

Chief Minister flags-off fire fighting vehicles, expresses concern over narrow local roads

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today flagged off 11 new fire fighting vehicles and other equipment of the Manipur Fire Service Department and said that it was part of a precautionary measure taken up to meet any eventuality of fire. The fire fighting vehicles are for Imphal, Thoubal, Moreh, Bishnupur, Tamenglong, Jiribam, Senapati, Kangpokpi, Ukhrul and Churachandpur.

Speaking as the Chief Guest of a launching cum demonstration ceremony at Khuman Lampak, Main Gate Parking, N. Biren Singh made two appeals to the people including widening of bylanes and local roads to ensure that emergency vehicles like the fire service vehicles can pass through the roads in any event of emergency and to maintain water ponds in every locality. Emphasizing on the importance of wider bylanes and local roads, the Chief Minister questioned how these enormous vehicles will drive



through the narrow bylanes of our localities in Imphal and the district Headquarters in the event of a fire or emergency.

The government cannot act alone, we need the people to get involved, the Chief Minister said urging the people to come out voluntarily and ensure that their local bylanes are widened so that atleast large vehicles like the ones witnessed today can pass through.

We are in a very alarming situation, the Chief Minister said, further highlighting lack

of water due to deforestation, drying up of rivers and disappearance of water bodies like ponds and lakes in the State.

During any eventuality of an inferno, we need water to pump from the water bodies like ponds and rivers but our water bodies are drying, he said pointing out the deplorable condition of our rivers including Imphal River.

Appealing to the people to come out and actively participate in working for the welfare of the society, N. Biren

Singh said it is not the time to criticize others but the time to ask ourselves what we have done and contributed to the society, State.

Stating that around 64 vehicles are in service for Fire Service across the State and that 11 new vehicles with new sophisticated modern technology are being introduced today in the State, the Chief Minister further encouraged the firemen to continue their service for the people.

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Tension grips Chingmeirong area after police tried to evict UJB School following HC order

Locals stand hard against the Court verdict

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

Tension gripped at Chingmeirong area after an individual tried to evict the structures of Chingmeirong Mamang Awang Leikai UJB School, Chingmeirong Youth Association and Ema Panthoibi Meira Paibi Nupi Lup Office following the verdict of the Chief Justice of Manipur high Court.

Large number of people from Chingmeirong area came to the road and confronted the police which had come to translate the court verdict into reality. The NH-2 at Chingmeirong area was blocked for hours today as heavy confrontation occurred between the locals and the state police personnel. The police team later fired several round of tear gas shell and mock bomb to disperse the protestors. Later, the MLA of



the area Thangjam Arunkumar and the members of the IMC also came and to intervene the matter so that no protestors are injured.

Teachers of the UJB School said that they will

stand till their last blood flow against any move to evict the school. The same was the statement from the local club members and the Meira Paibis. The locals of the Chingmeirong area said that

the UJB School and the local club building have been constructed at the Laipham Siphai ground which is a playground of many budding sports persons.

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Awareness Programme on Poppy Cultivation at Kasom Khullen

IT News
Kamjong, Sept 14:

An Awareness Programme on Poppy Cultivation was held today at Kasom Village sub-divisional HQ of Kamjong district. Organised by the Kasom Khullen SDO Office in collaboration with CSO Leaders, Church Leaders, Women and Youth Leaders, the venue of the event was the Sadbhavna Mandap.

Those who gathered at the programme today took a pledge that the sub-division has declared 'War Against Drugs' and Zero Tolerance Policy against Poppy Plantation. They collectively declared to work hand in hand with the present government in its endeavour against the drug menace and also assured to give full support to the government in eliminating poppy cultivation in the area.

Some of the important dignitaries who sat in the dais today were Duna Duo, SDO Kasom Khullen; Shomi Angkang, Chairman, Tangkhul Naga Aze Longphang; Ringthing Hongchui, Addl SP, Kamjong; Dr Moshil Khulak, Medical Officer, PHC Kasom Khullen; Worthem Moltahau, Range Forest Officer, Kamjong; Worthing Shinglai, Secretary, Kasom Khullen

Sub-Division Development Association; Asung Ningshen, Chairman, Kasom Khullen Sub-division Student Union; and Ngamtairing Setei, Catechist, Good Shepherd Church, among many others.

Representatives from the CSOs and public leaders of the area appreciated the government and the organizers for bringing such an awareness programme.

RIMS celebrates 51st Foundation Day

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) celebrated its 51st Foundation Day at Jubilee Hall today. The celebration was attended by Prof Indira Chakravarty, Padmasree awardee, former additional DG Health Services Government of India, Prof A Santa, Director RIMS, Prof L Fimate, former Director RIMS, Former S Rita Devi, former director RIMS, Prof Ch Manglem, retd Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Prof Indivor, Chairperson reception committee, Dr. Brogen Akoijam Dean, and Prof N Sanjib MS, as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honours respectively.

Prof. A. Santa, Director, delivered the annual report of RIMS for the year 2021 to 2022. He expressed that RIMS began its journey on September 14th, 1971 with the objective of imparting, promoting, and disseminating knowledge and education for undergraduate and postgraduate students in all the specialties of medical science, including super-spe-



cialist, advanced learning, and doctoral courses. RIMS has become the pride of the North East and is the only medical college from the entire North East to figure amongst the top 50 medical institutions in India in the last four years continuously in the NIRF ranking, released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. In the last four (four) years, RIMS has done excellent work in patient care as well as on the academic front.

