

NIA raids PFI offices at many states including Manipur



PFI Chairman OMA Salam was also arrested by NIA as massive raids were conducted across the country

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A special team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Manipur branch raided the office of the Popular Front of India (PFI) Manipur branch at Lilong Leihoukhong of Thoubal District and Irong Chasaba of Mayang Imphal Imphal West district here in Manipur.

The combined team, along

with state police commandos, CRPF and others, started conducting the raid at 3.30 am at Lilong and detained some people. One laptop, a computer set, a bank passbook and some documents were also seized, the source said. But the source added that the two houses were also raided today. According to the source, the raid was conducted to target anti-national and national security threats. The NIA team

had also issued a memo listing the seized items. The office was sealed, which may mean that the NIA team may come once again. Reports said that the raids on over 100 PFI branches were conducted simultaneously.

Agency report added that the NIA also raided PFI-SDPI in Kerala, Bengal, and other states; 105 people have been reported arrested. The National Investigation Agency,

the Enforcement Directorate, and local police on Thursday launched multiple raids across 13 states—including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, and Assam—to crackdown on suspected terror-funding activities. The raids began around 3.30 am and over 100 leaders of the Popular Front of India have been arrested so far. Kerala led the way with 22 arrests, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka (20 each), Tamil Nadu (10), Assam (9), Uttar Pradesh (8), Andhra Pradesh (5), and Madhya Pradesh (4). There were three arrests each in Puducherry and Delhi and two in Rajasthan.

PFI Chairman OMA Salam and State president CP Muhammad Basheer were taken into custody from Malappuram's Manjeri. The probe agency also arrested Delhi PFI chief Parvez Ahmed and his brother from Okhla at 3.30 am on Thursday morning.

Later in the day, union home minister Amit Shah met with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, the home secretary, and the director-general of the NIA.

CM N. Biren calls for peaceful co-existence at Late Athuan Abonmai's 1st Death Anniv



IT News
Imphal, Sept 22:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh made a clarion call for all communities for peaceful co-existence, cooperation and unity and said Manipur's beauty is in our diversity.

The Chief Minister was addressing a gathering at the observance of 1st Death Anniversary of (L) Athuan Abonmai at Tarung Village, Langol, today.

N. Biren Singh expressed his firm belief and further assured that justice will be delivered in Abonmai's case and added that the case is under investigation by the National Investigation Agency and much detail cannot be divulged at the moment.

The Chief Minister also said that he strongly condemned the incident and that he will not tolerate violence.

Regarding construction of a memorial park in Abonmai's name, N. Biren Singh said the government will do the needful though it might take some

time.

Identifying the late Abonmai to be a vocal leader who believes in the unity of Manipur and welfare of the Zeliangrong people, the Chief Minister said Abonmai was like family to him.

N. Biren Singh said he shares the grief and sorrow of the family, the people and also expressed gratitude to the JAC for looking after and supporting the bereaved family during their time of sorrow.

Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said "This is not the time for war," and further called on everyone to shun violence. Violence and infightings amongst us have never brought development in our society, the Chief said, reminding the people of past infightings among different communities.

He said let us respect each other and co-exist as one. Hill Areas Committee Chairman Dinganglung Gangmei said taking the path of violence and hate because of dif-

ferences in views or opinions will not bring progress to our society and nation.

In a matured democracy like India, where the concept of unity in diversity exists, there is no place for politics of hate and violence, he said.

He further sought cooperation and support of the people to the State in honour of Late Athuan Abonmai. Let us co-exist with communal harmony without disturbing the identity of other communities, he said.

The HAC chairman condemned every form of violence and added that no one has the right to take the law into their own hands.

The observance was attended by Minister L. Susindro Meitei, leaders of various civil society organizations, among others.

As part of the observation, the Chief Minister also led the others in offering floral tribute to (L) Athuan Abonmai. Family members also made small speeches of gratitude and performed a special song.

Missing minor girl found dead in Jiribam

IT Correspondent
Jiribam, Sept 22:

A dead body of a missing minor girl of around 8-years in Lalpani Pt-II village of Jiribam District was found dead in a gorge nearby the village.

According to family report to the media person, the girl was missing around 4pm of yesterday, while they were searching the girl in an around the village, some of the people discovered the dead body of the girl lying in a gorge which is behind the rubber farm at

the West Kashimpur (Balijuri) village.

Later, the villagers reported to the police and the body of the girl was recovered by the police at around 10:00 pm of previous night.

The distance of the place where dead body was found is around half kilometre from

the deceased house.

According to police, the deceased body will send to Imphal for post mortem so as to confirm the cause of death.

However, the family of the deceased suspect that their might be some foul play with the girl.

The Superintendent of Jiribam Police, Ksh. Ravikumar Singh (IPS) himself along with official team visited to the deceased family today and assured them that the district police will take up necessary action. An F.I.R has been registered at Jiribam police station in this regard.

Locals of Yairipok demand shutting of plywood factories



IT News
Imphal, Sept 22:

Locals of Yairipok Khoirom Mathak Leikai staged a sit-in protest to shut down the plywood factories and sawmills at the Minor Industrial Estate (MIE), Yairipok Khoirom Mathak Leikai, or relocate the MIE permanently from the area.

