

Chief Minister opens 14th Manipur Polo International, starts in Manipuri style

Performers of Rhythms of Manipur adds flavour to the opening function



IT News
Imphal, Nov 22:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today opened the 14th Manipur Polo International at Imphal Polo Ground locally known as Mapal Kangjeibung, which perhaps, is the oldest Polo ground in the world.

The inaugural function of the 14th Manipur Polo International was open in traditional Manipuri style with women in traditional attires presenting edibles in traditional baskets called Phiruk. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh along with other dignitaries including YAS Minister

Govindas Konhoujam, Transport Minister Khashim Vashum, Water Resources Minister Awangbou Newmai, MLA K. Robindro, MLA Thangjam Arunkumar and MLA Shanti all wore white Kokyet (a traditional headgear) while opening the prestigious events.

Due to the post Covid-19 situation, some countries which used to attend earlier didn't attend. However, five international Polo teams including one from United States of America (USA), one team from United Kingdom (UK), India Team A, India Team B (Manipur Polo team) and the Indian Navy Polo team

are taking part this time.

Interestingly, audiences both from aboard and from the state witnessing the inaugural function of the international event organized in connection with the Sangai Tourism festival (this time) were enthralled by authentic performers of the Rhythms of Manipur. The Polo Ground (Kangjeibung) was spread with the authentic tune of the 40 lady drummers. And the eye of the audience were all caught in the beautiful traditional dance performances while playing the drums (Langdre) at the same time.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who is also the Chief

Patron of the organizing committee in his speech said that the international polo events will surely help in the initiative taken up by the state government for preserving Pony.

He said that, this time the state is organizing traditional pony related games - Sagol Kangjei, a traditional Polo game at the ground located inside the sacred Kangla ford and another Mukna Kangjei at Hapta Kangjeibung.

"1st Chief Minister Sagol Kangjei Championship has started from this year", N. Biren Singh said. He said that in order to popularize the Pony breed the government is all set to allotment of pony to almost all Police Stations in the state for patrolling.

On the other hand the Chief Minister also said that Polo ground (play field) will also be developed at Imphal East district and Bishnupur district too, so that district level tournament can be conducted from time to time.

Opening match of the 14th Manipur Polo International was played between team United Kingdom and team Indian Navy.

In the first half, team England lead with 10 goals to nil.

Final match of the Polo event will be played on November 29.

The 2nd tranche of the Rozgar Mela held in Imphal today

MoS RK Ranjan distributes 227 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits under Rozgar Mela



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Imphal, Nov 22:

Under the Rozgar Mela a total of 227 appointment letters were distributed in Manipur by Union Minister of State for Education and External Affairs Dr. RK Ranjan Singh, at an event organized at Haflong Hall in Mantripukhuri Garrison at Imphal, Manipur. Addressing the gathering of the event Minister said that the government gives highest priority in giving the opportunity to youths in development of the nation.

Out of the 227 appointments 171 were new recruits of Assam Rifles, 28 from Border Security Forces, 15 for SSB, 6 doctors for RIMS, 3 CISF, 2 ITBP and 2 for banks

were given appointment letters.

Maj Gen Rajan Sharawat, VSM, IG Assam Rifles (South) who was also in the event said that this initiative of the Government will inspire the youth and give the right path and not get strayed.

D S Rawat, DIG, BSF, Naorem Indrakumar, Deputy Director, RIMS were also present in the function.

It may be mentioned that the Rozgar Mela is a step towards the fulfilment of the Prime Minister's commitment to accord the highest priority to employment generation. The Rozgar Mela is expected to act as a catalyst in furthering employment generation and providing meaningful opportunities to the youth for

their empowerment as well as direct participation in national development. Earlier in October, 75,000 appointment letters were handed over to newly inducted appointees under Rozgar Mela.

The physical copies of the appointment letters to the new appointees was handed over at 45 locations across the country (except Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh). In addition to the categories of posts filled earlier, posts of teachers, lecturers, nurses, nursing officers, doctors, pharmacists, radiographers and other technical and paramedical posts are also being filled. A significant number of posts are being filled by the Ministry of Home Affairs in various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

Manipur is Proud to Host G20 Events as well the G20 pavilion at the Sangai Festival : Chief Minister N. Biren Singh

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22:

As the 11th edition of the Sangai Festival begins in Manipur from the 21st to 30th November, the Hapta Kangjeibung Ground in Imphal will also host a G20 India pavilion during the entirety of the festival.

In line with the Prime Minister's direction to not limit G20 to major urban cities and use the opportunity to showcase India's rich and diverse cultural landscape, Manipur's famous Sangai Festival too will get an additional interna-

tional flavour as India's most prestigious multilateral event will showcase India's rich cultural diversity to the world.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh welcomed the idea of not only hosting G20 meetings in Manipur but also the G20 pavilion at the Sangai Festival and said that the G20 pavilion will provide an opportunity to all visitors to learn about the importance of India's G20 Presidency and Manipur is proud to host G20.

According to sources in the know, on the 26th of November, India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar along

with the Minister of State for External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh are likely to visit the G20 pavilion as well as the take a tour of Sangai Festival at Moirang Khunou.

The G20 pavilion at the Sangai Festival will provide educational content for the youth on the importance and significance of India's G20 Presidency in the form of video displays and IEC materials which will be made available to visitors to the pavilion.

Imphal is also set to host important G20 meetings in April 2023 with delegations from all G20 countries and partner In-

ternational Institutions. This is set to be important opportunity for Manipur to showcase its cultural diversity and natural beauty to a large section of global audiences.