RIMS has got the award "District Green Champion Certificate" from the Ministry of Education for successfully setting up the Swachhta Action Plan Committee and adoption and implementation of best practices in the areas of

sanitation, hygiene, waste management, water management, energy management, and greenery management.

Director further stated that the year 2021-22 for RIMS, Imphal were significant with various developments and milestones. As of March 3rd, 2022, RIMS has 484 undergraduate medical students on roll. An accumulative total of 3656 doctors has been produced so far. In all, 409 post-graduate students are on Roll, and in all, 2101 specialist doctors have been produced. The corresponding numbers for M.Ch/DM courses are 15 (on roll) and 23 (passed). So far, a total of 67 students have been trained in an M.Phil in Clinical Psychology.

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Over 100 villagers including women and children hospitalized on suspected food poisoning cases in Senapati village

Courtesy – East Mojo
By- Vangamla Salle K S
Senapati, Sept 14:

Over 100 villagers of Tungjoy in Senapati District, including women and children, were rushed primary health center at Paomata and sub-center at Tungjoy after suspected food poisoning from a birthday feast on Tuesday.

Around 70 patients were admitted at PHC Paomata while 40 others were rushed to PHSC Tungjoy, said Dr Th Pouziwe, MO, PHC Paomata. Most of the patients were from Tungjoy and Tunggam village, he said.

According to Dr Pouziwe, at around 2 pm on Tuesday, people started coming in with complaints of vomiting, diarrhea, high fever and body ache after attending the birthday celebration of a boy in Tungjoy village.

About 110 patients were admitted both at Paomata PHC and Tungjoy PHSC. Dr Pouziwe said the number of affected people could be more because those with non-seri-



ous symptoms likely decided to stay back at home after self-medication.

Since there are only three doctors and little staff at the health center, they are now taking help from nearby health centers, including manpower, to oversee the situation, Dr Pouziwe said.

On Wednesday, around 15 patients who had shown improvement were discharged. However, more patients continue to be admitted even on the second day of the incident, Dr Pouziwe informed.

According to the doctor,

they suspect the fermented fish used in chutney to have caused food poisoning.

"Those who do not consume meat, however, were also admitted with same symptoms. So we are suspecting it was caused from the ingredient used (fermented fish/ Ngari) in the chutney. However, nothing can be ascertained as of now," Dr Pouziwe said.

On Wednesday morning, a team of Food Safety Team in Senapati did sampling and inspection at both the health centers and Tungjoy village for further investigation.

EGM appeals

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

Some individual or group has shared some press releases of a proscribed / banned armed outfit on the facebook page of Editors Guild Manipur. The page has been open by Editor Guild's Manipur (EGM) with an objective of promoting healthy in-

teraction with the public and editors of Manipur. It is a forum for highlighting public issues in a legal manner. However, the act of the individual of posting / sharing unedited press releases directly has potential of compromising the ethics of the journalists.

The post has since been removed by the admin following the issue being brought to

the knowledge of the EGM. We would like to appeal to all members of the group and those using the facebook page/forum to avoid from posting / sharing such unedited version of any press releases. Any press releases by any organization may be sent to individual media houses instead of uploading in social media.

★ Editorial

Police on duty between Mao to Kangpokpi needs appreciations



A policeman checking ILPS permit to non-local at NH-2 in Senapati District

May be it was a coincident, eye witness accounts in between Mao to Kangpokpi along the National Highway 2 show N. Biren Singh's government serious concern in the implementation of Inner Line Permit System regulated under the Eastern Bengal Frontier Act. In addition to this, feeling of security to travelers along this route has been felt except that the road portion is not so convenient, as many parts of High Way are under construction. The credit simply goes to the state police of both Senapati district and the Kangpokpi district.

At Mao gate State police strictly monitor the non-locals who entered the state while issuing the permit. After permit were issued following verifications of the entry permit, police at around 4/5 different location checked if any has been deported without proper valid permit for entry to the state. Mobile patrolling team of the state police of both Senapati and Kangpokpi district were seen parked and guarding the high way at this portion of road. Earlier, that is around 7/8 years ago travelers showed many local goons on the road some donating from the buses. But due to the presence of the state police at various places passengers felt a feeling of security. Moreover, in this few years the attitude of the police personnel has changed a lot. They treated every passengers both outsiders and the natives with courtesy.

Saying so we in the Imphal Times still felt that the ILPS being regulated in the state needs to be strengthened. There are certain provision like definition of the native people has not been provided and the need of introduction of base year is still fishy as the state is still yet to implement the National Registered for Citizenship in Assam models.

As per information from the checking gate at Mao in Senapati district. Around 150 to 200 outsiders entered the state with ILPS on daily basis.

This writing is an appreciation to the State police of both Senapati district and Kangpokpi district for their sincere duty in making the ILPS a more success regulation for protection of the indigenous people. Hope they continue as the future of the indigenous people lies in their action and duty.

Festive Season



By: Vijay GarG

These days there is a flurry of festivals. Every year it starts from the month of August, which lasts till the end of December. That is, two quarters of the financial year are related to this time and these quarters can register good profits, if the per capita purchasing capacity and consumption capacity are at the highest level during this period. These days the economic development data has given a new positive energy to the elixir of independence.

Now India has become the fifth largest economy in the world. England is in sixth place, sure, every It is a matter of pride for India. Now only Germany, Japan, China and America

are ahead of us. It is also true that economic data only presents one side of the comparative basis, they do not give a complete picture. It has to be understood. England is equal to five percent of the population of India, that is, the total population of India is twenty times more than that of England. Yet it is a historic moment in India's tireless efforts of the last seventy five years, when we find ourselves among the five largest economies of the world.

