

## Modi ensured connectivity, Northeast should now go all out to attract investments

New Delhi, Nov 29:

Until recently, Arunachal Pradesh in the Northeast was arguably the most remotely connected state in India.

This was partly due to its geography and mostly due to the negligence of Delhi vis-à-vis the hectic infrastructure building on the other side of the border in Tibet.

The Narendra Modi government enforced a dramatic change in the scenario.

Arunachal got its first passenger airport at Pasighat in 2017. As of 2022, it had four such facilities, including the recently inaugurated Rs 640 crore greenfield Donyi Polo airport. More are coming.

The change is secular to the entire Northeast. In 2014, the region had nine airports, most operated in the daytime and looked like glorified cattle sheds. Intra-regional road travel was a back-breaking experience. Rail services were limited and painfully slow.

Today, there are 16 airports. The

number of weekly flights doubled. Fast-expanding network of modern highways and broad-gauge rail making the commute easier. Critical healthcare capacities have gone up manifold. Cities are donned with new bridges and flyovers.

Long pending hydropower projects started coming up.

The infrastructure building in the Northeast is far from over. Along with road and rail, inland water transport is also witnessing an overhaul. The refining capacity is being doubled. Indradhanush Gas Grid is connecting every state in the region to the national gas grid.

At one stroke, all disadvantages of the region are removed. No other part of the country has witnessed such a dramatic makeover. And, that takes us to an important awakening, Northeast is no longer infrastructure-deficient.

The goal has shifted to converting this opportunity into regional growth. Part of it has already started happening. Take the case of

Arunachal. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the state has nearly doubled in the last six-seven years riding on infrastructure-building activities.

Arunachal is preparing to boost future growth through value tourism and, electricity exports.

As of October 2017, the state had a total installed power generation capacity of 277.96 MW. However, most of these being renewables, marked by seasonality and low-capacity utilization, the state failed to meet the peak demand of roughly 120 MW. There was no surplus.

As the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power station of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) became fully operational this year, Arunachal turned power surplus.

Things will take a more definitive turn with the phased completion of the 2,000 MW Lower Subansiri hydroelectric project, on the Assam-Arunachal border, beginning June 2023.

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## NEFIS joins protest against cancellation of residential proof certificates to Chakma and Hajong communities

IT News

New Delhi, Nov 29:

North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today participated in a Protest Demonstration at Jantar Mantar in Delhi against the recent decision by the Arunachal Pradesh government to suspend the Residential Proof Certificates (RPCs) of the Chakma and Hajong communities. It should be noted in a recent notification issued by the Political Joint Secretary of the state, all RPCs issued to the Chakma and Hajong people of Changlang district have been cancelled. This effectively denies them the

right to be considered Indian citizens. This is in violation of various judgments of different high courts and the Supreme Court on the issue.

The Chakma and Hajong communities who live in Arunachal Pradesh are among the poorest of the poor communities in the country. However, despite being residents of India for decades, they continue to face various kinds of oppression and deprivation. The communities are at various points made scapegoats by the respective governments for their self-seeking narrow political aims. Instead of granting citizenship rights to the communities as per rules and procedure,

shamefully denying them even RPCs, creates legal precarity for the vulnerable Chakma and Hajong communities.

The wealth of the country is created by the labour of its people. Be they of whichever religion and ethnicity, they toil and perform labour to make a living. Likewise, the Chakma and Hajong communities have been living for decades in Arunachal Pradesh and have been contributing to the building of the economy. Therefore, whoever contributes to the building of the economy through labour cannot be denied citizenship right.

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## Giving myself 5 years to get Manipuri players to USA: Nik Feldmen, USA team



US team L-R: George Vasquez, JP Vasquez, Christina (wife of Will Boland), Nik Feldman and Will Boland.

By: Wahengbam Tiken  
Imphal, Nov 29:

The United States Polo Association has been sending a USA team from 2013 to the Manipur Polo International tournament without a break, save the times when the tournament itself took a break in 2020 and 2021 because of the Covid pandemic.

The USA team this time is also led by Jorge Vasquez as in the 13th

edition of Manipur Polo International tournament held in 2019. Jorge is a two-goal professional polo player who besides playing polo, also coaches the University of Kentucky polo team and gives polo lessons to high school kids. He plays for the Gainesway Farm Polo as also manage the team.

Jorge started riding a horse when he was barely 5 years and started playing polo around the age of 17. What Jorge found the

most exciting about the game of polo is the freedom to do anything in the field, riding at high speed, coming to an abrupt halt, changing directions, among other things.

Recalling previous experience of playing here, he said it was an honour to play in the oldest living Pologround in the world. Having been here in 2017 and 2019, Jorge feels "great to be back, it's like coming home". He loves the people of Manipur and "considers them as friends".

He found it amazing how spectators got behind the home team cheering them every moment of the game. He also found the tournament very competitive and liked the idea of swapping the horses, which gave both the teams a level playing field.

The second member of the team, Nik Feldman, 31 years started riding when he was just around 6 years of age. At present, he has a handicap of 4-goals in arena polo and 1-goal in outdoor polo. He was coached by Kelly Wells, who has been here in Manipur a couple of times with the USA team and by Jorge Vasquez in the summers.

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## Naga leaders to meet Amit Shah, discuss the creation of 'Frontier Nagaland'

Courtesy: The Sentinel  
Kohima, Nov 29:

Leaders of the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization (ENPO) will meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on December 3.

