

## Guv' and CM greets people on Teachers' Day

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Imphal, Sept 4:

Manipur Governor La. Ganesan, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh have greeted the people of the state on occasion of the Teachers' Day.

"I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to the teaching fraternity on the occasion of Teachers' Day, 2022," Governor La Ganesan wrote.

Teachers' Day is celebrated all over the country every year on 5<sup>th</sup> September, the birthday of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan to honour the teachers for their precious contributions towards the society and the country. Teachers play an important role in character building of the students and make them worthy citizens. A strong education system is the foundation of a progressive society and Manipur has lot of expectations from its teaching community. Teaching is a noble profession as teachers are the real source of knowledge and wisdom which they impart to their students. Their sacrifice is silent but tremendous. Celebration of Teachers' Day is also a tribute to Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, a scholar, statesman and a respected teacher who shaped many minds and served India. Teachers should instill in children values of sacrifice, tolerance, pluralism, understanding and compassion and by doing so, they will be paying true homage to Dr. Radhakrishnan.

My greetings once again to the esteemed members of the teaching community on the occasion of Teachers' Day, 2022 and I am fully confident that they will continue to provide their selfless services with vigour and dedication, the governor wrote.

The Chief Minister further stated that Teachers' Day is observed on 5<sup>th</sup> September every year in the country on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India. I pay my tributes to Dr. S. Radhakrishnan who was also a distinguished teacher and renowned statesman.

The Chief Minister further stated that the progress of a society depends much on the quality of its teachers. It is not uncommon to find students singling out that one teacher amongst many others in any school or college environment, as the most popular teacher. They become role models for the young students to emulate. One would find that this is on account of that teacher's ability to connect with the needs of the student for love, care and attention.

Every single teacher must strive to be that role model. This calls for dedication and understanding of the young minds. The greatest values of honesty, integrity, excellence, hard work and perseverance can only be imbibed when they are reflected in the words and acts of the teacher. No person in the teaching profession can shy away from moving to the most remote interiors for the purpose of moulding the most disadvantaged young minds. When a teacher fails to do this, it is reflective of the society's failure.

## 5 Manipur MLAs from Nitish Kumar's JDU formally join BJP

New Delhi, Sept 4:

Five Janata Dal (United) MLAs, who merged with the ruling party BJP, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the presence of party President JP Nadda in the national capital on Sunday.

"I welcome the five JDU MLAs from Manipur into the @BJP4India family. All of you possess qualities that will greatly benefit our party. I am certain you will all serve the nation diligently as members of the BJP & play your role in the development of the country," JP Nadda tweeted.

According to a statement from Manipur Legislative Assembly Secretariat on Friday, Kh. Joykishan Singh, Ngursanglur Sanate, Md Ahab Uddin, Thangjam Arunkumar and LM Khaute merged with the ruling party BJP.

"The Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly is pleased to accept the merger of five JDU Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) with the BJP under



the tenth schedule of the Constitution," stated the Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

The merger of JDU MLAs with BJP has delivered a big jolt to the Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United) in the northeast.

The Bharatiya Janata Party secured a majority of 32 seats in the 60-member state Assembly in the recently held Assembly elections, results of which

were declared on March 10.

Meanwhile, JDU chief Rajiv Ranjan Lalan Singh said on Saturday that the merger was done by BJP using money power.

The JDU chief said, "Whatever happened in Manipur (merger of JDU MLAs into BJP) was done by BJP using money power. For the PM, coming together of opposition parties is corrup-

tion. They can do whatever they want but JD(U) will become a national party by 2023."

The JDU chief alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is changing the definition of corruption and virtue. A corrupt individual becomes clean and washed after they join the BJP.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is changing the definition of corruption and virtue.

If the Prime Minister is using money power, then it is a virtue. If the opposition party is coming on one platform, then there is corruption," Lalan said.

Earlier bulk of the JDU MLAs joined the BJP in Arunachal Pradesh giving a nightmare to Nitish Kumar's party.

Back on 25 August, the lone JDU MLA from Arunachal Pradesh also joined the BJP in the presence of national president JP Nadda and Arunachal CM Pema Khandu.

The latest political developments come weeks after Nitish Kumar dumped the BJP and joined hands with Tejashwi Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Congress and other parties to govern Bihar.

Those aware of the development say that the BJP has decided to hit back at the JDU after what transpired in Bihar recently. In 2020 the BJP-JDU fought election in an alliance and went on to form the government with Nitish Kumar being given the chief minister's post.

In less than two years' time, Nitish Kumar flipped his choices and in a surprise move went on to stitch an alliance with RJD and Congress to form a 'Grand Alliance' government in Bihar.

Earlier this week, JP Nadda was on a two-day visit to Tripura, which is slated to go to Assembly polls next year.

JP Nadda lauded the "all-round development of Tripura" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said the government has "brought an end to political violence" by creating an "atmosphere of peace".

He also slammed the previous Communist Party of India (Marxist) government for "encouraging terrorism and infiltration" in the northeastern state.

Nadda also paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr Shyamaprasad and Deendayal Upadhyaya at the Tripura University and was welcomed by the workers of 8 mandals.

He also visited and prayed at the Matabari temple in Udaipur during his two-day visit.

## 'Love for BJP increasing in North East...': Manipur CM on switchover of 5 JD(U) MLAs to saffron party

Courtesy: Times Now  
New Delhi, Sept 3:

Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh on Sunday reacted to the cross-over of five JD(U) MLAs to BJP in the state and said that the 'saffron party' is 100 times better than the system in JD(U). 'He further noted that not only JD(U) leaders but workers also joined the BJP.

"Love for BJP is increasing day by day in the North East... I don't want to speak much about the situation of JDU in Bihar, but BJP is 100 times better than the system in JDU. Not only MLAs, but JDU workers also joined BJP. I welcome everyone," he said.