Speaking to media at the protest, which was organised by JAC Against the Establishment of the Khoirom MIE in residential area, one of the protestors stated that locals want the MIE removed from the industrial estate because the noise made by the five sawmills located in the industrial estate makes life very difficult for the people, with students

unable to study, sick people unable to rest, bad road conditions caused by waste from the factories, and people unable to work.

In such a situation, the authorities' proposed plan to set up five more plywood factories in the MIE is unacceptable to the local public. They want the shutting down or shifting of the MIE to save the health of future generations. The people want the authorities concerned and the CM to look into the matter immediately, the protester said.

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The local people of Khoirom Mathak Leikai did not accept the Pollution Control Board official who conducted the air monitoring test and the temporary DFO who is currently practising to establish the plywood factory in the area.

Assam Rifles foils Cross Border Smuggling of Brown Sugar

IT News
Imphal, Sept 22:

Tengnoupal Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) foiled cross border smuggling of Brown Sugar at Permanent Vehicle Check Post, Khudengthabi in Tengnoupal District today.

During routine checking of Vehicles, troops of Assam Rifles intercepted a Red Maruti Van at Khudengthabi.

On thorough search of the vehicle, 1.820 Kg of brown sugar packed in 44 soap cases was recovered. The drugs were concealed inside the door



panels of the vehicle. On detection of brown sugar inside vehicle, the driver clandestinely fled from the spot.

The seized narcotics were

assessed to be worth Rs 3.64 crores. The recovered drugs were handed over to Moreh Police for further investigation.

Result of Screening for empanelment of PRTs and Individual Artists

IT News
Imphal, Sept 22:

The result of the screening test for empanelment of Private Registered Troupes (PRTs) and Individual Artists for the Central Bureau

Communication (CBC), Regional Office, Imphal conducted by a Screening Committee with experts from theatre, music and programme production in public broadcasting and public awareness under the Chairmanship of B. Narayanan, Director

General, North-East Zone, Guwahati, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India from September 19 to 20, 2022 can be seen from the notice board of the Regional Office during office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all working days.

3rd Hill Leaders Day & Meeyamgi Numit

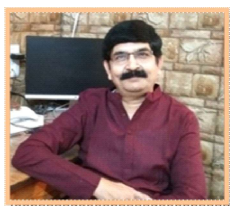
IT News
Tengnoupal, Sept 22:

The District Administration of Tengnoupal will hold the 3rd "District Hill Leaders Day" and "Meeyamgi Numit" on 23rd September, 2022 at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner from 10:00 am to 03:00pm.

It is to inform the general public and leaders of the district to attend the event in order to avail the beneficial schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pension schemes, Aadhar Card, CMHT etc. and air the grievances faced by them.

It is further inform that the District Level Officers and staff of different department will be available to assist the public according to their requirements.

Marital Rape



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Sexual violence within marriage is common and manifests in various forms, including marital rape. Despite the fact that India has celebrated its 75th year of independence, women in the country are still neglected and are not genuinely free and independent. Rape is an offense against women that violates her dignity and self-respect, and it lowers the woman to the position of an object used primarily for sexual enjoyment when it occurs within the four walls of a married house. Marital rape, the act of forcing your spouse into having sex without proper consent, is an unjust yet not uncommon way to degrade and disempower women. Today, Marital rape has been impeached in more than 100 countries but, unfortunately, India is one of the only 36 countries where marital rape is still not criminalized. The concept of marital rape in India is the epitome of what we call an "implied consent". Marriage between a man and a woman here implies that both have consented to sexual intercourse and it cannot be otherwise.

Rape is an unlawful sex without assent of a man because of physical drive or dangers, or due to deceitful demonstration of perpetrator. In India rape by an outsider is a penal offense under section 375 and 376 of IPC. Shockingly, it unequivocally avoids marital rape from ambit of conviction. Marital rape is sex by spouse with his better half without her assent or by compel or danger. The definition of rape codified in Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code ("IPC") includes all forms of sexual assault involving nonconsensual intercourse with a woman. [2] However, Exception 2 to Section 375 exempts unwilling sexual intercourse between a husband and a wife over fifteen years of age from Section 375's definition of "rape" and thus immunizes such acts from prosecution. Marriage is a legally sanctioned contract between a man and woman, which is a legally recognized relationship. Sexual intercourse between husband and wife is legal. Due to the legality of sex, husbands gain the right to force their wife's to have sex with them, which can be the reason for marital rape.

At present, marital rape has not been criminalised under law but a specific form is criminalised under Section 376B of the IPC. The section is explained as – *"Whoever has sexual intercourse with his own wife, who is living separately, whether under a decree of separation or otherwise, without her consent, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than two years but which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine."*

Under section 375 of the Indian Penal Code, the definition of rape is when a man without the person's consent or will has sexual intercourse. Section 375 explains what rape is and when an act becomes rape. It also provides for 2 exceptions one of which is a medical procedure and the other one is sexual intercourse of a husband with his wife who is not 15 years or below is not considered as rape. But if the woman is above the age of 18 and the husband has sexual intercourse without her consent is not constituted as rape. When a woman is forced to have sexual intercourse it is *not merely a physical injury but the deep sense of some deathlike shame. It also causes deep psychological, physical, and emotional trauma, thereby disregarding the very soul of the victim.*

A woman who is raped by a stranger carries the memory of a horrific incident with her; on the other hand, a woman who is raped by her own husband lives and has to sleep with her rapist. There is an urgent need for the judiciary to recognise marital rape as an offence under the Indian Penal Code, especially now when there is a surge in domestic and sexual violence cases against women due to the pandemic-induced lockdown.

