nationalism Change and.....

The change of Interlocutor from Ravi to the incumbent interlocutor AK Mishra for the Indo-Naga peace talks has thrown more confusion about the future of Nagas, on the other hand, it is crystal clear that the demand for a separate flag and constitution by NSCN(IM) cannot be accepted by the Indian Government this was also pronounced by the Deputy CM of Nagaland in his public speech stating that controversial demand for a separate flag and constitution as a part of Naga peace process "must end" and there must be "breakthrough" before March 2023 Assembly pool. Nobody knows what could be the reason for the government's hesitation in unaccepting their demands. Nevertheless, Gol has to do something for the Nagas keeping in mind an age-old long pending movement from the 20th century to the

21st century which can be termed as a living movement till a final settlement is made. Initially, Nehru offered the Sixth schedule to the people of Nagas but it was a small cake for them and hence rejected as they want something bigger than the sixth schedule. The government also could not forget that there were signatories to Suspension of Operation in the case of Kuki insurgent groups under the Umbrella of KNO and UPF besides, Manipur integrity is a big question to ponder here but everything lies in the hand of the Central government for any necessary action to be taken to bring Amicable solution to the Indo-Naga political issue. Netizen is aware of the recent development with regard to ongoing Indo-Naga political talks in what way can the Government satisfy the NSCN(IM) to bring a final solution at the

earliest is what the public is looking for it.

Such a historic movement would not be ended easily, the outcome should be rational and logical, keeping in mind tremendous change and continuity regarding the Indo-Naga peace talks starting from submitting memorandum to Simon Commission later on signing the hydari Agreement, ceasefire, & towards Historic framework agreement signed in 2015, the central government is on the process to inked final agreement for an age-old long historic movement, sensibly for the interest of the Nagas in particular and the public in general.

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India sees single-day rise of 2,323 Covid-19 cases; active cases at 14,996

Agency
New Delhi, May 21:

India's COVID-19 tally increased to 4,31,34,145 on Saturday with 2,323 fresh infections, while the number of active cases came down to 14,996, according to Union health ministry data.

The death toll climbed to 5,24,348 with 25 fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.3 per cent of the total infections. The national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at

98.75 per cent, the ministry said.

A decrease of 48 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.47 per cent and the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 0.51 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,25,94,801. The case fatality rate stood at 1.22 per cent, it said.

The cumulative COVID-19

vaccine doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide inoculation drive have exceeded 192.12 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 October 29, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the 1 crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of 2 crore on May 4 and

3 crore on June 23.

The 25 new fatalities include 23 from Kerala and one each from Uttar Pradesh and Mizoram.

The health ministry stressed that more than 70 per cent of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities.

"Our figures are being reconciled with the Indian Council of Medical Research," the ministry said on its website, adding that the state-wise distribution of figures is subject to further verification and reconciliation.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma tops the list of most popular CMs

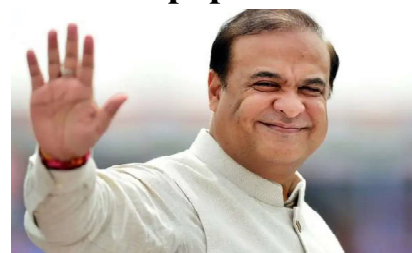
Agency
Guwahati, May 21:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has been rated as the most popular Chief Minister among the statesmen who emerged victorious in the Assembly polls in May 2021.

As per the latest survey conducted by CVoter, the Assam CM has leapfrogged to the top spot among the chiefs of four states (West Bengal, Kerala, Assam, Tamil Nadu) and one Union Territory (Puducherry).

The respondents were asked to rank the Chief Ministers of their respective states based on their performances during the survey.

More than 43 per cent of the respondents in Assam expressed that they were satisfied with the performance of Himanta Biswa Sarma while more than 41 per cent stated the same in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.