Notably, five of six JD(U) MLAs joined the ruling BJP

in Manipur on Friday, weeks after Nitish Kumar snapped ties with the saffron party in Bihar and joined hands with the 'Mahagathbandhan' alliance with Congress and RJD. The JD(U) MLAs who joined the BJP are Khumukcham Joykishan, Ngursanglur Sanate, Md Ahab Uddin, former DGP LM Khaute and Thangjam Arunkumar.

Bihar CM and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar alleged the BJP of 'breaking away MLAs from other parties.' "When we parted ways from NDA, all our six Manipur MLAs came & met us & assured us they were with JDU. We need to think about what's going on. They're breaking away the MLAs from the parties, is it constitutional?... The opposi-

tion will unify for 2024 elections," he said.

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Lalan Singh also accused the BJP of 'political horse trading' over the issue and said 'it (cross-over) was done using money power.' The JD(U) chief further stressed that 'they (BJP) can do whatever they want but they can't stop JD(U) from becoming a national party by 2023.'

"Whatever happened in Manipur (merger of JDU MLAs into BJP) was done by BJP using money power. For the PM, coming together of opposition parties is corruption. They can do whatever they want but JD(U) will become a national party by 2023," Rajiv Ranjan Lalan Singh said.

## Brother of UCM HRD Secy. harassed, looted and thrown at midway by 4 persons in civil dress who identified themselves as Police Commando

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 4:

4 persons in civil dress identifying themselves as Imphal East Police Commando allegedly picked up on RK Raju @ Inao, the younger brother of Mangisana, HRD Secretary of Unite Committee Manipur UCM, and thrown him at a place after looting his cell phone, gold chain and money.

Report said that the four person in civil dress who came in a numberless white swift car identified themselves as the police commando of Imphal East and one among them showed a an identity card. The four of them came to the residence of RK Mangisana, who is the HRD Secretary if the UCM at Wangjing Puma Heitupokpi in Thoubal district at evening yesterday. Ac-



cording to the family members, the four of them harassed the family member and for no reason picked up RK Raju, the brother of the UCM, HRD Secretary. The four person also blind folded Raju and took him to the swift car.

Later after taking his cell phone, money bag and gold chain and gold ring he was assaulted and later thrown out of the car. When Raju asked the locality of where he was thrown out the local identified the location as Uyal Khunou.

Raju said that inside the car the four of them interrogated irrelevant questions like whether he possessed a gun, or if he does black business. Those four also asked Raju on why his Scorpio vehicle which is recorded as Red colour turn white colour. A case has been registered against the act at Thoubal Police station.

Later, a press conference organized by the UCM HRD Secretary RK Mangisana and demanded clarification from the Imphal East Police.

## One day workshop on "Fighting Drug Menace-A Multi Faceted Approach" held

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Imphal, Sept 4:

A one day workshop on "Fighting Drug Menace-A Multi Faceted Approach" was held yesterday at DTC Hall, Tuibong, organized by District Legal Services Authority Churachandpur and Churachandpur District Bar Association (CDBA), under the sponsorship of Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MASLSA).

Justice MV Muralidaran, Judge, High Court of Manipur and Executive Chairman, MASLSA and Gaiphushillu Golmei, Registrar General, High Court of Manipur attended the program as Chief

Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Lamkhanpau Tonsing, District and Sessions Judge, Churachandpur, Ojesh Mutum, Member Secretary, MASLSA, Athokpam Shanta, Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of Manipur and Bineshwori Maibam, Addl. Member Secretary, MASLSA.

Albert Thangthasiem, Senior member of Churachandpur District Bar Association (CDBA) welcomed all to the one day workshop and the need for organizing such type of program in the present times.

Lalrinchhana Bawitlung President, Churachandpur District Bar Association gave the keynote address. He high-

lighted various issues of public importance like making district jail functional again, for establishment of revenue tribunal in the district as also consumer court, and pleaded for building a judicial complex for all courts by allotting land and building necessary infrastructure etc.

Justice M.V Muralidaran stated that due to the problem of drug abuse, the society is not only susceptible to other forms of crimes such as sexual abuse, child and women trafficking, domestic violence etc. Convergence of the activities of the various stakeholders at appropriate stages, be it awareness, consultations, workshops, treatment mea-

sures, advocacy, study and research, capacity building etc., as a coordinated mechanism is the need of the hour, he added. He made a special mention of the NALSAL Legal Services to the victims of drug abuse and eradication of drug menace which provides a platform for all stakeholders in the fight against drugs. Gaiphushillu Golmei, Registrar General, High Court of Manipur expressed similar thoughts and the importance of legal services institutions in achieving this end. Ojesh Mutum, Member Secretary, MASLSA earlier, had mentioned the alarming threat posed by drug abuse and illicit trafficking and the need

to check further degradation of the society.

The technical sessions began with Sorokhaibam Sadanada deliberating on enabling access to justice under the NDPS regime and the need to look inwards and fight with honesty of purpose and integrity. Hasby Haokip, Addl. SP gave a power point presentation on the need of technology in policing, especially in reference to NDPS Act. Various good initiatives taken by police in other states can be implemented in Manipur as well. S. Khaikhopua Ngaihte, ADC, Churachandpur represented on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Churachandpur and

gave a brief highlight of the steps taken by District Administration Churachandpur in fighting drug menace in schools. Lamkhanpau Tonsing rounded off the first session by giving a detailed analysis of the mandatory provisions to be followed under the NDPS Act by the investigating agencies. He made a point of the various amendments made, conferring powers to CMO, AR, DC etc., under the NDPS Act for authorizing search, seizure and arrests. He went into the finer details of the Act and the need for the investigating agencies to comply fully with the provisions, lest it be taken advantage of.

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# NEP Challenges and Major Action Points



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

In course of the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, major challenges have been categorized under three broad themes- School, Teacher and Child. Subsequently, during the Chief Secretary conference, 35 priority areas have been identified for major actions to be taken care of by the states.

