

Guv', CM, Speaker among others wishes on Mera Chaoren Houba

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Manipur Governor La. Ganesan, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Speaker Th. Satyabrata Singh wish the people of the state on occasion of Mera Chaoren Houba.

In his statement the Governor of Manipur La Ganesan said that the traditional festival of Mera Chaoren Houba, a festival for preserving and promoting unity and integrity amongst all the communities settled in Manipur in celebrated on the advent of Mera-tha (month of September-October).

"This festival through the ages has withstood the test of time and has become a rallying point for the State's unity and integrity. I would like to appeal to all the celebrate this festival in its true spirit, upholding the tradition of peaceful co-existence in Manipur's pluralistic society. I hope that this festival will strengthen the bond of unity, integrity and understanding among the different communities so that peace and prosperity may prevail in the State.", the Governor added.

The Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, in his message stated that Mera Chaoren Houba is celebrated to preserve and promote unity amongst all communities of Manipur on the first day of the lunar month of Mera. He added that he has a firm belief in the oneness and brotherhood of all communities in the state, and that this festival holds a special significance for each one of us as it teaches us to live in perfect harmony.

He further expressed his best greetings for the community, hoping for unity, integrity and fraternity among all the communities of the state. The progress of our state and nation depends on the peaceful coexistence of all ethnic communities. On this auspicious day, let us pray for the strengthening of the brotherly bond amongst all communities of the state and quell any effort by vested interests to divide the state. Let us all join hands to bring back the age-old tradition of love and brotherhood among all communities in Manipur.

The Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th. Satyabrata Singh also extended his wishes to the people of the region.

Mann Ki Baat: PM Modi urges people to reduce plastic pollution, promotes use of non-plastic bags

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 25:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people to reduce plastic pollution and promoted the use of non-plastic bags ahead of the upcoming festive season.

In the 93rd episode of Mann Ki Baat, his monthly radio address, the prime minister said, "This festive season, let us also resolve to say no to plastic pollution. I urge citizens to use alternatives such as jute, cloth and bamboo bag. Packing and packaging of gifts during the festive season includes polyethylene and other non-biodegradable bags. We must stop their use and promote non-plastic bags like jute, bamboo and banana."

Speaking in the radio broadcast, the PM said people from all corners of the country have expressed happiness over the return of cheetahs to India. "A lot of messages have

come to talk about cheetahs. The 130 crore Indians are filled with pride, this is India's love for nature. A task force will monitor cheetahs, on the basis of which we will decide when you can visit them."

He further urged people to share their views on naming the cheetahs. "It will be great if naming of cheetahs is in tune with our traditions. Also, suggest how humans should treat animals. Participate in this contest and maybe you could be the first one to witness the cheetahs," the PM said.

PM Modi had recently released eight cheetahs flown in from Namibia into a special enclosure at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh as part of the cheetah reintroduction programme.

He also talked about renaming the Chandigarh airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

Earlier, he paid tributes to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ideologue Deen Dayal

Upadhyaya, saying the youth should take inspiration from his life & teachings which focus on a conflict and prejudice free India. Born in 1916 in Mathura, Upadhyaya was a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) functionary and one of the founding members of the Jana Sangh, the forerunner to the BJP.

"We need to dedicate our development and growth to our freedom fighters and remember them as we move forward with a vision of New India," he said.

He further asked citizens to celebrate September 28 – the anniversary of Surgical Strike. "Our country paid homage to Netaji Subhash Bose at Kartavya Path. I urge the countrymen to celebrate 28th September in the same way, paying homage to our freedom fighters. 28th September also has another importance, to increase our josh! Surgical strike," he said.

Monthly Pension Distributed "Service to humanity is the service to God"- Prof. A. Shanta

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Imphal, Sept 25:

The Monthly Pensions for the month of September to all the inmates of Langol Old Age Home, Langol, Imphal West District, Manipur in a solemn function held at the Home this afternoon. The Pension is being distributed under the exclusive sponsorship of Thounaojam Romen Singh, the Managing Trustee of Thounaojam Chaoba Memorial Charitable Trust, Singjamei Thongam Leikai, Imphal West District, Manipur in its continuing effort of giving aids to the Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Aged and the down trodden people of the State who do not get any benefit from the Government so far.

Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest, Prof. A. Shanta Singh, the Director of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Imphal said that the service to humanity is the service to God. No other service is as good as the humanity service. Such kind of service initiated by the Trust is tremendous, remarkable and appreciated. He said that he will give full co-operation to such initiatives taken up by the Trust. We should have thanksgiving habit whenever someone does a good deed instead of criticising it. He wished that such kind of initiatives of the Trust will further expand in the entire State of



Manipur so that many of such people can be covered. There are a lot of such persons in the State and helping the poorest of the poor is the need of the hour, he contended.

Prof. Shanta said that RIMS becomes now-a-days one of the best hospitals in the State. When there is illness among the inmates, he urged to bring them to RIMS hospital so that the hospital will give them full service for their treatment. RIMS is the only hospital in the entire State that has more than 100 ICUs. More ICUs will be set up in a very short period of time. People can take the opportunity. He urged the people of the State to bring themselves to RIMS hospital for treatment and hasty recovery as there are a lot of world class equipments in the hospital. He said that the people of the State have a mindset that they will be hast-

ily recovered if they take their treatment in private hospitals. It is a wrong concept. It will spend a lot of money. If they rush to the RIMS hospital for their treatment, they will be given full service with the world class equipments and as such it will reduce time and money as well, he assured.

Speaking on the occasion, Thounaojam Romen Singh, the Managing Trustee of the Trust said that there are a lot of infrastructural development in RIMS during the last four years. Everyone knows the condition of RIMS before 2017 and during his tenure. RIMS becomes one of the best hospitals in the entire North East and among the top 50 hospitals in the Country. It brings upon the tireless and dedicated efforts of the Director, Prof. A. Shanta Singh.

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PLA celebrate 44th raising day



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Imphal, Sept 25:

Army wing of the prescribed group Revolutionary People's front (RPF), the PLA today observed its 44th Raising Day at its General Headquarters, Tactical Command, Strategic Command, 252 Mobile Battalion and other units, Department including central Bureau SR-1, Sr-2, Sr-3, SR-4 etc.