Economic data the second happiness was provided when the GDP figures for the first quarter of the current financial year came out. This rate stood at 13.5 percent during this period. However, this figure also gave rise to a debate. According to the estimates of the Reserve Bank of India, this rate should have been around 16.2 percent. That is why it was said that even now perhaps the Indian economy has not come in the real mood of recovery after the corona epidemic. Remember, the first quarter of the last two financial years was very dire. Negative rate of twenty three percent in the first quarter of 2020-21. The impact of the third wave of the pandemic, which started in January last year, was seen on the GDP figures of that time. It is also worth mentioning in this aspect that even this economic data does not present a complete picture of the development of the society, because the ever-increasing figures of unemployment and inflation maintain a negative trend in this context. In the coming time, the main aspect of India's economic prosperity at the global level will be the current financial year. In the initial days, for this year, many global agencies did not rate India's economic rate. Estimated to be around nine percent.

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Patriotism & Nation Building

By: Sanjenbam Jugeshwor Singh

"I do not want that our loyalty as Indians should be in the slightest way affected by any competitive loyalty whether that loyalty arises out of our religion, out of our culture or out of our language. I want all people to be Indians first, Indian last and nothing else but Indians." - BR Ambedkar;

On 15th August, 2022 at 8.44 HRS members of Tetso Mountaineering Club of Tetso College hoisted a Tiranga on the top of Mt Saramati - a jewel, pride and prestige of Nagaland for the very first time in the history in the most challenging circumstances. The act was a classic representation of gallantry, determination, leadership, sacrifice and also the ultimate patriotism - as nobody dares to climb Mt Saramati in the rainy season, nobody 'ever' hoisted a Tiranga on 15th August with a National Salute and National Anthem at 3841 Meters height on top of great Saramati. This unique incident of unparalleled courage, passion and patriotism of Naga students inspired me to write this article. New Nagaland is rising with a rising "Bharat". We are the eye witness to this revolution.

"India the cradle of human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend and the great grandmother of tradition." Let us start our discussion by saluting the words of "Mark Twain." India respects all religions with a strong secular culture. When our country depicts to the world that we believe in divinity and not in imperialism then this nation cultivates peace and harmony for the whole world and sets on a journey of nation building process channelized by the great power of patriotism with a vision to build a society based on the values of Justice, Equality, Liberty and Fraternity.

The Dictionary defines Patriotism as, "a love for one's own country with an earnest desire to contribute towards the welfare of countrymen." However, when we see patriotism in the light of Indian context it takes a bigger form and gives a meaning in a larger perspective since in that it would not just mean to love your own country but the entire humanity as a whole. Patriotism is an actual spirit that seeks supreme sacrifice for our country and enables as a step forward for doing our bit for our country, for all of us patriotism is an emotional attachment to the mother country. Patriotism is commonly misunderstood as only giving a life to the country, only for fighting; that is not true. We should be willing to give our life if the country needs it but that does not mean that there are no other acts of patriotism. In the pre-independence era when our country was colonized, that time show of patriotism mainly meant fighting for the country's independence. Today our country needs work in the field of health and education, sanitation & cleanliness, empowerment of women and socially deprived classes, poverty alleviation, social justice, economic empowerment of the masses, these are the areas where we need to contribute for the nation. We should protect our borders and our resources. As I am writing here now, our Army is protecting us, risking their life for our country. That is an ultimate act of patriotism which we should acknowledge and get inspired from.

Also, when we look into nation building, it is a multi-dimensional concept and it involves an active participation of its citizens through various walks of life. In short we can say that patriotism and nation building are two sides of the same coin. A

strong and powerful nation is built on dedication and hard work of its citizens and some amount of smart planning from the part of the Government. We have studied many revolutions in the history of different countries like the French Revolution of 1789 where "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity"- the slogan that empowered "patriotism" flourished the whole world. The American Independence at that time, Thomas Jefferson had stated that "the tree of liberty requires transformation from time to time through the blood of patriots". The Russian Revolution, The Technological Revolution of the Japanese, this is how Patriotism and the Nation Building has got its global perspective. Then there is an Indian perspective of Patriotism and nation building. In Ramayana, the Rama says that "Janani Janmabhumiśha swargadapi garibyasi", which means "My mother and my mother country depicts to the world that they are greater than the heavens itself". Even the great Teacher and Scholar Chanakya in his master class work called "Arthshastra" clearly defines a concept called patriotism and nation building. His formulations are "Rajarsi" (Sage, Wise Ruler) and "Dharma raja" (Righteous Ruler) concepts. In 10th century AD a person called "Shukracharya" had denoted a book called "Nitisara" - a core conduct of nation building and patriotism is clearly defined, this is the Indian school of thought.

Every nation should have icons who have selflessly served the nation. When we go through the timeline of Indian history lots of places have made commendable contributions in patriotism and nation building. The great revolt of 1857 gives us Mangal Pandey; sacrifices of Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat

Singh and the Indian National Movement led by Mohandas Gandhi had institutionalized patriotism. Even the lines of Rabindranath Tagore "Where the head is held high and where the mind is without fear" gives immense pleasure and inspiration to every Indian. The foundational framework of Dr BR Ambedkar and the formulations of first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru undoubtedly made India a role model in the nation building process in the whole world. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was asked, "In the nation of 1.25 billion population what I as an individual can do for the nation-building?" he replied, "Whatever role you are playing today, whatever work you are doing if you do that with utmost sincerity, with utmost dedication towards it that will be your contribution to the nation building. If you are a teacher, teach with such a passion, such a zeal, enthusiasm, feel that the child which you are teaching today will develop the potential to become a role model for his society tomorrow, he will be a national leader tomorrow and that will be a contribution as a teacher to nation-building".