Parent awareness drives will be conducted so that they can contribute to the quality of their child's education. Twinning of private and government schools should be done and private schools should adopt a remote school as part of their social obligation. Activities such as teacher exposure visits between private and government schools, hosting of government school students by private school students and joint sports competitions between private & government schools should be explored to increase exposure for both sets of students. Optimal utilization of resources should be systematically planned by the States/UTs on the concept of "Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Areas" (PURA). There should be greater integration between Schools and Anganwadi centres and students from Anganwadis should be taken to nearby primary schools, where they should be given a platform to perform a song and creating confidence to prepare them for school. Also the school teachers should orient the Anganwadi workers on teaching and learning for pre-school children. Adoption of Anganwadis by nearby schools should be properly planned. Hackathons should be organized, where students should provide innovative solutions to a variety of real life problem statements created by different departments. Many of these solutions could be adopted to solve long standing problems. Micro-improvements should be continuously undertaken. Also activation of Tithi Bhajan concept must be activated as "Sabka Prayaas" to ensure supplementary nutrition for the school going children.

Parents should confirm the teacher's performance on the large photograph of the concerned teachers displayed in the classroom. Campus based recruitment drive, as done in technical colleges, for Teacher Education Institutions should be explored. Regular e-training should be promoted for capacity building of teachers to excel. Retired outstanding teachers should be invited for mentoring a cluster of schools and motivating its teachers. Efforts will be made to do away with single teacher schools and adequate amenities should also be provided in the school. To make teaching and learning more engaging for TV driven education, teachers should be encouraged to provide high quality content in various forms like animation, mono-acting, drama, dialogues etc.

To give a boost to access to high quality content for each grade in the country, setting up of 200 TV channels have been planned. The content of these channels will be sourced by the teachers of the States/UTs. There should be peer-to-peer learning in the classrooms. To improve the learning trajectory of the students, classroom interactions through academic quiz is necessary.

SCERTs have a pivotal role to play in the implementation of NEP 2020 and hence all SCERTs in the country would need to be strengthened. All Teacher Education Institutions across the country have to adhere to certain norms and standards of the NCTE and gradually move towards a multidisciplinary environment. Under National Mentoring Mission (NMM), a unified learning interface in the form of a portal has been established where all the mentors will remain connected. National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) will focus on the preparation, practice and performance improvement of all teachers. Performance Grading Index (PGI) for the Districts, released by the Ministry of Education (MoE), assesses the performance of the school education system across 83 indicators and the report would be used by the States to accelerate the work in a particular district which is lagging behind. The progress with respect to these priority areas will be monitored by the NITI Aayog.

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## The Song of Teachers



Written by: Thangminlin Haokip

The day has come for us,  
To celebrate our teachers' day;  
To jubilate and laud with reverberation,  
Of chortling intonation and exhilaration;  
To honour and say 'Thank you' to our dear teachers,  
For their unwavering and selfless service;  
In you dear teachers, we see a ray of hope,  
For the unforeseeable future we advance to;  
In you dear teachers, we see a concealed gift of life,  
Longing to be unearthed that is hidden within us;  
For in your chalk you hold and the markers you penned,

Are transcribed the destiny of our life;  
And from your euphonious voice of endless lectures,  
Come forth words of wisdom and knowledge-of life;  
Your names will not be obliterated like those of the unsung heroes,  
For you have sung to us songs of all the secrets,  
Of the hidden knowledge of the universe;  
You've transformed schools and colleges into the hub of education,  
And altered classrooms into a living temple of knowledge;  
For you embodied the image of a warrior,  
Equipped with wisdom and power,  
Battling the war against illiteracy, ignorance,  
And unethical educational systems in our society;  
A 'thank you note' and a 'thank you speech',  
Is all we could proffer for now, dear teachers;  
For a day will transpire when we would be in a 'thank you mode',  
And a 'thank you speech' will speak for itself,  
For what we would be on that day we pressed on to.

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# Teachers' role in multicultural North East India (NEI)



By: Fr Paul Lelen Haokip

North East India (NEI) consists of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura, inhabited by more than 200 tribes with distinct customs and cultures. The North East region constitutes 7.9 per cent of India's total geographical land expanse (Rizal & Asokan, 2013). Each community in the region have their own ethnic aspirations for progress and self-determination. North East region provides unique indigenous habitats featuring diverse biota existence (Chatterjee et al., 2006). NEI is a tourist destination adorned with natural landscapes, rivers, waterfalls, cultural distinctiveness, biodiversity, flora and fauna. In this multicultural scenario, homogeneity and peace are costly values to achieve. The multifacets of culture, geography, festivals, music, and food make NEI a social mosaic of beauty. While there is much diversity, there are also competing trends toward sectarianism. The role of teachers has become of utmost importance to impart holistic education in an era of exclusive ethnic consciousness and rampant corruption.

**Cultivation of Value Based Education (VBE)**

Along with academic excellence, we must instil ethics in the students' minds. The ethical sense can gradu-

ally develop through VBE. Education without value can produce an extreme profiteering mindset or develop weapons of mass destruction. Therefore, VBE is a must, and each education board should include it in its curriculum. Unfortunately, the education system inherited from the British model has continued to stay on Indian soil. To sustain academic superiority, we have gone further in competition for 'marks' than 'skills'. It is a fact that many graduates with certificates are unfit for employment. Various companies are giving elaborate training to make them fit for some skill-based work. Today, we need humane skills of love, forgiveness, peace building, communication, conflict resolution, and care for the environment. We should realize that each individual can do something, but when we work together as a community, we can achieve much in building a value-laden society.

