

Manipur Legislative Assembly Session:

Demand for grants for Rs. 47,349,321,000/- passed

IT News
Imphal, Feb 23:

The 5th sitting of the 3rd session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly today passed the demand for grants of Rs.47,349,321,000/- for 8 (eight) departments.

What is interesting in today's demand discussion is that none of the MLA including from the major opposition Party Congress raised no cut motion to the demand for State legislatures which is limited to Rs. 252,20,86,000/-; to the demand for Council of Ministers which reached Rs. 15,27,88,000/- and for the Secretary which is allocated as Rs. 180,49,77,000/-.

Cut motion to the demand for grants were raised from opposition MLAs to the demand for grants of the education department which is limited to Rs. 3291,78,35,000/-,

and also for the demand for Sericulture which is proposed for Rs. 51,25,69,000/-.

MLA of Khundrakpam Assembly Constituency Th. Lokeshwar Singh and Sugnu AC MLA K. Ranjit put up strong opposition to the passing of the demand for Water Resources department on the ground that there is no need of policy to the vanishing of water sources and also no proper irrigation system in Manipur.

The opposition MLAs also raised the cut motion on the ground that the construction of Dolaithabi Dam is incomplete.

MLA Lokeshwar said that the left and right canal of the Dolaithabi Dam has not been completed and it should be a shame for the government to take the dam as completed.

MLA Lokeshwar further said that most of the govern-

ment work are being implemented without proper order.

"It seems like that some people are acting as dictator to loot the money of the people", Lokeshwar said urging the leader of the house to look into the matter.

While passing the demand for education, Congress MLA K. Ranjit, Th. Lokeshwar and Surjakumar Okram raise the cut motion on the ground that there is a delay in systematic appointment of Principal, Vice-Principal, Headmaster and Asst. Headmaster of schools; Delay in absorption of staffs after conversion of aided-colleges into full-fledged colleges (6 nos.); Lack of proper policy to convert Government aided schools into full-fledged Government schools; Need of proper policy to fill up vacant sanctioned posts (teaching and non-teaching

staffs) in Government-aided school; Inability to manage administration of Government aided colleges as per Education Code 1982; Inability to solve the confusion regarding the number of letters in Meetei/Meitei Mayek script; Improper recruitment process in filling up vacant posts in the Education Department; Lack of teaching and non teaching staff in Dhanamanjuri University leading to the failures of academic approaches and administrative failures; Lack of adequate staff in Hindi Teachers' Training college; Non-appointment of regular Principals in Government colleges; Non-appointment of librarians in colleges and schools; Lack of preparation to fully implement NEP 2020; Non-appointment of regular teaching staff in SCERT including the post of Director.

Minister Th. Biswajit gives reply to all questions asked to him in reasonable way

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At what could be considered as an exemplary to all the Ministers or legislatures of the state, Cabinet Minister in Charge of Agriculture, Climate Change, Forest and others, Thongam Biswajit today manage to answer all questions raised during the ongoing 3rd session of the 12th Manipur Assembly session today.

Off the six question, during the question hour today are related with cabinet Minister Th. Biswajit and the reply to all the question silence those MLA questioning him as he reply with good intention and sincerity.

Being in charge of Forest and Climate Change Minister Th. Biswajit no stone



turned while replying to any queries.

The Minister said that the state government is working with all heart and soul to save the migratory birds while answering a question by MLA N. Sonate.

He said that Amar Falcon is our treasure and all measures to protect the bird at any district are being taken up.

The Minister silence the Congress MLA in a question regarding organic farming stating that the state is growing and advancing to the organic farming using various means assisted by technology.

Regarding Electricity, question by Ram Muivah halt supplementary question as the Th. Biswajit as Power Minister reply with ground reality.

to penetrate our land with Hinduism".

"It has been learned that Mr Temjen Imna Along is an active member of RSS and trying his best to penetrate our land with Hinduism where we Nagas have made covenant with God that Nagaland is for Christ," the directive added.

Notably, Nagaland BJP chief Temjen Imna Along has been fielded by the saffron party as its candidate from the Alongtaki constituency.

The BJP is contesting in 20 out of 60 assembly constituencies in Nagaland as per the party's 20:40 seat sharing formula with the NDDP.

