

## Exercise for last full budget before 2024 election has begun

**Stakes are high for Modi Government with narrowing options**

By Dr. Gyan Pathak  
New Delhi, Nov 25:

Union Government has begun budget exercise for the year 2023-24 in the right earnest with narrowed options and very high stakes for the ruling establishment led by PM Narendra Modi since it would be the last full budget before the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

The Union Ministry of Finance has kick started the series of exercise with a meeting held on November 21, chaired by the Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman, and attended by other union ministers for state finance Pankaj Chaudhary and Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad along with various secretaries and economic advisors. They heard the industry leaders and experts of various sectors which included leaders in climate change and infrastructure and tried to find out the challenges ahead and the demand of these sectors.

The very first meeting showed that the Union government is primarily concerned

more about the three sectors – Industry, Infrastructure, and climate change, than any other sector of the economy, though the Union Ministry of Finance has said that this first meeting would be followed by meetings with various other stakeholders in other sectors like agriculture, health, education, sanitation, and water.

No doubt, Industry, infrastructure, and climate change would be priority sectors for the government but they would try to balance it with social sector investments like agriculture, health, education, sanitation and water in this pre-election last full budget to attract voters.

The task before the Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman will thus be more challenging. She is meeting the captains and representatives of agriculture and agro-processing industry, in addition to the representatives of the capital market and financial sectors on November 22, service sector and trade bodies on November 24, state finance ministers on

November 25 and economists and trade union representatives on November 28. Union Ministry of Finance is to organize more consultation, perhaps would break all earlier records, only to find out what would likely to work in the economy and in the forthcoming state elections in 2023 and Lok Sabha election in 2024.

Only last week Sitharaman had met Jin Liqun, the President of Asian Infrastructure Bank (AIIB), of which India is the largest client. She had urged AIIB to mobilise more private finance and scale up investment in India's key priority areas like energy efficiency, renewable energy, and more advanced climate technologies that have been deployed so far in the country.

However, the challenges before Nirmala Sitharaman this time (her fifth) seems to be insurmountable since the Union Budget 2023-24 will have to address critical issues of high inflation, boosting demand, job creation and putting the economy on sustained growth

path of over 8 per cent at a time when the domestic as well as global economy set to be tumultuous. She would have to make a tightrope walk between economic growth and provide social sector benefits to the people as voters in this pre-election budget.

CII has been battling for income tax cuts to boost disposable income in view of the high inflation rate in the country that has remained around 7 per cent well above the RBI's tolerable limit of 4-6 per cent range, and also the impending recession in advanced economies that is likely to adversely affect domestic growth momentum particularly due to decline in exports. However, increasing income tax level and reducing the rates would not be an easy task this year. CII has said that tax cut would boost disposable income with people which would increase the domestic demand which is likely to be hit due to a range of issues including the higher rate of borrowing cost.

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## Sushmita Sen, Lara Dutta to walk the ramp in Manipur Sangai Fest 2022

IT News  
Imphal, Nov 25:

Bollywood divas Miss Universe 1994 Sushmita Sen and Miss Universe 2000 Lara Dutta will walk the ramp for the well known fashion designer Robert Naorem in the ongoing Manipur's biggest festival Sangai Festival (MSF) 2022 which is being celebrated at 13 different locations with Moirang Khunou 55 km south of Imphal as the main venue from November 21-30, 2022.

Confirming this in a Facebook post, well known fashion designer Robert Naorem wrote, "On 26th November at peace ground Churachandpur, Manipur. Gorgeous Actress & Miss universe @laradutta. @larabhpupathi."

In another post, Robert

wrote, "@sushmitasen47 on 30th November at BOAT... palace compound.. Sangai closing show."

The MSF 2022 is the northeastern state's biggest tourism promotion festival with the theme "oneness" is being celebrated after it was inaugurated on November 21 by the Union DoNER minister G Kishan Reddy at Moirang Khunou near Keibul Lamjao, the only floating National Park in the world which is the natural habitat of Sangai (Brow antlered deer), the state animal.

The festival has been witnessing various events including fashion show, Sangai run, tourism pavilion, flower show, indigenous cultural programmes, handloom and handicrafts, traditional shows

-Arambai, Mukna, Yubi Lakpi, International Polo Tournament, CM's Sagol Kangjei Championship- a traditional sport which has now evolved into the modern game of Polo, Film screening and Mixed Martial Arts besides traditional dance & music sequences on a daily basis.

In view of the Festival, certain traffic diversions including restrictions, and parking spaces have been notified. Besides introducing 'tourist police' for the first time to guide the tourists visiting the state.

Meanwhile amidst cultural fervour and musical extravaganza, the 3-day Churachandpur leg MSF 2022 was inaugurated at the picturesque Geljang Resort near Churachandpur district headquarters, 70 km south of Imphal.

Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh along with Textile, Commerce & Industries Minister Nemcha Kipgen, MP Rajya Sabha Maharaj Leishemba Sanajaoba, MLAs Vungzagim Vaitte, Leishyo Keishing, Md Abdul Nasir, Dr Y Radheshyam, LM Khaute, Paolienlal Haokip, Ngursanglur Sanate, Th Shanti & officials attended the inaugural function.

Later in the day, Biren Singh also flew to Behiang a border village in Churachandpur district to attend the festival at the newly constructed amphitheatre of Manipur Southern Cultural Centre.

On November 26, Senapati leg of the MSF 2022 will be opened at Mao, a hill station which borders Nagaland & the Makhel heritage village in Senapati district.

## DC hears people grievances in Senvon



IT News  
Pherzawl, Nov 25:

The 5th District Hill Leaders' Day & Meeyamgi Nimit was successfully organised by the District Administration, Pherzawl today at the Community Hall of Senvon Village. I. Dinesh Kumar Singh, SDO (Tipaimukh) and other DLOs led by the DC have been carrying forward the outreach programme of the State Government towards initiation of citizen-centric governance in every part of the region.

