

CM attends Capacity Building Conference on 5G State's youths need to gain expertise in it sector: Chief Minister

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh stressed the need for the State's youths to gain expertise in the field of IT sector so that they could cope up with the drastic advancement in the sector.

The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering at the inaugural session of the Capacity Building Conference on 5G held at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal today.

N. Biren continued that youths of the State seemed to be reluctant towards the IT sector, adding that no local student could be found getting admitted at the Indian Institute of Information Technology opened at the State. He appealed to the parents and guardians to consider the importance of their wards getting knowledge of Information Technology, mentioning that the time is for the IT sector.

Maintaining that the state had been making great strides in all spheres of development,



he added that leveraging Telecom infrastructure for better governance has been an integral part of the State Government's inclusive development strategy. The State Government had been extending full support and co-operation for creation of Digital Infrastructures in Manipur. Initiatives, like Bharat Net, are being implemented in the State to transform the rural masses by providing affordable and equitable access to the internet, he added.

The Chief Minister informed that 360 villages of the State had been included under

4G Saturation project to provide 4G mobile services to uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas. Proposal is under preparation for inclusion of additional 833 uncovered villages, he stated. He continued that the IT Department of the State Government in association with CSC- Special Purpose Vehicle had been monitoring the performance of 1000+ active CSCs in the State. Based on their performance, an incentive programme had been implemented to encourage CSCs to provide services in remote areas, he added.

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched 5G Services in India last month to power the future of connectivity in the Country, N. Biren informed that the State is also taking up various initiatives for successful Roll Out of 5G services in the State. A Working Committee on 5G had been formed and an Amendment to Manipur Right of Way Policy 2019 to incorporate 5G policies had also been processed, he said.

He expressed that building a robust and resilient connectivity infrastructure in the State is critical, given the State's strategic location which connects India to one of the most economically dynamic and politically significant geographies of the world.

The Chief Minister was also hopeful that deliberations and discussion of today's conference would help gear the State towards a smooth and quick roll out of 5G in the State.

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CM inaugurates Gents' Hostel at JNIMS, Porompat



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Imphal, Nov 10:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the Gents' Hostel No. 3 at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Porompat in presence of Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh and Public Health Engineering Minister L. Susindro Meitei today.

Addressing the media, the Chief Minister stated that considerable changes could be seen in JNIMS, mentioning the increase in ICU beds, opening of neurological surgery facilities, installation of oxygen plants and successful kidney transplant operations among others. Mentioning that the

seats of MBBS course in JNIMS had been increased to 150, he added the newly inaugurated Gents' Hostel would help in accommodating more students.

N. Biren maintained the State Government had been putting efforts to bring up JNIMS to an institute of National level and expressed that he was impressed with the performance of the Institute. The Government is trying, as a team work, to bring further development in the Institute. Informing that the Institute has no facility for plastic surgery as of now, he added that cases related to kidney transplant and cancer had been given priority.

The Chief Minister informed that the Government is

considering opening facilities of neurological surgery 24/7 and equipment worth of around Rs. 10 crores are needed to be procured. Manpower of two doctors is needed and DPC for the same has been conducted, he further informed. He mentioned that the State Government could not add the required facilities at one go due to fund constraints. However, necessary facilities will be opened one after another on priority basis.

Additional Chief Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) V. Vumlungmang, Director (JNIMS) Prof. Laishram Deben Singh, doctors and staff of JNIMS also attended the inaugural programme among others.

Minister Biswajit releases music video "Poppy Leirang"

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

Cabinet Minister Thangam Biswajit has released a Manipuri music video based on War on Drugs called "Poppy Leirang" at Manipur Press Club today. MLA Karam Shyam, MLA Kh. Ibomcha, SP NAB K. Meghachandra, Upadhyaksha of Imphal East Dr. Ksh. Tama and Social Worker Leitanthem Basanta also attended the music video releasing function as presidium members.

Speaking on the occasion Th. Biswajit, Minister of Power, Environment and Climate Change, Agriculture, Science and Technology appreciated that Production team of the music video as it



will enhance the awareness campaign against the menace of narcotic drugs.

"I appreciate all the production team of the music video and the singer, P.

Rajendro Meitei in particular for the effort to spread awareness about the menace of narcotic drugs in the state", Minister Biswajit said adding that the music

video will boost the "War on Drugs" campaign which is going on in the state under the initiative of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

Self style President of Anti-Corruption body arrested

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

A self styled state president of the Anti Corruption Foundation of India (ACFI) allegedly registered under the I.T.A. NITI Aayog and MSME Govt. of India, certified by the National Vigilance Commission was arrested by a team of Imphal East District Police at around 5.30 pm yesterday.

The person has been identified as Md. Mansoor Alam (Aged about 40 years) of Kairang Mayai Leikai in Imphal East.

Additional source said that the person had also claimed to be spokesperson of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on social networking site - Facebook.

On Sunday, the CMO had stated that "fake news was

being circulated in social media by one Mansoor Alam, claiming himself to be the official spokesperson of the CM."

The statement clarified that "neither the CM nor the CM's office Manipur has any official spokesperson and Mansoor Alam is not connected in any way whatsoever with the functioning of the CM."

