

Chief Minister launches Venture Fund for Manipur Startup Scheme 2.0

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched Venture Fund for Manipur Startup Scheme 2.0 in collaboration with North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) during a Manipur Startup Workshop held at the Sangai Conference Hall of Hotel Imphal today. The Workshop was organized jointly by the Department of Planning, Government of Manipur and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.

Addressing the gathering during the inaugural session of the workshop, N. Biren Singh maintained that his government's aim is to provide source of earning to every household of the State and as such the Government had taken up various schemes and initiatives to give direct or indirect employment to at least a member of each family.

The Chief Minister continued that since the formation of his government in 2017, priority had been given to give employment to as many youths as possible by taking up the Manipur Startup Scheme. Around 6000 Startups had been given financial assistance under the Scheme so far. Investment made by NEDFi had also made it possible for many Startups to expand its operation, he added.



He mentioned that the Startup Scheme has been giving avenues to entrepreneurs to expand their undertakings and to turn the youths from job seekers to job creators. Expressing that youths are the future of the State, he informed that Rs. 10 crore each for Imphal West, Imphal East and Churachandpur had already been sanctioned for setting up Youth Skill Centre. Rs. 5 crore each had also been sanctioned for Senapati, Ukhrul and Chandel districts.

Stating that various initiatives like Go to Village and Go to Hills had been taken up to bring inclusive development in the State, N. Biren added that the State is marching ahead towards development, with bandh and blockades becoming a thing of the past.

He continued that a senior officer of the Government had been given in-charge of each Sub-Divisions of Manipur to ensure that infrastructure development reaches every nook and corner of the state.

The Chief Minister further stated that various meetings are being held to streamline the development works taken and to ensure its progress. Mentioning the development works including constructions of 7 storey Government quarters at New Checkon, Sangai Ethnic Park, Amusement Park at Thengu Chingjin and Heritage site at Makhel, he maintained that the State could be taken to a higher level of development if we could go in the same pace.

He raised concern that only few people with innova-

tive ideas had approached to get benefit of the Startup Scheme. He also stressed the need for the State's youths to get expertise in the IT sector as the world is advancing rapidly with the coming of 5G service adding that the State is lagging in this sector.

He mentioned that youths of Manipur have lots of talents and possess discipline compared to other states. Informing that the corpus fund set aside for the Manipur Startup Scheme had been increased from Rs. 30 crore to Rs. 100 crore, he appealed to the youths of Manipur to take benefit of the Scheme and expressed his hopefulness that the State would achieve the goal of becoming the first state to have an income earner in every family.

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Grenade hurled in a shop at Ukhrul fails to explode, bomb defuse by police

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A powerful China-made hand grenade was hurled at a shop in Viewland in Ukhrul district on Friday night (November 11.) Police sources said the grenade had failed to explode. Several persons would have been killed and maimed had it exploded.

Bomb experts defused it at 11.50 p.m. Later, it was exploded in a controlled situation at early hours on November 12. Police have started launching a man hunt. Some days back one hand grenade was planted in the office of the Autonomous district Council. So far, no insurgent group has claimed responsibility for the grenade attacks.

In another incident, the police commandos of Imphal east district arrested two tribal women along with heroin worth over '2.35 crore in the international market on Fri-

day night. On receipt of specific information saying that heroin was kept in a house at Mayangkhang village in Senapati district the commando team raided it.

The drug was packed in 44 soap cases which were concealed inside the house. The two tribal women allegedly involved in the drug trafficking were identified as S. K. Phulchand (44) of Senapati district and Z. S. Nanao (37) of Imphal east district. Police recovered two Aadhaar cards and two mobile phones from them. Both of them were handed over to the police station in Senapati district for further investigation.

Meanwhile, Muslim girl students are demanding suspension of some police women who allegedly tortured a Muslim woman street vendor. They said that 47-years-old Muslim street vendor, Apabi Begum was pulled up on Friday evening

on the basis of a complaint by two women. It was alleged that a wallet fallen from the two women had allegedly been picked up by Apapbi who eked out a living by selling bananas at the streets.

Despite her denial, she was taken to the City police station where she was subjected to beating and verbal threats for three hours. She was later released as the charge could not be substantiated. The Muslim girl students said that in the past also several Muslim women vendors were charged with petty crimes. They contended that Muslim women are always discriminated using racist languages and maltreatment. They said that if the Chief Minister N. Biren who also holds Home portfolio does not take up disciplinary actions against the police women agitations will be launched.

India seeks dedicated space at Chittagong port of Bangladesh: Union minister Rajkumar Ranjan

Agency
Kolkata, Nov 12:

Union Minister Rajkumar Ranjan Singh on Friday said that India has requested Bangladesh for a dedicated or special space at its Chittagong port for smooth movement of goods, which will help bolster the economy of the northeastern region.

India recently concluded trial runs for trans-shipment of cargo to connect northeastern states with the rest of the country using two

major Bangladeshi ports Chittagong and Mongla - via the India-Bangladesh Protocol Route.

"We are requesting Bangladesh for a special space at Chittagong port that would help the North East immensely," Singh, the Union minister of state for external affairs, said at an annual session of the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Later, speaking to PTI, he said that as the Chittagong port is very congested, a special space will help smooth movement of goods.

Singh, however, did not elaborate.

India has also offered Bangladesh the use of Indian facilities for export to third countries.

The minister lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for putting the northeastern region at the forefront of development, enhancing connectivity via rail, roads and waterways.

Singh also stated that India is poised to become the factory and office of the world and for that linkages are very important.