Haulianlal Guite, IAS, DC Pherzawl heard various grievances of the public personally. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the event primary objective is to bring about efficiency for better co-ordination and speedy redressal of public grievances. He said the District Administration is trying its best to resolve all griev-

ances at the earliest.

The DC distributed PHH Ration Cards, seeds & sprayers as well as free Text Books and School Uniforms to selected beneficiaries. He also inaugurated School Nutrition Garden at Senvon Govt. High School. Provisions for setting-up of Bank at Pherzawl are some of the demands made to the DC by the village leaders.

Public Welfare Services including awareness through PPT presentation on 'NTF' as an alternative source of income & display of VDK products by Forest Departments; awareness campaign on domestic violence by One Stop Centre; awareness programme on NIPUN BHARAT & III Effects of Drug Abuse to School going Children by ZEO; identification of eligible widows for Widow Pension Scheme by DSWO; PMMVY schemes for eligible lactating mothers by

DPO, ICDS; Aadhaar enrollment & issuance of Domicile/Tribe/Income by the SDO and introduction of Prepaid Meter Connection in Senvon Village are highlights of the day's event. Besides providing other healthcare related services including organizing observation of different programmes viz (World Diabetes Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, National Iodine Deficiency & III Effects of Drug Abuse among Adolescents & Youths), the CMO Teams also administered Covid vaccinations on the spot.

Fifteen stalls of different departments were opened to meet the demand of the public.

Meanwhile, different Awareness Campaign and Swachhta Run organised under Pherzawl PHED Division went underway in different villages since 23rd November, 2022.

## KCA against new outposts at Khengjoi in Chandel

IT News  
Imphal, Nov 25:

The Kuki Chiefs Association (KCA) Khengjoi Sub Division decided at an emergency meeting held at Khopinom village on November 22 to oppose the setting up of Police outposts within the Khengjoi Sub-Division in Chandel district.

The Kuki Chiefs Association Khengjoi Subdivision,

Chandel district has decided to oppose the outposts within the Khengjoi Sub-division, terming it "unnecessary".

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The meeting was attended by 60 percent of the chiefs, the association said and appealed to the concerned authorities to ensure proper functioning of the existing police stations instead of creating new outposts which will be the same as the existing ones.

## Indian Navy debuts at Manipur Polo International

By: Wahengbam Tiken  
Imphal, Nov 25:

The Indian Navy team is participating for the first time in Manipur Polo International as part of an outreach programme to get to know and interact with the Northeast, its people, culture and tradition.

According to Captain AP Singh, who is also leading the Indian Navy team in this tournament, the Chief of Indian Navy, Admiral Hari Kumar and Chief of Personnel, Vice-Admiral Dinesh Tripathi are "instrumental in getting the team here".

The Indian Navy polo team came into being through the personal initiative of the then Naval Chief Admiral Sushil

Kumar some 12 years back. He got the horses, got polo players posted in places where there are horses. At present the Indian Navy has a pool of around 12 polo players who play in tournaments across the country.

Captain AP Singh, 46 years of age is from Meerut in Uttar Pradesh. Even though he started riding a horse rather late in life (at the ripe age of 25 years) and took up polo even later, he is now hooked to the game for good. To him polo is the only game where man and animal are in sync with one another, the game teaches one to be compassionate towards animals.

Captain AP Singh is much taken in by the polo heritage of Manipur and the warmth of the people. As for



the Manipuri pony, he finds them very brave and quick fleted. As for the team, Captain AP Singh feels it has a good combination of experience and young blood, will give

its best and fight it out.

The second member of the team is Commander Ashwani Panchal, 40 years of age, from Delhi. Taking up riding after joining NDA in 2006, and even-

tually polo, Commander Panchal has played in Jodhpur, Delhi, Jaipur, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai and Hyderabad. He was a member of the Navy team which

reached the final of the Raja Rao Hanud tournament in 2022.

A 1-goaler in 2014, now 0-goaler player at present, Commander Panchal, feels polo is a unique game, the fast pace at which it is played, the adrenaline rush are some things which sets polo apart from other games. To him polo provides the most apt stimulus for the traits required in the armed forces.

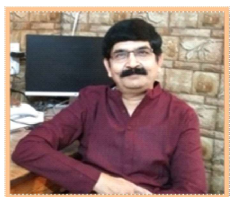
As for the Navy team, Commander Panchal credits Captain AP Singh and retired Commander Akhil Sirohi for the growth of the players, for the constant encouragement and for binding the team together. He believes the team will put up a good show in the tournament.

Lt Commander Kulvinder Rathee, 32 years, from Sonapat, Haryana is the third member of the team. A multi-talented sportsperson, Rathee, besides polo is also a footballer, cross country runner, triathlon athlete and a ship's driver.

A 1-handicap player, Kulvinder Rathee has played tournaments in Delhi, Jaipur and Bangalore. Besides the speed, what Kulvinder finds very interesting in polo is the constant communication between the horse and the player. To play the game, according to him, one has to be physically very fit and mentally sharp. The game also teaches leadership and fighting skills, as per Kulvinder.

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# Violence against women can end only when the culprits get punished



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

25th November is observed as International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to raise awareness around the world that women are subjected to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence. The crime against women seem to be increasing at an alarming rate. Crime is endemic to the human condition, but a crime specifically directed at one sex is most despicable and unfortunately, the one that is punished least. It is found that the media exposure and all the legis-

lation have little impact. Legislation introduced by the government is often merely tokenism. One would find that the problem before the majority of women in our country is not equality but survival. There is scarcely a day when cases of rape or a dowry murder are not reported from different parts of the country.

The pati-parneshwar has rudely and gradually been brought down to earth. The scenario for women seems grim indeed and this will continue so long as the basic social and economic structures remain unchanged and the implementing and law and order agencies show indifference. The thinking of society has to change and parents must value their daughters on a par with their sons and should give them the same advantages and means of independence.

