

PM Modi speaks to U.K. PM Rishi Sunak, discusses India-U.K. trade pact

Agency
New Delhi, Oct 28:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Britain's new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak last evening. PM Modi and his British counterpart discussed the need to close a balanced free-trade deal between India and the UK soon. "Glad to speak to Rishi Sunak today. Congratulated him on assuming charge as UK PM. We will work together to further strengthen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. We also agreed on the importance of early conclusion of a comprehensive and balanced FTA," PM Modi tweeted this evening, referring to the talks for a free-trade agreement, or FTA.

Mr Sunak tweeted a "thank you" and tagged PM Modi.

"Thank you Prime Minister Narendra Modi for your kind words as I get started in my new role. The UK and India share so much. I'm excited about what our two great democracies can achieve as we deepen our security, defence and economic partnership in the months and years ahead," tweeted the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of Britain and the youngest leader to hold the top post in the UK in over 200 years.

Imphal Times have no publication October 27, 2022 as there was press holiday on occasion of Ningol Chakouba festival

Tribute paid to late Veteran Journalist Khelen Thokchom on his 62nd Birth Anniversary

KTT Media fellow awarded to T. Bishwajit for 2022-23

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 28

Fitting tribute was paid today to late veteran journalist Khelen Thokchom on his 62nd Birth Anniversary observed at Manipur Press Club here in Imphal today.

On the occasion organized by the Khelen Thokchom Trust (KTT), media fellowship awarded to journalist every year since the inception of the trust was also distributed. Taorem Bishwajit Singh, Sub Editor of Sanaleibak, a Manipuri vernacular daily published here in Imphal was selected as the KTT Media Fellow for the year 2022-2023. Topic of the media fellow is "Challenges in sustainable agriculture in Manipur's limited paddy land resource".

People from all walks of life attended the 62nd Birth Anniversary which was presided by President of All Manipur Walking Journalist Union (AMWJU), Wangkhemcha Shamjai, President of Editor's Guild Manipur (EGM) Khogendra Khomdram, Advisor and Trustee of the KTT, Irengbam

Arun and the Founder of the Trust, Thokchom Memcha Devi.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Arun of the Anthropology department, Manipur University while speaking on the occasion recalled his association with Khelen Thokchom when he was alive.

"My friend Khelen was an exceptional person in the field of journalism. He like academic discourse and debate with his friends while filing serious stories", Prof. MC Arun said and added that Khelen tried to picturesque the causes, impact, role of people and government in different issues like Manipur integration among others."

Professor Arun said Khelen gave priority to the context rather than the event or issue by collecting information from all related angles in his news reports. Remembering him is important as concerned to news reporting as well as in pointing out the mistakes in the system and the society, he added.

Khelen passed away on April 1 during his tenure as a



special correspondent to The Telegraph, a Kolkata publication. His birth anniversary falls on October 27. Due to Ningol Chakouba festival the anniversary was observed a day later.

The gathering led by Thokchom Memcha, founder of KTT; Irengbam Arun, editor Imphal Free Press and the trust's advisor;

Khogendra Khomdram, Sangai Express Manipuri edition editor; and W. Shamjai, president of All Manipur Working Journalists Union led the gathering in paying tribute to the portrait of Khelen Thokchom.

Bishwajit, the journalist selected for the fellowship said that he was happy to choose him as media fellow for

the current year. "Encouraging the present reporters by providing fellowship in reporting on various subjects will help reporters to minutely provide a through researched report. Such encouragement is a must in the present scenario.

In the name of modernisation many paddy lands in the state have been turned to industrial sites and

minimised the arable lands against the objective of producing agricultural products to sufficiency. Measures to stop such situations and to find a solution will be highlighted in the fellowship reports with views and suggestions of experts, farmers, people and officials, he added.

This was the fifth media fellowship sponsored by KTT. It carries a fellowship amount of Rs 50,000.

Previous year's media fellow Huidrom Ronibala Chanum, reporter of Naharolgi Thoudang, was felicitated with a shawl and a certificate on the occasion. She shared her experience in reporting under the fellowship programme stating that she has got a new experience and learned many on reporting. She thanked KTT for giving her the opportunity.

KTT was initiated as soon as Khelen passed away to follow his path in journalism and guide young journalists to a proper stream of reporting as the departed journalist dreamed of in shaping Manipur.

4th District Hill Leaders' Day & Meeyamgi Numit Held

IT News
Pherzawl, Oct. 28:

Organised by the District Administration, Pherzawl, the 4th District Hill Leaders' Day & Meeyamgi Numit was held today at the Office Complex of the Deputy Commissioner. SP Pherzawl Shri. A. Ghaneshyam Sharma, MPS; Shri Lunzumung Tunngung, Addl. SP Pherzawl; Shri. Dinesh Kumar Singh, MCS, SDO/BDO (Tipaimukh & Vangai) and other DLOs led by the ADC Pherzawl (Programme Coordinator) Smt. Ch Sachi interacted with the people to



ensure the grievances of the people were addressed.

The SP and ADC of Pherzawl distributed distributed Free Text Books, Disability Guide

SIB kits and School Uniforms along with agriculture equipments & seeds. Smt. Ch Sachi speaking on behalf of the DC expresses her

gratitude while also observing that today's event held was successful due to good cooperation of all DLOs and the general public.

Public Welfare Services including awareness through PPT presentation on 'Non Timber Forest Products' & sale of VDK products by Forest Departments, awareness campaign on domestic violence by One Stop Centre, Aadhaar-Voterseding, Domicile/Tribal/Income certificates by the SDO and distribution of Police recruitment forms by Police Department are some of the highlight of today's event. Besides providing other healthcare related services the CMO Teams administered Covid vaccinations on the spot.

