

## CM and others wishes people on “Mera Hou Chongba”

IT News  
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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Minister, Textile, Commerce and Industry & Co-operation Minister Nemcha Kipgen wish the people of the state on occasion of “Mera Hou Chongba”.

In his message, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh while greetings and best wishes to the people of Manipur on the joyous occasion of Mera Hou Chongba which falls on 9th October, 2022.

Mera Hou Chongba is a unique festival of Manipur, celebrated on the full-moon day of the month of Mera in Manipuri lunar calendar since time immemorial. The festival is jointly celebrated by different communities living in the State to promote brotherhood, peace, unity and integrity. It also marks the solidarity among different ethnic groups in Manipur and symbolizes our belief in the principle of pluralism and co-existence. -

On this joyous occasion, let us together reaffirm our unyielding commitment to maintain unity and harmony among our different communities. Let us also join hands and put our efforts together to take the State to new heights of development. I join the people of Manipur in the celebration of Mera Hou Chongba 2022.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen also wish the people on occasion of Mera Hou Chongba.

In his message the Minister wrote: “Mera Hou Chongba is a festival which exemplifies the inextricable and strong bond, oneness and brotherhood among people of different ethnic communities of Manipur. It is celebrated with pomp, gaiety and traditional fervour every year. May this festival bind all the people of our state as one close knit family with a sense of oneness, love, peaceful co-existence and brotherhood. I, once again, convey my best wishes and warm regards to all on this occasion.”

## Entrance for MLIS to be conducted offline

IT News  
Imphal, Oct 8:

The Manipur University Entrance Test (MUET) 2022 for admission to MLIS-1st Semester for the academic session 2022-23 shall be conducted in OFFLINE mode on October 9 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the New Social Sciences Block, Manipur University. Candidates are required to report by 12:00 noon. All the details for the test has already made available on the website of the University: www.manipuruniv.ac.in, said a press release by the Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University.

## NCERT bans National Talent Search Examination Scheme

IT Correspondent  
New Delhi, Oct 8:

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has put the National Talent Search Examination Scheme (NTSE) on hold till further orders. This information was given in an official order. This popular scholarship scheme is funded by the Ministry of Education and implemented by NCERT.

The scholarship exam is conducted every year in two phases – Phase I (State Level) and Phase II (National Level). NCERT in an official order the National Talent Search Scheme is a central scheme fully funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. NCERT in an official order said, “National Talent Search Scheme

is a central scheme fully funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. NCERT is the implementing agency of the NTS scheme. The scheme was approved by 31 March 2021. It said, “The scheme has not been approved for further implementation in its present form and has been put on hold till further orders.” E is.”

According to senior NCERT officials, the ministry is reviewing the scheme for the purpose of re-introducing it. A senior council official said, “Discussions are on to re-introduce the NTSE exam, which would include increasing the number of scholarships as well as increasing the scholarship amount to benefit more and more students.” However, he did not specify any time frame for

this. This exam is conducted in Hindi, English and 11 other Indian languages. Scholarship Students pursuing science and social sciences are awarded up to the doctoral level and up to the second degree level in professional courses such as medicine and engineering.

In this, a scholarship of Rs 1,250 is given every month to the students of class 11th and 12th, while a scholarship of Rs 2,000 is given to the undergraduate and postgraduate students every month. A total of 2,000 scholarships are given in the country, of which 15 percent are for Scheduled Castes, 7.5 percent for Scheduled Tribes and 27 percent for Other Backward Classes and there is a reservation of four percent for the differently-abled students.

## Mobile Consumers can directly report Lost Mobile handset blocking online – DoT NE

IT News  
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With the aim to curtail the counterfeit mobile phone market and discourage mobile phone theft, protect consumer interest, and facilitate law enforcement authorities; DoT implemented the Central Equipment Identity Registry (CEIR) that connects to the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment number) database of all the mobile Operators. CEIR acts as a central system for all network Operators to share blacklisted mobile devices so that devices blacklisted in one network will not work on other networks even if the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card in the device is changed, informed Sr

DDG DoT NE LSA at Shillong, today.

Through the extension of the project to the six states in the North Eastern region i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura; a mobile consumer can now file Mobile handset theft information only on www.ceir.gov.in by uploading Police station complain of lost mobile and ID proof to block his/her Mobile handset use in all Indian mobile network across the country. The facility was launched on Dussehra day for the users of NER (6 States) as a mark of fight against evil. Substantial checks and balances have been incorporated in the system so that only the authorized user of the lost mobile can register

the information and no one else, stated Sr DDG.

Later, police authorities can track (with location details) the status of this blocked handset if anyone tries to use it, said Ravi Goel, Sr DDG NE Shillong. The system will help Police authorities to recover this lost handset also and discourage its theft. The facility is being extended to LEAs shortly and progressively in each of the six states to register such information directly from respective police stations also.

With this, NE state becomes the first few states who are able to use such facility, besides Maharashtra, Goa, Delhi, and Karnataka. The facility is slated to be extended to all Licensed Service Area of Country progressively.

## 70th NEC Plenary Meeting: Complete and targeted utilization of the 10% GBS for the NER States is the key to rapid development- G Kishan Reddy



PIB  
Guwahati, Oct 8:

Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Tourism, Culture, and, G. Kishan Reddy addressed the North Eastern Council (NEC)'s 70th Plenary meeting held in Guwahati. Addressing senior officials from the eight North Eastern States and central ministries, Kishan Reddy highlighted several important issues critical to the growth and development of the region.

He said that Indian Government has been working relentlessly to establish peace and stability, enhance connectivity in the region and have attained considerable success as well. He said that it is PM Narendra Modi's strong belief that without development of North East Region, India cannot develop.

He said that NER has entered its 'Amrit Samay' and we need to take complete advantage of this and awaken all possibilities of growth and development. The minister impressed upon the officers that the goal of making NER the growth engine of India can be reached only with complete coordination between the center and state governments.

He further added that all stakeholders, Centre, States, private sector need to work jointly and focus on further enhancing infrastructure and connectivity in the region.