Diabetes Detection & Awareness Camp held

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Lions Club of Imphal, in association with Tiddim Road Athletics Union (TRAU) conducted a Diabetes Detection & Awareness Camp at TRAU office, Kwakeithel Bazar, Imphal in connection with "World Diabetes Day, 2022"

which is observed as "One Multiple One Activity" of Lions Multiple District 322 under the theme "Knock Out Diabetes". People from surrounding area and women vendors of Kwakeithel Bazar had diabetes test done at the Camp.

Giving an awareness message, the president of Lions Club of Imphal, Lion Dr. P.

Brajamani said that diabetes has become a global epidemic and about 490 million adults are living with it and is expected to increase to 700 million by 2045. In order to prevent diabetes, one should engage in light exercise and avoid junk or readymade packed foods and instead partake fresh food, vegetables

and seasonal fruits. He continued that we must have diabetes check-up done regularly, and if found to be having diabetes proper treatment for the same must be adopted without delay.

Diabetes Prevention Awareness pamphlets were distributed at vendors & shopkeepers at Kwakeithel Bazar.

Army recruitment rally for Manipur under Agnipath Scheme

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A statement by PRO Defence wing said that Agniveer Army Recruitment Rally will be held for all districts of Manipur at Koirengei, Imphal (East) from November 23 to December 5, 2022.

Admit Cards for all candidates who have registered online for the rally have been generated and intimated to the candidates through email.

All candidates attending the rally must carry two (02) copies of admit card to the rally ground. Date and time of attendance has been mentioned on the admit cards issued to the candidates.

Manipur's first ever Masterclass on Social Photography kicks off

IT News
Imphal, Nov 12:

A 2-day Masterclass on Social Photography facilitated by Padma Shri and renowned Mumbai-based photojournalist, Sudharak Olwe began today in Imphal under the theme of 'Authentic narratives driven by empathy and an archive of images that represent an India that is often hidden away'. The first ever photography is organized by Win Foundation Manipur in association with Photography Promotion Trust, Mumbai and Photo South Asia, USA.

Sunzu Bachaspatimayum, Managing Trustee of Win Foundation, Manipur introduced Masterclass with a brief objective of his Trust and said it is founded by Media professionals who wanted to empower the marginalized, especially the



youth by skill them in media tools. He also said that the Win Foundation also identifies deserving students and provides them scholarships for their careers.

Manipur's famed photo-artist and journalist, Ratan Luwang, opened the class with an introduction to the status of photography in

Manipur and its growth over the years. He said that local photographers need to stay updated with the changing photo technology and be aware of how to present a story. He welcomed Sudharak Olwe who he met in Bangladesh in an international photo exhibition and appreciated his photo presentation

style and his perseverance to get to the essence of his story. "It's the first Masterclass in Social photography held in Manipur. There is a need to understand the importance of storytelling through images. We struggled a lot in the initial days as we were unaware of how to present a powerful story that evokes emotions

and human aspect through images. But today visual storytelling has gained a lot of currency and it is crucial for all of us to understand these nuances. This is a much-needed Masterclass," Luwang said.

Olwe has traversed the length and breadth of the country over the years and documented the lives of the people who hail from marginalized backgrounds. He was conferred the Padma Shri, India's 4th Highest Civilian Award by the President of India in 2016. Through this masterclass, he apprised the participants of his journey into the field of photography and also his process of visual documentation on social issues.

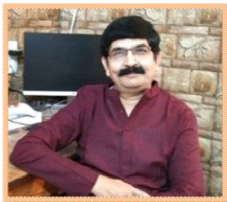
Be it his rare projects on Manipur like Meira Paibies - grandmothers of Manipur from Ima Market or The Refugee - photos of children from

refugee camps, or the project of maternal and child malnutrition in tribal areas, the project of documenting the lives of the women in the sex trade in Kamathipura - the red-light area of Mumbai, Maharashtra, the participants were familiarized on the nuances of throwing light on the human aspect through visual storytelling when it comes to social issues.

The Masterclass saw participants, comprising professional photographers, amateurs and university students enthusiastic to learn about photography and visual storytelling, engaged in discussions on the art and process of storytelling, consent in photography and so on. The participants also got a chance to share their own pictures, and their photo-stories and received feedback from Olwe and Luwang.

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Spread awareness and educate people to combat Pneumonia



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

12th November (World Pneumonia Day) is a yearly reminder that pneumonia can strike anywhere and anytime, and is a serious, potentially life-threatening lung infection. Pneumonia is an inflammatory respiratory disorder caused due to bacteria, viruses or fungal infections which impair the air sacs of the lungs, called "Alveoli". It results in the accumulation of fluid or pus in the air sacs, making breathing difficult. It is a contagious disease and could be fatal for the person with weaker immunity, especially in the children's and elderly people. Bacteria were first seen in the airways of individuals who died from pneumonia Edwin Klebs in 1875. Pneumonia is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Pneumonia – a lung infection caused by bacteria, viruses and, more rarely, fungi – is the most common cause of death in children worldwide. Every year an estimated 156 million new cases of pneumonia and nearly 2 million deaths from the disease occur in children under 5 years of age. Babies and children, 2 years old or younger, are at higher risk because their immune systems are still developing. This risk is higher for premature babies. Older adults, age 65 or older, are also at higher risk because their immune systems generally weaken as people age. Effective vaccine and non-vaccine interventions to prevent and control pneumonia are urgently needed to reduce the global burden of the disease.

