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Union MoS Dr. Rajakumar Ranjan's speech enhance Indo-Japan relationships



Imphal, Feb 16:

Minister of state for external affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan had stated that the India-Japan relationship, based on the robust foundation of mutual trust and shared values of democracy, freedom, and respect for rule of law has evolved over the years into a Special.

He said that the Strategic and Global Partnership, and has become one of the most salient partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region. We hold a shared vision of Indo-Pacific -

a region that is free, open, inclusive, peaceful and prosper-ous. The Minister of State for external affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan said this while deliver-ing speech on occasion of the reception ceremony of Japan's National Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. He said that with India and

Japan taking over the presidencies of G20 and G7 respectively this year, we have an invaluable opportunity to synergize our pri-orities and shape the discourse on key regional and global issues. The overarching theme for array of institutional mechanisms. Building upon the momentum gained last year, we look forward to a year of active political engagement between our two countries, RK Ranian He added that our eco-

nomic partnership is the key pillar of India-Japan relations. With a vision to be a USD 5 trillion economy, India is build-ing a strong foundation of manufacturing, services, agri-culture, and digital technology infrastructure. With our special partnership, we see Japan as a trusted partner in our Journey of quality growth. We are working with Japan to realize the shared intention of IPV 5 trillion investment (USD 42 billion) over the next 5 years from Japan to India, which will be mutually beneficial.

"We are committed to strengthening our partnership with Japan on Trade & Investment, Climate Change, Health Security. Infrastructure. Space, Digital: Industrial, Development, Energy, Critical and Emerging Technologies, and Human Resources", RK Ranjan said.

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Implementation of State Focus Paper will bring about development in Manipur: Governor



Imphal, Feb 16:

Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan has said that implementation of credit plan and developmental programmes based on the State Focus Pa-per 2023-24 potential estimates will encourage national financial inclusion programme and bring about development in the State. He was speaking at Manipur State Credit Seminar 2023-24, held at Hotel Imphal today.

Launching the State Focus paper 2023-24, Governor said, it is a matter of great satisfaction to note that the paper projects the Annual State Credit Potential of Rs.2,599.03 crore under priority sector. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been preparing potential credit plan for all the 16 districts of the State ev-

ery year. Governor continued that since its inception on December 30, 1981, NABARD has been providing credit and other facilities for the promotion of medium enterprises, cottage and village industries, handloom and handicrafts and other allied activities in rural areas with a view to promoting integrated rural development and security prosperity.

Chief Minister N. Biren attends Para-Motor event closing

IT News Imphal, Feb 16:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has proposed opening of a permanent aero sports facility after exploring its feasi-bility and finding a suitable location.

The Chief Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest of the closing function of the 1st North East Aero-Sports Hot Air Balloons and Para-Motor Fiesta, 2023 at Phubala today. The event was inaugurated on February 11, 2023 is organized by the Manipur Aero Sports Association (MASA) in association with Khasia Ventures and sponsored by the Tourism Department, Government of Manipur with Technical Support from Adventure Wing, Indian

He thanked the Indian Army, who provided technical support through its Adventure Wing to the event, and further highlighted that Manipur is suitable for such

adventure sports activities. Further acknowledging the Army's contribution in safeguarding the nation, N. Biren Singh also highlighted that Manipur produces the highest number of defense officers per capita of the popu-lation, maybe next only to Puniab.

. Today, Manipur is also becoming a tourist hotspot, the Chief Minister said high-lighting the INA Headquarter at Moirang, Sangai Ethnic Park and the upcoming G-20 events in the State.

N. Biren Singh also ap-pealed to the people along the highway to accord a warm and traditional welcome to the visiting delegates of the G-20 event which will include 50 foreign delegates.

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Borobekra Sub-Division Public protests against the withdrawal of Assam Rifles camp

IT Correspondent Jirinam, Feb 16:

The public of Borobekra Sub Division, Jiribam District has been agitating against the withdrawal of 39 Assam Rifles post stationed at Goakhal, Jiribam District. The public are in great fear

that if the said Assam Rifles camp is withdrawn then the situation of Borobekra Sub Division turn to be worse and the same jungle rai will again be-

Regarding the withdrawal of Assam rifles camp, they have submitted memorandum to concerned authorities. In which they have mentioned that Borobekra Sub Division had long been remained a mili-



those days the sufferings of the people is beyond de-

scription.

"However, we got rid of that problem by the intervention of Central army in collaboration with State machineries who rooted them out and brought normalcy to this areas", They

India's G20 Presidency is

"Vasudhaiva Kutumbukam" -

One Earth, One Family, One Fu-

ture. Through our presidency,

we would like to build global

consensus on cross-cutting is-

sues such as health-care, digital

transformation, green develop-

ment, accelerating inclusive and

resilient growth and the need for reformed 21st-century institu-

pan partnership, which has ex-panded across all domains -from historical, people-to-

people and culture to political, security and economic link-

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The protesters said, not

only that they safeguarded us since the inception and establishment of central Army tem-porary camp and Goakhal Assam Rifles camp is one such for which we are still breathing sighs of reliefs and advancing towards the path of develop ment with peace and normalcy.

They continued, since from previous 5 days they are pro-testing against the withdrawal of Goakhal Assam Rifles camp but yet not get any positive re

They appealed to the Chief Minister of Manipur to make avail by providing permanent Assam Rifles camp at Goakhal, Borobekra Sub division of Jiribam District so as to maintain peace and normalcy to the

KYKL observes MYL's 19th Raising Day

The 19th raising day of KYKL's armed wing, Miyamgi Yawol Lanmi (MYL) was held today. KYKL observes the day every year as "Lanmee gi Numit." As in previous years, we observed the day at the organization's CHQ, battalions as well as at its units and sections located within and outside

Central Headquarters (CHQ) hosted the primary event of the day, which was attended by several of the organization's key leaders. The event featured the hoisting of the party flag, floral tributes to revolutionary cadres who sacrificed their lives for the cause of national liberation movement, and a speech

by the party chairman.

As he spoke on this occa-sion, chairman N Oken highlighted how the Kanglei people have been lumpenized by Indian colonialism and have lost their revolutionary potential as a result. Chairman's speech is purely an economic explanation for why the Kanglei revolutionary movement is heading south after more than sixty years of its existence.