Outsider hiding in the State for 9 years without ILP arrested

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

State police have arrested an outsider who have been taking shelter in the State for nine years without ILP permit was arrested by a team of Heingang Police Station at

around 7.30 pm yesterday. Interestingly the person identified as Rihaan Khan (abt. 45 years), son of Abdulla Khan of Dyancharam, K.V. Rangaredy, Telangana (Pin - 501101, also married a local girl identified as Saniya Choudry (age abt. 30 years),

daughter of Fazal Choudary of Kairang Chingya.

Police source said that the person was arrested during ILP drive conducted by the state police from time to time. It added that the person will be deported by observing necessary formalities.

Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme held

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

The Central Bureau of Communication Field Office, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, hosted an Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme on AKAM & 8th Years Seva, Sushasan, and Garib Kalyan today at Leishokching Village in Chandel.

Dr. Aribam Ibomcha, Assistant Director of Regional News Unit, DDK Imphal, speaking as Chief Guest, noted that Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was held under five themes. He appealed to



everyone to come forth and do their jobs well so India could become a developed country.

During the function, DIO

Chandel, Joseph Longjam, stated that as Chandel District is an aspirational district, residents should participate in all events. Every development

project undertaken by the state and central governments in this district is solely for the benefit of the district's residents

54 singers to participate the 9th State Level Song Competition

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

54 singers are participating in the preliminary round of the 9th State Level Song Competition 2022 of religious song to be held on November 14 at GM hall here in Imphal.

In the 1st round of the competition organized by the

Artist Cum Educational Research Centre (ATEREC), Imphal, top 20 singers will be selected and the Mega Final of the Competition will be held on December 20. Inaugural function of the song competition will be attended by MLA Thangjam Arunkumar as the Chief Guest while Soubita Soubam President of

ATEREC will preside over it, a statement by Okendo Khundongbam, Secretary ATEREC said. Social Activist Konjengbam Dilip and Patron member of Patriotic Writers Forum Wahengbam Hemabati will also attend the inaugural function as special guests.

All songs are written by 17 lyricists.

It's Not Parlour Trick Either: Manipur Needs Appropriate Understanding of Development

By: Amar Yumnam

Looking at the behavioural manifestations of the present governance leadership right from the first day when a social media post of a child attracted the height of reaction to the present generalisation of that approach to all and sundry on any issue, I am always reminded of two historical experiences – one ancient and another modern. The ancient one is very well reflected in the rendering by Plato of Socrates' statement in the court defending himself; it is called Apology: "Wherefore, O judges, be of good cheer about death, and know this of a truth - that no evil can happen to a good man, either in life or after death. He and his are not neglected by the gods; nor has my own approaching end happened by mere chance. But I see clearly that to die and be released was better for me; and therefore the oracle gave no sign. For which reason also, I am not angry with my accusers, or my condemners; they have done me no harm, although neither of them meant to do me any good; and for this I may gently blame them... Still I have a favour to ask of them. When my sons are grown up, I would ask you, O my friends, to punish them; and I would have you trouble them, as I have troubled you, if they seem to care about riches, or anything, more than about virtue; or if they pretend to be something when they are really nothing, - then reprove them, as I have reprov'd you, for not caring about that for which they ought to care, and thinking that they are something when they are really nothing. And if you do this, I and my sons will have received justice at your hands." This is a wonderful exposition of the role of wisdom and the rationale for being good.

The contemporary instance relates to the experience in development debates when a new exposition arises wherein "even before the old consensus has been decently ascertained and buried, the pretender to its throne is already grabbing at the crown in a palace revolution."

Manipur is now experiencing a historical phase when her governance *inter alia* (a) does not know the distinction between propaganda and policy, (b) thinks any intervention is a stand alone action with no implications for anything else, (c) does not display any intention or capability to present a full-fledged articulation on any action such that the public would not enjoy any opportunity to understand and debate, and (d) does not face any issue head-on, but indulges in diversionary tactics – solution is not the objective.

Manipur needs development and needs it badly. Development, as we all know and as the global history tells us, is not something which falls from the sky. The scenario is getting worsened in the Post-Covid Scenario and with no recovery interventions. By the way, the latest Reports from the ILO (International Labour Organisation) reveal that the youth unemployment scene in India today is as bad as in the Middle East countries; I shall come up with a piece on this sooner. So every effort has to be directed towards firing up the development process. Development cannot by any means be fuelled by parlour tricks: "a usually simple trick or demonstration that is used especially to entertain or amuse guests." They are easy to perform and may be good "to amuse people at parties, and are sometimes called party tricks. Many people know a few parlour tricks of their own, on occasion developing a signature trick which is in high demand at social gatherings, and it is also possible to hire a magician who specializes in such tricks to entertain a party... As the use of the word "parlour" implies, parlour tricks are designed to be performed in front of a small audience, such as a group of friends gathered in a parlour. The magician usually performs at the same height as his or her audience, and the tricks are generally straightforward, not requiring the help of an assistant. Parlour tricks can often be performed with minimal props, or with things which people have around the house, like chairs, eggs, decks of cards, and so forth."

This is the time when any intervention has to be oriented towards the Ultimate Objective of Development and to be alive to the need for dovetailing every other intervention for Convergence. Development can be achieved and meaningfully sustained if the varied interventions are made convergent to the objective of development.

