

IFFI 2022: Manipuri filmmakers Ashish Hamom and Rajiv Oinam picked among the 75 winners of '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow'

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Two Manipuri youths - Hamom Ashish Kumar Singh and Rajiv Oinam - have been selected among the 75 winners of the second edition of the '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' initiative of the Government. Mr. Ashish and Mr. Rajiv, chosen for the Editing and Cinematography categories, respectively, will attend the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India in Goa as special guests, along with 73 other selected youngsters from across the country. The 75 youngsters, all in the age group 18 - 35, will get the opportunity to interact with renowned filmmakers and artists, connect with industry professionals and attend master classes. The promising cinematic talents of tomorrow hail from as many as 19 different states of India, namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala,



H. Ashish Kumar Singh



Rajiv Oinam

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and West Bengal. The highest number of the selected winners are from Maharashtra, followed by Tamil Nadu and Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The 75 youngsters have been chosen based on their excellence in different areas of filmmaking, namely direction, acting, cinematography, Editing, scriptwriting, playback singing, music composition, costume-and-makeup, art design and

animation, visual effects (VFX), Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR). There are 15 artists from the Direction category, 13 budding actors, and 11 from the field of Editing. The youngest winners are 18-year-old Nitish Verma from Haryana and 18-year-old Tufique Mandal from Maharashtra, both of whom have been selected for their talent in Music Composition. The maximum number of winners are from Maharashtra (23 artists), followed by Tamil Nadu (9 winners) and Delhi (6 creative minds). Among these various fields,

four areas of expertise have been identified and added to this edition of the 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow initiative; these four new categories are i) music composition, ii) costume-and-makeup, iii) art design, and iv) Animation/VFX/AR/VR. These areas have been introduced to promote non-conventional skills and expertise and to encourage more people to explore career opportunities in these areas. The 75 winners get the opportunity to join the celebration of IFFI and attend sessions and workshops curated by grandmasters of international cinema. They also get a chance to witness the business of cinema at the Film Bazaar - a platform meant to encourage collaboration between South Asian and international film communities. In addition, the young artists are being provided free to-and-fro travel, accommodation, local transportation, and access to the 53rd IFFI in all its glory.

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'Government is committed to development of tribals'

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Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan has reiterated that government is committed to all round development of tribals in the country. Governor was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of one day National Conference on Tribal Heroes in India's Freedom Movement held at the Central Hall of G.P. Women College in Imphal today.

Governor said, government at the Centre and the State are making relentless efforts for improving connectivity in the tribal areas and strengthening their standard of living during the last many decades. He said, the freedom we enjoy today was not attained only by the movement of a handful of people. The brave heroes belonging to the tribal communities contributed significantly to the freedom struggle. We should always remember that numerous tribals who fought the oppressors to attain freedom. Remembering the great tribal freedom fighters like Rani



Gaidinliu, Birsu Munda etc., La. Ganesan said, the history of tribal heroes has been all-encompassing and all-embracing. Therefore, the youth should be made aware of the life and values of these heroes. He further said that many of the protests against the British were led by tribal heroes. Their fight was for their land and most importantly, their people. The efforts made by the National Commission of Scheduled Tribes (NCST), New Delhi to organize such an important event as a part of

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is, indeed, commendable and praiseworthy, he added. Governor also opened a photo exhibition as a part of the workshop.

Konthang Thouthang, Joint Secretary, NCST, PV Radhakrishna, national Coordinator, Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Prof. N. Rajmuhon, Vice-Chancellor, Dhanamanjuri University, Lt. General (Retd.) K. Himalaya, tribal delegates and students attended the Conference. The Conference is being organized by DM University under NCST, New Delhi.

RIMS dental college celebrated National Pedodontist Day

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Imphal, Nov 14:

The National Pedodontist Day was celebrated today i.e. 14th Nov., 2022 at the Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Dental College, RIMS Imphal. The celebration program was graced by Prof. L. Ranjit Singh, Director, RIMS, Imphal as Chief Guest, Prof. B. Praveen Reddy, Principal, Dental College, RIMS, Imphal as President and Gurumayum Bonny Sharma (Renowned actor), Rajkumar Budhimanta (Renowned artist) and Kshetrimayum Sarat Singh as Guest of Honours respectively.

During the program, Director RIMS, Imphal appreciated Dental College for well-organized and in coherent manner. He also able to observe a good relationship between doctors, public and

Dental College at RIMS. Lastly, Director RIMS, Imphal recalled the quotes said by Late President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam that "Future of the Nation depends upon the quality of the Primary Education".

The Painting competition on occasion of National Pedodontist Day for school students in 3 (three) groups was also organized which is also a right step for imparting importance of Pedodontist to the young minds. In Group A (Class 3-5) - Yaishnop Phumdom (Catholic School Canchipuri) beg 1st Position, Mrs. Silhenbi (Galaxy High School) beg 2nd position and Khangka (Khawmrak International Kindergarten) beg 3rd Position. In Group B (Class 6-9) - Oinam Riona

(Nirmalabas Junior School) beg 1st position, Michelle Palmei (St. Sabao School) beg 2nd Position and Keisham Yaishoi (Unacco School) beg 3rd Position. In group C (Class 10-12) - Nancy (Little Flower School) beg 1st Position, Y. Lanchenbi (Don Bosco School) beg 2nd Position and Bilkish (Bright Brain Institute) beg 3rd Position respectively. Consolation prizes and certificates were also given to Shimreishang (Leepaths School), Yumnam Panthoinu Chanu (Kiddies Corner) and Chandsun Laishram (Maria Montessori). Mementoes were also distributed to the sponsors of celebration program.