As he pointed out, Delhi has no interest in increasing Kangleipak's productivity. Rather, it wants to shrink Kanglei economic base, he said. It is because of this that all our traditional skills have been stripped from our hands, he ar-gued. Hence, every Kangleicha must ask why India treats us this way and explain it rationally, he

The chairman made an effort to use captive-market theory to explain the colonial process in a concise manner. This theory argues that India seeks to make the state a captive market for the sale of its commodities. However, he said that while the captive-market theory partially explains the phenomenon, further study is needed in order to fully understand why India wants to keep Kanglei productive forces un derdeveloped and how this is related to the deterioration in its people's consciousness, which makes it virtually impossible for us to ignite a revolution in the

state.

On the basis of the state's existing economic status and its development since it was annexed, he said that India never intended Kangleipak to acquire substantial productive forces. He also argued that by making the people of Kangleipak totally reliant on Delhi's economic handouts, India has attempted to maintain the status quo of its colonial dominance in the state.

Lupmenization of Kanglei people is one of the most dangerous consequences of suppressing our productive forces by Indian colonial rulers. In Maipur, the dehumanization of Kanglei people through Indian colonial economic policy is closely connected to drug men-ace, corruption, criminal activity, and youth immorality. He warned that the two phenom-ena could not be viewed sepa-

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"टे**ष्ट**ए-र्यंभम" (লান্ন-থৌরম)



মালেম তাইবঙ্গপানসিদা ঐখোয় খাইগী ইরক্তা তিনবীরম্বা মরৈবাক্কীদমক খঞ্জবদা মীৎকপ অমফাওবা নঙাইবা ফংজখিদ্রবা লাই ওইখ্রবা **ইরেংবম ভোরোত মীয়ালা চাওরেন** -হায়না খঙনবীখিবনা মপুনা থারকপা চৈশিং-চৈথেক প্রবদনা হৈবাং-হৈশিং প্রনা চাদা লৈবাং-লৈশীং প্রনা চিন্দা তাইবঙ্গ চেংজেল লোইবদনা হৌথিবা লোইদাম ফাইবেন থাগী ১৯নি পানবা, য়াইফরবা কোরৌ ইরাই নুমিৎ, ইং কুমজা ২০২৩ গী ফেব্রুৱারী ১০, নুমিৎ অসিদা শেষীবা মপু মহাক্কী মফমদা লৈরাং লৈনম ওইনা তিনজথ্রে।

লাক্লিবা লোইদাম ফাইরেনগী ২৩নি পানবা, য়াইফরবা কোরৌ লৈপাকপোকপা নুমিৎ, ইং কুমজা ২০২৩ গী ফেব্ৰুৱারী ১৪, নুমিৎ অসিদা মঙানি লৈহুন তমজৱগা, লাক্লিবা লোইদাম ফাইরেনগী ৩০নি পানবা, য়াইফরবা কোরৌ নিংথৌকাবা নুমিৎ, ইং কুমজা ২০২৩ গী ফেব্রুৱারী ২০, নুমিৎ অসিদা লান্ন -থৌরম থোক্লে। নুমিৎ অসিদা লৈখিদ্রবগী থৱায়না মপু মাগী মফমদা ঈংনা চিকনা লৈজকনবগীদমক মপুগী মিংখৈ শক-শোনজদুনা ভমজবা হৈরাং-লৈরাং খরদং

নুমিৎ অসিদা অহল-লমন, মরুপ-মপাং, ইচিন-ইনাও, ইচে-ইচল, খ্বাই খিবিক্লা মতম চানা লেঙবীরভুনা লান্ন থৌরম অসিবু শরুক য়াবীরনবা চেনা লৈরাংগী লৈহুৎ শিন্না লৈকৎচরি। চেনা লৈরাং লৈহুৎ শিঞ্জদুনা পাওজেঞ্জবগী অয়োন-অরান খিবিক ঙাকপীগনি। নোল্লুকচরিবশিংঃ-

ইরেংবম ওংবী যমুনা লৈমা (মমা) ইরেংবম ওংবী জোইশ্রি (পুর্ণিমা) লৈমা (লোইনবী) অমদি ইমুং-মনুং খাগেমপল্লि হুইদ্রোম লৈকাই, ইস্ফাল।

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Traditional Education Vs **Modern Education**



By: Vijay GarG

Traditional Education is also called customary education or conventional education. The main motive of traditional education is to pass on the values, manners skills and the social practice to the next generation which is necessary for their survival. In traditional education, the student learns about the customs and tradition of the society in which he lives. This type of educated is mostly imparted to the students by the means of oral recitation. There is very less written work or practical work. The students simply sit down together and listen to the teacher or another who will recite the lesson. The traditional does not

include written tests but it includes some oral tests which are not very formal. Traditional education is very far from the use of science and technology. Neither the education about the sciences we study today in a great detail is imparted in the traditional education system. Traditional education system basi-cally included the knowledge about customs, traditions, and religions. That is why it is called traditional education.

Modern Education is very different from the traditional education. The education which is taught in the schools today is the modern education. Modern education teaches about the skills required today that is the skills of science and technology, the science of medical science etc. In addition to listening, the modern education includes writing, visualizing, imagining, and think-ing skills. This type of education also includes written tests to examine if the students are learning properly or not. This is done in a very formal way. The methodology used for teaching is very interactive. Modern education is just an evolution of the traditional education which was imparted to the students a few years back.