At a certain raiser event for the launch of Sangai Festival on the 15th of November, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had declared that "We want to make Sangai a festival of oneness in order to strengthen the bond among all communities and showcase them for the tourists visiting during the festival. Boosting tourism in Manipur will be the biggest focus of the festival this time."

Five countries raise issue of AFSPA in review meet of UN Human Rights Council

IT News
Imphal, Nov 22:

At least five countries of the world had raised issue of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act in the review meeting of the India's Human Rights record in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHR) held on November 10, 2022 at Geneva under the 4th Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Baboo Lotongbam of Human Rights Alert (HRA), Mr. Khuraijam Athouba, of the International Peace and Social Advancement (IPSA) and Mr. C. Lalruata of the Zo Indigenous Forum participated in the review meeting from the state of Manipur.

During the review, 130 member states made 339 recommendations highlighting some of the most urgent human rights concerns in the country including the protection of minority communities and vulnerable groups, tackling gender based violence, upholding civil society freedoms, protecting human rights defenders, and ending torture in custody.

Five countries, namely Germany and US in the advance question prior to the session and Norway, Bel-

gium and Pakistan had raised the issue of AFSPA during the session.

As per report, Germany, in the advanced question prior to the session, raised the issue of AFSPA as the first issue.

"Does the Indian government consider to revise the Armed Forces (Special Powers Act) with a view to bringing it into compliance with obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and fighting impunity?", The Germany raised.

United States of America also raised the issue in its advanced question stating that - "We note the Government of India's rollback of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act to promote accountability and justice. We continue to have concerns about section 197 of the Indian Code of Criminal Procedure, which does not fully address accountability for security forces and prevents victims from accessing justice."

During the session, USA who spoke as 92nd speaker stated in its 2nd recommendation to "Ratify the Convention Against Torture and to prosecute those responsible for human rights abuses"

Norway, as the 53rd speaker, in its 4th recommendation stated, "Revise the Armed Forces [Special Powers] Act to ensure compliance with obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and consider reducing the Act's geographic scope."

Pakistan, as the 55th speaker, in its 5th recommendation stated, "Repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, National Security Act, Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019, and the National Register of Citizens".

Belgium, as 109th speaker, in its 4th recommendation stated, "Withdraw the Armed Forces Act 1958 and 1990 from the districts where it remains fully or partially in jurisdiction"

As done in the 2nd and 3rd cycles, the Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights in Manipur and the United Nations (CSCHR), the representatives from Manipur, submitted a stakeholder report for the 4th cycle of UPR, available online in the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as JS47_UPE41_IND_E_Main.

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South Asia's largest film market features Manipur Pavilion; many keen to collaborate, shoot films in Manipur

IT News
Panjim, Nov 22:

The golden jubilee year of Manipuri Cinema has proven to be a turning point for Manipuri Cinema as Manipur Pavilion is being installed and featured for the first time at Film Bazaar, South Asia's largest film networking platform held alongside the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

The 53rd IFFI was kicked off yesterday with an exuber-

ant opening ceremony and subsequently the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur also inaugurated the Film Bazaar 2022 today.

At the Manipur Pavilion, Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) secretary

Sunzu Bachaspatimayum, Film Forum Manipur Chairman Laimayum Surjakant, DIPR Manipur staff and functionaries of Cine Artistes and Technicians Association

(CATA) are giving a detailed look at how filmmakers or financiers from outside the state and abroad must chose Manipur as their next film destination.

Notably, many filmmakers from cities like Mumbai have shown keen interest to collaborate with Manipur and to make Manipur their next shooting location.

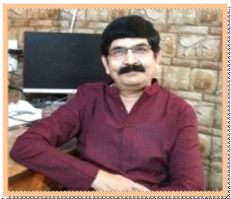
It is worth mentioning here that as many as 12 states and at least 3 countries including Russia, France and

Dubai are opening their stalls at the Film Bazaar. Remarkably, Manipur is being given a complimentary stall by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to mark the golden jubilee year.

MSFDS secretary Sunzu Bachaspatimayum expressed gratitude to the Ministry for honouring Manipuri Cinema by offering a complimentary stall and featuring a special section at the 53rd IFFI.

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Women should be empowered to fight back due to end the evil of "Eve Teasing"



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Eve-teasing is something that a woman has to contend with everyday. The laughing and passing lewd remarks of an eve teaser can leave a permanent psychological mark on a woman. Eve-teasers feel that they are doing nothing wrong- having some fun. Eve-teasing leads to restrictions on women's mobility. Eve-teasing is a typical social crime, where the perpetrators and victims are ordinary people. Women on the other hand are made to feel vulnerable and the weaker sex. Sexual harassment laws hardly contain any recognition of male victims and female perpetrators. Eve-teasing is a crude way of garnering female attention. One must admit that eve-teasing can most certainly be perpetrated easily by its continued glorification in movies. The immeasurable damage to a woman's self-esteem and the subsequent avoidance of public places by single women could hardly take us on the way to achieving gender equality. Innumerable movies show that eve-teasing eventually 'wins' a girl's attention. Changing this behaviour is easier said than done. Bad films with vulgar songs and stars in indecent dresses add grist to the eve-teasers' mill. Many Bollywood movies depict scenes of eve teasing, showing this behavior as a way to win a woman's heart. Others show this as a behavior for men indulge in some fun at a woman's expense of course. In India, every 51 minutes a woman is sexually harassed; every 21 minutes one woman is molested.