**Constant tension in NEI**

Lack of values leads to egotistic and anti-social behavioural patterns. Value deficit society ends up in turmoil. Teachers know history, geography and the future of the world. As elders, it becomes their duty to educate, enlighten and influence students to think bigger than their small communities. The constant tension between states and intrastate ethnic clashes are detrimental elements obstructing NEI's progressive trajectory. Most of these tensions are human-created and directed toward the selfish ends of a few or a group. Security of persons and property is a major concern in NEI, apart from an infrastructure deficit, communication blocks, and geographical isolation. The result of tension affects everyone in society. Unfortunately, violence and bandh culture adversely affect the image of NEI in the national and global forum. The constant tension between the Governments and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) also

threatens daily wage earners and the student community. The secessionist inclinations of various groups picture NEI as a dangerous ground where the AFSPA thrives. There is hidden slavery in NEI where groups dictate, and ordinary people have no option but to oblige grudgingly. A fear psychosis exists in the minds of people. The existence of fear is an open secret which is rarely exposed. In this existential reality, the celebration of national Independence Day may not make much meaning to those victims of slavery, coercion, and throttled political voice. In this juncture of life, teachers must inculcate a sense of belongingness to mother India and bring in the sense of love and equality before the law of the land. Each student must be oriented to see the bigger picture of community existence rather than mere selfish individual survival.

**Possibility for tourism in NEI**

Given the natural extensions of the Himalayan hills and valleys, the NEI stands out as an attractive destination for tourism. Domestic tourism is a primary revenue source for most North East states. In 2008, the then Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, released the Vision 2020 document that earmarked infrastructure-led tourism expansion as one of the prime hopefuls for revenue generation (Duarah & Mili, 2013). The recently concluded North East Festival (NEF), Bangkok 2022, saw more than 50 tour operators and officials from North East India trying to establish bilateral ties with Thailand (The Print, 2022). Cultural festivals such as NEF aims to showcase North East to the world and attract tourists to NEI. To further enhance the interstate relationship, each state could organize tours to learn about other cultures, cuisines, and policies. This exercise would enlarge the mindset of those who travel and also establish interper-

sonal relationships between people of different states.

**Teachers' role**

Teachers have the power to influence. Power is the ability to direct or influence another person's behaviour or course of events. There is a need for teachers who possess holistic education with a global mindset. Herbert Spencer's law of social evolution advocates a movement from simple to complex and homogeneity to heterogeneity that allows multiculturalism to thrive. Sectarian and myopic-oriented teachers can harm the minds of students than do good. There should be stringent ways to recruit teachers, especially in the higher education sector. Academically sound and broadminded teachers can influence students' minds to be peaceful and progressive. Knowing and accepting that NEI is multicultural and unique in many ways, students should be groomed to become global citizens who are concerned about environmental issues and strive for peaceful coexistence. The future of society lies in the formation of students. Teachers directly influence students. Teaching can make or destroy society. A massive responsibility lies in the hands of teachers - to construct or destroy humanity. The absence of proper guidance can jeopardize the beauty of NEI's multicultural nature and perpetuate tension. "Nothing is permanent except change", said Heraclitus. Let us hope that tension is also changing, corruption is decreasing, and holistic education is blooming. We expect constructive changes to emanate from teachers and students picking up VBE and that society thrives. Teachers can give new directions to society.

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## Role of Teacher in Social Change (Teacher's Day)



By: Vijay GarG

The role of teacher in society has been considered very important because he is the central person of any education system, making his disciple extraordinary from ordinary, developing his understanding and knowledge, motivating and guiding him. Tax helps in the upliftment and progress of the society. That is, it is the teacher who represents the social change and becomes the vehicle of social change.

"The role of teacher in society is that of education and knowledge provider it occurs. In this role the teacher plays an important role in developing the human mind. In this way he guides us in the right direction." The top role of the teacher in our country as an agent of social change was important in the past and still is today. If we look at ancient India, we find that in the then India Acharyas like Vashistha, Sandipan, Vishwamitra, Dronacharya played an important role in bringing changes in the social system. A learned Acharya like Chanakya even scolded Chandragupta Maurya. He played an important role in building a united India. Only a great teacher can accomplish such extraordinary work. The teacher has a leading role in

the society even today with some ups and downs. In modern times, teachers like Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan presented high ideals. Teacher's Day is celebrated every year in our country on 5th September to commemorate his birthday. The role of teacher in society is that of education and knowledge provider. In this role the teacher plays an important role in developing the human mind plays. In this way he guides us in the right direction. Education gives us the right direction and thus education becomes helpful in eradicating many kinds of evils, discrepancies etc. from the society. If we look at the history of the world, we will find that civilization has been created by the hands of those great masters and educationists, who have the ability to think for themselves, who enter the depths of time and space, find out their secrets and the knowledge gained in this way is used for the welfare of the people. Is for society what could be more important the role of a teacher. The teacher does not only explain the facts, principles and formulas related to education to his students, but he also motivates his disciples to research the truth by enriching them at the ideological level and also prepare them to face the upcoming challenges.

The teacher not only makes us powerful by giving us knowledge, he also gives us perfection. It is not without reason that Maharishi Aurobindo has designated teachers as the astute gardeners of the nation's culture did. His thought regarding teachers is invaluable - "Teachers are the clever gardeners of the nation's culture. They fertilize the roots of the sanskaras and

create them by irrigating them with their labour." Maharishi Arvind did not hesitate to believe that the real builders of a nation are the teachers of that country. It is clear that teachers not only play a leading role in building a developed, prosperous and happy country, but they also play an important role in world building. It would not be inconsistent to say that Teachers are the real architects of the society.