The performance of the Assam CM was rated as satisfactory by 37 per cent of the respondents in the state while around 18 per cent of respondents were dissatisfied with his performance, citing the polarized nature of politics in Assam.

It is worth noting that Himanta deserted the Congress party in 2015 to join the BJP and he played a vital role in the saffron party's historic win in Assam's 2016 Assembly elections. It was historic

because prior to 2016, the BJP never came to power in Assam.

Besides his instrumental contribution in Assam, he has also helped the BJP to stitch a coalition in the northeastern region, in what has been named as the North-East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) which came into existence on May 24, 2016.

Himanta, who founded the alliance, was appointed as the convenor of the front and the chairperson of this alliance is BJP President JP Nadda.

Centre calls for intensive 'Mission Mode' push to Covid Vaccination across country

Agency
New Delhi, May 21:

Underlining the urgent need for an intensive 'mission mode' push to COVID-19 vaccination across the country to accelerate the recent placid momentum, the Union health secretary has advised them to plan for a two-month long 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign 2.0, during June-July, with detailed district, block and village levels plans, the statement said.

The objective of the 'Har Ghar Dastak 2.0' abhiyan is to vaccinate and saturate the eligible population groups for first, second and precaution doses through door-to-door campaigns, with focussed campaigns for old age homes, schools and colleges including the out-of-school children (for focussed coverage of children aged 12-18 years population), prisons, brick kilns, etc. The sub-optimal coverage of persons aged 60 years and above with precaution dose which renders them vulnerable, along with considerably slower speed of coverage in the 12-14 years cohort was pointed out. States and union territories were urged to undertake effective monitoring with micro-plans based on

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due-lists of all eligible beneficiaries. They were also urged to review administration of precaution dose to 18-59 years age-group with the private hospitals on a regular basis, the statement said.

Bhushan stressed on a clear and effective communication strategy for increasing the pace of the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination, noting that customised regional communication best practices have yielded appreciable results in India's highly commendable COVID-19 coverage of over 191 crore doses. Focus on regional influencers, community leaders, innovative campaigns, etc., was highlighted. With data on state-wise availability of vaccines vs. due beneficiaries, states and union territories were informed about the stock of near-expiry vaccine doses lying unused with them, the statement said.

Underscoring that COVID-19 vaccine is a precious national resource, they were strongly advised to ensure that there is no wastage at any cost. This must be ensured

through active monitoring and on basis of 'first expiry first out' principle, where doses that expire earlier should be used for vaccination first. Pointing out that supply of vaccine doses has been made to states and union territories according to their demand since December 2021, they were advised to first use the unused balance doses over the coming months of May, June and July, the statement said.

It was pointed out that in some states, people who wish to travel abroad and seek to take a precaution dose within 90 days of the second dose, are being asked to furnish proof of the intended foreign journey, the statement said. Bhushan reiterated that under no circumstances should any Covid vaccination centre or any state government insist on any documentary proof of foreign travel for those who are seeking a precaution dose ahead of their travel abroad. Communication in this regard has already been shared with states and union territories.

Contd. from Page 1 State observes Anti-Terrorism....

All these create unnecessary confusion and could harm the hard earned peace in the State, the Chief Minister observed.

The law and order situation has improved but we still have to work harder, he said, further expressing desire to improve the intelligence network to strengthen the force further.

The Chief Minister said today's India is a product of the many who had sacrificed for the nation. Similarly Manipur had also witnessed many sacrifices, he said. We should remember them all, he added. Let us protect India and Manipur and face any challenges on the unity and integrity of India and Manipur, he added.

President of the observance, Minister Thongam

Biswajit Singh said that terrorism is today the biggest enemy of our civilization.

It is now time to think for the collective good and move towards becoming a foremost developed country, he said appealing to all to shun violence and move forward together.

He further said that India by observing this day is spreading the message of peace and humanity and unity in diversity. He further said that irrespective of caste, creed, religion, we should promote unity among ourselves.