An 11-member delegation of ENPO will meet the Union Minister and discuss their demand for the creation of a separate 'Frontier Nagaland'. W Manwang Konyak, secretary of ENPO, said that ENPO has received an invitation letter from Union Home Minister Amit Shah for a meeting which is fixed

on December 3 at 4 pm in the national capital.

"An 11-member delegation team of ENPO led by R Tsapikui Sangtam will meet the Union Home Minister. We are demanding separate statehood 'Frontier Nagaland and this issue will discuss during the meeting," W Manwang Konyak said. ENPO is an umbrella organization of seven tribal bodies of Nagaland - CBLT, KBCA, KBBB, PBCA, USBLA, TBBA and YBBA.

On the other hand, in a letter to seven tribal bodies, ENPO on Monday requested the anointed spiritual

leaders to initiate a special prayer programme covering all churches under respective associations on December 3 at 4 pm and also requested all bona fide members of Eastern Nagaland to take out 5 minutes time at 4 pm to say a special prayer.

The ENPO has threatened to boycott the assembly polls in Nagaland next year if their demand for a separate 'Frontier Nagaland is not fulfilled. The ENPO has also decided not to participate in the annual Hornbill Festival in the state which will begin on December 1.

## Agniveer Recruitment Rally at Koirengei

IT News  
Imphal, Nov 29:

In their continued effort to meet the aspirations and long desire of youths of Manipur to join the Indian Army, Agniveer Recruitment Rally was organised for all districts of Manipur at Koirengei from 23 Nov 22. The recruitment rally under the Agnipath Scheme was eagerly

awaited by the youths as it will provide them a golden opportunity to join the Indian Army. The recruitment rally witnessed an enthusiastic response from the jubilant aspirants since its commencement.

The arrangements made by the Army Authorities and Civil Administration has ensured a successful conduct and Hassle free participation of volunteer youths

in the rally. The event is concluding on 30th November 2022 and has witnessed massive turn out so far which has been very encouraging. The candidates, their guardians and local people expressed their happiness that such an important rally was conducted in Manipur in a peaceful environment and interested candidates would now be able to fulfill their dream to serve in Indian Army.

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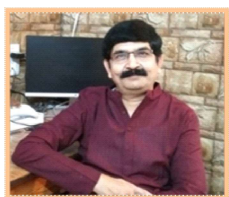
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## Vikram Gokhale a seasoned actor



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

A veteran of the industry and one of the most versatile actors Vikram Gokhale who has predominantly worked in the Hindi and Marathi film industries, breathed his last in a hospital in Pune on November 26. Vikram Gokhale was a very seasoned actor and his demise is deeply saddening.

Vikram Gokhale was a noted actor in Marathi theatre and cinema, as well as in Hindi films, where he acted in movies such as Agneepath (1990), Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam (1999), Bhool Bhulaiyaa (2007), Natsamrat (2015), Hichki (2018), and Mission Mangal (2019). Born on November 14, 1945, Vikram Gokhale was an Indian actor best known for his work in Marathi theatre, Hindi movies, and television. Vikram Gokhale had started his acting journey on Marathi stage and was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for acting in theatre in 2011. His big-screen journey began in 1971 with Parwana, which also featured Amitabh Bachchan. Apart from Bollywood films, the duo also worked in a Marathi film titled AB Ani CD. In his career of 59 years, Gokhale acted in every medium, from theatre to television to cinema in at least two major languages- Marathi and Hindi. He was without a doubt the most talented actor to have made a name for himself in the movie industry. As a result, he was regarded as the most well-known and adored actor in the movie business. His roles in the films *Barrister: Gafila* and *Sau Jhooth Ek Sach* are the ones he found the most challenging. The actor made his film debut in the 1971 Amitabh Bachchan-starrer *Parwana*. He is best known for his performances in films like *Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam*, *Agneepath*, and *Khuda Gawah*. He won the National Award for Best Actor in 2010 for his performance in the Marathi film *Anumati*. In 2010, he made his directorial debut with the Marathi film *Aaghaat*. He is fondly remembered for playing the patriarch in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam*. He also appeared in films like *Salim Langde Pe Mat Ro*, *Bhool Bhulaiyaa*, *Mission Mangal*, *Aiyaara* among many others. He was honoured with the National Award for best actor at 60th National Awards in 2013 for 'Anumati', a Marathi film. The actor, who was close to reaching his golden jubilee in movies, received praise for his outstanding acting abilities and won numerous awards. In recognition of his contribution to cinema, the actor was honoured with the Vishnudas Bhawe Award in 2015 by the Akhil Maharashtra Natya Vidya Mandir. Over the decades, Gokhale gave stellar performances in a range of roles in prominent Hindi films such as *Bhool Bhulaiyaa*, *Trafic*, *Hichki* and *Ab Tak Chhappan*. He infused life into many memorable characters.

He used to say that "An actor should not hard-sell skills. Acting should not be about peddling your abilities. To me to be seen acting is not acting. To act to believe is acting. Acting is the art of creating the illusion of the truth. You have to make people forget you are acting." No doubt, we shall miss his presence on the big screen but he has left an indelible mark on the hearts of all cinema lovers and his work will always be remembered. He will be remembered for his extraordinary performances in theatres and films. His Legacy will live forever.

## How to Prepare For Competitive Exams Without Coaching



By: Vijay GarG

To prepare for competitive exams, most students prefer to join coaching classes because they think that coaching centers will make them fully prepared for exams. While it is true to some extent, no coaching center or class can make you fully prepared for any competitive exam if you don't work hard yourself.