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

Meanwhile, prize was also given by the ADC Pherzawl to Master Kamthenjoy Singson (12) Class VIII of Leijangphai High School for bagging 4th Position in the State Level Best Gifted Child 2021-22 with an IQ Score of 136.

Mentioned may be made that District Hill Leaders' Day & Meeyamgi Numit will be held every 4th Friday for Pherzawl district whereas if the 4th Friday falls on a general holiday then it will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

PM Modi moots 'One Nation, One Police Uniform' idea; warns of 'borderless' crimes

Courtesy HT
New Delhi, Oct 28:

Close on the heels of the Centre's 'One Nation, One Ration Card' and 'One Nation, One Grid' initiatives, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday mooted the idea of 'One Nation, One Police Uniform' to states and union territories, and urged them to give it a thought, not as an "imposition" but one wrapped with a good intention to give the force a common identity.

Speaking on the second day of the 'Chintan Shivir of home ministers' at Surajkund in Haryana, the PM said that having a uniformed attire for police officers across India will not only ensure quality products due to the scale at which it'll be produced, but also give a common identity

to law enforcement as citizens will recognise police personnel anywhere in the country.

"On the lines of 'One nation, one ration card', 'one nation, one mobility card', 'one nation, one grid', we can also think of having 'one nation, one police uniform'. Yes, there can be different numbers and insignia for the states, but is this something which can be discussed among states and police establishments?" Modi said.

Currently, the British-era Khaki is worn by police across the country, but its colour, fabric and patterns change with every state and UT.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD), under the ministry of home affairs (MHA), had designed a new all-weather friendly 'smart uniform' for

Indian police in 2017 in association with the National Institute of Design (NID) and sent a report to all the states and UTs.

The BPRD developed nine prototypes of the new uniform with features such as shirt, trousers, belt, beret (cap), insignia, shoes and jacket changed, apart from designing new rainwear and headgear for the law enforcers.

Since law and order is a state subject, decisions on uniform and other aspects of policing come under local governments. It is not known if any state adopted the prototypes of BPRD's smart uniform for the police force.

During the research, BPRD found that "there was no uniformity in police uniform in India." "While basic fit and shade changed from state to

state, there were flaws like thick trouser fabric, which made it inconvenient in warm weather conditions, and not having enough space to carry personal/official objects. The helmets worn by cops are too heavy during a law-and-order situation, the metal belts are too wide and big, which poke in the stomach while bending forward, and has no option to carry cellphones, baton or keys etc., like other police forces over the world," according to the BPRD 'Smart Uniform' report seen by HT.

Another problem the BPRD found was in police officers' shoes. Leather shoes, according to the report, were found to be very uncomfortable for long duty hours. Also, the Khaki is not identifiable by the public during night and several cops

complained that similar Khaki color was used by municipality staffs, private agencies, postmen, fire department personnel, etc., which they argued took away the uniqueness of the police, BPRD said.

The new uniform designed by the bureau and the NID has features like a softer khaki shade (beige) shirt to give the cops a smart and clean look and provide effective visibility of insignias, nameplate, badge, medals, ribbons, and epaulettes on shoulder and a standardised 'Police' print on the back.

The PM also urged the police forces to assess their vehicles in light of the new scrappage policy. "Police vehicles should never be old as it is linked to their efficiency," he said.

Meanwhile, the prime minister

on Friday urged states to work together given how 'borderless' crimes are these days, and criminals operate from across the borders through technology.

Even though law and order are the responsibility of states as per the Constitution, the PM noted that they are equally linked to the unity and integrity of the country. "Every state should learn from each other, take inspiration from each other, work for the betterment of the country. This is the spirit of the constitution and it is also our responsibility towards citizens," he said.

"Whether it is cybercrime or the use of drones for the smuggling of weapons or drugs, the government needs to keep working towards new technologies to tackle the menace. The law-and-order

system can be improved with the help of smart technology," Modi said, adding that the 5G technology can be of immense help in this area.

"We should have a pan-India outlook, all our best practices should be interoperable and should have a common link," he said.

Asserting that the Centre repealed close to 1,500 pre-Independence era laws, Modi urged state governments to also repeal local laws that are obsolete.

Further, the PM said "a single instance of fake news has the capability to snowball into a matter of national concern," as he cited the example of protests across the country when the central government announced reservations in armed forces under the 'Agniveer scheme' in June.

Arousals Galore in Manipur: Needed Robust Inspiration to Save Future

By: Amar Yumnam

I listen to songs very infrequently. But I have more than hit a century listening to the song sung by our daughter-like Linthoi Shagolsem, Chaodaba Leite Loina Chaoee; I listened to this in every mood of mine. I even make the babies to listen to it. Now why this has happened? First, the lyrics are absolutely more powerful than the various socio-economic commentaries I have been writing for more than three decades. But if someone like me were the one singing, all the lyrics would go haywire and the charm would go to the winds. Here comes the second reason; Linthoi sings it with an attractive voice and in an absolutely casual-a-la normal manner. I have fallen in love with this song. There is an absolute convergence between the voice and mannerism of Linthoi and the lyrics of the song; it is this convergence which makes the difference even to a person who has never had a craze for songs.