One should bear in mind that it is not only men responsible for this to some extent women are also responsible. Over 30% of the women surveyed said they would not go to a local doctor or health centre alone. Anecdotal, many doctors said that mothers wait too long to bring a sick child to a health centre; they wait until their husbands come home. Men are raised to believe that they are more powerful- physically and emotionally than women. They feel that they are doing nothing wrong- having some fun. Women on the other hand are made to feel vulnerable and the weaker sex.

A little bit of courage by girls can set right all the things. We all today just say big things, women liberation, women empowerment, women equality etc but everything said and done nothing. Eve teasers need to be whipped then and there. Until then, the problem will persist. It is the joint responsibility of parents and the colleges to ensure safety of girls. We need to change ourselves. Redefine our moral Code of Conduct. Efforts to prevent and eliminate violence against women should have high priority by way of implementing various measures. Laws against eve-teasing and sexual harassment are necessary but not sufficient to address this challenge. Women must realise that it is not "their fault" that such crimes occur. "Often we are made to feel ashamed, and therefore made to maintain silence when we do face abuse. Young women must be prepared to reclaim their lives from harassment and young men must be taught to take pride in a masculinity that stands in solidarity with women. Parents should treat their sons and daughters on equal footing - no privileges for boys. The change begins at homes where the parents must teach their sons to respect women. We must educate our sons. We must tell our daughters not to keep mum about these issues. They should be vociferous and definitely learn self-defence. The best solution is that women themselves give a befitting reply to these eve-teasers. Sexual harassment is a serious issue that has long been ignored and treated with complacency. Every human being has the right to live with dignity and respect.

US resolution on '1971 Bangladesh geocide'

By: Mashrur Siddique Bhuiyan

It is past time that the atrocities committed against Bangladesh by Pakistan in 1971 get universal acknowledgment. While genocides from Armenia to Rwanda are read, analyzed, and debated around the world, the horrifying genocide in Bangladesh is regrettably seldom everdenounced or even brought up.

A resolution urging the US President to recognize the atrocities committed against ethnic Bengalis and Hindus by the armed forces of Pakistan in 1971 as a genocide was initially introduced on October 15 by Congressmen Steve Chabot and Ro Khanna, both of Indian descent.

The US House of Representatives' resolution unequivocally demands that Pakistan apologize to Bangladesh for the atrocities.

The horrifying genocide in Bangladesh was started in 1971 by the Pakistani army under the cover of Operation Searchlight. Numerous Bangladeshis were ruthlessly murdered, and tens of thousands of Bengalis also perished.

During the massacre, the Pakistani Army attacked academics, university students, teachers, and members of the Hindu community. The Pakistani military elite was certain that it could brutally put down the Bengali nationalist movement. But with India's assistance, East Pakistan managed to free itself.

The events that occurred in Bangladesh in 1971 should be classified as genocide under the 1948 UN Convention on the Convention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (CPPCG). There have been more than 50 years. The genocide committed by Pakistan in East Pakistan (Bangladesh) has not been acknowledged as such by Washington or the UN.

For obvious reasons, the US has not focused on the genocide committed in East Pakistan (Bangladesh) by the country's former ruler, West Pakistan. The US authorities were told by Archer Blood, the country's ambassador to India at the time, but because Pakistan was a Cold War ally, the US declined to comment.

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Manipur Government: need to nurture public trust

By: Amar Yumnam

By now it is fairly well-established that the present government of Manipur is fairly competent in propaganda functioning, and manifesting display of activism but rather weak in policy framing. The Sangai Festival is as good as it is, but only in so far as it relates to the manifest display of presence of beauty and not beyond.

Recently, we have had two reports emanating from the characteristic display of the power of youths of Manipur. Some youths have recently proved again the inherent competence in traditional and non-traditional sports in events within and outside the State. Further there have been reports of surrendering by a few insurgents to the provincial government.

Before we examine the implications of these two behaviourally different events, let me put in assertive terms that any government anywhere can serve the purpose of prosperity of the land and people only if it commands trust of the people. Let me also hasten to add that commanding trust of the people is not something which falls from the sky, but necessitates continuous cultivation and sustained support from the populace. While it would be countered by the government of the day, a social tragedy of Manipur today is that the public expectations for positive and significant outcomes from the interventions of the government are rather low. In other words, the primary objective of the government is cultivation of the trust of the public and sustain it in a robust way. Once it is achieved, the consequential outcomes of government interventions would be forever evolving in a positive way. This is missing.

As stated above, the charac-

teristic behavioural implications of the two recent events are very different. The Sangai Festival would play a lovely role in enhancing the spirits of the people immediately after the recent harvest period. But beyond this we would be looking forward how the governance tries to evolve this as an Annual Event with long term policy components for Environment such that the positive implications keep enhancing over time. This would go in enhancing the Trust of the people on the government.

Given the socio-politico-economic scenario of Manipur over the last half a century or so, the implications of the recent event of some insurgents giving up arms and surrendering to the government are much more than any other event. Well, it is a different matter that there are already ridicules of the Surrender Ceremony from two organisations, the PREPAK and the KYKL;I would not like to comment on this.

The biggest challenge for any society is to harness the energy of the contemporary youth such that their own future is ensured but the peace of the society is established in a sustained way. There is no better option than this to forever guarantee the sustainability of peace and stable growth of the society. This is the best means to harness the Public Trust of the Government. But this again is something which does not emerge spontaneously; it requires a committed and structured approach.

