

## President Droupadi Murmu confers National Awards to 46 teachers

**Nongmaithem Gautam Singh of Manipur among the Awardees**

IT News  
New Delhi, Sept 5:

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday emphasised that talent development in science, literature and social sciences can be more effective if taught in one's mother tongue. She was addressing the gathering at National Teachers Awards ceremony where she recalled the contribution of her school teachers due to which she became the first girl from her village to go to college.

"Talent development in science, literature and social sciences can be more effective if taught in mother tongue," she said.

Murmu also noted that India's school education is counted among the world's largest education systems.

She presented the National Awards to Teachers, 2022 to 46 select awardees to honour their unique contribution to school education.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has been organising a function at Vigyan Bhawan on Teachers' Day on September 5 every year to confer the awards to best teachers of the country, selected through a rigorous transparent and online three-stage selection process.

Among the awarded teachers,



ers, three each are from Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra and Telangana.

Yudhveer, Virender Kumar and Amit Kumar (Himachal Pradesh); Harpreet Singh, Arun Kumar Garg and Vandana Shahi (Punjab); Shashikant Sambhajirao Kulthe, Somnath Waman Walke and Kavita Sanghvi (Maharashtra); Kandala Ramaiah, T N Sridhar and

Sunitha Rao (Telangana), are the awardees from these four states.

"The purpose of the National Awards to Teachers is to celebrate the unique contribution of teachers in the country and to honour those teachers who through their commitment and industry have not only improved the quality of school education, but also enriched the lives of

their students," a senior MoE official said.

Pradeep Negi and Kaustubh Chandra Joshi (Uttarakhand), Sunita and Durga Ram Muwal (Rajasthan), Neeraj Saxena and Om Prakash Patidar (Madhya Pradesh), Saurabh Suman and Nishi Kumari (Bihar), G Ponsankari and Umesh TP (Karnataka), Mala Jigdal Dorjee and Sidharth Yonzon (Sikkim) are among the selected teachers.

The other awardees include Anju Dahiya (Haryana), Rajni Sharma (Delhi), Seema Rani (Chandigarh), Maria Murena Miranda (Goa), Umesh Bharatbhai Vala (Gujarat), Mamta Ahar (Chhattisgarh), Iswar Chandra Nayak (Odisha), Buddhadev Dutta (West Bengal), Mimi Yhoshii (Nagaland), Nongmaithem Gautam Singh (Manipur), Ranjan Kumar Biswas (Andaman and Nicobar), among others.

Nongmaithem Gautam Singh, Teacher of Eastern Ideal High School, District - Imphal East (Manipur).

Among the awarded teachers, one is from CISCE board, two from Kendriya Vidyalayas, one each from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya and Eklaya Residential School, while two teachers are from CBSE board.

## Police officer physically assault a 65-year-old lady

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 5:

An old vendor lady was physically abused by a police officer who was reported to be in an inebriated state yesterday at around 8:30 pm at Tera Lukram Leirak and was admitted to Shija Hospital, Langol. The old lady ran a vegetable vendor in the area where the said incident happened.

The victim has been identified as Ningthoujam Mangolganbi Devi (65), wife of Late N. Babuchouba of Tera Khuraijam Leirak, and the accused police officer is one Haobijam Babuchouba Singh from Tera Sapam Leirak and currently working as a Sub-Inspector in the Police Wireless Department.

It is reported that SI Babuchouba Singh arrived at the place to buy vegetables in an inebriated condition, however, he started speaking abusive and offensive words. At this, the victim old lady asked Babuchouba to go back home and take rest as he was clearly drunk. On hearing this, Babuchouba started physically assaulting the old lady, even trying to strangle the victim. Babuchouba even threatened to kill the old lady and repeatedly kicked the old lady lying down in a pool of blood. Mangolganbi suffered multiple injuries on her nose and mouth from the re-



peated kicking by Babuchouba. Babuchouba boasted about being from a wealthy family and having lots of agricultural produce and asked if someone like her (the victim) could ask him to go home.

The incident happened when there was no one around the area as it was getting late, taking advantage of it, Babuchouba was able to assault the old lady without any intervention. Luckily,

Mangolganbi was saved by a person coming to the area to pick up someone.

As Mangolganbi is not educated and doesn't have anyone, a police complaint was not lodged in this regard. She appealed to the concerned authority, especially Chief Minister of Manipur N Biren Singh, to look into the matter and punish the culprit, who acted like a wild animal to her, Mangolganbi told this reporter.

## Agniveer Recruitment Rally for Indian Army

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 5:

Registration for the Agniveer Recruitment Rallies for male candidates of all the seven states of North East Zone has been completed on 03 Sep 2022. The response has been overwhelming with over 1.2 Lakh candidates registering for the ten rallies. The Agniveer recruitment rallies are commencing in the North East Zone in a few days and the Army authorities are expecting large footfall. All arrangements are being made to ensure smooth conduct of the rallies in the Zone. The state machinery has been extending wholehearted support to make the event successful which shall see recruitment of large number of youth in the Indian Army.

Online registration and application for women candidates for all seven states is still in progress and shall close on 07 Sep 2022. All desirous candidates are advised to apply before the closing date on [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in).

## NEFIS writes to Assam Chief Minister regarding the Govt decision to Close 34 government schools

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 5:

North East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today wrote to the Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma regarding the government's decision to close 34 government schools in the state and amalgamate them with nearby schools. It should be noted that this decision would affect the already crumbling educational infrastructure and jeopardize students' academic careers. The decision was taken after none of the students in these schools passed this year's High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) or the 10th examination. It should be known that the issues of mass failure in HSLC examination and decreased student enrolment

can be attributed to the central and state government's negligence of government schools.