Children living in areas with declining vaccination rates, rising malnutrition due to food shortages, and in homes that use polluting fuels for cooking and heating, are particularly vulnerable. The situation in children is no different where it continues to be the leading cause of mortality worldwide with India accounting for 20% of those deaths and having a higher burden of childhood pneumonia than any other country. Overall, India accounts for 23 per cent of the pneumonia burden globally and case fatality rates range between 14 and 30 per cent. Pneumonia is primarily due to infections of virus and bacteria. Mixed infections with both viruses and bacteria may occur in up to 45% of infections in children and 15% of infections in adults. Pneumonia caused by bacteria can be treated with antibiotics, but only one third of children with pneumonia receive the antibiotics they need. While most healthy children can fight the infection with their natural defences, children whose immune systems are compromised are at higher risk of developing pneumonia. The organisms affecting the elderly are the same as in young adults, but with a different age-related distribution.

Any infection causing an inflammatory response in the lung is referred to as pneumonia. Though the majority of pneumonia is caused by bacterial infections, viral infections like influenza or COVID 19 virus can also affect the lungs and can cause serious inflammatory damage to them as evidenced in the ongoing pandemic. People with infectious pneumonia often have a productive cough, fever, accompanied by shaking chills, shortness of breath, sharp or stabbing chest pain during deep breaths, and an increased respiratory rate. More severe signs and symptoms may include decreased thirst, convulsions, persistent vomiting, or a decreased level of consciousness.

Washing hands, quitting smoking, and keeping your immune system strong by getting regular physical activity and eating healthy are other ways to lower your risk of getting pneumonia. Most cases of pneumonia require oral antibiotics, which are often prescribed at a health centre. These cases can also be diagnosed and treated with inexpensive oral antibiotics at the community level by trained community health workers. More research needs to be done on the different pathogens causing pneumonia and the ways they are transmitted, as this is of critical importance for treatment and prevention.

Solar energy can help India achieve net zero

By: Shri RK Singh

The world is on the cusp of a solar revolution. Not only is solar the world's most abundant and clean energy source, with its widespread acceptance, it has become the common energy imperative to drive international climate action. Many countries now have well-established policies and regulations, giving it the scale and affordability that global climate action asks for. Solar energy is playing a key role not only in the developing world to tackle energy access and energy security, but also in developed countries to facilitate energy transition through integration with battery energy storage, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and hydrogen production.

Despite technological superiority over other energy technologies in terms of cost, simplicity and ease of maintenance, modularity, and range of applications, solar is facing an important challenge that needs to be addressed. The global photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing supply chain is concentrated in a handful of countries, which resulted in recent price surges because of the choking of existing limited supply chains.

These disruptions have raised important questions.

The Covid-19 crisis, leading to record commodity prices owing to multilateral challenges, have all focused attention on the high reliance on some countries for imports of energy, raw materials and manufacturing goods that are key to their energy security. The added challenge is in the procurement of solar panels. It is estimated that the global demand for solar PV, at the very minimum, will need a cumulative capacity of 5,000 gigawatts (GW) by 2030. However, given the falling prices of solar and initiatives being taken across the world, the estimates could be nearer 10,000 GW. This means an annual capacity addition of PV of about 800-1,000 GW each year, which had until now been limited to 200GW.

As we go to a future where five times the current capacity will need to be shipped, we will need to build resilient, diversified supply chains. Countries can improve resilience by diversifying their supply chains. The best way to support the development of solar PV manufacturing projects is direct support to upstream actors, for instance through financial incentives such as tax exemptions, low-cost financing or direct subsidies (for example, land or infrastructure investments).

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Modi - The Leader Gujarat can't afford to lose



By: M.R. Lalu

Narendra Modi's undisputed stake in Gujarat politics has been a phenomenal challenge for the opposition parties, especially the Congress since 2001. The emergence of a complete party man who sprang from the grassroots as a trustworthy *karyakarta* with the blessings and support of the Sangh Parivar was the identity that Narendra Modi shot up his electoral success with. The BJP, in search of a saviour to pull it from the shackles of the rattling controversies and public outrage during the Keshubhai Patel administration, landed on the charisma and organisational skills of Modi who until then remained a party functionary silently toiling on the ground. Narendra Modi's celestial makeover as a strongman of Gujarat's power politics has not only been a turning point for Modi alone but for his party too it was a moment of reinvention. The BJP's journey as a ruling party began in 1995 with Keshubhai Patel leading the party to victory bagging a massive 42% vote share and winning 122 seats out of the total 182. This was a phenomenal rise for a party in a state that was under the impressive hegemony of the Congress for long. The victory that the BJP was able to accrue was an effect of its Hindutva mobilisation at the primordial level with the Sangh Parivar taking the lead of a societal penetration among the rural populace systematically.

The party's comeback in 1998 with a whopping 47% of the electorate casting its franchise for the BJP was an indicator of the saffron identity politics gaining momentum. After his first unsuccessful tenure as the Chief Minister, Keshubhai Patel, the powerful Patel leader was once again crowned as the Chief Minister by his party with 117 of its candidates winning the election. Events of discontent among the party cadre forced its central leadership to once again sack Mr. Patel and appoint Narendra Modi as the caretaker Chief Minister in 2001. But the Godhra train carnage and the riots that followed turned out to be the biggest event in his life as a political leader that in a later part of his life brought prospects and perils. This tragic event killed 59 Hindu pilgrims inside the Sabarmati Express as the train pulled its chains at the Godhra station and was set in flames by a radicalised mob. 27 February 2002 will be known for its horror and public outrage which had culminated with communal riots killing hundreds. That was the period the state mainly witnessed an intense political consolidation by the Hindus and the next assembly election was an acid test for Modi which he successfully passed despite criticism pouring in from all sides. His ascent to power with credible consistency can be called as the Hindutva renaissance period of Gujarat.