This is exactly where we have a major problem with the displayed attitude of the government on the surrendered. Such occasions have been there in the past too, but have not yet had the desired impacts. The approach of the government to the problem of insurgency and

the insurgents rather looked very casual. Of course, there was an appeal to take advantage of the government schemes and join the mainstream - wish the issue were as simple as this makes look like.

Youths are the backbone and the future of any society. Such events should have been taken as the opportunity to launch a Youth Policy. Besides, the youths joining Insurgency, there have been many critical issues relating to our sports girls and boys. Building the Public Trust of the government through a Youth Policy is the most sustainable and healthy approach.

The Rehabilitation and Resettlement of surrendered youths in a region with more than half-a-century of insurgency can never be a casual affair. To begin with, please see as to how things are done across the world. First of all, it is fundamental that a framework for psychological assessment and continuous psychological monitoring for at least half a decade of the youths is fundamental. For this the government must have a team of Clinical Psychologists and Psychotherapists for undertaking the needful; it is something which can never be fulfilled by the government bureaucrats - security or otherwise.

But now it cannot be that the team of Psychologists should be maintained for the phenomenon of surrender which happens only once in a while. But the imperative for youths to be forever given the care and guidance is paramount. This is where there is the NEED for a Youth Policy for Manipur. This youth policy should be necessarily multi-dimensional covering Education, Health, Employment, Sports and anything where the youths have interest, and the friendly intervention of the Psy-

chologists. The present scenario is so depressing that the youths have started making themselves available for mobilisation and indulgence in activities instigated by a few political leaders - this creates an atmosphere of pseudo satisfaction to the youths as being closed to the political powers of the day while their little expenses are borne by the political players. What we should be looking for is a world where there is decreasing scope for this and decline in fragmentation of youths in the contemporary world. The present world of youths is captured by this phenomenon of "fragmentation" where everyone tries to be different without leaving the crowd. Further there has now emerged the stage of adolescence instead of the earlier transition from childhood to adulthood.

The Youth Policy would not be effective and fully meaningful unless it is framed within a larger framework of Social Policy. The Social Policy would address generational issues, while also taking care of economic, political, demographic, ethnicity and historical issues that plague the polity of Manipur. Given the current capability and orientation of the government of Manipur, she cannot on her own frame such a policy. The provincial government should have the commitment to address the long-term issues of the State by hiring and constituting a Team of Experts for framing a Social Policy for Manipur. The present casual approach to long term issues and manifest strength in casual display of commitment in organising eye-catching events would not serve the need for evolving Public Trust; without Public Trust, the government can achieve little.

How to prepare for UPSC Civil Services Examination without Coaching?



By: Vijay GarG

who prepare without any formal coaching.

Students find themselves at sea when it comes to relevant booklist or study materials. Bookshops and internet resources are filled with materials that are never-ending. Hence, fresh aspirants always get in "too many books and too little time".

The strategy is the key area when it comes to covering the entire syllabus. There are many topics that can be skipped, many topics that are extremely important and scoring. Fresh aspirants may feel overwhelmed with the vastness of syllabus and free resources and may end up wasting a lot of time aligning the same.

Next is proper time management. Coachings help in preparing a schedule for the aspirants. And hence, in lack of it, it is difficult to manage time efficiently.

How To Prepare For UPSC Civil Services Exam (IAS Exam) Without Coaching?

Now, that you know the problems, it is much easier to resolve the problems and prepare on your own. Let's look at a step-by-step strategy to triumph the UPSC Civil Services Exam:

Step 1: Go through Previous Year Questions

Previous Year Questions will not only help you in assessing where you stand but will also give you a fair bit of idea about the trend and pattern of questions that are asked in the UPSC CSE exam. This will allow you to finetune the preparation and readjust that part which is relevant. Going through PYQs will help you in mastering the art of relevant studying. So, when

you'll actually start preparing for the exam from books, you will know which part to study and what you can just skip!

Step 2: Prepare a robust study Plan

After you are done with the previous year question papers, read the syllabus of both prelims and mains. Know each and everything about the exam pattern and then prepare a robust study plan. Make monthly, weekly and daily goals to efficiently cover the entire syllabus. Make small goals that are achievable. Keep the weekends for the revision so that you don't forget what you've read. Doing so will help you in concept building and concept retention.

Step 3: Start with making your foundation strong

It is extremely important to have a strong foundation for each of the subjects. It will help you in building on and scaling up your preparation strategy to cover the entire syllabus extensively. To do that, start with something as basic as reading NCERTs of History, Polity, Economy, Geography, and General Science. Practice through Maps to understand the Indian and world demographic better.

Step 4: Make news-paper reading a habit

After you've done that, you'll enjoy reading newspapers as you'll be able to connect it to the theoretical knowledge that you have. Make it a habit of reading important newspapers like The Hindu and The Economic Times. At least go through the editorial of these pages and important news coverage that may be relevant to the exam. You can also read our

daily current affairs analysis and monthly current affairs to get full coverage of the news. Additionally, supplement your knowledge with monthly magazines such as Yojna and Kurukshetra. They have brilliant articles on the current news and static areas. Make notes of important points that can support your answers.

Step 5: Practice, Practice & More Practice

Once you've made your foundation strong, read recommended books for each paper. You can check the entire booklist here. The next step is to practice. Practice answer writing rigorously. Also, do not forget to prepare for CSAT, it is qualifying, but still, you need to score more than 66 marks to qualify for Mains. Hence, prepare it through mock tests. Join a good test series that can take care of the CSAT and GS paper. The syllabus for UPSC CSE Prelims and Mains is not compartmentalized and hence you can prepare for both together. But from January or February, go in complete Prelims mode and prepare strategically.

