

Nitish Kumar's JDU, stung by BJP coup in Manipur, throws a 2024 challenge

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Patna, Sept 3:

A day after five of six MLAs of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) in Manipur joined the ruling BJP, a war of words over each other's political decimation has ensued between the former coalition partners. Bihar BJP MP and Nitish Kumar's former long time deputy Sushil Kumar Modi last night taunted the JD(U) over its MLA switching sides, and said the party will collapse in Bihar as well very soon.

"After Arunachal, Manipur is also JDU free. Very soon Lalujee will make Bihar also JDU free," he tweeted in Hindi.

Mr Kumar's close aide and JD(U) national President Rajiv Ranjan Singh then hit back, asking Mr Modi not to "daydream" and dared him that the BJP would be wiped out in 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He accused the BJP of not adhering to coalition "dharma" in Arunachal Pradesh, where all seven of its MLAs have now merged with the ruling party, and pointed out that PM Modi after 42 rallies could win only 53 seats in the 243-strong



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar visits Janata Dal United (JDU) office ahead of party's national council meeting, in Patna.

Bihar Vidhan Sabha in 2015. He accused the BJP of breaking off his party MLAs through coercion.

"Want to remind you that both in Arunachal and Manipur, JD(U) won seats by defeating @BJP4India. So don't daydream of liberation from JD(U). Was what happened in Arunachal Pradesh because of your adherence to the alliance commitment?" he tweeted in Hindi.

In another tweet, he added, "...and once again in

Manipur @BJP4India's moral conduct is in front of everyone. You must remember that in 2015, the Prime Minister held 42 meetings, only then 53 seats could be won. In 2024, the country will be free from *jumlebaajis*...just wait."

Speaking to reporters, Mr Singh said the Centre's actions in Opposition ruled states like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Jharkhand show the BJP's fear and desperation regarding 2024. "What they did in

Maharashtra and MP, tried to do in Delhi, and are doing in Jharkhand now will have repercussions around the country," he said, referring to recent action by central agencies which many have describes as political vendetta.

On being asked if it could happen in Bihar as well, he said there's politics in every vein of the state and nothing would happen here. "They were trying to do that through an agent in our party, nothing happened," he said.

Referring to PM Modi's recent allegation that opposition parties were in a huddle to protect the corrupt, the JD(U) chief taunted "what BJP is doing to other parties is 'sadachar' but a joint fight against its brazen use of money power is 'bhrashtachar'. The Prime Minister has redefined these terms".

Weeks after the JD(U) broke off an alliance with the BJP for the second time in nine years in Bihar, five of its six MLAs in Manipur joined the ruling BJP on Friday. Since the number of MLAs who switched sides was greater than two thirds of the total, their crossing over was considered valid.

In 2020, six of seven JD(U) legislators had joined the BJP in Arunachal Pradesh, and last week its lone MLA in the north-eastern state also crossed over to the BJP.

The JD(U) had won six of the 38 constituencies it had contested in the assembly elections held in March this year. The MLAs who joined the BJP are Khumukcham Joykisan Singh, Ngursanglung Sanate, Md Achab Uddin, former DGP LM Khaute, and Thangjam Arunkumar.

ADG, NCC, NE region pays homage at INA martyr's memorial at Moirang

IT News
Imphal, Sept 3:

Major General Bhaskar Kalita, Yudh Seva Medal, Additional Director General, NCC North East Region Directorate, paid homage to Nataji Subhash Chandra Bose, at the Moirang INA Martyr's Memorial today. The homage was more significant as the ADG NCC Directorate NER was honouring Netaji who was a University Corps (which later became the NCC) Cadet, in 1917-1918.

After the Wreath Laying, the ADG took a brief walk around the INA Museum, and appreciated the collection of memorabilia which bring out the saga of bravery and sacrifice of Netaji and his Army, including the many braves from Manipur including Mairambam Koireng Singh,

Hemam Nilamani Singh, Kiyam Gopal Singh, Laiphrakpam Sanaba Singh, Potsangbam Tolmal Singh, M. Randhoni Devi and O. Keina Devi who were part of the INA.

The ADG then interacted with the NCC Cadets, and stated that the link between an old Cadet, INA and NCC should never be broken. He was one of us, in more ways than one. The ADG talked to the Cadets about the importance of working hard to fulfil our aspirations. Communications skills are the foundation of success, and every Cadet must work constantly to improve this aspect. He shared that he was extremely proud of the Cadets of North East Region, and especially Manipur, as they have excelled in all spheres of NCC activity.

Nipun Bharat (FLN) & Community Mobilization held in Pherzawl

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Pherzawl, Sept 3:

Organised by Samagra Shiksha under ZEO Pherzawl, 'Awareness & Training Programme' on Nipun Bharat (FLN) & Community Mobilization was held on 2nd September 2022 at DTC Hall, Churachandpur.

A short video on Nipun Bharat (FLN) was showcased alongside the launching event, Joseph Pauline Kamson, DC Pherzawl in his speech emphasises on the need for capacity building and motivation of teachers. Such Awareness & Training Programme would develop and strengthen the skills,

abilities of the teachers which would go a long way in enhancing the educational system in the district, maintains the DC.

He further mentioned that Nipun Bharat is an initiative of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India with an aim to ensure every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy at primary level by 2026-27.

The programme was attended by a group of stakeholders in the District - heads of relevant educational institutions, resource persons and other District Officers. The programme was coordinated by Hemchand Yumnam, ZEO, Pherzawl.

Apollo Tyres associates with KaGo Football Turf

First 'Go The Distance' pitch at the hub of football in India

IT News
Imphal, Sept 3:

Tyre maker, Apollo Tyres has added KaGo Football Turf in Imphal as its 12th Go the Distance Pitch, which is the first one in the entire North-east region of the country. Go the Distance Pitch is a sustainable initiative by Apollo Tyres using 100% repurposed rubber from its own tyres to create the playing surface for artificial football pitches.



