

## Agri dept. making all efforts to ensure transparency in the distribution of fertilizer – Th. Biswajit



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Imphal, Sept 1:

Agriculture Minister Thongam Biswajit today said that the Agriculture department is trying all effort to ensure that all farmers in the state got fertilizers on time. He said that there is complete transparency to the distribution of fertilizers to all the districts of the state.

"We have transported the fertilizer on time and distributed to the farmers on time", the Agriculture Minister said adding that there may be some issue with those farmers who require more fertilizers.

"We require around 7 lakhs bags of fertilizers but

received only around 4 lakhs bags so there may be some issue as some farmers want more, however, our Agriculture department has been making all effort to ensure transparency to the distribution of the fertilizer", Agriculture Minister Thongam Biswajit said while inspecting a Training Hall cum Hostel constructed under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) at Japhou bazaar in Chandel district today. Earlier, the Minister inspected Agro market shed constructed by the Agriculture Department at Khongjom bazaar.

Official source said that around 3.5 lakhs bags of fer-

tizilizers have been distributed so far as per record.

Agriculture Minister Thongam Biswajit had been inspecting the construction of Agro Market sheds, training Halls being constructed in various part of the state since yesterday. TP cell is the implementing Agency of the construction.

Thongam Biswajit assured that the training hall cum market being constructed at various places will be inaugurated by November this year.

Director of Agriculture, Engineers of the TP cell and other officials accompanied the Minister during the inspection visit.

## Chief Minister inspects ongoing construction of Sangai Ethnic Park at Moirang Khunou

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today visited the site at Moirang Khunou where Sangai Ethnic Park is being constructed and inspected the ongoing construction work. Sangai Ethnic Park is constructed to host the Sangai Festival as the main venue. Huts representing different tribal groups of the State would be set up at the Ethnic Park.

Interacting with locals of Moirang Khunou, N. Biren Singh expressed thankfulness for according him a warm welcome by people of Kwakta, Moirang Khunou and other neighbouring villages on his way to the Ethnic Park. Expressing satisfaction on the support of nearby people in widening the approach road to the park, he stated that such support from the public would be of big contribution to the developmental works taken up by the Government.

The Chief Minister informed the State Government had invited President Droupadi Murmu to attend the Sangai Festival this year. As such, the Government is putting much effort into con-



structing the park properly as the site will be the main venue for the Sangai Festival 2022, he added. Continuing that the site had been chosen for construction of the Ethnic Park considering the suitability of the area, he expressed that hosting the festival near the habitat of Sangai (brow-antlered deer) would better to make visitors more aware of the State Animal.

He further informed that Sangai Festival was held only at Imphal earlier. However, with the formation of his Government, the festival began to be held at different places of

the State including Keibul Lamjao and as Cherry Blossom festival at Mao. He continued that, this year, the festival would also be held at other places including Khuga and Behiang where Manipur Southern Cultural Centre is being constructed, as Sangai stands for the whole State. Stating that he would visit the site frequently to look after the construction work, he appealed to the public to continue rendering their support.

Chairman, Loktak Development Authority Moirangthem Asnikumar, MLA of Thanga AC

Tongbram Robindro, MLA of Moirang AC Thongam Shanti, MLA of Mao AC Losli Dikho, MLA of Karong AC J Kumo Sha, Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary V. Vumlungmang, Managing Director, Manipur Police Housing Corporation Limited (MPHC Ltd.) C. Doungel, Commissioner (Tourism) P.K. Jha and other Senior officials accompanied the Chief Minister during the inspection.

Later, the Chief Minister also visited the INA War Memorial at Moirang and inspected the ongoing work at the site.

## Power Minister clarifies on implementation of Saubhagya Scheme

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In connection with the news report published in Imphal Times under the heading "MSPDCL yet to provide information regarding Saubhagya Scheme" on August 31 issue, Power



Minister Th. Biswajit clarifies that the MSPDCL is ready to provide all information regarding the implementation of the Saubhagya Scheme through the Manipur Information Commission. He also said that report appearing in the Imphal Times is incorrect as Imphal Times has not applied RTI application in the matter, but one Khumanthem Dhanachandra from Naoremthong Laishram Leirak applied the RTI application on seeking information, which the MSPDCL is ready to provide.

In regards to the report about the top official of the corporation trying to negotiate with the representative of Imphal Times, the Minister said that it was a concocted story. The Power Minister sought clarification from the Imphal Times on

who are those persons trying to negotiate that matter.

Here Imphal Times clarifies for the information of the Power Minister that Imphal Times has never mentioned any misappropriation of the Saubhagya Scheme. However, Imphal Times is not satisfied with a responsible government employee calling the editor and asking for withdrawal of the RTI in exchange for a few tips.

On August 3, 2022, at around 4 pm, a staff of the MSPDCL called the editor of Imphal Times to talk over some matter. The Managing Director and Executive Director of the MSPDCL, along with the editor, discussed the matter at the official room of MD MSPDCL at Secure building as the RTI applicant hap-

pened to be a reporter for Imphal Times. All those are on record. As such agreement/negotiation is unethical, our reporter, with the permission of the Editor, didn't withdraw the RTI application.

The Power Minister also clarifies that the Saubhagya scheme is one of the best schemes implemented by the MSPDCL. Maybe the Minister is right. Imphal Times didn't say anything about any misappropriation of funds. We published the report as provided on the official website of Saubhagya.

The Minister had also said that whatever information sought through the RTI can be provided, and the MSPDCL is ready to provide the information, but officials of MSPDCL declined to provide the information sought during the course of the hearing. It seems like there is a huge miscommunication between the MSPDCL and the minister regarding this matter.