There are some students who are not able to join coaching centers, owing to one reason or another. It is a common question among candidates and aspirants, whether they should join coaching centers or not.

Well, you can easily qualify for an exam if you follow smart-study methods, make a daily timetable & stick to it, and be consistent.

There is no doubt that coaching centers provide you with various short-cut tricks and methods that can help you in the exam but unless you are not willing to grind and work hard, no coaching center will be able to help you. If you are looking to prepare for competitive exams without coaching then we have got some tips for you that might help you with preparation:

### 1. Understand The Syllabus

Before you get any further, the first thing that you have to do is understand the syllabus. Qualifying for competitive exams isn't easy. Every competitive exam has a defined syllabus along with the past papers of previous years. You should thoroughly go through the whole syllabus and understand the things that you will have to prepare. Going through past papers is also a good thing to do as you will be able to determine the difficulty level of the exams and understand what you are getting into.

### 2. Make An Effective Study Schedule

Once you get a hang of the syllabus, you should make an effective study schedule. If you are skipping coaching classes then it is important that you make a daily study routine and stick to it. Having a fixed study routine will help you with preparation. Remember that competitive exams aren't easy and you will have to study for 8-12 hours on a daily basis in order to be prepared for the exams. Make sure that you stick to your study schedule and also keep a track of your preparation all the time.

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## When compassion becomes a myth



By: M.R. Lahu

The epic Mahabharata gave a detailed version of male atrocity on a woman who was dragged to the court of the Kauravas while all her five husbands stood mute and lifeless. Pandavas, the husbands of young Draupadi were compelled to remain silent when she was molested at the royal court and an emasculated audience watched the event with insensitive servitude. The parents of the Kauravas could not witness the brutality directly as one was blind by birth and the other chose to embrace blindness as an indication of respect for her blind husband.

The epic presents contrasts in conspicuous details. The unbelievable devotion that Gandhari the mother of Kauravas had for her husband and the molestation of Draupadi in the court of Kauravas is one of the examples. Blindfolding herself she chose to stay away from the incredible beauty of the world which her husband was deprived of. There could not be a better depiction possible than the blindfolding of Gandhari's eyes to live in tune with the blindness of her husband and the greatness that the epic attached to a male-female relationship. But the ruthless sarcasm that the courtiers had a reason to giggle on and the numbness that veterans like Bhishma stooped in when Draupadi's molestation took place, illustrate the skill with which the narrator describes the hypocrisy of a patriarchy.

Situation has not changed even today. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women came this year with same dullness and repudiation as it had

been in the previous years. That anything with regard to the suppression and violence against women at home and society remained the same with not more than few media debates and columns making ruckus in restricted platforms. The contrast that the great epic decoratively portrayed still remains a prophecy that the generations to come would seriously fail to learn lessons from the accuracy and approach with which the human double standards work. And the intelligence of literary magnets, the writers, profoundly revealed the truth that a society is supposed to function and the values they propounded were indicative of a disaster that the human minds would probably drag the entire humanity to.

To be precise, the silence with which we usually register our anger on the violence against women in a celebrated civilized society such as India is a result of the societal emasculation that we propose to push our life through. Except candle light marches nothing solid seems to be emerging zealously stormy, capable of putting efforts to stop the brutality. Deep and dark in our minds we break open the windows of violence and unleash the power of horror degrading everything that we considered as humane. What motivated a young man to be too ruthless to slice a human body into thirty five pieces and refrigerate them for a convenient disposal on a day-to-day basis? Aftab Poonawala had easily chopped off his live-in girlfriend's body without even the slightest of humanitarian sentiments.

To imagine the level of atrocity a young man would dare to commit, needs an animalistic hard-heartedness and medieval savagery. Marinated in unparalleled barbarity, there would be many young minds getting ready to give us a jolt of horror. As usual, dialogues and symposiums would make conclusions, mostly pinning blame on Netflix episodes of investigative horror shows that depict brutal human behaviour in decent fashion and well crafted intonation. That being one of the

reasons rampantly influencing the emotional intelligence of young minds, the contribution that distorted family atmosphere and the radicalised religious beliefs help young minds gravitate towards ferocity cannot be undermined.

Children becoming scapegraces at a young age cannot be justified without the whole society being brought to hold the responsibility. Undeniable invasions by social media into the young minds and unjustifiable ethos thrown into the mental framework of children by different religious literatures effectively disseminate and harvest brutality aplenty. No murder or outrage on a woman, for that matter, should be toned down as a mere act of situational violence. This could also be a well thought out plan or at least an accumulation of behavioural stimuli gathered from the existing ill-gotten sentiments of a family or society. What if a child grows seeing violence being carried out on his mother or any other female member in his family? The sentiments he is nurtured with and progress through would definitely hold a tremendous impact on his mental build up. He can, without any legitimate reason be irrevocably indignant and unpardonably brutal on anybody he disagrees with.

Statistics revealing the quantum of aggression on women across societies is a decisive interpretation on the skyrocketing trend of violence. This also shows and meticulously reveals the hypocritical element of religions which had successfully established this notion of male hegemony substantiating the same with religious legitimacy. The outrage and ruckus in the Iranian streets should also be counted as a reaction to the impact of the hysteria that the male dominance has been hammering human sentiments with. A tendency to capture and rule the feminine in the society works harder and resentment of any kind against such a move would be overthrown as an attempt to denigrate the already glorified male authority. Be it

in the family or in society, the dominant narrative is mainly focused on rewarding the male supremacy and for some societies it is an act of decency and a sign of distinctive social upbringing.