However, despite the challenges like social ghettoism, regionalism, extremism, social injustice-casteism/racism, religious polarization, corruption that patriotism and nation building faces today, like the soldier in war marches on regardless of situation and circumstances - We "The People of India" will march on with a strength and determination to continue to build the nation. This is also the message that is being echoed loudly by the Tiranga which is still waving high and proud at 25.7404° N, 95.0370° E-the site of the Border Pillar Number 138 on top of Mt Saramati.

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A queen getting throned in a kitchen



By: Benus Thangjam

A person with the prettiest smile hides the deepest secrets. Sitting in front of my study table trying to study, suddenly a word echoed in my ear. Whenever I try to forget that worst moment, it becomes my reminder. Being a woman in a society dominated by a male is like a deer surrounded by lions on all its sides. As it says "Mangdasu lang tungdasu ten." The education of the society always teaches her that she is a

woman who is to build the family not to follow the dream. They teach her that she can rule like a queen inside the room, bounded by four sides i.e. the kitchen. If a woman comes home late, even the members of her own family will start criticizing her. When she makes a mistake everyone will laugh and mock her without knowing the truth and problem which she suffered. Even when she simply talks with her male friends, everyone will think that they have affairs.

As many women stand up and raise their voice against patriarchy society. The mindset still remains the same that came long before. Women look down upon women. They still find mistakes instead of supporting themselves.

Being a girl who wants to grow up independently without many restrictions is like committing a crime. Since my childhood, I have wanted to be a girl who can stand by herself without depending on others. So, I

followed my heart and did everything with the words of the person which I saw when I'm standing in front of the mirror. But society always gives me a negative response. Following my dream and ignoring the negative voice of the narrow minded society really gives me stress and depression. And it has become one of the weaknesses. To hide my weakness, I put a big smile as a mask.

Being a part of the society, I sometimes demotivate myself. Whenever my time is hard there is only one person I talk to, who is seen when I stand in front of the mirror. She is the only one who teaches me to believe in myself no matter what. She made me realize that I have a responsibility to make my parents proud of me. They are the only people in this world who care for me.

Getting a lot of bad comments from society and knowing who I am, my enemy becomes my best friend. I realize that they are the ones who

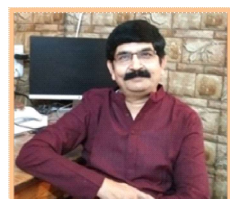
made me understand who I am? And it teaches me a big lesson that we should not follow other opinions and should always believe in ourselves. It teaches me that no matter what people will always criticize you and always try to let you down. But the only means to overcome and stand by yourself is by being nice to yourself and always wearing a smile.

The greatest people who we wish for "never give up" on other opinions, they follow what their heart says. They always put on a big smile even in their worst time. From them I learnt that the only thing which everyone desires in their life is following their way their heart says.

So, instead of comparing with others perfection, always follow what the heart says. As their saying goes "People treat you the way you treat yourself."

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CM Bhupendra Patel the new 'Dada' of Gujarat completes one year



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

Bhupendra Patel was unanimously elected as the BJP legislative party leader and Chief Minister elect of Gujarat on 12 September 2021. He sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on 13 September

2021. Patel is, however, not a new face in politics and has served as the Ahmedabad municipal councillor. Patel, who holds a diploma in civil engineering, also served as the chairman of the Standing Committee of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA).

He is also not the first-time Chief minister but also the first-time minister of Gujarat. He became an MLA for the first time in 2017 when he defeated Congress's Shashikant Patel by over 1 lakh votes. There were amid allegations and speculations that Patel will be a "remote-controlled" CM but Union home minister Amit Shah expressed confidence in Bhupendra Patel's

leadership. After Patel became Chief Minister, there were Gandhinagar Municipal polls and everyone said that the AAP will come to power, but BJP won as many as 41 out of 44. Earlier, the BJP was never in a majority because it used to win about 50 per cent of the seats only.

Under the initiative, the state government has prepared 82 Vande Gujarat Vikas Rath that will travel through all the villages and cities of the state. The chariots are equipped with LED screens that will showcase the development Gujarat has witnessed in the last 20 years in the form of mini films. It is believed that Patel holds a strong influence in the Patidar community in Gujarat which the BJP has banked upon to win the

upcoming elections.

The state government has cared about all sections of society, including the poor, deprived and weak. Gujarat has developed a work culture where people feel least troubled and their issues are resolved at the earliest. State has given the definition of a balanced development of health, agriculture and industry to the country and the world. Cow-based natural farming has also been given a special focus. While giving priority to slum redevelopment in cities, the state government has started construction of 59,000 houses in 166 slums at a fast pace and 7,800 units of redevelopment has also been completed.

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‘Congress chhodo, BJP ko jodo’: 8 out of 11 party MLAs join saffron camp in Goa

Agency
Panaji, Sept 14:

Eight Goa Congress lawmakers joined the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday in the latest in a series of defections from the Opposition party days after Rahul Gandhi kicked off 3,700 km-long foot march Bharat Jodo Yatra to revive its flagging electoral fortunes amid internal turmoil.