Trees are our best friend

By: Jaswinder Pal Sharma

It is correctly said that "when you plant a tree, you plant a life". Trees are one of the greatest blessings for humans from mother earth. The most important thing one must remember is that trees do not need us, rather we need them. Apart from the countless benefits they have, trees are certainly our best friends. They are the friends who always give us everything without expecting a single thing in return. Trees have inherited this earth longer than humans; however, humans tend to forget this fact. They fail to recognize their significance and continue to exploit them endlessly for short-term benefits

Significance of Trees

Just like our friends, trees also come in our use in various ways. We usually share everything with our friends, similarly, trees do the same. They give us their fruits, seeds, flowers, herbs and more. It is impossible for human life to function without trees as they belong to the category of principal sources of oxygen on earth.

They are responsible for protecting us under their shade. Further, they even help in preventing natural calamities like droughts and floods. In addition to being useful for humans, trees are also a home for several birds and animals.

They provide shelter to them which ultimately benefits humans as well. In other words, trees fulfill the role of a best friend in every human being's life irrespective of anything.

Over-exploitation of Trees

Despite holding such a great significance in our lives, humans have been overexploiting trees for the longest time. This constant practice can prove to be extremely devastating for the earth and human life, both.

For instance, the industrial sector is cutting down trees rapidly for attaining raw materials in bulk. Subsequently, even governments are contributing to deforestation by clear-cutting in order to build huge buildings.

The world is turning into a concrete jungle with paying little or no heed to its dire consequences. Therefore, one must realize these facts and act on them before it gets too late.

To sum it up, as life gets hard without our best friend, the same will happen with the lack of trees too. The least we can do for trees is save them from being cut down. Without trees, this planet will turn into a desert.

While various governments of different countries are taking measures to conserve them, we must do it too individually. Encourage planting of trees and join campaigns that do the same. Make the world a greener place and protect our best friends.

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Tips for Droppers to Prepare for the NEET Exam!



By: Vijay GarG

Imagine how difficult it would be to take the same exam more than once. Just showing up for an entrance exam once is difficult for anyone. Repeatedly taking the same exam could severely impact a candidate's psyche if they are worried and self-conscious.

In addition to pressure from family and society and offline or online NEET coaching classes, one may impose stress on oneself. Because of this, NEET droppers frequently struggle with knowing where to begin studying for exams they earlier believed they had adequately prepared. Before students start studying for the test once more, they repeatedly fail to ask specific important questions.

Tips for Droppers to Prepare for the NEET Exam!

1. Get to Know Yourself First:

A dropper must first and foremost examine their past performance to improve. They ought to be aware of where and what went wrong. It would help if you first acknowledged the cause of your prior failure before accepting your shortcomings

for failing the exam. This is a crucial step for you to restart your life, both physically and mentally.

Please list all your prior errors and work to repair them to avoid making the same ones again. Be sincere with yourself, remain conscious of your weaknesses, don't be afraid of them, and do your best to get through them. You won't be able to perform any better on the subsequent try unless and until you accomplish it.

Give your areas of weakness enough thought, and get to work if you have any lingering doubts. Your list of errors may be lengthy or brief, but this shouldn't stop you from devoting the smallest amount of time necessary to each point while making ongoing updates.

2. Get a New Perspective With Others' Assistance:

You are already accustomed to the syllabus and examination format because you have taken the exam once. Many of the NEET exam papers from prior years may have been solved by you. So your current focus should be locating a mentor or tutor to enhance your exam preparation.

Never hesitate to ask for help because it could help to highlight personal flaws that you weren't initially aware of. Getting some assistance will change your perspective, which will enable you to restart your NEET preparation.

If you take a second attempt, it would be better if you opt for NEET online classes. Online NEET coaching will also give you personal assistance from mentors, which will

boost your confidence and performance.

3. Make a Complete New timetable:

Most of you must have signed up for one or more coaching programs, either offline or online NEET coaching, to boost your exam preparation. Spending at least 5-6 hours a day in the coaching institute to attend sessions is required if you want to learn there. These programs, however, are typically lengthier than regular classes for droppers.

It should go without saying that after all this studying, one will be worn out by the time the classes are over. Don't neglect your self-study time because of this. Time management is crucial for both coaching sessions and independent study.

The benefit of self-study is that it will enable you to review any material you have studied that day or in the past, enabling you to ascertain whether you have understood what you have learned or still have questions that need to be answered. Completing 6 to 8 hours of continuous or intermittent self-study is essential.

Keeping your attention on your actions; comparing yourself to others will only worsen matters. Keep in touch with your loved ones, and do not cut yourself off from them because they will be your major support. Stay upbeat and never waver from the path that you have created, no matter how tough it gets.

4. Fill up Your Gaps with Several Practice Exams:

Fill up the gaps in your NEET

preparation as best you can. If a chapter has been skipped before, finish them all in the NEET syllabus. Get rid of your prior uncertainties and concentrate on the themes or subjects you need to develop. Start working on your revision now. Practice both older and more recent papers; balance is a critical factor. Spend equal time on each topic once you've cleared up your uncertainties.