All such vitriolic strategies are based on an idea that religions could successfully preach and teach; that a woman being a creation sprung from the rib of a powerful man is supposed to be submissive to his muscularity. From her very young age, as a girl to her adulthood, she is frequently made to believe that she needs to take orders from the male population in the family. This gives an advantage to men who tap all the possibilities to unleash his unruly self on the girl who he chooses to live with. Shradha's case and many other such incidents bring intuitions amounting to be a serious lapse from the side of both the families. While boys are blessed with autonomy to live their lives in freedom, girls normally are destined to remain in the family's confines. To make a choice is what the mistake that Shradha did but the price she had to pay was her life.

While analysing this gut-wrenching horror, the subconscious feel it gives is not less than an insight that the families in our country are mostly entwined in a baseless and duplicitous familial bonhomie; that the effect of deceitful interactions and mannerisms make many families silent cauldrons. Extremely privileged to have access to education and health, the present generation is more informed and intellectually settled than the past generations. Life-giving values being dispelled by the arrogance of modern intelligentsia, the new generation is seen to be distanced and the estrangement inside the families forcefully pushes young minds towards the predatory intentions and monstrous motivations of unknown individuals. But we should not allow compassion to become a myth.

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## Myanmar-Bangladesh medicine diplomacy

By: Sufian Siddique

East, Central Asia. Currently, this industry is in the third position in terms of exports in Bangladesh. The day is not far when this industry will surpass the revenue of the garment industry.

In this era of globalization, the pharmaceutical industry is in a strong position in the context of our country. Therefore, the highest quality control of products is a prerequisite for exporting to join the international market of drugs across the borders of the country. Therefore, in product quality and meaning, Bangladesh will be at the forefront of promotion and expansion. To increase the acceptance of this country's medicine abroad, its quality testing system must be made to international standards. Many developing countries including neighboring Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan still import most of the drugs.

A significant development in Bangladesh's health sector is the National Drug Policy, a global indicator for measuring health human development. This policy, which came into effect in 1982, aims to remove harmful and unnecessary drugs from the market and ensure access to essential drugs at fair prices in all cases. As a result of this policy, the pharmaceutical industry of Bangladesh has flourished. Bangladesh Exports of pharmaceutical products to Myanmar was US\$11.77 Million during 2015, according to the United Nations COMTRADE database on international trade.

Medicines worth 188.7 million

dollars or one thousand 982 million takas (Taka 105 per dollar) were exported from Bangladesh in the last financial year. Although this medicine is exported to 140 countries of the world, the largest shipment has gone to the neighboring country of Myanmar. The country exported drugs worth 2.76 million dollars or 289 million rupees in the last financial year, which is about 15 percent of the total drug exports. However, Bangladesh accounts for only 5 percent of Myanmar's total demand for pharmaceuticals, which is almost entirely dependent on imports.

Bangladesh sent medicines and medical equipment worth one crore takas as relief to Myanmar flood victims in 2015.

We believe that there is a very good possibility of increasing Bangladesh's share in Myanmar's pharmaceutical sector if it gets government support.

Despite the Rohingya issue, crackdown on insurgents in the border areas under the junta government, drug exports to Myanmar increased by more than 24 percent compared to the previous fiscal year (\$22.4 million). But Bangladesh's share is only 5 percent compared to Myanmar's demand for medicine every year. According to UN Comtrade data, Myanmar imported about \$550 million worth of medicines in 2021. Of this, India imported 298.5 million dollars, which is about 55 percent of the total imports.

Analysis of data from Bangladesh Export Development Bureau (EPB) shows that 34 items

of goods were exported from Bangladesh to the neighboring country Myanmar in the last financial year. The income from this product is three million 88 million dollars. Out of this, only medicine has been exported worth 27.6 million dollars, which is about 71 percent of the total exports to Myanmar.

Again, in the fiscal year 2021-22, medicines worth 188.7 million dollars have been exported from Bangladesh to 140 countries of the world. Among them, most of the medicines were exported to Myanmar. It is followed by Sri Lanka, the Philippines and the United States in terms of drug exports. In the last financial year, medicines were exported to the countries worth two crore 32 lakh, two crore 26 lakh and one crore 34 lakh dollars respectively. Myanmar was the top country in the export of drugs from Bangladesh in the previous financial year as well. During this time, drugs worth 2.2 million dollars were exported to the country.

However, Bangladesh is gradually increasing its share. Many export-oriented pharmaceutical companies are now establishing themselves in Myanmar. Chittagong's Elbion Group is going to add a new name to the list of pharmaceutical exports to Myanmar. Chittagong's 's' only drug exporting company is going to export a 20-foot container of omeprazole group drugs to Myanmar next month, worth about 30,000 US dollars. But this is the beginning.

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# Pakistani drone shot down by BSF women personnel in Amritsar

Agency  
Amritsar, Nov 29:

A women squad of the Border Security Force has foiled a cross-border drug-smuggling attempt in Punjab's Amritsar district by shooting down a drone, which was flying from Pakistan into India with 3.1 kg of narcotics, a BSF spokesperson said on Tuesday.

The personnel fired at the drone at 10.47pm on Monday after they noticed it entering Indian territory near Chaharpur village, 40km north of Amritsar city.

During the search operation, the BSF recovered a partially damaged hexacopter, an unmanned aerial vehicle with six rotors. The drone, weighing 18kg, was carrying 3.1kg of narcotics, wrapped in a white polythene attached underneath it.