Imphal Times suspects that the Power Minister has not been well informed about the situation arisen, and that is the reason why the Imphal Times felt it necessary to report this matter. And thanked the concerned Minister for his timely intervention on the said matter.

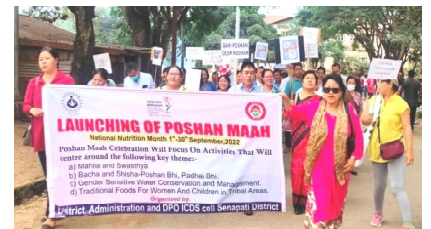
## Poshan Maah celebration launched

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 01:

HL Jain, MCS, Additional District Magistrate, Senapati launched the Poshan Maah celebration (National Nutrition Month) today at Mini Secretariat. It was jointly organised by District Administration, Senapati and DPO, ICDS cell, Senapati.

It may be said that Poshan Maah celebration will be observed in all the sub-division of the district from today onward and will be focussing on various activities under the following theme- i) Mahila and Swasthya, ii) Bacha and Shisha-Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi, iii) Gender Sensitive water conservation and management and iv) Traditional foods for women and children in tribal areas.

In today's programme, a mass rally was also held which



began from Old DC, Office and end at Mini Secretariat complex, Senapati. Various slogans such as 'Eat Good Food', 'Work Hard Think Hard Eat Right', 'Always Eat Right', 'Good Nutrition is Our Mission', 'You are what you eat', 'Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi' etc. were displayed on the placard during the rally.

Later, ADM, Senapati also administered a pledge of Rashtriya Poshan Maah to all

the participant of the rally.

Various District Level Officers along with its staff, Anganwadi workers and helpers were actively participated in today's programme.

At Thoubal, National Nutrition month also known as Rashtriya Poshan Maah was formally launched in Thoubal District also along with rest of the country.

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## Agniveer recruitment rally for Indian Army for Manipur

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 01:

Registration for the states of Mizoram, Tripura and 20 districts of West, Lower & South Assam is open since 05 Aug 2022 which shall close on 03 Sep 22. Registration for candidates of Women Agniveer for Corps of Military Police for all seven states of North East is also open since 09 Aug 2022 and shall close on 03 Aug 22. Till now very encouraging numbers in registration have been received for all districts and states. All in-

terested candidates are advised to register themselves before the closing dates. Since there have been some instances in the past where candidates have registered on the Join Indian Army website as candidate but have not applied for rally, it is advised that this mistake should not be committed by candidates. Rally schedule and procedures for all rallies has been updated on [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in).

## BJYM and Police recover huge quantity of illicit drugs

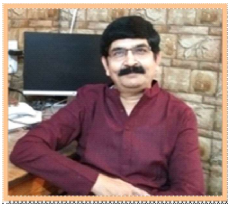
IT News  
Imphal, Sept 1:

Volunteers of BJYM led by M. Barrish Sharma along with the his escort team along with a team of Imphal West district police led by Additional SP Ratna had recovered huge quantity of illicit drugs including Heroin and WY tablet along with syringe and others from the residence of one Salam Andrik, age 22, son of Gynendra of Thangmeiband Hijam Dewan Leikai.

Two more drug peddlers identified as Yumnam Khellamba and his brother Denis and One Yumnam Sunny from Thangmeiband Lourung Pural leikai were also picked up by the Imphal West Police team.

As per disclosure by the drug peddlers, the residence is also a site of the users.

# Wastage of food a major problem in India



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Food wastage is a major problem in India. Weddings, canteens, hotels and households spew out so much food. To see the extent of damage, all you have to do is peek into a street-corner garbage bin. People do not think about what goes into the food on their table. Today, most of us don't even spare a thought for the time, energy, and resources it takes to produce our food. Moreover, food that is produced, but not eaten, occupies

close to 30 per cent of the world's agricultural land. It is estimated that one out of every seven people in the world went to bed hungry and more than 20,000 children under the age of five died from hunger. To be fair, food wastage is indeed a major worry for India. A government study had found that the country wastes Rs 92,651 crore worth or 67 million tonnes of food in a year. Efforts need to be taken to protect and preserve foodgrain for the benefit of the large number of poor in our society who are struggling to survive on a single meals a day.

Though our people rarely waste much food in restaurants, we as a nation waste a lot of food during marriages, festivals and other occasions without caring about the large percentage of our people that go hungry each day. The levels of poverty, hunger and deprivation are so high in our country and little attention is paid to this by the well-to-do citizens and the politicians of our country. The condition of the godowns in the country is not good and that is resulting in the rotting of good grain. If only the foodgrain wasted in the country due to lack of storage facilities was saved, the burden of subsidy would have come down to that extent and thus saved the tax-payers' money.

It is time to take note of the obligation of every citizen of this country to ensure that the food wastage is totally avoided. The untouched food left in the mess is eaten by the people of mess but the food left in the plates goes wasted and is served to cattle near the campus.

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# A moment of Introspection



By: Schindler Potsangbam

It's true when someone says that we should be grateful for all the little things, but nevertheless, nowadays we are seeing that people are not showing much gratitude.

So this time I've come upon the decision that we should rather focus on ourselves and see the difference and introspect sometimes right? or perhaps for some of you I hope will change the whole perspective of what happiness is and it's true meaning.

So here we go young guns!

Suppose if we fail in something we focus on that failure and we get depressed and in the end, we get devastated but in that situation, we are not seeing the good things in our life, like if we fail we can be grateful that it's a new start and we can do more and at that very moment there are also many more things that we can be thankful of.