The celebration program was also attended by officials, faculty members, staff and students of Dental College, RIMS, Imphal.

Rotary Club of Imphal distributes School Jersey to students

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Rotary Club of Imphal (RID-3240) distributed school jersey to 94 students of Sagolband Popular Upper Primary School, Moirang Leirak, Imphal West, as a part of Golden Jubilee Year Celebration and its continuing community service project. A group lunch was also organised with students and

members of the club under the theme 'Rotary Chaklen Chaminnast'.




Rtn. Pramod Jaiswal, President, Rotary Club of Imphal said this programme will be continued every month to different schools. Today's programme was organised as a part of celebration of Children's Day. Rotary Club of Imphal also wish every child a 'Happy Children's Day'.

Cleanliness drive

IT News
Imphal, Nov 14:

Volunteers of the Art of Living Manipur today conducted a cleanliness drive in and around Khuman Lampak Sports complex.

"Apart from making the mind stress-free, the Art of Living program also sensitizes people to take more responsibilities and living a life of giving. The group did it as an expression of their inner joy," explained Laishram Dixon, prog. Coordinator and Sr. Faculty of the Art of Living.

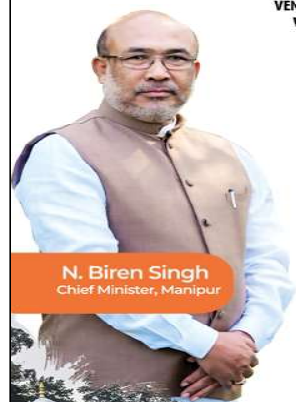




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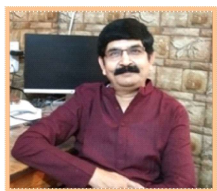


The Curtain Raiser at Mao gate, Senapati and Kangla today set in motion the celebrations for the biggest State level tourism festival of Manipur.

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Life is so much better, happier and healthier if there is no diabetes to bother us



Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

14th November is observed as World Diabetes Day every year that was first created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Foundation and the World Health Organization. Understanding diabetes is the first step towards managing and preventing it. Diabetes has now become a major public health concern especially in India because of several reasons. Today, over 300 million people live with diabetes. A similar number is at high

risk. Diabetes is a major health issue in our country. One of the important barriers in handling this issue is the change in behaviour of the people and awareness on the importance of lifestyle modification. Diabetes makes people prone to heart disease, kidney failure and infectious diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV/AIDS, among others, leading to premature death. Sugar is the new tobacco, experts, medical studies and health organizations have declared. The belief is that diabetes is an urban and rich man's disease but we now know that the annual increase in the numbers of those with diabetes is much higher in the rural areas, poor individuals and those less educated.

Diabetes isn't deadly, it just needs regular monitoring and medication and disciplined living. It is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke and lower limb amputation. Healthy diet, physical activity and avoiding tobacco use can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. In addition diabetes can be treated and its consequences avoided or delayed with medication, regular screening and treatment for complications. Regular exercise and healthy eating are the only ways to control blood sugar levels and stay fit. Diabetes is not a disease but a metabolic disorder. Acceptance of the problem is the first step to dealing with it. We need to take to heart the statement that "strengthening primary care is imperative". This is true of not only diabetes, but for all widely prevalent and enduring ailments. Many patients think that mere changes in food habits and taking alternative therapy can control diabetes but that's impossible. Lifestyle correction is a must, but one cannot stop insulin intake. Not taking insulin leads to formation of ulcers, infections and high sugar levels. Excessive urine, thirst and hunger, unexplained weight loss and fatigue are some of the common symptoms. All of these occur due to insulin deficiency.

100 years after the discovery of insulin, millions of people with diabetes around the world cannot access the care they need. People with diabetes require ongoing care and support to manage their condition and avoid complications. According to the Diabetes Foundation of India, about 50.9 million people in India suffer from diabetes, and this figure is likely to go up to 80 million by 2025, making it the 'Diabetes Capital' of the world.

Unhealthy diet is one major cause of the disorder. People focus on reducing the quantity of food but are unaware of the caloric value of food items they consume. The medical fraternity needs to gear up to the challenge of preventing, diagnosing and treating diabetes in society and people. Several institutes have initiated in-service programmes to enhance the knowledge, skills and core competencies of primary care physicians to deliver standardised care.

We need to work collaboratively with governments, civil society, private sectors, schools, workplaces, media and other local partners. We all have a role to play to ensure healthier environment for a healthy living. Walking is perhaps the simplest and the most effective way to maintain one's health, and for diabetics to manage the chronic disease as it doesn't require any training or special equipment, which means it can be done without a break. Living with diabetes may not be easy but it isn't impossible either. A few lifestyle and dietary changes is all it takes to keep the disease in control.