The law which is implemented for this purpose must also demonstrate that it will come down with a heavy hand on offenders otherwise we can put an to this problem. Despite the existing legislation to protect women's rights women hesitate to take any step because of their own weak social and economics status. The movement for improving women's status should form part of the struggle against all inequalities and indignities prevalent in society. I would like to point out that while laws alone cannot put an end to evils that are endemic in the social structure, the government can at least make some attempt to take its own enactments seriously.

The condition of women is one of the most remarkable circumstances in the manner of nations. Among rude people the women are generally degraded, among civilised people they are exalted." If the stories of rape and torture of women in India that have hit the headlines recently are anything to go by, then can we consider India to be a developing country? Among the worst countries in crime, India has an abhorrent track record in all forms of sexual exploitation. In homes, on streets, in public transports, at offices, even on vacations. No place is safe. And the most terrible fall out of this is the lack of self worth and feeling of degradation following the emotional and physical trauma that constant harassment creates. Such is the recurrence of these incidents that Delhi has earned the ignoble nickname of the 'Rape Capital'. While most cases go unreported as it is considered an act that puts one to shame, only 20% of the registered cases for sexual harassment reach actual conviction.

In every 10 rape cases, 6 are of minor girls.  
Every 7 minutes, a crime is committed against women.  
Every 26 minutes, a woman is molested.  
Every 34 minutes, a rape takes place.  
Every 42 minutes, a sexual harassment incident occurs.  
Every 43 minutes, a woman is kidnapped.  
Every 93 minutes, a woman is burnt to death over dowry.  
A shameful plight!!!!



The thinking of society has to change and parents must value their daughters on a par with their sons and should give them the same advantages and means of independence. It is rightly pointed out that "The subject of gender based violence, especially against women is complex, multi-layered." The crime is an endemic to the human condition, but a crime specifically directed at one sex is most despicable and unfortunately, the one that is punished least. One would find that the problem before the majority of women in our country is not equality but survival. There is scarcely a day when cases of rape or a dowry murder are not reported from different parts of the country.

Despite the existing legislation to protect women's rights women hesitate to take any step because of their own weak social and economics status. The movement for improving women's status should form part of the struggle against all inequalities and indignities prevalent in society. I would like to point out that while laws alone cannot put an end to evils that are endemic in the social structure, government should come out with much more essence and urgency to check the indecent behaviour against women folks, and the need to chart out stern measures on the part of administrative authorities for curbing down such events.

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# HR Outsourcing: Improves Bottom Lines

By: Kaustov Kashyap

Outsourcing human resources management operations can seriously impact bottom lines of the company. Functionalities and efficiencies delivered by optimizing HR outsourcing can help talent management professionals to save on time and focus on more productive activities such as negotiating better supply contracts and payer agreements.

HR Outsourcing also brings economies of scale to larger organizations, by helping the company to improve on staff efficiencies and upgrading their core competencies, such as to enhance productivity.

Some of the HR tasks and responsibilities that can be outsourced include: payroll management, employee benefit insurances, HRIS software and process automation, workers compensation and liability insurance. Here are 5 key areas wherein HR outsourcing helps:

**Employee Disciplinary Issues:** One of the major concerns for HR managers is employee disciplinary issues and those concerning em-

ployee benefits. For instance, when there is an issue with an employee, the entire team gets distracted and management tends to lose focus.

HR outsourcing helps manage employee disciplinary issues to eliminate unproductive staffers who drag down productivity and promote attrition within companies.

**Hiring and Training New Employees:** The average cost of replacing an employee is around 12 week's productivity, which cannot be quantified on its impact on company bottom lines. Outsourcing helps to train the new hires and re-train employees in certain cases. They become your strategic HR business partners to help administer recruiting, train staff and allocate resources wisely.

An outsourcing company can help HR managers to narrow down on the right talent for the right job role, before making the final decision call. The company further has an infrastructure that facilitates candidates to easily apply for open positions online, thus streamlining

the recruitment processes to become seamlessly efficient and hassle-free.

**Employee Benefits and Compensation:** Outsourcing of human resources function helps deal with issues as regards to appropriate employee benefits and compensation. They also help address pay parity gaps across geographies to determine apt compensation strategies and provide fair market value with right feedback that helps organisations retain talent.

An outsourcing company can help automate the benefit offerings with software that facilitates accurate calculation of deduction of state or federal taxes, online complaint filing, PTO requests etc.

**Health Insurance:** With wellness initiatives being implemented by companies as part of their benefits strategy, it becomes quite a time-consuming exercise for HR managers to get into the nitty-gritty of wellness funding and insurances provided to employees.

Herein intervention from an

outsourcing professional service provider helps employers to mitigate risks that they might face down the road, since some employees aren't aware on how to use the health benefits plan appropriately. They generally end up buying services which are absolutely unnecessary. Guidance to such employees is of critical importance.

**Saves on overhead costs:** HR outsourcing can help save on significant overhead costs for organizations – to eliminate the need for renovations, additional equipment, better infrastructure that can send your expenditure to sky rocketing heights.

HR outsourcing helps avoid sudden expenditures and maximize most on the resource potential of the team through skill up-gradation as required. HR outsourcing is a great way of insuring that core functions of the company which do not suffer, when key talent choose to quit at a brief notice.

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# Career Options for Women



By: Vijay GarG

Today, women and men are walking hand-in-hand at every sphere of life. They world no longer have boundaries bordered by four walls.

Career for WomenCareer as an Air HostessCareer prospect in AdvertisingCareer in Fashion DesigningCareer in Journalism and Mass Communication Career for Women

Today, women and men are walking hand-in-hand at every sphere of life. They world no longer have boundaries bordered by four walls. The advent of modern technology along-with proper education and communication has given sufficient space to every woman to live her aspiration and dreams like never before.