A statement released by RPF Deputy Secretary (publicity) Roben Khuman said that the Raising day was observed following the Covid-19 behavior. It said that red stars and festoons symbolising PLA were placed at various places

falling under Division 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of the party's central Bureau.

Tributes were paid to the party flag and to those who laid down their lives for Manipur.

The observance begins with the hoisting of the Party flag followed by reading out of the message of RPF president Irengbam Chaoen. In his message the president of the prescribed group said that there is no disturbance to the India integrity or boundary while restoring the freedom of Manipur. Manipur's Independence and its boundary have been existed before India was born. This was mentioned in the treaty signed between the British and Burma (Myanmar) in

February 28, 1826. The RPF president also stated that various treaty signed by Manipur with other country like the Defence Treaty signed with the British East India Company on September 14, 1762; the treaty signed between the British and Manipur on April 18, 1833 to demarcate the Barak River and the treaty signed between the Governor General of India with Maharaj Chandrakriti along with Lushai and Angamis shows that Manipur was an Independent nation.

The RPF president then prayed for the unity of the indigenous communities of the Manipur so as to help the land successfully stand at the forefront of development.

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The 47th Rotary on the Spot Painting Competition '2022, as part of vocational service of Rotary Club of Imphal, was organised today at Rotary Bhavan, Mantripukhri. The painting competition was organised in two groups namely, Group-A (Class IV-VI) on the theme 'Any picture of animal or bird' and Group-B (Class VII to X) on the theme 'Community service'. A total of about 250 school students participated in the annual painting competitions. Prizes to the winners will be distributed during the club official visit of District Governor on 9th Oct'2022.

Bikrama Lourembam of The

Comprehensive School, Oinam, Lenison Rajkumar of The Ushus School, Soibam Leikai, Khumukcham Chaoemba Singh of KV No. 1, Lamphel secured first, second and third, respectively while Chanchala Kangabam of KV No. 1, Lamphel, Minerva Thoidingjam of KV No. 2, Langting and Abujam Ranjan Singh of Heirok Kabo Leikai Primary School, Heirok Part III won consolation prize in Group-A category.

Juliana Thoidingjam of KV No. 1, Lamphel, Sunaina Saikhom of KV No. 1, Lamphel, Yaiphaba Ningthoujam of Wangkhei High School secured first, second and third, respectively while Khumukcham Anjelina of KV No. 1, Lamphel, Wangkheimayum Hiyaleima of

Mega Manipur School, Yarlapat, Thiyam Jesina Devi of RK Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya, Pangei and Pebam Ranibala of Brighter Academy, New Checkon won consolation prize in Group-B category.

Rtn. L. Niranjan Singh, Director, Vocational Service said that the painting competitions are beneficial in motivating young students and assisting them in developing their creative talents by exposing them to such creative activities.

Rtn. Pramod Jaiswal, President of the club, praised the participating students for showcasing their hidden talents. The aim of the drawing competition is to engage children in a creative exercise to identify their hopes and dreams of the future.

Is Re-Engagement of the NSCN (IM) in the Naga Peace Process a Pre-Election Exercise?

By: Rajkumar Bobichand
Imphal, Sept 25:

After signing the Framework Agreement between the Government of India (GOI) and the Isak-Muvah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, NSCN (IM) on August 3, 2015, the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, claimed the decades-old Naga insurgency problem was solved once and for all, as if

lasting peace had been achieved.

However, the signing of the Framework Agreement between the GOI and NSCN (IM) on August 3, 2015 at the residence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi can't resolve the Naga insurgency in spite of the much hype and hope of striking a final peace accord before October 31, 2019.

There were rounds of talks or consultations between

then-India's interlocutor R N Ravi and the NSCN (IM) leadership, as well as a spat between R N Ravi and the NSCN (IM).

Moreover, the government of India also entered into an agreed position with NNPGs in December 2017 by having a separate peace talk on the Naga insurgency.

The GOI has held two separate peace talks with the NSCN (IM) since 1997 and the

Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs), comprising seven organisations, since 2017.

The deadline for making a final peace deal expired on October 31, 2019 without any accord being signed, following which the NSCN (IM) had a falling out with R N Ravi, who was replaced by A K Mishra as the interlocutor. A K Mishra, a former special director of the Intelligence Bureau, succeeded R N Ravi as the

Centre's interlocutor for the Naga peace process in September 2021. The latter is the Governor of Tamil Nadu. Interlocutor and Nagaland Governor R N Ravi, was subsequently appointed as the Tamil Nadu Governor.

Among other issues, a key sticking point in the negotiations between the two sides has been an apparent impasse over the Naga flag. While the government of India report-

edly offered to accept the flag as a cultural symbol, the NSCN (IM) was not "impressed" by the idea.

"The Naga issue is not a cultural issue that the Government of India should change the Naga flag as a cultural symbol and forgo the Naga political identity as symbolised by the Naga flag", the NSCN (IM) had said earlier, maintaining that this flag was not "just a piece of cloth"

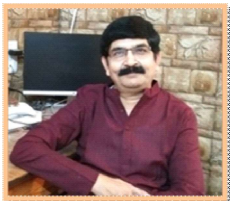
but a "symbol" of the Naga people's "pride and values".

Moreover, the NSCN (IM) sticks to their stand for the Naga flag and the Naga Constitution, while also bringing all Nagas under one administrative umbrella.

Since October 2019, a deadlock has persisted in the Naga insurgency talks between the government of India and the NSCN (IM).

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To the daughter who has always made her father proud and happy



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Daughters Day is, as the name clearly says, a day to celebrate our daughters. National Daughters Day is celebrated on September 25 to cherish our daughters who bring so much love and into our lives. If there is one person in this world I love more than myself is my daughter Mansi. Creating a special day such as Daughters Day creates a sense of belonging and worthiness for girls. A daughter is the happy memories of the past, the joyful moments of the present, and the hope and promise of the future. Daughters bring a certain kind of joy into our world. Like all children, they have their own personalities and strengths. As parents, we look forward to discovering the world through their eyes. The day provides us an opportunity to show our daughter genuine support, encouragement, and love. A daughter fills the heart with pleasure, a joy to always treasure.