Let's make it clear-cut, I won't bore you around with internet grateful quotes. Just imagine you being happy for who you are and I know it's hard as a human being but people do like themselves and if you sum up all the great personalities or even any other normal person who is happy, you'll find one of the reasons is being happy for what they have and thankful for what is happening around them.

Is it hard to get me? I hope it isn't but let me explain you with a quote which is said to be given by either Helen Keller or William Shakespeare, nevertheless here it is...

"I cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet" Regardless of the individual who quoted it, it's marvelous! And how true, is it not common between us humans? One more saying goes like "today is the tomorrow that you dreamt about yesterday". In all of our today's we keep running and running, madly-blindly for a better future. And when that future finally comes, we simply forget that we have always been waiting for this. Well, good thing, of course, we should always work hard and smart to do bigger and better things in life but bad is when we forget to cherish what we have already achieved. Some of us subconsciously do it so much that one can find them complaining and cribbing all the time.

So instead of complaining about the bad things in our life we should move forward and be thankful for the virtuous things we already have and the magical things which are happening around us. But mostly you should be grateful for this marvelous creation, "YOU".

So coming back to the quote Grateful means, you sure are working on yourself to be refined and groomed while looking up. But by saying you are content, you should mean you are not restless about the results. You should not worry about getting more.

Most importantly, you should not be comparing yourself with anyone. You should cherish your feet and while you work on getting a pair of shoes, you should not cry for them.

And at the end ask yourself "Are you ready to be grateful?" and if yes I assure you all the little things will make you happy and see the difference and the way it changes your whole life. So appreciate those people and those little things that matter to you, you'll live the life of your dreams, I give you that. Until the next time Friends!

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# Significance of Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's upcoming India visit

By: Dr Arpita Hazarika

After almost three years, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is going to Delhi again on a state visit on September 5. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit is very significant in India-Bangladesh bilateral relations. The Modi government also wants to give special importance to this visit. Because in the changing geo-political situation, New Delhi considers Dhaka as its most 'trusted friend'. On September 6, the two Prime Ministers will have a private meeting and a delegation level meeting. Sheikh Hasina will address major business meetings like the Indian Chamber of Commerce the next day i.e. September 7. She will present the picture of how both parties can benefit if Indian investors invest in Bangladesh. The next day she will return to Dhaka via Ajmer Sharif.

Why is this visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina so important? The temporary power shortage in Bangladesh is going to end as Bangladesh's largest thermal power project 'Maitri' is going to be inaugurated during her visit to India. Despite considerable 'pressure' from the Bangladesh government, the Teesta water distribution agreement could not be implemented mainly due to the objection of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. This time there will be significant progress if not all of it. The demand for wheat in Bangladesh is increasing. In this situation, the Modi government has given permission to export wheat through the Hili border in Dinajpur. It should be remembered that this will be her last visit to India before the upcoming elections in Bangladesh. As a result, India will not

return Sheikh Hasina empty-handed. During Sheikh Hasina's visit this time, there is a bright possibility of finalizing the trade agreement called 'CEPA' (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) between the two countries. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently approved the draft of this agreement in the cabinet meeting. Now just waiting for India to agree on this. It is being touted as a 'landmark' or landmark agreement for free and duty-free trade in hundreds of goods between India and Bangladesh. If this is the joint testing service, one stop service will be launched. It will increase investment. As a result, exports will increase by 3-5 billion dollars beyond the current (about 1.28 billion dollars) export earnings. After the signing of the CEPA agreement, if the trade barriers are removed, the import picture of Bangladesh will also change. As most of India's products and services are compatible with Bangladesh's economy and culture, and due to low transportation costs and time savings, Bangladeshi importers will turn to India instead of Far Eastern countries for the same products. Then the amount of import from India will increase. In that case, the current import of 7 billion dollars will increase by 4-7 billion US dollars.

Before Sheikh Hasina's visit, a ministerial meeting of the Joint River Commission (JRC) was held in Delhi on August 25. On August 23, JRC secretary level meeting was held. It discussed the water sharing agreement of Manu, Dharla, Khoai, Muhuri, Gomti and Dudhkumar rivers. In this, the issue of finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the

withdrawal of Kushiara river water becomes important. Bangladesh wants to use Kushiara water to facilitate the cultivation of 5 thousand acres of land in Sylhet. This would require India's permission to withdraw water from the same river. Besides, the Ganga water sharing agreement will expire in 2026. There is supposed to be a joint survey for maximum utilization of this common river water. After more than a century, the meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of the two countries is sitting in Delhi. The matters agreed by the JRC in terms of water sharing or water management of several important common rivers of the two countries will be fulfilled in the meeting of the two Prime Ministers. This time, the question is - Will the Chief Minister of West Bengal, who has held back the Tista Agreement, come and meet Sheikh Hasina in the capital during her visit to Delhi? The central government of India has invited as per rules. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave a message to the country's Hindu community on Janmashtami before her visit to India. She said, "Don't think of yourself as a minority. All people have equal rights in Bangladesh regardless of caste and religion."