Recently, it has been reported that this year the overall pass percentage is 56.49%, the lowest since 2018. It is also reported that apart from these 34 schools, another 68 schools had a pass percentage of less than 10%. In this context, it should be noted that the failure of students in schools puts the onus on the government to improve their condition, not close them. This is especially needed as during the pandemic cum lockdown no concrete arrangement was made by the government for the students of government schools, as a result of which their education has drastically suffered.

It should also be noted that the government had earlier announced the closing of around

800 government schools that have less than 30 students. Importantly, students from socio-economically vulnerable sections mostly enroll in government schools, and closing of these schools would mean depriving them of their right to quality education.

The need of the hour is not the closure and amalgamation of government schools for this would lead to an adverse effect and would cause a decrease in overall enrolment of students. It is the government's responsibility to ensure every student's right to quality education and maintain and enlarge quality educational infrastructure. It is high time for the government to seriously look into the crumbling of state-funded educational institutions. This is a crucial matter as it involves

the future and career of students. Only by establishing more and quality schools, and improving the quality of education can the students' enrolment be increased.

In the memo sent to the Assam Chief Minister, it has been demanded to immediately revoke the government's decision to shut down and amalgamate government schools with nearby schools, ensure and increase students enrolment in these government schools, recruit more teachers for government schools, establish new schools, and to establish proper educational infrastructure to provide quality education to students. NEFIS would be intensifying its struggle for quality educational infrastructure in the North-East in the coming days.

## Assam Rifles organises Teachers' Day Celebration

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Manipur today.

The event envisaged an overwhelming strength of 17 Teachers along with 162 students & parents. The event was proceeded with a welcome address and several dance performances from the students. A motivational lecture was also given by the dignitaries in attendance about the importance of education. Teachers were felicitated after the programme.

Assam Rifle Public School is one such pioneer institute in Pallel, responsible for providing quality education to the wards of defence and civil personnel, with the aim of education being accessible to all.

Meanwhile, Modi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) celebrated Teachers Day with the teaching staff of schools of Yangoubung village, Thingphai village, Dzalengbung village and Moltuk village at Moltuk, Chandel today.

The teaching staff was felicitated for their continuing effort to spread education in a challenging remote location. Meanwhile, Modi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) organized Teacher's day celebration at Assam Rifles Public School, Pallel, Kakching District,

Manipur today. The event envisaged an overwhelming strength of 17 Teachers along with 162 students & parents. The event was proceeded with a welcome address and several dance performances from the students. A motivational lecture was also given by the dignitaries in attendance about the importance of education. Teachers were felicitated after the programme.

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## Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra is an opportunity for Rahul to reinvent

By Sushil Kuttu  
New Delhi, Sept 5:

A distance of 3676 kilometres separates Kashmir from Kanyakumari. Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' aims to unify India, and Indians. India had come unstuck after Narendra Modi took charge of India. Before Modi, there was Atal Bihari Vajpayee, but Atal's language was not

jarring as the one the Hindutva spoke. Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is an effort to prise India out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's divisive fist.

Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will set off from Kanyakumari on September 7. Rahul seems to have drawn inspiration from the 'Time' magazine, which headlined Prime Minister Narendra Modi 'Divider-in-Chief'. The title stuck and

faded, to be remembered now and then, if and when the occasion arose.

'Jodo' is Hindi for 'unify'. The Modi years, beginning May 26, 2014, sharpened the divides in India, both ideological, and communal. The line separating rightwing and leftwing became more starkly etched. Sixty years of Congress, and Congress-backed rule, could not divide India, but with

Modi at the helm, India unravelled, and India came unstuck, and India was divided.

Now, eight years on, this effort to unify India, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', and the haste to get it on the road. The yatra is political; and primarily aimed to serve the Gandhi family's interests. The party's interests served will be a bonus. But, at its most basic and fundamental, the 'Bharat Jodo

Yatra' will not unify the religiously divided Indians.

Not making a clean slate of Partition cannot be repaired by a yatra. But if the aim is to get both Muslim and Hindu to vote Congress, then it makes sense and might even work. The two major religions of India cannot bridge the gap that separates them; least because Rahul Gandhi sets off on a 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' parallels Narendra Modi's avid wooing of the Pasmanda Muslims. That's Modi's idea of unifying India, Modi's 'Bharat Jodo' route. But neither of them are going to succeed. The Ganga-Jamuna tehzeeb has been muddled beyond repair in Modi's India. By 2024, suspicions will be in too bad a shape to ebb.

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## Being a Teacher!

By: Heisnam Lakeshwar Singh

I have worked in numerous profiles for more than ten years. Teaching is also a significant part of my job experience. After my post graduate study, I joined a supply chain and logistics organization, as I had an interest in the Human Resource and Training domain, I was placed in the training department and I began working as a trainer. The majorities of my students came from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Rajasthan and were my age. I enjoyed working as their trainer with them. Then I began working for a startup company, where I joined as a faculty member and learned many things beyond training and teaching. In addition to focusing on the operation, human resources, and accounting aspects of my job, I was also responsible for teaching and training. Over time, I was promoted, and my responsibilities no longer include attending classes, despite the fact that my job entails encouraging all trainers to conduct more effective training. Even when serving as Assistant Director (Admin) for a government entity, I continued to take classes. Now, perhaps due to my desire, I am Head of Academics at a private college, where teaching has become one of the main responsibilities. Since it is my main responsibility, I keep on looking, searching from the books, internet and from my experiences on how to be an effective teacher.