So, if you are one among those women who want to pursue her dream and aspire to become the next corporate leader, here's your chance to do so. Here we are presenting an exhaustive list of career options that may suit you according to your passion, talent and skills:

## Career as an Air Hostess

This is not only a glamorous but also a promising career option that has popular among Indian women. If you love talking to others and have good communication skills along-with a charming personality, this profession is made for you. Being an Air Hostess, you will be able to visit different places and countries, enjoy living in hotels and experience the joy of talking of new people every single day. Nevertheless, if you are looking forward to work in this profession, be ready to work hard with 100% commitment, dedication and courage.

## Eligibility and Personality traits

There are several institutes in India that offer diploma and short-term courses and training to candidates. For Air Hostess training, Air service carriers like Air India and Indian Airlines recruit young girls between the age of 19 to 25 with a minimum height of 157.5cm. In the most of the institutes, the basic educational qualification needed is 12th pass. However, some institutes ask for graduation degree as well.

Smart and confident girls with pleasing and polite personality make it to the level in the profession of Air Hostess. Along-with these traits, the blend of excellent communication skills and good sense of humour is also demanded in this profession. Expertise in at-least one foreign language is preferred in this profession; however, it is not mandatory.

## Educational Institutions

There are many institutions that impart training and degree course. A few renowned names are listed below.

There are many educational institute in India that offer Air Hostess training to students. Some of the renowned institutes are

YMCA, New Delhi  
Skyline Educational Institute, Hauz Khas, Delhi

## Job Prospects

After successful completion of Air Hostess, candidates can find jobs in Public and Private Airlines such as Air India, Indigo, British Airways, etc.

## Career prospect in Advertising

Advertising has emerged as one of the vibrant and glamorous field of profession, which guarantees loads of fun and creativity on one hand and fame and recognition on the other hand. In this profession, you must be able to build awareness about what's going around you, and then engage target audience with captivating Adh. The Advertising career demands all-round creativity, understanding of user behaviour and branding skills.

## Eligibility and Personality Traits

The eligibility criteria for joining an Advertising course at Bachelor's level is 12th pass and for PG level, you need to be a Graduate in any discipline. There are many institutes that offer Advertising course at Undergraduate and Post Graduate levels. The best way to start a career in Advertising is by joining an Ad Agency. Depending your passion and skills, you can join the creative or management department of any Ad agency.

To build a successful career in Advertising, you need to very good imaginative and visualization skills along-with a patient and calm temperament. You should also have the ability to work under pressure and tight deadlines to progress in this field. Command over language, ability to work with a team and organization skills are also needed to work and excel in this profession.

## Educational Institutions

Some of the good institutes offering professional courses in Adver-

tising are as follows:

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, (Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Delhi)  
Centre for Mass Media, YMCA, New Delhi

Indian Institute of Mass Communications (IIMC), New Delhi  
St. Xavier's College of Communications, Mumbai

## Job Prospects

After completing you study in Advertising, you can find jobs in Ad Agencies, Radio Channels, Media Houses, E-Commerce Stores, FMCG companies and PR agencies. The popularity of Advertising in terms of product promotion and branding is increasing day-by-day, and organizations are continuously looking for professionals from the field of Client Servicing, Account Management, Public Relations, Sales Promotion, Art Direction and Copy Writing.

## Career in Fashion Designing

The rise in economic development and modern values has impacted our lifestyles. Today, everyone wants to carry a sophisticated lifestyle in terms of apparels, food, travel, education and relationship. Seeing this trend, Fashion Designing has emerged as the hottest career option for some time now. Every second person on earth wants to dress in a glamorous and attractive way, and due to this fashion designers are now in huge demand. Fashion has become an integral part of everyone's life in this modern society. Therefore, you are bound to grow and take your career to new heights in this profession.

## Eligibility and Personality Traits

The basic eligibility criteria for doing a fashion designing course from a reputed institute is 12th pass. There are two types of courses that you can pursue after 10+2, and they are Bachelors in Fashion Technology and Bachelors in Fashion Designing. Depending upon your area of interest, you can pursue these courses. The time duration of these courses are 4 years.

To join this profession, you should be highly imaginative and must possess exceptional visualization capabilities along-with an artistic view point for blending fabrics, colours and style to weave the best masterpiece. Moreover, you should be ready to face challenges and competition in this field, and must keep yourself updated with recent fashion trends and user's fashion taste.

## Educational Institutions

The list of top institutes offering courses in fashion designing is as follows:

National Institute of Fashion Design, Calcutta.

National Institute of Fashion Technology at New Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Gandhinagar  
Pearl Academy of Fashion, New Delhi.

## Sophia Polytechnic, Mumbai Job Prospects

If you are artistic and have great fashion sense, then sky is the limit for you in this profession. A skillful and talented fashion designer can find job in apparel companies, export houses and raw material industry as a stylist or designer. The best thing about this profession is that you can open your own fashion boutique after gaining few years of work experience. Visual merchandizing, costume designing and fashion writing are other career options for a fashion designing graduate.

## Career in Journalism and Mass Communication

Well, you must be familiar with famous news journalists like Anjana Om Kashyap and Barkha Dutt. And, if you aspire to become like them, a course in Journalism and Mass Communication will be the right thing to do. The profession of Journalism and mass communication is challenging and adventurous and more & more women are joining this profession as it promises job satisfaction and fame on the same hand. The rise of digital media has made the scope of mass communication and journalism even more broad where job roles in the form of reporters, copy writers, producers, anchors, experts and columnists are in high demand.

## Eligibility and Personality Traits

You need to have 12th pass degree and an Undergraduate degree to pursue Bachelors in Mass Communication and Masters in Mass Communication courses respectively. Some of the colleges shortlist candidates on the basis of entrance tests while some of them select candidates on the basis of their academic records. Many institutes also offer 1 year PG diploma courses in Journalism and Mass Communication.

To excel in this profession, you need to have exceptional written and verbal communication skills. Along-with this, you should be carry a pleasant and confident personality, and should be able to face the camera with smartness. You reporting should be unbiased and you must learn hold absolutely no opinions based on political influence. In addition, mass communication candidates must be able to take and air any story after doing thorough and extensive research on the respective topic.