Apollo Tyres has been working towards a sustainable model to create access to sports and fitness. This is the first ever pitch in the North-east or the entire Eastern region of India. Apollo Tyres had previously launched pitches across 11 different venues. The first Go the Distance pitch was opened near the North Stand of the iconic Old Trafford in Manchester, home of Apollo Tyres' partner Manchester United Football Club.

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Time is running out of Congress for reinventing itself before 2024 polls

By: Harihar Swarup
New Delhi, Sept 3:

Congress has seen the exit of many heavy weights over the decades—and survived. It lost socialists in 1948, with Acharya Narendra Dev, Jayaprakash Narayan, and Ram Manohar Lohia walking out to form the socialist party. It saw vertical split in 1969 when Indira Gandhi got the better of the "syndicate" and in 1978 when she worsted the old guards—but it remained the real Congress. However, more recently when Mamata Banerjee broke away to form the Trinamool Congress in 1998, and Jagannathan Reddy his YSR Congress in 2010—replacing Congress in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh respectively—the party was hugely weakened. In the last few years, many more have left the Congress for greener pas-

sports to join the BJP—Himanta Biswa Sarma, Jyotiraditya Scindia, RPN Singh and Jitin Prasad, among others.

Since the resignation of leaders is not new to the Congress, some hope the party will also weather Ghulam Nabi Azad's resignation. Though Azad may have had a 50-year innings along with Indira Gandhi, Sanjay Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, P V Narasimha Rao, and Manmohan Singh—Sonia Gandhi, he is after all, not a mass leader. And the party leadership may feel his exit—and earlier, of those like Kapil Sibal—may ease the situation by weakening the dissidents in the party (G-23) who have been particularly critical of Rahul Gandhi's leadership.

But Azad's exit is different. For he has shown the mirror to the party, choosing his time carefully to inflict the maximum possible damage to the Con-

gress—before Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. His exit has pushed the party to, finally, announce the dates for the election of the new Congress President.

It is also possible that Azad may not have to quit the Congress if he has been brought into Rajya Sabha again: Surely there is nothing wrong with a politician aspiring to retain a seat in the upper house. It's not as if he is going to get a Rajya Sabha berth on the other side. He is set to launch a new party and if it takes off—though it is early days—he could come to be supported by Farooq Abdullah and the BJP to lead a government. The journey is littered with improbable, but he has chosen to walk that path.

Azad's exit is not just about Rajya Sabha seat: it is also about "izzat" that was shown to him. He was a member of the national political affairs commit-

tee but later was made a mere member of the state committee.

Congressmen are leaving the party because the Gandhis are no longer able to win elections, and Azad has pointed out, the party has lost 39 out of 49 assembly elections in last eight years. Though Rahul Gandhi has spoken forthrightly on issues—Rafale, demonization, inflation, joblessness, lockouts—the party has not been able to slow down the Modi juggernaut. Undoubtedly this has given the control of the institutions to the BJP. But the Congress attitude *Jis ko hai jaye, relma hai rahe* (those who want to leave may leave, those who wish to remain may do so) remains.

The question that can no longer be wished away is this: Is the Congress on the verge of disintegrating as an enemy? Today an Azad is set to form his regional party. Will

Bhupender Singh Hooda, who still has mass following in Haryana, do likewise, nearer election time if he gets a sense that he is not going to get his way in the ticket distribution? What about Siddaramaiah in Karnataka where elections are due in 2023? And what will Sachin Pilot do?

Rahul is a boon to Narendra Modi not only because he is no match for PM as communicator. He is Modi's best bet because more than anyone else, he epitomizes entitlement today. And an aspirational India is moving in the opposition direction.

For the Grand old Party not to have a full-time president for three and quarter years—remember, it is not three and a quarter months—when the opposition is as formidable as Modi is unthinkable in a democracy. Whatever the reasons trotted out publicly for

delay in holding organizational election, the truth is that the party has usually been waiting for Rahul Gandhi to decide whether he wants to take over as Congress president again. Nothing illustrates entitlement more than this.

When Narendra Modi declared from the Red Fort this year that his party will flag two issues—corruption and dynastic rule—he put his finger on the people's pulse over the growing aversion to the right by birth.

If push comes to shove, there are regional parties which can survive without a member of the family to lead them. Not so the Congress. It will break up without the Gandhi family. And, as things today, it will disintegrate with the family at its helm—unless family willingly relinquishes power to someone else. Rahul Gandhi has also put forward a new political

model—he takes all decisions, but without taking responsibility for them. By all accounts, he is not going to contest for the party presidency. If Ashok Gehlot, Meira Kumar, Mallikarjun Kharge or Mukul Wasnik take over as Congress chief or she will be filling in for the role that Sonia Gandhi has been playing as a "nominal figure head".

Azad's going, then is not to the exit of yet another individual leader from Congress. It is symbolic of wider and worrying process at work to move India towards one-party rule—and grand old party, representing the only counter force nationally, is willing to take the steps it should. Unless there is a dramatic turnaround, Congress will be reduced to a mere symbol—and the owners of properties—and cease to be a party. (IPA Service)

Mind You, Education is Paramount

By: Amar Yummam

Society is never of a unitary dimension. It is necessarily and always of a multidimensional nature. In the interplay of the various dimensions, some are critically important in the sense that happenings in that particular dimension determine the long-run pace and direction of the society, explain how it emerges into an equal or unequal society, rationality decides or hooliganism prevails and you name it. Yes I am talking of Education.

There is a directed fight going on against drugs. This is important as it is but the significance of education is altogether different and is of a much higher order. The necessity of reemphasising Education arises inter alia because of two factors.

First, the behavioural displays of the political leadership of present-day Manipur reminds one of the phenomenon of Demagogues and what Plato wrote in his *The Republic*: "The tale is that he who has tasted the entrails of a single human victim minced up with the entrails of other victims is destined to become a wolf... And the protector of the people is like him; having a mob entirely at his disposal, he is not restrained from shedding the blood of kinsmen; by the favourite method of false accusation he brings them into court and murders them, making the life of man to disappear, and with unholy tongue and lips tasting the blood of his fellow citizen; some he kills and others he banishes, at the same time hinting at the abolition of debts and partition of lands: and after this, what will be his destiny? Must he not either perish at the hands of his enemies, or from being a man become a wolf—that is, a tyrant?"