"Alert personnel of the



BSF were once again able to capture a drone and foil a smuggling attempt. The drone was shot down by women personnel," the spokesperson said.

On November 25, BSF personnel had shot down a China-made quadcopter, DJI Matrice 300 RTK, that entered Indian territory from

Pakistan near Daoke village of Amritsar district.

There has been an increase in the movement of Pakistani drones at the Punjab border with 250 spotted so far this year, whereas the figure was 100 in 2021.

At least 297 drones were spotted in Punjab from 2020 and October this year suspicious drone activities were also observed in Gujarat, Jammu, Punjab and Rajasthan. Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) sends weapons and drugs through these drones.

# ENPO threatens to boycott Assembly elections over Frontier Nagaland

Agency  
Guwahati, Nov 29:

The Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) said that the people in Eastern Nagaland will boycott the Assembly elections scheduled in February if the Centre fails to create the "Frontier Nagaland" state.

The statement came just a few days ahead of its meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Leaders of the eastern Nagaland people's organisation (ENPO) will meet Amit Shah on December 3.

The ENPO leaders will discuss their demand for the creation of a separate "Frontier Nagaland" state with union home minister Amit Shah during their meeting on December 3.

The ENPO has its presence in six out of the total 16 districts

of Nagaland. The group threatened to boycott the assembly elections in Nagaland next year if their demand for a separate "Frontier Nagaland" state is not met.

"If the centre fails to respond to our appeal, we shall ask all our 20 elected representatives (MLAs) to resign," the ENPO spokesperson said.

Moreover, the ENPO has decided not to participate in the famed Hornbill Festival in Nagaland.

The 10-day Hornbill Festi-

val in Nagaland will begin on December 1.

There are a total of 60 seats in the Nagaland assembly.

Out of the total 60 seats in the Nagaland assembly, 20 are in the six districts where the ENPO has its presence.

Those six districts are Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator and Tuensang.

Notably, the ruling NDPP has 15 of these seats, ally BJP has four, and one MLA is Independent.

# India records 215 new Covid-19 cases, lowest since April 2020

Agency  
New Delhi, Nov 29:

India logged 215 new coronavirus infections, the lowest since April 2020, taking the total tally of COVID-19 cases to 446,72,068, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The active cases further declined to 4,982, while the death toll climbed to 5,30,615

with one fatality being reported from Delhi, the data updated at 8 am stated.

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.

A decrease of 141 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

# NIA Court sentences six accused in JeM's conspiracy case

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, Nov 29:

The Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) sentenced six persons attached to Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) terror outfit, on charges of providing logistic support to terrorists, on Monday.

The judgement came in response to a conspiracy case RC-08/2019/NIA/DLI of Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) terror outfit, a NIA statement said adding that the Special Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases, New Delhi pronounced sentence convicting 6 accused under various offences of IPC and UA (P) Act.

"Sajad Ahmad Khan, son of Ghulam Nabi Khan of Handoora, Pulwama, was awarded life imprisonment and fine under Section 121 A and 120 B of the Indian Penal Code

(IPC), 18 and 18 B, 38 and 39 of UA(P) Act and 120 B of IPC read with Sections 4 and 5 of Explosives Substances Act. "Tanveer Ahmed Ganie, son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Ganie of Mandoor, Pulwama, was convicted with rigorous imprisonment of 5 years and fine under Section 120 B of IPC and 18 and 38 of UA(P) Act.

"Bilal Ahmad Mir, son of Farooq Ahmad Mir of Gadpora, Pulwama, was awarded life imprisonment and fine under Section 121 A, 120 B of the IPC and 18, 38, and 39 of UA(P) Act, and 120 B of IPC read with Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act.

"Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, son of Abdul Ganie Bhat of Monghama, Pulwama, was awarded life imprisonment and fine under Section 121 A, 122, and 120 B of the IPC, 18, 23, 38, and 39 of UA(P) Act, and Sec-

tion 4 of the Explosives Substances Act.

"Ishfaq Ahmad Bhat of Khalthora, Marhama, Anantnag was awarded life imprisonment and fine under Section 121 A and 120 B of the IPC, 18, 19, 38, and 39 of the UA(P) Act.

"Mehrajuddin Chopan, son of late Ghulam Rasool Chopan of Handoora, Pulwama was awarded life imprisonment and fine under Section 121 A and 120 B of the IPC, 18, 38, and 39 of the UA(P) Act and Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act."

"The case pertained to criminal conspiracy by the top Jaish terrorists Mufti Abdul Rauf Asghar, brother of Maulana Masood Azhar, based in Pakistan, to recruit persons to carry out terrorist acts in different parts of India, the NIA statement read.

A large number of Pakistan-

trained terrorists, weapons, and explosives trainers of JeM had illegally infiltrated into Indian territory after crossing the border with the help of their associates based in different states of India.

All the accused, especially Bilal Mir and Muzaffar Bhat had carried out reconnaissance of targets, arranged hide-outs, and had provided logistical support to terrorists to carry out terror attacks in India. Sajad Ahmad Khan had been sent to Delhi to carry out reconnaissance of important targets and to establish a hide-out in Delhi.

The main aim was to identify, radicalise, and recruit youth, impart them training in handling of weapons and explosives and field craft, and raise funds and procure weapons to execute their nefarious designs.

Tanveer had facilitated

transporting of terrorists and was also involved in supplying sealed parcels, food, medicines, and other logistical support. Explosives were recovered at the behest of Mehrajuddin while detonators were recovered from Muzaffar. Ishfaq Ahmad was highly radicalised and had facilitated radicalisation of other youth and was instrumental in providing shelter to the terrorists."

Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) is a Pakistan-based, militant group active in Kashmir widely considered as a terrorist group. The group's primary motive is to separate Kashmir from India and merge it into Pakistan. Since its inception in 2000, the group has carried out several attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. It portrays Kashmir as a "gateway" to the entire India, whose Muslims are also deemed to be in need of liberation.

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# Myanmar-Bangladesh medicine....

According to the information of Elbion group, applications have been made to the Myanmar Medicines Administration for the registration of 40 drugs of different groups. Next month, a shipment of trial basis medicine will go to Myanmar." The container will go directly to Yangon port in Myanmar via Chittagong sea port. Last June, 40 more drugs were applied for registration. It will take a year

to get approval. Elbion will export large scale in the future to the potential market of Bangladeshi drugs if approved. However, in this case, the restrictions imposed by Myanmar's junta government on foreign currency transactions last April are causing some obstacles.

However, the government should be proactive. In 2014, a 15-member delegation from

Myanmar, mostly doctors or pharmacy-related, visited Bangladesh and visited several pharmaceutical factories. After the team returned to Myanmar, there was a positive impact on Bangladesh's pharmaceutical exports there. In 2010, Myanmar's domestic demand for medicine was about three billion dollars. Coming there in 2021, we exported medicine to the neighboring country only

27 to 28 million dollars, which is very less. The government should bring the first-line specialist doctors there, who will mainly prescribe the drugs, to Bangladesh and inspect several compliance drug factories here. Presenting the entire process of drug production to them. Then it will definitely have a positive impact.

This business leader believes that the restrictions im-

posed by the Myanmar junta on foreign exchange transactions will not cause much problem for Bangladeshi businessmen. Because eight countries including Bangladesh and Myanmar are members of the Asian Clearance Agency or ACUR, transactions in their own currency are possible.

(The author is an Independent researcher and freelance columnist, Dhaka)

# How to Prepare For Competitive Exams....

## 3. Take Help From Standard Study Material Only

Taking help from standard study material and resources is very important. To be able to ace the competitive exams, you will have to focus on smart study which involves focusing on the quality of study rather than quantity. Instead of going through multiple books, you should pick up a standard book as recommended and go through that book more than once.

Competitive exams are all about assessing your knowledge and not theory. If you have good knowledge and are able to apply it properly then

you will be able to ace the exams. Remember to always choose the standard study material and make your concepts clear. Cramming everything won't help you in competitive exams.

## 4. Stay Positive And Confident

Staying positive during the whole course of preparation is very important. In order to succeed in exams, you have to be positive and confident in your abilities. If you start to overthink then you will be hurting no one but yourself. Always try to stay positive, prepare well, and then test your knowledge. If you stay posi-

itive and are confident about yourself then it will give you the mental strength that you will need during the examination. Playing stress-relieving games like Klondike Solitaire during breaks can help you stay positive during preparation.

## 5. Stay Comfortable During Preparation

Staying comfortable during preparation is also important. Make sure that you study at a time when you feel comfortable. If you are an early bird then studying in the morning will be best suited for you whereas if you are a night owl then nighttime will be best for you.

## 6. Take Frequent Breaks And Sleep Properly

Taking breaks and proper sleep is very important. To study for competitive exams, you will have to study alone to avoid any distractions and it can become very boring and stressful to study alone. Make sure that you find ways to de-stress yourself. One of the ways to do this is by playing a game such as Solitaire that is good for de-stressing yourself. Also, taking frequent breaks while studying. Studying for 2-3 hours and taking a 10-15 minutes break will freshen you up.

Also, don't neglect sleep

and rest. Sleep and rest are very important. Make sure that you sleep for at least 7-8 hours on a daily basis to keep your mind healthy and active. Without an active mind, everything else will be useless and you won't be able to retain anything.

## 7. Revision

With everything else, don't forget to revise your syllabus. Revision is one of the most important aspects of preparation. It is not possible for anyone to remember anything just by studying it once. You will have to go through your syllabus multiple times in order to retain it effectively.

# IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND&PS)(FTC), MANIPUR AT CHEIRAP COURT COMPLEX

ANNEXURE-I

Schedule 1 VIII, Form No. 100  
High Court Criminal Process No. 4

CASE NO. :- SPECIAL TRIAL NO. 27 OF 2022-11-28  
FIR No. 24(4) 1992 MRH P.S.  
U/S 21 ND & PS Act.

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED (Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

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| <p>1) Name, Description and address of the accused:</p> <p><b>Mr. Lalpi Paite</b> (28), now age about 58 years, S/o Ginkhokam of Cheekon Tribal Colony, P.S. Porompat, Imphal East, Manipur</p> | <p>Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mr. Lalpi Paite has committed the offence punishable Under Section 21 ND &amp; PS Act (FIR No. 24(4) 1992 MRH-P.S) and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon stating that Mr. Lalpi Paite cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mr. Lalpi Paite has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.</p> |
| <p>2) Name of the accused:</p> <p><b>Mr. Lalpi Paite</b></p> <p>Place: Imphal</p>   | <p>Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mr. Lalpi Paite is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.</p>   |

Dated:  
09<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Alex Muivah**  
Special Judge, ND&PS(FTC)  
Manipur

# 53rd IFFI: Featuring in IFFI means to upscale to Manipuri Cinema



IT News  
Panaji, Nov 29

The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), 2022 wound up today and so is its special Manipuri Cinema package titled "Golden Cinemas of Manipur" with the screening of closing films of the section "Ilisa Amagi Mahao" directed by Ningthouja Lancha and "Loktak Lairembee" directed by Haobam Paban Kumar at INOX, Panaji.