The sense of service is disappearing from the Society



By - Vijay Garg

While fulfilling the responsibilities of ordinary life, when one has to move somewhere outside his circle, then often such people are faced, in whom there is no place for selfishness and personal convenience. Such people selflessly do something for someone, but do not want anything different for themselves in return. Rather, even if someone tries to give something, they politely refuse them and clearly say that since they serve without any selfishness, that's why he sleeps very well and there is peace in his life. If they allow selfishness in their nature, then they know that the most important happiness and peace in their life will be snatched away. Seeing such people, I think how such people have saved themselves in today's self-centred society. After all, where does so much patience come from within them that they are able to save themselves from the web of selfishness of the world. Such people do not even come from very well educated and highly called civilized families, they are from ordinary families, but the service it calls for simplicity and simplicity, and not for outward pomp and show as is often seen in today's world. This is present as a specialty within such people. Today, less service is being focused more on its promotion.

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As Meghalaya heads for polls, political theatrics heat up CM Sangma keen on peace negotiations, no alliance with BJP yet

By Ashis Biswas

In Meghalaya, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as a small entity within the ruling Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government, starts its pre-2023 Assembly poll campaign with a handicap against rival, the Trinamool Congress (TMC). Led by former Congress leader Mukul Sangma, the TMC has 12 members in the 60-strong state Assembly and leads the opposition against the MDA coalition leader NPP (National Peoples Party), headed by Chief Minister Conrad Sangma.

The BJP had won only two seats in the 2018 assembly elections. Ironically, the Congress had then narrowly emerged as the biggest party ahead of even the now-ruling NPP. However, post-election parleys led to the formation of the MDA alliance enabling the BJP to join it, under the NPP's leadership, with support from other smaller regional parties. This helped fulfill the BJP's main objective in the Northeast — to keep its main opposition Congress out of power.

This time, the BJP and the NPP have indicated that they would not

have any pre-poll alliance, or seat adjustments. The NPP supports the BJP-led NDA government at the centre. This makes it easy for other parties to question its sincerity in distancing itself from the saffron party in Meghalaya. NPP spokespersons maintain that their compulsions in state level politics and local issues substantially differ from political choices they face at the national level.

On its part, the BJP too has indicated its decision of going solo and contesting in as many seats as possible. Given the time-honoured traditions of floor crossing in Northeast states, the possibility of the two parties coming together again in a post-poll alliance cannot be ruled out.

As for the TMC, its baptism into the volatile Northeast politics during the last few years has followed a roller-coaster pattern. Disaffected leaders and supporters from smaller regional parties have joined its ranks in the past in different Northeastern states. TMC leaders from Kolkata have helped them set up party offices and have

also helped with campaigning during elections.

However, the outcome of TMC's Northeast outreach has not been very encouraging, whether in Tripura in recent times, or elsewhere. Worse, the TMC, in common with most other parties, has not been able to preserve its identity at times, failing to halt mass defections to winning parties to maintain the leaders' local political relevance.

It must be noted though that the present TMC leader in Meghalaya, Mukul Sangma, has been a veteran Congressman for years, enjoying a special status in the NE region.

Sangma has already launched an anti-MDA campaign, dismissing current Chief Minister Conrad Sangma as nothing more than "a puppet put up by Delhi", while addressing public rallies. Political leaders as well as most ethnic tribal groups in the region harbour a general distrust about leaders and parties 'from outside', or other Indian states.

It comes as no surprise to see Sangma (TMC) attack the incumbent Chief Minister for

aligning a long-awaited border agreement with Assam, currently helmed by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The TMC's complaint is that 66 acres were given away to the BJP-ruled neighbouring state (Assam) under pressure from Delhi.

CM Conrad Sangma retorted that about 40 acres of territory would be shared almost equally between the two states, finally ending a 50-year old dispute. Similar agreements would be worked out for other disputed areas as well, CM Sangma asserted. The agreement was warmly welcomed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who monitored northeast developments closely.

CM Sangma also adopts a statesman-like approach as the pre-poll campaign warms up. He has recently ruled the fact that during the last 50 years, Meghalaya had not made much progress, falling behind other states. He said that his party (NPP) had drawn up a vision-cum-roadmap that could be used as a guideline in the future to ensure Meghalaya's rapid progress over the next decades.

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India's strategy to low-carbon development

By-Bhupender Yadav

With India marching towards Amrit Kaal, the centenary of the country's Independence offers a significant milestone to the national efforts on sustainable development. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for 'sahakaryas' in meeting this milestone with provisions of basic amenities for all. As the Modi government is trying to expand the economy to a scale which befits India's size, among the many challenges that stand in the way is climate change.

Climate science has established that global surface temperature increase is directly proportional to cumulative emissions and limiting it requires global GHG emissions to be kept within a specific limit, called the global carbon budget. It is no secret that a disproportionately large part of the global carbon budget has been used by the developed countries. The world, from 2020, has a remaining carbon budget of 500 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, for a 50% probability of limiting global warming to 1.5°C to pre-industrial levels and a remaining carbon budget of 1350 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent to have a 50% probability of limiting global warming to an increase of 2°C.

The key principle that informs India's climate policy is pursuing the country's development goals along low carbon development pathways. PM Modi has time and again said India's growth paradigm sees development and climate action as complementary to each other, rather than being contradictory to each other.

India is striving towards low carbon development in accordance with national circumstances. As a developing country with a long coastline, vulnerability to monsoon disruption, high dependence on agriculture for livelihood, and possible impacts on water systems, among other kinds of exposure to climate extremes and consequent hazards, India is likely to bear a considerable added development burden from the impact of climate change.

Nevertheless, in keeping with its responsibilities as a large nation and in keeping with its traditions and

culture, India is committed to a leading role in meeting the challenge of global warming.