Traditional Education vs. Modern Education

Traditional and modern educations are both related to each other and different from each other also. In the early history of our country, there was a time where there were no schools. The children acquired the education or knowledge from their ancestors. At that time this knowledge focused only on the skills required for survival. The people who lived in jungles got the education from their ancestors who taught them how to hunt animals for their food. how to use animal skins for different purposes, how to make tools. They were taught about their rituals or the customs they followed. They were taught about the religions the followed. They taught them the stories of their gods and kings from which they could learn good morals. We can say that there was no proper system of education at that time. The kings used to send their sons to schools which were called gurukuls in India. In these gurukuls, they were taught how to use different weapons, how to protect themselves and how to attack their enemies. They were also taught the basic principle of ruling an empire. These types of schools were not meant for the local population. It could only be accessed by the royal families. The rest of the children in the could only be accessed by the royal families. The rest of the children in the empire learnt the skill which their parents possessed from them. As the democratic government was established in the coming years, the importance of education spread throughout the country. Schools were opened where any kind of students could come and learn. This was the establishment of modern that the country of the country of the country of the country of the country. education. This was also the time when science and technology were starting to grow more. New technologies were invented. Many theories came up. Then the time came when these technologies and theories were being widely used in day to day life. The new theories of mathematics were formulated which became important to be taught to the children, the education curriculum started including these theories in them. This moulded the education, And this was how the modern education came into existence. The modern education started to replace the traditional education. This was not accepted by all the people in the society. People thought that the modern education was not good for their children as they did not teach about the religions or traditions and customs. So the modern education did not reach all the children. But slowly and gradually the modern education was accepted by all the people. And today modern education has reached new heights. With the use of science and technology in the teaching methods, education has become all the way more fun, easy interesting for the students.

We can say that the modern education is just a new version or the up radation of the traditional education. Modern education is derived from tradi tional education. Here is a comparison between the modern education and traditional education

The Scenario Now and Then: The scenario of education which now is totally different from the scenario which was a few years back. At that time modern education was not considered good and today traditional education is not considered enough. As the needs of the people are changing, the education system also has to change. And this change should be accepted by the people. Earlier the people used to teach their children how to fulfil their needs. This was the basic aim behind education. And the aim now is still the same. The only thing which has changed is the need of people. With the passing time, the things which were a luxury at that time have formed the basic needs now. As the needs grew, the education had to grow. If the educa-tion did not evolve, then it would be difficult to fulfil the needs of today. Today we have so many things in our house which are for our own convenience. We have washing fans, lights, washing machines, cars, fridge, television, and many more all these items would have never existed if the education was not reformed. The aim of education is still the same but not the scenario of life. A man will want more, the education will grow more. It is possible that the needs of people will grow to that extent that the education will be more reformed after fifty or a hundred years that what we are learning now would be considered totally useless then.

Equality in Education: Traditional education which was provided in schools was not meant for all the children. There was a lot of discrimination among the children. It was considered that education was meant for only high society people. The children who belonged to the families of lower society were not allowed to enter the schools. The traditional education was not meant for everyone. The modern education is accessible by all. Anyone can take admission to a school and learn the modern education. We can say that it is because of the modern education that modern education is accessible by all the children. As the modern education spread, the principle of equality was taught. Every person was started to be considered equal. This lead to the equality in

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Failing Narratives and Deplorable Stalemates



The crass cacophony in the par-liament these days does not endorse the power and glow of India's parliamentary traditions. Rahul Gandhi's blitzkrieg on the Adani meltdown and his questions on the Prime Minister's closeness with the business tycoon, have created some hairraising moments. The Congress has taken this opportunity to project the reinvigorated leader in Rahul Gandhi, who has returned from his lengthy stride across the country. The Bharat Jodo Yatra had increased his responsibility as a leader. Away from power, every political party becomes paranoiac and a composite feeling of hopelessness hover over its imaginations. India's princi-pal opposition the Congress has also been going through such a mental agony. Whatever the ruling dispensation does is taken as immature, illegitimate and anaesthetized by the Congress. The pandemonium in the parliament was a blindfolding exercise. Scripting his own stories of development, the Modi magic has risen beyond the vituperation his opponents could frame for him.

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Not only in the parliament has the
Congress triggered its guns against
the Prime Minister; it has grabbed
chances all over the country. Sonia
Gandhi's 'A silent strike on the poor' in the Indian Express on 6 February was one of those attempts, an article exposing the paranoia her party and family have been susceptible to. She pretends to have known the real trauma of the Indian polity after rereturned from his revival yatra. Every field of social wellbeing of the society, according to her, is trampled and the Modi government has a mottled view on the actual requirement of the country. The budget session of the parliament was sunk in violent, uproarious and profane epithets and the country witnessed chicanery of the opposition during the Prime Minister's speech. Throughout her article she accuses Modi for fraternizing with Adani and throws stones at him for being anti-poor. But what was more unconvincing about her article was, when she said "The promise of independence was of a good life for every Indian, not only to sat-isfy their basic needs but to have elves socially, economically and politically."

An ideal assessment on the performance of the Congress regime in post-independent India gives us glimpses of its pickpocket adminis-tration with hundreds of scams derailing India's reputation. During the long period of the Congress Raj, three members of her family directly ruled the country for about three decades. India witnessed its most disastrous days of political anarchy when the country was under the di-rect control of her family. It also witnessed the largest bloodbath singlehandedly perpetrated by her party when Indira Gandhi was shot dead. The anti-Sikh riots followed by the assassination of Indira Gandhi killed thousands of Sikhs. India's UPA regime was known for its scams and scandals and corruptions. Sonia Gandhi had conveniently forgotten her party's failure to satisfy the dream of 'good life' of Indians , as what she claims was the goal of

Modi's premiership in 2014 be gan with his regime determinedly addressing the basic necessities of the country. Modi's image as the Prime Minister was put to scrutiny Red Fort about women empower-ment and his government's initiative in providing sanitary napkins at 1 rupee. Breaking the taboo, he became evocative on the health hazards of poor women during their menstruation period. The country heard him preach his MPs to use their funds to build toilets for girls separately. His call for separate toilets for girls had saved millions of girls from being dropped from schools. He became the first Prime Minister to stir up issues that his predecessors preferred to brush under the carpet with condescension. He became a trend setting Prime Minister who addresses issues that remained abandoned for decades. The acceptance Modi enjoys in India and abroad has been the result of his honest interventions to fulfil the requirements of the normal citizens. A chain of welfare projects such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Shramew Jataye Yojana and many more in the line have tremendously impacted the

lives of millions of people Most economists are of the opin-ion that the Finance Minister has delivered a balanced budget with a long term vision. But throughout the budget session the country witnessed deliberate chaos shattering the constitutional stature of the parliamentary proceedings. Decades of Congress rule failed to do anything to improve the living conditions of Indians but the efforts for nearly a decade by the Modi government not only improved the socio-eco-nomic conditions but also India as a nation could reinvent its strength with its ancient cultural values gaining international recognition. The damage that the Congress regime caused on Indian society was so deep that a regime with an honest approach and vision would at least take 20 years to rectify them. Modi could successfully connect his mind

and could do more to satisfy their needs. No initiatives in the direction of changing the fortunes of the people will be completely perfect but Modi's success is his consistent effort to bring about the change