The defections come months after a split in Congress was averted in the state in July after rebels failed to get the requisite numbers to switch to the BJP without attracting disqualification proceedings under the anti-defection law. Five lawmakers members refused to join them while two others dithered.

Eight of the 17 Congress lawmakers earlier met chief minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday after holding a meeting in the chamber of the Leader of Opposition Michael Lobo in the state assembly. They passed a resolution to “merge” their group with the BJP.

Former chief minister Digambar Kamat and Lobo led the lawmakers as they arrived at the state assembly even as the House is not in session. They have conveyed their voluntary decision to quit the Congress to Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar, who is in Delhi and expected to arrive in Goa later on Wednesday.

Lobo, who switched from the BJP to Congress prior to



the assembly polls this year, said this will be the beginning of the “Congress Chhodo, BJP Jodo [leave Congress, join BJP]” yatra in the country in a dig at Gandhi’s march.

“We have joined the BJP to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief minister Pramod Sawant so that development works can be carried out in all constituencies. The Congress has commenced a Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. We have in Goa started the Congress Chhodo and BJP Jodo and we are doing this only to take forward the vision of the Prime Minister and to strengthen Sawant,” Lobo said.

He said they held a meeting of the Congress legislative party and took the decision to merge with the BJP. “A resolution was moved...after signing the resolution, it was taken to the legislature secretary and one copy was sent to the chief

minister. We are merging with the BJP. Intimation has been sent to the Speaker. We have spoken on the phone, sent him an email and fax is also being sent. And his reply is expected immediately,” Lobo said.

Kamat accused Congress of ignoring him and denying him the post of the leader of the Opposition. “I said that what was happening in the Congress was not right. And when Gulam Nabi Azad resigned and wrote a letter...if you read it, you will be able to draw your conclusions that instead of a Bharat Jodo Yatra, there needs to be a Congress Jodo Yatra,” Kamat said.

Congress has over the years lost power in states such as Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka following defections. Former Union minister Azad quit the party last month blaming the party’s functioning and Gandhi for demolishing consultative mechanisms. The exit came ahead of the

election to elect a new Congress president and Bharat Jodo Yatra. Azad was the latest in a series of senior leaders, who have left the party. He was a member group of 23 leaders, who wrote to party chief Sonia Gandhi in 2020 demanding internal reforms.

Sawant said the eight joined the BJP for development and to help Modi build a new India. “They have supported us and I welcome them. This is a historic decision,” Sawant said.

The BJP has 20 members in the 40-member state assembly. It is one short of the majority on its own and has the backing of three independent and two Maharashtra Gomantak Party legislators.

The Congress’s plea for disqualifying Kamat and Lobo for colluding with the BJP to break the Congress following the attempt to split the party in July is pending with Tawadkar.

India reports 5,108 new cases in 24 hours; active caseload drops to 0.1%

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 14:

India logged 5,108 new coronavirus infections taking the total tally of COVID-19 cases to 4,45,10,057, while the active cases dipped to 45,749, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday.

The death toll climbed to 52,82,16 with 19 fatalities, which includes 12 deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.10 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate increased to 98.71 per cent, the ministry said.

The daily positivity rate stood at 1.44 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 1.70 per cent.

A total of 89.02 crore COVID-19 tests have been conducted so far and 3,55,231 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours.

As many as 215.67 crore total vaccine doses, including 94.57 crore second dose and 18.70 crore precaution doses have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive. A total of 19,25,881 doses were administered in the last 24 hours, the ministry said.

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.

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

In the 12-14 age group, 4.06 crore people have gotten their first doses and 3.09 crore the second. Over 6.18 crore people in the 15-18 age group have gotten their first doses and more than 5.27 crore second doses.

Indian, Chinese troops complete disengagement at patrolling point 15 in Eastern Ladakh: Sources

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 14:

Indian and Chinese troops have completed disengagement at Patrolling Point (PP) 15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area of eastern Ladakh in a phased, coordinated, and verified manner, the Ministry of Defence sources said on Tuesday. Both armies on September 8 announced that they have kicked off the disengagement process from the PP-15, in a significant forward movement in the stalled process to pull-out troops from the remaining friction points in the region.

The disengagement in the Gogra-Hot Springs area is an outcome of the 16th round of India-China military talks on July 17, in which many of the bigger issues between the two sides were resolved. Local commanders from both sides had met to discuss the pending issues such as the distances to which the troops would retreat on either side and other modalities of the process.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said, “As per the agreement, the disengagement process in this area started on September 8 at 0830 hours and will be completed by September 12. The two sides have agreed to cease forward deployments in this area in a phased, coordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas. With the resolution of the stand-off at PP-15, both sides mutually agreed to take the talks forward and resolve the remaining issues along LAC and restore peace and tranquility in India-China border areas.”

India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquility along the LAC were key for the overall development of the bilateral ties. The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas. Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers and heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process last year on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area. The disengagement in the Pangong Lake area took place in February last year while the withdrawal of troops and equipment in Patrolling Point 17 (A) in Gogra took place in August last year.

The disengagement at PP-15 marks a step forward in the resolution of the ongoing military standoff with China. With this, the troops would return to pre-April 2020 positions along the LAC, with disengagement at friction points of PP-17 A (another patrol point in the Gogra-Hot Springs area), both banks of Pangong Tso also getting resolved since last year through talks.