Second, robust education is definitely the Enemy of the Demagogues. I am afraid if education is being murdered intentionally. This fear is something applicable at every stage of the teaching-learning process in Manipur today where the state has a critical role to play.

Education starts from the pre-school days. Fortunately for Manipur, almost all the parents, except the very down-trodden, by and large do love their children with attendance to their pre-school learning requirements. The problem in Manipur starts from the school-learning stages and till the terminal ones. On the eve of the Pandemic, a cross-country study of the World Bank found that India had one of the highest productivity losses of human capital due to "inadequate human capital investment." The scenario could have been only worse in the case of Manipur. The COVID19 has added to the global worries to the challenges facing education provision. In the United Kingdom, calculations are already coming out that the educational losses the kids suffered during the two years of the pandemic would socially require two decades to recover; the social cost involved in this is the worry of the intellectuals and the policy-makers.

Education is something very contemporaneous. The education the children need today should be provided today; it can never be postponed to the next day. Education is such a sacrosanct input to social advancement that it should be made available to all the children of each age group without leaving anyone out. Further, education has a spatial dimension unique to it. While a drug transported from Churachandpur can be caught in Kangpokpi, it cannot so in the case of education. Education of the children in a village in Ukhrul has to be provided in that village itself and it can never be replaced by education provided in a village in Mao. This provision of education to all the villages has to be marked by simultaneity. This temporal, spatial and demographic coverage would decide the future social scenario and determine the higher education to be provided. The success or otherwise of our ending as an Open Society or a Closed Society as Karl Popper envisaged in Volume I of his classic *The Open Society and Its Enemies* would be determined by what happens to our education. This envisioning is given in a shorter form by Eliot Cohen in his 2009 book, *Critical Thinking Unleashed*, thus: "In his classic book *The Open Society and Its Enemies*, philosopher Karl Popper distinguishes between two types of societies—one 'open,' the other 'closed.' An open society, he says, 'sets free the critical powers of man,' while a closed society stresses 'submission to magical forces.' The 'critical powers' unleashed in an open society engage the rational capacity of human beings to reach conclusions on the basis of evidence and to revise these conclusions as the evidence changes. This openness to evidence distinguishes it from closed societies, which submit to ritualistic, superstitious, and blind thinking impervious to evidence. In an open society, political leaders are not to be idolized and worshipped as gods among humans. Like anyone else, their views can be called into question if they fail to fit the facts as rationally determined. Such a society is anti authoritarian, realistic, and democratic in its emphasis on enlightened self-governance. In contrast, a closed society is authoritarian, and its leaders lead by demanding blind obedience. Here there is typically an appeal to the supernatural instead of reason and a tendency to make the facts fit the political policy rather than vice versa."

Such is the nature and significance of education. But education is in complete shambles in Manipur. The teachers are being treated as disposable commodities by the government. The schools were linked with a government scheme but the service conditions of the teachers are as unclear as they can be; a robust education can never be founded on the uncertainty of service conditions of the teachers. The same is the case with the colleges as well. These are coupled by the lack of teachers in the schools around the villages while there is no dearth of qualified people around.

There are four immediacies – two physical and two behavioural – to be attended to. First, the Vacancies in the schools should be filled-up within a time span of weeks. Second, the service conditions of the teachers in both Schools and Colleges should be given Final Form within a period of three months at most. Third, education should not be allowed to be dictated upon by half-educated hooligans. Fourth, doing something about education in Manipur should be based on the knowledge of what is happening around the globe relating to education.

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Five years into the Rohingya crisis, what's the plan?

By: Samina Akhter

Myanmar's violent ethnic cleansing program which forced roughly a million Rohingya Muslims into Bangladeshi refugee camps, marked its fifth anniversary on August 25.

During that time, the population of refugees has soared. Some 30,000 Rohingya children are born every year in Bangladesh on average. As such, the Rohingya population has risen to more than 1.2 million, according to the latest estimation by the United Nations. Their mass exodus from Myanmar was caused by junta troops' horrific attacks, which prompted three quarters of a million Rohingya to flee the country starting in August 2017.

Bangladesh's permanent representative to the UN, Ambassador Rabab Fatima, addressed the UN General Assembly in June, urging the group to expand its programs to return the forcibly displaced Rohingyas to Myanmar. The assurance of the Rohingyas' safe return has yet to be fulfilled.

In November 2019, Gambia, on behalf of the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), filed the first international lawsuit against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), accusing the country of violating the UN Genocide Convention. The court unanimously ruled in January 2020 that Myanmar must take emergency measures to protect the Rohingyas from violence and preserve evidence of a possible

genocide.

Separately, the ICC authorized an investigation into alleged atrocities in November 2019. The ICJ ruled on July 22 that Gambia's case for genocide would proceed despite Myanmar's preliminary objections. According to academics and rights campaigners, the ICJ ruling has opened up fresh opportunities for the international community to put pressure on the Myanmar military to provide justice for the Rohingyas. Yet, the final ruling could take years.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has shifted the world's attention away from Rohingya migrants and toward millions of fleeing Ukrainians seeking asylum in a variety of European nations. The Rohingya agenda has needed to take a backseat in the face of this ongoing war and a rapidly changing world order.

The point is that Myanmar is at the heart of the Rohingya catastrophe. The ruling military junta must step up its efforts to secure the refugees' voluntary and dignified return home.

Bangladesh has done more than enough to accommodate the Rohingyas refugees at enormous economic, environmental, and security costs; now it is time for the UN to assess the situation. Bangladesh's efforts alone will not be sufficient to bring about a long-term solution. At the same time, accountability for all transgressions and atrocities in

Myanmar is critical.