I have vivid memories of my childhood being spent fetching drinking water from distant places. The government those days quenched the thirst of the villagers with mobile water tanks. High altitude areas of Kerala never imagined that uninterrupted water connectivity to houses was possible. But to-day, this has become a reality. Same is the case with electricity. The Modi government could actualize this and beyond for the common man. In her article, Sonia Gandhi bemoaned about the plight of the poor in the country. The government's war footing initiatives could successfully arrest the Covid 19 pandemic in India vaccinating almost everybody in the country. Records say that India had distributed over 94 million doses of Covid vaccines to almost 94 countries. This has been a phenomenal achievement for a developing country. India's compassionate humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka, Nepal and Afghanistan and the latest in Turkey shows its decision making capacity at a faster pace well before the international commu-nity responded. The trigger-or the pretext behind the outrageous hul-labaloo in the parliament and elsewhere is the outcome of an utter helplessness of parties that failed to strengthen their roots. It is of vital importance for the parties to main-tain decorum in their political behaviour. For the ruling and the opposition, interactions to convince each other are must. Plagued by beleaguered propositions and war-mongering, parliament sessions are a huge waste of time and money

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CBI's Jurisdiction Ceases if Chargesheet Lacks PC Act Offences; Specific State Consent **Needed to Prosecute: Meghalava HC**

By: Sanjeev Sirohi, Advocate

While ruling quite specifically on jurisdiction of CBI, the Meghalava High Court has in a notable oral judgment titled Shri T Pathaw Vs Inspector of Police, CBI & Anr in Crl. Petn. No. 48 of 2022 and cited in 2022 LiveLaw (Meg) 10 that was pronounced finally on February 10, 2023 has ruled explicitly that the CBI is well within its right to investigate offences under IPC pro-vided they are in nexus with offences under Prevention of Corruption Act. It was also clarified by the Court that however when the offences under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act are dropped from the chargesheet, for CBI to continue its prosecution, specific consent of the State is required as jurisdiction of the CBI would cease as on the date of filing of such charge sheet. It must be mentioned here that the observations were made by the Single Judge Bench of Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh while hearing a plea in terms of which the petitioner had invoked the jurisdiction of the Court with a prayer to set aside and quash the FIR that was filed by the Head of Branch, CBI, ACB, Shillong and a consequent chargesheet being filed leading to the formal proceeding before the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Shillong. The Court thus allowed the etition and the FIR dated 10.12.2015 filed by the Head of Branch, CBI, ACB, Shillong and the related proceedings in CR Case No.(S) of 2017 before the court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shillong are

hereby set aside and quashed.

At the very outset, this learned oral judgment authored by the Single Judge Bench of Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh of Meghalaya High Court sets the ball in motion by first and foremost putting forth in para 1 that, "This is an application under Section 482 preferred by the petitioner herein with a prayer to set aside and quash the FIR dated 10 12 2015 filed the Head of Branch, CBI, ACB, Shillong and upon investigation, a consequent chargesheet dated 31.12.2016 being filed leading to the formal proceeding being CR Case No. 38(S) 2017 now pending before the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shillong with the petitioner herein as the sole accused.

Simply put, the Bench then states in para 3 that, "The learned counsel has then submitted that the petitioner herein is the Chairman of M/s Ranger Security and Service Organisation dealing mostly in the area of outsourcing of manpower to various organisation requiring such man-

As we see, the Bench then mentions aptly in para 4 that, "North East-ern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) has floated tender for availing the services of outsource personnel at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong and the petitioner's Organisation be-ing the successful bidder has thereafter entered into an Agreement for Outsourcing Manpower dated 01.01.2012."

It is also worth mentioning that the Bench then aptly observes in para 5 stating that, "Pointing out some relevant clauses from the said agre ment, particularly clauses 6, 7 and 15 of the same, the learned counsel has submitted that it was agreed that the petitioner/Second Party shall deploy the required manpower of NEIGRIHMS and such manpower shall be the employees of the peti-tioner/Second Party. It was also incumbent upon the petitioner/Second Party to ensure that due compliance with all statutory obligations under all related legislations including com-pliance under the provisions of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (hereinafter referred to as EPF Act) and ESI Act, etc., as far as the said personnel deployed are concerned. At this juncture, the learned counsel has candidly admittedly that the petitioner at the relevant point of time had failed to comply with the condi-tions and provisions of the EPF Act as far as contribution toward the fund on the part of the employer is concerned

It is worth noting that the Bench notes in para 7 that, "On the matter being investigated, the Investigating Officer(I/O) then filed a final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C before the Court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shillong, exonerating the role of A-1 and A-2 respectively, on the ground of insufficient evidence, but has however implicated A-3, the petitioner herein as having commit-

ted an offence under Section 420, 406 IPC for allegedly fraudulently and dishonestly misappropriating an amount of 1 20,93,305/- meant for EPF. The respondent/CBI has also submitted a list of 164 prosecution wit-nesses and 640 voluminous documents to be proved. Accordingly, a regular case being CR Case No. 38(S) 2017 was registered and is now pending before the court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shillong. The matter is at the stage of consid eration of charges."

Be it noted, the Bench notes in

para 23 that, "Factually established, the CBI on some source information or otherwise have found it fit to lodge an FIR implicating two persons who are admittedly public servants being employees of NEIGRIHMS and the petitioner herein who is a private individual, in a case under Section 120B, 420 IPC and Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. At this stage, no-body has questioned the jurisdiction of the CBI to launch prosecution. However, once investigation is completed, the Investigating Officer has filed the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C and has come to the conclusion that no case is made out against the two public servants, but instead a case under Section 420 and 406 IPC has been made out against the petitioner herein and the matter was forwarded to the court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shillong for trial."

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Heroin worth Rs 84 crore brought from Harare seized at Mumbai Airport

By Raju Vernekai

11.94 kilograms of heroin worth Rs. 84 crore was seized, from a woman passenger, who had arrived from Harare in Zimbabwe, at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International airport, by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).