He said that complete and targeted utilization of the 10% GBS for the NER States is the key to rapid development. Regular analysis of 10% GBS utilization needs to be done and accordingly reorienting of policies, overcoming data bottlenecks and striking coordination with central line ministries must be done, he added. He all urged all State government officers to give their recommendations to ensure effective utilization, such as amending policies, guidelines etc.

He said that an Agri Task Force which was recently constituted shall soon release its final report. He said that the task force findings must be leveraged to ensure that complete utilization in this financial year.

The Minister also suggested that there is a need to conduct a “strengths and weaknesses analysis” and “identify gaps in key sectors”. This would help in more targeted developmental initiatives. He further added that while selecting project factors such as NER

district-wise SDG index, aspirational districts, connectivity to rural habitations and areas and level of poverty indices should be taken into consideration. He also urged the officials to ensure good tendering norms and robust monitoring.

Reflecting on tourism potential of the region, the minister informed that the Ministry of DoNER is constituting a Tourism Task Force to ensure realization of complete potential of the region. He said that developing tourism infrastructure, skilling and capacity building are the core priorities for developing Tourism in the region.

He also highlighted that we must also explore the potential offered by security services industry to generate employment among the youth in the NER.

The Minister further emphasised the need for private investment. He said that central and state governments need to jointly work to develop an investment-friendly environment in the NER. He suggested that a few top-priority/target sectors need to be identified and work on increasing investment potential of the region and overcoming bottlenecks in those sectors.

## PREPAK celebrating 45th Foundation Day

IT News  
Imphal, Oct 8:

Proscribe group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) sends revolutionary greetings to the people of Manipur, both hills and valley on the occasion of its 45th Foundation Day.

A press release sent out by the group on the occasion of its 45th Foundation Day is reproduced below. “On the occasion of the 45th Foundation Day of People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) this goodwill message with revolutionary honour is presented to the beloved folks of both hills and valley; comrades of the Party; all revolutionary groups fighting for the restoration of the lost independence of the motherland, and those similar fellow groupings in the WeSEA region; brothers and sisters of newspapers, Print & Electronic media in serviceday and in day out.

Let the unity and obligation of all be strengthened once more. Without the strength unity revolution for independence will not find success. The first obligation before us now is to generate the power of solidarity and to construct an unbreachable unity of spirit through sorting out differences in views by communication, and to engage in serious encounter against the Indian Occupational Forces. If we battle with powerful aggression in recognition of people's interest we will gain positive steps.

All of us have grown up in shoulder to shoulder fraternity. Following a state of mutual understanding and excuse of errors and mistakes, each of us together should develop a firm unity for future generations. Let our strength and power be not abused. With our firmness in strength and solidarity let us make a Kangleipak of welfare.

Since the forceful annexation of Kangleipak by India,

growing as a new colonial country in the Asia Region, in violation of Indian Independence Act 1947, Manipur Constitution Act, 1947, International Law, and provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969 so known as Treaty on Treaties all its originally existing language, faith, customs, culture, conventions and land boundary peculiar to an independent land and independent living have seriously decayed. Though the area of Kangleipak after annexation has been reduced to 22,327 sq km on October 18, 1948 the then King Bodhachandra in his address at the first National Assembly of independent Kangleipak stated in his proclamation about the area and of the land boundary “Read her Political History from 24 A.D. She had her dominion over a wide area extending as far as the southern portion of China in the North, the gold mine in the Sibasagar Valley, the

river Chindwin in the east and south, and Chandrapore (Cachar) in the west, her present area is 8,650 square miles plus 7,000 square miles of the Kabaw Valley, including 7,900 square miles of the hills.” It means that because of having been under India the land area of Kangleipak has been seriously distorted.

The king's proclamation continued “All these times when Manipur was in the highest of her power Hill and Valley were one; and this oneness defended Manipur against all invasions and thus, she could maintain her independence upto 1891, when the rest of India had already been conquered by the British”. The official proclamation itself is the evidence of the truth of the International Boundary of the once independent Kangleipak.

From the percentage of landless people at about 22-23 in 1990-91 it sharply increased to 40 per cent in the census of

2011/12. With the loss of the earlier noble culture of labour for selfreliance in food many farm areas are converted to commercial use in a large scale. Fields and homestead lands are being sold for government jobs. 100/100s of acres of land have been taken over for government development projects of making highways, expansion of airport, development of railways, starting of industries, building several dams, establishment of government and private educational institutes, and business centres. The scanty produce from the few fields remaining idle throughout the year is feeding not only us but also the population of outsiders to the tune of over 7 lakhs. Moreover, all these non-availability of fertilizer at the right and appropriate times, lack of complete and systematic management of irrigation in the fields, not undertaking welfare programmes for farmers - again render farmers and

fields paralytic.

There is no policy of land use in Kangleipak. No land reform is also done in this direction. For the objective of sufficiency in food for all the effort cannot be limited to the valley constituting only 8 per cent. Instead, a complete land reform should be executed first after classifying areas of land for use of both hill and valley. But, the divide and rule policy adopted by India for discord and disunity between hill and valley has made it unsuccessful. At present the major activity by India government is to continue and prolong their colonialism and to permanently consolidate it through several strategic ways. In this direction, in spite of people's resistance, Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) was enforced in 2019 by extending the toothless Inner Line Permit (ILP) only to transform the Kanglei people into Hindustani for all time.

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# Public Policy Disaster: Is Manipur Experiencing It Now?

By: Amar Yumnam

Public policy disasters are not new experiences for the world. During the 1990s Europe experienced this amongst others consequent upon the Monetary Crisis of 1992 and the Civil War in Yugoslavia ultimately leading to the emergence of two different countries. A little earlier, the United States of America's "experiences of the Vietnam war and the gap between the rhetoric and reality of the Kennedy/Johnson years were a serious shock to the optimism of postwar social reformers. Studies such as Derthick's (1972) *New Towns in Town* and Pressman and Wildavsky's (1973) famous account of the Oakland urban regeneration project cast doubt on the capacity of even well funded and well-supported state intervention to contribute to the creation of any 'Great Society'." These experiences turned the post-war optimism of the people into pessimism about the governments.