India's Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) rests on seven key transitions to low-carbon development pathways. India has already initiated these transitions to low-carbon development pathways through policies, programmes, and initiatives.

1) Low-carbon development of electricity systems consistent with development

Growth in the power sector is critical for enabling industrial expansion, augmenting employment generation, and building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. At the moment India is expanding renewables and strengthening the grid, it is exploring and/or supporting other low carbon technologies, focusing on demand-side management, moving to rational utilization of fossil fuel resources, with due regard to energy security, assessing enablers for low carbon development, determining green taxonomy and optimum energy mix (complementing national development scenarios).

2) Integrated, efficient, inclusive low-carbon transport system

Transport is a major contributor to GDP both directly and indirectly. India is working on low-carbon options in the context of significant expansion needed across transportation modes for passenger and goods mobility. The country is encouraging improved fuel efficiency, promoting a phased transition to cleaner fuels, modal shift towards public and less polluting modes of transport, electrification across multiple modes, strengthening demand side management, traffic management and intelligent transport systems.

3) Adaptation in urban design, energy and material-efficiency in buildings, and sustainable urbanisation

When it comes to developing urban areas, exploring and encouraging adaptation measures in urban design is critical. This will be a major focus alongside measures to promote sustainable urban

design in the context of expanding cities. India is mainstreaming adaptation measures in the built environment and urban systems, it is promoting resource efficiency within urban planning guidelines, policies, and bylaws, promoting climate responsive and resilient building design, construction, and operation in existing and future buildings and in urban systems and promoting low-carbon municipal service delivery through resource efficiency, management of water, solid, and liquid waste

4) Economy-wide decoupling of growth from emissions

Industrial growth is a major objective in the near, medium, and long-term with policies directed at increasing the share of manufacturing in the GDP. The Narendra Modi government is making due efforts to recognise the informal sector and the development of the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. Low-carbon options are being explored in this context, recognising that there are many hard-to-abate sectors.

India's focus is on improving energy and resource efficiency, with efforts to increase the use of natural and bio-based materials, processing and fuel switching and electrification in manufacturing, as feasible and viable, enhancing material efficiency and recycling strengthening the circular economy, promoting green hydrogen technology and infrastructure, exploring options for sustainable growth of hard-to-abate sectors, low-carbon and sustainable growth of MSMEs.

5) CO2 removal and other engineering solutions

The area of CO2 removal is a new sector being explored the world over and is being considered even in the Indian context. The move, however, requires substantial international support through innovation, technology transfer, climate-specific finance and capacity building.

For now, India is training, capacity building and planning to minimise socio-economic, livelihood and ecosystem impacts of the move. We are also exploring public-private partnership frameworks in view of intensive resource requirements.

6) Enhancing forest and vegetation cover consistent with socio-economic and ecological considerations

India's national commitment to the enhancement of natural resources, preservation of resource heritage and promoting biodiversity is driving the strategy in this sector. It will also be an inclusive approach taking note of livelihood, social and cultural dependence of the relevant population.

The approach involves restoration, conservation, and management of forest and its plant, animal and microbial genetic resources, restoration, conservation, and management of trees outside forests, strengthening infrastructure of state forest departments, including upgradation of nurseries.

7) Economic and financial aspects of low-carbon development

Given the priorities of poverty eradication, increasing employment and incomes, increasing resilience to climate change, and reaching a new level of prosperity, low-cost international climate finance is essential to achieve the objectives of low-carbon development.

India is assessing financial requirements, mobilising, accessing and delivering climate specific finance, especially multilateral climate finance, mainstreaming of climate finance, linkages to international trade as well as new multilateral mechanisms to support innovation, and technology development.

PM Modi has through all his actions and visionary policies ensured India as a nation has taken on more than its due share of responsibility towards saving the planet and has committed to climate action. India has been pro-active in its commitment to international cooperation and in fulfilling the requirements of the global climate regime that we have collectively agreed to under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement. India's LT-LEDS make clear that India under PM Modi is stands by its commitment to equity and climate justice.

(Bhupender Yadav is Union Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.)

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1971 War Hero Retired Army officer Warns of Technological Warfare Ahead

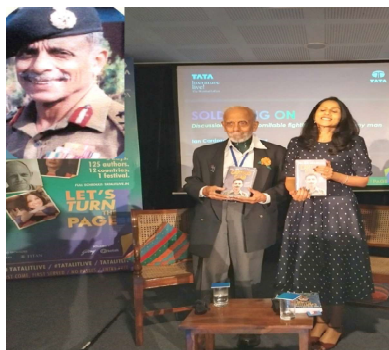
By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Nov. 14:

Retired Army officer Major General Ian Cardozo, the 1971 Indo-Pak war hero, on Sunday stated that India will have to be prepared for technological warfare with China and the country will be required to train its soldiers to meet any eventuality.

Interacting with media at the launch of his book "Cartoos Saab"-A Soldier's Story of Resilience in Adversity" at St. Paul's Institution of Communication, located at Bandra in North West Mumbai, Maj Gen (retd) Cardozo said that India has fought five wars till now and no country except Israel, stood by India.

The decisions related to wars are connected to politicians and bureaucrats. The citizens have important role to play and the voters should make the Government to understand the reality and make it appropriate decisions.