The Godhra train carnage and the post Godhra riots had brought Narendra Modi to a critical juncture of political upheavals. Modi was subjected to serious media trials in India and abroad. Though polarization was rampant his welfare initiatives brought smiles on all faces. The BJP under his leadership continued to bag victories in all the subsequent elections. While the party won 117 seats in 2007, it managed to

retain power with 115 seats in 2012, all under the leadership of Modi. Though the Godhra riots and its harrowing effects dented his reputation temporarily he was later seen gaining acceptance among the Muslim world winning a significant chunk of its votes. The Sadbhavna Mission launched by him was particularly meant to reach out to the minority. Since his coronation as the Prime Minister, the BJP had to change its incumbent Chief Ministers thrice as the party was desperate to replicate the Modi model of governance to woo the electorate.

Eight years into the governance of the world's largest democracy, Narendra Modi has successfully managed to maintain his popularity in India and across the globe. This has been seen as a result of his personal charisma and the diplomatic initiatives of his government. Branding and moulding Hindutva as his prime motivation to create a political momentum favouring him, Narendra Modi has been enjoying the support of a large population of the Hindu majority. Political gimmickry of Arvind Kejriwal does not seem to be gaining currency as such. But as a lesser contender to Modi in the state of Gujarat, the Kejriwal and company would definitely manage to increase their vote share. The three way contest the surveys have already predicted it as, the election in the Modi turf, would be a fascinating event the pundits would make their astrological calculations for. But a real sense of political analysis is sure to enlighten you with the chances of prospects that the BJP is bound to grab.

What makes the unusual Kejriwal a subject of intuition and an analogy of prediction is his audacity. Gaining power in two states and slowly inching for more and more areas, the IIT alumnus knows

the essence and effect of the weight that Modi can throw for a compulsory win in Gujarat. To those who burnt their fingers in the fire of the Modi stardom and to the fence sitters, the consistent elevation of Kejriwal as an opponent to Modi on a national frame is a moment to cherish and a dream to flourish. The uproar that the India against Corruption hit India's politically unfenced shore was more powerful than the force that the Modi wave shook India in 2014. In a tussle between the Hindutva of Modi and the Hindutva of Kejriwal, chances are rare for the majority community to spell a split verdict in Gujarat.

Modi's eminence should not be trim-sized as an outcome of his majoritarian appeasement alone. His initiatives in the direction of changing the future of India have been widely acknowledged and his second innings was an established referendum for the man in him with an unquestionable honesty. His exuberance as a leader knows the ways to carry out his humility on his global ascent to the last echelon of the society. Probably he is the only leader who failed his critics and their speculations on his popularity rankings and still ascending the ladder of fame. He has managed to jettison the rest of the clan in Indian politics and gained a symbolic paramountcy as a complete nationalist. BJP's failure in Gujarat will be a terrible setback for Modi and the fact of the matter is that the state cannot afford to fail the man who almost transformed it to what it is today. Bubbles of dissent, if any, would burst and disappear in Modi's Gujarat and it seems the state would repeat its previous result giving its tallest leader a reason for a hearty smile.

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Skin Pigmentation in Winter



By: Shahnaz Husain

Hyperpigmentation may seem like a summer thing and a nonissue during the winter months, but this isn't the case

Dry weather, cold temperatures, and decreased humidity can cause dry patches on the skin and worsen skin conditions like acne, psoriasis, and eczema, leaving behind persistent dark spots

Hyperpigmentation is basically a patch that looks darker in color than the normal surrounding skin due to the overproduction of the brown pigment melanin. Hyperpigmentation or skin discoloration can affect areas of skin, including the face, arms, and legs.

Dark spots are basically the excess secretion of melanin on the skin. This can be brought about by a variety of reasons including sun exposure during winter. Dark spots can also be tied to hormonal imbalances, vitamin deficiencies, lack of sleep, age, and too much stress

The first aspect of the treatment is protection from the sun. Actually, as part of the treatment, one should try to avoid sun exposure as far as possible. Physical protection is the only answer, with an umbrella or hat, and also by applying sunscreen before going out in the sun. Select a sunscreen with

an SPF of at least 20. The sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before sun exposure, to allow it to be absorbed by the skin. It should be reapplied if you are in the sun for longer than an hour. The effects of the sun increase near water bodies and snow, as they reflect the sun's radiation. Therefore, it becomes all the more important to protect the skin and re-apply the sunscreen after 20 to 30 minutes.

During winter, the skin should be kept moisturized at all times, especially if it is normal to dry skin. At night, after cleansing, apply a nourishing cream and massage it on the skin with a few drops of water. This helps to improve the skin's ability to retain moisture.

The use of scrubs and masks also helps to remove dead skin cells and their contained pigment. This helps the dark patches to gradually become lighter. External care, itself, can remove pigmentation permanently, provided protective care is followed afterward. Even when the pigmented patches disappear, one should continue to use sunscreen. In fact, the use of sunscreen has become an important part of modern cosmetic-care, to protect the skin from problems and premature ageing.

Here are some home remedies:

Scrub: Mix 3 tablespoons almond meal (ground almonds) with half a cup of yogurt (curd). Apply on the face and neck. Rub gently, especially on the dark patches, and wash off. It also helps to remove tan.

For dry skin, add half a teaspoon til oil to a little milk and apply on the face. Wipe off with moist cotton wool after 15 minutes.

For sunburn: Actually, cold milk applied daily, using cotton wool, not only helps to soothe the



skin but also keeps it soft. It also makes the skin color lighter over a period of time, if used daily.