I understand that comparing the global experience on Optimism and Pessimism about governments may not be strictly comparable with the case of Manipur. I am making the reference nevertheless to emphasise that every government at any level must endeavour to create a kind of optimism. The creation of this optimism is the cornerstone of the Acceptability and Success of a Public Policy framed by a government.

Manipur has recently experienced a period of Optimism following the attainment of Statehood. Immediately after attaining Statehood, Manipur got the Medical College (now named Regional Institute of Medical Sciences), a Centre for Post-Graduate Studies to ultimately become a full-fledged University, the Board of Secondary Education, etc. This spirit of Optimism somehow sustained until recently. The Ibobi regime also could sustain the optimism spirit despite the widespread allegations of corruption. There have been highs and lows, but the spirit of optimism has not left the people.

But the present experience in Manipur is one of Pessimism with the fear that Optimism might not return too soon. The behavioural manifestations of the government recently are such that the confidence and trust of the people now do not lie with the government. The stage of Pessimism has reached a peak and it can get only worsened. This relates to the latest handling of the decision to lift Prohibition from the State of Manipur.

Manipur now thus faces a public policy disaster. With one stroke the government has been successful in soliciting greatest criticism, disappointment and controversy among the people. The attempt to respond by putting out a so-called *Draft Liquor Policy* has only added fuel to the fire; the pessimism is only getting widened and deepened.

In an earlier piece in this daily, I had emphasised that a policy should reflect maturity and cannot be founded on ignorance and lies. Any public policy has to be evolved in a context of (a) the capability and credibility of the government; (b) a society - diverse or otherwise - with a history, culture and institutions of its own; (c) the human agencies involved; and (d) the level of information on the relevant area for the public policy. In the case of lifting the Prohibition, the government did not have any idea of this context, it does not have it now and, even worse, there is no intention of working towards understanding of this. We know for sure that the period of prohibition coincides with the Rise of Greatest Optimism relating to emergence of four youths, both boys and girls, as Biggest Competitors in the Arena of Sports at the International Level; this is no joke given the size of the population and the limitations of facilities available locally. The driving force for the emergence of this capability has been non-material spirits and inducements. As I wrote in an earlier piece: Since the Prohibition was achieved "after a long social struggle of two decades and a struggle consequent upon social and familial crises during the 1960s and early 1970s, it is important that any decision on this should necessarily be a prudent one." At first the government behaved as fully prudent with complete knowledge for the lifting of prohibition and even claimed that it consulted the Experts too on the need for ending prohibition. But days gone by with no clarifying information and not even the information the claimed consultation with the Experts should have provided; within days it should have put out at least the following information: (I) targeted resource items for production of liquor varieties; (II) the annual production targets over time; (III) the annual valuation implications for both domestic consumption and exports to outside the State; and (IV) the potential technological collaborations identified. None of these happened.

It is in this background that the government came out with the so-called 2-page Draft paper. It has been the most painful thing. The presentation of this draft after all these criticism, disappointment and controversy only serves to heighten the Spirit of Pessimism. The action or rather inaction reflected in this paper is that the government does not know itself. In the light of recent behavioural manifestations of the government, it almost looks like a "chronic dilemma" characterising the present government.

Public policy making must be conducted in one atmosphere or the other in so far as information is concerned. Economists call it *Bounded Rationality* and *Unbounded Rationality*. If we have a complete information on all the relevant aspects of the area where a policy is being planned, there is no limitation on the potentiality for establishing a rationale for the envisaged-Policy. This is the context of Unbounded Rationality. But, in the real world, it is not that all the time we have complete information on every aspect of any area for which a policy is being envisaged. We may have the limitation of only a few relevant information on only some aspects of the area of which a policy is being planned. This is called a context of Bounded Rationality. It is not however that policies cannot be evolved in a world of Bounded Rationality where behaviour "is not wholly explicable in terms of satisfaction of complete and consistent preferences" (Alistair Munro, 2009, *Bounded Rationality and Public Policy: A Perspective from Behavioural Economics*). It is only that the processes of public policy formation are different according to the context of Rationality.

What has happened with the decision to lift prohibition is that the Government was definitely working in a context of Highly Bounded Rationality. While this was the reality, the Government announced in the public domain and continued behaving that it was functioning as if with Unbounded Rationality. All these establish beyond doubt that (i) the Government does not have the capability to appreciate the context of decision-taking; and (ii) it has no knowledge of the policy making processes according to context. This is how an atmosphere of Public Policy Disaster has been created by the government by its own actions, and the Spirit of Pessimism has been put on full speed.

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# Struggling with Dark Circles? DIY masks to nourish it and keep it from wrinkling



By: Shahnaz Husain

Why does the skin around the eyes always exhibit the first signs of ageing? Well, this skin is incredibly thin—the thinnest in the body with a fine texture.

The lack of oil glands around the eyes makes this skin especially susceptible to damage from our lifestyle choices.

Some beauty-related eye troubles include dark circles, puffiness and swelling around the eyes which are commonly seen in both men and women over 40 years of age. Dark circles are tough to get rid of and they tend to make one look tired, stressed, and old. It can be caused by sun exposure, stress, ageing, lack of sleep, allergies and

even genetics.

Even though you can simply conceal dark circles, it is better to treat the problem area directly using natural ingredients. Here are homemade eye masks you can try.

## Tea bags mask

Tea bags, including green tea, black tea, and many other herbal teas, are an excellent treatment for dark circles under the eyes. For five to ten minutes, place some used tea bags in the refrigerator. Then place wet tea bags over your eyes for ten to fifteen minutes. One of the finest natural treatments for dark circles around the eyes.

Take 2 green tea bags and add a few drops of rosewater to them using a dropper. Place those tea bags into a refrigerator for about 5 minutes before placing them on your eyes. Due to its higher flavonoid content, green tea can help reduce the appearance of under-eye bags greatly. Do this once a week and you shall see the results soon.