All have heard of the Oxford Township, the Cambridge Township, the Massachusetts Town and, more recently nearer home, the township emerging near the Indian Institute of Technology at Guwahati. We also know how the face of Lamphepat has undergone a dramatic transformation after the establishment of the Medical College. While recently inaugurating a medical college in a mountain district in Manipur, the head of the people in Manipur (to make things a little clearer: in a democracy where the government is formed by the party which wins the largest number of seats, the leader who leads the government formed by the elected majority is the head of the people of the land) announced that in a few years the State would have the capacity to treat more patients. Well, there are some intriguing questions here. Is it the objective of the State that we should have more patients? Do we expand medical education to ensure that there are more patients coming up? Are doctors only for treating sick people and not positive agents of social change?

The fundamental purpose of education and knowledge expansion is definitely positive. The expansion of medical knowledge facilities and widening the coverage of the population with such knowledge has the positive ambition of deepening and widening the density of medical knowledge in the society. The rise in the density and well as the intensity of medical knowledge would have the positive impact of reductions (this negative has a positive implication in this instance) in the number of people falling sick. The establishment of medical education facilities can never have the rise in number of people falling sick and getting them treated can never be the guiding principle of establishing a medical institute. Medical institutions are established around the globe with the objective of widening and deepening an informed knowledge on health, and being attended by knowledgeable hands when sickness occurs.

Further, creation of such a knowledge centre is an opportunity for inspiring the local population with the spirit of public-private partnership to cause even higher positive externalities – externalities are those results other than the original intended objectives. In fact, in any development intervention, it has always been the externalities which have been much wider and meaningful for long-term transformation. The behavioural manifestations of these externalities would decide the future trajectory.

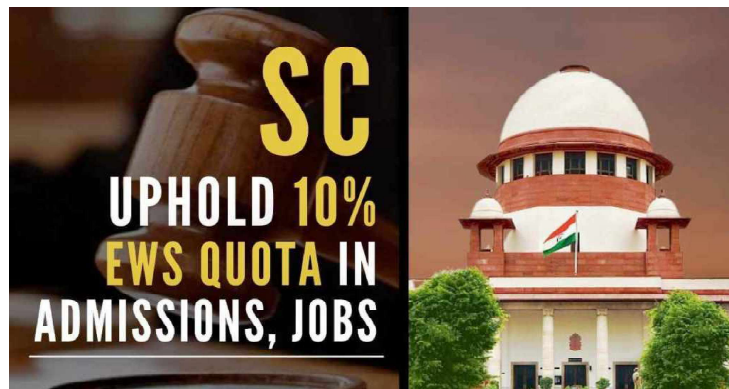
We do hope that the new medical college would certainly cause positive externalities and not remain just as a factory for producing doctors for treating patients in the future. We also look forward to a governance attuning to the contextual needs of transformation.

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SC's order on the EWS 10% quota

By: Sanjenbam Jugeshwor Singh



Government's order that caste is an indicator of backwardness. That is, the caste system has played a significant role in discriminating against various sections of society for many years. Thus the recommendation of 50% reservations for backward classes such as Dalits in central government services was finally implemented in 1992. The EWS judgment delivered on Monday however dilutes the Indra Sawhney judgment. Justice Maheshwari argued that the EWS quota does not affect the 50% reservation owing to its flexibility.

However, Justice Bhat who opposed the EWS quota said that it will result in compartmentalization, and the rule of the right to equality will translate into a right to reservations. It should be noted that state governments have time and again attempted to provide reservations to a 'specific class' (even those unaffected by caste hierarchy). This was however not entertained, thanks to the Indra Sawhney Judgement.

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari who delivered the order maintained that the EWS quota did not violate the basic structure of the Indian Constitution. "Reservation in addition to an existing reservation does not violate provisions of the Constitution," he said. Concurring with Justice Maheshwari, Justice Bella Trivedi said the quota cannot be termed as discriminatory if the state can justify it. "Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC) form separate categories. They can't be treated at par with the unreserved categories. The benefit under EWS can't be said to be discriminatory," Justice Bella said. Echoing the two, Justice Pardiwala said reservation is not an end but a means to secure social justice. "The idea of Dr Ambedkar was to bring reservation for 10 years but it has continued. Reservation shouldn't be allowed to become a vested interest," he said.

Justice Ravindra Bhat said that the country's majoritarian population comes under economically weaker sections belonging to SCs and OBCs. Their exclusion discriminates equality code and violates basic structure, he said. "Reservation is contrary to the essence of equal opportunity. The 103rd amendment practices prohibited forms of discrimination," he said. He further observed that reservations were created to uproot thousands of years of wrongs on communities and castes "Reservations designed as a powerful tool to enable equal access. Introduction of economic criteria and excluding other backward classes, SC, ST, OBC, saying they had these pre-existing benefits is injustice," he stated. CJI U U Lalit concurred with Justice Bhat and struck down Articles 15(6) and 16(6), calling them a violation of the equality code.

It is pertinent to note that the EWS quota is over and above the existing 50% reservation to SCs, STs, and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). While the petitioners argued that economic criteria cannot be the basis for classification, the then Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta vehemently defended the amendment. The CJI and Justice Bhat dissented with the majority view of Justices Maheshwari, Trivedi and Pardiwala. To begin with, Justice Maheshwari held that the Constitution Amendment cannot be said to breach the basic structure by providing reservation on economic criteria.