About the "Agnipath Scheme" introduced by the Union Government to recruit soldiers below the rank of commissioned officers into the armed forces, for a four year period, Maj Gen Cardozo said that the formulation scheme is a wrong decision which raises many questions, related to the benefits, including the



Maj Gen (retd) Cardozo's book, a memoir about serving the country, was released in Mumbai. (Inset: Maj Gen Cardozo while in service).

pension to the recruits. It is impracticable to recruit "agniveers" just for 4 years. It is true that after India introduced "Agnipath" scheme, neighbouring Nepal has begun recruiting Gorkhas in its Army.

About fallen heroes, he said that over 60,000 soldiers have laid down their lives till now. Besides, we have 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees. In fact the memorials of martyr soldiers should be set up. Earlier there was a statue of King George at India Gate. It was replaced with an unknown soldier.

About his experience with Gorkha regiment, he said that Gorkhas are the very gentle people. In fact they are the best specimen of humanity.

Maj Gen Cardozo, is the hero of Indo-Pak 1971 war, who cut off his injured leg with his own khukri to save his life. Having his leg amputated, he was offered to stay on in the Army but in a Staff position which he refused and with sheer determination went on to command a Battalion and a Brigade. He became the first war disabled officer of the

Indian Army to command a Battalion and a Brigade. He retired from the Army as Chief of Staff of a Corps in the Eastern Command.

His book "Cartoos Saab"-A Soldier's Story of Resilience in Adversity" is a memoir about serving the country on a limb and a prayer. His inspiration came from a book "Reach For The Sky" based on the life of Douglas Bader a RAF (Royal Air Force, UK) pilot who had lost both legs and yet became a Flying Ace in the Royal Air Force during World War II. Maj Gen Cardozo's life story is the inspiration behind the upcoming Akshay Kumar starrer Hindi feature film-"Gorkha".

Maj Gen Cardozo had originally planned to join the Navy but after meeting his senior from his School, (St. Xavier's) Sunith Rodrigues, he changed his mind and joined the Army. Later Gen Sunith Rodrigues became the Chief of Army and then was Governor of Haryana and Punjab after retiring from the Army.

Post retirement, Maj Gen Cardozo served as Chairman of the Rehabilitation Council of India, and Commissioner for Persons with Disability of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. He also does writing and composes poetry. Besides, he is a keen Marathon Runner.

Newly elected members of MSAD take oaths



IT News
New Delhi, Nov 14:

The oath taking ceremony of Manipur Students Association Delhi (MSAD) newly executive body, for the academic session 2022,2023 was held at AV room of Zakir Husain Dekhi college, located at University of Delhi.

The ceremony was attended Election committee chairperson Damudor Arambam and administered the oath.

A total 11 new executive body took the oath for new officer bearer.

Yengkhom Gunchenba as president, Rk Yaiphaba as Vice president, Rabisana Thiyam as General secretary, Vandana

Mutum as organisation secretary, Tina Sorensangbam as public relation secretary, Minaketan konthoujam as Finance secretary, Lanchenbi urungpuel as cultural secretary and Bontri karam as Academic and Magazine secretary. And three advisory board are Babina ch, Ashok Laishram and Jackson Rk.

Celebrity Children and 1 Lakh Students Urge Government to Prohibit Use of Elephants in Cruel Performances in Time for Children's Day

Agency
New Delhi, Nov 14:

Just in time for Children's Day (14 November), Farah Khan Kunder's children, Anya, Czar, and Diva Kunder; Shilpa Shetty Kundra's son, Viaan Raj Kundra; and Raveena Tandon Thadani's children, Rasha and Ranbir Thadani, joined 1,00,000 students from private and government schools across the country in signing a petition urging the ministers of fisheries, animal husbandry, and dairying and the environment, forests, and climate change to add elephants to the list of species protected from being used for entertainment, such as in circuses and for rides. Bears, monkeys, tigers, panthers, and lions are already on the list. The signed petitions have been submitted to the respective ministries.

"Many captive elephants are held illegally, and they are routinely chained and beaten," says PETA India Director of Education and

Youth Outreach Puja Mahajan. "This is particularly appalling because the elephant is India's heritage animal, so PETA India is requesting that the government include these sacred animals on the list of species protected from use in entertainment."

When imprisoned to be used for rides, festivals, weddings, or other events, many elephants exhibit signs of severe psychological distress and frustration, such as swaying, head bobbing, and weaving - behaviour not observed in healthy elephants in nature. Those who are used for performances are routinely controlled through beatings, kept chained for hours on end, moved in trucks from one place to another, and denied proper food, water, and veterinary care. As a result of their abuse, many elephants retaliate. According to figures compiled by the Heritage Animal Task Force, captive elephants killed 526 people in Kerala alone in a 15-year

span. Elephants are highly intelligent and social animals, and in their natural habitat, many of them spend their entire lives with their families. Their home ranges in the jungle can span up to 800 square kilometres, and they and their roam vast areas for exploration and to forage for food. Elephants work together to solve problems and rely on the wisdom, judgement, and experience of their oldest relatives. These animals deserve the same protection afforded to other wild animals through the prohibition of their use in performances. PETA India - whose motto reads, in part, that "animals are not ours to use for entertainment" and which opposes speciesism, a human-supremacist worldview - notes that the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, prohibits capturing elephants. For more information, please visit PETAIndia.com or follow the group on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram.

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The sense of service is disappearing

In a city during the Corona period, the scenes of photographs being taken while distributing bags of flour and four loaves to the isolated leaders create a strange nostalgia.