## Potato & cucumber mask

Juice from the cucumber and potatoes should be mixed equally. Apply it around your eyes and gently press it into your skin with your ring finger. After fifteen minutes, rinse it off with normal water. The potato

juice has spot-lightening abilities that will help to lighten the dark circles beneath your eyes, while the cooling cucumber juice will refresh the area's parched skin.

## Kesar & milk mask

Apply cotton wool pads soaked in the kesar and milk mixture under the eyes or use them as eye pads for 30 minutes. This will help in reducing dryness and tone the skin around the eyes.

## Milk & Turmeric Eye Mask

Mix one tablespoon turmeric with one tablespoon of milk or buttermilk in a small bowl. Apply the mixture onto your under-eye area (avoiding the eyes). Leave on for 10 minutes, and wash it off with clean fresh water

## Rose water mask

Make two solid square pads out of cotton wool. Soak them in chilled rose water. Now, lie down, close your eyes, and place the wet pads over them. Aim to leave them on for 15 minutes. Rose water can make you feel incredibly relaxed in addition to tightening and toning your skin.

Grate one whole cucumber and squeeze the juice out of it. Mix one teaspoon of rose water into the juice and mix well. Dip a cotton pad in the

mixture. Keep the dipped cotton pads under the eyes for 30 minutes. Remove the pads and rinse them off. Follow up with a nourishing eye cream. Also, you can freeze the mixture in an ice tray and rub the ice cubes around your eyes to reduce puffiness in a jiffy.

## Almond oil mask

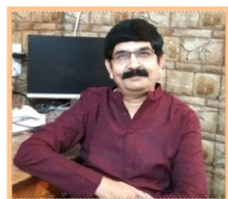
You can really benefit from using this one-ingredient mask to treat any issues pertaining to the under-eye area. Take a very small amount of pure almond oil near the eyes and massage it gently into the skin with just your ring finger for one minute under each eye. After 15 minutes, carefully wipe it off with wet cotton wool. This can help you if you do it every night before bed.

Mix one spoon of almond oil with one spoon of honey and mix well. Massage this mixture under your eyes. Wash off after 15 minutes and apply a moisturizer or under-eye cream.

Your under-eye area will receive unparalleled nourishment from these simple DIY home remedies. So give these a shot and incorporate them into your skincare regimen.

(The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India)

# Let us enjoy and appreciate the beauty of migratory birds



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

Every year, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is celebrated twice in a year. On Saturday, 9th October people all over the world will be celebrating World Migratory Bird Day to raise awareness of migratory birds and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. Firstly it is held on the Second Saturday of May and again on the Second Saturday of October. It is observed to spread awareness for the need to conserve migratory birds and their habitats. The day originated in 2006, when the United Nations decided the need to make the global population

aware of the migratory linkages between regions all over the world. Since then around 118 countries have participated and hosted the event. In fact, birds are very important to life on earth. They help to pollinate plants, spread seeds, and have been part of human life for thousands of years. Unlike rats and mice, birds are not pests.

Over the past few decades, the world's governments have endorsed many international agreements relevant to the conservation of biodiversity, demonstrating their willingness to cooperate in tackling important environmental issues. The challenge now is to harness this commitment and ensure that concrete actions are taken where they are most needed. In several countries, the engagement of civil society and indigenous peoples' organisations has resulted in impressive progress. There are signs of increasing action in the private sector, too.

Birds can be found everywhere: in cities and in the countryside; in parks and backyards, in forests and mountains, and in wetlands and

along the shores. They connect all these habitats and they connect us, reminding us of our own connection to the planet, the environment, wildlife and each other. Through their seasonal movements, migratory birds are also regularly reminding us of nature's cycles. In other words, birds are nature's ambassadors. So, it becomes imperative to restore the ecological connectivity and integrity to boost the natural movements of the migratory birds. These are important to ensure migratory birds' survival and well-being. The number of migratory birds is decreasing with each passing day due to various threats including illegal killing, destruction of natural habitat, and toxins released in the environment. As migratory birds connect nations, people, and ecosystems, World Migratory Bird Day highlights creating more measures for their conservation. Its aim is to safeguard breeding, non-breeding and ensure a healthy bird population. Today, one in eight bird species is threatened with global extinction, with 189 species.

Migration is a perilous journey

and involves a wide range of threats, often caused by human activities. Climate change, habitat loss, plastic pollution are just a few of the diverse threats that the birds face. As migratory birds depend on a range of sites along their distribution area, the loss of wintering and stopover sites could have a dramatic impact on the birds' chances of survival. Most birds migrate at night. They have been doing this for eons, as a night sky typically means calmer air space and fewer predators. Nocturnally migrating birds include ducks and geese, plovers and sandpipers, and songbirds of all kinds. These birds may travel thousands of miles between their breeding and non-breeding grounds.

World Migratory Bird Day 2022 is therefore not only a celebration of birds, it is also an important moment to reflect on our own global relationship with nature and to highlight our collective desire to do more to protect birds and nature in a post-pandemic world. Bird day is not just a day. Celebrate our migratory birds 365 days a year.

# The Solution to unemployment is only technical Education



By: Vijay GarG

Technical education can provide a wide range of opportunities in today's world. It can be said that today's technology depends on a country's most important resource - skilled workers. A technically sound population can contribute to a country's overall economy by being a part of manufacturing, designing, developing, and maintaining goods and services.

But, it's important to understand what technical education

means. We look at it here. We also look at some of the best universities across the world that offer great technical education.

Technical education covers engineering, architecture, management, planning, applied sciences, and other related fields. It helps to prepare students for a career where they can apply scientific and technical principles to create solutions. Technical education focuses on providing training and imparting knowledge for specific purposes that help to build or improve one's career. The field helps in understanding the fundamentals of how things work and how they can be designed/manufactured from the ground up.