The Bangladesh government has requested \$4.5 billion in assistance from the International Monetary Fund or IMF. Economists say that the increase in the price of oil and gas, machinery and raw materials in the international market has created a huge pressure on the country's reserves. Bangladesh approached the IMF donors to handle that pressure. Last year,

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves were 45.5 billion, but by July 20, it had dropped to 37.67 billion dollars. In addition to the increase in the prices of fuel oil, gas, food products in the international market, imports have increased a lot. Bangladesh has not faced such economic problems with foreign exchange for the last decade. Because both remittances and exports have done more or less well during this period. But now due to the situation that has developed in the world, there is a negative impact on remittances. Exports are good, but the rate at which imports have increased has created pressure on the balance of payments. Bangladesh's infrastructure is improving rapidly. Now it's time to set up various industries. In that case, in order to get raw materials and technical assistance quickly and cheaply, India will have to enter into some kind of financial agreement, which is not dependent on dollars in the parlance of economics. Bangladesh and India are gradually moving in that direction, only at this moment the leaders and ministers of the two countries need help to each other in tackling the crisis.

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# Society in the Virtual World



By: Vijay Garg

Is today's virtual world really preparing for the end of society and family? Have people become so fed up with informal institutions like family, marriage, kinship that they have lost faith in these institutions, or are these social institutions unable to properly discharge the roles they were created to perform? Have you been unable to? Information revolution and technological development have created an artificial world.

A world where nothing is real, everything virtual. Artificial societies, artificial humans, artificial relationships, artificial emotions, artificial intelligence, artificial beauty and even artificial life, artificial breathing and so on. As a result of this, living with virtual objects, man is getting away from real life. Everything in the virtual world is temporary, even social and close relationships are becoming temporary and artificial. Use these relations as long as they are useful, when they are no longer needed, end them. Actually today's life has become as easy as a click of the computer. It is everything you want is delivered to you with a single click. It can be said that the new technology i.e. computer, smartphone etc. are such people of the modern world who are ready to fulfill the orders of their masters as soon as they express their desire. The only difference is that the gin of the past used to be only in the stories of grandmothers, whereas today's modern gin has become an integral part of the real world.

The social scientist Habermas has also said that due to the unexpected progress in science and technology, the importance of reasoning is given day by day is decreasing. Now man's rationality does not motivate him to move towards the goals, but only helps in accumulating the means. The result of this is that the modern technology made by man has made man himself his slave. Unfortunately, modern man is beginning to consider himself more independent than before, while the fact is that he is becoming more dependent than ever before. It would be pertinent to mention here an incident of some time ago. A newly married couple from Assam they signed an agreement after their marriage ceremony.

In this contract, both of them stipulated certain conditions, such as eating only one pizza a month, always saying yes to homemade food, wearing a saree every day, agreeing to party late at night but only with each other, going to the gym daily, Sunday morning Breakfast to be prepared by husband, shopping every fifteen days etc. It is astonishing that there is so much artificiality and mistrust in the relationship that the need for a written settlement is felt! Some time back also in a metropolis similar there was an incident in which the bride and groom, while taking rounds in the marriage ceremony, talked about such a contract according to which they would live together for six months and if they did not, then they would get separated by mutual consent without any legal proceedings. There was a time when marriage was considered a sacrament and sacred bond, today the same institution called marriage has been marginalized in modern society. It is the gift of the virtual world itself.

Two-three years ago, a Chinese scientist made a difference in the world of medicine and research by claiming to create twin girls with genome-modification technique. I

was stirred. This scientist claimed that such designer babies would be safe from infections and serious diseases like cancer. Babyclone is a new revolution in the field of artificial intelligence technology (AI). It is difficult to say what kind of challenges tampering with natural activities can create for human life or how babies with genetic changes can affect future generations. That's why this question finally compels one to think that what kind of world is emerging where there is no marriage.

A mannequin for sex, a robot for sexual desires and a silicone baby are becoming people's choice. That is, a virtual world where nothing is real. From marriage, husband-wife relationship to children, everything is fake. Another perplexing example is the virtual world. Earlier this year a virtual world was created for the marriage of a young man from Tamil Nadu. In this, a virtual character of the deceased father of the groom was created who can also bless the bride and groom. Simultaneously, virtual avatars of the bride and groom, their friends and relatives were also created. To attend this marriage one has to move from the real world to the virtual world. How ridiculous that choosing to join a dead society (the imaginary world) while still alive is not living in illusion, so what is?

In this technological world, even death defying technology has emerged. What a misfortune that human beings are eager to ignore real relationships and give up living real life in search of virtual relationships. The question is, in such a situation, what should be the definition of marriage, family, kinship and society? Sociologists will have to revise these definitions. Is today's virtual world really preparing for the end of society and family? Have people become so fed up with informal institutions (family, marriage, kinship) that they have lost faith in these institutions, or have these social institutions been able to prop-

erly discharge the roles they were created to perform? Unable to get Social science researchers need to do research on these issues, so that there is a hidden cause-effect relationship behind them. By knowing them, efforts can be made to solve them. Here a big question arises that if one uses such technology to fill any deficiency then it can also be accepted to an extent such as artificial heart, artificial eye, artificial hand and leg etc. But in spite of having real society and real relationships, if individuals are moving towards virtual society and relationships, then it is a sign of mental bankruptcy.

As a result, a new type of psychiatry is being seen in man. Cyber space online new classifications of personality and offline personality have been put forward which give rise to new forms of schizophrenia. Here online personality means a person who is far away from reality. He spends his valuable time by staying online for unlimited time and goes away from social life or say real life and he starts looking for his partner and happiness in the virtual world itself. The question is whether virtual world can be a better option to escape the problems of current society and life is it? The answer would be, probably no. Then it is necessary that only the real society should be made livable and ways should be found to deal with the challenges arising in it.