The passenger Rukshana Shaikh and her accomplices-Amir Sayyed and Raees Meerza, who came to the airport to pick her up, were arrested by the DRI, under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act 1985, the DRI official said on Wednes-

day. Rukshana Sheikh, who arvia Nairobi by Kenya Airways on Tuesday, was apprehended based on specific intelligence.

A search of her baggage resulted in the recovery and seizure of 11.94 kg of creamcoloured granules. The sub-



stance was concealed inside the trolley bags and file fold-After testing, the substance was identified to be heroin, a narcotic drug covered under the NDPS Act, 1985.

The seized substance is collectively valued at approxi-mately Rs. 84 crore in the illicit market. The woman passenger claimed that the seized drug was given to her in Harare and that she was to deliver them to Savved and Meerza, who were ted from outside the airport, the official said.

The DRI suspects that a large syndicate of heroine supply is behind this as such a huge quantity has come to Mumbai by air. The officials are now interrogating and investigating further to unearth the entire chain of heroine

This was a major seizure this year, by DRI after the heroin worth Rs 100 crore was seized at Mumbai airport, from a pas-senger, who had arrived from Malawi, an African country, in October last. Subsequently a woman Ghanaian national was nabbed from a hotel in Delhi when she came to take the delivery of the drug.

India records 102 fresh COVID-19 infections, 3 deaths, Active cases at 1,823

Agency New Delhi, Feb 16:

India reported 102 new cases of COVID-19 with 3 deaths in the last 24 hours, said the Union Health Ministrv website on Wednesday, February 15.

Two people died in Uttar Pradesh and one in Kerala, taking the total number of people who have died from the infection since the COVID-19 pandemic began to 5,30,756, ac cording to the data uploaded at 8 AM.

The total number of active COVID-19 cases in India now stands at 1,823 with a 0.08 percent daily positivity rate. The weekly rate stands at 0.09 percent.

The total number of Coronavirus cases reported as on February 15 is now 4.46 crore (4,46,84,376). While the total fatality rate is 1.19 per-

istered by Cyber Crime Police

Station Kohima (Nagaland) against HPZ token and others

in October 2021. The complaint

was filed by three individuals (two local Naga women and a

non-Naga man). The Nagaland police had formed a five-mem-

ber Special Investigation Team.

App-Based Token which prom-

ised users of high returns

against 'investment' in mining

machines for Bitcoin and other

crypto currencies. After the vic-tims got their initial profits, they

were asked to bring in more in

vestors to get more incentives

apart from their investments by

down line commission. The

mode of payment was through

can investigate into cases in-

The HPZ Token was an

cent, the recovery rate increased to 98.81 percent with 4.41.51.797 so far have recov-

ered from the disease.

India continued ahead on the vaccination front with 220.63 crore doses administered so far, informed the Union Health Ministry website.

In a recent study, it was revealed people who were in-fected from COVID-19 had continued lung abnormalities even two years after recovering from the disease.

The study based on CT Scans showed there are concerns that people who have recovered from COVID-19 may suffer long term organ damage, especially of the lungs. Globally, more than 600 million people have recovered from COVID-19. This is the first research paper with two-year follow-up data on COVID-19 lung effects, it said. It is published in the journal Radiology.

'BBC I-T survey enters 3rd day'

Agency New Delhi, Feb 16:

All staff required for the broadcasting services, including television and radio and bulletins, have been working from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Delhi office since the income tax department have launched survey operations, sources told India Today. The I-T sleuths are carrying out survey operations at the BBC India offices in Delhi and Mumbai for the third day on Thursday over allegations of tax evasion.

The taxmen landed at the BBC offices in Delhi and Mumbai offices on Tuesday at 11:30 am to investigate issues related to international taxation and transfer pricing of BBC subsidiary companies.

There has been no interference in the editorial work and the movement of the editorial staff has not been restricted. sources told India Today. They said that the movement of the editorial staff was not restricted since 5 pm on Febru-

ary 14, Tuesday.

The survey operations have been going on for the third day in a row as officials continue to gather financial data from select staffers and made copies of electronic and paper data of the news organisation.

I-THEATON BBC

The income tax officials have alleged that the broadcaster was served with notices in the past, but was "defiant and non-compliant" and had significantly diverted its prof-

The survey teams are seeking answers on financial transactions, the company structure and other details about the news company, and are copy-ing data from electronic gadgets as part of their task of collecting the evidence, tax officials told PTI.

The taxmen had shared a document with the editors of the BBC which states they have permission to conduct the survey for three days. sources told India Today

Authorities told PTI on Wednesday that the exercise would continue for some more time, saving the "exact time frame to call the operation closed rests entirely on the teams on the ground".

ED Freezes Rs 29 Crore in HPZ App-Based Token Fraud corded on the basis of FIR reg-

By Raju Vernekar

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) carried out raids under the provisions of the Pre-vention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in several cities including Mumbai, in connection with the misuse of a "Chinese-controlled" invest-ment app (HPZ token app) and other similar applications by various entities and freezed Rs 29 crore, on Wednesday.

Besides Mumbai, the raids were conducted at Delhi, Gurgaon (Haryana), Bangaluru (Karnataka) and Chennai and Salem (Tamil Nadu) and an amount of Rs. 29.5 crore lyingin various Bank accounts. DEMAT Account was freezed. In the search operation, various incriminating documents and digital evidences were also seized. With the current seizure, total freezing in this case is now Rs. 86.5 crore, an official statement read.