For dark patches: Mix together a big pinch of coarse salt with a cream. Apply only on the areas with dark patches or spots and rub gently. Wash off. Then apply cold milk and wash off after 15 minutes. Do this twice a week.

For dark spots: Add a pinch of turmeric (Haldi) to curd and apply daily on the entire face. Wash it off after 20 to 30 minutes.

Mask: Mix 3 teaspoons oatmeal with ripe papaya pulp and one teaspoon curd into a thick paste. Apply and wash off after 20 minutes. This mask suits both dry and oily skin.

Lemon Juice: Lemon acts as a natural bleaching agent. Mix equal

quantities of lemon juice and water and apply it on the spots. Leave on for 10 minutes and then rinse.

Aloe Vera: Aloe vera is a powerful astringent and can be directly applied to acne spots.

Potato: Potato is a common skin-lightening and bleaching agent. Apply thin slices of potato to the skin and leave on for 20-30 minutes so that the juice is absorbed by the skin.

Turmeric and Milk: Apply the mixture of turmeric and milk on the affected area and leave it for 10 minutes before washing. Both milk and turmeric have bleaching properties and regular use makes the skin flawless.

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Uddhav Thackeray faction MP Gajanan Kirtikar Joins Eknath Shinde 13th MP leaves Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray



Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde welcoming MP Gajanan Kirtikar (third from right) in his party.

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Nov 12:

In yet another jolt to Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray, MP Gajanan Kirtikar, representing Mumbai North West Lok Sabha constituency, joined the Eknath Shinde faction in a function held at Ravindra Natya Mandir at Prabhadevi in Central Mumbai on Friday night.

In a swift reaction, the Thackeray faction removed Kirtikar from the post of the leader. Shiv Sena MP and Secretary Vinayak Raut in a statement on Friday night, said that Kirtikar has been removed from the post of the leader of the party for his "ant-party activities".

After Kirtikar joined his "Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena", Shinde (Maharashtra CM) tweeted "Popular MP of Mumbai North West Lok

Sabha constituency, Gajanan Kirtikar officially entered the party today. He was warmly welcomed on the occasion and we wish him good luck for social and political progress."

Kirtikar is the 13th MP to go with Shinde, who has support of 40 of the party's 56 MLAs and is in power, since unseating Thackeray in June after a rebellion, with the BJP's backing.

In 2019 Lok Sabha election the Shiv Sena had won 18 seats. In November last year, Kalaben Mohan Delkar won the by-election to Dadar and Nagar Haveli Lok Sabha constituency (the demise of her husband Mohan Delkar had prompted the election) thus taking the number of Shiv Sena MPs up to 19. Now the Thackeray faction is left with only 06 MPs-Vinayak Raut, Arvind Sawant, Rajan Vichare, Sanjay Jadhav, Omraje Nimbalkar and Kalaben Delkar.

It has three MPs- Sanjay Raut, Priyanka Chaturvedi and Anil Desai in Rajya Sabha.

Whereas the strength of the Shinde faction MPs has swelled up to 13-Shrikant Shinde, Rahul Shevale, Bhavna Gawli, Sanjay Mandalik, Dhairyaashil Mane, Krupal Tumane, Sriang Barne, Hemant Godse, Hemant Patil, Sadashiv Lokhande, Pratap Jadhav, Rajendra Gavit and Gajanan Kirtikar. Lok Sabha Speaker OM Birla has already recognised Rahul Shewale as Shiv Sena leader in Lok Sabha and Bhavana Gawli as chief whip of the Shinde faction.

Kirtikar's move is not a total surprise. He was opposed to the Shiv Sena joining hands with the Congress and NCP from the very beginning. He was also saying for a while now that Thackeray "should understand" what Shinde did. Similarly when he was recently

indisposed, Shinde had called on him to inquire about his health. Kirtikar had returned the gesture by visiting Shinde's residence during the Ganesh festival this year.

Kirtikar joining the rebel Shinde camp has nothing to do with Hindutva or any other ideology, but his move is viewed as to seek a ministerial berth in the union cabinet since the Shinde faction is expected to get at least two ministerial posts in the next cabinet expansion.

Kirtikar, who was close to the Shiv Sena patriarch late Balasaheb Thackeray, was an MLA from Malad assembly constituency in North Mumbai from 1990 to 2009. He was Minister of State for Home in Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party Government (1995-1998) and Cabinet Minister, Information & Public Relations and Transport (1998-1999).

In the 2014 Lok Sabha election, he won by 1,83,000 votes defeating late Gurudas Kamat (Congress) from the Mumbai North West constituency. In the 2019 Lok Sabha election he won by a margin of 2,60,328 votes defeating Sanjay Nirupam (Congress) from the same constituency. During the tenure he headed a couple of Parliamentary committees.

At party level he headed the Shany Lokadhikar Samiti Mahasangha for a fairly long time. He was also the President of the Mumbai Upnagar Kabaddi Association.

Skill Training & Opportunities in Pherzawl



IT News
Pherzawl, Nov 12:

District Skill Committee, Pherzawl and CIPET (Govt. of India) jointly organised a Career Counselling and Awareness Program on "Placement Oriented Skill Training Programme & Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Petrochemicals Sector" at SakhavnaMandap, Parbung, Pherzawl District yesterday. The event was kicked off by MLA, Tipaimukh A/C Ngursanglur Sanate and I. Dinesh Kumar, SDO Tipaimukh. MLA stressed on the necessity of Skill Develop-

ment in today's age where jobs in the public sector are limited.