D- is for Darling, that is what you are
A- is for Always loving from your heart
U- is for Understanding caring every day
G- is the Gorgeous way you are made
H- is for How you're so very dear
T- is for very Thankful that you're here
E- is the Everlasting heart that you bear
R- is for Roses you should always wear

My daughter Mansi being born has changed my life and my whole outlook on life. My daughter is one of the biggest gifts in my life. She is always caring, helping and courteous. To a father growing old, nothing is dearer than a daughter. This is true in its whole. No one appreciates kindness, peace and beauty like the aged and it is because they tend to see life, the world and people for who and what they truly are, and that is why they see daughters for what they truly are. My daughter is my best friend, supporter, and well-wisher. You have bonded with her right from the time she was born. Even after she has grown up, your love for her has not changed. She is still your little girl who requires your love, attention, and support.

My daughter Mansi is a blessing to my family. She is not just a daughter, or a woman but she is a light to the paths of many. Raising a daughter and molding her into a highly successful being it is not as easy as it appears. The joy of raising a daughter into a fully-grown woman means a lot to parents, thereby, showing that a girl child needs special treatment as the flower of the house. A daughter puts on herself, responsibilities that are not even given to her. The state of her heart is reflected in all she does for her loved ones.

As a daughter, the woman is the greatest support for her parents, as she is always ready to sacrifice for the benefit of the family. There is no doubt that a daughter is an asset to the family as very often do we see her sharing the responsibilities equally with the mother and father. My daughter is the reason behind all of my happiness. I am a proud father of an amazing daughter like you.

Time to get serious about Climate Change



By: Vijay GarG

Climate change is one of the most important problems we face. It is also truly a global problem in the sense that no country alone can influence the outcome. It can only be solved if all countries mount a global response. With development activities picking up once again, it's important to keep in mind that we're already fighting climate change and global warming. Our choices, actions and behaviour should be based on that premise so that we can inch closer to reducing the impact of climate change.

India is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, and will be severely affected with an increase in natural calamities such as floods, tsunamis, droughts, and heat waves. Our country has already taken a few progressive steps such as the target of clean energy and reduction in emissions by 22 per cent. In fact, extensive plantation efforts, water body rejuvenation, and buying local and organic produce are already being encouraged and implemented. However, regardless of the policies and strategies implemented by the government, our environment will heal only if 'care for nature' comes naturally to us.

While you might think that climate change policies and strategies are the work of the government and political bodies, this is a reminder that we are going through the repercussions of climate change as a country. It is each individual's responsibility to do their bit in making the fight against climate change easier and more effective. Healing the environment starts in the kitchen, in our bedrooms, at work, and even in the garage.

To prevent further decline in our environmental health, we need to be wary of every small action that can contribute to temperature rise, sea-level rise, and pollution. We need to reduce emissions of Green House Gases, especially carbon dioxide and devise eco-friendly substitutes to products that have a high carbon footprint.

In fact, knowing your carbon footprint is an excellent way to make small and easy changes at home and office. To underline the importance of this issue, organizations can encourage activities that cap emissions and reward employees when they achieve a low carbon footprint. This could be an incentive to reduce polluting behaviours and to invest in cleaner energy choices.

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World River Day 2022 and our Environment



By: N. Munal Meitei

"Rivers are the arteries of our planet," Mark Angelo

World river day is celebrated on 4th Sunday, the 25th September, 2022 with this year's theme, "Importance of river for Biodiversity". Now everyone should join hand to strengthen the movement for rivers, water and it's Biodiversity. Together, we can to raise our voices to bring the attention to the urgent needs and threats facing with our rivers and stood for hope and solidarity to find out solutions to protect our rivers.

Every river is unique in terms of its flow patterns, the landscapes, the species it supports and on its associated ecosystems. Rivers have no political boundaries; they connect the different nations together along its entire course having different language, culture and religions as a loving mother. Thus rivers are part of a global peace and protect-fiercely and unapologetically-our communities. Rivers are the most beautiful objects seen from the outer space.

Rivers are a part of our communities. We cannot segregate our local river systems without ultimately impacting our own health and well-being. These issues are not solely river issues; they are issues for human communities and for the future generations.

Rivers in every country face an array of threats, and only our active involvement will ensure their health in the years ahead. Most of the rivers in Indian cities have changed their dresses with plastics. We are remind, the rivers as the world's most pristine, scenic and free-flowing streams. Many of the world's rivers are endangered with rapid urbanisation, industrialisation and increase in human

man pollution, deforestation in catchments, water extraction, drought, dams and invasive aquatic species.

Rivers form an integral part of our environment and they are vital for people and wildlife. Also, there are many communities whose survival, livelihood and existence depend upon rivers. A new report states that just one third of the world's rivers remained free-flowing rendering a more critical than ever.

Rivers connect the oceans, valley and mountains as a linkage for the biodiversity. They play a very important role in the water cycle, acting as drainage channels for surface water. Rivers drain nearly 75% of the earth's land surface and provide excellent habitat and food for many of the earth's organisms. It's axiom that rivers whose courses are in virgin will never be flooded.

Walking along river bank and spending time in the natural space helps to reduce stress, anxiety, worry and also lowered heart and breathing rate. The added benefit of living by a river is the air surrounding the water contains added oxygen and moisture as well as a large dose of negative ions that increase our Serotonin to absorb the oxygen. So people resides near to rivers breathe deep and relax at home. Rivers play a crucial role in our well-being, happiness and physical and mental health. Research has shown that being in and near the river or water can provide a long list of benefits for our mind and body, increasing an overall sense of well-being and happiness.

In Manipur, Imphal river basin occupies 28.4%. Barak valley 40.5% and Eastern catchment drain to Chindwin 31.1% with many river systems and their tributaries. The scintillating rivers of Manipur make an important part of our topography. We may call Manipur a land of many rivers and the beauties of these streams adorn the state even more. Some of the rivers in Manipur also form the natural boundaries both domestic and international for the state. Rivers in Manipur are also an important source of food, irrigation and with a hub of adventure sports like whitewater river rafting. Rivers are

considered sacred by the people of Manipur. Hence, if we have any pride of being a Manipuri, then we should not throw any wastes, dirt's and especially plastics into our rivers and otherwise our river will be choked and may become to death.