The Minister further appealed to all to join hands, to fight to protect humanity and

combat terrorist activities from our soil and to make a meaningful observation of the day.

Today's observance was also attended by Manipur Legislative Assembly Speaker Th. Satyabrata Singh, Ministers Letpao Haokip and Kashim Vashum, MP of Rajya Sabha Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, officials, among others.

As part of the observance, the Chief Minister also administered the Anti-Terrorism Day Pledge. Artists of the Shri Shri Bal Mukanda Dev Government Music College also performed the closing and opening songs of the observance.

Sports

Hockey India names 24-member Indian Women's Hockey team for FIH Hockey Pro League in Belgium and Netherlands

Agency
New Delhi, May 21:

Hockey India on Saturday named a well-balanced 24-member Indian Women's Hockey Team for the FIH Hockey Pro League matches to be played in Belgium and Netherlands in June ahead of the much-awaited FIH Hockey Women's World Cup.

India is scheduled to play hosts Belgium on 11th and 12th June followed by matches against Argentina on 18th and 19th June and United States on 21st and 22nd June 2022.

The team will be led by Savita and Vice Captained by Deep Grace Ekka. While the team list includes Junior World Cup stars Bichu Devi Kharibam, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Baljeet Kaur, Sangita Kumari and Deepika, the league is also likely to witness experienced striker Rani's return to action after she made her last appearance at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. She is in rehab to recover from a prolonged



hamstring injury.

The Indian Team features goalkeepers Savita and Bichu Devi Kharibam, defenders Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udit, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale. The midfield will see Nisha, Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam, Monika, Neha, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Sonika,

Salima Tete and Baljeet Kaur.

The forwardline will see the very experienced Vandana Katariya lead the charge with Lalremisiam, Navneet Kaur, Sharmila Devi, Sangita Kumari, Deepika and Rani. Additionally, Rajini Etimarpur, Mahima Chaudhary and Rajwinder Kaur have been named as standbys.

Talking about the team,

Chief Coach Janneke Schopman said, "This is going to be a very important leg of Pro League matches in Europe as it will give us insights into our progress ahead of the World Cup in July. These matches are going to be critical in also finalizing our team for the World Cup."

"This is a good, well-bal-

anced squad with a mix of some very experienced players and youngsters who have shown great promise after their Junior World Cup outing. I am very interested to find out how they will play in European conditions against quality sides like Belgium, Argentina and US," Schopman added.

The Indian Women's team is currently poised at no.1 position on the pool table in the FIH Hockey Pro League and will be vying to top the charts at the end of the season.

Team list:

Goalkeepers: Savita (Captain), Bichu Devi Kharibam
Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka (Vice-Captain), Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udit, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale.

Midfielders: Nisha, Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam, Monika, Neha, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Sonika, Salima Tete, Baljeet Kaur.

Forwards: Vandana Katariya, Lalremisiam, Navneet Kaur, Sharmila Devi, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Rani.

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE (SR. DIVISION), IMPHAL WEST, MANIPUR

**ORIGINAL (MONEY) SUIT NO. 10 OF 2022
UNDER ORDER XXXVII OF THE CODE OF CPC**

Ahanthem Anishkumar Singh, Sagolband Langjing Achouba

..... Plaintiff.

-Versus-

Yendrembam Rajiv Singh, Moirangkhom Makha Loklaobung

..... Defendant.

SUMMON

To,
Yendrembam Rajiv Singh, S/o Y. Brojen Singh of Moirangkhom Makha Loklaobung, P.O. & P.S. Imphal West, Manipur.

Whereas, the Plaintiff, has instituted a suit against you under Order XXXVII of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 for recovery a sum of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakh) only, you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you, within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled, after the expiration of the said period of 10th days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakh) only, as the Court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you summon for judgment at the herein of which you will be entitled to move the court for leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to suit on the merits or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 19th day of May, 2022.

Sd/-
**Civil Judge (Sr. Division),
Imphal West, Manipur.**

Seal:
By: Advocate