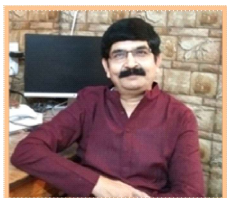
Referring to the 1992 Indra Sawhney vs. Union of India case, Justice Bhat added, "Permitting breach of 50 percent rule becomes a great way for further infractions which would result in compartmentalisation and then rule of the reservation will become right to equality and take us back to

Champakam Dorairajan since equality was to be a temporary aspect". The SC verdict in this case capped reservations at 50%. As CJI U U Lalit concurred with Justice Bhat's views, the EWS quota was upheld by a 3:2 majority.

Are you thinking that the 10% Reservation for EWS won't affect you? You are probably wrong. Irrespective of your category – General, OBC, SC, or ST – the new quota act (unless struck down by the Supreme Court of India), will change the seats-share accessible to you. Yes, that's how reservation + merit work in India! The government had said that the reservation of EWS of general category will be given without tampering the existing reservation quotas for SC, ST and OBCs people. Well, that's only half of the story. Even if your reservation quota is untouched, the merit quota can shrink! Obviously, it will. This is because the new reservation for EWS is carved out from the existing merit quota. If you belong to general merit, you can compete only in 40.50% seats as 59.50 seats are reserved. If you are an ST, you can compete in 48% seats (7.5% reservation quota seats+ 40.5% merit seats). On the same lines, SC category candidates can compete in 55.5% seats (15% reservation quota seats+ 40.5% merit seats) while OBC category candidates can target 67.5% seats (27% reservation quota seats+ 40.5% merit seats). Anybody who does not fall under EWS criteria (SC, ST, OBC, or General) will now have 10% fewer jobs to target. If you were from SC category, earlier you had access to 65.50% seats, but now it is only 55.50%. The pool of ST shrank from 58% to 48%. And most importantly, the merit quota decreased from 50.50% earlier to 40.50%.

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Forget-Me-Not Day



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

10th November is a day to ensure that we really won't forget. Forget Me Not Day has been around since World War I, although it's often lost in the hustle and bustle of preparing for Thanksgiving. Charles Spurgeon English Particular Baptist preacher said "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on

marble." When each war ends, many Soldiers who returned wounded would require longer care to recover. During the 1920s there were not many organizations and services that supported the wounded soldiers. Thus Judge Robert S. Marx, who fought as a soldier in World War I, found a spark for the forget-me-not day when he was wounded on November 10th, 1918. Although there is a common misconception that Forget Me Not Day pertains to people losing touch with one another, it's actually a day meant for us to celebrate our troops.

The day serves to honour all past and current United States Military veterans who bear the permanent scars of battle. The day is dedicated to all past and present US military veterans who have been permanently scarred by battle. The day was called Forget-Me-Not Day and funds were raised by selling forget-me-nots. The first published occurrence of this day was on December

17, 1921. Forget Me Not Day as we know it was established following World War I, when Judge Robert S. Marx, himself a WWI veteran, declared the holiday in honor of veterans who had suffered physical losses in the line of battle – those who had lost limbs, blood, and other integral body parts. Since Robert S. Marx was a law practitioner before joining WWI as a soldier, he continued practicing Law after his recovery. Soon, Robert S. Marx was chosen Judge, and his interest in the military veterans' affairs was seen afresh. He was seen making speeches and raising funds for this cause.

The Forget-Me-Not flower stands as the symbol for National Forget Me Not Day. It grows in open, rocky places and the mountain areas of Alaska. Forget-Me-Not The day is reminiscent of the Great War. Wounded soldiers returned at the time, requiring long-term care after the conflict finished. While the

situation of wounded veterans was not new, there were no services available to meet their needs. In addition, the administration was unprepared for the large number of wounded soldiers who returned. There were few programmes and organisations available to offer veterans the care and support they required.

In 1921, a campaign to commemorate and provide assistance to returning soldiers began in earnest. And it all started with a single injured soldier. Forget-me-nots represent true love and giving someone this flower means you truly love and respect this person. It is a testament to your relationships and promises the other person that you will never forget them in your thoughts. A symbol of fidelity and being truthful to someone you love.

Let us send forget me not flowers to our loved ones as a simple way to show them how much they mean to us.

Nine Indians among 10 killed in fire in Maldives' capital Male; India releases helpline numbers

Agency
Male, Nov 10:

At least 10 people, including nine Indians, were killed and several others were seriously injured after a fire broke out in a garage of a cramped living quarters in Maldives' capital Male early Thursday.

Another person killed in the incident was a Bangladeshi national, news agency AFP reported citing a security official.

According to officials, 10 bodies were recovered from the upper floor of a building destroyed in the fire. The garage is located on the ground floor of the building, while the first-floor houses foreign

workers.

They are thought to make up about half of Male's 250,000-strong population and are mostly from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Their poor living conditions were brought to light during the Covid-19 pandemic when the infection spread three times faster among foreign workers compared with locals.

"We have found 10 bodies," a fire service official said, adding that it took them about four hours to bring the fire under control.

The fire broke out in M Nirufehi area near the Maaveyo Mosque around 12:30 am, according to news

portal SunOnline international.