It is the principle of convergence which is paramount in public policy-making as well. It is the absence or rather the non-caring for this and announcing whimsical statements as public policies that has led to the current Public Policy Disaster in Manipur. To begin with, there came a wonderful lyric from the government as Go to Hills, but there was no further effort to supply the accompanying Convergent Elements to convert the lyrics to a successful exercise. Thus, the hegemonic mind-set of the governance of the day got manifested to the public. Further the War on Drugs displayed in fuller view the hegemonic approach of the government on issues close to the heart and minds of the public; the public are fully informed of the powerful agents involved and their modus operandi. In other words, there was very little convergence between the pronounced lyrics and the field presentations of the lyrics. Thus, the general public were naturally swarmed by feelings of doubt on the level of credibility to be attached to government pronouncements. It is in this background that the liquor decision came. This has completed the circle of non-convergence with the contextual needs of the land and the people at this critical juncture. Now the non-convergence between the government and the public has reached a stage where the gamblers have no qualms in snatching weapons from the state-law enforcing (police) agency and returning them again; the gamblers are not to be blamed as in this we find a manifestation of the convergence between the lack of credibility of the government and the general behavioural response of the public to government initiatives. We are also hearing of people coming with a bagful of money to the Editor of the Imphal Times to compromise on a news item relating to a wing of the government.

It is exactly at this point that what William Roth wrote in 2002 in his book *The Assault on Social Policy* becomes very relevant: "One's fundamental conception of politics is a critical divide that separate shaves from have-nots and that helps make the former the more influential group. Add to that 'haves' greater power and money, as well as their control of the media, public relations, and bureaucracies, and clearly the imbalance in power falls decisively in favour of haves. The temptation to believe we can do nothing, to become sceptics or cynics, or, even worse, to use our power against other have-nots may be alluring. Though an easy out, this temptation is just another myth. Because we may know love, friendship, justice, and freedom in our personal lives while not finding them in our social lives does not mean we should readily assume that such virtues are infantile and uncivilized—in short, that they must be changed given the demands of the real world. In a decent world, such virtues should be possible. Have-nots should seek power by reasserting the traditional meaning of politics." (p. 22)

Manipur today is in such a scenario with the people realising that, in Roth's words, "Democracy is not restricted to the vote." The converging strength to this has been provided by the government with her whimsical pronouncements of public policies. The government has just attempted to arouse sentiments by such non-coherent announcements, but arousals can never be sustained for long for the internal inconsistencies would eat themselves out. Instigating a few mobilised youths for incoherent short-run objective would not go far. Instigating a few for short-term support would not go far. Instigating self to only go for immediate returns would not take a political leader far. Instigation can never be a political and governance weapon to cover distance.

It is only inspiration which would be lasting and sustain the convergence between governance and the public. Only development would occur in such an atmosphere. This is where the present government of Manipur should be applying its mind on how to go for generating an atmosphere of inspiration among the public. Cohesiveness is the guiding principle here. A sportsperson can be a competitive sportsperson for only a limited period of years. The state cannot say that, once the active period is over, it has nothing to do. It's the state's bounden duty that the few years of activity sustain the life of the sportsperson with dignity. But the responsibility of this caring is not only of a policy on Sports and the relevant cell of the government; it is a shared commitment of all. Caring the sportsperson has to link to a policy for housing, policy for educating his/her off-springs, policy for health. These would again be linked to a policy for infrastructure for education, health, etc. All these would again need to be subject to an environment policy.

Manipur needs today a Public Policy enunciating the avowed social objectives of the land and the people. While the details of each sector cannot be incorporated in this, we can see to it that every action by the government complies with the enunciated principles of social policy. "Whether we believe that in the long run democracy, justice, and decency will prevail or that they are doomed does not discount that have-nots can participate in politics and in the formation of policy. What is needed for an intelligent politics of have-nots are work, dedicated thinking, action, and rationality....."

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Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development

By: Sanjenbam Jugeshwor Singh

For almost two years and half now, the world has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. But how much worse could the situation have been without the progress and the results produced by decades, even centuries, by curiosity-driven scientific research? We deplore the many deaths due to COVID-19, and the future is still very uncertain, especially with the detection of new variants, some of which are spreading more quickly. But how could we have known that the infection was caused by a virus, what this virus looks like and what its genetic sequence and variations are without basic research? Viruses were discovered in the beginning of the 20th century, thanks to the work of **Frederick Twort**, **Felix d'Herelle** and many others. The first electron microscope was built in the 1930s by **Ernst Ruska** and **Max Knoll**; and DNA sequencing began in the mid-1970s, notably with research by the groups of **Frederick Sanger** and **Walter Gilbert**. Such a list could of course go on and on, with basic research at the root of countless tests, treatments, vaccines and epidemiological modeling exercises. We even owe high-speed, long-distance communications, which allow us to coordinate the fight against the pandemic and reduce interruption education, economic activities and even the practice of science to the discovery and study of electromagnetic waves and optic fibers during the 19th century and development of algorithms and computers codes during the 20th century. The COVID-19 pandemic is a reminder (so harsh and brutal that we would have preferred to have been spared) of how much we rely on the continuous development of basic sciences for a balanced, sustainable and inclusive development of the planet.

Global change is creating enormous challenges for humanity. The world's population is expected to grow from nearly 6 billion today to 8.5 billion by the year 2025. Global energy requirements will continue to increase. The newly industrialized countries of Asia and Latin America are experiencing very rapid economic growth that is bringing modern society's environmental problems, including air and water pollution and waste problems, to wider areas of the globe. The ecological problems caused by human economic activity are worsening and taking on global dimensions. Climate change, ozone-layer depletion, and

loss of forest cover are important examples. At the same time, social conditions continue to worsen in many developing countries. It is estimated that more than 1 billion people now live in poverty without sufficient food, adequate educational opportunities, or any possibility of political participation. Although financial and economic markets are becoming more and more interconnected and we like to think in terms of a "global village," our efforts to enshrine environmental protection and development as the common task and responsibility of all countries have just begun to make headway. The key aim for the 21st century is "sustainable development," which the international community embraced at the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. Sustainable development seeks to reconcile environmental protection and development; it means nothing more than using resources no faster than they can regenerate themselves, and releasing pollutants to no greater extent than natural resources can assimilate them.