Polling for the elections to the 60-member Nagaland legislative assembly is scheduled to be held in a single phase on February 27.

Counting of votes will be done on March 2.

House unanimous to address the issue of Mao people

CM N. Biren reiterates his stands for protection of Mao People while opposition MLA K. Ranjit digs for more protection of Manipuri indigenous people of Mao area

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Ongoing 3rd session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly session showed strong commitment to protect both the indigenous people of the state and also the territorial boundary.

While opposition MLA K. Ranjit expressed strong concerns about the fate of the Manipuri indigenous people whose rights have been deprived by a specific community of neighbouring Nagaland state, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who is also the leader of the house highlighted some of the specific measures taken up for protection of the Indigenous people of Manipur – Nagaland border people stating that the conflict probably incited by some vested interested people to sabotage the good relation of both Nagaland and Manipur is being handled with extreme care to make sure that the good relations between the people of the two states continues.

MLA K. Ranjit of the Congress party, while raising a calling attention motion drew



the attention of house on the reported ban of entry of Mao villagers to Nagaland by Southern Angami Public Organisation (SAPO) in today's assembly session.

"The Central government has assured all security measures to provide security, but as we wanted to continue our cordial relationship between the two state, we are finding ways to sort out the differences and settle the matter in an amicable manner", N. Biren Singh told the august house replying to the calling attention motion moved by MLA K. Ranjit.

The issues of the SAPO is related with the boundary issues of Dzukou Valley between the Southern Angami people and the Manipur's Mao area indigenous people.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the govern-

ment of Manipur is taking up all measures to protect the political boundary of the state of Manipur and unlike yester-years roads leading proximity to the Dzukou valley have already been constructed and besides police outpost have been open to prevent any untoward incident at the site.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that his government had contacted to the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland to settle the matter.

"Settling the matter in an understanding ways by recognizing the traditional and political boundary is what the government of Manipur felt it necessary", Chief Minister N. Biren Singh told the house while replying to the calling attention motion by Congress MAL K. Ranjit.

Question and Answer Session at Manipur Assembly

IT News
Imphal, Feb 23:

Forest Environment and Climate change Minister Th. Biswajit Singh has informed the Manipur Legislative Assembly today that steps have been taken up to stop illegal burning of forest in the hills. Replying to a question raised by K. Ranjit Singh MLA, the Minister said, 14,699.04 hectare of reserved forest were burnt down during 2019 to January this year. 6 persons have been arrested and trial is on.

Replying to another question raised by Ngursanglur Sanate MLA, the Minister said department is trying to open forest beat office in Pherzawl to check illegal hunting and poaching activities. Forest personnel will be deployed especially during October to December to check hunting of Amur Falcon – migratory bird coming to the District.

Replying to another question raised by Shri K. Ranjit MLA, Agriculture Minister Th. Biswajit Singh said under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region, organic farming has been practicing in 11,500 Hectare of land in the state. Under the mission, financial assistance for procuring organic inputs has been given to the farmers. Replying to an-

other question raised by Ram Muivah MLA Ukhrul, Th. Biswajit Singh, who is in-charge of Power, said 5 villages namely Ronshak, Sahamphung, Roni, Khayang and Phungtha have been electrified through off grid mode by photo voltaic module by MANIREDA since 2017-2018. He said this villages are being planned to be electrified through Grid mode once the planned 33/11 kv Sahamphung sub station is taken up.

CAF&PD Minister L. Sushindro Meitei has informed the House that steps have been taken up to start procuring locally produced rice for distribution under NFSA.

Replying to a question raised by Surjakumar Okram

MLA, Minister said the Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution has intimated for developing required procurement and the milling infrastructure including development of online procurement portal. He said two rice mills will be imported from Germany and required land has been developed for installation at Sangpaingur. Government is planning to procure 30,000 metric tonnes of rice once the required infrastructure and equipment are ready. The Minister, who is also in charge of PHED, said that steps have been taken up for full functioning of Ramrei Water Supply Scheme. He was replying to a question raised by Ram Muivah MLA

NSCN-IM leader arrested for asking people not to vote for Nagaland BJP chief Temjen Imna Along

Agency
Kohima, Feb 23:

NSCN-IM leader Lanuwati Jamir has been arrested for asking people not to vote for Nagaland BJP chief Temjen Imna Along.