Running away from a problem or challenge is not the solution to the problem, but trying to solve them collectively can be the only permanent solution. There is still time to stop yourself from being a part of this technology guided world. It is said that it is good if man controls technology, but when technology starts controlling man, his Existence begins to be challenged. Therefore, there is a need to replace the virtual relationships with the real world and real relationships so that this society can be re-lived and worth living.



# Ruckus outside Delhi Assembly as BJP MLAs demand Manish Sisodia's resignation, burn CM Arvind Kejriwal's effigy

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 01:

Three Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs were marshaled out of Delhi Assembly as scenes of distress played out in the House when the special session was disrupted by the Opposition members calling attention notices before a discussion on the no-confidence motion. BJP MLA Vijender Gupta was expelled from the House for the entire session. Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla ignored the slogans raised by the BJP, following which all the BJP MLAs staged a walkout.

Massive protest broke out outside the Assembly as BJP workers burnt CM Arvind Kejriwal's effigy outside House chanting slogans of 'Manish Sisodia chor hain'. "We wanted to talk about the central vigilance committee report that conclusively proves that corrupt practices plague the classroom gate," BJP MLA Vijender Gupta said on be-



ing questioned about his ouster.

Rakhi Birla said that no calling attention notice will be taken up till the no-confidence motion is debated and voted on. The Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said that the Opposition wanted to discuss a number of issues including shortage of drinking water, pollution and health concerns.

"All issues of the opposition will be taken up once the no-confidence motion process is completed," Birla said, while adding that the Opposition members were doing theatrics to garner media attention and were not interested in people's issues.

On Wednesday as well, the session was disrupted after the MLAs of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and BJP forced

adjournments. Arvind Kejriwal has called for a special session of Assembly to prove majority of his government and to prove claims that BJP's 'Operation Lotus' is a failure. Last week, after CBI raids at Manish Sisodia's residence, the AAP launched a scathing attack on the BJP and alleged that the party was 'buying' AAP MLAs to topple Delhi government.

# India records 7,946 new Covid-19 cases, 12 deaths

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 01:

With 7,946 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of Covid-19 cases rose to 4,44,36,339, while the active cases declined to 62,748, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday.

The death toll climbed to 5,27,911 with 37 fatalities which includes 12 deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.14 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate increased to 98.67 per cent, the ministry said.

A decline of 1,919 cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.98 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 2.57 per cent, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,38,45,680 while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry, 212.52 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020; 30 lakh on

August 23; 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28; 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29; 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed one crore on December 19.

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

The 25 new fatalities include five from Maharashtra, three each from Gujarat and West Bengal, two each from Delhi, Karnataka, Mizoram, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, and one each from Bihar, Odisha, Pondicherry and Punjab.

# Shah to launch portal for allotment of houses to CAPF, Assam Rifles personnel

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 01:

Union home minister Amit Shah will on Thursday launch a portal for online registration and allotment of residential accommodation to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles personnel as per a revised policy.

In a statement, the Union home ministry said the eAwas portal was being launched to

increase the "Housing Satisfaction Ratio (HSR)" among the paramilitary personnel and to bring transparency and ensure the implementation of the revised policy for allotting the accommodation.

It added the portal has been developed in line with the system of the General Pool Residential Accommodation (eSampada). "It has the provision to notify the applicants through SMS and e-mail and facilitate planning for the con-

struction of new quarters based on the demand-gap analysis."

The statement said a provision of inter-force allotment will result in optimum utilisation of available houses and thereby increase the HSR. "The portal has a provision that if a house of any particular Force is not allotted for any reason for a period of four months, then any CAPF personnel can apply for the same vacant house online."

# Jharkhand CM Soren may resign as MLA amid turmoil over Office of Profit Case

Agency  
Ranchi, Sept 01:

Forecasting a political crisis over the office of profit case, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren is likely to resign as MLA and seek nod to form a fresh government after a meeting with the Governor today, sources said.

The JMM-Congress-RJD coalition in Jharkhand on Tuesday flew its 32 MLAs to Raipur to prevent the BJP's alleged attempts to poach its legislators while the death of the minor girl after being set on fire by two men in state's Dumka continued to trigger nationwide uproar on the other hand.

Soren's JMM believes that the BJP may make a serious attempt to poach MLAs of the party and alliance partner Congress in a bid to topple the coalition government. Following a petition by the BJP seeking Soren's disqualification from the Assembly in an office of profit case, the Election Commission sent its decision to state Governor Ramesh Bais on August 25.

Though the EC's decision is not yet made public, there was a buzz that the poll panel had recommended the chief minister's disqualification as an MLA.

The MLAs, 15 from the



Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and 17 from Congress, accompanied by senior Chhattisgarh Congress leaders Ramgopal Agrawal and Girish Dewangan, travelled in three buses to the luxurious resort located in Nava Raipur.

All 40-odd rooms at the resort have been booked for the guests from Jharkhand for the next two days, Congress sources said.

In a major development, sources said that Jharkhand CM may resign from the membership of the Legislative Assembly (as MLA) amid the recent political developments over the office of profit case.

CM Hemant Soren has called a cabinet meeting at 4 pm and has also sought time from the governor for a meeting.

Sources also said that Soren may seek nod to form a fresh government after meeting the governor. The exercise to form a new government has started, sources added.

The ruling United Progressive Alliance (UPA) led by JMM has sought time from the Governor for a meeting amid current political developments.

A Special POCSCO court in Dumka ordered on Wednesday to send samples/evidence, including burnt clothes of the deceased, to Forensic science laboratory (FSL) Ranchi.

The court also sent both accused to 72-hour Police remand. Police told the court that both needed to be confronted for further investigation.