If we are to move toward sustainable development, the industrialized countries will have to accept special responsibility—not only because of their past ecological sins, but also because of their present technological know-how and financial resources. Yet, one must keep in mind that sustainable production and consumption involve not merely technical progress, but also cultural patterns of individual behavior and values. There are several possible ways to achieve environmental compatibility in lifestyles and economies. Technical and scientific innovations provide excellent prospects for environmental protection. As we approach the end of the 20th century, industrial society is becoming a knowledge-based society. It is vital that we use our growing knowledge and capabilities responsibly, and that we use them in the interest of environmentally appropriate development. Science must play an important role in the pursuit of sustainable development, especially in the following categories:

Energy use: The key technologies of sustainable development include new energy and propulsion technologies that will help reduce emissions of climate-damaging greenhouse gases. Simply to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations at twice their preindustrial levels, we will have to reduce current global green-

house emissions by over 50%. Germany has set a goal of reducing CO₂ emissions by 25% by the year 2025, with respect to the 1990 level. Achieving this goal involves focusing on improved thermal insulation in buildings, on the use of heat/power cogeneration, and on efficient support for the use of renewable energies. Currently the most progress is found in the area of wind energy; in the medium term, the use of solar energy, with photovoltaic technology, will continue to grow in significance. An honest consideration of our options indicates that we cannot afford to discontinue peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Closure of substance cycles: Modern Microsystems and control technologies are also providing new opportunities to design environmentally friendly production processes. While filter and wastewater-treatment technologies have considerably enhanced air and water quality in recent years, they are never more than the second-best solution, and have been surpassed by integrated environmental technology, that is, technology that optimizes the use of materials and energy. This involves material-efficient, energy-efficient production processes as well as the manufacture of environmentally compatible products, especially those that generate little waste. We have created the necessary framework for this with the Closed Substance Cycle and Waste Management Act, which came into force in 1996. Instruments such as eco-audits, which help identify the saving potentials from environmental protection investments, also promote development of such "clean" technologies.

Environmentally compatible mobility: Environmentally compatible traffic concepts are a particularly important category for innovation. In Germany, the automobile industry now accounts for about 20% of all industrial investments in research and development. "Three-liter cars" (that is, cars consuming less than 3 liters of gasoline per 100 km), natural-gas engines, electric cars, hydrogen engines, and fuel-cell engines can all play a role in eliminating motor-vehicle emissions. Telematics can enable traffic to move more efficiently. Information and communication technologies can eliminate the need for physical transports in some areas, and computerized logistics in goods transports can reduce total transport distances.

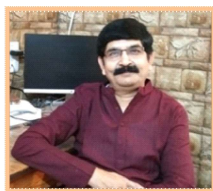
Bio-technology: Biotechnology is expected to bring important advances in medical diagnosis and therapy, in solving food problems, in energy saving, in environmentally compatible industrial and agricultural production, and in specially targeted environmental protection projects. Genetically altered microorganisms can break down a wide range of pollutants by being used, for example, in bio-filters and waste-water-treatment facilities, and in the clean-up of polluted sites. Genetically modified organisms can also alleviate environmental burdens by reducing the need for pesticides, fertilizers, and medications.

Sustainability, as a strategic aim, involves optimizing the interactions between nature, society, and the economy, in accordance with ecological criteria. Political leaders and scientists alike face the challenge of recognizing interrelationships and interactions between ecological, economic, and social factors and taking account of these factors when seeking solution strategies. To meet this challenge, decision-makers require interdisciplinary approaches and strategies that cut across political lines. Environmental discussions must become more objective, and this includes, especially, debates about the risks of new technologies, which are often ideologically charged. In light of the complex issues involved in sustainable development, we need clearer standards for orienting and assessing our environmental policies. In this context I consider the current work on indicator models as a means to assess and monitor the success of sustainability strategies, to be of great significance.

Sustainable development can succeed only if all areas of the political sector, of society, and of science accept the concept and work together to implement it. A common basic understanding of environmental ethics is needed to ensure that protection of the natural foundation of life becomes a major consideration in all political and individual action. A dialogue among representatives of all sectors of society is needed if appropriate environmental policies are to be devised and implemented. In the long term, "progress" works against us if it continues to be detrimental to nature. This realization will find increasing acceptance. Environmental protection will play a central role in the 21st century and will be a major challenge for politicians and scientists alike.

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Empowering Widows in India



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

There are around 55 million widows in India. It is well known that in India widows tend to face many difficulties and deprivations because of negative social attitudes towards them and social restrictions that are placed upon them and their activities. Indian family as a social institution is well known for the emotional and physical support that it provides, for its extended members, many a time but it fails to respond the needs of women, especially for women in difficult circumstances e.g. for widows. The widows are the unaccepted face of India, many leading agencies including Central and Local Governments have failed them, Politicians with rare exceptions have ignored them and wider society continues to exploit them.

As widows move through their own experiences of grief, loss, or trauma after the death of a spouse, they may also face economic insecurity, discrimination, stigmatization, and harmful traditional practices on

the basis of their marital status. It is observed that a widow from a relatively well-up family may be subject to greater cruelty and abuse by her in-laws than a lower caste widow who free enough to work outside in the public space and to remarry.

It is well known that in India widows tend to face many difficulties and deprivations because of negative social attitudes towards them and social restrictions that are placed upon them and their activities. They are subject to patriarchal customs, religious laws and widespread discrimination in inheritance rights. Many suffer abuse and exploitation at the hands of family members, often in the context of property disputes. Many widows have flocked to the city of Vrindavan—a city that has become internationally recognised.