Students, parents, unemployed youth school dropouts attended the program in large numbers and interacted with from Ranjit, Technical Officer (Training) CIPET and Napoleon Khwairakpam, Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow (MGNF), Pherzawl to clear their doubts and concerns. The huge job placement and entrepreneurship opportunity for the educated youth and dropouts in the district after completion of their training courses at CIPET was presented. Many in the audience stated that they were unaware

that Training Courses and Programs which was fully sponsored by the Government for economically and socially weaker sections even existed and hoped to enrol the youth in such courses.

A career counselling Session at Pherzawl High School on 10th November, 2022 was conducted. The team also visited Tinsung and Lungthulien to interact with Youth Leaders in the community and raise awareness of vocational training programs.

The events were coordinated by MNGF Pherzawl with the support of District Administration, Pherzawl.

India logs 833 new Covid-19 cases and 8 deaths in last 24 hours

Agency
New Delhi, Nov 12:

India saw a single day rise of 833 new coronavirus infections taking the total tally of

COVID-19 cases to 4,46,65,643, while the active cases declined to 12,553, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Saturday.

The death toll has climbed to 5,30,528 with eight fatalities which includes three reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprises 0.03 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.78 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

A decrease of 199 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,22,562, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the

ministry's website 219.79 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4, three crore on June 23 last year and four crore on January 25 this year.

Five new deaths reported in a span of 24 hours are two from Maharashtra, one each from Chhattisgarh, Delhi and Karnataka.

Career Guidance

CREATIONS of Content



By: Vijay GarG

Looms like we are back to the days of the yore. Indian television has come a long way, from the sole national broadcaster Doordarshan ruling the roost for decades and then paving the way for the 24/7 private satellite television to take centerstage. Now, the Union Cabinet has approved the amended policy guidelines for satellite TV news channels

Wednesday. This is the first time that changes have been made to the rules since 2011. In a throwback to good old Doordarshan prime time days, from now on, news channels in the country will be obligated to broadcast at least 30 minutes of content daily on themes of "national importance and social relevance", for creation of content like women's empowerment, agriculture, and cultural heritage. The rationale behind the move, according to the government, is that airwaves are public property and need to be used in the best interest of society.

This is one of several new policies listed in the amended 'Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Satellite Television Channels in India', approved by the Union Cabinet. While the guidelines are effective

from November 9, officials of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting said channels will be given time to conceptualise and create such content. "As airwaves/ frequencies are public property and need to be used in the best interest of the society, a company/LLP having permission under these guidelines for uplinking a channel and its downlinking in India (other than foreign channels only downlinked in India) may undertake public service broadcasting for a minimum period of 30 minutes in a day on themes of national importance and of social relevance, including education and spread of literacy; agriculture and rural development; health and family welfare; science and technology; welfare of women; welfare of the weaker sections of the society;

protection of environment and of cultural heritage; and national integration," stated the policy guidelines document. The channels are free to create their own content on the themes mentioned in the guidelines. The condition applies to all channels, except those mentioned specifically as exempt and a detailed advisory in this regard will be issued soon. Reports said exemption may also apply to wildlife channels and foreign channels, besides live telecast in case of sports channels. The government will, from time to time, issue general advisory to the channels for telecast of content in national interest, and the channel shall comply with the same, the guidelines say.

In addition to the "mandatory" half an hour of national interest stories, the new guidelines

lines seek to make compliance and doing business easier for TV channels. This includes measures like doing away with the requirement to seek prior permission before live coverage of a non-news event, with only a basic registration being required instead. Further, a news agency can get permission to operate for five years rather than just one, as is the case at present.

It remains to be seen how the TV channels will take the new guidelines on "national importance and social relevance" in their strides. Although such content is the need of the hour, given the trash that is shown through serials and reality shows, especially by private channels, how such content and presented to the audience that is now spoiled for choice will be interesting.

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Solar energy can help India....

Triggering demand and stimulating downstream players, therefore, is also an efficient way to develop the industry, but it must necessarily be followed by further investments. India has recently conducted a successful production-linked incentives (PLI) scheme to encourage manufacturing in solar PV. Bidders for projects under this would set up and run manufacturing facilities that will span the entire production cycle from making polysilicon, ingots, wafers, cells and panels of high efficiency.

The long-term financial

sustainability of the solar PV manufacturing sector is critical for rapid and cost-effective clean energy transitions. Rapid growth, combined with long lead times for projects, increases the risk of supply and demand mismatches, which can lead to cost increases and supply shortages. The net profitability of the solar PV sector for all supply chain segments has been volatile. Thus, vulnerabilities across trading routes need to be hedged by supportive policies.

Increased cooperation among countries will be the backbone of energy transition,

propelling investment and creating millions of new green jobs. While governments and stakeholders have begun to pay increasing attention to solar PV manufacturing, more needs to be done. The strategic importance of this sector in a rapidly decarbonising world requires like-minded countries to act together. It is expected that module manufacturing will be occurring everywhere. There is need for support in early years and as a global community, we need to support countries in enabling an environment for manufacturing. With 110 mem-

ber and signatory countries, the International Solar Alliance is making efforts to bring about this change.

New technologies will come into the market, including solar-plus-batteries becoming competitive. New solar PV manufacturing facilities along the supply chain could attract billions in investment by 2030. Annual investment levels need to double throughout the supply chain. Polysilicon, ingots and wafers manufacturing are the critical stages and would need to attract the majority of investments to support growing demand. Solar energy is

available in abundance, there is no suitable technology other than solar that allows households and communities to become self-sufficient in terms of energy. Grid-interactive mini grids and community rooftop solar installations will enable this shift. Solar energy is the one which could become the cornerstone of the net-zero India that we are aiming to see in 2070.