The National Disaster Management Authority in Maldives said that it has established an evacuation center in Maafannu Stadium for those displaced and affected by the fire.

"Arrangements are being made to provide relief assistance and support," it said in a tweet.

At least 28 people were evacuated out of the building, while nine people were reported missing, according to the Maldives National Defence Force Fire and Rescue Service.

India issues helpline numbers

The High Commission of

India in Maldives expressed grief over the tragic fire incident and said that it was in close contact with the Maldivian authorities. It has also released helpline numbers for assistance.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic fire incident in Male which has caused loss of lives, including reportedly of Indian nationals. We are in close contact with the Maldivian authorities," the High Commission of India said in a tweet.

"For any assistance, HCI can be reached on following numbers: +9607361452 ; +9607790701," it tweeted.

The fire was doused at 04:34 am, the report said.

Nitin Gadkari reviews NH projects in northeast India



Agency
Guwahati, Nov 10:

Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday reviewed the progress of National Highway projects in Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Nagaland.

"The review is a part of the three-day review program of National Highway projects in the North East Region and Sikkim," said the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways in a press release.

During the review, discussions related to land acquisition issues, progress of ongoing projects, proposed projects, use of new technologies, disputes & arbitration and possible financial interventions were discussed at

length.

The minister also reviewed the delayed projects in the 4 States to understand the reasons for delay and issued specific instructions to get them on track.

Gadkari directed all officials for the speedy completion of projects. "The coordination and partnership between Central and State agencies is important to develop top-class transport infrastructure in North Eastern States."

The union road minister on Tuesday had said that his target is to construct 60 kilometers of highways per day. "We are constructing 40 kilometers of highways per day, our target is to construct 60 kilometers of highways per day," he said.

In 2021-22, the pace of Na-

tional Highway (NH) construction in the country had touched a record 37 kilometers per day, but it slowed to 28.64 kilometers a day due to pandemic-related disruptions and a longer-than-usual monsoon in some parts of the country.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) are primarily responsible for the construction of national highways and expressways across the country.

The official target of highway construction is kept at 12,000 kilometers for the current financial year. The ministry constructed 10,237 kilometers in 2019-20, 13,327 kilometers in 2020-21, and 10,457 kilometers in 2021-22.

UK High Court orders Nirav Modi's Extradition to India

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Nov 10:

The High Court in London on Wednesday ordered fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi's extradition to India to face charges of fraud and money laundering, amounting to an estimated Rs 14,000 crore in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) loan scam case.

Lord Justice Jeremy Stuart-Smith and Justice Robert Jay, who presided over the hearing of appeal against the order of District Judge Sam Goozee delivered in February 2021, noted that Judge Goozee's order in favour of extradition was "sound", agency reports stated.

Modi's lawyers had challenged a court order allowing the British government to extradite Modi citing his mental health and risk of suicide. However the London's High Court in Wednesday dismissed the appeal, saying Modi's risk of suicide does not rule out his extradition.

Now Modi can approach the Supreme Court, against the High Court's decision within 14 days. If all avenues in UK courts are exhausted, he can seek a Rule 39 injunction from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), legal experts here said.



Nirav Modi to be extradited back to India.

PNB fraud

Modi's alleged fraud came to light when PNB reported fraudulent activity at one of its branches, on January 25, 2018. Modi and officials at PNB issued fraudulent Letters of Undertakings (LoUs) to overseas banks to obtain buyer's credit.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had alleged that Modi diverted over Rs 4,000 crore of the Rs 6,519 crore outstanding fraudulent LoUs issued by PNB to his firms, through 15 "dummy companies" based in the UAE and Hong Kong. The ED submitted to the UK court, transcripts of Modi's conversations that allegedly show he tampered with evidence and intimidated witnesses while facing investigations in India.

Modi (51) fled India on January 01, 2018. India then issued an Interpol Red Notice for his arrest and London authorities were asked to execute it. He was arrested in March 2019, and his extradition was approved by the court in February 2021. Then UK Home Secretary, Priti Patel, ordered Modi's extradition based on Judge Goozee's ruling in April 2021. The case has been undergoing an appeals process since then. Modi remains lodged in Wandsworth Prison in southwest London.

Modi is the subject of two sets of criminal proceedings, with the CBI case relating to a large-scale fraud upon PNB through the fraudulent obtaining of LoUs or loan agree-

ments, and the ED case relating to the laundering of the proceeds of that fraud.

Extradition Treaty

India is a designated Part 2 country by virtue of the Extradition Act 2003, which means it is the UK Cabinet minister who has the authority to order a requested person's extradition after all legal issues are dealt with in the courts.

The legal action in India

On October 31, 2022, a special court allowed the ED to confiscate 39 properties belonging to Modi under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act 2018. A similar order was first passed in 2020. The Act has provisions to act against those evading the process of law by fleeing from the country. Under the Act, the court can declare a person a fugitive economic offender and subsequently also order confiscation of his properties. Modi's properties include Rhythm House at Kala Ghoda (South Mumbai), valuables seized from his bungalow in Alibaba (Raigad, Maharashtra) and 22 cars.

The son of a diamond merchant, Modi built an international jewellery empire that stretched from India to New York and Hong Kong. Forbes once ranked him as India's 85th richest man, with a net worth of \$1.8 billion.