In order to become a technically skilled worker, one would need to learn subjects such as mathematics, physics, chemistry, electronics, engineering, and other applied sciences. Today, the demand for people with technical skills has increased exponentially,

due to the growth of technology and innovations. And demand is only set to grow vertically. Development, in terms of both industrial as well as technical, is bound to be an offshoot of great technical education.

## Some of the most in-demand technical roles

Technical education has a wide array of fields to choose from based on one's interest. Due to its highly specialized nature of training, technical education focuses on providing a more hands-on approach than general education. Some of the opportunities that await those who are interested in technical education and look forward to a career related to it are listed below.

**Data Scientist** - A Data Scientist makes use of available data to form meaningful insights and to derive information that is valuable in one sense or another. They make use of multiple disciplines including mathematics,

computing, algorithms, and others for the purpose of gleaning information.

**Machine Learning Engineer** - Machine Learning Engineers are responsible for designing and developing artificial intelligence-based approaches that can help to simplify tasks or to perform complex computations.

**Economist** - Economists help to formulate economic models and policies using their knowledge of how an economy should work, based on their observations of markets or financial systems.

**Programmer** - Programmers write pieces of code (sometimes known as programs or source code) that become part of the software or any other electronically transmitted media that are used by people, across different platforms. Programs connect the underlying hardware of a device with the software that users interact with.

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# Drugs worth Rs 350 crore seized from Pakistani boat off Gujarat coast

Agency  
Ahmedabad, Oct 8:

The Coast Guard and Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad have seized heroin worth Rs 350 crore from a Pakistani boat off the state coast and apprehended its six crew members, officials said Saturday.

The ICG and ATS personnel seized the boat Al Sakar, which had 50kg heroin on board, in the Arabian Sea. The operation was conducted during the intervening night of Friday and Saturday, they said.

The boat with six crew members on board was brought to the state's Jakhau port for further investigation, they added.

A release issued by the ICG said the joint operation was carried out during the intervening night of October 7 and 8, when a Pakistani boat was observed moving suspiciously in Indian waters, five nautical miles inside notional



International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) and 40 nautical miles from Jakhau.

"On being challenged, the Pakistani boat started evasive-maneuvring. Two fast interceptor class of ships - C-429 and C-454 - deployed by the ICG for patrolling in areas close to the IMBL, intercepted

the Pakistani boat and forced it to stop," it said.

Following a search of the boat, 50kg of narcotic was found concealed in five gunny bags. The market value of the seized drug is estimated to be Rs 350 crore, it said, adding that the boat was brought to Jakhau for further joint in-

vestigation by all agencies, along with the six crew members, who were apprehended.

This is the sixth such joint operation by the ICG and state ATS in the last one year and second such operation in less than a month when 40 kg drugs were seized from a Pakistani boat on September 14.

# India reports 2,797 new Covid-19 infections, active cases drop below 30,000

Agency  
New Delhi, Oct 8:

India on Saturday logged 2,797 fresh COVID-19 infections that pushed its tally to 4,46,09,257, while the number of active cases dropped below 30,000 after 122 days, according to Union health ministry data. The toll due to the viral disease climbed to 5,28,778 with 24 fatalities, including 12 deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

There are 29,251 active COVID-19 cases in India which comprise 0.07 per cent of the total infections. The national recovery rate has increased to 98.75 per cent,

the ministry said.

A decline of 1,111 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.05 per cent. The weekly positivity rate was recorded at 1.30 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,40,51,228, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent, it said.

So far, 218.93 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered under the nationwide vaccination drive, according to the ministry.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore cases on May 4 last year, three crore on June 23 and four crore on January 25 this year.

The 12 fresh fatalities include five from Maharashtra and one each from Delhi, Gujarat and Karnataka, the ministry said.

# 12 dead, 38 hurt after bus catches fire in Nashik; Rs. 2 lakh ex gratia from PM Modi

Agency  
Nashik, Oct 8:

At least twelve people including a child died after a Mumbai-bound bus caught fire in Maharashtra's Nashik Friday night. About 38 injured people have been taken to hospital, as per the police. The incident took place near Nadura naka at Nashik at around 5.30am. The bus was coming from Yavatmal. Chief minister Eknath Shinde announced an ex gratia of Rs. 5 lakh for each to the next of kin of those who died in the incident, Nashik guardian minister Dada Bhuse said. The chief minister has also spoken to the officials.

"We are still trying to as-

certain the exact number of deaths with the doctor's confirmation," Nashik Police said. "Three among 38 injured are critical," they said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief about the tragedy and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. He also announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh for the next kin of the each deceased and Rs. 50,000 for those injured.

"10 people died & 21 injured after a bus coming from Yavatmal to Mumbai collided with a truck going to Pune from Nashik. All injured are being treated in Nashik. The Government will bear all medical expenses of the injured. I am also going to the spot to assess the situation," the guardian min-

ister earlier said.

Union Home minister Amit Shah tweeted about the incident and offered condolences to the families.

"A road accident in Nashik (Maharashtra) is heartbreaking. I offer my condolences to the bereaved families of those who lost their lives in this horrific accident and pray for the speedy recovery of those who are injured," his tweet read.

Owner of Chintamani Travels, Guddu Jayaswal informed that the bus had 30 passengers.

Ganesh Landge, a passenger who boarded bus from Washim said, "The bus caught fire suddenly after it hit something. Some of us escaped from the window."

# ED attaches Rs 1.54 crore in Bank Accounts of a trust linked to "Amnesty India"

By Raju Vernekar  
Mumbai, Oct 8:

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday provisionally attached Rs 1.54 crore in bank accounts of a trust linked to "Amnesty India" under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002 thus taking total attachment to Rs 21.08 Crore.

The ED has initiated the money laundering probe on the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI against "Amnesty International India Private Limited" (AIPL) and others, under section 120 (B) of the Indian Penal Code and sections 11, 35 and 39 of Foreign Contributions Regulatory Act (FCRA) 2010.

"ED has provisionally attached assets worth Rs.1.54 crore in bank accounts of M/s. Indians for Amnesty International Trust (IAIT) under the PMLA, 2002," ED said in a statement.