During my MBA studies, I had a professor who is very humble and full of humanity. I have learnt a lot from him. We used to visit him and converse with him while sitting in his cabin. He never exhibited boredom, conversing with us with such zeal that we were glued to his cabin. What I've learned from him is that he never viewed us as inferior; he recognised that we, too, had thoughts and knowledge and could converse sensibly. He listened to our dreams and genuinely valued them. Even after 12 years, he recalled the dream I used to discuss with him, and he sent me a note about it. This indicates that he took our aspirations seriously and cared about them, qualities that make him a great teacher in my life.

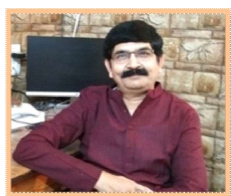
A teacher must embody the principles he teaches. The subject he teaches is not the primary consideration. Eventually, we forget what we learnt on the curriculum. We learnt that his actions and ethics were consistent. We had a teacher whose punctuality I vividly recall, and because of this, I admire him to this day.

Teaching entails more than simply dictating the syllabus and providing pupils with notes. Sometimes it is crucial to inspire them to change their lives, discover their dreams, and achieve their goals. When I was in college, I had a professor who advised me on how to alter my personality. As our personality is shaped by our upbringing, we are sometimes inhibited from speaking our minds on stage due to our environment, schools, etc. His response, which I still recall to this day, was to take up a water glass and say that our personalities, like this glass, were developed when we were in a molten state, i.e. throughout childhood. If you want to alter its shape, you must break and melt the material. He was taking a class on how to change our behaviour and personalities to make us winners instead of losers.

A great teacher always focuses on students' dream; show their teachings with examples, and gives inspiration to his/her students. The most important thing I've learned from my experience is that if your heart desires to become a teacher, you will never tire of teaching regardless of the circumstances. Be the teacher of your choice, therefore, not by chance.

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## A teacher is someone who nourishes the souls of the students for a lifetime



By: Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

Our former President of India, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna recipient Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born on 5 September 1888. Because of his love and attachment to the teaching profession, we celebrated Teachers' Day all over India on 5<sup>th</sup> September. As an educationist, he was an advocate of education and was a distinguished envoy, academician, and above all a great teacher. Teacher's Day is celebrated to acknowledge the challenges, hardships, and special roles

that teachers play in our lives. Dr. Radhakrishnan hailed from a small city boy and with the help of education, he became an esteemed politician and a visionary educationist. He was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1952 and in 1954 he received German "Order pour le Merite for Arts and Science". The light of the world, the beacon in the dark and the hope that gives us strength to survive, is our teacher. A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hand, opens our mind, and touches our heart. The contribution of a teacher cannot be ignored at all. In many countries across the world, teacher's day is a special day where teachers of schools, colleges, and universities are honored specially. The day glorifies the teachers worldwide for their constant guidance and hard work in building the life of the students.

According to our Prime Minister Narendra Modi "Teaching is not a profession, a way of life". Teachers nourish and prepare students for their future as they are the real icon of knowledge and wisdom. They create awareness among the students and common people. They are the source of light in the world that has been darkened due to ignorance. It is rightly said that Teaching is not a service, profession, or job. It is a pillar of society. Teaching is the most influential job in the world. Teachers are known to shape the mind of youth and without knowledge no one can exist in this world. Teacher imparts good value in children and turn them into responsible citizens. It is rightly said that the future of a particular country lies in the hands of its children. Thus, a teacher has a major role to play in shaping the future of the students and helping us become successful in our respective careers. An ideal teacher is one that becomes courteous all the time without being impartial and not affected by insults. People never forget the one instructor in their lives who helped them develop into the people they are today and gave them the motivation to pursue their goals. Can we ever imagine that without teachers, there is no lawyer, no doctor, no IAS officer, no researcher, and no astronaut.

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## Teachers Day

# Celebrating Teachers - The Architects of Swarnim Bharat as Compassionate Leaders Saluting Visionary Teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

By: Dr. Jayadeba Sahoo

**Agyana Timir-andhasya  
Gnyananjana Shalakaya  
Chakshur-oonmeelitam Yena  
Tasmai Shri Gurave Namah**  
Salutations to the Guru who enlightened me by removing the darkness that blinded my eyes.

Every profession has its own role and impact on individuals by means of serving various sections of the society. Amongst all, the teaching profession is inspiring and a noble one. In the olden days, Gurus used to have their disciples live with them; and used to take care of their all-round development. The gurus did not use to teach so passionately considering teaching to be a 'profession' but because of realizing their great responsibility in the making of future citizens.

Once our former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said in a seminar that three persons are crucial in making anyone a good citizen viz. mother, father and the elementary teacher. Students are like blank sheets of paper, who take any impression from their teacher. The practical lives of the teachers have more effective and lasting impact on them. It is the teachers only, who can facilitate the students to inquire, explore, think and express different views and discern the value of life.

Value education is a hot topic these days. Many schools teach values as subjects but values have to be captured by the young minds from their teachers first. When teachers fail to embody these values in their behaviour, it is impossible to shape the future citizens and the task of making a better world becomes difficult. A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil is as if someone would be hammering on old iron. Teachers, thus have enormous potential within them, to make the students march towards excellence or perfection. They must honestly kindle the young minds.

**Do the teachers of today understand their role as a builder of the nation?**

Most of the teachers neither understand the importance of their role as a builder of the nation or a

society nor do they evince any sign of such great responsibility. The students also do not have humility and regard for the teachers which has resulted in collapse of total educational system.