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# CBI to probe Meghalaya-Assam border clash, Home Minister Shah assures CM Sangma



Agency  
New Delhi, Nov 25:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday assured that Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma to conduct a CBI probe into the Meghalaya-Assam border clash in which six people were killed.

A cabinet delegation led by Sangma met Shah in New Delhi today to discuss the tense border situation between Assam and Meghalaya following clashes in Mukroh village and demand a federal probe into the violence.

"We have requested the Government of India to constitute a central agency inquiry into this incident. Union Home Minister has assured inquiry to be constituted under a central agency," Sangma said after meeting Shah here as re-

ported by ANI.

Sangma said the long-standing border dispute created an atmosphere which led to this incident.

During the meeting, the CM emphasised that the supply of essential commodities into Meghalaya should not be disrupted and the state should get full support from the neighbouring states. "Law and order has been maintained in the state. We are in touch with different stakeholders to ensure the safety of four people and that peace prevails," he said.

The situation remained tense in Meghalaya as a police car was set on fire by protestors on Thursday in Shillong. According to locals on the ground, protestors torched a police car and later cops resorted to firing. Internet suspension has been extended to another 48

hours in the region.

Sangma will meet Human Rights Commission on this incident on Friday.

Experts say that as Meghalaya will go to polls next year, this incident has an underlying political tone which is preventing de-escalation of the situation on the ground. Sources say that Sangma and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma both are holding talks to de-escalate the situation.

Sangma and other senior state government officials had on Wednesday visited Mukroh, and handed over Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of each of the five persons who were killed during the clashes.

Earlier, the Assam Cabinet announced that it will hand over the probe into the violence to the CBI and asked the state police to show restraint

while dealing with civilian disturbances.

Six people, including three people from the Khasi community and a forest guard, were in a clash between police and villagers at the Assam-Meghalaya border after cops intercepted a truck transporting illegal timber in the early hours of Tuesday.

The Assam forest department team intercepted and stopped the truck at Mukro area carrying the illegal timber towards West Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya around 3 am, West Karbi Anglong superintendent of police Imdad Ali told PTI.

When the truck tried to flee, the forest guards fired at it and punctured its tyre. The driver, a handyman and another person were apprehended, while others managed to escape. The forest guards informed the Ziriking police station and asked for reinforcements, he added.

When police reached there, a large number of people from Meghalaya armed with 'dao's (daggers) and other weapons gathered at the spot at around 5 am.

As the mob gheraoed the forest guards and the police, demanding the immediate release of those arrested, the officers fired at them to bring the situation under control.

# China's COVID cases touch record high; Beijing resorts to community lockdowns

Agency  
Beijing, Nov 25:

Doggedly persisting with its much-criticised zero-COVID policy, China has slipped deeper into the coronavirus quagmire as it reported a record 31,444 infections on Thursday with many of its cities, including Beijing, resorting to community lockdowns to stem the virus amid worsening wintery weather.

Faced with a renewed surge in cases in Beijing, as well as the first deaths from the virus in months, officials have already implemented some restrictions in several districts, with shops, schools.

The National Health Commission reported 31,444 local infections on Thursday, surpassing 29,317 cases recorded on April 13 during the height of the lockdown in Shanghai where over 25 million people were confined to their homes for months, drawing public protests.

Also, there is growing anxiety in the capital Beijing, especially the sprawling Chaoyang district, home of the country's top leadership, besides the elite as the caseload in the district climbed to 1,648, perhaps the highest in recent times.

As the virus cases continue to climb for the past two weeks, city officials resorted to lockdowns of huge apartment blocks and commercial buildings, confining people to their flats.

Among those restricted to



their homes were some Indian families who were told not to step out until November 27.

They were being provided with food supplies at their doorstep.

Officials here were in a quandary over the sharp spikes as the rise of COVID cases comes following last month's 20th Congress of the ruling Communist Party which re-elected President Xi Jinping, who is a firm advocate of zero-COVID policy.

Besides Beijing, big outbreaks are reported in Guangzhou, and Chongqing besides Jinan, Xian, Chengdu and Lanzhou.

As the periodic lockdowns of cities in the last two years resulted in a slow-down of the Chinese economy, the International Monetary Fund has waded into the controversy over Beijing's rigid zero-COVID policy asking the government to recalibrate its coronavirus policy to halt the disruption of industrial chains.

The IMF's annual health check of the Chinese economy, the world's second largest, this week has identi-

fied the Covid-19 pandemic, a slumping property market, and external demand as major risks.

China needs a "recalibration" of its zero-Covid strategy to bring its economy back on track while relying on market reforms to raise productivity and deliver medium- and long-term growth, Gita Gopinath, first deputy managing director of the IMF said.

It would be helpful for Beijing to increase the rate of vaccination, especially among the elderly if it really wants to strike a balance between economic growth and preserving lives and health, Gopinath told the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post.

"We need to maintain vaccinations at a high level and deal with the cases that may come up by having sufficient antiviral medication to help, and having greater healthcare capacity," Gopinath said.

China says much of its population is vaccinated against COVID but large chunks of the old age population were left out due to concerns over the impact of the vaccines on their health.

# No one can stop us from correcting 'distortions' in history: HM Amit Shah

Agency  
New Delhi, Nov 25:

Home Minister Amit Shah has said no one can stop rewriting of history to free it from "distortions" as he urged academicians to research and write about 30 great Indian empires and 300 warriors who showed exemplary valour to fight for the motherland.

The home minister said on Thursday had it not been for Veer Lachit Barphukan, the Northeast would not have been a part of India. He was addressing a plenary session of the 400th birth anniversary celebrations of the legendary Ahom general.

He protected not only Northeast India but the entire Southeast Asia from "religious fanatic" Aurangzeb, Shah said.

The home minister asked Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to translate literary work on the life and times of Lachit Barphukan into 10 Indian languages, including Hindi, so that children can take inspiration from him.

"I often come across complaints that our history has been distorted and tampered with.

These allegations could be true. But who stops it from being corrected now? Who stops us from writing the correct history now," he said.