Many continue to hold myths and stigmas against widows. Sometimes, widows are believed to be witches who have dark su-

pernatural powers. On other occasions, they are accused of having committed a grave sin in their previous birth for which they are punished with widowhood. A widow not only deals with the loss of her husband but also faces numerous physical and socio-economical hardships that can cause psychological trauma. These women are susceptible to depression, anxiety, loneliness, helplessness, and loss of self worth and confidence.

Empowering widows to support themselves and their families also means addressing social stigmas that create exclusion, and discriminatory or harmful practices. The stigma surrounding widows endures today and ought to be addressed. It is undoubtedly good that governments, NGOs, and other entities are working to support widows—but there is a broad societal need, one no less than a moral and social imperative, to end the stigma surrounding widowhood.

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WhatsApp Submits its Report to IT Ministry on Tuesday's Service Outage

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Oct. 28:

Messaging platform WhatsApp on Thursday submitted its report on Tuesday's service outage to the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in response to the letter sent seeking clarification by the ministry on Wednesday. The ministry had asked the Meta-owned messaging platform to share reasons for the longest-ever service disruption- whether it was due to an internal glitch or a cyberattack. The ministry had asked the platform to submit its report to the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team, a nodal agency under the MeitY. WhatsApp services snag on

Tuesday had left users complaining about not being able to send or receive text and video messages, and services had resumed after nearly two hours.

According to official sources, WhatsApp has submitted its report on the service outage. Following the outage, WhatsApp said a technical error had caused the disruption in services.

"We know people had trouble sending messages on WhatsApp today. We have fixed the issue and apologise for any inconvenience," a spokesperson for WhatsApp parent company Meta Platforms had said adding that the brief outage was a result of a technical snag which was subsequently resolved.

WhatsApp did not work for many users across multiple

regions. The major outage cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata that were impacted by the technical snag. The services resumed after nearly two hours but not for all.

#whatsappdown was trended on Twitter on Tuesday, with over 142,000 tweets and hundreds of memes flooding the internet and pushing people to use other social media apps for communication.

Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray faction on Thursday targeted the Centre for asking Meta to submit a report on the global outage. Taking a swipe at the central government, Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said in a tweet that she "didn't know WhatsApp is part of an essential service or a welfare

scheme" provided or paid by the government.

Ever since the coronavirus pandemic hit the world forcing people to work from home, WhatsApp has become a critical means of communication. The instant messaging app has over 500 million users in India and has become ubiquitous in the country.

In October 2021, all the three of its social media platforms—Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp—had suffered a nearly seven-hour outage, which the company had then said was caused due to "configuration changes on the backbone routers that coordinate network traffic" among the different Meta data centres. The outage hit the trading of assets from crypto currencies to oil.

NSF to celebrate 75 years of its existence tomorrow

IT News
Imphal, Oct. 28:

The Naga Students' Federation is celebrating its 75 years of existence on October 29 at Naga Solidarity Park, Kohima from 9000 Hrs onwards under the theme 'Call to Oneness'.

The event will be graced by Eno. Neiphiu Rio, Hon'ble CM Nagaland as the Special Guest while Eno. Lowangcha Wanglat Former Minister,

Home & Finance, Arunachal Pradesh be the Guest of Honour. Leaders of the North East Students' Organisation (NESO) & its component units have confirmed their participation in the event.

The event will witness a plethora of cultural presentations from various Naga tribes cutting across the artificial boundaries. A team from the Naga Self Administered Zone in Myanmar is also set to display

their vibrant culture during the celebration. A grand jubilee feast for all the participants will be one of the highlights of the celebration.

In light of this, the Convenor & Members of the organizing committee along with the President & Colleagues of NSF invites all the NSF seniors, Unit leaders, well-wishers & the Naga people to come and be a part of the celebration and share the jubilee blessings.

CCI imposes a fine of Rs. 936.44 crore on Google for Anti-Competitive Play Store Policies

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Oct. 28:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty of Rs. 936.44 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies, apart from issuing a cease-and-desist order, on Tuesday.

The Commission also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline and gave 30 days time to provide the requisite financial details. The Commission imposed a penalty @ 7% of its average relevant turnover on provisional basis, for violating Section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002. It also directed the company to desist from indulging in anti-competitive practices.

For app developers, app stores have become a necessary medium for distribution of their apps to the end users and the availability of app store(s) is directly dependent on operating system (OS) installed on a smart device. An appreciation of the market dynamics in licensable mobile operating system in India makes it evident that Google's Android OS has successfully reaped the indirect

network effects.

The Commission found Google to be dominant in the markets for licensable OS for smart mobile devices and market for app stores for Android smart mobile OS, in India. Selling of in-app digital goods constitutes an important means for app developers to monetize their creations/innovations. However, for in-app digital goods to be distributed to purchasing users, developers must configure their apps so that all purchases of the digital goods go through Google's payment system, which processes the transactions.

Google's Play Store policies require the App developers to exclusively and mandatorily use Google Play's Billing System (GPBS) not only for receiving payments for Apps (and other digital products like audio, video, games) distributed/sold through the Google Play Store, but also for certain in-app purchases (purchases made by users after they have downloaded/purchased the App from the Play Store). Besides, app developers cannot, within an app, provide users with a direct link to a webpage containing an alterna-

tive payment method or use language that encourages a user to purchase the digital item outside of the app, the Commission's statement read.

If the app developers do not comply with Google's policy of using GPBS, they are not permitted to list their apps on the Play Store and thus, lose out the vast pool of potential customers in the form of Android users. Making access to the Play Store dependent on mandatory usage of GPBS for paid apps and in-app purchases was unfair, the Commission observed.

The Commission noted that Google Pay has been integrated with intent flow methodology whereas other UPI apps can be used through collect flow methodology. With intent flow offering significant advantages, its success rate is higher due to lower latency.