India logs 1,016 new Covid cases in last 24 hours, Active tally dip to 13,187

Agency
New Delhi, Nov 10:

India reported 1,016 fresh cases of coronavirus infections, taking the total COVID-19 tally to 4,46,63,968, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday. As per the official data, the number of active cases in the country dipped to 13,187, with a decrease of 372 cases recorded in a span of 24 hours.

The active cases comprise 0.03 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate increased to 98.78 per cent, ac-

cording to the ministry website.

Meanwhile, the death toll climbed to 5,30,514 with three new fatalities — two in Maharashtra and one in Rajasthan — being reported in a span of 24 hours, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,20,267, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 219.76 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide

vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally 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.

The country crossed the grim milestone of two crores on May 4 and three crores on June 23 last year. It crossed the four-crore mark on January 25 this year.

The man who explained why the sea looks blue



By: Vijay GarG

Professor CV Raman was awarded the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physics.

He was the first person of Asia descent to win the prestigious medal.

While he won the Nobel for his work around light, he was an expert in the study of sound.

By India Today Web Desk:

Born in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu on November 7 1888 Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman was one of the foremost physicists India ever produced. His path-breaking studies led to a revolution in the world of Physics and none so intriguing as the one that explained why the sea appears blue.

Professor CV Raman was awarded the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery and was the first person of Asian descent to win the prestigious medal. The Nobel was awarded for his work on the scattering of light and for the discovery of the effect named after him as "the Raman effect."

WHO WAS SIR C V RAMAN?

Son of a school teacher, Raman excelled in studies

early on and graduated at the age of 16 with a BA from the Presidency College at the University of Madras in 1904, where he won gold medals in both English and Physics as core subjects. At the age of 18, he published his first scientific paper in the British journal Philosophical Magazine under the topic "Unsymmetrical diffraction-bands due to a rectangular aperture."

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In 1917 Raman was given a full professorship at the University of Calcutta. He was elected as a fellow of the Royal Society in 1924 and knighted by the British in 1930. He was the first director of the Indian Institute of Science in 1933 and went on to

found the Raman Research Institute in 1948 on a plot of land in Bengaluru gifted by the Government of Mysore. The institute was funded personally by him and with donations from private sources.

WHEN HE EXPLAINED WHY THE SEA APPEARS BLUE AND WON NOBEL

The Committee for Physics of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics to Professor CV Raman on December 10, 1930. The award was given for his work on the scattering of light and for the discovery of the Raman effect.

While he won the Nobel for his work around light, he was originally an expert in the study of sound and vibrations and it was his trip to London

that fascinated him about light. He was curious to understand the reason behind the deep blue colour of the Mediterranean sea during his 15-day return trip aboard SS Narkunda.

While the reason behind the sky appearing blue was already explained by Lord Rayleigh, who had said that the blue colours of the sky and the reddish colouring that is observed at sunrise and sunset are caused by the diffusion of light owing to the fine dust or the particles of water in the atmosphere, Professor Raman was not impressed.

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Raman began his work to explain the phenomenon while at sea and when he

reached India, he conclusively proved that the colour of the sea was due to the scattering of light by water molecules. "Raman investigated the universal character of the phenomenon by using a large number of substances as a scattering medium, and everywhere found the same effect," the Nobel committee said.

When light meets particles that are smaller than the light's wavelength, the light spreads in different directions. Professor Raman discovered that a small portion of the scattered light acquires other wavelengths than that of the original light. This is because some of the incoming photons' energy can be transferred to a molecule, giving it a higher level of energy.

The Raman effect is one

of the most difficult things to observe as only one in a million of the scattered light particles actually exhibits the change in wavelength. According to the effect, light cannot be emitted from or absorbed by material otherwise than in the form of definite amounts of energy or what is known as "light quanta". Thus, the energy of light would possess a kind of atomic character.

The effect is used to study materials by chemists and physicists and is also used in telecommunications where lower-frequency photons are pumped to a high-frequency. It also finds use in the field of nanotechnology, in the study of low-frequency DNAs, remote sensing and analysing minerals.

Golden Jubilee Manipuri Cinema as special package at IFFI Goa

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

The International Film Festival of India, IFFI, Goa, the only 'A' grade international film festival of the government of India is all set to showcase Manipuri Cinema in honour of its golden jubilee year.

Every year, IFFI showcases a collage of the best of contemporary and classical films from around the globe. The festival welcomes an array of world renowned filmmakers, actors, technicians, critics, academicians and enthusiasts to celebrate Cinema and the Art of Filmmaking through its Presentations, Master Classes & Panel Discussions, Co-production Seminars etc.

With a spirit to celebrate the art of cinema, the National

Film Development Corporation (NFDC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India aims at making the 53rd IFFI a breath-taking experience for the Indian and International film fraternity, the budding filmmakers and cinema lovers across the globe.

The 53rd edition of IFFI, to be held from 20 to 28 November, 2022 in Goa, will feature a special section on Manipuri Cinema. This was confirmed to the Secretary, Manipur State Film Development Society, MSFDS, by Ravinder Bhakar, managing director, National Film Development Corporation, NFDC, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India on 8th November 2022.