The international community, particularly UN member nations, has a tremendous humanitarian responsibility and commitment to Rohingya refugees. The world community must awaken from its slumber and see that the man-made crisis was caused by Myanmar's internal turmoil, which was unfairly imposed on Bangladesh. Despite a series of UN resolutions, Myanmar has showed little interest in repatriating the refugees in dignity and with full citizenship rights.

Apart from UN member states, regional countries and Myanmar's commercial partners, such as China, India, Japan, Indonesia, and Germany, along with Asean and OIC countries must also step up to put pressure on Myanmar to solve this humanitarian crisis.

Last but not least, if the international community fails to find a long-term solution to the humanitarian catastrophe, it must commit to taking in the forcibly displaced refugees currently sheltering in Bangladesh, as it has done with many other refugees in the past.

We urge immediate action to assist in making significant progress in building the conditions for the safe, voluntary, dignified and long-term return of refugees to Myanmar. It is vital to address the core causes of Myanmar's systematic discrimination, disenfranchisement, and com-

munal violence.

We also urge the world community to remain in solidarity with Rohingya refugees, as well as the Bangladeshi government and people who are kindly hosting them. The United Nations is committed to providing active help in the future. The Rohingyas' misery must not become a political football.

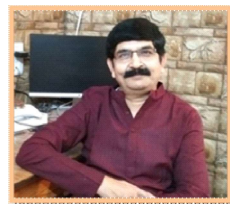
At a time when the funds for the Rohingyas are dwindling, and when the international community has grown evidently disinterested in safeguarding the community, the sustainable course of action that the international community should undertake is the safe and dignified repatriation of the Rohingyas through international mechanisms.

For a resource-constrained country like Bangladesh, hosting so many refugees for five years has been a great challenge. Thus, we urge the world to do something for the Rohingyas refugees. They are not naturally refugees. They have the right to live in the place where they were born, Myanmar, with dignity.

As conscious and sentient beings, we cannot continue to ignore our responsibility to do what is right.

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Skyscraper day - Architects pushed their creative skills to build something awe-inspiring



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

Every year 3rd September is celebrated as National Skyscrapers Day on the birth anniversary of Louis H. Sullivan, often called the 'father of modern skyscrapers'. The term 'skyscraper' originated in the United States in the late 1880s. Historically this was the time when there was a building boom in New York and Chicago. The world we live in was transformed around the turn of the 20th century. Architect Louis Sullivan, through intuition and innovation, and his prominence in his field, has become the keystone in

shaping modern architecture.

Sullivan is known as the 'father of modern skyscrapers' as he was the chief architect behind famous buildings such as the Wainwright Building, the Bayard-Condict Building, the Krause Music Store and more. Skyscrapers are very tall buildings that define a city's skyline. A skyscraper is a tall habitable building with multiple floors. These high rise buildings are around 100 metres or 150 metres in height. As per guinnessworldrecords.com, the world's first skyscraper came up in Chicago in 1885. It's a 10-storey building, with its peak at 138 feet. It was called the 'Home Insurance Building'. Most people think that building skyscrapers is a must, while others think that building them is worthless. "Skyscrapers are, literally, prominent features of many cities. These days, buildings that have at least 40 or more floors are designated as skyscrapers. Today technology allows us to construct structures that we would never have been able to make in the past. Some of the

creations are impressive based on what they accomplish but others are masterpieces in themselves.

Today, Man's capability to build such tall buildings, as the skyscrapers we are familiar with covering our cities today, is a major expression of the advancements we have made as a culture. Humans have erected buildings to show their social and political influence since the dawn of time, however skyscrapers enhanced these capabilities through their vertical style and dominance of height. Technically, the first "skyscrapers" were constructed with the Byzantines and Egyptians as zigzags or pyramids. These were built to show political power, and the sacredness of monuments through height and limited accessibility. The world's first skyscraper came up in Chicago in 1885. The 10-storey building, with its peak at 138 feet, was called the 'Home Insurance Building'. The architect of the world's first skyscraper was Major William LeBaron Jenney. Records say, the skyscraper in Chicago did not last

long and it was demolished in 1931, the same year when the Empire State Building in New York came up. There is no doubt that the tall buildings have captured the imagination, prosperity, and hard work of people during the course of history. Skyscrapers represent great power, hard work, and control in the United States, the skyscraper is the greatest symbol of American history.

Skyscrapers are engineered to be built vertically in order to save space in big cities where real estate is expensive. However, some of the first skyscrapers, like Jenney's model, utilized a larger and wider base than modern skyscrapers, as the technology was in its first use on the market.

There is no doubt that the future of skyscrapers is in the hands of environmental and architectural engineers that can develop sustainable and cost-effective buildings for commercial and residential use. Further, the use of computer climate control system has made the building a more comfortable environment for everyone.

Get rid of strawberry legs at home with these remedies



By: Shahnaz Husain

Comedones, also known as "Strawberry legs" is a term used for dark spots that appear on the legs. This name owes its origin to the fact that the dark spots look like strawberry dots. According to a dermatologist, "Strawberry legs occur when enlarged pores or hair follicles trap dead skin, oil, and bacteria. A person often experiences strawberry legs following shaving. Other skin conditions that can cause

strawberry legs to include clogged pores, folliculitis, dry skin, and keratosis pilaris." Although there may not be any itching or pain, the condition can cause embarrassment, as they are visible.

But there's nothing to fret about those strawberry spots, as you can easily get rid of them by proper exfoliation, scrubbing, and waxing.

Make a paste by mixing one tablespoon of baking soda with one teaspoon of water. Apply this paste to your legs and let it dry naturally. Rinse with cold water.

Aloe vera is a very powerful moisturizer and has excellent skin healing properties. Applying it every day will always keep the skin hydrated.

Take fresh Aloe Vera from leaf and apply it to your legs and massage gently for a few minutes. Let the skin absorb the aloe vera and then rinse it with cold water.

Mix 3 tsp brown sugar, 2 tsp fresh aloe vera gel and 1 tsp of

olive or coconut oil in a bowl. Put it all over your legs and start massaging it in circular motions. Continue scrubbing your legs for 20 minutes. Wash off with cool water. Pat dry and apply some moisturiser.