However, the long-standing issues at Depsang Plains and Demchok are yet to be resolved and an overall de-escalation along the LAC remains to be achieved, with both sides deploying nearly 50,000 troops in the Ladakh region since the standoff began in 2020.

Contd. from Page 2 Festive Season

Later, due to the increased crude oil prices due to the war between Russia and Ukraine, it was estimated around seven to eight percent. The current financial year is also very important for India because during this time it is being seen continuously that the United States is going through the problem of rising inflation, due to which the common man is engaged in controlling his purchasing power these days. These days the situation in China is also not looking very good. To a large extent, there is a hint of economic slowdown. The basis of China’s economy is mainly the construction and manufacturing sector. It has been seen for some time that the effect of the corona epidemic is still visible on the economic development of China.

The financial year 2022-23 will become the mainstay of India’s overall economic growth only if the next three quarters maintain its high growth rate, so that the Indian economy can achieve an average growth rate of around eight percent at the

end of the year. These days there is a flurry of festivals. Every year it starts from the month of August, which lasts till the end of December. That is, two quarters of the financial year are related to this time and these quarters can register good profits, if the per capita purchasing capacity and consumption capacity are at the highest level during this period. This festive season sees an increase in the profits of almost all companies every year, mainly auto, FMCG, electronics, garments, sweets and gold-silver purchases. Recently, in a survey of the purchasing power of consumers conducted by CMIE, it was found that in July, Indian investors and consumers increased their purchasing power has expressed a lot of confidence in the capacity and the figures are showing that in the last four months, a growth rate of around 6.7 percent has been registered, which is a turnaround in the economy after the corona epidemic according to the growth rate of the Indian economy can be seen as a give-

away indicator. This growth rate in the last five months was attractive only in the month of February, when it recorded five per cent.

After that, it is 3.7 percent in March, 3 percent in April, 0.8 percent in May and only one percent. It was registered in the month of June. The interesting fact in this context is that the main support for this growth rate in July has come from the rural sector, which stood at 7.3 percent during this period, while it was only 4.8 percent in the urban area. The reason for this is clear. The unemployment rate is high in the urban area and the post-Covid economic strength has not yet come among the people, as the annual wage increase has been estimated around five to six percent during this period. The rural area became more efficient during this period because the monsoon is mid and till the month of September. It is maintaining its momentum well in South India, whose positive impact is visible on the agriculture sector.

The government has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the agriculture sector from four to eight per cent for monsoon-based kharif crops. The MGNREGA figures are also explaining the rural economic development situation in a different way. In the month of July of the current financial year, about 2.04 crore villagers were dependent on MGNREGA, compared to 3.16 crore during the previous month. Availability of monsoon and other employment opportunities Due to this, in the month of July and beyond, the dependence of rural people on MGNREGA has reduced and other resources have become available to them for their economic life cycle, which has become a good basis of economic progress for the Indian economy. It is very important for a developing country like India to maintain a steady increase in the economic growth rate. We have come so far in this that now the only option is to keep our momentum going. Otherwise it has many adverse effects, including selling in the stock market by foreign investors. Is now it is necessary that the government should control the rate of inflation, otherwise it may have an adverse effect on the purchasing power of the common person during the festive season and as a result of which the GDP figures may also decrease. According to global reports, for the last three months, the international crude oil prices have not seen the sharp rise it was in the months of February-March after the troubles started in Russia and Ukraine.

But the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG are still high in the Indian domestic market. The opposite effect is being seen on all types of inflation, from food items to kitchen items and the cost of transportation is mainly included. If the government tries to control inflation at the domestic level, it is possible that the purchasing power of the Indian consumer will record its highest level in the coming festive days and economic growth will get a new impetus.

CM Bhupendra Patel the new ‘Dada’ of Gujarat....

Along with education, health and security, the government has also focused on agriculture, rural development, uplift of the poor and industrial development. PM Modi’s call for the creation of 75 ‘Amrit Sarovars’ in each district as part of the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,’ the state has so far created 673 such lakes. The state government is prioritising the welfare of the younger generation and education.

As far as the initiatives and achievements of the urban sector in Gujarat, the state government is fully committed to realising the dream of the Prime Minister of making Gujarat’s cities world-class. For speedy development of cities, the state government has given top priority to various welfare schemes for planned urban development and citizen-oriented governance. The area under horticulture has increased by 300

per cent from 4.80 lakh hectares to 20 lakh hectares in the state in the last two decades. Similarly, there has been an increase of 65 per cent in the area under cultivation of pulses. The cultivation of fruits like pomegranate, dates and Kamalam (dragon fruit) has also been included in the micro-irrigation system covering more area through SPV. The state has taken up several mega projects to boost electricity generation from re-

newable energy sources. PM Modi has already laid the foundation stone for a 30,000MW hybrid (solar and wind) renewable energy park in Kutch, which is also claimed to be the world’s largest of its kind. Besides, several projects worth crores by Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Limited have already started expanding in the state giving a massive boost to its renewable energy production capabilities.

There is no doubt that Gujarat’s development will witness many mega infrastructure projects and one such mega-project is Dholera, India’s First Greenfield Smart City. A fin-tech hub is being set up and incentives for aircraft-leasing companies are being given. Gujarat will soon become a renewable energy hub. It is reported that by 2025, Gujarat will consolidate its position as the renewable energy capital of the country.