The federal agency is investigating allegations that the group tried to bypass the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) by floating a commercial entity-"Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd"(AIPL) and received foreign funding in the garb of export of services.

According to ED, "Amnesty International India Foundation Trust" (AIIFT) was permitted to receive foreign funds from "Amnesty In-

ternational", UK in 2011-12. This approval was, however, withdrawn due to adverse reports. "AIPL and IAIT were formed in the year 2013-14 and 2012-13 respectively to escape the FCRA route and carried out NGO activities in the guise of service export and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

"Amnesty International", U.K. sent Rs.51.72 crore to AIPL in the guise of Export of Services and FDI. However, there was no documentary proof for the alleged export such as invoices and copies of the agreement submitted during the investigation. The IAIT established an overdraft facility for Rs.14.25 crore and kept Rs.10 crore in fixed deposit with AIPL" the ED stated.

The ED had imposed penalties of Rs 51.72 crore on AIPL and Rs 10 crore on its then Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Aakar Patel in connection with a show cause notice issued under the Foreign Exchange Management Act in 2019.

"The overdraft facility was used by IAIT for Amnesty India's NGO activities including salary and administrative and operational expenses. Therefore, the FDI received by AIPL were being used by the IAIT, Bengaluru (Karnataka) to carry out its NGO activities," ED said.

The AIPL and others committed scheduled offence by claiming to be car-

rying out civil society work, but receiving foreign exchange in a profit-making company, thereby misutilising the FDI. The remittances received were layered into IAIT, which was a charitable trust.

The ED had earlier attached movable properties worth Rs 19.54 crore and the attachment was confirmed by the PMLA authorities. The case filed in July this year under the PMLA against AIPL is pending before the Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru.

Amnesty shut its India operation on September 29, 2020, alleging the witch-hunt by government agencies and claimed that the organisation was compelled to let go of staff in India and pause all its campaign and research work. This was latest in the incessant witch-hunt of human rights organizations by the Government of India over unfounded and motivated allegations. The Amnesty International India was "in full compliance with Indian and international law", the Amnesty India had stated.

# CBI files chargesheet against Lalu Yadav, 13 others in alleged land-for-jobs scam

Agency  
New Delhi, Oct 8:

The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a chargesheet against former Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabi Devi and 13 others in a corruption case, PTI reported on Friday citing officials.

The case pertains to allegations that Yadav took land from job aspirants in return for employment with the railways. The scam allegedly took place when he was the Union Railway minister in the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government.

The CBI had initiated a



preliminary inquiry in September last year and filed a first information report on May 18.

Yadav's daughter Misa Bharti and a former general manager of the Railways have

also been named as accused persons in the chargesheet filed recently before a special CBI court, according to PTI.

The central agency has alleged that candidates were

appointed as substitutes in Group D positions in the Railways within three days of applying in "undue haste". The appointments were later regularised when the "individuals themselves or their family members transferred their land", CBI has alleged.

The transfers were made through deeds in the name of Rabi Devi and daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav, the central agency further added in the chargesheet.

In July, the CBI had searched four locations linked to Lalu Prasad Yadav and arrested Bhola Yadav, a former Rashtriya Janata Dal chief.

Bhola Yadav was the officer on special duty to Lalu Prasad Yadav during his tenure as the railway minister.

In August, the CBI had raided homes of four other Rashtriya Janata Dal leaders.

These raids took place hours before the Nitish Kumar-led grand alliance government was to prove its majority in the Bihar Assembly. A couple of weeks earlier, Kumar had snapped ties with the Bharatiya Janata Party and his Janata Dal (United) decided to ally with the Rashtriya Janata Dal and its partners to form a new government in the state.

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# The Solution to unemployment is only technical....

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need to be experts in robotics, electronics, mathematics, computational models, artificial intelligence, and systems engineering.

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# Declaration

I, the undersigned Thangjam Tartarchand Singh (52 yrs.) son of late Th. Kulabidhu Singh, a resident of Khurai Thangjam Leikai, Imphal East do hereby declare that I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned all form of relationship with my 22 years old son Thangjam Ringku Singh as both my wife (Thangjam Sarju Devi, age 50) and me can no longer tolerate the kind atrocities and harassment committed by him.

We as parents have renounced, relinquished and abandoned all form of relationship with our 22 years old Thangjam Ringku Singh and any crime or mischief committed by Thangjam Ringku is his own act and we no longer will take no responsibility as we have cut off all form of relations with him.

Sd/-  
Thangjam Tartarchand Singh and  
Thangjam Sarju Devi

# AR foils Cross Border Smuggling of Brown Sugar and WIY Tablets

IT News  
Imphal, Oct 8:

Tengnoupal Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) foiled cross border smuggling of Brown Sugar drugs and WIY Tablets at Khudengthabi, Tengnoupal yesterday.

Based on Specific input, troops of Assam Rifles intercepted and checked three individuals driving a couple of Two Wheelers in General Area Pineapple Farms.

On thorough search of the vehicles, 4127 grams of Brown

sugar packed in 100 Soap cases and 2133 grams WIY Tablets in 02 Packages were recovered from the individuals.

The seized narcotics were assessed to be worth Rs 9.24 Crores. The recovered Drugs alongwith the Smugglers and the Two Wheelers were handed over to Moreh Police for further investigation.

Meanwhile, Tengnoupal Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) foiled cross border smuggling of Brown Sugar drugs at Permanent Vehicle Check Post, Khudengthabi, Tengnoupal yesterday.

During routine checking of Vehicles, troops of Assam Rifles checked a White EECO Van at Permanent Vehicle Check Post, Khudengthabi.

On thorough search of the vehicle, 290 grams of Brown sugar packed in 07 Soap cases was recovered. The drugs were concealed under the Driver's seat.

The seized narcotics were assessed to be worth Rs 58 Lakhs. The recovered Drugs alongwith the Smuggler and the Vehicle were handed over to Moreh Police for further investigation.

## Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Programme held

IT News  
Imphal, Oct 8:

Group Centre, CRPF, Langling Imphal today conducted talks, role plays and presentation to educate young girls on Menstrual Hygiene. So far, we have distributed Approximately 500 Sanitary Napkins. Sushila Likmabam (Olympian), Heingang Mayal Lelkai was the Chief guest Rajni Datta, Chief RCWA, S. Anita, Hankel India CSR, Smt Padma Jha, V2 Care General Secretary, Smt Pratibha Tripathi, Smt Sita Kumari, President RCWA GC CRPF Langling and Dr. Roy, Composite Hospital grace the

occasion on "Menstrual Hygiene & Awareness" programme. Martin Raju informed that the scheme for promotion of Menstrual Hygiene health education for adolescent girls in rural areas, providing regular supply of Sanitary napkins and in primary and Secondary Schools as menstrual hygiene to help underprivileged girls from economically weaker families to maintain menstrual hygiene. Dr. Preeti, CMO 69 Bn delivered lecture focused awareness on the health impact caused by lack of menstrual Hygiene both in English and Manipur language.

Speakhnj to the media Sushil Kumar Satyanarayan Chairperson Hankel India CSR told that today's young girls are tomorrow's Leaders. Hanourable IG Sandeep Dana !GP Manipur and Nagaland Sector, Sh. Suresh Sharma DIG M&N Sector, P.C. Jha, DIG Western Sector, Bhupesh, Hankel India CSR, Madan Kumar DIG Shri Rincem Dawa, Commandant, Sumo Rani, DC(Adm) GC, CRPF, Langling, Imphal, all Officers, SOs and Jawans of Group Centre, CRPF, Langling, Imphal attended the programme. (MARTIN RAJ 17) re-Asst. Comdt(Min) PRO Group Centre, CRPF, Imphal (Manipur).

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## PREPAK celebrating 45th.....

By erasing forever Kangleipak and Kanglei people India has been persistently attempting to present them as Hindustani (India) and Hindustani (Indian). Efforts are being worked out constantly to wipe off the ancestral prints of the Kanglei people by replacing with the Hindustani elements all of the legacy of our tradition in terms of language, faith, attire, culture, customs, convention, ritual practices for ever from the face of the earth. In addition to such acts attempts are also being made to manipulate the history of independent Kangleipak as history of Hindustan. India has been trying to falsely show as within India's war or movement against the British the Kanglei people's battles from time to time against the colonial British, such as Anglo Manipuri War of 1891, Khongai Lal, Zeliangrong Movement under the leadership of Haipou Jadonang and Rani Gaidinliu. Within this strategy in the course of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrating 75 years of India's independence there is no reason not to take the installation of the portraits of three brave women patriots of WESEA region - Rani Gaidinliu of Kangleipak, Lalnu Ropuliani of Mizoram and Phan Nonglail of Meghalaya - who firmly stood against the colonial British on the wall of Red Fort in Delhi on August 15, day of commencement of India's independence, as just a guide to present them as freedom fighters of India. Such an event is directed towards the objective of assimilating the politics, culture, and ethnic identity of the people of

WESEA region for Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Hindu Nationalists to convert India into Hindu rashtriya. Lalnu Ropuliani fought against the British for Mizor Lushai independence; there was no case of her taking part in India's freedom struggle. India government's planning to develop memorials for Haipou Jadonang and Rani Gaidinliu is motivated by the same spirit. Further, the presentation of Rani Gaidinliu, Zeliangrong woman leader as tribal leader of Nagaland is intended to blur the history of the land and as a wedge of discord and hatred among the communities of the WESEA region.

Though motherland Kangleipak has been annexed the spirit of freedom in the hearts of all Kanglei people they can never blunt. It has been so chiseled into an indestructible mark in every heart of the revolutionaries as no force can ever ravage it. Any thought of surrender to India or compromise to weaken the independence struggle has never been with the revolutionaries.

PREPAK has endeavoured at the utmost level to advance a concerted independence struggle by consolidating the people of all the communities inhabiting Kangleipak. However a handful of people who have fallen prey to India government and its agents as well as lost into the delusion of India are circulating the false narrative among the people, particularly the hill brothers and sisters, that the independence struggle is meant only for the valley. India government is working to prevent cadres fighting for the whole of motherland from setting foot on the hill by opening camps for ethnic armies at several parts of the hill through the excuse of Peace Talk and SoO with different hill groups.

India has been using the elections held in Kangleipak from time to time as a highly effective weapon of repressing the independence movement of the people. The youth of motherland having been snared into the temptations of election who are to involve in the freedom struggle are being exploited as election warriors. Elected leaders also could not do anything for the welfare of the people. For a political administration has to proceed under a regulated system. Where there is no seriousness of purpose and determination in the system how there can happen a good governance of intellect, sincerity, selflessness. Had motherland been independent governance in Kangleipak might have attained perfection. Before facing and joining elections reasons for the same should have been thought out. These elections will not deliver the long standing, and rightfully due, demand of Kanglei people's independence. The election is made to serve as a way for drawing the

people in closer affinity to India from Kangleipak or, if possible, to obliterate Kanglei people for a fully Hindustani oriented people. Projects initiated in the name of welfare post annexation of Kangleipak in 1949 are not truly meant for welfare in as much the same way as all the natural produce of the countries once under the British colonial regime was looted to England. Schemes of India government being put into action in the guise of welfare singularly lead to the conditions of flouting of the natural rights of the people of the land, suppression of the voice of democracy, endless instigation and interference, destabilization, forcing people into protest march, and militarization. Such course of action is a disregard of the UN Sustainable Development Goal. To become the master's pet this puppet government undertakes all projects brought in by India government based on neo-liberal development without either sanction of the State Assembly or the consent of the people.

For successful carrying out of their agenda the Indian military serves as the prop, while the economic development of the original people is being retarded even as tenacious attempts continue to grab not only the inhabited lands but also many open areas. The deployment of military in this land was since India's first step in 1991 into liberalisation, privatization and globalization developed in congruence with the spirit of capitalism. The military are in persistent move to force station in Tamenglong, Ukhrul and different hill villages causing disruptions in the tradition, folk life and independent living of the villagers. Villagers have a lurking fear that their land might be snatched away.