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Government-accelerated development initiatives in North East transform 'Look East Policy' into 'Act East Policy' - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, Nov 22:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that Government-accelerated Development Initiatives in North East have transformed 'Look East Policy' into 'Act East Policy', leading to all round developments in the Northeast region, enabling all the states to improve trade with South East Asian Nations. He was addressing the two-day conclave on the theme 'Celebrating Contribution of India's North East Region (NER) in Nation Building', organized by Indian Army and State Governments of Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur & Nagaland as well as North Eastern Zone Cultural Council (NEZCC) at Guwahati, through a video message.

Defence Minister said that Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Master Plan would act as force multiplier in developing infrastructural facilities in North East region. "Whether it is road construction, expansion of railways or improvement of waterways, through Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti, we are committed to strengthen the pace of development. We have also

made a lot of progress in the field of energy. We have ensured the progress in Solar and Hydel Projects, and have done the work of providing electricity in every nook and corner."

Underlining the Telecom revolution made by India by joining select countries where 5G facilities have been introduced, Defence Minister assured the people of expanding the IT and TELECOM facilities to every nook and corner of the North Eastern states. "This will ensure economic development, good governance and public welfare. I have full faith that due to the hardworking nature of the young generation of North East, and the facilities given by the government for Ease of Doing Business, the North East region is moving towards a golden future", Defence Minister said.

Defence Minister further said that building of New India can be possible only with Bold Policy Reforms, World Class Infrastructure and Top Class Talent. "Through health, education, environment, sports, rural development, employment and small-scale industries, we are committed to the development of each and every citizen of the North East. The efforts of the

people of the North East have a very important role to play in the motto of our government, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas'."

Paying tribute to valour and bravery of many heroes and heroines of North-Eastern region, the Defence Minister remembered the way the great commander Lachit Borphukan led the Ahom army in the Battle of Saraighat, against the Mughals. Maniram Dewan's sacrifice to free Assam from British rule during the revolt of 1857, Bir Tikendrajit Singh, who led the Manipuri army in 1890, Moze Riba Nag of Arunachal Pradesh, and Rani Gaidinliu of Manipur who gave British Army good fight, etc. are unforgettable. "I salute Khasi chief U Tirot Sing of Meghalaya, who was a skilled fighter of guerrilla warfare. I bow down to Veer Sengya Sambudhan Phonglo, who led the Cachar rebellion. Similarly, I also bow down to Rani Ropuiani of Mizoram", said Rajnath Singh.

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations, Indian Army, under the aegis of HQ Eastern Command organized a two-day Conclave

on the theme of 'Celebrating Contribution of India's North East Region (NER) in Nation Building' on 20 & 21 Nov 2022 at Guwahati with an aim to highlight contribution of NER towards nation building, felicitate Veer Naris and showcase North eastern culture. It provides opportunity to spread awareness about the role of unsung heroes of NER in India's struggle for independence.

As part of the celebration, the brave Veer Naris of NER were felicitated during a special event on 20 November 2022 at Naranyi Military Station. About 100 Veer Naris attended the first of its kind outreach program. Other events included weapons/equipment display and adventure activities display by Armed Forces, fusion band concert, medley of cultural performances from NER, special performance by local pop bands, an extravagant Musical Theatrical followed by first ever Drone Show at Guwahati.

Chief Ministers of Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita and other dignitaries were also present in the conclave.

Assam-Meghalaya border clash: 4 dead in firing in West Jaintia Hills



Courtesy: Eastmojo Shillong, Nov 22:

Amid the ongoing talks to resolve the border dispute between Assam and Meghalaya, an incident of firing was reported from Mukroh village in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills on Tuesday.

Mowkaiaw MLA Nujorki Sungh informed Eastmojo that four persons have died and a few others have sustained injuries during the incident.

Sungh, who is currently visiting the site of the incident, is yet to confirm the reason behind the firing incident and also regarding the number of casualties.

Khasi Students Union's (KSU) Mukroh Unit said several persons had sustained injuries in the incident. According to the student's body, the firing incident took place around 3 am.

Eastmojo also tried to contact the Superintendent of Police and the home minister mul-

tiplied times but failed to get any response.

A video of the firing incident is also doing the rounds on social media.

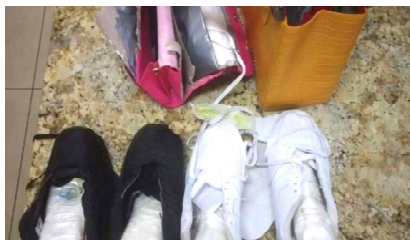
In the video, it is seen that there is a confrontation between two groups. One of the groups also has policemen armed with rifles and marching forward with the crowd. A local from Meghalaya can be heard shouting that the police have taken out their rifles. In a few seconds, the firing started leaving the people to flee for their lives.

Cocaine worth Rs 20 crore seized, two Foreign Nationals nabbed

By Raju Vernekar Mumbai, Nov 22:

In a swift operation, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Mumbai seized a consignment of cocaine worth Rs 20 crore and arrested two foreign nationals at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport on Sunday.

Acting on a tip-off, the NCB team laid a trap at the airport and intercepted a South African woman, who had travelled to



The cocaine concealed in pairs of shoes and purses. (Photo credit: NCB).