Just as a craftsman carves stones and gives them a beautiful shape, in the same way a teacher makes his disciples a good citizen by making them a good citizen, who create a society and bring positive change in it. The truth is that well-educated children make the concept of 'world light' a reality. They not only make their society light, but they also illuminate the whole world. It ensures its contribution according to the needs of the society of light. The culture of education saves them from distortions. Teachers lay the foundation stone for making a child's life successful right from childhood. Provides a strong foundation, which provides the strength to move forward. Standing on this foundation, they get the distinction of becoming the builders of family, society, country and the world. It is only through teachers that we get purposeful education, which makes it possible to build a beautiful and civilized society. It is from the teachers that we get that social and educational knowledge, which is useful for the society. It helps in providing direction. Where we get inspiration from teachers to inculcate high moral values in life, while all three types of physical, social and spiritual education get purposeful and balanced.

On the strength of this education, a good 'world citizen' comes in front of the society. It is through the teacher that compassion, love and superior traditions develop in the disciples and this gives meaning to education, because these are the ingredients, which are considered necessary for meaningful education. These qualities of education Children get amazing power to bring positive change in the society through mind, word and deed. The education received from teachers not only makes children 'Total Quality Persons', but also helps in making them self-reliant and self-reliant. This makes their future happy and secure. They contribute immensely in nation building by becoming doctors, engineers, economists, lawyers, judicial and administrative officers.

In this way, the role of teachers is very important at two levels. And he not only makes his disciples self-reliant by giving knowledge, discretion and employable education, but also provides valuable capital of life values to make them a good human being. If the teacher does not discharge his role properly, then the society will be covered with the tamas of ignorance and discrepancies and distortions start increasing in the society. Society should be down. It is through education that the teacher develops that wisdom in his disciples, which helps him to take the right decision. If this is not the conscience, then the person will make a wrong decision. Not only does it misguide itself, but it also causes the family, society, country and the world to lead towards destruction. This is a state of destruction and destruction.

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# India records 6,809 new Covid cases; active caseload drops to 55,114

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 4:

With 6,809 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,44,56,535, while the active cases declined to 55,114, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Sunday.

The death toll climbed to 5,27,991 with 26 fatalities which includes five deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.12 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.69 per cent, the

ministry said.

A decline of 1,631 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.12 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 2.29 per cent, according to the ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,38,73,430, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry, 213.20 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally had

crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December

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

The 21 new fatalities include four from Maharashtra, three from Delhi, two each from Gujarat, Nagaland, Punjab and West Bengal.

## Meghalaya: BJP likely to withdraw support from NPP-led coalition government

Agency  
Shillong, Sept 4:

BJP may withdraw support from the NPP-led Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government within a month, party vice-president and Meghalaya in-charge M. Chuba Ao on Saturday said.

The BJP with two MLAs is a junior ally of the National People's Party (NPP) dominated six-party coalition government.

Ao said discussions are on at various levels of the party, which would finalize whether to support the MDA government or not, within a month.

He said the party has been

studying the reports on the various corruption allegations against the Meghalaya government and the CBI would handle the charges once they acquire all the papers.

Even though the NPP, headed by Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, is an important constituent of the BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA), its relation with the saffron party is gradually souring over various issues, especially after the arrest of BJP Meghalaya unit vice-president Bernard N. Marak.

Marak was arrested from Uttar Pradesh on July 25 for allegedly running a brothel in the

West Garo Hills district.

BJP workers and leaders had earlier organised protests in Tura demanding a fair probe in Marak's case, while the party workers in West Garo Hills organised a signature campaign demanding the removal of the Superintendent of Police and Deputy Commissioner of the district.

In defence of Marak, BJP leaders claimed that the farmhouse in the brothel case has been operational since 2019 but the raid was carried out just six months prior to the Assembly elections in Meghalaya to malign Marak and to damage his political career.

## Assam: Four ULFA (I) cadres flee Myanmar camp, say reports

Agency  
Guwahati, Sept 4:

Four ULFA (I) cadres have reportedly escaped from its bases in Myanmar and planned to surrender before the security forces in Assam.

According to reports, the four cadres belonging to the Paresh Baruah faction of the ULFA fled the camp of the

proscribed outfit in Myanmar on Thursday.

Two of the escaped cadres have been identified as Madhav Asom and Girish Asom, reports said. Their whereabouts are not yet known.

The ULFA (I) on Wednesday said it executed one of its cadres after its court found him guilty of trying to escape during special opera-

tions in a bid to surrender.

According to a statement issued by the ULFA (I), Rihan Asom alias Saiful Islam had made three abortive attempts to flee a camp in Myanmar in the last one month.

Rihan, son of Kalim Uddin Mandal, hailed from Bauratal village under the Lakhimpur police station in Assam's Goalpara district.

## Prof. R. K. Uppal conferred upon the Punjab Rattan

IT News  
Chandigarh, Sept 4:

Professor R. K. Uppal, Baba Farid College of Management and Technology, Bathinda, was awarded the "PUNJAB RATAN" award for his distinguished service to the students and society during the 44th annual celebrations of the All India Conference of Intellectuals, 2022.

Born in 1960, Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal, a prolific writer, a Man of Letters, an acclaimed academician, research stalwart, and the more ingenious guide has won accolades not only in the academic field but also in the genre of research. Presently, he is serving in the most exalted institution, Baba Farid College of Management and Technology (Punjab), as a Professor-cum-Principal. He is also visiting Professor in Indus International University, Himachal Pradesh. This doyen of economics hails from a very small town near Bhatinda District in Punjab. Belonging to a poor and modest joint-family, his entire childhood was full of struggles even for bare necessities, yet he rose to a very high and eminent position in his life because of his eternal passion for knowledge and learning. Dr. Uppal commenced his teaching career by joining D.A.V. College, Malout in 1987 as a part-time lecturer and rose to the present-day position of Professor-cum-Principal. Dr. Uppal is an accomplished academician, a distinguished author, a collaborative researcher, and an effective mentor to young scholars. He is also a frequent reviewer, discussant, and on-session chair for several professional organizations. Truly, he is a visionary in the field of banking and finance, with exceptional theoretical and applied contributions in the subject.