Among the rivers in Manipur, the Barak River and Manipur River are most popular. Manipur River has many major rivers with its tributaries like Iri River, Thoubal River, Sengmai River and Kuga River etc. The Ithai barrage is really a stump block except for Chakpi River to bring a big change in our aquatic Biodiversity. Almost 18 fish species which need saline water life cycle have been extinct from our soil due to the dam. When a river has been dammed, one of the most obvious changes is the disruption to "Environmental flows." Environmental flows can restore to improve water quality, sediment deposition, addressing the life-cycle needed of fish and wildlife and restoring the livelihoods of river-based communities.

One of the distress for Manipur is there is no snow fed river which threat us from any extreme conditions like prolonged drought. In a candid concession, Nambal and many other rivers in our state, besides heavy rain and discharge, the urban and rural encroachments in the river bank - including infrastructure such as latrines, pig sheds, buildings, roads, other business facilities with huge plastics, played a negative role in creating bottlenecks, which exacerbated the floods to the tune of 15 to 20%. It is therefore emphasizes the need for better planning in the flood plain and river banks which acts as the natural sponge for floodwaters.

A river's flow is its heartbeat. Freshwater plants and animals have evolved with and intimately depend upon, natural patterns of hydrological variability. Naturally high and low water levels create habitat conditions essential for reproduction and growth and drive ecological processes required for ecosystem health. Flood pulses move sediment that maintains the form and function of rivers. Seasonal inundation of floodplains and wetlands supports groundwater recharge. Hence it all depends on

healthy river flows. Healthy rivers are the lifelines of our planet. Rivers and their watersheds - and the rich variety of life they sustain - provide people with water, food, medicines, building materials, land-replenishing silts and more. They mitigate floods and droughts, support forests, recharge groundwater supplies, sustain fisheries, and provide byways for travel. Protecting our rivers is therefore the health insurance for all.

A river is much more than the flowing water but it's the bed and banks, the groundwater below, its surrounding forests, marshes and floodplain are all parts of the river life. A river carries not just water, but more importantly nutrient-rich sediments and dissolved minerals that replenish the land - and of the planet. Although the planet's rivers are in crisis, overtime, we can take comfort that rivers have a natural ability to self-heal. We all win when rivers are allowed to flow freely.

Our developments are moving fast, the population is exploding, pollution are maximizing, climate is erupting, global warming intensified, scanty rainfalls frequently repeated, melting of glaciers accelerated, extraction of construction materials from riverbeds overloaded, mushrooming the number of dams for irrigation and hydro-electricity on every lengths and draining of a huge quantity of harmful industrial waste in the rivers have made our rivers to suffocate.

In a world where our rivers and the surrounding communities and ecosystems are struggling, threatened by multiple environmental impacts, it should be our topmost priority to conserve and protect our rivers. But it seems, we are always forgetting that the rivers are also the living entities and they support our entire environment and ecosystems. Therefore, with coming of World Rivers Day, let's ensure that everyone is aware of the importance of river stewardship and let's oath not to do anything that harm, threat and endanger to our rivers from today onwards for the sake of future generations.

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Tribute to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on his 106th birth anniversary



By: Laimayum Bashanta Sharma

On the occasion of the 8th Antyodaya Diwas to mark the 106th birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya I offer my tribute to the man regarded as the founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh from which the BJP emerged. Antyodaya means uplifting the poorest of the poor and, hence, the day is observed to reach out to the last person in society. He was born in 1916 in Mathura and served Bharatiya Jana Sangh from 1953 to 1968. He was the source of ideological guidance and moral inspiration for the BJP since its inception. The spirit of the Antyodaya Mission lies in 'reaching out to the last person,' and hence, the motto of this day is to help all eligible rural youths of India in acquiring skill sets and enhancing them thus providing them with national and international employment opportunities.

He had not only laid down the core principles of the BJP but he also lived those principles in his political life. Tracing its origins to the non-

dualistic philosophy of Advaita Vedanta, integral humanism propagated the oneness of various souls, be it of human, animal, or plant origin. Rejecting the intrinsic diversity based on race, color, caste, or religion, it identified all human beings as part of this one organic whole, sharing a common consciousness of national thought. And putting this into a political perspective, either then or now, meant that Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and the people of all other faiths and sects are essentially one and that their intrinsic unity should be based on this common consciousness of "Rashtriyata"/nationality.

He has personified society as a living being that has a soul and consciousness, it has a conscience that knows what is unjust and what is right, it can feel pain and exhaustion, and it can feel sad or happy just like a living being. To explain it from my perspective India can not be claimed as an advanced or developed nation by taking into account only the advanced way of life and world-class state-of-the-art infrastructure built in metropolitan cities because a large part of India is still backward for example the northeastern states. According to Pandit Deendayalji, the entire nation must be developed as a whole sans extreme disparity between the haves and have-nots. If 10% of the entire states are fully developed and the rest are backward states, the nation

as a whole cannot be called a developed nation. If we hurt a body part with a sharp or blunt object the entire body felt the pain. The hairs in our nostrils or lashes in our eyes helped prevent harmful dust from impacting our vital organs. Thus every part has various major roles to play to enhance the overall health. People from all walks of life have important roles to play. If professionals, farmers, the army, the police, the bureaucrats, the entrepreneurs, etc, will perform to their optimal level it will ultimately benefit the nation as a whole and help the nation achieve advanced nation status is the core philosophy of Pandit Deen Dayal Ji.