Mumbai from Adis Ababa (Ethiopia). During a search, the team recovered 2.8 kg of the contraband in eight packets of different sizes, which were concealed in cavities made in two pairs of shoes and two purses. The drug was valued at Rs 20 crore. The passenger Miranda S was taken into custody, the officials said on Monday.

On interrogation, Miranda S, revealed that she was to deliver the consignment to a person at a hotel in the Andheri in North West Mumbai. The NCB sleuths promptly reached the hotel and launched surveillance.

Soon, a Nigerian national arrived and waited in the area. Her movements seemed suspicious.

The woman, identified as H Musa, was intercepted by officials. She admitted that she was to receive the consignment for further distribution in Mumbai, the officials said.

The NCB team found corroborative evidence with incriminating data on the women that links them to an international drug trafficking syndicate. The contraband was sourced from South America, which is stated to be a hotbed for the illicit production of cocaine, the officials said.

The apprehended ladies are being interrogated to gather further details about the local and kingpins based in offshore countries. Further investigation is underway. The raid was conducted under guidance of NCB's Mumbai Zonal Director Amit Ghawte.

The seizure of the consignment is considered as a notable achievement, since the local drug trafficking circuits are keen on supplying party drugs in the upcoming festive season in Mumbai, Goa and nearby areas, he officials said.

The active cases comprise 0.01 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate increased to 98.80 per cent, according to the ministry website.

Agency New Delhi, Nov 22:

India logged 406 new coronavirus infections taking the total tally of Covid-19 cases to 4,46,69,421, while the active cases dipped to 6,402, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday.

The death toll climbed to 5,30,586 with 12 fatalities, which includes 11 deaths recorded by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated. One death has been reported from Rajasthan in a span of 24 hours.

A decrease of 87 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 4,41,32,433, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 219.86 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the coun-

try so far under the nationwide 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.

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

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US resolution on '1971.....

The bloodshed was just overlooked by President Nixon. Henry Kissinger, a former secretary of state, criticized the development as immoral, but the US administration decided not to label the slaughter as genocidal.

The Republican lawmaker who introduced the resolution in Congress, Steve Chabot, tweeted, "The Bangladesh Genocide of 1971 must not be forgotten. I and @RepRoKhanna filed legislation to recognize that the widespread atrocities committed against Bengalis and Hindus in particular were in fact a genocide with assistance from his Hindu neighbors in Ohio's First District.

The remembrance of the millions that were killed must not be lost to time. By acknowledging the genocide, we may improve the historical record, inform our fellow citizens, and send a message to future offenders that their actions will not be accepted or forgotten, Chabot continued.

"Proud to join @RepSteveChabot in introducing the first resolution commemorating the 1971 Bengali Genocide," tweeted Khanna, a Democrat candidate for the US House from California's 17th congressional district. "Millions of ethnic Bengalis and Hindus were killed or displaced in one of the most forgotten genocides of our time."

According to the resolution submitted by the pair, the US-based NGOs Genocide Watch and Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention have urged that the atrocities committed by Pakistani forces be recognized as genocide on a worldwide scale.

Even now, the genocides and holocausts occurring elsewhere are fiercely denounced and chastised, mostly because the US and other major nations promptly recognized them and made them well-known.

The country that makes the largest contributions to UN peacekeeping missions and other international endeavors is still waiting for justice more

than 50 years later. The American congressmen have made a significant move that merits praise, but Dhaka needs to do more to advance it.

It is crucial that both the US and UN acknowledge the atrocity. Bangladesh will demand an apology and compensation from Pakistan's obstinate military government once they have acknowledged it. Bangladesh should now draw attention from throughout the world by pursuing justice.

Islamabad has tried to improve relations with Dhaka in recent years, but neither side has offered an apology. According to the military establishment in Rawalpindi, they can get away with having this mindset. Bangladesh battled for freedom and is still fighting for justice. Dhaka has undoubtedly gained pace as a result of the resolution in the US House of Representatives.

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Indonesia earthquake: Toll rises to 162, over 13,000 taken to evacuation centres

Agency Jakarta, Nov 22:

The toll in the 5.6-magnitude earthquake in Indonesia has risen to 162, the Associated Press reported on Tuesday, citing governor of the West Java province Ridwan Kamil.

Rescuers are still searching for the bodies.

The epicentre of the earthquake was the Cianjur region in the country's West Java province and the tremors took place at a shallow depth of 10 kilometres, according to data from the United States Geological Survey.

Kamil said that authorities believe that the number of deaths and injuries may rise, as many persons remained trapped at various places, AFP reported. "You can see it yourself, some got their heads, feet are seen outdoors," he said. "Some got stressed and started crying."

The governor said that over

13,000 persons whose homes suffered heavy damage were taken to evacuation centres.

The chief of Cianjur's local administration Herman Suherman said that most of the fatalities were counted at one hospital. He added that most of the victims were killed in the ruins of collapsed buildings.

Suherman said that the Sayang hospital in West Java had no electricity after the earthquake, due to which doctors were unable to immediately operate on injured persons. In some places, emergency workers treated injured persons on stretchers and blankets outside hospitals.

Some of the injured persons were given oxygen masks and intravenous lines.

The earthquake also caused panic in the capital city of Jakarta, where some high-rise buildings swayed and residents rushed outside.

The United Kingdom's

Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, said that he was shocked by the devastation in Indonesia.

"Just last week, I experienced first-hand the warmth, generosity and kindness of the Indonesian people," he said. "My thoughts are with them now."