Shah urged historians and students to identify 30 great empires in Indian history that ruled for more than 150 years in any part of the country and 300 warriors who showed exemplary courage to fight for the independence of the country and conduct research and write extensively about them.

"If we do this, we will see that the true history of India will be established and the lies will end spontaneously. In India, we now have a government which supports any endeavour to promote the glory of the country. We will work towards reviving India's glorious history," Shah said at the event organised by the Assam government.

Shah said a nation that does not derive pride from its glorious past, that does not garner inspiration from its heroes can never create a bright future for itself and cannot create better citizens and a golden future.

The minister said Barphukan fought the Saraighat battle in

adverse circumstances by taking together different tribes, using local resources to build small arms and boats to take on the mighty army led by Ram Singh of Amer.

"The Mughal army did not have that iota of patriotism and dedication for the country that Barphukan and his soldiers had. This was a victory of patriotism. They won and not only secured the sovereignty, culture and heritage of Ahom but also saved entire Southeast Asia from religiously fanatic invader Aurangzeb," he said.

The home minister said that after this crushing defeat, foreign invaders from Delhi could never gather the courage to invade Assam again.

"If Lachit Barphukan was not there in Assam during those times, Assam and Northeast India would have never become a part of India," Shah said.

He further said that the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Barphukan unveils a new episode of India's history in which Assam rulers defeated Muslim invaders of different ages and secured the sovereignty of their motherland.

Shah said Assam Chief Min-

ister Sarma unveiled stories of glorious stories of Ahom warriors from Maharaj Prithu who defeated Bakhtiar Khilji in 1206 to Lachit Barphukan who defeated the Mughals in 1671 and urged students of history to look at the exhibition organised on the occasion.

Shah said that right from 1206 to 1671 Assam was invaded 22 times by Muslim invaders but could not keep it under the thumb of Muslim rule for long because of the relentless commitment of its people to independence.

He said it is because of this attitude, the Northeast has kept its culture intact. Its beautiful region, language, culture, dresses, music and food remained untouched by foreign influences.

He said be it Akbar or Aurangzeb, Qutub-ud-Din Aibak or Iltutmish, Bakhtiyar Khilji or Iwaz Khali, Muhammad bin Tughluq or Mir Jumla, everyone has faced defeat in Assam by the valour of Ahom Kings.

Shah said the times in which Lachit Barphukan raised his sword against the Mughals, Chhatrapati Shivaji in the south of India, Guru Govind Singh in the north, and Veer Durgadas Rathore in Rajasthan waged the same battle against the same enemy.

# 347 new COVID-19 cases, active cases down to 5,516

Agency  
New Delhi, Nov 25:

India saw a single day rise of 347 coronavirus infections, taking the virus tally to 4,46,70,830, while the active cases further declined to 5,516, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

The death toll has climbed to 5,30,604 with one death each reported from Delhi, Gujarat and Karnataka in the last 24 hours, the data updated at 8 am stated.

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

A decrease of 365 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in 24 hours.

The number of recoveries increased to 4,41,34,710, while

the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 219.89 crore doses of Covid vaccines have been administered in the country 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.

India 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.

# In The Court Of Sub-Deputy Collector Jiribam District, Manipur

## Mutation Case No. 19/SDC/JBM Dt. 18/11/22

(1). Seidul Hoque (2). Sirajul Haque (3). Riyajul Haque (4). Hafizul Haque, S/o (L.) Abdul Haque of Sonapur V/S  
Md. Abdul Haque S/O (L.) Habib Ali of Sonapur

## NOTICE 27/10/2022

Under section 46 (3) MLR & LR Act. 1960 Jiribam Circle, village No.6, Sonapur, Patta No. 6/27/73 (Old), 206 (New) C.S Dag No. 289 and 307 an area of 35 and 21 in total area 56 Acre are metre of land (Inkhol & Phareul). The petitioner applied petition to the SDC/ Jiribam court office for the cancellation of the name of pattadar Md. Abdul Haque S/o Habib Ali and to put up the same into the name of his sons.

Therefore, if any person has an objection in the said Transfer of name, file in written statement before this court on a week of publishing this newspaper. Take notice that if any objection from any person is received after the stipulated days, no claim will be considered, the case shall proceed according to law.

Sd/-  
Sub-Deputy Collector  
Jiribam District, Manipur.

# Migration Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned, Langpoklakpam Sakhenba Meitei, have lost my Migration Certificate of Higher Secondary Examination, bearing Roll No. 14143, Registration No. 30202 of 2018, issued by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur on the way between Wangjing to Thoubal on November 12, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Langpoklakpam Sakhenba Meitei  
Wangjing Laming  
Contact No. 9233075561

**Educational Institutions**  
Top Institutes for pursuing Mass Communication Courses are as follows:  
Indian Institute of Mass Communication, IIMC, New Delhi  
Asian College of Journalism, Chennai  
Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi  
YMCA, New Delhi  
Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Delhi & Mumbai

**Job Prospects**  
Various Newspapers, News agencies, Magazines, Web sites, government and private TV channels employ journalist form reporting, editing and copy writing. Apart from this, international papers and news channels offers a large number of vacancies. Opportunities are also available in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.  
Mass Communication

Graduates can find employment in various Newspapers, Magazines, News Agencies, News Websites, Government and Private News Channels, and Radio stations. Other than this, International news papers and news channels offer a large number of vacancies. The positions are available for the profiles of reporting, editing, production, anchoring, copy writing, script writing and video shoots.

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Career Options for .....

# ‘Manipuri films projecting Manipuri culture, way of life always drawing global attention’

IT News  
Panaji, Nov 25:

Manipuri films projecting Manipuri culture and way of life have always drawn global attention and that has not changed a bit throughout the 50 years long journey of Manipuri Cinema till today.