In this sequence, there is one thing that many social organizations keep running in the process of converting black money into white.Huh. There, under the guise of the spirit of service, their business interests are more simple. Membership of so-called institutions with such high fees is taken only to establish identity.

Today the spirit of service has almost disappeared from the society. Every person has started believing in the culture of 'Is Haath De Us Haath Ley'. The importance of secret donation was once considered to be very important and the donor used to give importance to

keeping his identity secret. There was no publicity or hope of fruit behind it. But times are changing rapidly. Because of materialistic culture Everyone wants instant results.

For example, if my name appears in the newspaper, a plaque is put on it, who knows if tomorrow the successor will take this credit himself! This lust of politicians is understandable that they are poor illusory creatures and their life itself keeps on traveling on the two tracks of credit and cursing. But when many times the common man also seems to be trapped in this competition, then one has to think that our values of life are either changing rapidly or new beliefs are being created with time. The parameters of success have changed. service one

nirvikar Not feeling, it has become a ladder to take credit and establish dominance in the society. Those who do righteousness and throw them into the river, serve silently without any noise, there is a special glow on their face and a feeling of contentment in the mind. They are true karma yogis, they have no aspiration, no need for publicity.

The sense of benevolence is getting marginalized today. Donors have money for redundant events, fashion shows, dance events, but money goes to schools, hospitals and orphanages. We have to change our approach. what Six deeds should also be done with selflessness. Why the desire to repay every donation? Why get the price for every service? Why do we not want to

experience the pleasure of silent service? This tradition eventually gets passed on in the family and the younger generation seems to be shunned when an elderly person in the house becomes ill. By handing over the sick person to the hospital, his duties are considered to be complete. Service is not only a tradition but also a part of the society and culture of the country. to serve without aspiration or ambition In today's era, people may seem like creatures from another planet, but these are the pillars on which the foundation of a civilized and cultured society rests. It should be our endeavor not only to preserve this bright side of humanity but also to contribute constructively to its prosperity without any greed.

As Meghalaya heads for polls,

Both the TMC and the NPP are carrying out vigorous campaigns online, using their respective websites as well as social media, a sign of the changing times. The expert IPAC group headed by poll strategist Prashant Kishor helps run the TMC campaign, never mind Kishor's usual denial of not involving himself with politics anymore. The BJP and other parties are also running a strong campaign through their respective websites, with help from their legion of IT cell trolls and influencers.

Chief Minister Conrad Sangma has been working

hard to conclude a peace-cum-rehabilitation treaty with the banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) extremist group in Meghalaya for some time now. HNLC delegations met state officials for talks in August and are scheduled to visit again sometime this month. HNLC spokespersons say that discussions are on to explain their demands, future agenda and other issues with the state government. Progress is monitored by the Union home ministry.

In case the MDA government manages to work out a positive understanding

with the HNLC-led tribals, it would go a long way to ensure lasting peace for the state and earn Chief Minister Sangma major points in his campaign.

Meanwhile, tribal/non-tribal tensions continue to plague Meghalaya's politics as before. Assam Congress leader Debabrata Saikia recently wrote to the Meghalaya Governor, urging him to take strong action against tribal marchers who recently attacked non-tribal shops and people during a protest march, not even sparing women. However, the police took no action against the offenders. Saikia also called for an immediate probe into the

matter, in view of the continued attacks on non-tribals.

Some time ago, it may be that recalled Tathagata Roy, the former Governor of Meghalaya, had condemned the Khasi Students Union (KSU) for its repeated attacks and provocations against non-tribal people. He had said the KSU should be banned, like the HNLC and other armed groups threatening ethnic harmony and law and order. Non-tribals in Meghalaya have been reduced to the precarious status of Kashmiri Pandits, over the years, he pointed out. (IPA Service)

AR successfully concludes Rani Gaidinliu Training Camp

IT News
Imphal, Nov 14:

Tamenglong Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 22 Sector AR/IGAR(E) concluded pre-recruitment training for male and female candidates to prepare them for upcoming recruitment rallies for Assam Rifles and Army. The camp, named after the much revered late Rani Gaidinliu, was conducted from 18 Oct 2022 to 12 Nov 2022 at unit HQ at Tamenglong, Manipur.

The response to this event was unprecedented with total registrations touching 350. The training camp had commenced with documents



and medical inspection in which a total of 256 indls were found eligible, including 199 boys and 56 girls. There great grandchildren of the late Rani Gaidinliu were also part of the training camp.

The closing event on 12 Nov 22 was kicked off with lots of zeal & positivity by the Commandant, 44 Assam Rifles

and family members of the late Rani Gaidinliu paid floral tributes in remembrance of the freedom fighter. The Commandant applauded the high spirit, inquisitiveness and energy of the trainees during the camp. Meritorious prizes (total eight) were awarded by the Commandant to best trainees in boys and girls category. All candidates were also awarded a certificate of participation for successful completion of the training. The Commandant also thanked the guardians of trainees for attending the event and lauded the efforts of youth who came from far flung corners of Tamenglong district to be part of this training camp.

Mumbai Airport Customs Seizes 61 Kg gold Worth Rs 32 Crore in a Single Day

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, November 14:

In a major breakthrough, Mumbai Airport Customs seized 61 Kg gold worth Rs 32 crore and arrested 7 passengers, including five men and two women, in two separate cases within a day on Friday.