Even as the I&B ministry wanted a Manipuri Cinema package of 2-3 Manipuri feature films maximum, MSFDS

persuaded the ministry to at least allow it to curate 10 films to make a respectable package to represent the 50 years journey of Manipuri Cinema.

Thus the IFFI special Golden Jubilee Manipuri Cinema package of consist of 5 feature films and 5 non-feature films, including landmark Manipuri films like 'Matamgee Manipur', the first Manipuri feature film, released on 9th April 1972, SN Chand Sajati's 'Brojendragee Luhongba', the first feature film directed by a Manipuri director, Aribam Syam Sharma's 'Ishanou', Manipur's most critically acclaimed feature film Gautam Oinam's 'Phijigi Mani', the first Manipuri video feature film to earned an official Indian Panorama Selection and Haobam Paban Kumar's 'Loktak Leirembi', the first

Manipuri digital feature film.

Among the non-features to be screened at the prestigious international film festival are Oken Amakcham's 'Ratan Thiyam: The Man of Theatre', Ningthouja Lancha's 'Ilisha Amagi Mahao', Borun Thokchom's 'The Silent Poet', Romi Meitei's 'The Tainted Mirror' and Ashok Veilou's 'Look at the Sky'.

Even as it is unfortunate that the Manipuri Cinema package to be featured at IFFI is not as comprehensive as desired, nevertheless it is a worthy platform given to Manipuri Cinema, clinched as a result of the persuasion of the film community of Manipur. Befittingly, the ministry of I&B would host as its guest all of the participating film directors, while MSFDS would sponsor their travels to Goa and back.

Kangpokpi DC meets DLOs and DDMA members



IT News
Kangpokpi, Nov 10:

Deputy Commissioner, Kengoo Zuringla, IAS, today chaired a meeting of all District Level Officers (DLOs) at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, Kangpokpi district.

During the meeting, the DC discussed regarding the status of quarter allotment to various department officials. She further re-directed all the DLOs to submit documents related to ownership of their respective offices, including

Government accommodation. She also discussed in length about tackling encroachment issue.

Kengoo Zuringla also discussed with the DLOs regarding ongoing and completed department activities in the district. The DLOs were asked to coordinate with other departments as per the requirement order to speedup the activities and for impactful implementation of schemes/projects.

The DC further asked the DLOs to make sure that all the seasonal activities are implemented on time and that all the

activities regarding various schemes/projects are informed to the District Administration Kangpokpi for smooth and proper coordination.

Earlier, the DC also had a meeting with the members of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) at the Conference Hall. Award of ex-gratia assistance to the next of kin of the deceased due to Covid-19, procurement and payment in connection with the damages caused by natural disasters at Sub-Divisions among others were discussed at the meeting.

Smart Power India Plans to install mini-grids in 1000 villages in Nagaland

IT Correspondent
Dimapur, Nov 10:

Smart Power India (SPI), a subsidiary of the Rockefeller Foundation, in association with the Government of Nagaland, GIZ, Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF), Tiakala Ao, General Manager National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), hosted a round-table discussion in Dimapur. The roundtable was held to analyse the learnings from the last nine months of operation, micro-enterprise development and powering public infrastructure following the installation of solar mini-grids in Mon District, Nagaland in

February 2022, and to derive lessons for scaling the project to 1000 villages of Nagaland.

The event was attended by Vijay Bhaskar, Managing Director, Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF), Tiakala Ao, General Manager National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Anamika Dutta, World Resources India (WRI), Nokpai Konyak, Chairman, Konyak Union Village Council, Mon District, Jianthai Lung, North Eastern Development, Finance Corporation (NEDFi) and other dignitaries.

The first 3 mini-grids in North-East India were set up

in the Mon District of Nagaland in the villages of Chenwetnyu, Longkei and Totok Chinga by the Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF) in collaboration with Smart Power India (SPI) and District Administration of Mon.

Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon District, conveyed his message to all the participants, "We are happy that organizations such as Smart Power India, GIZ, NABARD and WRI are supporting the project. Now, electricity is available 24x7 in the three mini-grid villages and is used to power livelihoods, streetlights, health centres, schools and

homes. In the last 9 months, over 70 new micro-businesses based on agri-processing, non-timber forest produce processing, biofloc fisheries, livestock feed, carpentry, metal works and handicrafts have been incubated. I hope that we will find a way forward to scale up the project across Mon District and the state of Nagaland".

While addressing the roundtable, Satya Prakash Choubey, Director-Demand & Enterprise Development, Smart Power India, said, "We are pleased to see that the installation of mini-grids in Mon district has helped boost the socio-economic status of the district and the individuals.

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State's youths need to gain....

Delivering his speech, Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar stated that the capacity building conference had been organized to make officials aware on how to facilitate seamless roll out of 5G in Manipur. He mentioned that the Chief Minister had given direction to ensure full cooperation for saturation of 4G, which is very important. He recalled the statement of the Prime Minister who stated that no pockets in India should be left without 4G services in 500

days. He sought cooperation of everyone to make Manipur the first State to have 100 per cent 4G services in the Country.