Many years ago, the University of Delhi increased the teachers' workload from 15 hours to 16.5 hours a week, which was protested by the Delhi University Teacher's Association. They even struck work for a week. The message was quite clear that now; the teachers consider teaching to be a burden, which is an indication of the downfall of the nobleness they have attained from their profession. Teaching has now been reduced to a trade and their confrontational methods and the statements on crisis issues come from trade unions. These unionized teachers are concerned more about their working conditions/ allowances/ promotions than the future of their students.

Teachers must put sincere efforts to inject quality into the educational process. Some immoral teachers help students to adopt unfair means to pass their examinations and hence defame their noble profession. Lack of morality in the teachers may result in proliferation and characterlessness in teaching, which would not only affect all segments of the society, but also, all the spheres of human activity. Teachers further fuel corruption and moral degradation by compelling students for tuitions or by taking more care of the tuition students than those of the class.

A private school teacher was not giving rank to an intelligent student, who scored very high marks because she didn't join her tuition even after compulsion. Finally, her Father had to intervene and complain to the principal to bring about change in the attitude of the teacher. Most of the teachers are unable to leave any inspirational effect on the impressionable minds of the students due to lack of values in their own life.

Teachers, who prepare the students only for a profession, for a consumer-oriented society, do not cater for the moral side at all. There is no doubt that teachers can pro-

duce great scientists, engineers, doctors, scholars, management experts, etc. but if these professionals do not have peace of mind and qualities like love and kindness, then what kind of society would we have? Teachers, who neglect the total moral dimension of the students, are responsible for our demoralized - commercialized society up to a great extent. The experience of immense pressure by memorising huge volumes of information, which is the only possible way to score well in the exams robs our students of the joy of learning. Some teachers are so strict that they behave like a dictator imposing on the students whatever they say. They discourage the students to ask any question or express what they think.

**Teachers with Moral Orientation**

Only those teachers, who maintain a balance between flexibility and firmness, can make and shape the students well. In most of the schools, the students maintain discipline due to the fear of punishment. "If teachers lose the strength of their character, how will they be able to build the character of the succeeding generations?" If sugar loses its sweetness, then how will the things be sweetened? If teachers do not have discipline, how can we have a self-regulated nation or society? So let our teachers rise to the occasion, pick up the gauntlet and accept their responsibility with a spirit of enthusiasm and, first set their own house in order. Value education should be introduced as a subject in Teacher's Training course. Due to the moral touch, the trainee teachers will be inspired to inculcate values. Education is not merely a process of transmitting knowledge or teaching arts and skills but also developing the total personality of students.

Teachers not only should be well versed in their subject and innovative in their teaching methods but also exemplary in their conduct. The builders of the future generation, teachers, need to focus on character, moral value and ethics. Value education in order to be effective,

must be woven into the teaching process instead of being imparted as a subject, which is ignored by most of the students. Only then our education system can be called as qualitative in its true sense. To make our teachers inspirational, it is necessary to include formal lessons in moral and human values in the teaching curriculum.

**Brahma Kumaris in the service of Teachers**  
Prapajita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya (PBKIVV) has that infrastructure at its headquarters and retreat centres, where teachers could go through a course in moral education while staying.

PBKIVV has a number of dedicated persons who have either served in the education field or are still doing that. Hence, they have an experience in imparting moral education. It also has a large number of dedicated sisters who can not only teach this subject, but also inspire students by their exemplary conduct and character.

The faculty members of this institution visit various schools, colleges and universities on invitation, to inspire the staff members and students by their elevated knowledge and meditation. Let us realize before it is too late, that it is RajYoga meditation that removes mental tension, injustice, dishonesty and other kinds of inhuman behaviour. Understanding the theory of the laws of karma, teachers should change their attitude towards the students and their profession by means of spiritual knowledge and world's only open eyed meditation, which is RajYoga Meditation of Brahma Kumaris. One must, therefore, help in this noble task by encouraging more and more people to join Brahma Kumaris, who is selflessly building a better society.

A mediocre teacher tells, a good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates and the great teacher inspires. (The author is Faculty, Brahma Kumaris & (Ex-Head & Dean), Dept. of Education, R.G.U. [drjayadeb12@gmail.com](mailto:drjayadeb12@gmail.com))

## The Greatness of the Teacher & Responsibilities



By: Aubaid Akhoun

"Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding" (William Arthur Ward)

The teaching profession is simply a profession that creates all other professions. Of all the relationships in the world, the most sacred is considered to be that of a teacher and a disciple.

There are many human relationships in the world, some of which are blood relationships and some are spiritual relationships. One of these relationships is the student-teacher relationship. In Islam, the teacher's status is equal to that of the biological parents. In fact, a teacher is said to be the second parent of a student. After

parents, it is the teacher who teaches us the real meaning of life—how to behave, how to live, how to differentiate between right and wrong etc.

In the importance of the teacher, the beloved Prophet (Pbuh) said that I was sent as a teacher. This shows how high the status of the teacher is that the Holy Prophet (Pbuh) also introduced himself as a teacher. The Holy Prophet (Pbuh) came to this world to give the necessary divine knowledge to all of us. Thus, the beloved Prophet (Pbuh) has primarily the status of a teacher. That is why, teaching is designated as the prophetic profession and teachers are true heirs of prophets.

Parents also play a role of a teacher and the home is considered as the first university of children. Whatever the Children learn from their parents till the age of puberty shapes their future life.