Mix 1 egg white with 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and apply it all over your legs. Leave it on for 10 minutes then rinse.

Egg whites help tighten the skin whereas lemon juice is a natural bleaching agent.

Since shaving can result in this condition, men are advised to shave in the direction of hair-growth. Women, who shave their legs, should shave in the direction against hair growth. You are also advised to change razors in good time. Epilation and waxing can also lead to in-growing hair. Waxing removes hair by the roots, but when the hair starts growing, it can turn inwards. In-grown hair is common in areas like the legs and under-arms.

Moisturising the skin before and

after shaving also helps. Avoid pinching the skin with your nails, or applying unsterilized needles, or pins, to take out the hair. This can lead to skin infections and eruptions. The condition does not really lead to anything very serious. Regularly exfoliating and moisturizing the legs can also prevent and treat strawberry legs. If home remedies do not help, do consult your doctor.

What one can do to deal with the problem is to soften the hair properly before shaving with warm water and shaving cream. Avoid shaving the hair when it is dry. After waxing, wrap ice cubes in a clean cloth and apply it on the waxed area for a few seconds at a time. This helps to close the pores. Exfoliation with scrubs also helps to remove cellular build-up (dead skin cells) and thus loosen the in-growing hair. The scrub should be rubbed gently on the skin with small circular movements and then washed off with water.

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India logs 7,219 new Covid cases today, active caseload drops to 56,765

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 3:

With 7,219 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,44,49,726, while the active cases declined to 56,745, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Saturday.

The overall COVID death toll rose to 5,27,965 with 33 fatalities in the last 24 hours, which includes eight deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.13 percent of the total infections.

The national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.68 percent, the health ministry said.

A decline of 2,465 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.98 percent and the weekly at 2.42 percent, according to the health ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the infection surged to 4,38,65,016, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 percent.



According to the ministry, 213.01 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

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

The 25 new fatalities include six from Maharashtra, three from Kerala, two each from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country. The nationwide COVID-19 vaccination started on 16th January 2021. The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination commenced on 21st June 2021. The vaccination drive has been ramped up through the availability of more vaccines, advanced visibility of vaccine availability to States and UTs to enable better planning by them, and streamlining of the vaccine supply chain.

Centre spent Rs 5 lakh crore on MGNREGA scheme in 8 years: FM

Agency
New Delhi, Sept 3:

The Centre has spent Rs 5 lakh crore on MGNREGA scheme during the past eight years, out of which 20 per cent was spent during the COVID-19 pandemic, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Speaking to reports in Kamareddy district of Telangana on Thursday, she said the state was given Rs 20,000 crore under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme in the past eight years.

"During the past eight years, Telangana received Rs 20,000 crore under MGNREGA. During the same period all over the country Rs 5 lakh crore has been spent, out of which more than 20 per cent was spent in 2020-21 during COVID-19 pandemic," she said replying to a query.

The important issue in this is survey teams will come (to any state) if there are any complaints that the money was not spent accordingly or there are any remarks in the audit report.



Referring to the allegations that survey teams are being sent to curtail the scheme, she said the survey teams will come to correct the anomalies, if any.

During the UPA regime there were several loopholes in the scheme and the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi corrected them and is implementing it through direct benefit transfer (DBT), she further said.

Slamming the TRS government in Telangana over alleged rising debt, farmers' distress and other issues, the Union minister said the state that used to be revenue surplus, has now gone into revenue deficit.

government was taking loans without showing them in the budget and without informing the state assembly, she claimed.

Farmers' debt is rampant in the state and it is ranked fourth in farmers' suicides, Sitharaman further said.

The minister also accused the TRS government of changing the names of central schemes and projecting them as the state's schemes.

On Thursday, she attended the meeting of district officers, mandal presidents and karyakartas of Zaheerabad Parliamentary Constituency at Kamareddy town as part of Lok Sabha Pravas Yojana.

The Congress Presidential Elections process has been turning bizarre

Global Intellectual Shashi Tharoor will have taste of democracy if he contests

By Sushil Kuttu
New Delhi, Sept 3:

Thiruvananthapuram Member of Parliament Shashi Tharoor might run for Congress president. A final call is awaited. The last time the 70-year-old fought a non-parliamentary election, he aimed for the moon! But the moon was out of his orbit. This time, if he does contest, and he was still mulling the decision, he would be aiming for the scorching sun!

Last heard, Tharoor held his cards close to the chest. And Tharoor was asking for a "free and fair" election, which is an

insult to the Congress and translates to chances of electoral fraud! Also, he wanted simultaneous elections for filling up 12 CWC vacancies. What does Tharoor want?

The Congress presidential election has been officially announced, but the ground is also being prepared to return Rahul Gandhi to the stewardship of the 137-year-old party. In fact, if Tharoor goes ahead and contests annoying the Congress high command, it is quite likely that he will have a taste of the 'free and fair' polls he has been looking for.

Even otherwise, electoral

rolls are heavily decked to favour Gandhi over wannabe foolhardy pretenders, Tharoor included. It is also common knowledge when a vote is cast for a Gandhi family member, that vote is for the entire clan, in toto. That said, once in a blue moon Congress leaders forget they kowtow to the Gandhi family.

These days the blue moon is waxing, and the "Gandhis" are fair game. Otherwise, politician-cum-legal eagle Kapil Sibal wouldn't have walked away, mum as "ghai"! And rebel-at-73 Ghulam Nabi Azad wouldn't have penned the utterly disrespectful letter to Sonia Gandhi!

In fact, it took nearly two and half years for the G-23 to cast even half-hearted salvos against the mother-son high command.

True, quite a few Congress fixtures quietly unhitched and switched party. From the quiet Tom Vadakan to the chirpy Priyanka Chaturvedi, from the un-loyal Himanta Biswa Sarma to the royal Jyotiraditya Scindia. The list of the quitters has now stretched and that could be one of the reasons why this excuse for a Congress presidential election.