All the arrested accused have been remanded to 14 days judicial custody by the Metropolitan Magistrate court, a Customs officer said. "On Nov 11, Mumbai Airport Customs foiled attempts to smuggle 61 Kg gold valued @ Rs 32 Crore. This was the highest ever seizure in a single day. 7 passengers were arrested", Mumbai Custom tweeted.

In the first case, four Indians who arrived at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International



The gold biscuits seized by Mumbai airport customs

airport, Mumbai from Tanzania, were intercepted by the air intelligence unit (AIU) of Mumbai Customs, led by Deputy Commissioner Manudev Jain. They were found carrying smuggled gold in the form of 1 kg gold bars concealed in specially designed waist belts with multiple pockets wrapped around their torsos.

The belts with UAE-made gold bars concealed inside

were handed over to the passengers by a Sudanese national at Doha airport. The Sudanese national did not travel with them. The passengers were to get Rs 50,000 each for delivering it Mumbai destination.

In another case, the Mumbai Customs seized 8 kg gold valued at Rs 3.88 crore from three passengers, one man and two women, who arrived from Dubai. The passengers

were carrying the gold dust in wax form which was concealed in the waste line of the jeans worn by them. One of the accused women in her last sixties was moving in a wheelchair.

Based on the continuous monitoring of suspicious flights and data-based analysis from the earlier high-quantum gold and foreign currency seizures, a systematic profiling of suspected passengers is being undertaken on sensitive flights from certain places in Africa and the Middle East. This profiling has been code named "Operation Parchhai" (Operation shadowing).

A modus operandi noticed in the recent case of the seizure of foreign currency worth Rs 4.08 crore and profiling of passengers led to success in these cases.

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Manipuri filmmakers

To make their IFFI experience more engaging and exciting, the 75 youngsters will be divided into groups of 15 to compete in a "53-Hour Challenge". The competition will challenge them to produce a short film on their idea of India@100, all in 53 hours. The competition is powered by National Film Development Corporation in collaboration with ShortsTV. The 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow initiative is the brainchild of Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur.

The initiative aims to identify, encourage and nurture young creative talent in filmmaking from the entire length and breadth of the country.

Sharing his vision for 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow, the Union I&B Minister said: "75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow has been conceived as a unique platform of opportunities for youth, artists and creatives, especially from far-flung areas, to learn, engage and network with the who's who of the Indian Film Industry at the International Film Festival of India in Goa.

This year, in what is just the second edition of 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow, nearly 1,000 entries were received from all across India, including from places such as Lakshimpur and Sonitpur in Assam, Khorda in Odisha, Krishna and Prakasam in Andhra Pradesh, Theni in Tamil Nadu and Bhandara in Maharashtra, to name a few. 75 Creative Minds have been handpicked to be mentored from among these applications. I congratulate everyone and look forward to meeting all of them at the 53rd IFFI."

The final list of 75 winners has

been selected through a selection process involving screening by the Selection Jury and then final selection by the Grand Jury.

Speaking about the initiative, Grand Jury member Prasoon Joshi said: "I have always believed that India's diversity is its great strength, and we will truly do justice to it when we hear stories from every part of India, not just a few select cities. This is the thought behind the 75 Creative Minds initiative."

The restless creative minds of India are raring to go, he added. "Films should be magical. We need filmmakers by design, not by chance, and we need to give our young talent proper exposure. We initiated this program last year at IFFI, along with I&B Minister Anurag Ji. My sincere thanks to the eminent jury members who painstakingly chose these young minds."

Renowned sound designer and Grand Jury Member Resul Pookutty believes that 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow has the power to inspire young artists to look beyond the edge of the world and pursue their ambitions through cinema.

"The Creative Minds of Tomorrow program is an amazing way to find and nurture young minds to look beyond the edge of the world and pursue their ambitions through cinema. A platform to convey their own stories to effect good change in society and establish a better society. Most importantly, a chance to participate in IFFI 2022, one of India's most renowned film festivals."

75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow is a step towards making India a global content and post-production hub. The initiative recognizes, prepares, and

primes young innovative minds under the tutelage of eminent personalities in the Indian film industry. This initiative intends to nurture and develop a dynamic ecosystem and community of young filmmakers by empowering them to build industry linkages and connect, collaborate and co-create.

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Student Induction Programme held at Royal Academy of Law

IT News

Imphal, Nov 14:

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Royal Academy of Law, Imphal had organised the Student Induction Programme (SIP) of the academic session 2022-2023 at the premise of the college on 14 November 2022.

Delivering the welcome address, Eliza Maisnam, Principal Royal Academy of Law warmly welcomed the freshers who came from different walks of life.

Speaking on the programme, Irengbam Jugeshwar Singh, Secretary, Governing Body, Royal Academy of Law Imphal brought out that '14 November' which coincides

with the Children Day of India and also Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday is an auspicious day to conduct the programme. Quoting Rabindranath Tagore's classic poem "Where the mind is without fear", Jugeshwar enlightened the freshers to be courageous in every sphere and particularly in this realm of law and legality. Jugeshwar also reminded the freshers of the college on the necessity to strictly follow the pedagogical atmosphere of the college.

Delivering the keynote address, Ng Asa Devi, Assistant Professor RAL and Coordinator SIP pointed out that the induction programme was conducted to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in

the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution, help them build bonds with other students and faculty members, and expose them to a sense of larger purpose and self exploration.