Little did he know that this inclination towards a subject could ignite his passion in ways that would lead him to make global records. Completing the Maximum Number of Major Post-Doctoral Research Projects on Banking and Finance, he has registered his name in the India Book of Records, Asia Book of Records, International Book of Records, and World Book of Records.



Dr. Uppal observed that information technology (IT) is playing a key role in the development and modernization of banks in India. The information technology was also attaining new peaks every year in our country and all these developments were in conformation with the liberalization and globalization wave. As a matter of fact, his research fervor and academic zeal primarily focuses upon banking and finance. He heralded a new era of globally competitive Indian banking system. He authored/edited seventy-two books and amongst his prominent books Indian Banking in the Globalized World-2013, Information Technology in Banks: A New Gateway for Success-2018, E-Age Banking - A Future Outlook-2018, Banking with Technology-A New Vision 2020, Managing Transformation in Indian Banks Through E-Delivery Channels-2021 have won an array of laurels. Many of his books are serving as text and reference books in many professional programmes being run by Indian colleges and universities. Through his books, he envisaged the challenges and opportunities regarding the use of e-banking particularly in public sector banks. He was instrumental in suggesting the reforms in banking and financial sector through e-technology. His prodigious research talent gave him leverage to write as many as two fifty five research papers on banking and finance and since 2017 some of his research papers earned global recognition with Google scholar citation such as 779, i-index 15, and i10 index is 23. He presented ninety five research papers in different national and international conferences.

His work and publications is a true asset to the world of economics. His thorough research in the field and several years of experience has contributed vastly to the Indian Banking and Finance Sector. His research papers have compared the thesis and studies of different researchers across the globe over time. This has helped the Indian economy to understand and take considerable measures into improving the current conditions. Furthermore, Dr. Uppal's studies have brought out numerous new and fresh perspectives of looking at

the system and transforming it for the better and the growth of the Indian economy. Additionally, his years of experience in teaching and his in-born zeal to educate have revamped his students' lives.

He is presently working in advisory board of editors in national and international reputed research journals. While serving as chief-in- editor of reputed research journal he explored his worth in other areas as well. He wrote as many as fifty articles for leading Indian Newspapers on current social and economic issues. He was invited for expert talks on the relevant issues by various govt. and private TV Channels and All India Radio, Jalandhar. He designed syllabi of UGC job oriented courses such as e-banking and e-commerce from Certificate level up to advance Diploma. He also mentors young teachers to yield quality research under faculty development programme. He has signed a MOU with Desh Bhagat University to organize seminars/conferences on burning issues. His academic and research works holds promise for his society as his plea of merger of banks eight years back has been implemented by the present Indian dispensation. He has also successfully defended his D.Litt thesis on the very burning topic, "Managing Transformation in Indian Banks Through E-Delivery Channels- Challenges and Opportunities" in Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India in 2021. He desires to restructure and revolutionize Indian banking Industry by linking it with e-technology thereby ushering a new era of competitive banking system not only at home but also abroad. For him, research is a never-ending process. The loss of human resources due to cancer has again caused a stir in his indefatigable research mind and he has embarked on a new project i.e. An empirical Study of "Loss of Human Resources with the Extensive Penetration of Cancer in the Malwa Belt of Punjab and its Future Perspectives." Infact, he is an asset for the society.

## Contd. from Page 2 Role of Teacher in Social...

## Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give



By: Vinod Chandrasekhkar Dixit

In order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa 5<sup>th</sup> September is celebrated as International day of Charity "Charity begins at home", is the famous phrase which completely suits to those people who have forgotten the real preferences in their life like family, closed relatives, society, community or their own country. We all are aware that poverty persists in all countries regardless of their economic, social and cultural situation,

particularly in developing countries. Every year, charities all over the world help to save and improve people's lives, fighting disease, protecting children, and giving hope to many thousands of people. To honour the important work that these many charities do, in 2012 the United Nations decided to nominate an annual International Day of Charity as an official day of recognition and celebration. Charity is an attitude of kindness towards others especially suggesting generosity as it pertains the goods or money to the needy.

"Charity begins at home" is a famous phrase having a deep essence of life. A person who is willing to help others should first assure the wellness of his or her family members. First priority of a person should be always his or her family and friends, if they are

not in well situation then the helping and kind nature towards others of that person is useless and unworthy. 5th September is the selected date as it commemorates the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa who worked tirelessly to overcome poverty, distress and suffering of the poorest in the world.

To celebrate this special day every year, the work of different charities all over the world is publicised and celebrated, and people are encouraged to donate money and time, to carry out charitable works.

Charity is not easy to practice. Man is by nature egotistical. Whatever is most unlike him naturally rouses his ill will. That is why there is so little of tolerance and so much of faultfinding in the world. A true person who is in favour of charity will always take care of his loved

ones first and then help others physically or financially. Being polite, humble and generous to your family is the real meaning of charity begins at home. Good person has always left good impression on others and their good actions like charity are counted as noble act and an inspiration for others. Feeling of real charity means a soft desire of a person, who wants to offer something to the needy people, while meeting the needs of his family first.

A country's primary responsibility is its own people. It can do good to the whole world only after it has met the requirements of its own people. If our society needs us and we are going to help people of other society or other city then our all the efforts are useless; for example, in current time most of the youth generation prefer to go foreign coun-

tries for job purpose in spite of doing service for their own country from where they got education. This kind of self-centred nature of people needs to understand the real meaning of "Charity begins at home".

Charity is important as it allows us to reach out into wider society, and help those that are in need of our support. One must be charitable to the whole world, because as Upanishads say "Udarachritanam tu vasudhaiva kutumbakam"; i.e., For those who're known as magnanimous, the entire world constitutes but a family. Helping others instead of taking care of your loved ones is just a nature of selfishness which requires to be improved. A true charitable person always helps others including understanding the need and demand of his family and friends too.