The United States' Secretary of State Antony Blinken expressed the country's "heartfelt condolences to the affected communities during this difficult time".

In 2004, a 9.1-magnitude earthquake had hit the coast of Sumatra, triggering a tsunami that killed around 2.2 lakh people in the area. Around 1.7 lakhs died in Indonesia. In 2018, a 7.5-magnitude earthquake, followed by a tsunami, in Indonesia's Sulawesi island had left over 4,300 people dead or missing.

In 2021, a magnitude 6.2 earthquake killed more than 100 people and injured nearly 6,500 in West Sulawesi province.

PM distributes about 71,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits under Rozgar Mela

PIB
New Delhi, Nov 22:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi distributed about 71,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits under Rozgar Mela via video conferencing today. The Rozgar Mela is expected to act as a catalyst in furthering employment generation and providing meaningful opportunities to the youth for their empowerment as well as direct participation in national development. Earlier in October, 75,000 appointment letters were handed over to newly inducted appointees under Rozgar Mela.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that more than 71,000 youth are being given appointment letters in more than 45 cities in India which will result in a new era of happiness for so many families. He recalled that on the day of Dhanteras, the central government had distributed 75,000 appointment letters to the youth. "The Rozgar Mela of today is proof that the central government is working in mission mode to provide employment opportunities to the youth of the country", the Prime Minister said.

Recalling the initiation of the Rozgar Mela a month ago, the Prime Minister remarked that several Union Territories and states will keep on organising such Rozgar Melas from time to time. He expressed delight that thousands of youth were provided appointment letters in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar,

Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Chandigarh by the respective governments. He further added that Goa and Tripura are also organising similar Rozgar Melas in a few days' time. The Prime Minister credited the double-engine government for this tremendous feat and assured that such employment fairs will be organised from time to time to empower the youth of India.

The Prime Minister said that the youth is the biggest strength of the nation. The central government is according the highest priority to utilise their talent and energy for nation-building. He welcomed and complimented the new public servants. He reminded them that they are assuming this important responsibility in a very special time period, i.e. Amrit Kaal. He highlighted their role in the country's resolve to be a developed nation in the Amrit Kaal. He asked them, as representatives of the central government, that they should understand their role and duties comprehensively and should constantly focus on capacity-building to perform their duties.

Throwing light on the Karmayogi Bharat technology platform that is launched today, the Prime Minister informed the availability of many online courses for government officials. He emphasised a special course designed for government employees called Karamayogi Prarambh and urged the new appointees to make the most out of it. Citing its benefits, the Prime Minister said that it will be a

great source for their skill development as well as benefit them in the days to come.

The Prime Minister touched upon the crisis created for the youth at the global level due to the pandemic and the war. He said in this difficult time also experts around the world are optimistic about India's growth trajectory. The Prime Minister said, as per the experts, India has become a major force in the service sector and soon it will be the manufacturing hub of the world too. While initiatives like PLI, the Prime Minister said, will play a huge role in this, the main foundation will be the youth and the skilled manpower of the country. The PLI scheme is likely to create 60 lakh jobs, the Prime Minister informed. Campaigns, like Make in India, Vocal for local, and taking local, global, are creating new opportunities for employment and self-employment, he added. "Possibility of new jobs in both the government and private sector is continuously increasing. More, importantly, these opportunities are emerging for the youth in their own cities and villages. This has reduced the compulsion of migration for the youth and they are able to play their role in the development of their area", he said.

The Prime Minister highlighted the new opportunities created by measures in sectors ranging from startup to self-employment and space to drone. 80,000 startups are providing the youth opportunity to showcase their talent. Drones are being increasingly used in

medicine, pesticide, and mapping in the Svamitva scheme and in the defence sector. This is creating new jobs for the youth, he said. Remembering the launch of India's first space rocket by the private sector in India a few days ago, the Prime Minister lauded the decision to open up the space sector thereby creating employment opportunities for India's youth. He also gave the example of 35 crores plus Mudra loans that have been sanctioned. The Prime Minister credited the forward push towards research and innovation and pointed out that it resulted in increased employment opportunities in the country.

The Prime Minister urged the appointees to make the most of the new opportunities that are presented to them. He highlighted that these appointment letters are only the entry point that opens up a world of growth for them and urged them to become deserving candidates by learning from experience and from their seniors. The Prime Minister concluded by sharing his experience of learning and said that one should never let the student within the soul perish. Shri Modi remarked that he never lets go of a chance to learn something new. The Prime Minister asked the appointees to share their experience of online training and provide constructive feedback to improve the Karmayogi Bharat platform. "We are already on our way to turning India into a developed country. Let's take the resolve to move forward with this vision", the Prime Minister concluded.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen took stocks of Ccpur Manipur Sangai Festival preparations



IT News
Imphal, Nov 22:

As in charge Minister of Churachandpur edition of Manipur Sangai Festival, 2022, Textiles, Commerce and Industries Minister Nemcha Kipgen today took stock of the preparations for the Churachandpur edition of the 'Festival of One-

ness' which will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Manipur N. Biren Singh at Khuga, Behiang on 24th of this month.

The Minister interacted with the District Administration team including Deputy Commissioners, Churachandpur Sharath Chandra Arjoju, Superintendent of Police, Churachandpur, Shivanand

Surve, CSOs representatives and brief them on various strategies for the success of the festival. The local MLA, Churachandpur AC, L.M. Khaute were also present.