A good teacher should have good qualities. He should have a pure character and a smiling face. He should have a sweet and eloquent speech. He should know his job well by being well-educated and well-spoken. Therefore, if you are a teacher, be a role model for your students. Be a diligent and

passionate teacher; revise and repeat previous lessons; don't overburden children with homework, check their performance sympathetically; don't scold them and don't make 'anger' and 'thrashing' your teaching aids. Take into consideration the feelings, emotions and self-esteem of your students. Adopt a careful and individualized method of disciplining them and avoid corporal punishment under all circumstances. Be aware of children's psychology and sociology. Help the slow learners separately. Be concerned about supporting underprivileged students. Be interested in their physical and aesthetic development, for, all work no play makes Jack a dull boy. In addition, pay special attention to the children's character development. Try to develop their mental and spiritual abilities to the maximum limit possible. Use appropriate methods of communication and present yourself as a role model in words, actions, morals and intellect for children.

**Teacher and the modern age**  
The teacher can impart others the same knowledge that he himself has access to.

The teaching profession is not

an easy task. It requires constant hard work, up to date knowledge, dedication, passion, ethics, humanity, consciousness, spirituality, and calm human behavior.

In the present age, it is necessary to take special care of moral education as well as secular education because without moral principles education is like a fruitless tree. It is like a futile endeavor. Knowledge, which does not lead to moral change and purification of one's character, is certainly a mental luxury but it is not productive. The main topic among the holy Qur'anic topics is 'moral education'. The subject of many verses is the formation of good character and the embodiment of morality.

Thus, 6236 verses in Umm Al-Kitab are related to Positive Values or Negative Values. But in both cases there is moral education. "The ethics of the Prophets and the righteous" is one of the most important topics in the Qur'an.

The concept of knowledge is connected with the concept of morality. Knowledge that is only for the sake of the womb, not for the sake of a high standard of living, is poisonous.

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## BJP releases 'sting operation' video on Delhi liquor case, says, 'no escape for Manish Sisodia'

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 4:

The BJP on Monday turned the heat on the AAP government over the liquor case and released a 'sting video' in a press conference. BJP leader Sambit Patra also urged liquor traders in Delhi to not get scared and make videos on how much commission they had to pay to Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. "Now, there is no escape route for you, Manish Sisodia ji," Sambit Patra said. "When Kejriwal ji came to power, he asked people to do sting operation against any corruption, this is exactly what happened. There has been a sting operation against Sting master Kejriwal ji," Sambit Patra said.

"The modus operandi as revealed in the video is that 80% profit will go to Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia and their friend. First, you give us our 80% commission and then sell the 20% however you can, we don't care. This has been the policy of Kejriwal," Sambit Patra said, after playing the alleged sting video.

"Even if they were giving one bottle free with a liquor bottle, they were making prof-



its. Consider how they were looting," Sambit Patra said.

The 'sting video' was of Kulvinder Marwah, father of Sunny Marwah, accused number 12 in the scam. "It is an open and shut case because Marwah ji himself is admitting all these in this video," Sambit Patra said adding that now Manish Sisodia has no escape route now.

The Aam Aadmi Party has not yet reacted to the 'sting video'.

The CBI raided Manish Sisodia's residence last month in connection with the liquor

scam. His bank locker has also been scanned by the CBI officers. Kejriwal and Sisodia have dismissed the charges and said the BJP targeted Kejriwal because of his rising popularity.

The sting operation video alleged that blacklisted companies were given licenses by Kejriwal's government.

The BJP leader said that Marwah himself admitted to all these things.

Marwah can be heard saying in the video that there is only 20 paise worth goods in Rs 1, while the rest 80 paise profit goes to the Delhi gov-



ernment.

"They took Rs 253 crore from us saying do as many shops as you want," said Marwah adding that "Delhi government takes Rs 500 crore from rich people."

"They have even given tenders to the blacklisted companies too," said Marwah.

"Arvind Kejriwal and Sisodia have put 80 per cent profit in the pockets of their friends. BJP is appealing you to make a video of your shop and how much much commission you paid for that and go to CBI," Patra added.

## India logs 5,910 new COVID cases, active infections decline to 53,974

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 5:

With 5,910 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,44,62,445, while the active cases declined to 53,974, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday.

The death toll climbed to 5,28,007 with 16 fatalities, including seven deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am showed.

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 health ministry said.

A decline of 1,140 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.60 per cent and the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 2.15 per cent, according to the health ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,38,80,464, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry, 213.52 crore doses of Covid vaccines have been

administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4, three crore on June 23 last year and four crore on January 25 this year.

## 2024 Lok Sabha election: Nitish Kumar to visit Delhi today; will meet Rahul Gandhi, other Opposition leaders

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 5:

Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) chief Nitish Kumar will be visiting Delhi on Monday to meet the leaders of Opposition parties including the Congress, the Left and other regional parties.

Reports said that Kumar, who recently snapped ties with the saffron party, is visiting the power capital to unite the opposition for the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

The Janata Dal (United) chief will be camping in Delhi for two days.

Nitish Kumar will be meeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today evening. He is also expected to meet Communist Party of India (CPI) leader D Raja, Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal and some others during his visit to the national capital.

Notably, the Bihar CM met Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao in Patna

on September 2. Sharing the dais with Kumar, KCR had given a slogan of 'BJP Mukht Bharat' in 2024 General election.

JD(U) principal general secretary, KC Tyagi, confirmed that Kumar will be visiting Delhi, but refused to divulge the names of the list of leaders who would his party chief.

In a massive jolt to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Bihar, Nitish Kumar broke alliance with the saffron party and joined hands with Rastriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress and Left to form

a Mahagathabandhan government in the state.

The grand alliance agreed that Kumar will continue as the chief minister.

Kumar on September 4 opined that the Opposition parties need to unite and contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls to defeat the BJP.

"I'm only saying that if all opposition parties unitedly contest elections (2024 Lok Sabha elections) then we will get big success. I am not talking about any numbers," Nitish Kumar said.

## Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren wins trust vote, opposition BJP walks out

Agency  
Ranchi, Sept 4:

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren won the confidence motion he moved in the special one-day Jharkhand assembly session on Monday. The session comes amid an ongoing political crisis in the state, and a day after UPA MLAs from Jharkhand staying in Raipur resort flew back to Ranchi on Sunday. As Soren won the vote for trust, the opposition BJP staged a walkout from the Jharkhand legislature.

There were 48 votes in favour of the confidence motion moved by Soren, and there were zero votes in the opposition side. Fearing poaching of its MLAs by the opposition BJP to topple the government, Chief Minister Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led alliance had shifted the legislators to a luxurious resort in Nava Raipur.

Addressing the special session of the Assembly and taking a dig at the Opposition BJP, Soren said, "They want to create an atmosphere

where two states are pitted against each other. They want to create an atmosphere of civil war and want to fan riots to win polls. As long as there is UPA government here, such plots will not survive. You will get a befitting political reply."

MLAs of the governing alliance took a special aircraft back to Ranchi, the state's capital, on Sunday from Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh, where they had been isolated at a five-star resort to thwart suspected poaching efforts.

According to Soren and his party JMM, the BJP is at-

tempting to use the situation in order to persuade members of the ruling coalition to defect and overthrow the elected government, a strategy that has been adopted in states like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka.

The ruling coalition has 49 MLAs in the 81-member assembly in which the majority mark is 41. The JMM, the largest party, has 30 MLAs, the Congress 18, and Tejashwi Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has one. The BJP, which is the main opposition, has 26 MLAs.

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## The Greatness of the Teacher....

### Appreciation & Criticism

Often we have read and heard a lot about some government teachers who do not know how to write even a 'simple application'. Such teachers are being unfaithful to this great profession by taking huge salaries and big positions. We have also seen some teachers in this epidemic who have been sitting idle at homes for almost three years, and they too are proudly celebrating 'Teachers' Day'. They have no qualms of conscience and they are certainly unaware of the status of teaching profession.

We also saw in this Covid-19 such teachers who were performing their duties sincerely. Some teachers joined hands with doctors to defeat the covid-19 and at the same time, they were justifying their monthly salaries by teaching online. We also saw some honest Govt teachers who were providing home tuition for free in pandemic. Such teachers are to be admired, respected and honored because they have played a key role in raising the standard of education in Govt schools. Otherwise, it is an open secret that

Govt teachers send their children to private schools because they know the standard of education in private schools is multiple times better than Govt schools. Usually, the results of Govt school in annual examinations are not commendable due to a number of reasons. One of which is that Govt teachers spend most of their time and energy in their private institutes [coaching centers], and the same passion dies when they reach Govt schools.

**How we can uplift Govt Schools**

It's an important need of the hour to introduce in-service training courses to equip teachers with modern education so that teachers can acquaint children with modern science and technology. In order to test the intelligence of the teachers, the teachers should be tested every year like the students are examined annually so that the standard of education remains high in the government schools also and parents can think about enrolling their children in the Govt schools. If the government really wants to raise the standard

of education in government schools, it should make compulsory for all Govt teachers to enroll their biological children in government schools.

"To criticise is not finding fault but to exploring the other sides of something and thus is different than to oppose."

I would like to sum up this write-up with the beautiful words of Scott Hayden said in praise of teachers:

"Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together."

As Dr Abdul Kalam would have said, "I believe there is no other profession in the world that is more important to society than that of a teacher." Teachers are the backbone of our society. They spear head change by shaping and building students' personality and make them ideal citizens of the country. Teachers have a big-

ger responsibility of shaping students as individuals, and in ensuring that they grow holistically. A good teacher can motivate students to stay positive, learn good values, and contribute to a wholesome future for themselves, their families, and their country. Teachers are the light of this world, a beacon of hope in the dark that

gives us the strength to survive. They are the person who shapes the future of the nation with their vision, knowledge, and experience. As it says, *Life is the greatest teacher of all*. Life teaches us the art of survival. Teachers are not only academic teachers. In fact, our very first teachers are our parents who teach

us to walk, eat, and speak.

Teachers will always be the pillars of every student's life. The proverb, "a good teacher is like a candle that consumes itself while lighting the way for others" is completely true. They guide us through our dark times to enjoy a beautiful bright future. Considering that teachers mold future gen-

erations, taking one day every year to say "thank you" is the least. Let us celebrate the work of dedicated teachers who continue to strive every day to ensure that 'inclusive and equitable quality education' and the promotion of 'lifelong learning opportunities for all' become a reality in every corner of the globe.

## Ghulam Nabi Azad 'fooling' people of Jammu and Kashmir: Congress

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 5:

Congress on Sunday hit out at Ghulam Nabi Azad accusing him of 'twisting' facts in his favour to "befool" the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The party also slammed its former leader saying he is working at the behest of his "political bosses".

In an official statement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "Ghulam Nabi Azad while continuing to fulfil his role assigned to him by his bosses today again made a blatant attempt to distort history in an attempt to generate an undue sympathy from the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Ramesh claimed that the former J&K chief minister was lying while saying he fought first election in which he was elected to Lok Sabha on a Congress ticket on his own without help from anyone.

"This is a white lie. In 1980,

he was elected as a Lok Sabha member from Maharashtra's Washim constituency, a Congress stronghold. Prior to that, he had suffered a humiliating defeat in an assembly election in his home state (Jammu and Kashmir)," said Ramesh.

The Congress general secretary said in his first election Azad got 959 votes and forfeited his security deposit, after that he spent most part of his political career in Rajya Sabha.