Lanuwati Jamir had signed the NSCN-GRPN directive asking residents of Alongtaki constituency in Nagaland not to vote for state BJP chief Temjen Imna Along.

He was picked up by the Assam Rifles late on Wednesday (February 22) night.

Later, custody of Jamir was transferred to the Nagaland police.

Notably, with election campaigning in the poll-bound Northeast state of Nagaland is in its last phase, the NSCN-GRPN issued a directive for the residents of the Alongtaki assembly constituency, asking the



voters "not to vote" for Nagaland BJP president Temjen Imna Along.

The NSCN-GRPN accused Nagaland BJP president Temjen Imna Along of possessing an "anti Naga character".

"Observing his anti Naga character, all the village of 30 Alongtaki Constituency are directed not to vote in favour of Mr Temjen Imna Along," the NSCN-GRPN stated in its direc-

tive.

The NSCN-GRPN has warned the voters of "stem action" against those, who fail to comply with the directive.

"... stem action shall be initiated against the defaulters as per the Ahza of the NSCN/GPRN," the NSCN-GRPN directive stated.

The directive also accused Nagaland BJP chief Temjen Imna Along of "trying his best

AR apprehends drug peddler

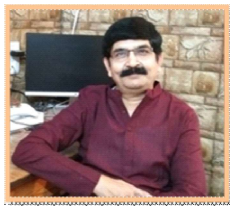
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Moreh Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) apprehended one drug peddler from Phaicham Veng yesterday.

As part of War against Drugs Campaign, Company Operating Base Mission Veng with the representatives of Moreh Police carrying out routine Area Domination Patrol in Moreh Town area no-

ticed suspected movement of an individual in suspicious manner at Phaicham Veng entering a house. On enquiry, the individual tried to escape through a back door but the team immediately chased and apprehended him. A thorough search of the individual's house revealed a huge quantity of contraband drugs suspected to be WIY tablets weighing 56.255 Kg, amounting to approximately Rs 26 Crs in the international market were seized.

To save the world, to protect the tomorrow, we have to control the population today



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Recently former Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Pravin Togadia has described India's rising population as a "ticking time bomb" and stressed the need to formulate a law to prevent its explosion and the resulting adverse effects. To gauge the mammoth rise of the Indian population, the most ideal places to visit are Metro stations, airports, malls, railway stations and bus stands. This great awareness event is to bring a population revolution globally as well as breaking sleep of all the deeply slept people to pay their full attention and help in combating this population issue.

From 1960 to 2021 the population of India increased from 450.55 million to 1.41 billion people. This is a growth of 212.4 percent in 61 years. The highest increase in India was recorded in 1974 with 2.36 percent. The smallest increase in 2021 with 0.80 percent.

Dr. Abdul Kalam had a vision 2020 to see a developed India. We all know it would take a miracle to get there but if we can stabilize population with zero growth rate by 2020 that will certainly lay the foundation. A mission mode strategy will have to be thought of for population stabilization in critical states.

Much of population increase is among the poorest socio-economic strata. It would be ideal for a country like India to be more progressive in outlook and shed inhibitions when it comes to free distribution of contraceptives and condoms among the poor. India, the second most populous country in the world, is projected to surpass China by 2025. The growth of population reached nearly one billion in 1830 and second billion in the next 100 years. Thereafter the growth was tremendous for within a span of 30 years it reach 3 billion, the fourth billion in 15 years and the fifth billion in only 12 years. It is predicted to exceed the population at 9 billion by 2050. More than one billion people do not have access to clean drinking water. A total of 2.7 billion find water scarce for at least one month of the year. A world of 7 billion is both a challenge and an opportunity with implications on sustainability, urbanization, access to health services and youth empowerment.

If we continue to grow in numbers relentlessly, we would be hard-pressed for resources. Land, housing, water, and food would be scarce. Forests and greenery would be history by then. Our quality of life would be poor. So we have to tackle the population growth right now. It is the responsibility of every one of us collectively and not just a decision to be made by individuals. Women have the ability and capacity to change the society. Ensuring that they get good education is very important for the society.