H Rejiya Devi, Assistant Professor RAL- highlighted the freshers about the various committees and cells of the college such as NSS Cell, Legal Aid Clinic, Committee for ST/ SC, Indian Red Cross Society, Red Ribbon Club and the Probono Club established in 29th September 2022, which is the first of its kind in Manipur. She also highlighted the various programs under them such as tree plantation, personality development

programmes etc.

Bhupendra Ningomba Meitei (Advocate at the High Court, Senior Spokesperson, (MPCC) an alumni of the college vividly captures the attention of the audience particularly the freshers with his vast experience as a practitioner at the High Court.

Laishram Radhakishore Singh, Chairman, Governing Body, Royal Academy of Law, Imphal who is also an ex MLA of Imphal Constituency also attended the programme.

Many distinguished alumni of the college also attended the programme. The induction programme ended with a light refreshment.

Sports

Senior National Sailing Championship- 2022 Begins in Mumbai



The YAI Senior National Sailing Championship 2022 gets underway off Mumbai Harbour.

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, November 14

The Yachting Association of India (YAI) Senior National Sailing Championship 2022 is being conducted by Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC), Mumbai under the aegis of the YAI and Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) for senior classes of boats off Mumbai Harbour till November 20.

The event is a YAI ranking event and selection trial for the forthcoming Asian Games scheduled in China in September 2023 an official statement read.

Over 115 sailors, from 15 sailing clubs across the country, have registered for the event. A

series of 12 races per class are scheduled in eight class of boats viz. ILCA7, ILCA6, 49er, 49erFX, 470, NACRA 17, RS:X and IQ Foil in men, women and mixed categories.

A team of event officials including World Sailing qualified International Race Officers, International Judges and Measurers including foreign race officials from Oman, Korea and Singapore will be ensuring fair conduct of races and level playing ground to all the competitors.

The 19th edition of the Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23, 2023 to October 08, 2023.

The Task Force over the last two months held various discussions with the Chinese

Olympic Committee, Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee (HAGOC) and other stakeholders to find a window for the Games which did not conflict with other major international sporting events.

The 19th Asian Games was originally planned to be held in Hangzhou from September 10 to September 25 in the current year. However, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Games were postponed by the OCA Executive Board and a "Task Force" was created to finalise the new dates for the Games.

Hangzhou lies less than 200 kilometre from the China's largest city Shanghai, which went through a months-long lockdown at the beginning of current year.

Agency
Imphal, Nov 14:

ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt. Ltd. is associating with Racing Promotions Pvt Ltd (RPPL) for the Indian Racing League as the official lubricant partner to revolutionize motorsports in the country. Flagging off on November 19 in Hyderabad, the first edition of Indian Racing League (IRL) powered by Wolf Racing, is the only 4-wheel racing league featuring six city-based franchise teams. Drivers both women and men, including Ex Formula One & Le Mans drivers will be racing in this inclusive equal platform. The Round 2 and Round 3 will be held at Madras Motor International Circuit (MMRT) on late November and December over weekends, with the grand finale back in Hyderabad on December 10-11.

To usher in a new era and build up the motorsports ecosystem in India, IRL aims to create visibility for the sport on global racing

ExxonMobil partners with Racing Promotions to blaze the trail for the Indian Racing League

platforms. The partnership with ExxonMobil will add further value to the sector in India, which is already among the top five fan markets for F1 and has witnessed tremendous growth in popularity for motorsports in recent years.

The maiden edition of IRL will feature 24 drivers participating in 12 races through 4 rounds of pulsating action to claim the top spot using the renowned Aprilia 1100 cc 220 HP engines. It will also witness India's first FIA Graded Street Circuit in Hyderabad. It will be the first time that street racing will take place in India for which extensive safety and security arrangements are being made. With its proximity to the city centre, this track will prove to be a huge crowd puller for the league.

Vipin Rana, CEO - ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt Ltd, said: "Our partnership with RPPL to power the Indian Racing League - Wolf Racing builds on our focus to support

motorsports in India, where a community of racing enthusiasts are building a powerful new circuit. We believe it is our commitment to support this emerging sport in the country and create a compelling platform of world-class reputation and reach. We see motorsports gaining tremendous traction across the country, and we want to offer our proven support to the teams and contribute to building the real next big thing in motorsports - from India for the world."

Akhilesh Reddy, Director MEIL and Chairman, RPPL, added: "We are excited to kick off the Indian Racing League (IRL) and are delighted to have ExxonMobil as our partners in a one-of-its-kind league in India. With IRL, we aim to revolutionize motorsport and put India back on the map of motorsports and to provide opportunities for budding Indian racing drivers. Our vision is to take an all-Indian team to F1 in the next 5-7 years and an all-

Indian women team to F2 in the next 10-12 years. We thank ExxonMobil for coming onboard and be a part of this journey to build the next big thing in motorsports in India."

With a history in motorsport dating back to 1978, ExxonMobil has a rich legacy of supporting motorsports globally, including Formula One championships. ExxonMobil supplies the current world champion - Oracle Red Bull Racing team, with Mobil 1™ engine oils and provide world-class engineering support throughout the race season.

Kicking off with Indian Racing League, RPPL will also be hosting the Formula Regional Indian Championship and Formula 4 Indian Championship. Formula Regional Indian championship and the F4 Indian championships is certified by the FIA - the ace governing body and championship winners will be awarded FIA Super License points.