ED Investigation revealed that two entities namely "Lillian Technocab Pvt Ltd" and Shigoo Technology Private Limited", both operating from New Delhi, were involved in the operating and collecting money from investors in the name of HPZ token. These entities were linked to various Chinese con-

trolled companies. One Bhupesh Arora with others had control over Shigoo Technology Private limited" and he was indulged in operating unregistered gam-ing Apps/website in this company and other entities and was collecting money fraudulently from the gullible public in the garb of these Apps/website. It was also revealed that

various other companies were indulging in receiving funds from public on the pretext of operating various applications or websites for gaming, loans and others Some amounts were paid back to the investors and the remaining diverted to various individual and company accounts, while a part of the funds was siphoned off in the form of digital/virtual curren-

ED suspects the involve-ment also of Jilian Consultants India Pvt Ltd, Gurugram (Haryana), behind various companies involved in these frauds. The Jillian Consultants is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jilian Hong Kong Limited. Besides, a Hyderabad-based company named Husys Consulting Limited, listed on the stock ex-changes, was also probed ear-

The ED has identified the entities as Comein Network Technology, Mobicred Technology, Magic Data Technology, Baitu Technology, Aliyeye Network Technology India, Wecash Technology, Larting Private Limited, Magic Bird Technology and Acepearl Services Private Limited

The agency also found that Comein Network Technology and others, in service agree ments with various non-bank ing financial companies, were allegedly operating multiple suspicious online loan and other apps, such as Cashhome, Cashmart and Easyloan, and received funds from the pub-

an app downloaded from the HPZ website in virtual payment The instant case was readdresses/UPIs.

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Traditional Education Vs....

Today, we have reached a time when all the children no matter what their caste is, no matter what their religion is, no matter what society they belong, everyone sits together in a classroom and study together. This was not seen in the traditional education which was not accessible by all. Moreover, traditional education was not taught to the girls in the society. But the modern education does not follow gender discrimination. Girls and boys have equal right to gain the education

The Knowledge Imparted: As mentioned above, in the traditional education the students are taught about traditions, customs, rituals, and religion. In the modern education, the students are taught about science, technology, language skills. and mathematics etc. the knowledge imparted in the traditional education system was enough for one's own living, but it was not enough to match the whole world. There was no proper system of education. Every student was educated in a different way. There was no uniformity in what was being taught to the stu-dents. The modern education is also not enough. With the passing time, everything is becoming outdated and there is a need to expand the modern education

now and then.

Teaching Methodology: the teaching methodology used in the modern education is definitely better than that of the traditional education. It is more interesting and understandable. It focuses on understanding a topic, not cramming it.

Which is better Traditional

Education or Modern Educa-

Both the types of education have their own place and impor-tance. We cannot declare any type of education good or bad. The traditional was good in its period and the modern education is good in its period. Actually, it depends on the person. It depends on what the person wants to learn. If a person wants to learn about his customs and religion, then definitely traditional education is better for him. On the other hand, if a person wants to learn about science or mathematics, then modern education is good for him. Both the type of the educations is equally important. Traditional educated is often associated with our culture. And it is good or we can say it is important to learn about own culture. Everyone should what are their traditions, culture and the stories and beliefs of their religion. In the same way, it is equally important to catch up with the world in terms of the modern developments which are occurring today. This describes the importance of modern education. Modern education is required to stay in touch with the whole world and to see what is happening in the world. But with the increasing importance of modern education traditional education is being overlooked which is wrong. If we will totally neglect the traditional education our culture will become extinct. No one would have any knowledge about their own culture. We have to preserve our culture for the future generation. For this, we have to learn what our culture is. For this purpose, traditional education is important.

Conclusion

We cannot conclude that which education is better because both the types have their own importance. Both the types are also similar to each and different to each other. Modern education is inherited from the traditional education. But due to modern education, traditional education is being neglected which would result in losing our culture. The traditional education and the modern education. both should be given equal importance.

Needless to say, the Bench then states in para 24 that, "The CBI is the premiere investigating agency of India known to investigate several cases of corruption particularly under the PC Act, 1988 as well as other economic crimes or special crimes. The legal powers of investigation of the CBI are derived from the DSPE Act, 1946. As pointed out by the learned DSGI, Section 3 of the DSPE Act provides for offences to be investigated by the CBI on being notified by the Central Gov ernment in this regard. An extract from the CBI manual was produced in court by the learned DSGI wherein under the heading Section 3, at col-umn A, a list of offences punishable under various sections of the Indian Penal Code has been listed. Section 420

Most significantly, the Bench then mandates in para 25 holding that, "However, under Section 6 of the said DSPE Act, if the CBI is to operate in any of the States, consent of such State Government for exercise of its powers and jurisdiction is required. By now it is well settled that CBI

and 406 being included

therein which can be investi-

gated upon by the CBI."

volving offences under the PC Act, however, when it comes to offences under the IPC which are generally taken up and investigated into by the State or local police, if a particular case involves provisions of offences under the PC Act as well as IPC then the CBI would be well within its right to investigate into such cases, but if, as in the present case, though initially the offences involves provisions under the PC Act along with those under the IPC, which was rightfully investigated into by the CBI, after the fil-ing of the charge sheet wherein only the provisions under the IPC remains, while the offences under the provisions of the PC Act were dropped, including release of liabilities of the public servants implicated therein, it stands to reason that the jurisdiction of the CBI would ceased as on the date of filing of the charge sheet. At this juncture, if the CBI is to continue prosecution, the specific consent of the State is required. Admittedly, nothing is on record as to whether such consent was given or not or whether the same was requested or not. In view

thereof, as submitted by the learned counsel for the peti-tioner, that the charge sheet was forwarded by the CBI in the court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, the same was without jurisdiction. On this ground alone, the entire proceedings against the peti-tioner are vitiated." Most remarkably, the

CBI's Jurisdiction Ceases if Chargesheet....

Bench hastens to add in para 31 observing that, "On an analysis of the case of the parties herein and the observations made above, this Court would refer to the case of State of Haryana & Ors. v. Bhajanlal & Ors.: 1992 Suppl (1) SCC 335, wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court categorising instances or illustrations within which the inherent power of the High Court under 482 can be exercised, one such instance being para 102(1), this Court applying the principle therein, is convinced that the petitioner has made out a case for his prayer to be al-lowed. The said paragraph reads as follows:

"102 (1) Where the allegations made in first information report or the complaint, even if they are taken at their face value and accepted in their entirety do not prima facie constitute any offence or accused..

As a corollary, the Bench then most commendably holds in para 32 that, "In the light of the above, this peti-tion is hereby allowed, the FIR dated 10.12.2015 filed by the Head of Branch, CBI, ACB, Shillong and the related proceedings in CR Case No. (S) of 2017 before the court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shillong are hereby set aside and quashed.