The Commission concluded that, to make app developers dependent on mandatory usage of GPBS for paid apps and in-app purchases, constitutes an imposition of unfair condition. The mandatory imposition of GPBS, also results in denial of market access for payment aggregators as well as app developers.

PEC demands probe into murder of Pak journalist in Nairobi

Geneva/Switzerland,
October 28:

Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), the global media safety and rights body, condemned the murder of Pakistani journalist Arshad Sharif (50) in Nairobi, who becomes the 102nd media victims so far in 2022 and urged the Kenya government to fairly probe into the incident that led to his demise. The broadcast journalist in exile, who was critical to the Pak military agencies, was shot dead by armed personnel on Sunday

night, stated his wife Javeria Siddique.

A former reporter with ARY TV Arshad fled to Kenya in August following troubles in his country. A Karachi-born Arshad started his journalistic career three decades back and emerged as a popular media personality with his investigative reports. A master's degree holder in media studies, Arshad also worked with Aaj News, Dunya TV, Dawn News, etc. Pakistan Federal Journalists Association along with a large number of media workers condoled his

untimely demise.

"We demand a transparent judicial investigation into Arshad's killing and urge Kenyan President William Ruto to punish the culprits, involved with his murder, under the relevant laws," said Blaise Lempen, president of PEC, adding that the brave journalist had to leave Pakistan following sedition charges were framed against him following an interview with an opposition politician.

Pakistan earlier lost journalists Muhammad Younis, Ifthikhar Ahmed, Hasnain

Shah, Murtaza Shar and Athar Mateen to assassins this year, said PEC's south Asia representative Nava Thakuria adding that India witnessed the murder of journalists Rohit Kumar Biswal, Sudhir Saini, Juned Khan Pathan and Subhash Kumar Mahato since 1 January.

Journalists namely Hashibur Rahman Rubel, Mohiuddin Sarker Nayeem and Abdul Bari were killed in Bangladesh and Myanmar witnessed the death of photojournalist Aye Kyaw and journalist Pu Tui Dim in military atrocities.

Career Guidance

Digital Transformation



By: Vijay GarG

When was the last time any one of us visited a public library in India? Most likely, not in a while. We also assume that they've disappeared. Which is possible, but data seems to suggest that libraries are alive and thriving. Rare books, the rarified atmosphere of the library, it seems, can still be experienced in around 54,000 libraries across

the country.

The Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns in the last two years forced us to look at things we take for granted, like everyday pleasures like reading or going to libraries. Schools and education of children have undergone an extensive digital transformation to be able to meet the needs of the young generation and their digitalized future. The digital transformation initiated by the pandemic in the basic education of the young generation, the variety of digital divides emerging and reinforced, and the possible barriers reported along the way now has cleared the way for digital transformation. Digital transformation, i.e. "a process that aims to improve an entity by triggering significant changes to its properties

through combinations of information, computing, communication, and connectivity technologies" is generally taking place in all spheres of our life and affecting everyone from babies till the elderly; for sure, it is not confined only to organizations and the workplace anymore. Existing resources and capabilities, including factors such as technology, culture, practices, people's skills and competences as well as their values, attitudes, identities and mindsets, have been considered as barriers to digital transformation.

Information management research should acknowledge children, their digitalized everyday life and their basic education as significant areas of concern. We should understand them as well as allow them to shape the education we offer in

the context of higher education, but we should also aim at influencing the basic education of the young generation – for the purpose of equipping them with important skills and competencies but also for the purpose of arousing their interest in this important field, maybe even as a career option.

When technology complements the equitable and universal access to knowledge resources through digital libraries that will definitely open up the possibility of far more flexible and coherent multimedia collections. As each generation becomes more in tune with the internet, their desire to retrieve information as quickly and easily as possible has increased. Effective knowledge creation and deployment could lead to societal transformation and wealth generation.

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Arousals Galore in Manipur: Needed....

What we expect of a polity includes what we expect of our political economy: a high measure of efficiency. We do not wish people to work hard for nothing, or almost nothing. Nor do we wish resources to be squandered. We expect there to be a safety net so that being out of work does not mean starvation, homelessness, or other outrageous fortunes. Further, since people should not have to beg for their survival, we expect such a safety net to be a matter of right, not public lar-

gesse or private charity. We do not expect workers to be wage slaves but to be able to express a substantial measure of freedom in and through their work..... The market is a tool, subservient to conscious democratic politics. Decisions of what are and what are not to be market commodities; when, where, and how to regulate them; policies of taxation; and the various social policies..... must be open to continual democratic change. Equality of opportunity is rou-

tinely expected and promised. Still, one expects thereto be substantial equality of results. The present difference between have sand have-nots is unacceptable, and that this difference may well increase in the future is monstrous. Democracy is to be expected in the organization of work, and hence so too a diminution of bureaucracy, hierarchy, and domination. Leisure, too, should be democratic, if only because the lessons of work are complexly transferred to

the conditions of leisure, and so the two are related.... Such expectations are not at odds with others equally reasonable, are not internally contradictory, and are justifiable."

If Manipur is to be saved from the current atmosphere of public policy disaster, we need a government committed to halting the assault on society and attend to what have been said. The King is Dead, Long Live the King.

(The author is a Visiting Professor, CESS: Hyderabad)

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

ANNEXURE-I

Scheduled I VIII, Form No. 100
High Court Criminal Process No. 4

CASE NO. :- SPECIAL TRIAL NO. 54 OF 2022

FIR No. 76(9)/1987 MRH-PS
U/S 21 ND & PS Act

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED

(Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

1) Name, Description and address of the Accused:
Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei (23 years) now aged about 58 years S/o Khama Vaiphei of Moreh Prem Nagar, Moreh Ward No. 3, P.S. Moreh.