(The Author is a minister of power and new & renewable energy, India and president, International Solar Alliance. The views expressed are personal)

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Karam Reena Devi, do hereby declare that I have renounced relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name Longiam Ongbi Reena Devi as I have assumed my new name Karam Reena Devi.

From now on I will be known as name Karam Reena Devi and my new should be recorded in all my documents instead of Longiam Ongbi Reena Devi.

Sd/-

Karam Reena Devi

S/o, Late Warepam Babudhom Singh
Thangmeiband Meisnam Leikai
Imphal West, Manipur - 795004

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Warepam Bobby Singh, do hereby declare that I have renounced relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name Warepam Premkumar Singh as I have assumed my new name Warepam Bobby Singh.

From now on I will be known as Warepam Bobby Singh and my new name Warepam Bobby Singh, should be recorded in all my documents, such as educational certificates, Bank documents, service records, identity documents and also the documents relating to my family members and children instead of Warepam Premkumar Singh.

Sd/-

Warepam Bobby Singh (47 years)

S/o. Late Warepam Babudhom Singh
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Bishnupur District, Manipur

Border talks with Assam on November 17

Agency
Aizawl, Nov 12:

The third round of border talks between Mizoram and Assam will be held in Guwahati on November 17, barely two weeks later than the previous schedule, a senior home department official said on Friday.

Mizoram additional home secretary Lalhratpuia said that the delegations of both states would meet in Guwahati on November 17 to resolve the long standing inter-state boundary dispute.

He said that the Mizoram delegation will be headed by home minister Lalchamliana and land revenue and settlement minister Lalruatkima will also be part of the delegation, he said.

The delegation will also include Mizoram home commissioner and secretary H Lalengmawia and two senior home officials, he said.

The third round of border talks between Mizoram and Assam was originally scheduled on November 4 but could not be held due to the visit of President Droupadi Murmu to Mizoram.

Following this the Mizoram government had requested the Assam govern-



ment to defer the talks to November 9-11.

However, the Assam government has recently proposed November 17 as the date for the third round of border talks with Mizoram government.

A home official said that the Mizoram delegation will leave for Guwahati on November 16 and there will be a preparatory meeting between officials of both states on the day.

The actual border talks would take place on the next day, he said.

Mizoram and Assam, that share a 164.6-km-long inter-state boundary, have a long-standing border dispute.

While Mizoram claimed that the 509 square miles stretch of the inner line reserve forest notified by the British in 1875 as its actual boundary, Assam said that

the map prepared by survey of India in 1933 as its constitutional boundary.

However, there is no ground demarcation between the two states.

Earlier, a home official had said that the upcoming talks are the actual border talks, in which ground demarcation of the boundary will be one of the main subjects.

The border standoff between the two neighbouring states has surfaced roughly from 1997 and skirmishes and clashes between residents of two states became frequent since 2018.

More than 60 people were injured in a clash between Mizo students and Assam police when Mizoram's apex student body Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP) attempted to construct a wooden resting shed at Zopai area near Bairabi town

in Kolasib district contiguous to Assam's Hailakandi district in March 2018.

The border dispute had taken an ugly turn in July last year when police forces of the two states exchanged fire at the inter-state boundary, leading to the death of six policemen and a civilian from Assam.

More than 60 people were also injured in the violent clash that took place in the disputed area near Mizoram's Vairengte village on the National Highway-306.

The violent clash was followed by an economic blockade imposed on the lifeline of Mizoram (NH-306) by locals of Lalupur village in Assam.

Commencing from August last year, the two states have held two rounds of talks and virtual meetings on five occasions.

They have agreed to maintain peace along the inter-state boundary and resolve the dispute through dialogues.

Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma have also met twice in New Delhi in November last year and September this year to find an amicable solution to the vexed border dispute.

India has become centre point to world's desires: PM Modi

Agency
Vishakhapatnam, Nov 12:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Saturday that India has become the centre point to the world's desires and programmes like PM Gati Shakti were attracting more foreign investments into the country.

Addressing a meeting after launching several infrastructure development projects here, the Prime Minister said PM Gati Shakti has not only speeded up infrastructure development but also helped cut costs.

"Integrated view is of prime importance for infra-

structure development. Isolated view taken in the past has caused heavy losses to the country," Modi pointed out.

He said supply chains and logistics depended on multi-modal connectivity. Multi-modal transport system would be the future of every city.

The PM also noted that the "blue economy" has become a top priority for the first time. Port-led development has also become the key, he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday dedicated to the nation the Rs 2,917 crore U-field Onshore Deepwater Block project of ONGC in Andhra Pradesh.

It is the deepest gas discovery project with a production potential of about three million metric standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD).

On the second day of his two-day tour of the state, the Prime Minister in all launched nine projects worth Rs 15,233 crore in virtual mode from the Andhra University Engineering College grounds and unveiled a plaque.

Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Union Railways and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, state ministers, MPs and legislators attended the event.

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Chief Minister launches Venture...

Chairman and Managing Director, NEDFi PVSLN Murty stated that the launching of first ever Venture Capital for Startup, to encourage the youths to come up with viable propositions, would be memorable in the history of Manipur. It is through the initiative of the Chief Minister that the State had come up with the launch of venture capital before other states had done, he added. He mentioned that the grant provided by the Government of Manipur in the Startup loan had created the ignite in many startups.