The teacher saves us from this situation and saves the society from going down by giving us the understanding and wisdom to take the right decisions. It would be ironic to say that in today's era, the respect of the students towards the teachers who are the agents of social change has decreased. This is a dangerous trend. On the other hand, there is also a lack of morality among the teachers, in the field of education Professionalism has also spread. This has increased the wealth of teachers and today's teacher is not able to live up to the criterion for which we like the masters of ancient India and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan of modern India. Remember the teachers. For good results, it is necessary that while the disciple maintains his reverence towards the teachers, the teacher should set an example with his virtue and dedication. We have to remember that till we do not give important place and respect to the teacher in

the society. Till then they will not be able to function as effective representatives of social change.

In such a situation, it is necessary that we give respect to the teachers and the governments should increase their respect by improving their service conditions. In this context, teachers will also have to introspect and earn social respect through their honest conduct. The responsibility of positive social change rests with the teacher. By becoming its carrier, he is engaged in social upliftment. The truth is that due to the best guidance of teachers. It is only through this that the establishment of divine civilization on earth is possible. This is the reason that in our Sanatani culture, Guru is considered superior to Govind. An ideal teacher deserves respect and reverence. The teachers who lay the foundation of a beautiful, civilized and cultured society are undoubtedly worthy of respect and faith.

# Khelen Thokchom Trust organises media workshop in Ukhrul

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 4:

Khelen Thokchom Trust (KTT) organised a one-day media workshop on the newly adopted HIV/AIDS Act (Prevention & Control) 2017 for the journalists of Ukhrul district at Shalom Lodge, Wino Bazaar, Ukhrul on Saturday.

The workshop was conducted to equip journalists on the nuances of reporting issues related to HIV/AIDS, especially on the newly enacted HIV/AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017 and bring more awareness to the public, while keeping in consideration as the media plays a vital role in disseminating and educating the masses.

Moderated by Imphal Free Press resident editor, the day-long programme was organised by Khelen Thokchom Trust (KTT), Manipur and supported by the Manipur State AIDS Control Society (MACS).

Trust member Sobhabati Sammon delivered a presentation and welcomed the members present at the event. The workshop was attended by Ukhrul-based journalists, KTT and others.

Advisor of KTT, Irengbam Arun, who is also editor-in-chief of Imphal Free Press and AIDS control officer, Ukhrul/Kamjong Dr Yuithingla Vashum attended as presidium members.

On the occasion, Irengbam Arun said that the best way to pay tributes to the late senior journalist Khelen Thokchom, who remained ever ready to mould and shape young journalists to be the cornerstones, was to organise the capacity building workshop for the media fraternity of the state to bring more awareness on HIV/AIDS among others.

Functionaries of Manipur AIDS Control Society (MACS) State TI coordinator Ksh Deepak, IEC and Mainstreaming Omajit Leishangthem and assistant director IEC and mainstreaming Phanjoubam Lannangbam attended as resource persons.

Delivering the basic concepts on HIV/AIDS, Deepak said that following detection of the first AIDS case in the state from a drug user in 1990, the crusade against the AIDS pandemic has come a long way since the adoption of HIV policy.

However, amid the interven-

tions to check the epidemic continuously for the past two decades, there has been little progress in the battle against the disease, he said.

Over the years, the mode of transmission of the AIDS has evolved from injecting route to sexual route, he pointed out, adding, sexual transmission has become a major concern.

Elaborating on the prevailing scenario of prevalence among adults aged 15-49 years, he said the overall prevalence of the country stands at 0.22 per cent, Mizoram at 2.3 per cent which is the highest in the country, followed by 1.44 per cent in Nagaland and 1.5 per cent in Manipur.

"The prevalence rate is alarming in both Ukhrul district and Kamjong districts with Ukhrul and Kamjong figures standing at 1.7 and 1.6 per cent respectively."

He also called on all the stakeholders, including village authorities, churches, civil society organisations, NGOs and others to give their unstinted support and cooperation and join hands in fighting the disease as MACS alone would not be able to eliminate AIDS.

He also shared a Toll Free number '1097' which could be used by the public for HIV related queries, and also informed that the public can also use 'NACO AIDS App' on their smartphones to access information related to AIDS.

In his speech, Omajit Leishangthem briefed about the various legal provisions under the newly-adopted HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017.

He said that as in other parts of the states, Manipur also has the service of an ombudsman for the protection of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) under the Act.

As per the Act, PLHIV are protected and they should not be discriminated against on the basis of their HIV status. He said that there has been a case against disclosure of the identity of a HIV/AIDS patient which was brought to the notice of the ombudsman in the state.

In his presentation, Phanjoubam Lannangbam spoke on 'Media ethics on HIV/AIDS related reporting'. While reporting on HIV/AIDS, the reports should be objective, factual and sensitive and should not disclose the identity of HIV infected persons, he said.

# Full statehood, Assembly with a Governor: Ghulam Nabi Azad spells out his party's agenda in first public meet after exit from Congress



Agency  
Jammu, Sept 4:

Former union minister and ex-Congress veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Sunday said that his party will focus on the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, right to land and employment to native domiciles among other issues. Stressing that the new political party will be rooted in J&K's soil, Azad said that the flag of his party will be 'designed by the people of J&K'.

Azad addressed his first public meeting in Jammu today after quitting the Congress party. In his address, Azad said that Congress was made by its workers with 'blood, and not by computers, not by Twitter'.

"People are trying to defame us but their reach is limited to computers & tweets. That is the reason Congress is nowhere to be seen on the ground," he further added. "I won't dictate from Delhi... The

flag of our party will be decided by the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

"I've not decided upon a name for my party yet. The people of J&K will decide the name and the flag for the party. I'll give a Hindustani name to my party that everyone can understand," Azad said while addressing a rally. My party will focus on -the restoration of full statehood, right to land and employment to native domicile - he further added.