Finally, the Bench con-cludes by holding in para 33 that, "Petition disposed of. No

In conclusion, it can well be said that the Meghalaya High Court has made it indubitably clear that CBI's jurisdiction ceases if the chargesheet lacks Prevention of Corruption Act offences. It was also made absolutely clear by the Bench that when the offences under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act are dropped from the chargesheet, for CBI to continue its prosecution, specific consent of the State is required as jurisdiction of the CBI would cease as on the date of filing of such chargesheet. Very rightly so! Imphal Times

Narcotic drug seized on Sangai Ethnic Park route

IT News Imphal, Feb 16:

The team of CDO Bishnupur led by ASI Birendra Aimol assisted by ASI S Ojit, Allifold assisted by ASI S OJII, under the supervision of In-spector Shaktishen, OC CDO Bishnupur seizes drugs on the road to Sangai Ethnic Park, Moirang Khunou in Bishnupur District today.

The drug were seized

while conducting regular frisking along the road. The drugs were seized while checking a suspicious vehicle (a Jeep) bearing registration Number MN 01AG 7875 at around 9 am.

As per source the driver identified himself as Ngamkholet Lhungdim (30) s/o Holkholun Lhungdim of



Phoilen village, Chandel district and passenger Lhingneikim Lhungdim, wife of the above. On searching their vehicle, 101 soap cases containing suspected Heroin no. 4 was found concealed

The persons have been arrested and a case is being registered at Bishnupur Po-

Discussion on "The Environmental Impacts of the Water Crisis in Manipur" held

IT News Imphal, Feb 16:

A One-day Round Table Discussion on "The Environmental Impacts of the Water Crisis in Manipur" was held on the 16th of February, 2023 at the conference hall of the Depart-ment of Zoology, Manipur University. The event was jointly organised by the Department of Zoology, Manipur University, the Department of For-estry and Environmental Science, Manipur University and the Apunba Imagi Machasing Manipur under the guidance of the North Eastern Region Com-munity Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), a joint developmental initiative of the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of DoNER, Government of India.

Prof N Mohilal Meitei of the

Manipur University graced the the event. Guest of Honours included Yutaka Agatsuma, Chairman, Asia Supporting Organization, APOP, Japan and Teruaki Watanabe, Director of TMH Green, a Japanese firm based in India. Dr. Homen Thangjam, Faculty, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus Manipur was the Special Guest of the event. Dr Vivek K. Vaishnav, Head, Department of Forestry & Environment Science.

over the function. The event started with pre-tations from representatives of NERCOMP units in Manipur such as the Chandel Unit, Tamenglong Unit and Senapati Unit about the activities and achievements of their respective units. These presentations were followed by a presenta-

Manipur University presided

tion by Mr Watanabe on behalf of Agatsuma about their organisations' interventionist activities in Myanmar in the horticultural and agricultural domain as steps towards sensitisation the people against poppy plantation and defores-

Next Dr. Homen Thangjam shared his thoughts about the "essence" of water in Manipuri civilisation and the water crisis that the citizens of Manipur is facing at the moment. He emphasised that once governance distortions are corrected and people get their due shares, many of the crises can be over-come in Manipur including water crisis.

Prof N Mohilal Meitei emphasised that we need to learn from people like Agatsuma in bringing about a green world through community participa-tion. Preventing water crisis demands voluntary contribution from the communities and assist government in solving the problem.

Dr Vivek K. Vaishnav ap-

praised the activities of the Department of Forestry & Environment Science has been undertaking in the far-flung areas of Manipur. According to him, people resort to illegal practices like poppy cultivation because they want "easy money" So making people get their de-serving basic needs is the call of the hour and at the same time awareness programmes are needed to sensitise people about environmental issues.
The presentations were fol-

lowed by a round of discussion in which participants expressed their opinions. After proposing the Vote of Thanks, Agatsuma and Watanabe distributed Japanese sesame seeds to the par-

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Union MoS Dr. Rajakumar.....

He further added that Under Defense and Security cooperation, recently held inaugural bilateral air exercise "Veer Guardian" is another welcome step in further enhancing muunderstanding between our Defense and Security establishments.
"India-Japan partnership

today goes beyond bilateral cooperation to cooperation in various plurilateral and multilateral platforms including Quad and Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI). We thank Japan for its support during our non-permanent membership in UNSC for the term 2021-22 and look forward to working with Japan during 2023-24 term.

Cultural and people to people exchanges are hall-

mark of India-Japan partnership. Beginning from Buddhism to the growing popularity of Yoga and Ayurveda, Indian traditions have always found a home in Japan. I believe there is immense potential in bringing the people of our countries even closer through academic, youth and sports exchanges", MoS DR. RK Ranjan Said.

Implementation of State Focus Paper....

Citing the importance of green and renewable energy, La. Ganesan said, the Centre has a long term goal of reaching net zero carbon emission by 2070. In addition, empowerment of women and the hith-erto non-bankable group of people through banking link-ages by forming into formal groups like Self-Help Groups, etc. not only accelerate the not only accelerate the growth momentum but also leads to equitable sustainable development. Priority sector landing and financial inclusion

are the important priorities of the Government with an objective to extend financial services to people to unlock its growth potential with the motto from Jandhan to Jansuraksha.

Governor appealed the banks and other financial institutions who are allotted targets for opening of branches at the identified locations to put necessary efforts for early opening of branches in all these locations.

Additional Chief Secretary P. Vaiphei also spoke on vari-

ous potentials of agriculture and horticultural development in the State. He said, the Centre is introducing new initia-tives for re-introduction of natural farming processes and organic farming.
Tongkhopao Lhungdim,

DGM, RBI, Imphal and Hepuni Bismarck, Convenor, SLBC, Imphal also spoke in the semi-nar. Bankers who are taking the lead in enrolling and implementation of various financial inclusion programmes were also felicitated in the seminar.

Chief Minister N. Biren attends.....



The closing function was also attended by Ministers Shri Govindas Konthoujam, L. Susindro Meitei, MP (Rajya Sabha) Maharajah Leishemba Sanajaoba, Moirang MLA Th Shanti, LDA Chairman M. Asnikumar, officials of the 57 Mountain Division among

Earlier, in the morning the Chief Minister also inspected the Sangai Ethnic Park at Moirang Khunou and Heritage Site INA Headquarter at Moirang. The park is a major destination of the G-20 delegates, who will be reaching the State on Friday, N. Biren Singh also attended a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Loktak Lake Front at Sendra. The Chief Minister also accompanied by Ministers Govindas Konthoujam, L. Susindro Meitei, Moirang MLAs Th Shanti, T. Robindro, LDA Chairman M. Asnikumar, Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Administrative Secretaries among others.