Integral Humanism of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya is a name given to the philosophical ideas propounded by the Jan Sangh leader in the early 1960s. The ideological description of integral humanism has emerged from the ancient Indian tradition and cultural ethos. The philosophical anchorage of integral humanism was shaped by the essential foundations of Indian society and Dharma. Upadhyaya has concisely demolished the social and political philosophies of capitalism as well as communism, by underlining their inherent contempt for humanitarian aspects of individual life and their inappropriate emphasis on the monetary dimension. Therefore, integral humanism essentially believes in the coordination of the individual, soci-

ety, the universe, and the ultimate authority of the Supreme. Every nation, according to Upadhyaya has its own cultural and societal central principle which has been termed Chiti, and every society has some distinctiveness that could be identified as Virat. Every individual has different roles carved out and various dimensions of activities. Integrating these varying aspects of human life into a continuous interaction with each other is the essence of integral humanism. The scattered ideological characteristic of this philosophy of integral humanism has contemporary relevance with an overall perspective of finding solutions to present-day political crises. For instance, economists are now advocating for a public-private partnership (PPP) model worldwide which is similar to Upadhyaya's principled stand of a national sector where the right to work and a safety net for the disadvantaged went hand in hand with economic entrepreneurship.

Upadhyaya endorsed self-sufficiency in agricultural production but was against unnecessary hoarding of stocks that lead to the distortion of the market, artificial inflation in price, and generation of black money. The move by the Food Corporation of India to rationalize the stocks that it had been hoarding in the previous regimes, speaks volumes of the practical applications of this philosophy even in the current era.

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Over 60 PFI activists detained in Pune by Police

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Sept 25:

The Bund Garden police of Pune took into custody over 60 activists of the radical Islamist Organisation-the Popular Front of India (PFI) on Saturday for organizing a march to the Pune collectorate without permission, as a protest against the crackdown by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other agencies.

A massive march was organized on Friday demanding the release of two PFI activists-Razi Ahmed Shaikh and Abdul Kayum Shaikh arrested by the NIA from the Kondhwa area on Thursday. Besides, the NIA also sealed the PFI's Pune office.

These activists were among 20 activists arrested from various places across Maharashtra, as part of the nationwide multi-agency operation led by the NIA. Five among them- Mazhar Khan, Shaikh Saadique, Mohammad Iqbal Khan, Momin Mistri, and Asif Khan, have already been remanded to NIA custody, Mumbai till September 26. The arrests were made by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on behalf of the NIA.

During Friday march, the activists reportedly raised the slogans such as "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Allahu akbar". However, the police did not confirm whether the slogan "Pakistan Zindabad" was raised saying that they have received some videos, which are being verified since there was too much din during the march. "We had ear-



The PFI activists staging protest demonstrations. (Inset: The activists being rounded up by Police.

lier given a notice to the organizers not to hold any protest, but they did not follow the order", DCP Sagar Patil said.

However after a video surfaced on social media, which shows that a "Pakistan Zindabad" slogan was allegedly raised during a protest organised by the PFI activists, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday, said such slogans will not be tolerated in the state. Taking to his official Twitter account, Shinde condemned the pro-Pakistan slogan raised by "anti-social elements".

The activists were arrested and the offence has been registered under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 141, 143, 145, 147, 149 (all about unlawful assembly), 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant), and 341 (wrongful restraint), and also under sections the Maharashtra Police Act, Se-

nior inspector Pratap Mankar of Bundgarden police station said.

In a massive crackdown on the PFI, multi-agency teams led by the NIA arrested 106 leaders and activists of the PFI in simultaneous raids in 11 states for allegedly supporting terror activities in the country.

The maximum number of arrests were made in Kerala (22) followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka (20 each), Tamil Nadu (10), Assam (9), Uttar Pradesh (8), Andhra Pradesh (5), Madhya Pradesh (4), Puducherry and Delhi (3 each) and Rajasthan (2).

In another development, the special NIA Court in Delhi remanded 11 PFI activists who were arrested on Sept 22, in custody till September 30 on Saturday. In its remand report, the NIA claimed that the seized documents during the raids contain highly incriminating materials targeting

prominent leaders of a particular community. The agency also alleged that the radical Islamist outfit encouraged youth to join terrorist groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba, Islamic State (IS), and Al-Qaida.

PFI was formed in 2006 when the National Development Front (NDF), a post-Babri demolition outfit founded in 1993 by some ex-SIMI leaders, merged with Tamil Nadu-based Manitha Neethi Pasrai, Karnataka-based Karnataka Forum of Dignity (KFD), Citizens Forum of Goa, Community and Social Education Society based in Rajasthan and Nagrik Adhikar Suraksha Samithi of Andhra Pradesh. According to sources, now the central government is considering banning the outfit which claims itself as a "neo-cultural" outfit but has been indulging in terrorist activities.

India reports 4,777 fresh cases in last 24 hours, active cases come down to 43,994

IT News
New Delhi, Sept 25:

India has witnessed a marginal decline in daily Covid-19 cases on Sunday with country recording 4,777 new infections in the past 24 hours, according to an update given by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Yesterday, the country had logged 4,912 coronavirus cases.

The death toll climbed to 5,28,510 with 23 fatalities which includes 11 deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

As a result, active cases currently stand at 43,994. The active caseload comprise 0.10 per cent of the total infections. The daily positivity rate

was recorded at 1.58% while the weekly positivity rate was at 1.63%.

The country conducted 3,02,283 Covid tests in the last 24 hours, with the total number of tests conducted so far at 89.36 crore.

The data shows that 5,196 recoveries were recorded in the last 24 hours, taking the tally of recoveries so far since the onset of the pandemic in early 2020 to 4,39,95,610. The recovery rate currently stands at 98.72%.

Under the nationwide vaccination drive, India's cumulative vaccination coverage has exceeded 217.41 crore. Of all the doses administered, 94.76 crore were second doses and 20.34 crore

precautionary.

The central government has provided more than 203.53 crore (2,03,53,52,325) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Government of India free of cost channel and through direct state procurement category.

As per the Ministry, more than 3.35 crore (3,35,16,390) balance and unutilized Covid vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has directed states/UTs to do surveillance of incoming international travellers as a part of revised surveillance strategy in context of covid-19.

'On Ukraine, India on the side of peace': Jaishankar at UN

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 25:

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly, external affairs minister S Jaishankar has said that India is on the side of peace in the Ukraine conflict and will remain there; it is on the side that respects the United Nations charter and its founding principles; on the side that calls for diplomacy and dialogue; and on the side of those struggling to make ends meet, even as they stare at escalating costs of food, fuel and fertilisers.

"It is therefore in our collective interest to work constructively, both within the United Nations and outside, in finding an early resolution to this conflict," Jaishankar told the Assembly.