Azad also said that the agenda of his party would be restoration of full statehood, right to land, employment to native domicile and assembly with Governor, and not with a Lt Governor. "My," Azad said.

Azad, who resigned from Congress last month ending his 50-year-long association with the party over the leadership crisis in the organization, said that he will launch a new party soon and the first unit will be formed in Jammu and

Kashmir before the Assembly elections in the Union Territory. Azad's first public meeting comes at a time when Congress leaders are holding a 'Mehangai Par Halla Bol' rally at Ramila Maidan in Delhi on Sunday.

After Azad's resignation, 64 leaders from J&K quit the party. Expressing their solidarity with Azad, 36 Congress leaders including leaders of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), the youth wing of the Congress also submitted their resignations to the party leadership.

"I support resignation of Ghulam Nabi Azad from Congress party. I am fed up with the party. Expressing their solidarity with Azad, 36 Congress leaders including leaders of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), the youth wing of the Congress also submitted their resignations to the party leadership. NSUI-J&K unit general secretary Manik Sharma said in his resignation letter.

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## One day workshop on "Fighting Drug Menace..."

In the second session, Col. Mishra of 27 BN AR, deliberated on the new roles of the AR in fighting drug menace. He highlighted some issues which needs to be addressed as far as management in border areas are concerned as to prevention of illicit trafficking. Shri. Joseph Pauline Kamson, Deputy Commissioner, Pherzawl, gave a thoughtful

speech on the ground scenario of his new district, and how perhaps our fight against drug menace need some fine tuning.

Kimngaihching Simte CMO, Churachandpur deliberated on a crucial aspect of seeing drug menace, not only from criminal justice administration view, but as a public health issue.

The second session was followed by a lively open discussion session, where doubts were cleared up.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks from N. Ginsianlal, Senior member of Churachandpur District Bar Association

District Legal Services Authority and Churachandpur District Bar Association gives

its heartfelt thanks to the Commander, 27 Sector Assam Rifle, District Administration, Pherzawl, District Police Churachandpur, Chief Medical Officer, Churachandpur, members of Bar Churachandpur, press media, all participants and District Administration, Churachandpur for the active participation, support and co-operation.

## Sports

### Durand Cup:

# Hyderabad FC fall to first defeat of 2022 campaign against Army Red; East Bengal beat Mumbai City FC 4-3 to end campaign with win



Agency  
Imphal/Kolkata, Sept 4:

After three back-to-back victories in the group stage of the Durand Cup 2022 campaign, Manolo Marquez's Hyderabad FC tasted their first defeat, as they lost 1-0 to Army Red FT, in their final group game at the Khuman Lampak Stadium here on Saturday.

Suresh Methei, the skipper of the Services' side scored with a glancing header in the 33rd minute, which turned out to be the only goal on a tough evening in Imphal.

Manolo Marquez made plenty of changes to the Starting XI but Hyderabad managed

to create plenty of chances throughout the game.

The likes of Halicharan Narzary, Lalchungnunga Chhangte, Borja Herrera, Aaren D'Silva and Javi Siverio, coming off the bench, all came close on fair few occasions, but HFC failed to find the back of the net for the first time in this campaign.

Bhabindra Sureshi, the shot-stopper for Army Red was at the top of his game, as he made five superb saves to deny HFC throughout the evening. His contribution to helping Army Red to their first win of the campaign, saw him named the 'Player of the Match' on the evening, the club informed in a

release on Saturday.

Even with the loss, Hyderabad remain atop Group C with nine points from their four games while Army Red move up to 2nd in the table as of now, with five points from their four games. The result of the final group game between Chennaiyin and NEORCA will decide the second qualifier from the group.

HFC are back in action in the Durand Cup quarterfinals, the dates and venues yet to be announced.

In another match, East Bengal defeated Mumbai City FC 4-3 in a thrilling clash of the Durand Cup at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan on Saturday.

Cleiton Silva and Sumeet Passi scored two goals for East Bengal as Lalrinzuala Chhangte netted a brace and Greg Stewart scored one for Mumbai City FC.

Islanders had already booked their place in the quarter-finals as the 'red and gold' brigade having crashed out after their loss to arch-rivals ATK Mohun Bagan in the Kolkata derby.

Determined to prove a point, East Bengal started the game on the front foot from the word go, capitalising on the mistakes in defence from Mumbai City FC.

In the 9th minute, Mumbai City tried hitting East Bengal as Greg Stewart found Bipin Singh on the right as he passed it onto Mandar Rao Dessai.

The left-back sent in a dangerous ball across as Jorge Perera Diaz's goal went past the goal with Kamalajit beaten at the near post.

The pressure was constant from East Bengal as Thongkhosiem Haokip stole the ball in midfield and sent a through ball in for Cleiton Silva but it was saved by Mohammed Nawaz. The goal did come in the very next minute itself as Jerry Lalrinzuala stole the ball again and crossed the ball deep for

In the 34th Cleiton made another amazing run down the spine and sprayed it on the right for Passi, whose shot cum cross

went through the hands of Nawaz in the Mumbai City FC goal. He celebrated by running up to the East Bengal fans and covered his ears.

Lalrinzuala Chhangte again pulled one back as his shot from the left edge of the penalty box was completely missed by

Kamaljit in goal.

Mumbai City were level in the 43rd minute after Alberto Noguera's shot was parried by Kamaljit as Bipin's cross into the box was met with a thunderous strike by Chhangte that flew into the back of the net.

After the break, Stephen

Constantine brought on Eliandro, who won the ball back in the 53rd minute and started off a lightning counter-attack. After good play with Mohamad Rakip on the right, the ball went over to the left as he cut back to Eliandro but his shot was saved by Nawaz.



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Imphal, the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022

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