The Congress leader was reacting to Azad's speech at his first public rally after exiting the party and rebuked major parts of his speech in which he made references towards his initial political journey with the Congress and Rahul Gandhi.

In the rally on Sunday, Azad spelled out the agenda of his yet-to-be-named party - the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, protection of land and job rights of its residents, and the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits.

## Registration Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Registration Certificate for Higher Secondary Examination, bearing Registration No. 30454 of 2020, issued by the Council of Higher Education, Manipur on the way between Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai to Manipur College on August 27, 2022.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

**Laxmichand Hanjambam**  
S/o, Shantikumar Hanjambam  
Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai,  
Imphal West, Manipur

# Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina arrives in Delhi for 4-day visit to upgrade Defence Cooperation, Boost Bilateral Ties

Agency  
New Delhi, Sept 5:

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in New Delhi on Monday for a four-day state visit to India to meet the country's top leadership to further cement the multifaceted relationship between the two countries. During her visit, the Bangladesh Prime Minister is scheduled to ink at least seven bilateral agreements in areas like water management, railway and science and technology.

This is a state visit as Hasina is in India at the invitation of her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, Bangladesh foreign minister Dr AK Abdul Momen told media on Sunday. Issues on top of the agenda are upgrading defence cooperation, expanding regional connectivity initiatives and establishing stability in South Asia.

According to Momen said issues related to security cooperation, investment, enhanced trade relations, power and energy sector cooperation, water sharing of common rivers, water resources management, border management, and combating drug smuggling and human trafficking are likely to get priority during the talks between Hasina and Modi.

Momen, who is also accompanying Hasina to India, said the agreements expected to be inked during the visit would be on water management, railway, science and technology, and information and broadcasting. Furthermore, the two sides are expected to ink an agreement on interim sharing of water of the Kushiya River during



ing Hasina's visit.

The Bangladesh PM is also likely to travel to Ajmer in Rajasthan to visit the Dargah of revered Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti.

During her visit, the Bangladesh Prime Minister is scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. She will also hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will also call on PM Hasina during her visit to New Delhi. This visit is her first visit after both nations' bilateral relations touched their 50th year in 2021.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bangladesh last year, when the country marked the 50th anniversary of its independence, and the 100th birth anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of the nation. Maitri Diwas celebrations were held in

20 capitals around the world including Delhi and Dhaka. Prime Ministers of both countries have met 12 times since 2015.

India and Bangladesh have sought to create a model for regional cooperation besides reviving several connectivity initiatives over the last few years.

Last month, India and Bangladesh finalised the text of the agreement on the interim sharing of river waters. The text of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was finalised at the 38th ministerial-level meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) held in Delhi on August 25. The commission was constituted in 1972 as a bilateral mechanism to address issues of mutual interest on common rivers.

The Akhaura-Agartala rail link between the two countries is also scheduled to reopen soon, and it is anticipated that

Agartala and Chittagong will be connected by air in a few weeks.

Bangladesh is an important partner under India's "Neighbourhood First" policy. The cooperation extends to all fields including security, trade and commerce, power and energy, transport and connectivity, science and technology, defence, rivers, and maritime affairs among others.

Bangladesh is now India's biggest trade partner in South Asia, and the bilateral trade between the two countries have grown from USD 9 billion to USD 18 billion in the last five years.

Bangladesh has become the fourth largest export destination for India with a growth of over 66 per cent from USD 9.69 billion in FY 2020-21 to USD 16.15 billion in FY 2021-22. Despite the Covid pandemic, both countries were able to achieve progress on important connectivity initiatives.

# Assam Rifles organises Ex-servicemen Meet

IT News  
Imphal, Sept 5:

Somsai Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised Ex-Servicemen Meet on September 3 at Ukhrul COB, Somsai BN, Ukhrul District in Manipur. The event saw overwhelming participation wherein more than 100 ex-servicemen from in and around Ukhrul district attended the event.

In the Sequence of events, an enthralling Pipe band display was carried out followed by interaction with the ex-servicemen of Indian Army and Assam Rifles. The interaction was a positive step towards addressing their impending



issues and resolving them.

The conduct of the event was appreciated by the veterans with vigour & enthusiasm. The event has ensured a

long-lasting impact of Assam Rifles in the hearts & minds of the veterans. The event was concluded with refreshments for the ESM.

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# Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra.....

The point is, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' of the Congress will go to waste if Rahul Gandhi fails to get the Muslims to once again aggressively vote for the grand old party, not just in Kerala and Karnataka but in all the states the Congress has a presence. Things Hindu-Muslim have come to such a pass that the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' must unify the majority of Muslims behind Rahul Gandhi. However, it's hard to believe people will fall for 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' and vote Congress.

Second, after religion, there's ideology! People are divided along ideological lines. Ever since 2024, people have been wearing ideology on their sleeves. And except for politicians, nobody else changes from being left-liberal to be right-conservative, and vice

versa, just because there's a Congress 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' on its way to "your town".

And just so that it's understood, the ideological demarcation matches the religious/communal separation. The left-liberal had long ago appropriated 'secular', and the rightwing were automatically apportioned and given the hard option to choose between 'communal' and 'secular' with 'secular' already taken!

The division now is so stark that no 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will make a difference for the "deplorables". Talk of unifying today's Bharat requires a complete overhaul of the human mind. That said, Bharat is divided by income as much as it is by religion/language/caste/sub-castes. To add to these, Rahul Gandhi also talks

of the love/hate divide that separates "Indian" from "Indian". Rahul implicates and indicts Modi with the charge of "spreading hate" even as he brands himself as a harbinger of love. Unfortunately, Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will not make an ounce of difference to love/hate. Cynicism has sunk too deep in the Indian psyche to recognize the difference. Many would rate Rahul Gandhi as too idealistic to be true.