India also called out the current multilateral structure as "anachronistic and ineffective", Jaishankar said. "It is also perceived as deeply unfair, denying entire continents and regions a voice in a forum that deliberates their future." He said that India was ready to take greater responsibilities, but also flagged the needs of the global South. HT reported on Wednesday that India was set to focus on issues of



the global South at the UN.

During his speech, Jaishankar focused on the transformational period in international politics currently playing out, the series of shocks that had led to a reset in assumptions and policies, and projected India as a democratic and responsible power which was there in times of need for its neighbours and the global South while being the voice of reason in the global system.

The minister used the UNGA perch to speak about post-Independence journey of Indians as they celebrate 75 years of Independence. "The story of that period has been one of toil, determination, innovation and enterprise of millions of ordinary Indians. They are rejuvenating a

society pillaged by centuries of foreign attacks and colonialism." He claimed they were doing so in a "democratic framework", whose steady progress is reflected in more "authentic voices and grounded leadership".

The minister said it was this conviction that led India to supply vaccines to over 100 nations, create room for other nationals in distress during humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, offering partnerships to countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America "based on their needs and priorities". "Today, that focus is on green growth, better connectivity, digital delivery and accessible health. Our solidarity is not just words; you can see them in 700 projects across the world."

Ghulam Nabi Azad to hold meetings today to discuss formation of his new party, to address media on Monday

Agency
Srinagar, Sept 25:

Weeks after breaking ranks with the Congress and announcing the formation of his own party, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday said he would be holding a press conference on Monday. While he has announced key details about his party, the suspense on the name of the party lingers. Monday's address is expected to shed light on the same.

"I will hold a press conference tomorrow. Today, I will hold meetings with my workers and leaders," Azad

was quoted as saying by news agency ANI in Jammu. He made the comments on being asked about his new political party.

Azad had earlier said that people of Jammu and Kashmir will decide the name and the flag for the party. "I will give a Hindustani name to my party that everyone can understand," Azad said at a rally in Baramulla.

The former Congress leader had earlier pitched for restoring the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, but then stated he would not mislead people with false promises on the issue. One of the key demands of the people of the erstwhile state of J&K who want

the earlier status of the Valley to be restored, the statehood was revoked by the Centre in 2019 - in what marked as one of the key decisions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government.

Addressing his first rally in the Union Territory after his exit from the Congress earlier this month, Azad had lashed out at detractors who have accused him of staying silent on the statehood issue.

The Centre revoked the special status of J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcated it into two Union territories on August 5, 2019. "Today, some leaders are asking why I don't speak on Article 370. Ghulam

Nabi Azad will never mislead people for the sake of votes. We have already lost one lakh people and have fifty thousand widows and four to five lakh orphans here. Thousands lost their homes. Leaders should not give such slogans [on issues] that are not in our hands," he had said at the rally in Baramulla.

Azad had resigned from the Congress last month and - in a stinging letter to the party leadership - criticised senior leader Rahul Gandhi for leading to a decline in the party's decision-making process. Following Azad's lead, at least one dozen legislators and 1,500 leaders resigned from the party.

BJP favours 5-6 richest Indians who monopolise any business they want: Rahul Gandhi

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 25:

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Saturday rained down hard on PM Modi over his 'what did Congress do in 70 years' remark and alleged that 'BJP is a government for 5-6 richest Indians who are monopolising any business they want.' "PM often asks- '70 saal mein kya kiya?' We never gave India the highest-ever unemployment. We never gave India the record price rise

it faces today. BJP govt is not a govt for farmers, youth & women. It's a govt for 5-6 richest Indians who are monopolising any business they want," a tweet by Rahul Gandhi read.

Rahul Gandhi dissed BJP earlier this week as well with allegations of favouring big businesses and said that billionaire industrialist 'Gautam Adani can monopolise any business he wants in the country', now that he is the second richest man in the world.

Earlier, during the initial leg of Congress' 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Rahul Gandhi slammed the BJP and RSS saying both spread hatred and violence in the country. "Do you think a country that is divided can solve problems like unemployment? Do you think a divided society can build hospitals, and roads and can educate our children? It is impossible for India to solve such problems if we are following the path of hatred," he said while addressing Congress workers at Cherthala in Kerala.

"How is it that we have the richest persons in the world but our people pay the highest price for essential items? Is it something which we could just accept? We will not allow the ideology of the RSS and the BJP to divide this country and we will not accept India where millions of Indians are jobless. We will not accept an India where millions of people are drowning in high prices for essential items," he added.

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Upadhyaya Ji's idea of a 'Ramarajya' is where the notions of unity based on a common binding force called 'Dharma' is together celebrated with the principles of political and economic decentralisation. And for all the skeptics, out there, the notion of 'Dharma' is very different from the Western understanding of "religion". Interestingly, Dharma and Ramarajya both have a very "secular" so-called interpretation. Dharma is like a moral compass, which unifies the national polity, economy, and

society. Thus, the philosophy of integral humanism imagines this common thread called "Dharma" to act as an intrinsic guiding principle for the state, which leads to political and social empowerment of all and penetration of economic benefits up to the last man/woman standing (antyyodya).

In conclusion, integral humanism builds on an organic thought, where it imagines a Bharatiya nation, which is guided by common principles of moral order laid down by dharma since time immemorial. A nation, where all citizens iden-

tify themselves as a part of the same spirit, where we modernise but do not westernise which is detrimental to our Bharatiya civilization, where we have individual economic autonomy but that which is coupled with a social safety net to protect the underprivileged and vulnerable citizens and lastly, where we exceed group consciousness as members of different religious and social communities to develop a common national consciousness.

(The author is a Spokesperson of the BJP, Manipur Pradesh)

Time to get serious about....

Increasing energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy is also crucial to reduce pressure on our natural resources. So many people in India still lack access to electricity and rely on solid fuels for cooking such as coal, wood, and charcoal which

causes harmful indoor air pollution. Opting for energy-efficient appliances, using LEDs and using renewable energy is a great way to not only mitigate climate change but also let businesses know that the demand for renewable energy sources is on rise. Given the

extreme climate conditions that India faces and the loss of life and economy attributed to it, India should also strengthen its current targets and given its immense renewable energy generation potential, aim to lead by setting an example.