The last piece of advice for droppers is to do mock examinations as frequently and constantly as you can throughout the final phase of your preparation. For this, you can refer to online NEET coaching portals. It would be beneficial if you tried to finish two practice exams every week, ideally more. By doing this, you will have the necessary exposure to questions of various difficulty levels while also becoming familiar with the entire exam. With this, you will be able to improve your NEET preparation.

Conclusion:

There are several success and failure tales of NEET droppers everywhere. Since failure and success are the two sides of the same coin, you should try reading both to avoid making the same mistakes that others did. To see how it differs and to give you the confidence to succeed on your subsequent attempt, you can try reading the accounts of those who have failed the NEET and other exams. Finally, one should not degrade themselves for what occurred but instead focus on succeeding in the subsequent phase.

Myanmar must end its egregious breach of international law by shelling Bangladeshi territory

By: Dr Arpita Hazarika

At least two moral shells fired by Myanmar into Bangladeshi territory on September 3 in the morning were illegal under international law. The event occurred five days after Bangladeshi officials summoned Myanmar's ambassador in Dhaka and sent him a note verbale in protest over Myanmar's use of two deadly shells at the same location on August 28. This raises greater concerns. According to the police investigative center at Ghumund in the hill area of Bandarban, at least two fighter jets flew over the Bangladesh border while firing eight rounds, while two military helicopters hovered while firing more than 30 shells.

Bangladesh has reiterated its "deep concern" over Myanmar's violation of the air border agreement, with mortar shelling inside Bangladesh and indiscriminate firing from aircraft in border areas.

In addition to suppressing internal rebels (Arakan Army), the presence of the Myanmar army on the border is again raising fears of Rohingya infiltration into Bangladesh. There have been allegations of inaction to deport the remaining Rohingyas staying in the country through maneuvering. In this situation, the local residents have announced new intrusion prevention. Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) is also active.

For the past few days, there has been an ongoing conflict in Rakhine State, an area bordering Bangladesh and India in Myanmar, which is affecting the neighboring countries as well. Especially the residents of Ghumund and Tambru border areas of Bandarban are in panic. On the other hand, many people of these states fled and took refuge in India.

On the one hand, as the Myanmar army is fighting with the Arakan Army in Rakhine, on the other hand, since last May, the Myanmar army has started a major military operation against the rebel groups in Kayah, Kain and Chin states. The military forces of that country are also using

helicopters and warplanes in this war.

The military junta wants to hold general elections in Myanmar in August 2023. Before that they want to establish their complete control in Rakhine and other states. Rakhine State is particularly important to them, as the state shares the border with Bangladesh and India. Myanmar's Rakhine State is an area bordering Bangladesh. Where the conflict is going on, that too is just across the border in Bangladesh.

As a result, the Bangladeshi residents of the border area are terrified of the conflict there. Four and a half thousand Rohingyas have been living on the Tambru border line in Naikshatchari for the past few years, where this violence is going on. Due to the violence, there is a fear that they will move into Bangladesh.

It has been alleged that there is a plot to move the remaining Rohingyas in Myanmar to Bangladesh. As of August 2017, the Myanmar Army has been flying warplanes and helicopters along the border of Bangladesh, firing continuous firing and mortar shells. Among them, four mortar shells and numerous bullets have landed in the territory of Bangladesh. Locals complain that this is a strategy of Myanmar to cause Rohingya infiltration as before.

The two shells fired on August 28 landed half a kilometer inside the Tambru border but did not do any damage, in contrast to the two shells fired on September 3 at Tambru of the Ghumund border, which burst about 120 meters into Bangladeshi territory. We express our outrage at Myanmar's flagrant disregard for international law, demonstrated by its twice-weekly firing of deadly shells into Bangladesh despite previous complaints following the initial breach on August 28.

Usually, when an operation is carried out near the border, a warning is given if there is a relationship between the two states in this operation." But no such information was

given to Bangladesh. It is a violation of international norms not to inform Bangladesh before conducting operations against Arakan.

But this is not Myanmar's first offense against international law. In September 2017, shortly after launching a genocide against the Rohingyas and driving a sizable number of them out of its Rakhine state and into Bangladesh, it repeatedly violated Bangladesh's airspace for a week. Additionally, it continued to instill fear in Rakhine State so that none of the 1.2 million Rohingyas who are currently seeking refuge in Bangladesh would agree to go back to their home country.

Such activities pose a serious threat to the safety of peaceful people; a sustainable process of Rohingya repatriation. Violation of the border agreement between Bangladesh and Myanmar and against the good neighborly relations of the two parties.

It appears that Bangladesh, which has about 165 million people, or about three times as many as Myanmar, is the target of such violations of international law by a nation like the military-run Myanmar, which has a poor reputation among other states worldwide. This could be because Bangladesh has an international reputation in terms of politics and strategy as peaceful country. But Myanmar must understand and realize that Bangladesh is also a militarily capable country. If Myanmar continues to pursue offensive strategy, Bangladesh can take defensive approach along the border. This can cause for the destabilization of the whole region. Regional stability could be affected.

Although Bangladeshi officials claim to be closely monitoring events, the incident—more so in light of previous events—is sufficient to raise questions about Bangladesh's security and territorial integrity.