Though the identity of a people of a land or state is usually viewed in the perspective of the social, the political and the economic affairs the most vital is the aspect of economy. If the people of a land cannot have a distinct character in the life of its economy the community shall die out. Therefore, economy is the most crucial in the life of a community. However, today besides economy, social and political control of Kangleipak has been in the hands of a few from outside. All Politicians and Bureaucrats of motherland have also been bonded to the few, with their free thinking incapacitated. As a result, policy decisions of economy are adopted to their advantage against the welfare of the people.

Since the annexation of Kangleipak into India the Social, Political and Economic Identity of motherland has been in a state of degeneration. Consequently the spirit of Kanglei nationalism is gradually sinking down while on the contrary Indian Nationalism is arrogantly on the rise. It is in

this context the question arises as to how long the original Kanglei people can keep their identity.

Though India claims in pride before all as the recognized leader which can or do assume great responsibilities in Asia Region and the World the situation within it is very despairing. This country, like Africa, is in the world a land of joblessness, starvation, half-fed people in poverty. India stood two steps down from the earlier at 131 in the human index survey on December 20, 2020 under United Nations Development Program (UNDP) conducted across 189 countries of the world taking into account the life expectancy, levels of education and standards of living.

Additionally, claiming vociferously that since correct administration has been in place, schemes have been worked out to the satisfaction of the people the independence movement within Kangleipak will be ended in 5 years, today's puppet government was the first for the whole of India among the states in the gross domestic product financial deficit percentage for 2019-20. Under such India government hope for an advanced, fulfilled and peaceful living shall be like "Mangla mangra taanbagum thokkani" (building castles in the air). Though so branded as Mergers by India it was annexation in the eye of International Law. After having been forced into the political framework of India there has been a condition of worsening in all aspects of motherland. The issue raised from the human history of the world before today's generation is whether we shall keep merely looking on or shall it be opposed to reinstate the ancestral legacy of independent Kangleipak. We the present generation should respond. Indifference of no response or avoidance cannot be accepted. Let it not be ever forgotten that we are the descendants of those brave patriots inspired with indefatigable spirit who fought in Seven Years Devastation and Anglo Manipuri War, 1891. In the observation of International Law sovereignty of Kangleipak is not yet lost. India simply obstructs and keeps it at bay. The first obligation of the current generation is to make the obstruction known to the international community and with their support to remove it for resumption of our sovereignty.

Finally, PREPAK offers the salute of honour to those invaluable brave patriots - men and women - who have martyred during the long continuing course of the revolutionary war to determine the destiny of motherland. The 45th foundation anniversary of PREPAK extends to its dear comrades languishing as war prisoners in jails the revolutionary regard, the statement reads.

## Sports

### Goa to Host 37th National Games in October 2023, IOA confirms

Agency  
New Delhi, Oct 8:

Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year, the Indian Olympic Association confirmed on Saturday.

The Goa state government has conveyed to the IOA its in-principle approval to host the next edition of the National Games.

In a letter to Ajit Roy, Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs, Goa, IOA Secretary General

Arjun Mehta wrote: "IOA is pleased to note the wholehearted support of the Government of Goa to host the 37th National Games in Goa in 2023, hence conveying IOA's approval to organise the 37th National Games in Goa."

"The Goa delegation may receive the IOA flag in the Closing Ceremony of the 36th National Games on 12th October 2022 in Surat, Gujarat." The IOA, however, said the dates for the event will be decided later.

"The date of the 37th National Games will be decided to keep in view of the dates of the 19th Asian Games, which will be held from 23rd September to 8th October 2022 in Hangzhou, China." Goa got the rights to host the National Games in 2008, but due to different reasons, the state has failed to host them, forcing the IOA to shift the 36th edition to Gujarat, which agreed to conduct the event in a short span of time. The last National Games were held

in Kerala in 2015 and Goa was to host the 36th edition in November 2016.

After two delays in 2018 and 2019 due to the coastal state's inability to create adequate infrastructure, the Games were further postponed to 2020.

But the COVID-19 pandemic then forced the postponement of the National Games again and the Goa government expressed its inability to host the event before December this year.

## AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers:

### India beat Myanmar 4-1 to continue winning streak

Agency  
Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, Oct 8:

The Indian football team made it a hat-trick of wins in their ongoing AFC U-17 Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers campaign after defeating Myanmar 4-1 in their match at the Prince Saud Bin Jalawi Stadium on Friday.

All four strikes for India came in the later part of the first half as captain Vanlalpeka Guite and forward Thanglalsoun Gangte scored two goals apiece to take their side to another comprehensive victory.

The first half began as a battle of attrition with no major chances being created. Both sides looked to build up from the back and control possession. The first shot on tar-



get came in the 21st minute through Korou Singh, who shot from the edge of the penalty area but it did not have sufficient power.

Six minutes later, the first breakthrough came as Guite's free-kick from long range beat everyone in the penalty box and flew past the goalkeeper into the net. The goal sparked

the game as India scored three more goals in a 12-minute spell.

Lalpekhlu was brought down in the penalty area in the 32nd minute and Gangte was on hand to slam home a decisive spot-kick. Two minutes later, Guite added his second as Korou intercepted the Myanmar goalkeeper's pass and the Indian skipper latched

on to the loose ball and finished tidily.

A teasing cross from the right found an unmarked Gangte inside the penalty area three minutes from the break, but his shot went over the crossbar. However, the forward registered his second goal of the evening in the 44th minute after finding the goalkeeper out of position and beating him with an instinctive finish from outside the box.

India picked up where they left off in the second half, creating a flurry of attacks and posing questions to the opposing defence. At the hour mark, against the run of play, Myanmar pulled a goal back as Htoo Wai Yan's shot took a deflection and found the back of the net.

## 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: [imphaltimesessaycomp@gmail.com](mailto:imphaltimesessaycomp@gmail.com) in MS Word or PDF format.

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