Heavy rains, lightning kill at least 36 in Uttar Pradesh, parts of northern India

Agency
Lucknow, Sept 25:

Hazardous weather has killed at least 36 people in northern India over the past 24 hours, including 12 who were struck by lightning, officials said as they warned of more heavy downpours in the coming days.

Across the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, at least 24 people died after their homes collapsed amid unrelenting rains, Relief Commissioner Ranvir Prasad said.

Mohamed Usman, 15, was on his friend's roof in the city of Prayagraj when lightning struck Friday evening, killing him instantly. His friend Azman, who goes by one name, was injured and is being treated in a hospital.

"As soon as they set foot on the roof, they were hit by lightning and my son died," said Mohammad Ayub, Usman's father.

Officials said 39 people in the state have died from lightning in the last five days,



prompting authorities to issue new guidelines for how people can protect themselves during a thunderstorm.

Lightning strikes are common during India's monsoon season, which runs from June to September.

Col. Sanjay Srivastava, whose organization Lightning Resilient India Campaign works with the Indian Meteorological Department, said that deforestation, the depletion of bodies of water, and pollution all contribute to climate change, which leads to more lightning.

Global warming has also increased the frequency of lightning, said Sunita Narain, director general at the Center for Science and Environment. A 1-degree-Celsius (1.8-de-

gree-Fahrenheit) rise in temperature increases lightning by 12 times.

There has been a 34% rise in lightning strikes across India over the past year, which has caused deaths to also jump. India recorded 1,489 deaths due to lightning in 2016, and the number grew to 2,869 in 2021, according to Srivastava.

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However, in September 2022, the NSCN (IM) met with a representative of the Indian government in New Delhi in an effort to find a permanent solution to the decades-long Naga insurgency. The meeting, which started on September 20, is said to continue till September 22, 2022.

Reports said the NSCN (IM) delegation, led by senior leader V S Atem, met interlocutor A K Mishra at an undisclosed location in the national capital.

The participants discussed the NSCN (IM)'s core demands, including a separate flag for the Nagas. But the dialogue remains inconclusive. The NSCN (IM) delegation also requested the interlocutor to arrange a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reports said.

The NSCN (IM) leader, Thuingaleng Muivah, did not take part in this round of the meeting.

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However, the NSCN (IM), on September 20, 2022, in its monthly Bulletin News of its mouthpiece "Nagalim Voice", said the NSCN (IM) stood by its demand for the unification of the Naga-inhabited areas for the Nagas and a separate flag and those were "non-negotiable".

The NSCN (IM) has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to "shy away" from the Naga issue but have a relook through the prism of Framework Agreement (FA), "his own political brainchild". The credit he has taken in bringing about FA should be unerringly interpreted to take forward in solving the Naga issue, said NSCN (IM).

The editorial of the Nagalim Voice, Vol. 014, Issue 22, September, 2022, ironically points out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "who loves to advertise his achievements", is expected to take the Naga issue to a logical conclusion as the stalled

"Indo-Naga talks" pick up the threads with a focus on FA and now the "Formulated papers".

Seven years ago, when Modi took the initiative to supervise the high-profile FA signing ceremony on August 3, 2015 at his residence, it generated much hype and hope, going by the tone of his "highly enchanting speech" he delivered. He took pride in announcing to all political leaders who matter that he had solved the longest insurgency movement in Southeast Asia, said the editorial.

The NSCN (IM) added, "Going beyond that, the ceremony was live-telecast all over the world to put on record his achievement in solving the Naga issue. He began his speech with, 'This day marks the beginning of a new age. The 3rd of August, 2015, will be inscribed in the pages of Indian history with golden letters.'"

"25 years of Indo-Naga political talks and 7 years of Framework Agreement (FA) is a long period of endurance and commitment exhibited by the Naga people for the peaceful settlement of the Naga issue. Modi also said, 'Six-seven decades is a prolonged time period; you must have been through numerous hardships, and the wounds must be deep.' These beautifully framed words still remain hollow, said the editorial.

The NSCN (IM) stated that its stand on FA has been distinctly stated time and again and the decision of the National Assembly on May 31, 2022 and the declaration (resolution) adopted on August 26, 2022 by the Naga National Workers of NSCN from Nagaland State reaffirming "one people, one nation" and to stand by the FA is on record.

"The unifying principle of One People One Nation symbolized by the God given Naga Nation Flag is non-negotiable in the name of Naga political solution", said the editorial of the Nagalim Voice.

However, the reality is that Nagaland's neighbouring states—Manipur, Assam, and Arunachal Pradesh—have been vehemently opposed to the idea of the unification of Naga-inhabited areas under their jurisdictions.

Moreover, the Government of India is also holding peace talks separately with splinter groups of the NSCN after entering into ceasefire agreements. The groups which have entered into ceasefire agreements are:

NSCN-NK, NSCN-R, NSCN K-Khango, and NSCN (K) Niki.

Earlier, the NSCN (IM) had said, "NSCN cannot drag the Naga people to make another blunder by falling into the trap being machinated by the Government of India." The group had also told the Core Committee that it would resume peace talks with the Centre if it was based on the 2015 Framework Agreement and Ravi's formulation papers.

Another significant development in the process of resolving the Naga insurgency, on September 14 this year, the NSCN (IM) and the NNPGs pledged in a joint statement to "overcome the cynicism" and that they are "committed to a dialogue in order to move forward and live in peace." They also admitted to being "aware of our differences", stating that both sides would guard themselves against rifts between them.

Meanwhile, there are reports that a team from the government of India has been working on a new set of "formulation papers" for packaging a set of offers, along with the old, to facilitate the final peace deal soon.

It may be mentioned that T R Zeliang, the Co-Convenor of the Core Committee on Naga Political Issues (CCNPI) of the NSCN (IM) delegation, was unhappy with A K Mishra for omitting some important political points that R N Ravi had included in his formulation papers earlier.

Zeliang also said the onus was now on the Centre and the NSCN (IM) to sign the final agreement before the Assembly elections due by February 2023. The Working Committee of the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) is ready to sign the final agreement at any time, he added.