On Sunday, Bangladesh reaffirmed its "grave concern" on recent

incidents including mortar shelling from Myanmar, indiscriminate aerial firing in the border regions, and violations of the airspace.

The Bangladeshi foreign ministry strongly protested the recent incidents along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border and summoned Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh Aung Kyaw Moe. The ministry had called the envoy three times in a little over a week to express their worry.

The circumstances call for Bangladesh authorities to make stern diplomatic objections over Myanmar's behavior and to take the necessary steps to prevent similar sad incidents from happening in the future.

While Bangladeshi authorities have little choice but to vigorously protest Myanmar for its egregious breach of international law in shelling Bangladeshi land, Dhaka must do so in order to prevent future occurrences of this kind.

Given the circumstances, Bangladesh authorities should strongly denounce Myanmar's actions through the diplomatic process and take appropriate action to prevent a repeat of such regrettable incidents.

While there is no room for Bangladesh authorities to accept lightly Myanmar's egregious breach of international law by shelling Bangladeshi territory, Dhaka must make a strong complaint to Naypyidaw to put an end to future episodes.

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates States/UTs Leadership Meeting of Indian Red Cross Society

Sewa and Sahyog are part of our legacy, integral part of our Sanskar; They also define motto of Red Cross Society: Dr Mansukh mandaviya



PIB
New Delhi, Sept 22:

“Sewa and Sahyog are part of our legacy, and they form an integral part of our Sanskar. These also underline and define the motto of Indian Red Cross Society which is known for its work to help and aid humanity in times of need and emergencies”. This was stated by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chairman, IRCS as he inaugurated the States/UTs Leadership Meeting

ing of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), here today. The purpose of the two-day *Chitan Shivar* is to discuss ways and means to improve functioning of IRCS. State Red Cross Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Secretaries and other dignitaries from IRCS participated in the meeting.

Congratulating IRCS for its commendable work, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya stated that “Red Cross is identified with hope and “Asha” for people. It epitomises credibility and assured presence”. At

the same time he cautioned that if IRCS does not keep pace with changing times, its relevance and identity may be lost. “IRCS needs to introspect on its strengths and weakness, and chart an action plan on how does it redefine itself to embrace the changing role with time. This may need deep diving into structural and organisational structures, attention of discipline in working of IRCS regional centres, transparency in appointments, better grievance redressal mechanisms, better utilisation

of digital technology for people- centered activities among other things”, he noted.

Speaking on the advancements in India's healthcare facilities which were witnessed recently during the Covid pandemic, the Union Minister stated that, “We are always fascinated with the healthcare models of other countries but COVID showed the strength of our system and exposed the weaknesses of even advanced countries. India not only managed COVID with successful regional models, but provided international support to many countries through drugs and vaccines under Vaccine Maitri. It is commendable that our medicines did not falter on quality and nor did we exploit the situation with higher prices. This reflects our deep adherence to the philosophy of *Vasudeva Kutumbakam*”, he stressed.

Dr Mandaviya invited suggestions from the participants on taking up unique ventures and expanding the ambit of operations of IRCS. The participants openly shared their thoughts on best practices and innovative endeavours.

Nearly 345 kg Heroin Worth Rs 1725 crore Seized in Navi Mumbai



The Delhi Special police personnel at Nhava Sheva Port. (Inset: The seized heroin seized). (Photo credit: Multiple sources).

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Sept 22:

A container having more than 20 tonnes (approximately 345 kgs) of Licorice coated with heroin worth Rs 1725 crore was seized by a team of Delhi Special police from the Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva Port), near Navi Mumbai on Wednesday.

While JNPT sources confirmed the seizure, the Special Commissioner of Police (CP), Delhi, Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal in a tweet said that further investigation is on and the drug smuggling seems to be a part of the larger Narco terror network.

The drug haul came exactly a year after the Directorate of

Revenue Intelligence (DRI) made the largest contraband seizure in the country by catching a consignment weighing 3,000 kgs of drugs, worth Rs 21,000 crore at Mundra port in Gujarat in September last year. The DRI had seized the heroin, concealed in a consignment of semi-processed talc stone, between September 17 and September 19, 2021, at Container Freight Station of Mundra Port. It was brought to India from Dubai via Afghanistan. Licorice is a herb that grows in parts of Europe and Asia.

Wednesday's seizure by the Delhi police was based on the information provided by two Afghan nationals already in Delhi police custody, that the heroin was lying in a container

at Nhava Sheva. The Afghan Nationals- Mustafa Stanikza (23) and Rahimullah Rahim (44) were arrested on September 06 by the Delhi police and 312.5 kg methamphetamine and 10 kg high purity heroin worth Rs.1200 crore were recovered from them. They were apprehended from Meethapur Road, near Kalindi Kunj Metro Station in New Delhi.

They were apprehended after Delhi police got information about a huge consignment of a known drug lord operating from overseas that would be transiting Delhi. It was the highest-ever seizure of high-quality party drug Methamphetamine, totaling 312.5 kg, apart from 10 Kg of Afghanistan Heroin.

India reports 5,443 new Covid-19 cases, active caseload at 46,342

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 22:

With 5,443 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,45,53,042, while the active cases climbed to 46,342, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday.

The death toll climbed to 52,842 with 26 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.

An increase of 126 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.61 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 1.73 per cent, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,39,78,271, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry, 217.11 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 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.