Whereas complaint has been made before Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei has committed the offence punishable Under Section 21 ND & PS Act (FIR No. 76(9)/1987 MRH-PS) and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon stating that Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.

2) Name of the accused:
Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei

Proclamation is thereby made that the Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the 7th day of December, 2022.

3) Place :
Imphal

Dated 05th Day of October, 2022

Sd/-
Alex Muivah
Special Judge (ND & PS) (FTC)
Manipur

(Adv't 2 days)

Report info on accounts of 10 terrorists to govt: RBI tells banks

Agency
Mumbai, Oct. 28:

The Reserve Bank on Thursday asked banks and other financial institutions to report to the government details about accounts resembling 10 individuals who have been designated as terrorists by the Union home ministry earlier this month.

On October 4, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had designated a total of 10 members of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and other proscribed outfits as terrorists under the Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Those designated as terrorists include Habibullah Malik alias Sajid Jutt, a Pakistani national, Basit Ahmad Reshi, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla but is currently based in Pakistan, Imtiyaz Ahmad Kandoo alias Sajad, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore but now lives in Pakistan, Zafar Iqbal alias Salim, who is from Poonch but presently residing in Pakistan, and Sheikh Jameel-ur-Rehman alias Sheikh Sahab, who hails from Pulwama.

The others are Bilal Ahmad

Beigh alias Babar, who hails from Srinagar but is currently based in Pakistan, Rafiq Nai alias Sultan of Poonch, Irshad Ahmad alias Idrees from Doda, Bashir Ahmad Peer alias Imtiyaz of Kupwara and Showkat Ahmad Sheikh alias Showkat Mochi of Baramulla, currently based in Pakistan.

In separate notifications, the MHA said Habibullah Malik was the key handler of the terrorists who carried out an attack on Indian soldiers in Poonch and has been involved in air-dropping of arms and communication systems through drones in the Jammu region for terrorists

based in Jammu and Kashmir. "Regulated Entities (REs) are advised to take note of the aforementioned Gazette notifications issued by MHA for necessary compliance," the RBI said in a notification.

As per the RBI's master direction on know your customer: "Details of accounts resembling any of the individuals/entities in the lists shall be reported to FIU-IND apart from advising Ministry of Home Affairs..."

The Reserve Bank's REs include, banks, all-India financial institutions (viz. Exim Bank, NABARD, NHB, SIDBI, and NaBFID), and NBFCs.

Ntangki national park will be preserved as Naga national property: NSCN-IM

Agency
Dimapur, Oct. 28:

The NSCN-IM has said the Ntangki national park in Nagaland will remain protected and preserved as Naga national property whether there is solution to the Naga political problem or not.

The outfit, on Tuesday, issued a statement in response to the recent allegations of the Senior Citizen Association of Nagaland (SCAN) that the national park is under full control of the former.

It said anything that matters "national interest" should not be allowed to escape the eyes of public scrutiny if something is suspected to be going wrong.

The NSCN-IM said it is on record that Ntangki National Park originally belongs to Old Bisumpui village and that it has well-defined boundaries.

It said the critical need to protect the Ntangki forest and wildlife was taken up during the NSCN national assembly, Gilgal Camp, 1996, where it was resolved to protect and preserve the Ntangki forest as wildlife reserved forest.

Accordingly, the NSCN said, no newly set up villages were allowed to exist inside the Ntangki National Park.

Further, it said during the course of Indo-Naga political talks the Ntangki National Park was never a topic of discussion as this has nothing

to do with the Naga political settlement.

The statement said it is unfortunate that the SCAN has targeted the NSCN unfairly with their misleading statement that it had occupied Ntangki National Park and put under its full control.

"Given the magnitude of the issue, the SCAN should have acted in a more responsible manner and not go for spoiled-brat-like grumble with the highly inflammatory allegations against the NSCN," it said.

The statement added that the association should have chosen the path that would reflect its wisdom and temperament on the given issue rather than cry foul against NSCN bereft of valid justification.

North Korea fires two short-range ballistic missiles, South Korea says

Courtesy- CNN
Seoul, Oct. 28:

North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missile into waters off the east coast of the Korean Peninsula on Friday, according to South Korean military officials, adding to tensions in the region.

The missiles were fired from Tongchon county in North Korea's eastern Kangwon province between 11:59 a.m. and 12:18 p.m. local time on Friday, according to a statement by South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS).

"Our military has strengthened its surveillance and vigilance and it is

maintaining a fully prepared posture while closely cooperating with the US," the JCS added.

Friday's launch is North Korea's 28th this year, according to a CNN count, and comes as South Korea wraps up its Hoguk military drills — a joint amphibious operation between the South Korean navy, marine corps and air force. Before Friday's launch, Pyongyang's most recent test was on October 13.

Earlier this month, North Korean state media broke six months of silence over this year's spate of missile tests, claiming they were meant to demonstrate Pyongyang's readiness to fire tactical

nuclear warheads at potential targets in the South.

The aggressive acceleration in weapons testing has sparked alarm in the region, with the United States, South Korea and Japan responding with missile launches and joint military exercises.

Next week, South Korea is set to conduct a large-scale joint air force training with the US involving the US' F-35B stealth jet, according to the South Korean Air Force.

Experts have previously told CNN that North Korea leader Kim Jong Un could be sending a message by deliberately showcasing the nation's arsenal during a



period of heightened global conflict.

South Korean and US officials have been warning since May that North Korea may be preparing for its first nuclear test since 2017, with satellite imagery showing activity at its underground nuclear test site.

Sitrang damages several houses in Mizoram, no casualties

Agency
Aizawl, Oct. 28:

Heavy rains accompanied by storms have damaged houses in some parts of Mizoram, officials said.