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'Accept your mother tongue, nation's languages': Home Minister Amit Shah at Hindi Diwas event in Gujarat

Agency
Surat, Sept 14:

Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday urged the people of India to learn and understand their mother tongue, emphasising the need to strengthen local languages. Addressing an event marking Hindi Diwas, he also said that Hindi is the friend of all Indian languages and it "unites the whole nation in a thread of unity" as an official language. "Local languages and Hindi are the life of our cultural flow. If we want to understand the soul of our culture and history, we will have to learn the official language. If we want to understand these, we will have to strengthen our local languages. Official language and local languages will together uproot the inferiority complex of languages created by the British...the time has come for



that," Shah said in Gujarat today.

Shah took part in the second All India Official Language Conference organized

development of all local languages including Hindi".

Spoken as a native language by 258 million people, Hindi is recognised as the fourth most spoken language in the world.

India's first PM, Jawaharlal Nehru, had officially declared September 14 as the Hindi Diwas. The Constituent Assembly of India declared Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, to be the official language of the Union of India on September 14, 1949. English is the second official language.

"Hindi has brought special honour to India all over the world. Its simplicity, spontaneity and sensitivity always attract. On Hindi Diwas, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all those people who have contributed tirelessly in making it prosperous and empowered," tweeted PM Modi on Wednesday morning.

Agniveer recruitment rally for Indian Army

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

Agniveer Recruitment rallies for male candidates in North East Zone started on September 7, 2022. The rally for the state of the Nagaland has been successfully completed on September 10, 2022

Rally for districts of upper Assam is in progress at Mariani. The turn out of candidates for both the rallies has been huge and youth participated with full vigour and enthusiasm.

Agniveer Recruitment rally for all districts of Meghalaya state is com-

mencing today at Shillong. Over 6100 candidates have applied for recruitment as Agniveer in the Indian Army. The military, state and district authorities have joined their hands to make the event a great success which shall provide employment to a large number of youth of

the region. Candidates are advised to be beware of tourists who make false promises and extort money from them in the name of assured selection. The recruitment is a fair, transparent and automated process and no persons can influence the outcome.

SFs apprehends two PLA insurgents

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

Based on credible intelligence inputs provided by Keithelambi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR(South), an operation was launched by Manipur Police wherein 2 active cadres of proscribed group PLA were apprehended from Takhel, Imphal East district on September 12.

The apprehended insurgents were actively involved in extortion and carrying out other subversive activities in the valley on behalf of the proscribed group. One 9mm Beretta Pistol and 12 live rounds were recovered from apprehended insurgents.

The apprehended insurgents were handed over to Lamlai Police Station for further investigation.

AR organises Security Meet

IT News
Imphal, Sept 14:

Assam Rifles Battalions of Somsai Sector under the aegis of IGAR(South) organised security meets at various locations in Ukhrul and Kamjong districts today.

A total of approximately 120 villagers including the village headmen and authorities participated in the meets where interactions were carried out with the focus to en-

sure safe environment and security in the region for the overall development. In addition, various other security related issues were also discussed with the GBs and they were also briefed on various civic action projects being undertaken by Assam Rifles.

The participants assured their full cooperation to Assam Rifles towards the common cause of maintaining peace and harmony in the area.

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Chief Minister flags-off fire....

Director Manipur Fire Services Themthing Ngashangva said the Chief Minister has been the backbone in the endeavor to modernize and enhance the capability of the Manipur Fire Services.

He said the Water Bouser is being introduced in the State today. The vehicle has 12,000 KL capacity, he said adding that due to lack of water sources especially in Imphal city area, this vehicle had become very essen-

tial to control fire.

Foam Co2 and Crash Tender is the other vehicle being launched today, he said adding that this is the equipment which can deal with situations arising out of inflammable substances like accidents involving oil tankers, gas bottling plants, etc.

Now with the introduction of the two equipment, we are at par with any other fire service in the country, he added.

The Director also said that altogether 80 proximity fire suits among other things have also been introduced today.

The launching cum demonstration ceremony was attended by MP Rajya Sabha Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba, Ministers L. Susindro Singh, Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, H. Dingo Singh, MLAs L. Rameshwar Meetei and K. Robindro Singh, DGP P. Doungel, ADGP Clay Khongsai among others.

RIMS celebrates 51st Foundation....

Santa further stated that the students had been provided a comfortable and congenial atmosphere for their overall growth. They have excelled in both academic and extra-curricular activities during the year. In recognition of the achievements of the academic performances of students and to encourage them in their academic pursuits, certificates, gold medals, and cash awards are instituted by the institute as well as by generous donors.

Prof. Santa, Director, highlights a few pieces of RIMS equipment and machines. Five new Modular OTs with all-new accessories, viz a CCTV, locker, OT table, OT light, Modular laminar air flow, medical gas pipeline, and high-end monitoring, have been installed and commissioned in the OT Complex. These OTs have a five-year warranty from the date of commissioning. One 64-slice

CT Scan machine has been installed for use in radio diagnosis. One high-end surgical microscope was commissioned in the Neurosurgery Department. The institute also completed a number of construction projects, as well as major and minor repairs. The construction of the new Dental College block, comprising the Administration Block, Pre-Clinical Block, Clinical Block, and Academic Block, was completed and inaugurated on June 13th. The newly constructed Paediatric Emergency Block, Department of Paediatrics, RIMS, Imphal was inaugurated on November 3rd. The newly constructed Sushruta Hall (adjusted to Jubilee Hall), RIMS, Imphal was inaugurated on May 13th, 2022. In February 2022, a new lift for the OPD and lecture theatre complex was dedicated. RIMS doctors, nurses, and all staff have also worked very hard during the

pandemic of COVID-19, including the 4th wave, and saved hundreds of lives in Manipur. RIMS Hospital is also providing excellent services while implementing PM-JAY and CMHT and thousands of patients are getting free medical treatment and free testing facilities from RIMS Hospital, Director Santa said.