That being said, like Narendra Modi has, and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal seems to be able to commander, Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' should get saturation media coverage, from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, the entire 3676 km distance, to unify India with his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'. (IPA Service)

## Sports

# Durand Cup 20220: Odisha FC down Army Green 1-0, finish group stages with all-win record

Agency  
Guwahati, Sept 5:

Odisha FC pipped Army Green team (AGFT) 1-0 in the Durand Cup football tournament at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium here on Sunday.

A solitary goal from Spanish forward Pedro Martin (83rd minute) helped Odisha FC pick up all the three points.

The Juggernauts thus became the only side in the tournament to finish their Group D campaign with an all-win record, having secured 12 points from four games. They will now head to Kolkata for the knockout games.

Kerala Blasters were the second side to make it to the knockout stages with seven points and two wins from four games.

AGFT, on the other hand, finished third with four points from as many matches.

Odisha FC got their first chance in the 14th minute through young midfielder Raynier Fernandes as he took a shot from his Brazilian teammate Diego Mauricio, but it was off target.

Fernandes took another crack at the opposition goal in the 35th minute but it was thwarted again.

AGFT had two chances in



the goalless first half when Roel Lepcha made an attempt from a distance in the 27th minute.

Another chance for the AGFT arrived just seconds before the half-time whistle, when Gautam had a snap-shot at the goal.

However, both the chances were thwarted by Odisha's young goalkeeper, Dylan D'Silva.

With a drab second half in display, Odisha coach Joseph Gombau made a few changes, including that of Martin, which finally paid dividends towards the end of the game.

Martin made no mistake in the 83rd minute as his clinical finish helped Odisha to finally break the deadlock.

According to the quarterfinal line-up announced by the organizer, Odisha FC as the Group D winner will meet the Group A runner-up Bengaluru FC while Kerala Blasters will take on the Group A topper Mohammedan Sporting SC. The final positions of the other two groups - B and C - will be decided on Monday.

Having already secured its position on top of the group standings with three successive wins, Odisha FC did not

show the urgency for an all-out attack initially. The first half thus ended barren as the Army outfit did not seem to have the requisite arsenal to overwhelm the well-knit defence of Odisha.

The match lived up to the final quarter of the action after Odisha coach Josep Gombau brought in some substitutions to spruce up the attack. This set up the Odisha goal as Martin was released unmarked inside the Army box with a defence-splitting pass from another substitute, Paul Ramfangzuva, and the former finished it with a powerful grounder.

# After Lande's heroics, Odisha Juggernauts crowned champions of Ultimate Kho Kho

## Telugu Yoddhas finish as runners-up in Season 1

IT Correspondent  
Pune, Sept 5:

Suraj Lande's sensational sky dive helped Odisha Juggernauts clinch the title of the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho after beating Telugu Yoddhas by 46-45 in a thrilling final at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Mahalunge, Pune, Maharashtra on Sunday.

After Telugu Yoddhas, managed to add 21 points in the third turn to take 41-27 lead, Sachin Bhargo provided two crucial points for his side and also kept Odisha Juggernauts at bay for 2.44 minutes. When he was dismissed, Telugu Yoddhas were in lead at 45-43 with just 1.24 minutes left in the match.

However, Lande, who tested the defence of Telugu Yoddhas with his stay of 3.03 minutes in the third turn, had different plans for Odisha Juggernauts. With just 14 seconds remaining in the game, he captured Avdhut Patil with a superb sky dive that not only added three winning points for Odisha Juggernauts but also helped them win the title.

Lande scored nine points

in attack for the winning side while Rohan Shingade secured 11 points for Telugu Yoddhas.

Earlier, popular Bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan sang the national anthem in style to kickstart the blockbuster final. The Lions Crew, which won bronze medal in the 2021 World Hip Hop Dance Championship, also exhibited dazzling performance celebrating the India's first-ever franchise-based Kho-Kho league.

Odisha Juggernauts chose to defend as Vishal showcased brilliant skills to put a challenge for the league's best attacking side, Telugu Yoddhas. Coming into the first batch, he defended for four minutes and 23 seconds to score eight bonus points for Odisha Juggernauts and then skipper Dipesh More and Dilip Khadavi added two more points with their unbeaten stay of 2.37 minutes.

With a remarkable defensive display, Odisha Juggernauts held Telugu Yoddhas to 10-10 in the first turn.

Telugu Yoddhas, the first team to reach 100 defensive points in Ultimate Kho Kho, responded well after switching positions as they not only restricted Odisha Juggernauts to

13 points but also added eight points with the help of Adarsh Mohite's 4.12-minute defence. However, Odisha Juggernaut kept themselves ahead with a narrow 23-20 lead at the end of the nail-biting first innings.

Ultimate Kho Kho is promoted by Amit Burman in collaboration with the Kho Kho Federation of India.

Champion Odisha Juggernauts awarded with a whooping INR 1 crore prize money and also the coveted trophy while the second-placed Telugu Yoddhas took home INR 50 lakhs.

Gujarat Giants bagged INR 30 lakh as prize money for their third-place finish.

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Six teams, Chennai Quick Guns, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Khiladis, Odisha Juggernauts, Rajasthan Warriors and Telugu Yoddhas competed over a period of 22 days as the Season 1 was telecasted live in five languages on Sony Sports Network—English, Hindi, Marathi, Telugu and Tamil—as well as streamed live on SonyLIV.