Dumka Police said on Thursday that sections of Pro-

tection of Children Against Sexual Offences Bill (POCSO) Act have been added in the case of the minor girl who died after being set on fire.

The girl died after being set ablaze by a man for not reciprocating his overtures.

Earlier, the deceased's age was mentioned as 19 years in her recorded statement by the police which was later corrected to 15. The Child Welfare Committee (CWC) had then recommended SP to add sections under POCSO Act in the matter.

POCSO Act provides stringent punishment to those engaging in sexual crimes against children along with death penalty in cases of aggravated sexual assault.

The two accused in the case - Shahrulkh and Naeem - have been sent to three-day police remand for questioning.

Amid uproar over Dumka minor girl's death, a 15-year-old tribal girl was allegedly raped by a man inside her house in Ranchi district of Jharkhand. Police said on Tuesday that the accused was arrested on Monday and has been sent to jail.

"Police took immediate action and the accused was arrested. He has been sent to judicial custody: Kishor Kaushal, SSP Ranchi, said on the rape of the tribal girl in Ranchi's Narkop village.

# India, China hold major-level talks in Ladakh as standoff at LAC continues

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 01:

The Indian and Chinese armies on Wednesday held a Division Commander-level meeting in Ladakh to discuss matters pertaining to the maintenance of peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control. The meet came against the backdrop of PLA's continued construction activities along the LAC.

The Indian and Chinese sides were led by division commanders and reportedly discussed issues related to peace and tranquility in the DBO sector and other areas during the talks.

India and China recently held talks in the Chushul sector to address the air space violations by the Chinese Air Force where India warned the Chinese against any misadventure. The Indian Air Force has dealt very strongly with the Chinese

Air Force fighter aircraft and surprised them with quick responses to their provocations.

In related news, the Chinese embassy in New Delhi has hit out at German envoy Philipp Ackermann after the latter spoke about "infringements" along the border with India. The German envoy had said that China's claims over Arunachal Pradesh are "outrageous" and Chinese "infringements" along the country's border with India are an "extremely difficult" matter, which

should not be accepted.

"Felt regretted about the comments by a German diplomat in India on Aug 30. The boundary question btw China and India is a historical burden left by colonists. The irresponsible remarks went too far. The boundary question should be handled by China and India bilaterally. This is the consensus of the two sides. There's no space for any third party to intervene or make unwarranted comments or pick sides," Wang said in a tweet.

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# Wastage of food a major problem.....

Wastage of food is a cause of serious concern in a country like India where 37 per cent of the population lives below poverty line. Food wastage is a major problem in India. Weddings, can- teens, hotels and households spew out so much food. Each morsel thus wasted, in a way, contributes towards hunger. Today, most of us don't even spare a thought for the time, energy, and resources it takes

to produce our food. We generate mammoth amounts of food waste. The causes of food waste or loss are numerous, and occur at the stages of production, processing, retailing and consumption. Huge amounts of food is getting wasted by the people belonging to the upper strata of economy as there is no proper channel to utilise unused food. Apart from this, wasteful food-consumption



is also leading to unsustainable demand for natural resources. Assessing food loss and waste and developing effective policies along the value chain can help solve the food waste problem and thus contribute towards food security and sustainability. Don't we think a thought for our choice of food will save our natural resources and can keep us healthy?

IN THE COURT OF  
SUB-DEPUTY COLLECTOR  
IRONG CHESABA, THOUBAL DISTRICT

## NOTICE

Ref. Mutation Case No. 23/SCD/I.Ch. Dt. 23/8/2022

Applicant: Syed Ahamed, S/o (Late) Abdul Salam of Heibong Makhong  
-Vs-  
O.P. Co-pattadar No. 1 (Late) Abdul Salam, S/o (L) Moulana Muffiyuddin of Heibong Makhong

According to M.L.R. & L.R. Act, 1960 (3) that the land under Patta No. 606, Dag No. 1101, area .3037 (point three zero three seven) Ingkhoh Class Village No. 4-Maibam Konjil was expired.

Whereas, the son of the deceased pattadar Syed Ahamed was filed an application for mutation of the said pattadar, therefore notice as issued to all the concerned who are willing to argue should be submit written application within seven days notice was issued. Further any objection will not be entertained. Case will be continued.

Sd/-  
Sub-Deputy Collector,  
Irong Chesaba  
B.C. to SDC  
Irong Chesaba

IT/Advt-26/1



# Arvind Kejriwal proves majority, wins trust vote in Delhi Assembly

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 01:

After levelling allegations of MLA-poaching against the BJP, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal won the trust vote in the assembly on Thursday.

58 MLAs voted in favour of Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the trust vote. The AAP has 62 MLAs in the 70-member Delhi Assembly, while the BJP has eight.

Kejriwal had proposed a confidence motion in the Delhi Assembly after alleging that the opposition BJP's 'Operation Lotus' to topple his government failed as it could not get any of the AAP MLAs to cross over. The motion was tabled in the House on August 29, Monday.

"They failed to buy even a single AAP MLA in Delhi. We have 62 MLAs, two are out of country, one in jail. Fourth member is the Speaker of the House," the Delhi CM said after the trust motion was passed.

Last week, Kejriwal had alleged that the BJP had targeted 40 AAP MLAs and offered Rs 20 crore to each of them to switch sides.

"I want to bring a Motion of Confidence in the assembly so that it can be proved in front of the people of Delhi that the BJP's 'Operation Lotus Delhi' has become 'Operation Kichad'," he had said.

The BJP had fired back and accused Kejriwal of using the assembly for fanning political propaganda and indulging in drama to divert people's attention from the liquor "scam" of his government.