The 14 fatalities reported in the last 24 hours include five from Maharashtra and one each from Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Kerala.

Centre warns Delhi HC about security concerns over Rohingya link with Pak terror groups

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 22:

The Central Government has informed the Delhi High Court that there is contemporaneous data from security agencies' inputs and other authentic material indicating linkages of some of the unauthorised Rohingya migrants with Pakistan-based terror organisations and similar organisations operating in other countries.

Over and above the said serious security concerns already in existence, the more disturbing part is that there is an organised influx of illegal migrants from Myanmar through agents and

touts facilitating illegal Rohingya migrants into India via Benapole-Haridaspur (West Bengal), Hili (West Bengal) and Sonamohi (Tripura), Kolkata and Guwahati. This situation is seriously harming the country's national security, stated the affidavit filed by Centre Government in Delhi High Court.

The illegal influx of Rohingyas in significant numbers has started to the territory of India since 2012-2013, stated the affidavit.

It also submitted that due to an already existing large influx of illegal immigrants from the neighbouring countries, the demographic profile of some of the

bordering states has already undergone a serious change which is already causing far-reaching complications in various contexts and is taking its toll and has a direct detrimental effect on the fundamental and basic human rights of country's own citizens.

It is further submitted that so far as India is concerned, national security considerations rank the highest on the country's list of priorities given a geopolitical influence in the region and its vulnerability to mass border infiltrations due to the porous nature of its border with many countries, it stated.

Assam, Mizoram CMs agree to form regional panel to resolve boundary dispute



Agency
Guwahati/Aizawl, Sept 22:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and his Mizoram counterpart Zoramthanga met in New Delhi to discuss border issues between both states and agreed to form a regional committee to resolve the long pending boundary dispute.

The meeting, held at Assam House in Delhi, reviewed the ongoing ministerial-level talks between the two states. Last month, an Assam government delegation led by border affairs minister Atul Bora held talks with Mizoram home minister Lalchamliana in Aizawl.

“We took stock of the ministerial level talks between our states and expressed satisfaction at their progress. We are in the process of forming a regional committee to resolve border issues between the two states,” Himanta Biswa Sarma told reporters after the meeting.

Zoramthanga and Sarma

also agreed that both the states scale up their efforts to curb the smuggling of dried areca nuts from Myanmar.

They also agreed to take measures to ensure that Mizoram-grown fresh (green) areca nuts are not seized in Assam and that they reach their final destination.

“I have a meeting with the Assam chief minister. We have discussed the border dispute. We are happy for the progress we have seen in the border talks between the two states,” Zoramthanga said in a voice message on his official Instagram handle.

This is the second meeting between the two chief ministers on the border issue. In November last year, the two leaders met in New Delhi in the presence of Union home minister Amit Shah and agreed to form committees involving all stakeholders to resolve the lingering border dispute through dialogue. They had also agreed to have chief minister-level talks from time to time.

At the ministerial level

meetings, both states have agreed to maintain peace and harmony along their boundaries and solve the issue through dialogue. The next such meeting is to be held at Guwahati in October. The two sides have had three virtual meetings so far.

Mizoram shares a 164.6 km long inter-state border with Assam. The border dispute between the two states is a long-standing issue, which has remained unresolved till now.

Mizoram was part of Assam until 1972 when it was carved out as a union territory. The border dispute mainly came out of two colonial notifications- the inner line reserve forest notified under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) in 1875 and the boundary indicated in Survey of India's map in 1933.

While Mizoram claimed the 509 square miles stretch of the inner line reserve forest as its actual boundary, Assam said the 1933 boundary was its constitutional boundary.

The border has witnessed skirmishes, especially after 1994, and it has become frequent since 2018.

More than 60 people were injured when functionaries of Mizoram's apex student body- Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZIP) clashed with Assam police at Zophai in the disputed area near Bairabi town in Kolasi district in March 2018.

The border dispute between the two neighbouring states turned ugly in July last year when police forces of the two states exchanged fire on the disputed area near Vairengte village on the National Highway-306 leading to the death of six policemen and a civilian from Assam.

Around 60 people were also injured in the violent clash, which was followed by a blockade organised by residents of Assam's Laipur village on NH-306, the lifeline of Mizoram for nearly a month. Tension was defused later with the intervention of the Centre and when both states agreed to hold talks.

Besides Mizoram, Assam has border disputes with Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland that were carved out of it.

Earlier this year, Meghalaya and Assam signed a deal to end border disputes in 6 of the 12 areas of contention between them. Both states have agreed to form regional committees to look into the remaining 6 areas of dispute.

Assam and Arunachal Pradesh also signed a declaration this year to resolve their disputes by forming regional committees comprising senior ministers from both sides to visit the disputed areas.

Simultaneous Central raids against PFI, Waqf Board, Madrasas raise questions

Critics may point out that only the Muslim Organisations are being picked up

By Sushil Kuttty
New Delhi, Sept 22:

The Thursday morning nationwide crackdown on the Popular Front of India (PFI) begs the question "Why now, why today, why this morning?" It can't be that the PFI was found engaging in "terror-funding", and "terror activities", just the night before? Terrorists and their handlers take time to set up terror factories, so what was the rub here, why now?