Central Bureau of Communication celebrates Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Jiribam

IT Correspondent Jiribam, Feb 16:

A part of Government of India celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 years of Independence and 8 Saal: Seva Sushasan Garib Kalvan, EBSB, G-20, IYM-2023

across the country.
The Central Bureau of Communication, Regional Office, Imphal an integrated media units under Ministry of information & Broadcasting specialising in traditional folk & art activities have also cel-

ebrated at Jiribam District.
As a part of this celebrations, a departmental troupe consisting of 20 members (Staffs/ Artistes/Empanelled Artistes/Technicians) of Central Bureau of Communication, Regional Office, Imphal organised 3 days publicity awareness campaign in Jiribam District from 12 February to 14 February 2023 for disseminating government activities and achievements at the various places of Jiribam.

The programme compris-ing dances of India i.e. Manipur, Nagaland, Assam, Bihar, Madhyapradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Rajasthan, Gujarat etc. with theme songs on government policies programme (achievement), patriotic songs, Re-gional songs, Manipuri Martial Arts and a skit on National Integration & Communal Har-

The programme is aimed to let the people take pride in the nation and recalled how the country has evolved after Independence as well as strengthening, unity in diver-sity among the masses.

KYKL observes MYL's 19th.... According to him, the macial classes and would oppose

jority of Kanglei people are se-verely lumpenized, decompos-ing, and dehumanized. In addition, the wealth gap has grown significantly in society. Some people become quite wealthy, while others remain in abject poverty. More concerning is the fact that both groups of people utilize predatorymethods to earn mone

These groups of people are very dangerous for the revolutionary movement. No matter how it affects society, they will do whatever is necessary to fur-ther their objectives. They will never be able to grasp the reality of their situation because of their regressive consciousness. As a result, even they will not think to try to change the social circumstances that dehumanize them. Therefore, lumpenization is India's colonial effort to form reactionary elements within Kanglei society. Delhi believes that by doing this, the Kanglei revolutionary movement will collapse owing to the reactionary element within it without much effort on Delhi's part, N

nomic classes in society, the lumpen proletariat and lumpen bourgeoise, after analysing our society. He continued by saying that both classes were sothe Kanglei revolution. The two socioeconomic strata, he said, were the offspring of the Indian colonial economy imposed in Kangleipak, where Delhi prohibited Kangleipak's own produc-tive forces from growing, keeping the population reliant on Indian dole payments.

Continuing his speech, he said, "The lumpen elements present in our society, such as small-time drug dealers, thieves. gang members, hustlers, etc., prey on each other in order to survive. Besides, their physical selves are completely disconnected from their spiritual selves. Their primary motivation is predatory behavior. These are the people who would rather play sycophancy to wealthy and powerful people rather than start a revolution. They make money only through crime."

About the lumpen bourgeois the chairman said, "They are the ones who have amassed wealth through criminal activity. They include corrupt contractors, drug lords, and dishonest bureaucrats. Their illicit wealth will eventually allow them to rise to power. Many of these indi-viduals currently have seats in the Manipur state assembly." Now that Lumpenisation

has penetrated so deeply, Kangleichas have forgotten that they belong to an oppressed group of people. Therefore, most of them do not feel the need to launch a revolutionary movement in Kanglei society, he argued.

Answering the question, "What shall we do now?" is an extremely important task for this generation of Kangleicha, he asserted. He also stressed the importance of equipping people with revolutionary consciousness if we are to create a new society.

Toward the end of his

speech, he pointed out that In-dians want to lumpenize the Kanglei people so that they lack the consciousness to initiate a revolution. This reality led the chairman to argue that our only chance of fighting colonialism lies in mass proletarianization. By doing this, he argues, we could persuade the lumpen bourgeoisie and proletariat to become revolutionaries. This would also enable us to broaden the social base of the Kanglei revolution, he said.

Concluding his speech, he called on Kanglei revolutionary organizations to unite into a single body unitary in spirit and ideology. Only by doing this will we be able to resist Indian colo-nialism and build the Kanglei society that we all aspire to, he

Sports

Women's T20 World Cup: Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh steal the show as India defeat West Indies by 6 wickets

Agency Cape Town, Feb 16:

Deepti Sharma shone with the ball before Richa Ghosh led India to a six-wicket win over West Indies in their Women's T20 World Cup Group 2 match here on Wednesday. Deepti spun a web around

the West Indies batters to re-strict them to 118 for six after being asked to bowl.

The seasoned off-spinner (3/15) picked three wickets to the first Indian to get to 100 T20I wickets.

"It is a milestone (100 wick-

ets), but that is on the side. My focus is on the result and the team. It is a turning wicket and helped me a lot. I focused on the stump to stump line." the stump-to-stump line, Deepti said after being adjudged Player of the Match.

Ghosh (44 not out) and captain Harmanpreet Kaur (33) then put up a vital 72-run stand to take India to their second victory of the tournament with

11 balls to spare. The win also strengthened India's chances for a semifinal spot. The 'Women in Blue' spot. The 'Women in Blue' (+0.590) are second behind England (+2.497) in Group 2 owing to an inferior net run rate. Needing less than run a ball,

India were off to an electric start with openers Shafali Verma (28) and Smriti Madhana (10) taking the team total to 31 in four overs on the back of six fours.

But India lost the momentum as slow bowling did the trick for West Indies. Mandhana missed off-spinner Karishma Ramharack's (2/14) ball completely, resulting in an easy stumping for wicketkeeper Rasha Williams.

Last game match-winner Jemimah Rodrigues (1) became Hayley Matthews (1/12) first

and only victim of the day as the skipper took a stellar catch

of her own bowling.

After two low-scoring overs, Shafali tried to up the ante only to be caught at long leg and West Indies picked three wickets in quick succes-

Harmanpreet took her time

settle down before hitting back-to-back fours off Afy Oken said in his speech.

He identified two socioeco-Fletcher (0/24) in the ninth over The India skipper's knock came off 42 balls with the help of three boundaries. Ghosh what she does best - finish