As a part of the 51st Foundation Day, gold medal winners in MBBS, PG, BDS and BSC nursing were presented by dignitaries with mementos to the students.

As a part of the 51st Foundation Day celebration, Prof. A Santa inaugurated the renovated main garden in front of A Block. Dr. Rameshwar, Deputy Director and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dr. Sanjib, Medical Superintendent, Dean Dr. Ak Brojen, and consultant faculty members attended the function as well.

Tension grips Chingmeirong area after...

The ground has been there since a very long time and it does not belong to anybody as it is the government property. All constructions are for the people of the area and the people of the state and no individuals have the right to evict it, a local protestor told media persons.

On the other hand, Counsel of the petitioner, who claimed the land ownership as per the verdict of the High

Court, said that the verdict of the High Court should be honoured and if wanted to challenge it, it should be in the proper forum.

"The case started in 1972 and the verdict was out after around 50 years and the petitioner have every right to claim the land, as the verdict is given by the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court", the petitioner's counsel said.

Till late evening, the state force could not translate the HC verdict. Meanwhile the locals said that they will go to the proper forum to challenge the verdict.

The land which the petitioner identified as one Nangbam Ongbi Haripriya Devi of Thangmeiband Pural Leikai was registered in 1964 by her great grandfather in a fraudulent manner, said a local club members.

Sports

Durand Cup 2022: Mumbai City FC up against local favourites Mohammedan SC

Agency
Kolkata, Sept 14:

The Des Buckingham-coached Indian Super League (ISL) side Mumbai City FC face up to the challenge of local favourites Mohammedan SC in the first semi-final of the 131st IndianOil Durand Cup at Kolkata's Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) on Wednesday at 6.00 PM.

On paper, the Islanders might be having the slight edge going into the big game on Wednesday, given the sheer menacing nature of their attacking game and the quality and experience of the overall squad. But if the Islanders have scored 18 times in the tournament so far, the highest among all 20 teams, the Black & White brigade have been no slouch having scored a dozen times themselves. They have looked very well organized and settled under Russian coach Andrey Chernyshov, letting in

just two in their campaign to the Islanders 10. Mohammedan SC also gave fellow semi-finalists Bengaluru FC a run for their money in a 1-1 draw and have played a pleasing brand of football.

Greg Stewart and Lallianzuala Chhangte have been the leading lights of the Mumbai City campaign scoring 13-times between them-the latter currently the tournament highest scorer with seven goals to his name. With the addition of experienced Senegalese defender Mourtada Fall and ace distributor Rowlin Borges, the Islanders now also look even more balanced and potent.

Little wonder then that Des Buckingham was a picture of calm and confidence in the pre-match presser when he said, "We will try to win within 90 minutes." He was however respectful of his opponents adding, "Mohammedan are a good side. Look at the way they are



playing. They will be playing on their home ground. I respect all the players of Mohammedan. Joseph is a good player, even Dauda. The way both the teams play I hope it's going to be an interesting game tomorrow. Looking forward to tomorrow's game."

Buckingham was referring to Mohammedan SC's own re-

cent lethal addition to the side,

Nigerian striker Abiola Dauda, who struck twice in his debut for the Black & Whites, in the quarter-finals against the Kerala Blasters. With the new found assist powers of Trinidadian Marcus Joseph, the Mumbai defence will have a task on its hand and that is where Buckingham will believe

that Fall can play a big role.

Coach Chernyshov was also aware of the enormity of the task at hand. He said at the pre-match presser, "Mumbai is a strong team. But we have prepared ourselves. If we can play in our own style and play good football then we can get good results. Tomorrow we are expecting a really difficult game. This is one step from the final, so an important game. Both teams have played nicely so they will want to win. The match will be good for the supporters because they are going to witness a very good match."

In football there are quality players, good coaches, favourite teams and underdogs. There are pitch conditions and there is the home crowd and there are stakes. And all those factors converge on Wednesday at the VYBK. Expect a tight but mouthwatering game of football.

Manipur and Jharkhand to fight for title in Under-14 Subroto Cup

Agency
Kolkata, Sept 14:

Heirok Higher Secondary School of Imphal, Manipur and Berwa High School of Chaipur, Jharkhand will fight for the title in the Under 14 Boys Finals of the 61st Subroto Cup, an annual international inter-school football tournament. It is named after the Indian Air Force Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee.

The final will be played on Thursday, 15th September at the B.R Ambedkar Stadium and the match will kick off at 4 PM.

In the first semifinal, Heirok Higher Secondary School beat Greenwood School, Dimapur, Nagaland 2 - 0. A. Devo and T. Likson scored for the winners in the 24th and 48th minute respectively.

In the second semifinal, Berwa High School beat Government Model High School, Sector 36, Chandigarh 3 - 1 to book their place in the finals. Akash Mundi (11th minute), Mohit Murmu (25th minute) and Sameer Soren (37th minute) scored for Berwa HS while Hipijoyi Moran scored Chandigarh's consolation goal in the 26th minute.

Subroto Cup Football Tournament is a prestigious international inter-school football tournament that is held annually in New Delhi, India. Named after the Indian Air Force Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, it is an annual event that began in 1960. Students from different countries across Asia participate in this tournament, making it one of the more noteworthy school-level football competitions.