A vindicated Kejriwal also came out in support of his deputy Manish Sisodia, who is under the CBI lens for his alleged involvement in the Delhi excise policy case.

"Nothing was found in his [Sisodia's] house despite the CBI raids. Had he done corruption in liquor policy, crores would have been found at his home. Ye kangaal aadmi hai (He is penniless)," said the Delhi CM.

Touching upon the Sangam Vihar case, in which a 16-year-old girl was shot at by two men, Kejriwal expressed concern about the deteriorating law and order situation in the city. He also called on the Lt Governor and Home Minister to "take all appropriate steps for controlling the situation".

# 6th Biennial Convention of Manipur Association Canada held virtually

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 01:

The 6th Biennial convention of the Manipuri Association of Canada (MAC) was organized in the presence of Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh and Minister PWD & Sports, Govindas Konthoujam, on August 27. MAC, with its conception, has been dedicated to assisting Manipuris in pursuing higher education/study, immigration etc. in Canada and delivering a helping hand in times of need for the community and the people of Manipur. The motivation and encouragement speeches from the CM and Minister PWD & Sports flourished the program and instructed the Diasporas for a better Manipur.

At this Biennial convention, cultural program was featured and celebrated with vibrant renowned artists from Manipur, including Pushparani, Chitra, Pinky, Arbin, and Kennedy, who gave a rousing performance, the Nokphade team (Ruhini Kumar & team), with its unique characters, performed an overwhelming comedy show that captivated the online viewers across the world.

In addition, the Manipuri kids across Canada displayed a talent show that enthralled the viewers. As a part of the program, new organizational leadership team members were elected and pledged for the year 2022/2024. Further, the outgoing leadership/executive team handed

over the responsibilities to the newly formed executive team. The new group involves Dr. Prithviraj Kangjam (Yaiphaba) - President (Vancouver), Russiachand Heikham - Vice President (Montreal), Tolen Moirangthem - Secretary (Saskatoon), Dayananda Paonam - Asst. Secretary cum Treasurer (Toronto), with executive members Milanda Roy (Manitoba), and Daisy (Toronto). In addition, an advisory committee was also formed viz. Dr. Joy Laishram, Joy Chabungbam, Sujata Chabungbam, Promod Hamom, Ananta Singha, Sarda Heigrujam, Ranibala Kshetrimayum, and Shanta Konthoujam to overlook and offer suggestions to the executive's team.

# Indian Army Engineers complete bridge over Sukhtawa river in record time of six days

IT Correspondent  
Mumbai, Sept 01:

Indian Army Engineers of "Sudarshan Chakra Corps" of Southern Command on Wednesday completed the construction of Bailey Bridge over Sukhtawa River in Narmadapuram district of Madhya Pradesh in a record time of six days.

The bridge was handed over to civil administration by the General Officer Commanding, Paschim Madhya Pradesh Sub Area Maj Gen Sumer Ivan D'Cunha. Civil dignitaries including MLA Prem Shankar Verma, Collector, District Magistrate Neeraj Kumar Singh, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Madan Raghuvanshi, NHAI project Director RK Gupta, NHAI manager (Tech) Akhil Soni also attended the ceremony. The work bridge construction started on August 26.

The completion of this bridge has been a perfect example of a seamless and synergized civil-military response to national emergencies.



The handing over ceremony of Bailey Bridge over Sukhtawa River in Madhya Pradesh.

Construction of this Bailey Bridge has ensured day and night connectivity and restoration of vital economic activity over the Nagpur - Bhopal corridor on NH 46 in Madhya Pradesh. More than that, it has brought succour to the people of Narmadapuram district, whose daily life was affected as they were regularly

cut off due to heavy monsoon, an official statement said. This Bailey Bridge is 3.5m wide and 90 feet long Single Lane Bailey Bridge which is capable of sustaining heavy traffic. This is the first time that a state of Madhya Pradesh Indian Army made a bridge of this specification which is an achievement in itself.

The construction of this

bridge posed many challenges including adverse weather conditions, time, and the bridge site itself. However, Southern Command ensured timely construction of the Bailey Bridge and restore connectivity in a record time of 6 days. NHAI and Civil Administration provided all kinds of support during the planning & construction phase.

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# Poshan Maah celebration....

During the launching of the month long celebration, Deputy Commissioner Thoubal, A. Subhas Singh, IAS flagged off a rally of Anganwadi workers & helpers, ASHA, VHSNC and ANM from DC Complex, Thoubal which culminated at Thoubal Mela ground.

Flagging off the rally, Deputy Commissioner Thoubal A. Subhas Singh, IAS, said National Nutrition month is a month long celebration. During this month various programs related to women and children like health check up will be held in various parts of the District. He said in coordination and co-operation of various departments like ICDS, Health department and ZEO is important for the successful implementation of this month long celebration.

The program was also attended by CMO Thoubal Dr. Y. Nokul and DLOs of various

other departments.

At Bishnupur, District Administration, Bishnupur in association with ICDS Cell, Department of Social Welfare, Bishnupur today launched 'Rashtriya POSHAN Maah - 2022' at the Conference Hall of DC Office in Bishnupur. Shri H. Bobby Sharma, Addl Deputy Commissioner, Bishnupur, Ejay Hassan, AC to DC and Th. Santibala Devi, District Project Officer, ICDS addressed the gathering comprising CEO, Zilla Parishad, BDO Moirang, CMO, ZEO, DLOs, ICDS Supervisors, Anganwadi and ASHA Workers.