During the programme, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of Manipur and NEDFi. The Chief Minister also distributed prizes to the winners of Techstar Startup Week-end organized by MIT. Eco Youth from CIPET was given the first prize with a cash award of Rs. 25,000. Alleviate from MIT with Rs. 15,000 for the second prize and Tanja from MTU was awarded with Rs. 10,000 for the third prize. Consolation prizes were also awarded to other startups.

Stalls were also set up by some startups at the campus of the Hotel Imphal. The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions on different topics.

Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretaries M.H. Khan and V. Vumlungmang, Director, Planning N. Kulkarani Devi, Officials of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, NEDFi, Academicians and Entrepreneurs also attended the programme among others.

4 Rohingya refugees, including 2 infants detained in Agartala; case filed

Agency
Agartala, Nov 12:

Four Rohingyas and two infants who entered India illegally were arrested in Agartala on Friday, police said.

The incident comes a week after 15 Rohingya refugees were arrested from different parts of Tripura in separate incidents.

Issuing a statement, assistant inspector general (law and order) Jyotishman Das Chowdhury said, "A specific case was registered against them for further legal action at Agartala GRP police station."

The detainees entered the Dhanpur area under Jatrapur police station limits in the Sepahijala district, crossing the India-Bangladesh border

fence and were arrested by Agartala Government Railway Police (GRP) from Badarghat railway station, said police.

The arrested people have been identified as Mohammad Safikul Islam (55), and Mohammad Abdul Kayer (23), Senwara Begam (19), her one-year-old baby, Nur Kayeda (19) and her 16 months old child.

During interrogation, it

was revealed that most of them came from Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee Camp in Cox Bazaar, southeast coast of Bangladesh, while Nur Kayeda came from Chittagong.

Tripura shares 856 kilometres long international border with Bangladesh. The Sepahijala district shares a large length of the Indo-Bangla border.

Sports

Lovlina Borgohain, Parveen Hooda, Saweety and Alfiya Pathan win gold at Asian Boxing Championships

Agency
Amman (Jordan), Nov 12:

Indian boxers Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Parveen Hooda (63kg), Saweety (81kg) and Alfiya Pathan (81+kg) claimed gold medals at the Asian Championships in Amman, Jordan on Friday.

Parveen notched up a facile 5-0 victory over Japan's Kito Mai.

The world championships bronze medalist, who missed the Commonwealth Games, put up a dominant show to beat fourth seeded Mai via unanimous decision.

Both the boxers started on the offensive but the top-seeded Parveen was able to dominate the proceedings as she jabbed her opponent at will.

Having lost the opening round, Mai then tried to put the ante but Parveen swiftly dodged all her attacks.

The Indian was especially impressive with her upper cuts in the third round.

Lovlina defeated Ruzmetova Sokhiba of Uzbekistan 5:0 by unanimous decision in the final.



The title will be a big morale booster for the 25-year-old Lovlina who has struggled to find form since her bronze-medal winning exploits at the Tokyo Olympics. She made early exits in the World Championships and Commonwealth Games earlier this year.

The Assam boxer has moved up from 69kg to 75kg division as her former weight class doesn't feature in the Paris Olympics.

The two boxers started the proceedings on a tentative note, inviting the other to attack first, but Lovlina was able to use her long reach and land a few clean jabs.

The two danced around the ring trying to avoid each other's

attack, however, Lovlina succeeded in landing her jabs. One jab of her's was so powerful that the referee was forced to give Sokhiba the count.

Despite it only being a five-boxer field, Lovlina has shown immense improvement during the course of the three bouts she played in the tournament.

It is Lovlina's third Asian Championship medal, she had won the bronze in 2017 and 2021 in the welterweight division.

Saweety defeated Gulsaya Yerzhan of Kazakhstan 5:0 by unanimous decision as Alfiya defeated Islam Husaili of Jordan due to opponent disqualification to clinch gold.

Minakshi, on the other hand, concluded her maiden

Asian Championships campaign by clinching a silver medal in the flyweight division (52kg).

Minakshi toiled hard but lost the gold medal bout to Kinoshita Rinka of Japan via 1-4 split verdict.

Minakshi was slow to start, with the second seed Japanese taking full advantage of the Indian's sluggishness as four out of the five judges voted in her favour.

In the second round as well, Minakshi looked lost. She was unable to land clear punches and resorted to clinching while the Japanese pugilist, who played more accurately and defended well.

It was effectively the second round that cost Minakshi the tie as she made a stunning recovery in the final three minutes by using a combination of punches to take the round 4-1, but it was too late as the judges ruled in Rinka's favour.

Five-time Asian Championships medalist Shiva Thapa is the lone male boxer to have made it to the final in this prestigious tournament in which India are assured of 12 medals.

North East Olympic Games 2022: Manipur claim double gold in cycling



Agency
Shillong, Nov 12:

Manipur won both gold medals on offer today on the first day of the cycling events at the 2nd North East Olympic Games 2022 in Malki Forest in the elite and junior cross country (both male).

The gruelling elite event took the cyclists over four laps from the entrance to this beautiful Malki Forest up towards

Shillong Peak and then back down again.

The intense race witnessed its fair number of injuries and cycle breakdowns but the riders pushed on, with Mesak Vanlalvena from Mizoram getting a huge cheer as he crossed the line for bronze place despite a black eye.

The gold was won by Manipur's Khundrakpam Ronel Singh, with home hero

Kevin John Khyllait crossing the line in second place.

Earlier, in the junior competition, AZ Thotmachan from Manipur bagged the gold medal, with Pynshailang Khyllait from Meghalaya second and Vanlalruata of Mizoram third.

The medal ceremony will take place tomorrow, following the women's cross country and the downhill event for men and women.