If the Gandhis, Rahul Gandhi in particular, hadn't succeeded in undermining their own standing in the eyes of the general public, there wouldn't be a need for a Congress presidential election. Things would have continued as they were for as long as the Gandhi family wanted, ad nauseam.

Rahul Gandhi had quit the party chief's post in 2019, soon after loss in the general elections. Today, Rahul Gandhi acolytes say he's the architect

of the biggest ever attempt at a Congress comeback: In 2019, the Congress sat "on a vote share of 12 crore voters", and the "Rahul votes" are only growing.

Even the Thiruvananthapuram votes that got Tharoor his MP seat were "Rahul votes". The 12 crore vote share of the Congress was second only to the BJP's. And it would be naïve to believe this growing Rahul Gandhi vote share would drift AAP-ward, like some people prophesy. Also, this 12 crore vote-count was after Muslim voters quit voting Congress in multiple droves.

Leaders like Malikaarjun Kharge, Harish Rawat and Jairam Ramesh wouldn't give Tharoor a chance in a billion. For them, without a Gandhi at the helm, the Congress would go to the dogs. The 2019 election was fought in Rahul's name. Can the 2024 elections be fought in Shashi Tharoor's name; or in Ashok Gehlot's, or Sachin Pilot's name?

There wouldn't be self-immolations, but most Congress rank and file believe only Rahul Gandhi has been building on the 12 crore vote-bank of 2019. Only Rahul Gandhi has been fighting Modi. Nobody remembers Ghulam Nabi Azad or Kapil Sibal campaigning in 2019. Only Rahul Gandhi stood on the burning deck, the captain of the ship!

Besides, Rahul Gandhi was Congress president in 2018 when Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh were won. So also Karnataka. The rank and file believe fortunes will turn in the Congress's favour. And the environment will get extremely toxic for any Congress leader who dares to put his hat in the ring against Rahul Gandhi.

As of today, the Wayanad MP is dead favourite, and the Thiruvananthapuram MP I be-

long to 'also ran' More than the fact that nobody dares stand against any of the Gandhis is the other fact that the Gandhis also accept the first fact in toto. Whoever thinks Shashi Tharoor can contest against a Gandhi, or against a Gandhi-appointed candidate, is living in a paradise full of utopians.

The build-up for "Rahul Gandhi for Congress President" is too far gone for anybody to buck the trend. Only the foolhardy will, and that at his own peril. Chances are on the day of the election, with Kharge and Rawat high up on the mast, there would only be Rahul Gandhi standing on the deck, listening to the "tintinnabulation", which word-o-maniac Tharoor should know stands for the "ringing or sounding of bells".

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Career Guidance

Why do students opt for 'After School Careers'?



By: Vijay GarG

There are a variety of reasons why many students go for 'After School Careers'. These have been explained below:

1) Poor in Studies: Many people aren't good at studies even though they have a high IQ. Constant nagging and embarrassments at school force them to pursue a career upon completion of schooling rather than hanging a few years more in college for bearing insults.

2) Lack or Shortage of Funds: Most of the students who are eager to earn as early as possible are the ones who go for such careers. The cause of their eagerness is the finan-

cial constraints which force them to look for a job rather than study at college.

Experience: There are certain individuals who want 'First-hand Job Experience'. The reasons can be varied, some of which could be planning for a greater position upon graduation nationally or internationally. In some cases, it could be simply because of resume weight age or simply ambitious attitude.

3) Early Start: People who don't have jobs are mostly looked down upon even when they have just completed school. It becomes a prestige issue for many and they want to be known as employed rather than being tagged as "Unemployed". So a job immediately after school is the immediate answer to society.

4) Enough Education: Candidates who are tired of studying and feel burdened with the monotonous regime of education opt for such careers. For them, school education is enough education. They are least bothered about graduation.

5) A Sense of Independence: After completing school there are many of us who have the view that they have lived enough with their parents and it's time to move on. For many of them, it is a ride from family chores and freedom from authority. They want to explore and carve a niche for themselves and stand on their feet and be independent financially as well as socially.

Source for College Fees: Schooling in various schools is free but not necessarily in colleges. The college education can be expensive if it is to be studied in a reputed college. This becomes a source of motivation for those determined to make it their chosen career.

6) Peer Pressure: Sometimes students tend to follow their friends. They observe that certain students are earning and they aren't. It is here that they indirectly get pressurised into getting a job. In other cases, they might be teased upon for not having an occupation even if it is part-time.

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Get rid of strawberry.....

Ready-made scrubs are easily available nowadays. Keeping the pores free of clogged oil helps to prevent open pores and also reduce them. This can be done by proper cleansing and deep cleansing. The skin should be cleansed with specialized cleansers, which help to reduce oiliness of the skin surface and the pores. After cleansing, wipe the skin with an astringent lotion or skin tonic, using cotton wool. The use of a loofah while bathing can also help in preventing the problem.

Sometimes, when the ingrowing hair is visible, it can be gently extricated with a pair of tweezers and then pulled out. However, if there is inflammation or pain, be careful when using tweezers.

Warm compress is also said

to help. Dip a soft towel in hot water, wring out the water and apply it on the area. Repeat this a few times. This is said to soften the hair and bring it closer to the skin surface, where it can be seen. Warm compress or steam also helps to open the pores, while exfoliation or even skin brushing helps. Skin "brushing" helps the elimination of toxins. The entire surface, should be brushed, using a rough cloth, or a natural bristle brush. Begin from the feet and go upwards. Then brush from lower to upper arms. Go across the shoulders and back. Brush gently on the chest and abdomen.

(The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called Herbal Queen of India)

LOST SALE DEED

I, Monoharmayum Hemanada Sharma S/o(Late) Monoharmayum Brajamani Sharma that I have lost a Sale Deed on 31.8.2022 bearing No. 6648 dt. 19.06.2014 in the name of Monoharmayum Hemanada Sharma, flat No. 5E SWARAJ RESIDENCY Covered by Dag. No. 332, Patta No. 282 under Dispur Revenue Circle, Village Dispur Gaon, Mauza Beltola, District Kamrup(M) Assam. In case it is found by some one is requested not to deal with this Deed.