As many as 10 Manipuri films, five each of feature and non-feature were screened at the prestigious international film festival.

On being given a platform at the 53rd IFFI and given due recognition to Manipuri Cinema in its golden jubilee year, noted filmmaker Ningthouja Lancha said that the forward for Manipuri Cinema is to put maximum efforts to be able to join the film movement across the globe.

In other words, Manipuri Cinema must be able to occupy a place in world cinema, he stated.

He maintained that Manipuri Cinema being featured in 53rd IFFI as a special section makes us deliberate on

the trend of Manipuri films. "We feel that such an opportunity is the new beginning of a film movement in Manipur," he added.

Lancha went on to note, "even people of Manipur hardly watch Manipuri films, yet, despite its small audience, Manipuri Cinema is being given due recognition at an international level for which we are extremely grateful and feel proud. This will become a parameter and encouraged Manipuri filmmakers to make films for a wider audience with global appeal instead of confining to the small audience at home."

Loktak Lairembi director, Haobam Paban Kumar said that featuring Manipuri Cinema at IFFI means showcasing Manipuri Cinema and raise awareness in major film festivals across India.

He exuded confidence that the screening of Manipuri films in big movie theatres as part of the festival will help raise awareness about reviving movie theatres in Manipur as well.

Paban also expressed gratitude to the National Film Development Corporation and MSFDS for giving Manipuri

Cinema a platform. He added that he feels good over his 'Loktak Lairembee' being screened for wider audiences.

Meanwhile, filmmaker and editor Oinam Gautam recounted that Manipuri Cinema was featured only when they are selected for Indian Panorama or in the Northeast section.

Now that this year's IFFI featured special section for Manipuri Cinema, it inspires us to produce or make more good films.

Noted film director Romi Meitei stated that the special Manipuri Cinema section being featured in IFFI was overwhelming.

"It makes me wonder whether what Manipuri Cinema has done in the last 50 years is enough or whether what we, as filmmakers, contributed to its growth is enough. All in all, we are extremely proud of Manipuri Cinema," he added.

Meanwhile, the gala closing ceremony of the festival was held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium with much jubilation.

"Perfect Number" directed by Krzysztof Zannusi from Poland was the closing film of the festival.

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## Modi ensured connectivity, Northeast should....

The government is also considering the Rs 32,000 crore, 2,880 MW Dibang Hydroelectric Project in Arunachal.

The immediate benefits will go to Assam. The largest state

in the region suffers up to a 1.5 per cent deficit against a peak electricity demand of 2,300 MW.

Cheap hydropower will help Assam to keep electricity tariffs affordable, replace coal-

based power, and better load management. And, as a region Northeast will soon become a power-exporting economy.

Incidentally, both Kameng and Lower Subansiri projects suffered prolonged stalemates

during the UPA rule. They were literally revived and completed by the Modi government at three times the original estimates.

A costly lesson for failing to implement infra projects in time.

## NEFIS joins protest against cancellation....

However, due to the narrow self-serving political interests of the dominant political forces seeds of discord are sought to be sown among the toiling people of the state. The situation in the North-East is such that successive govern-

ments have promoted conflict among various communities. The strategy to sow conflict has been used to deny people the chance to unite for their long-standing issues, and instead promote hatred in the name of ethnicity and indig-

enous culture. While the common masses continue to face issues, the elites hold onto power by creating conflicts among the people.

NEFIS stands for protecting the democratic rights of the people and demands the imme-

diate revocation of the decision to cancel RPCs of the Chakma and Hajong people in the state. The organization demands that all rights including that of citizenship should be ensured to the Chakma and Hajong communities immediately.

## Giving myself 5 years to get Manipuri players...

He was part of his school polo team in Baltimore and while representing the Cornell University polo team, he was selected as one of the All Stars player. He won the Arena Delegates Cup for three years in a row - 2019, 2020 and 2021. He considers it a great honour to have played for Crab Orchard Polo Club, one of the most prestigious clubs in the USA at the invitation of George Rawlings, the owner.

Highly impressed by the Manipuri polo players, Nick says, "they are incredible, world class, disciplined He and very stoic on the field". He has given himself five years' time to get them to the USA, "I would like them to play there, especially arena polo".

On his impressions about the Manipuri ponies, Nik says, "they are fun, like little cars, fast, unpredictable, made for polo". As for the tournament, he thought it would be for entertainment, "but turn out to be very serious stuff, have fallen in love with it".

He feels the best polo play-

ers should come here and play, "polo has given them everything, time to give back to the game and pay homage to the place of its origin".

Besides playing polo, Nik Feldman is a well-established hotelier, who owns, develops, designs and manages hotels. When I learned about it, asked him about the hotel he is staying at present, the Classic Grande, he had this to say, "I really appreciate the service, found the staff very attentive to the customers".

Will Boldman, 45 years, who used to play professional polo till 35 years of age and used to be a 3-goaler, is the third member of the USA polo team. At present, Will is into building and managing commercial real estates in Louisville, Kentucky.

Starting to ride around the age of 8 years, Will took to polo when he turned 12. Polo runs in the family as both his father, James Boland 81 years (who still rides) and brother, Brent Boland are polo players. Will worked his way up in polo cir-

cuit by starting off as grooms for local clubs and polo professionals.