Secretary of Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS), Sunzu Bachaspatimayum said the same during a press conference with Manipur delegates attending the ongoing 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

He pointed out that the internationally acclaimed Manipuri films such as ‘Imagi Ningthem’, ‘Ishanou’, ‘Loktak Lairembi’ or ‘Look at the Sky’ are projections of the Manipuri

society, culture and way of life.

The MSFDS Secretary expressed gratitude to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, National Film Development Corporation and IFFI for duly recognising and honouring the 50 years old Manipuri Cinema by giving a special section in the 53rd IFFI.

He noted that Manipur celebrated golden jubilee of its cinema one year ahead since April 9, 2021 and the ministry, Directorate of Film Festivals under the ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt of India, have financially supported and assisted the year-long golden jubilee celebration.

Throwing light into the history of Manipuri Cinema, Sunzu said that Manipur had

attempted its first feature as early as 1948 in Hindi language considering the commercial aspect.

The attempt failed and over 20 years later in 1971, SN Chand took the risky step to make the first Manipuri feature film. However, another film titled ‘Matangi Manipur’, which was produced by a businessman named Karam Monamohan and directed by Bengali filmmaker Deb Kumar Bose was released in 1972 ahead of ‘Brojendragee Luhongba’, the film by SN Chand.

SN Chand’s film was released in 1973 some months after ‘Matangi Manipur’ was released. However, SN Chand is now remembered as father of Manipuri Cinema as he is the first Manipuri film director.

Taking part in the press

conference, Film Facilitation Officer (Eastern Region) of NFDC, Alexander Leo Pou stated, “Our films is the window to our culture, politics, economy and exotic way of life.”

He also exuded confidence that writers, producers, directors and those associated with filmmaking of the sensitive state of Manipur will continue to make films that speak beyond the frame.

Chairman of Film Forum Manipur, Laimayum Surjakanta; renowned Manipuri actor, Kangabam Tomba; renowned filmmaker Oken Amakham; Director of ‘Look At The Sky’, Ashok Veilou; grandson of first Manipuri film director, SN Chand, Sapam Rajiv were also present during the interaction with media.

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## Exercise for last full budget before 2024 election....

India’s economic growth for the year 23 is likely to be 5.9 per cent according to Goldman Sach forecast, and hence, revenues on this rate of growth would be significantly reduced. It would bring additional difficulties in budget making for the year 2023-24.

Budget would have to make provisions for alleviation of the rural distress which would need additional spending. Urban areas are not also doing well. Joblessness has become a major problem which is making people more vulnerable to all sorts of distress. People need social security coverage in absence of means of livelihood. Increasing social sector spending has become a matter of paramount impor-

tance, both economically and politically.

India Inc has suggested the Union government to focus on capital investment, jobs creation, and climate change. PHD Chamber of Commerce has suggested five pronged strategy – enhance consumption, increase capacity utilization in the factories, create employment, enhance quality of social infrastructure and strengthening economic growth.

However, for all these the country would not only need much more public and private investment than will be available. However, to enhance private investment, which has not been coming forwards for years, the India Inc has emphasized on ease

of doing business to establishment level, rationalization of cost, rationalization of taxation, enhancement in infrastructure, to push up incomes of the people including in agriculture.

Industry bodies have pitched for widening the tax base, boosting private investments, consumption and employment generation. They have emphasized that global uncertainty is likely to impact the incipient revival in private capex and hence, public capex would be critical to support demand and growth. However, the needs of fiscal consolidation and reducing the budget deficit would restrain the government to significantly increase the public investment. (IPA Service)

## PM addresses closing ceremony of year-long celebrations of 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan in New Delhi

PIB  
New Delhi, Nov 25:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the closing ceremony of the year-long celebrations of the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan in New Delhi today. The Prime Minister also released the book - ‘Lachit Borphukan - Assam’s Hero who Halted the Mughals’ on the occasion.

In line with the Prime Minister’s vision to honour the unsung heroes in a befitting manner, today’s occasion is celebrated to honour the 400th

birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan, the famous General of the Royal Army of the Ahom Kingdom of Assam who defeated the Mughals and successfully halted the ever-expanding ambitions of the Mughals under Aurangzeb.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister started with expressing his regard for the land of Assam which gave brave sons like Veer Lachit. “We bow to the valorous Lachit Borphukan on his 400th birth anniversary. He played a pivotal role in preserving the culture of Assam”, he said.

The Prime Minister said,

“India is celebrating the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan at a time when the country is marking ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.” Terming Veer Lachit’s exploits a glorious chapter of the history of Assam, the Prime Minister said “I salute this great tradition on the occasion of the festival of India’s eternal culture, eternal valour and eternal existence.” The Prime Minister reiterated India’s mood to get rid of the mentality of slavery and take pride in its heritage. India is not only celebrating its cultural diversity but also acknowl-

edging the unsung heroes and heroines of its history. “Immortal sons of Maa Bharati like Lachit Borphukan are the inspiration of fulfilling the resolutions of the Amrit Kaal. They make us familiar with the identity and glory of our history and also spur us to dedicate ourselves to the nation”, the Prime Minister added.

Shedding light on the history of Assam, the Prime Minister said that it belongs to the precious heritage of India’s cultural journey. It is an amalgamation of thought and ideology, society and culture, and beliefs and traditions.

## Indian Navy debuts at Manipur...

On the Manipuri pony, Kulvinder feels they are very sturdy, intelligent, knows what is required of them and has fighting genes in their DNA. As for the tournament, he promised to put in the best effort.

The youngest member of the team, Lt Arun Kumar, just 24 years of age is from Rewai, Haryana. Starting to ride at the age of 6 years, Arun has been taking part in show jumping, dressage since his cadet days in Army championships and local horse show in Delhi, Jaipur and Meerut. He got his riding genes from his father, Subedar Ravinder Singh who was with the President’s bodyguards.

Arun picked up the game just a year back in January 2021 but the polo bug seems to

have bitten him for sure. As he says, “though I would like to continue with show jumping and dressage, I will concentrate on polo as I don’t get the same thrill which polo gives me from other sports”.