However, no casualty has been reported, they said.

As per the latest information, two houses in western Mizoram's Mamit district and five, including two relief camps occupied by Myanmar nationals, in Siha district in the southern part of the state bordering Myanmar, were damaged by rains and gusty

winds late Monday, officials said.

One of the two houses in the Mamit district owned by a widow was damaged when a collapsed tree caused by gusty wind hit it, they said.

Heavy rains and gusty winds also triggered landslides and uprooted trees on highways in various parts of the state, they said.

However, there were no reports of major disasters and detailed reports are awaited from across the state, officials said.

They said that heavy rains

and storms also disrupted power supplies in some parts of the state.

All schools from nursery to class 12 in Aizawl district, southern Mizoram's Lunglei district and Serchhip district remained shut on Tuesday in view of cyclone Sitrang and the likelihood of very heavy to extremely rainfall battering the state.

District administrations have advised people not to venture out to rivers between Monday and Wednesday as a precautionary measure to avoid calamities.

Sports

ISL 2022-23: Odisha FC Beat Bengaluru FC 1-0 to Go Top of the Table

Agency
Bhubaneswar, Oct. 28:

Odisha solidified their fortress in Kalinga, picking up their second win in two games at home, as they pipped Bengaluru FC 1-0 to move to the top of the Indian Super League (ISL) with nine points. Nandhakumar Sekar scored a better in the 33rd minute, and it turned out to be the game's only goal. This was Sekar's second ISL goal and also his second against Bengaluru FC in the ISL.

Josep Gombau made one change to the side that defeated Kerala Blasters. Raynier Fernandes replaced Isaac Chhakhuak in the Odisha FC midfield. Simon Grayson changed the Blues' starting formation for the first time in the ISL this season. Alan Costa and Javier Hernandez were replaced by Leon Augustine and Roy Krishna as Bengaluru FC switched to a four-man defence.

The hosts started on the front foot as BFC goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu quickly went down and denied Jerry Mawimhingthanga at the near post after just two minutes. At the other end, Roy Krishna pounced on a long ball but saw his strike fly wide.



Midway through the first half, Bruno Silva played a sublime through ball to Krishna. The striker was denied by a brave save from a charging Amrinder Singh. Approaching the half-hour mark, Saul Crespo's cross from the right flank was missed by BFC's Aleksandar Jovanovic before Diego Mauricio fired it wide.

The Juggernauts opened their account in the 33rd minute with an absolute thunderbolt from Sekar. Sahil Panwar's corner was cleared, but only for as Sekar. The striker bagged his second

ISL goal in style with a venomous strike from 26 yards out.

Closing in on the hour mark, the game got quite scrappy in the middle third. Bengaluru FC tried to push the hosts into their own half. Creativity in the midfield was lacking as both sides attempted a few long passes towards their respective strikers. Krishna was tightly marked and so was substitute Pedro Martin at the other end.

In the 67th minute, the Juggernauts embarked forward, with Pedro Martin

getting the ball into the box. The striker's scuffed step ultimately landed in the path of Jerry, who was entirely unmarked. However, the winger failed to capitalise and fired his shot straight at the keeper. Defender Alan Costa, who scratched a headed goal in BFC's only success of the season so far, came on seven minutes from time to play alongside Krishna. However, the visitors failed to use the final touch, finishing the contest with just a couple of shots on target and no player entering the scoresheet.

Ronaldo on target as Manchester United seals Europa League knockout spot

Agency
Old Trafford (England)
October 28:

Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo scored on his return to the starting lineup as they sealed a place in the Europa League knockout rounds with a 3-0 victory over Sheriff Tiraspol at Old Trafford on Thursday.

Ronaldo, who was left out of the squad for the weekend Premier League trip to Chelsea for disciplinary reasons, scored United's third goal after Diogo Dalot and Marcus Rashford had given the home side a comfortable lead.

United is in second place in Group E with 12 points from five matches ahead of their visit to Real Sociedad in its final pool game next week,

where victory could see it top the table and book a place straight into the last 16.

Erik ten Hag's side never looked troubled against Moldovan outfit Sheriff and might have been out of sight by halftime after creating numerous chances but only had Dalot's header from a Christian Eriksen corner just

before the break to show for it.

Defender Harry Maguire came on for the second half having missed the previous eight games with a hamstring injury as United doubled their lead when Rashford headed in Luke Shaw's cross in the 65th. Ronaldo netted a late third from close range.

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Dayana Hijam, do hereby declare that I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name **Dayana Devi Hijam**, as I have assumed my new name **Dayana Hijam**.

In future my name shall be known as Dayana Hijam in all my documents and others.

Sd/-

Dayana Hijam

w/o Maibam Abungcha

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Online Essay Competition

Commemorating the 126th Birth Anniversary of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot, Team Imphal Times is organizing an Online Essay Competition. This is the 2nd time that the Team Imphal Times is organizing an Essay Competition. This year theme is – "Manipur's Socio-Economic Problems: System Failure or Individual False."

All submitted essays will be published in the Imphal Times newspaper and the name of the winners will also be published. The word count for the essay must be between 1000 and 1200 words.

1st prize Rs 5000, 2nd prize Rs 3000, and 3rd prize Rs 2000 with certificates

The competition is opened to all individuals and every submission must be accompanied by a photo/image of the candidate. The last date of submission will be 6 pm on October 30.

All participants should enclose details of their identity. Father's or Mother's name, Address, Qualification, Contact No. (Cell Phone or Landline) should be enclosed at the of submitting the write up. Language medium : English.

Participant can be sent by e-mail to: imphaltimesessaycompt@gmail.com

in MS Word or PDF format .

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