Both the Enforcement Directorate and the National Investigating Agency were involved in the raids-cum-arrests. By 11 am Thursday, over a 100 PFI activists, half of them top leadership, were in the NIA-ED net. Not just PFI, but also SDPI "terror funding suspects." For a long time, much to the ire of rightwing hardliners, the Modi government had been giving a long rope to the PFI, which considered the Modi government a "fascist regime". The BJP has never attempted to correct the impression, and the nomenclature.

The PFI, however, took it that the "India" in the "Popular Front of India" gave it legitimacy to dream big, and the absolute right to turn India into an Islamic country separate from Pakistan. A PFI document translated "popular" to just "10% of the Indian Muslims". With that many Indian Muslims to back the PFI, the "Hindu fascists" would be out of a country!

Again, not surprisingly, in the PFI handbook, the "PFI-Indian" is more "Bharatiya" than any ordinary run-of-the-mill non-Muslim Indian. The audacity of the PFI to boast to "takeover India" was only matched by the odiousness of the PFI claim. The PFI's patronizing attitude

cuts through like a dark shadow slices into a patch of bright light!

Thursday's raids by the combined NIA-ED-State Police teams were at multiple locations, and in multiple states including in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Assam. Over 100 PFI "activists" were arrested by Thursday afternoon and transported to Delhi in the "largest ever investigation" to date of the Kerala-born PFI.

Buzzwords heard throughout the morning were "terror funding", "training camps", and "radicalization". The searches were both at residential, and office locations. The media kept talking of "the proscribed organization", not once mentioning that the PFI wasn't a proscribed or banned outfit. Chances are the next step will be to ban it.

So, are the Modi Government and the BJP back to playing "Hindu-Muslim" which is a feature before every election? The Gujarat assembly polls are the next ones in line, and the BJP faces a Modi-like avatar in AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal. Also, the raids weren't strictly unexpected. Similar raids were conducted on PFI

targets in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on September 18.

But how can the entire top PFI leadership be a bunch of "terrorists" and "terror-funders" if the rest of the outfit is pure-driven snow, without a blemish or a charge to their names? Everybody knows the PFI is blatantly communal, but everybody also knows that for ages, the Modi government had refused to take action against the PFI's boisterously noisy activities which included terrorizing covering non-Muslims in the streets.

So, why the sudden alacrity? The action against PFI comes in tandem with attempts to dismantle the Waqf infrastructure, and also an attempt at disciplining the madrasas. Both these actions were met with resistance, but nothing could be done to stop them because both the actions are above board, and within the precincts of the law of the land.

Not surprisingly Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM, while asking for the Yogi government to back off on the "Waqf survey" issue, has asked that the "courts that deal with Waqf Board infarctions" should be handed over to the Muslims! The Centre, however, is keen that if any entity

corrects the Waqf mess to help the "poor cheated Muslims", it would be the BJP government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and nobody else.

Eight years of Modi rule and the Modi government wants to fashion a "Muslim policy"; not clear, yet, but a work in progress. While striking at the radicalized like the PFI is one part of it, other facets cover a lot of the life and lifestyle of the Indian Muslim. In its own convoluted manner, the RSS/BJP combine wants to bring the Indian Muslim under the "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka prayas" umbrella.

The actions against the PFI, the Waqf, and the radicalized Madrasas, come at a time when waves of 'Hinduphobia' are buffeting the safety and security of Hindus living in the United Kingdom with the blame squarely placed on the Hindutva ideology of the BJP active since May 2014, an ideology that has kept Modi in power for two terms, and will likely keep him in power for longer than thought. The government actions against the PFI will have a debilitating effect on the global fight against Hindutva. (IPA Service)

Security Forces apprehend one arms smuggler and extortionist



IT News
Imphal, Sept 22:

Based on credible intelligence input provided by Keithelmanbi Battalion operations were launched along with Imphal East Commando

and one arms smuggler cum extortionist was apprehended from YairipokSinga in Thoubal district, Manipur yesterday.

The apprehender was actively engaged in extortion activity on behalf of various

proscribed outfits. One .32 inch Pistol and 07 live rounds were also recovered.

The apprehended insurgent along with recovered items were handed over to Yairipok Police Station for further investigation

Painting, slogan writing competition held at Churachandpur

IT News
Churachandpur, Sept 22:

A district level painting and slogan writing competition on 'Ayushman Bharat Divas' was held at Churachandpur Higher Secondary School today here in Churachandpur.

The competition was organized by the District Administration and Zonal Education Office, Churachandpur. About 40 students from dif-

ferent schools took part in the competition. Prizes for the same will be distributed to the deserving participants during the Ayushman Bharat Divas-2022, the 4th year anniversary of Ayushman Bharat PradhanMantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) observation tomorrow at DTC Hall, Tuibong.

AB-PMJAY was launched on 23.09.2018 to provide health cover up to Rs. 5 lakh

per family per annum for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to the poor and vulnerable families based on the deprivation and occupational criteria as per the Socio-Economic Caste Census. The scheme provides for paperless and cashless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service i.e. empanelled public and private hospitals across India.

AR organises Swachhta Abhyan

IT News
Imphal, Sept 22:

Mantripukhri Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised Swachhta Abhyan along with Leishemba Maheikal School, Chingarel, Tezpur in Imphal

East district Manipur today.