To mark the launch of the Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022, Poshan Rally was held from Mini Secretariat complex till Bishnupur Bazaar to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition to infants, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lac-

tating mothers.

ICDS Cell further lined up various activities to celebrate Rashtriya Poshan Maah all through this month in the district. In collaboration with Education, Health, Horticulture and other departments, ICDS will organize series of activities including plantation of medicinal plants, Poshan Pledge administration, Nutritional Recipe Contest, Screening Camps for Severe Acute Malnourishment, Anaemia Camps and Sensitization programs.

'Rashtriya POSHAN Maah' is celebrated each year in the month of September with the aim to create awareness about nutrition and healthy food. Poshan Abhiyaan 2022 is aimed to make India malnutrition free by 2022 by providing adequate nutrition to infants, pregnant women and lactating mothers, covering all states, districts and towns.

## Sports

### Durand Cup 2022:

# Kerala Blasters beat Army Green 2-0 to book quarters spot; ATK Mohun Bagan stay in contention with win over Indian Navy

Agency  
Guwahati/Kolkata, Sept 01:

Kerala Blasters (KBFC) have qualified for the quarter-finals of the 131st Durand Cup. They defeated the Army Green Football Team (AGFT) 2-0 in a Group D match at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati to earn themselves the prized spot. Muhammed Aimen and Aritra Das scored for the winners who were dominant throughout the game.

The game had a great flow from the beginning from both sides. The teams played some attacking football in each other's box. KBFC started to control the midfield with Vibin Mohanan and Muhammed Azhar, who have been consistently good in the tournament, calling the shots. They found the attacking foursome of Ajsal, Gaurav, Aimen and Roshan from time to time and were creating pressure on the Army defence.

The first goal came from such a move involving Roshan, Ajsal and Aimen. Roshan carried the ball from the right and found Ajsal in the middle who found Aimen on the left wing.

Muhammed Aimen unleashed an exquisite right footed curler into the top left corner to give the Blasters the lead.

The youngsters of KBFC have made a habit of scoring wonderful goals all throughout the tournament and the second goal was one such. In stoppage time, Aritra Das carried the ball down the left wing, entered the box and struck a bullet of a shot into the top corner. Army keeper Rolua Puia was left stunned.

Army Green was good in patches with PC Lalwankima making some good runs inside the box. The best chance for them came from a counter attack which was wasted by Gautam Singh from a pass by Chabin Rabba.

AGFT began the second half with more intent and pressed high with fresh legs having been introduced by gaffer Robichandra Singh. They dispossessed Blasters often but could not create any genuine goal scoring chances. The ones they did were either wasted or defended with ease by the Blasters defence. Tejas Krishna and Marwan Hussain along with Goalkeeper Sachin



Midfielder Azhar (right) of Kerala Blasters FC seen in action against Army Green Football team during the Durand cup match in Guwahati on 31 August 2022

Suresh ensured that the Army men were kept under control. TRAU FC will meet Chennaiyin FC at the Khaman Lampak Stadium in Imphal and Jamshedpur FC will meet Indian Air Force Football Team at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.

In another match, ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) stayed in contention for a knockout berth in the 131st

IndianOil Durand Cup, with a regulation 2-0 win, their second of the campaign, over the Indian Navy Football Team in a Group B fixture at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan (KBK). Lenny Rodriguez opened the scoring for the Green and Maroons while Kiyann Nassiri got the second of the game, which was otherwise played at a pedestrian pace. As a result, ATKMB now

have seven points from their four Group B games while the Navy have just one, with one more game left to play and are practically out of the tournament.

ATKMB's Spanish coach Juan Ferrando made eight changes in his side from the one that started against Emami East Bengal (EEB) in the previous game. It was almost a new-look side, from that one. Even then, it was ATKMB which started on the front foot making regular forays on the Navy goal.

The first goal came in the 18th minute. Deepak Tangri, one of those who had started in the EEB game, found Manvir on the right with a long ball. The ATKMB number 11 squared to Fardeen Ali Mollah, lurking on the edge of the box.

The young Santosh Trophy star took out two defenders while feigning his receive with a wonderful turn and played on Lenny Rodriguez, who created space on his left and beat keeper Vishnu with a grounded left-footer to the near corner.

# Hero ISL 2022-23 Season starts on October 7th in Kochi

Agency  
Mumbai, Sept 01:

The 2022-23 Hero Indian Super League (ISL) kicks off on October 7th, 2022 when last season's runners-up Kerala Blasters host East Bengal FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi.

All Hero ISL teams are currently participating in Asia's oldest competition, the Durand Cup, as they gear up for the Hero ISL season. All Indian football stakeholders have been determined to create a longer football calendar that provides players with more competitive matches throughout the year. The Hero ISL will be followed by the Super Cup in April, 2023.

The 2022-23 season will also be special as fans will be welcomed back to the stadium after a gap of two seasons. To make it convenient for more fans and families to attend and watch their teams in action, the Hero ISL has created a fixture list with matches taking place on weekends. Each Matchweek is scheduled between Thursday and Sunday, bringing the Hero ISL in line with the top global football leagues.

This season onwards, Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) has also introduced a new playoff format for the league, adding two exciting matches into the calendar. The top two teams at the end of the league stage will automatically qualify for the semi-finals. Teams finishing between 3rd and 6th will feature in a single-leg playoff to determine the other two semi-finalists.

## Name Change

I, the undersigned have change my name from Huidrom Iboyaima s/o late H. Ibomcha of Khurai Nandeibam Leikai to Prem Huidrom.

Sd/-  
Prem Huidrom  
Khurai Nandeibam Leikai