He further stated that the Government of Manipur under the supervision of the Chief Minister would make efforts to make Imphal one of the fastest 5G rollout cities. He continued that the intent is to use 5G service for high end activities like tele-medicine and tele-education among others. It is time to ensure that all blocks and sub-

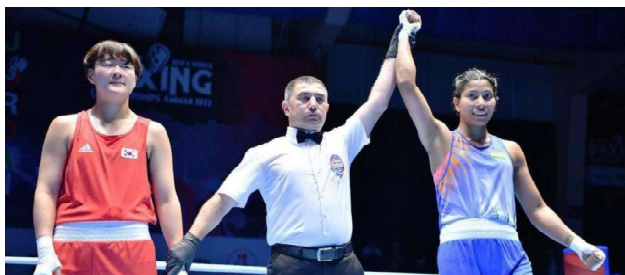
divisions have 5G services by December 2023, he added.

The inaugural session of the conference was also attended by DG (DoT) Ashutosh Sharma, DG (DIPA) Tilak Raj Dua, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur V. Vumlungmang, Special Secretary (IT) B. John Thangtinkhuma and senior officials of the Central and State Government among others.

The inaugural session was followed by two technical sessions and a briefing session.

Sports

Asian Elite Boxing Championships: Lovlina Borgohain, Alfiya Pathan among five Indian finalists



Agency
Amman (Jordan), Nov 10:

Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain and 2022 Florida Cup champion Alfiya Pathan both produced power-packed performances to secure their place in the finals of the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Wednesday.

Lovlina (75kg) was up against Seong Suyeon of South Korea in her semi-final bout. Right from the beginning, Lovlina effectively utilized her clever techniques and strategies to capitalize on her opponent to clinch a 5:0 victory by unanimous decision.

Throughout the three rounds, the Assam-born boxer displayed her immense strength

and superior technical qualities to overpower the South Korean and gave her no chance to make a comeback in the game.

Lovlina, who has two Asian Championships bronze medals to her name is now guaranteed a silver in this edition, confirming her best-ever performance in the competition.

Accompanying Lovlina, Alfiya Pathan (81+kg) was also commanding in her semi-final win as she cruised past the 2016 World Champion Lazzat Kungeibayeva of Kazakhstan in a 5:0 win by unanimous decision.

This is the second time this year that Alfiya has defeated Lazzat, having stunned the Kazakh on her own turf in the Elordua Cup in what was the 2021 Youth Boxing Champion's se-

nior international debut competition.

Both boxers will give it their all to bring gold to the country as Lovlina will take on the 2021 Asian Championships silver medalist Ruzmetova Sokhibba while Alfiya goes head to head with Islam Husali of Jordan in the final.

In the other semi-final, Ankushita Boro (66kg) exited the competition after losing 1:4 to Khamidova Navbakhor of Uzbekistan and secured the bronze for her remarkable efforts so far in the tournament.

The 2017 Youth Boxing Champion started well with her energetic approach and landed quick punches to have an edge over Khamidova but the Uzbek boxer rebounded well in the next two rounds to earn the win as

well as her place in the final. Later on Wednesday, Minakshi (52kg), Preeti (57kg), Parveen (63kg), and Sawerty (81kg) will all take to the ring for their respective semi-final bouts.

India's total medal count of 12 in this year's edition of the prestigious tournament is the third highest among all competing nations.

On Thursday, five Indian men boxers including the six-time Asian medalist Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) and two-time Commonwealth bronze medalist Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg) will be competing in the semi-finals.

Thapa who became the most successful Asian champion in the competition's history with his 6th medal will be involved in a matchup against the two-time Asian medalist Bakhodur Usmonov of Tajikistan while Hussamuddin will face 2021 World Championship silver medalist Serik Temirzhanov of Kazakhstan.

The other men pugilists in action will be Narendar (92+kg), Sumit (75kg), and Govind Kumar Sahani (48kg).

The final of the tournament for the women's category will take place on Friday and for the men's category will be conducted on Saturday.

UZO congratulates Thanggoullian



IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

The United Zou Organisation (UZO) GhQ conveyed its warmest Congratulations to Thanggoullian (15 yrs) s/o Pa

Zamzasut Manlung and Nu Hatneihleng of Shillong, on winning the coveted Gold Medal in the 2nd Indian Open International Kickboxing Tournament, held in Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on November 6, 2022.

The UZO also belatedly appreciates and acknowledges his previous success in achieving Gold Medal under 70kg Weight competition in Satyajit Rayne Indoor Stadium, Kolkata, on July 23, 2022.

Children's Day Chess Tournament

IT News
Imphal, Nov 10:

In connection with Children's Day, 2022, the D-Chess Academy is organizing the '1st State Level One Day Children's Chess Tournament' for Class KG to Class X standard for 5 rounds on November 13, from 10 a.m. onward, under the sponsorship of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Bazar

Mahila Sakha, Samarth, Sahyog, Sanskar, Seva, Samarpan.

A statement by Y. Dhanabir Singh, Head Coach, D-Chess Academy, Uripok Khoisnam Leikai, Lane 1 said that interested players can register at free of cost at the office of D-Chess Academy, Uripok Khoisnam Leikai on or before 12th Nov.2022 (Saturday) till 5.30 pm. They may also con-

tact to the Academy (Mobile No.7002873084) for registration.

The total entry will be 30 players only base on first come first serve basis. Prize distribution will be held on the same day at 3 pm. Top 5 winners for both boys and girls will be given cash prizes and trophy and all the players will be provided certificates along with a gift of appreciation.