Contact No. 9612165314

Registration of paddy land plot

I, the undersigned, Oinam Basanta Singh, S/o (L) O. Angou Singh of Kyamei Khoirum Leikai, P.O. - Chanchipur, P.S.- Iriblung, Imphal East District do hereby declare that I have purchased the paddy field of (Late) Toijam Ningthemba Singh, S/o (L) T. Naran Singh of Bashikhong Panthoibi Bazar, P.O. Singamei, P.S. Iriblung, Imphal East District, Manipur, Patta No. 83 (Old), 180 (New), C.S. Dag No. 334 and 335, measuring area (0.19 acre + 0.21 acre) = 0.40 acre (Zero point four zero acre), Village No. 55-Loumanbi, Sub-Division - Porompat, Tahsil - Bashikhong, Imphal East District, Manipur.

I do invite any objection to the purchase of this land as I have to register the plot in my name. Objection or claim after 7 days from today will not be entertained.

Sd/-

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Kyamei Khoirum Leikai,
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Imphal East District

This Manipur Cyclist is Crowdfunding to launch North East's First Restaurant by Deaf and Mute

Courtesy: Indiatimes
New Delhi, Sept 3:

It is called 'The Voice' and it is an attempt to give a voice and a dignified life to those who can't speak or hear - that is how Philem Rohan Singh describes his newest mission.

The young cyclist from Manipur, who has been cycling across the country for different social causes is set to launch a restaurant, that will be entirely managed by a group of deaf and mute people.

Inspired by other restaurants

"Khonjel" as it is known in the local language, the restaurant on the outskirts of Imphal will be the first of its kind in the North East, according to him.

"I got the idea of a restaurant run by the deaf and mute during my cycling expeditions across the country. There is Ishara, in Mumbai, there is one in Delhi, Pune and more. During my cycling trips across India, I have visited them and felt why we can't do the same in the Northeast," Philem told Indiatimes.

Those without a voice, marginalised

According to Philem, he wanted to do something to uplift the deaf and mute community in Manipur as they have been neglected for a long time, and being employable was not even in the dreams of many, or their parents.

"I did some research and found that nothing of this sort has been done in the region so far. The only one I came across was a bakery in Dimapur. I also met her and discussed my idea, and she also said that ours will be the first restaurant as her's was more like a cafe," he added.



15 staff undergo training to run the restaurant

With this idea, he approached the community in Imphal and around 15 of them who had speaking and hearing disabilities came on board.

They are currently undergoing training in different restaurants in Imphal on various aspects of running and managing an eatery by themselves.

"The restaurant will be run entirely by the community from the chef to those serving the food and those managing the accounts. There will be a couple of sign language interpreters, to make things easier for the customers," Philem said.

Cycling for a cause

In 2020, the young cyclist embarked on an ambitious mission to feed the hungry and destitute who were left behind during the nationwide lockdown.

To do this, he traveled

across the country, on his cycle meeting people to talk about his initiative.

Instead of seeking donations Philem sold 'Cycling for Humanity' t-shirts to those who came forward to support him and used the money raised through it to feed the hungry.

T-shirts to fund the restaurant

Philem is using the same to raise funds for the restaurant, which will have a seating capacity of 30 when it opens next month.

"The cost of setting up the restaurant is around Rs 15 lakhs, and I had initially tried to get some funds through the government and the Social Welfare Department, which did not happen. But a bank has agreed to give me a personal loan of around Rs 7-8 lakhs. The rest I hope to raise by cycling and crowdfunding," he said.

Philem has been visiting

schools, colleges, and other educational institutions in Imphal to talk to the students and staff there to raise funds for his restaurant.

"I have visited several schools and colleges in Imphal, where I make it clear to the students and teachers that I am not seeking donations. Instead of donating cash, they can buy my T-shirts, which costs Rs 300 and Rs 500 each. The responses are mixed. In some places, the students and teachers take part enthusiastically, and in other places, it is not. In the Sainik School, Imphal alone I was able to sell merchandise worth over Rs 2 lakhs," he said.

Philem says he is confident that he is confident of raising the necessary funds through crowdfunding and selling T-shirts before September 26, when 'The Voice' will be opened to the public, which is also the World Deaf and dumb Week.

Indian Army organises Motivational Talk for students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Leimakhong

IT News
Imphal, Sept 3:

Team of Offrs of Red Shield Division organised a Motivational Lecture cum Talk on "Join Indian Army" for students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Leimakhong at Red Shield Auditorium, Leimakhong, Manipur. The aim was to spread awareness and enthusiasm among young boys and girls to join Indian Armed Forces through different entry schemes as officers and contribute to overall development of the nation.

The Lecture and Talk introduced the students to various career opportunities in the Armed Forces. The students



were explained on career options for both male and female through National Defence Academy (NDA), Technical Entry Scheme (TES), Combined Defence Services (CDS), Officers' Training

Academy (OTA) and Technical Graduate Course (TGC).

More than 188 students along with faculty members attended the talk. Students showed keen interest in NDA and TES entry.

3 days beautician course organised

IT News
Imphal, Sept 3:

RCWA of Group Centre, CRPF, Langjing, Imphal Manipur is organizing 3 days Beautician Course for womenfolk to make them self reliant under the chairmanship of Rajani Datta, M&N Sector Head Kumarjit Laishram, (Pro-

fessional Instructor) with his team were present for teaching the foundational principles and technical techniques of various Cosmetology.

While addressing the RCWA members, Smt. Rajani Datta told that in near future many such skilled/professional and motivational programme have been

planned to be carried out. The only way to protect their future in the uncertain time is to invest in your skill today and also great choice in choosing study and techniques for cosmetology course. Smt. Sita Devi, President, RCWA and all RCWA members/lady wives are present in the session.

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Apollo Tyres associates with KaGo...