The aim of this Swachhta Abhyan is to teach the importance of cleanliness in our lives to maintain the health and hygiene of not just ourselves but our homes and surrounding areas as well.

A lecture was conducted

as well for the benefit of all students about inculcating good habits of using dustbins, separation of wet and dry waste as well as biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste to maintain a clean and healthy ecosystem for our future generations.

Sports

Events in National Games 2022, complete list

Agency
Gandhinagar, Sept 22:

Here is the list of 36 sports that will feature in the 36th National Games 2022 in Gujarat to be held from September 28 to October 12.

Aquatics-Comprising two sports- swimming and diving, these events will take place from October 2 to October 8. Both swimming and diving competitions will be conducted at the Sardar Patel Complex, Rajkot, and will encompass a total of 50 events over the course of seven days.

Archery- The competition will be held at the Sanskardham Venue 1 in Ahmedabad from September 30 to October 6. The seven days will witness 14 archery events.

Athletics- The IIT Gandhinagar Ground will feature 47 track and field events over five days from September 30 to October 4.

Badminton- Six events including singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team event will be held at PDDU Indoor Stadium, Surat, from October 1 to October 6.

Basketball- Two formats of the game- 3x3 and 5x5 will be played from October 1-3 and

October 1-6, respectively. Both the events will be held at Outdoor Courts SAG, Bhavnagar.

Beach sports- This consists of both handball and volleyball. The games will be held at Dumas Beach, Surat, from September 30- October 4 and October 6-9, respectively.

Boxing- Mahatma Mandir Venue 3 will feature 13 boxing events scheduled from October 5 to October 12.

Canoeing- 21 events will be held over two days between October 10 and 11 at the Sabarmati Venue 1, Ahmedabad.

Cycling- This has been divided into track and road events. The track events will take place at CHH Road, Gandhinagar, and the road events will be held at the Velodrome in Delhi. The track events are scheduled from October 1 to October 4, while the road events will happen on October 8 and October 9.

Fencing- Fencing events consisting of Epee, Sabre and Foil will be held at Mahatma Mandir Venue 2, Gandhinagar, from September 30 to October 4.

Football- The men's football event will be held at



TransStadia football ground, Ahmedabad, from October 2 to October 11, while Shahibagh Police Ground, Ahmedabad, will host the women's football event from October 1 to October 10.

Golf- The Kensville Golf and Country Club, Ahmedabad, will host the golf events from October 6 to October 9. Beside from singles, team events will also take place.

Gymnastics- In addition to artistic and rhythmic gymnastics, trampoline events will also feature and will be held at Sama

Sports Complex from September 30 to October 4.

Handball- Handball will be held from October 7 to October 12 at Sama Sports Complex.

Hockey- Saurashtra U & DC Ground 1, 2 will host the hockey events from October 2 to October 9.

Judo- The events will take place from October 7 to October 11 at Mahatma Mandir Venue 1, Gandhinagar. The 15 judo events include a team event.

Kabaddi- EKA Area by TransStadia, Ahmedabad, will host the Kabaddi events from

October 7 to October 11.

Kho Kho- Kho Kho matches will be held at Sanskardham Venue 2, Ahmedabad, from September 30 to October 4.

Lawn Bowls- Lawn Bowls events will be held at Kensville Golf and Country Club from September 26 to October 3. Ten events are scheduled over the course of the eight days.

Mallakhambh- Sanskardham Venue 2 will host 11 Mallakhambh events over five days from October 7 to October 11.

Netball- Netball events

will be held at MPH, SAG, Bhavnagar, from September 26 to September 30.

Roller Sports- The events include skateboarding, artistic skating, inline skating and speed skating. They will be held from September 30 to October 2 at Sabarmati Venue 3, Ahmedabad.

Rowing- Sabarmati Venue 1 will feature the 14 rowing events from September 30 to October 3.

Rugby 7s- The Rugby 7s will be held at TransStadia football ground in Ahmedabad from September 28 to September 30.

Shooting- Trap and skeet events will be held from September 30 to October 7 at the Crown Academy, Ahmedabad. The pistol and rifle events will be held at the Rifle Club, Ahmedabad from September 29 to October 3.

Soft Tennis- Five soft tennis events including singles and doubles will take place at Sabarmati Venue 4, Ahmedabad, from October 7 to October 11.

Squash- The squash

events will take place from October 1 to October 5 at IIT Gandhinagar Courts.

Table Tennis- PDDU Indoor Stadium will host the seven table tennis events from September 20 to September 24. The events begin earlier than other sporting events as the World Table Tennis Championships in China starts on September 30.

Tennis- Sabarmati Venue 4, Ahmedabad, will host seven tennis events from September 29-October 5.

Triathlon- The event will be held at IIT Gandhinagar from September 30 to October 2.

Volleyball- The events will be played at the MPH, SAG, Bhavnagar, from October 8 to October 12.

Weightlifting- Mahatma Mandir Venue 1 will host 14 weightlifting events from September 30 to October 4.

Wrestling- Mahatma Mandir Venue 3, Gandhinagar, will host 14 events from September 30 to October 2.

Wushu- 15 Wushu events will take place from October 8 to October 11 at Mahatma Mandir Venue 2.

Yogasana- EKA Arena by TransStadia, Ahmedabad, will host 10 yogasana events from October 6 to October 11.