Earlier he used to breed and train horses for races with partners. He also used to acquire horses which are racetrack rejects and train them for polo.

Asked about his opinion about the Manipuri pony, Will feels they got very good stamina, "a thorough bred can play one and half chukkers but they can play the full four chukkers, seen nothing like them". As for the tournament, he says it gives level playing ground to every team.

Saying that he has come here, the foundation of polo to pay his respects, he feels, "everyone whose heart is in polo needs to come to Manipur, the root of it all". As for himself, he says he would like to come back again if given a chance.

The last member of the team is JP Vasquez, 24 years, who incidentally happens to be Jorge Vasquez's nephew. JP is a third generation polo players with a handicap of 3-goals in arena and 1-goal in outdoor

polo, was born in New York but now lives in Florida.

JP learned the nuances of the game of polo from his two uncles, Jorge and Christian Vasquez. JP used to play competitive arena polo for six years. He also played for Blue Grass Community & Technical College from where he got an associate degree in science.

Now retired from competitive polo, JP is into managing equestrian estates and big farms worth up to 30 million dollars. He still plays polo, practices every weekday before work, after work and on holidays. JP dreams of becoming wealthy one day and owning a polo team.

JP feels honoured to be playing in the oldest living polo ground in the world and says that he will be grateful for the rest of his life for the opportunity. About the Manipuri pony, he says "they are a lot smaller, tag differently, very unique in its own way". "I would love to take them home with me if I could", he added.

## Sports

### FIFA World Cup 2022:

## Brazil reach last 16; Ghana beat S Korea; Cameroon, Serbia share spoils; Fernandes gives Portugal beat Uruguay to reach last 16

Agency  
Doha, Nov 29:

Brazil overcame the absence of Neymar to beat Switzerland 1-0 and advance to the round of the 16 of the World Cup on Monday.

Casemiro scored in the 83rd minute with a shot from inside the area to put Brazil in the last 16 with a match to spare in Group G.

Brazil striker Neymar stayed at the team's hotel treating a right ankle injury sustained in the opener in Qatar. Team doctors have not yet given a timetable on his return - or said if he will return at all.

The win gave Brazil six points from two matches, leaving Switzerland with three. Serbia and Cameroon, which drew 3-3 earlier Monday, have point each.

Switzerland needs a win in the last match against Serbia to guarantee its spot in the next stage. A draw may be enough depending on the match between Brazil and Cameroon.

**Ghana beat S Korea 3-2 in thriller**

Mohammed Kudus scored twice to help Ghana beat South Korea 3-2 in a World Cup Group H thriller at a rocking Education City Stadium on



Brazil's Casemiro celebrates after scoring a goal.

Monday, keeping the Black Stars in contention for a place in the last 16.

Against the run of play, Ghana went ahead in the 24th minute when Mohammed Salisu struck from close range after South Korea failed to clear a free kick and Mohammed Kudus added a second with a glancing header to give the African side a 2-0 halftime lead.

South Korea came roaring back, however, with two daring Cho Gue-sung headers three minutes apart to level the seesaw match.

Kudus grabbed the winner in the 68th minute when he was left unmarked in the penalty area and slotted home past a diving Kim Seung-gyu.

Ghana, the lowest-ranked team in the tournament at 61st, joined Portugal at the top of the group standings on three points with Uruguay and South Korea on one.

**Cameroon, Serbia draw each other 3-3**

Cameroon kept their faint hopes of reaching the round of 16 alive after substitute Vincent Aboubakar inspired a

breathless comeback in a draw with Serbia in Al-Wakrah.

Aboubakar came off the bench to rescue his side by scoring one superb goal and creating another as they fought back to draw 3-3 with Serbia, a result that kept both sides' slim chances alive at the World Cup in Qatar.

Jean-Charles Castelletto's netted an opening goal for Cameroon at Al Janoub Stadium in the 29th minute. However Strahinja Pavlovic and Sergej Milinkovic-Savic of Serbia scored a goal each in

first-half stoppage time to make it 2-1 against the West Africans.

Serbia's Aleksandar Mitrovic netted after the break to make it 3-1.

Aboubakar was summoned off the bench in the 55th minute and pulled a goal back for Cameroon with a stunning scooped chip over the keeper in the 63rd, before teeing up Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting to draw them level three minutes later. The draw halted a run of eight consecutive World Cup defeats for the African side.

The result left both sides on one point and needing to win their final Group G game to stand a chance of going through to the knockout stages, with Cameroon facing Brazil on Friday when Serbia take on Switzerland.

**Portugal 2-0 victory over Uruguay**

Portugal beat Uruguay 2-0 on Monday with two goals from midfielder Bruno Fernandes to become the third team after France and Brazil to qualify for the World Cup knockout stage.

The Europeans had dominated possession before Fernandes's 54th-minute cross floated past Uruguayan goalkeeper Sergio Rochet, who

was rooted to the spot as Cristiano Ronaldo rose to head the ball and initially celebrated the goal as his.

Fernandes scored the second in injury time after a penalty was awarded for handball following a video review.

Uruguay, who had knocked Portugal out of the 2018 World Cup, put together a string of chances on the break: midfielder Rodrigo

Bentancur skipped past three players only to see his shot brilliantly saved, Maxi Gomez hit the post, and Luis Suarez shot into the side netting.

Portugal's second win in two games put them at the top of Group H on six points and heading into the last 16. Uruguay, third on one point, must beat Ghana in their final group game to have a chance of progressing.

## AFFIDAVIT

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