The re-surfaced KaGo Football Turf in Imphal, of size 160 x 90 feet, was launched by the Chennaiyin FC players. Captain Anirudh Thapa, local upcoming star Nithinogangba Meetei and international player Vafa Hakhamenshi inaugurated the pitch. There was an interactive session between the Chennaiyin FC players, Apollo Tyres' business part-

ners and local academy kids. The players also signed autographs and clicked photos with Apollo Tyres' business partners and local academy kids.

Each of the 160 ft x 90 ft Football Pitch uses approximately 1,500 Car Tyres. The tyres are shredded into usable crumb rubber to layer the pitches. Around 7,500 Kgs of crumb rubber has been used

in a 160 ft x 90 ft football pitch. This helps create a safer ground and enhances the quality of the pitches.

These Go The Distance pitches are being created as part of Apollo Tyres' commitment to Sustainability and providing Access to Sports to the local communities and children, who get a safe and higher quality pitch to play.

Sports

Durand Cup 2022: NorthEast United FC end campaign with win over Sudeva Delhi; Mohammedan SC top group after 1-1 draw with Bengaluru FC

Agency
Guwahati/Kolkata, Sept 3:

NorthEast United FC (NEUFC) ended their Durand Cup campaign with a win, overcoming Sudeva Delhi FC 2-0 in a Group D match at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium here on Friday.

Captain Dipu Mirsha scored the opener for the hosts while Gani Ahmed Nigam converted from the spot in stoppage time of the second half to round off a well-earned victory.

With this win, NEUFC finished fourth in the Group, ending their campaign with three points while Sudeva finished at the bottom of the table with two points.

Sudeva began the first half brightly and showed attacking intent. They maintained possession of the ball and created chances.

Sridanth Nongmeikapam broke through inside the box in the second minute itself, but his effort was feeble and Khoirum Jackson Singh in the NEUFC goal, brought about a comfortable save, his first of what was going to be a few in the half.

Jackson had to be alert again as Ghanian Issac Kwame Essel and Sukhandeep Singh tested him with attempted shots from various angles and distances from that same right-hand side, all in the first quarter of an hour.

NEUFC got one of their own in that time as well, when Dipu Mirsha, the brightest spot by a distance, in the NEUFC attack, took a long ranger which bounced dangerously close to Sachin Jha in the Sudeva goal, but he about managed to salvage the situation.

The Highlanders had another chance to score when Sandeep Thapa was found inside the box in some space. His powerful shot from close from the left-hand side of the Sudeva box forced Sachin into yet another tip-over.

NorthEast coach Subam Rabha changed personnel in the second half that saw his team play much better football. They maintained possession and co-ordinated well to create pressure on the Sudeva defence.

Substitutes Jithin M.S, Emil Benny, Gani Ahmed Nigam along with captain Dipu Mirsha created more and more chances



Mohammedan Sporting player Ousmane Cardinal Ndiaye celebrates after scoring the first goal against Indian Air Force during their Group A league match

for the home side.

The first goal then followed in the 64th minute by who else but Dipu Mirsha. Jithin had made a beautiful run from the left flank, dodging two defenders in the process of penetrating the box. He then delivered a cut-back pass inside the box and the onrushing Dipu finished with ease.

In another match, Mohammedan SC finished on top of Group A in the 131st Indian Oil Durand Cup, courtesy a 1-1 draw with Bengaluru FC (BFC), at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati

Krirangan (VYBK) on Friday. Pritam Singh got an early lead for Mohammedan in the first half, which was neutralized by Siva Sakthi in added time of the second. Both teams had already qualified for the knockout stages and the result meant that Mohammedan would face the Kerala Blasters in their quarter finals while BFC will go up against Odisha FC in theirs.

The teams were up for it as they began positively, both in attack and in defense. The Blues got the first real chance to score in the 12th minute of the game,

when a Jovanovic header on the rebound, after Javi's free-kick was punched out by Zothanmawia, just missed its mark to graze the roof of the net.

A minute later, Mohammedan got the opener. It was the culmination of a wonderful team-move down the left flank, from the space left open by a constantly overlapping Prabir Das. Faslu started it with his run finding Abhash Thapa in space to his left. The midfielder raced in and cut it back in for Sk. Faisal to come rushing in and take a first stab at it with his left foot. Pritam Singh was first to pounce on the rebound off BFC keeper Lara and slotted home from close.

BFC were stung by the reverse and reacted with fervor, but Mohammedan were playing to a plan and the attacks from the left led by the likes of Abhishek Ambekar, Faslu, Abhash Thapa and Abhishek Halder, were keeping the BFC team honest.

The first booking of the game came in the 27th minute when Zuidika went into the books for a rough tackle. It was going to be a first of many to come.

36th National Games: Home Minister Amit Shah to Launch Anthem and Mascot on Sunday

Agency
Gandhinagar, Sept 3:

The 36th National Games, Gujarat 2022 will be officially launched at the EKA Arena TransStadia here on Sunday (September 4) in the presence of eminent dignitaries from the world of politics and sport.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will grace the mega event along with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur.

Over 9,000 guests from across the state are expected to attend the ceremony.

The National Games will take place from September 29 to October 12.

The curtain-raiser event on September 4 will witness the unveiling of the Games anthem and mascot, as well as a custom-curated website and mobile application, marking the beginning of the biggest sporting extravaganza in the country.

"We are delighted and proud to host the National Games," Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel said. "We are eagerly waiting for India's top athletes and officials and are leaving no stone unturned to make this the best Games ever," he added.

The 36th National Games, whose theme is 'Celebrating Unity Through Sports', are being held after a gap of seven years.

As many as six cities in the state — Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar — will play hosts. New Delhi will additionally host the track cycling event.

An estimated 7,000 athletes from 28 states and eight Union Territories are expected to take part across 36 disciplines that include most traditional Olympic sports. Indigenous sports like mallakhamb and yogasana will also feature in the National Games for the first time.

The Games were last held in Kerala in 2015.