For Arun, polo is a manly, deadly game, gives you the feel of a warrior. Through polo one gets to know the people, the country and develop team spirit.

Arun had heard about the original mount of polo, the Manipuri pony and he was so eager to see them that he wanted to first visit the stable before going to his hotel room. He finds them very handy, intelligent and human friendly. He thinks the local polo players must have taken good care of them as they love to stay with the players even after the

game. The last member of the team is Chief Petty Officer, Altaf Khan, 40 years who hails from Nagaur in Rajasthan. Altaf’s inspiration has been his maternal uncle Mangu Khan who was a polo player with the 61 cavalry team. Mangu Khan not only taught Altaf, the nuances of the game but also inculcated in him the spirit of the game.

Altaf has played in numerous tournaments in Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur, Hyderabad and Bangalore since 2001 but took a break from 2013 to 2019 as he was posted in a ship. He is at present a 0-goal player after starting at -2 goal. Altaf says he will continue playing polo even after retirement from the Navy.

## Sports

### FIFA World Cup:

## Switzerland beat Cameroon; South Korea-Uruguay play out goalless draw; Ronaldo makes history as Portugal beat Ghana 3-2; Richarlison double as Brazil beat Serbia

Agency  
Doha, Nov 25:

This Cameroon is no indomitable lions of 1990, and even the presence of the original lion – Maradona’s nemesis Roger Milla – in the stands, couldn’t melt this Swiss edifice at the Al Janoub Stadium.

Rigobert Song’s team played with the toothless grin of a child or an octogenarian and there was no roaring thunder of the wisely ferocity of Mufasa or the youthful menace of Simba.

These journeymen of dual passports – carefully curated by Cameroon FA boss Samuel Eto’o – still had an early snarl in the wild but were soon tamed.

The one man Eto’o couldn’t convince, **Breel Embolo**, playing for Switzerland, hurt the land of his birth, scoring the only goal in this 1-0 Swiss win.

Switzerland scored with its first shot on target, immediately after restart of play in the second-half, with skipper Granit Xhaka switching play from right to left to Xherdan Shaqiri with a quick touch in the middle from Remo Freuler.

The Alpine Messi’s cut back inside the box saw no urgency from the defence, and Embolo,

who called himself the ‘No 1 of Cameroon’ ahead of the tournament, reluctantly booted in the goal and there was no celebration to follow as a respect to the forefathers.

Eric Choupo-Moting, fuelled by rage, went on a solo mission in the 56th minute, dancing past a few defenders but the final angle was way too narrow to cause Yaan Sommer any problems or change the course of the game.

Ruben Vargas almost added Switzerland’s second when he was left with space to uncork a fizzing right footer from inside the box, forcing goalkeeper Andre Onana into a slightly awkward save in the 68th minute.

The missed chances of the half before were haunted memories of a better past as the Cameroonians’ roar, alas, trailed into a whimper.

In the 2nd match, Uruguay and South Korea made numerous inroads but failed to convert it into goals in Group H clash here at the Education City Stadium.

South Korea captain Heung-Min Son played with a face mask after suffering a fractured eye socket earlier this month, but the Tottenham Hotspur forward



Brazil players celebrate after they won the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group G football match between Brazil and Serbia.

was unable to have much of an impact on the game.

The Uruguay team went on to hit the post twice but failed to get past South Korea’s defence. The Koreans started the game with plenty of pressing in the first half. Heung-min Son floated one corner in but Uruguay cleared it eventually. The Asian team was on the charge.

In the first-half, Uruguay captain Diego Godin went on to hit the post with his header

while Hwang Ui-jo came close to scoring for South Korea.

In the 34th minute, Hwang Ui-jo (Korea Republic) right-footed shot from the centre of the box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Kim Moon-Hwan with a cross.

In the 43rd minute, Godin went on to hit the left post with a header from the centre of the box. Assisted by Federico Valverde with a cross following a corner.

Darwin Nunez had a few attempts in front of the goal but went on to hit it wide in the 81st minute. In the 90th minute, Federico Valverde produced a powerful shot from distance in the 90th minute but could not find a breakthrough.

Uruguay had 56 per cent of the possession compared to South Korea, which had 44. Uruguay had only one shot on target while South Korea had none. The Asian side did ten

fouls while Uruguay had 7.

In another match, Cristiano Ronaldo became the first male player to score in five World Cups as Portugal opened its campaign against Ghana, the lowest-ranked team in the tournament.

Despite his recent struggles and controversies at the club level, Ronaldo spectacularly led the line for his national team in the game on Thursday, which ended in a 3-2 victory for Portugal.

After a scoreless first half, Ronaldo converted from the spot in the 65th minute to give Portugal a 1-0 lead against Ghana.

Ghana’s Andre Ayew then scored an equaliser, after which Portugal got two goals in quick succession to make the score 3-1. A goal by Ghana’s Osman Bukari made it 3-2 in the 89th minute.

Portugal’s victory puts the team at the top of Group H ahead of their next match against Uruguay on Monday. Ghana’s next match is against South Korea on Monday.

In the last match, Richarlison’s second-half goals, including a spectacular overhead kick, helped Bra-

zil outclass Serbia 2-0 in their World Cup opener on Thursday, propelling the five-times champions to the top of Group G.

The Tottenham Hotspur forward has been in fine form when wearing the golden yellow kit of Brazil this year and he opened the scoring with an easy tap-in before doubling the lead with his acrobatic effort.

It was his 9th goal for Brazil in seven games in 2022 as Brazil leapfrogged Switzerland, who are second in the group after they beat Cameroon 1-0. Serbia are bottom.

Tite’s decision to go with four forwards – Neymar, Vinicius Jr., Raphinha, and Richarlison – in his attacking lineup paid off handsomely as the South Americans dominated the match and made Serbia work hard every time they went forward.

Vinicius used his flair and acceleration to good effect to constantly beat his man while Neymar, playing in a free role, often found pockets of space, but a well-drilled Serbian defence kept Brazil at bay in the first half.