It may be noted that Churachandpur is one of the 14 locations of this year Manipur Sangai Festival, the Festival of Oneness.

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Five countries raise issue....

In its national report submitted to the UN ahead of its UPR review, the Indian government claimed "it is firmly committed to the promotion and protection of human rights."

Ten CSOs from North East region viz., Apunba Manipur Kanba Ima Lup (AMKIL), Arunachal Citizen Rights

(ACR), Borok People's Human Rights Organisation (BPHRO), International Peace and Social Advancement (IPSA), Extrajudicial Execution Victim Families Association, Manipur (EEVFAM), Human Rights Alert (HRA), Human Rights Defender, Manipur (HRDM), Human Rights Initiative (HRI), Indig-

enous Perspective (IP) and Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) engaging with the UPR process hope that Government of India Accept these recommendations and not simply Take Note of the recommendations. What actually matters to the citizens is the implementation of human rights on the ground.

South Asia's largest film market....

Against the backdrop of the NE states including Manipur pushing for tourism in their respective states, he expressed desire for the NE states particularly Manipur to understand the potential of filmmaking as a big business for earning revenue and income generation so that the

much needed push for promoting films is exerted.

Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Armstrong Pame, who attended the Manipur Pavilion inauguration, said that the Ministry will study the possibility of setting up a regional office of

Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in Manipur as proposed by the state government.

He also exhorted the Manipur delegates to highlight the film friendly aspects of Manipur to attract potential financiers and collaborators.

Sports

FIFA World Cup 2022:

England thrash Iran 6-2; Netherlands beat Senegal 2-0 while USA settle for 1-1 draw against Wales

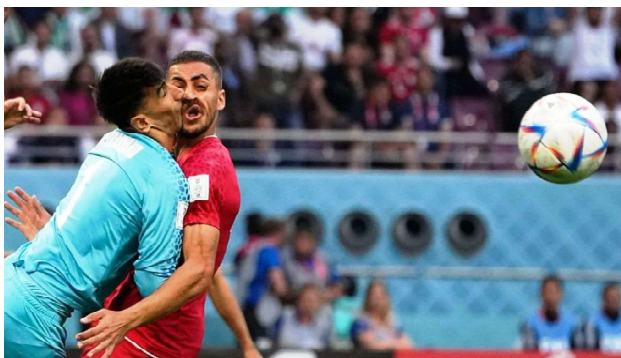
Agency
Doha, Nov 22:

England hammered Iran 6-2 on Monday in an emphatic World Cup opener thanks to two goals from Bukayo Saka and strikes by Jude Bellingham and Raheem Sterling, before substitutes Marcus Rashford and Jack Grealish rounded off the rout.

England had come close to taking the lead in the Group B opener, with Harry Maguire heading against the crossbar, before Bellingham, 19, steered in a header from a Luke Shaw cross in the 35th minute.

Eight minutes later, England doubled their lead when Maguire climbed highest from a corner to head down for Saka to score.

Sterling flicked in a cross by captain Harry Kane in first-half stoppage time before Saka bamboozled Iran's defence and made it 4-0 in the 62nd minute. Mehdi Taremi narrowed the gap for Iran three minutes later but Rashford made it 5-1 and Grealish, also coming off the bench, scored England's sixth.



Iran's goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand collides with teammate Majid Hosseini during the match with England

Taremi scored a consolation goal for Iran from the penalty spot in the dying seconds.

In the second game of the night, the Netherlands surprised with two quick goals in the second half in their opening match against Senegal in Doha on Monday.

The Dutch managed to emerge victorious in a tightly

contested match as their African counterparts showed resilience through 90 minutes.

Cody Gakpo scored towards the end of play time while substitute Davy Klaassen netted home the second one in injury time to beat Senegal 2-0 in their World Cup Group A opening match at Al Thumama Stadium.

The two sides had

struggled to break the impasse until late in the match with the Dutch failing to score with several attempts at the goal.

"It was a difficult game and we were not careful with the ball... I think we can do a lot better but the victory obviously gives us a good feeling. We were clearly in search of a goal and eventually we got it," said Gakpo after the match.

The Netherlands will meet Ecuador in their second match on November 25, while Senegal will play against Qatar on the same day.

USA and Wales played out an exciting 1-1 draw as Tim Weah's opener was cancelled out by Gareth Bale's late penalty to rescue a point for Wales at Ahmad bin Ali Stadium.

USA dominated the first period with Wales struggling to match United States' pace and the extra man in the midfield was making the difference as Rob Page's side were chasing the ball for the majority of the time.

Despite, being in control of the game, Gregg Berhalter's men couldn't find a way to put Wayne Hennessey in danger.

But their patience paid off, as they deservedly went in front when Christian Pulisic raced through the middle of the pitch unopposed and threaded a fine through ball to Timothy Weah, who clipped the ball beyond the onrushing Hennessey.

It was a game of two halves and in the second one the Dragons showed their usual



Wales' Neco Williams and Wales' goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey hug during the World Cup, group B football match between the United States and Wales

spirit.

Kieffer Moore came on for Dan James in the start of the second half and that had a positive impact in the Welsh game as the Bournemouth forward gave the aggression needed up front.

Wales started to pile pressure and nearly levelled through Ben Davies' header, who forced Matt Turner into a

fine save.

With ten minutes to play, Gareth Bale was tripped in the box by Walker Zimmerman and the referee awarded a penalty. From the spot, the captain smashed his spot kick into the top corner.

The Dragons finished the game at a high tempo but seemed settled with a draw in the remaining minutes.