The NNPGs consist of at least seven groups that have traditionally been the rivals of the NSCN (IM).

Moreover, the formulation papers have to be accepted by the neighbouring states of Nagaland, particularly Manipur, since a number of ideas and formulas floated so far in the public domain for reaching a final agreement between the GOI and the NSCN (IM) always threaten to dismember Manipur and the co-existence of the different ethnic groups.

Now, working on formulation papers is vital to letting the NSCN (IM) sign the final peace accord for the Naga

CPI(M) creating debt trap in state: BJP chief JP Nadda slams Kerala govt over corruption

Agency
Kottayam, Sept 25:

BJP chief JP Nadda on Sunday rained down hard on the ruling CPI(M) in Kerala over corruption saying even the CM's office is not out of its frame, referring to the gold scam. "The present CPI(M) govt is trying to cre-

ate a situation where the govt will be in a debt trap; debt almost doubled now. Even CM's office is not out of the frame of corruption. The heat of the gold scam has even reached the CM's office," he said.

Nadda further slammed the state govt over violence against party workers. He

stressed that there's no place for violence in democracy. "Lawlessness is there, fringe elements are on the rise. Our workers have been murdered. I salute my workers who have been working day and night in spite of all this and are going forward. In a democracy, there is no place for violence," he said.

Notably, BJP chief JP Nadda is on a two-day visit to Kerala from Sunday as part of the party's organisational programmes and political outreach in different states. Nadda is set to hold several important party meetings and inaugurate new party offices in the state.

Sports

India play out 1-1 draw against Singapore in Hung Thinh Tournament opener

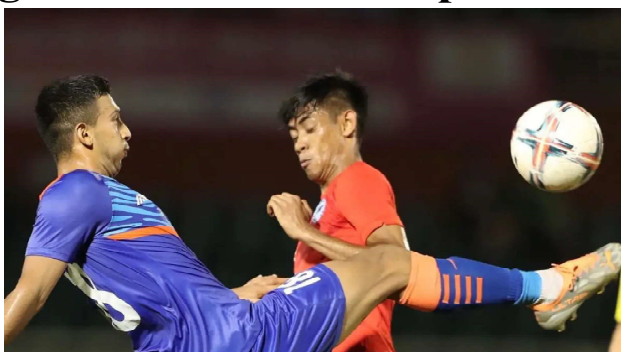
Agency
Vietnam, Sept 25:

The Indian men's football team's first match since the AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers in June yielded no result as they played out a 1-1 draw with Singapore in the Hung Thinh Friendly Football Tournament at the Thong Nhat Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on Saturday.

India, who rested experienced central defender Sandesh Jhingan, went into an arrears in the 37th minute, but came back strongly within six minutes to level the score through Ashique Kuruniyan. While dishing out a decent show in the midfield, Igor Stimac's boys made some intelligent moves on both the wings, but couldn't break the defensive shackles of the rivals.

After a cautious start by both the teams, Singapore were the first to have a crack at the rival goal. In the 14th minute, Ikhsan Fandi had a clear view of the goal, but ever-alert central defender Anwar Ali came to the rescue with a neat clearance. Fandi was certainly the most active force in almost every Singapore attack — he had another try at the Indian goal 10 minutes later; this time a header, but it wasn't enough to beat Gurpreet Singh Sandhu.

India's first serious foray at the opponent area was in the 18th minute when they launched a combined attack that nearly resulted in a goal.



While Anirudh Thapa was perfect with the through pass, equally immaculate was Ashique Kuruniyan, who set it up for Liston Colaco. The Indian forward was prompt and accurate with his shot from outside the box, but the rival goalkeeper and skipper Hassan Sunny dived to make a brilliant save.

It wasn't the last time Hassan denied India a near-certain goal. As India stepped up the pressure, a corner taken by Thapa in the 29th minute found Anwar going for a flawless header. Hassan, however, was quick to grab the ball.

Fandi put Singapore in the lead a little against the run of play in the 37th minute. As Ashique was pulled up for an infringement around 25 yards from the Indian goal, the

Singapore striker's right-footed free kick deflected off the wall before going in past touching the outstretched left hands of Sandhu.

However, India didn't waste much time before they hit back with the equaliser. Sahal Abdul Samad managed to intercept the ball in the middle in the 43rd minute and sent it to captain Sunil Chhetri with a fine forward pass. With years of experience behind him, Chhetri was quick to deliver a defence-splitting through ball that caught the entire Singapore defence on the wrong foot. As the ball travelled to Ashique, he darted into the box before finding the net with his left foot.

A Thapa-Ashique foray nearly brought the second goal for India four minutes into the second half — Ashique took a

powerful shot after Thapa put the ball ahead for him, but Hassan made a timely save.

After both sides stayed rather quiet for a long time, especially Singapore, who preferred to concentrate more on tightening the defence, Liston made his way through the left with some fine dribbling and took a shot which was powerful but a slightly misdirected one much to the relief of Singapore defence.

Skipper Chhetri said after the match, "There are many things that we could have done better. I'm sure the coach will have a talk with us about it. We missed a lot of chances, and maybe we could have defended a little better, but without being too harsh on ourselves, there are a few things that we need to work on."

Service to humanity is the service..

Romen Singh said that whenever there is illness among the inmates, they rushed the RIMS hospital for treatment. They were treated with special care with the world class equipments without taking any money under the strict supervision of Prof. A. Shanta Singh, it is remarkable, he remarked. It shows that he would like to help the poor and down trodden persons in addition to his dedi-

cated works for the upliftment of RIMS as a Director of a reputed Institution.

Romen Singh further said that he initiated the Pension Schemes through the Trust so as to help the poor and needy persons. It is being done only from his own pocket money, not taking a single coin from the Government and the public. It is done for the welfare of the inmates and not to take any

political mileage in this regard. Besides distributing Pensions to such people, the Trust is giving the day today needs for the time being. He urged the other people to help such needy persons on the humanitarian ground.

Oinam Mangi Singh, the founder of the Langol Old Age Home, and Thounaojam Ongbi Ibemhal Devi, the Trustee of the Trust attended the function.