In spite of the fact that the population policies, family planning and welfare programmes undertaken by the Govt. of India have led to a continuous decrease in the fertility rate, yet the actual stabilisation of population can take place only by 2050. More efforts need to make people aware about population issues like importance of family planning towards the increasing population, gender equality, maternal and baby health, poverty, human rights, right to health, sexuality education, use of contraceptives and safety measures like condoms, reproductive health, adolescent pregnancy, girl child education, child marriage, sexually transmitted infections and so many. World Population has witnessed a rapid growth in the last 200 years. Countries like China and India together constitutes 37% of the total world population. Population increase is taking away all the developmental results of our nation.



By: M.R. Lahu

It is about 15 years since I had experienced the most divulging spiritual foolery in my life at the banks of mother Ganga in Haridwar. Overwhelmed by the literary inscriptions about the legendary greatness of the holy river in the ancient texts, I was totally thrown into the depth of its unfathomable spiritual realms emotionally and the bedtime stories illustrating its divine perceptions from childhood began to tickle my spiritual impulses once again and I stood amazed and totally lost in the clamour of a noisy crowd around me. I was not bedazzled to see many saffron clad saints on the holy riverside. But the one who came closer to me with a mysterious smile had a notorious intent. Probably, convinced by my stupefied appearance, he asked me to give him 50 rupees so that he could bless me with a divine experience. Deeply animated for an instant divine experience for a pittance was a great spiritual luxury for me. On giving the money, the man with a snake in his hand, magically swayed his hands in the air and returned a bead of rudraksh to me and to my horror I did not know where my currency had disappeared.

Definitely that was not a divine experience but a hallucinatory trick; hence my good sense warned me to stay away from spiritual tricksters. This incident is recalled here to invite the gorge into which our superstitious mind pulls us. India has an ancient tradition that was nurtured by spiritually elevated seers and saints. That was the substratum of our spiritual ideology,

without which India remains a mere landscape without soul. Spanning from the days of the Vedas and moving through the enthralling narrations of life intertwined in spiritual values in the epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata to the divine perceptions categorically exhibited by saints like Swami Vivekananda and many others, spirituality in India has been an act of seeking and life-giving values being simplified for the common man. Superstition became a nuisance in India's spiritual periphery, probably since the advent of occidental faiths.

Spirituality in India is mistaken as mere superstition by many people. Believers throng into temples and other religious places without understanding their spiritual principles but their visit is to primarily satisfy their personal desires. Most of them further try their luck with Babas and fake gurus who lure them with solutions and affluence. What if you find a pastor bringing a dead child back to life with his miracle touch or with the mere gestures of his fingers bless a blind man to light. Unfortunately, such spiritual buffoonery gets easily noticed and attractive monkey tricks in television channels get millions of viewers. The more dangerous aspect of this faith industry is that most of the Babas and religious preachers involved in these acts of spiritual skylarking hold serious connections with politicians. India always remained a spiritual society which believed in Karma and Dharma and considered them as the most religious dictums for the society. Dharma karma, according to the ancient Indian tradition, was the best of ideals that would show you the real essence of divinity.

The Hindu approach, according to the Manusmriti, categorises various elements of Dharma. It says "Dhriti ksama damosteyam sauchamindriyanigraha, Dhirvidya satyamakrodhadasakam dharmalakshanam." Patience, forgiveness, constant discrimination, non-stealing, purity, control of senses, righteous action,

knowledge, truth and giving up anger- these are the ten indications of dharma. Any activity performed with all these elements of dharma, played with a significant role in its fulfilment is Dharmic. Superstitious beliefs have entered into a plethora of rituals as people began to selectively manipulate their spiritual ideals for personal wellbeing. The damage is devastating. The very spiritual idea that a religion represents is seen through the prism of suspicion by people with logical minds. Moreover, Babas and miracle healing pastors and many in this clan of spiritual racket would downsize the essential humanitarian values enshrined in different religions.

In essence and practice, Hinduism is capable of helping its followers to take pace with the natural rhythm of spirituality ordained in its framework. Imprisoned in the superstitious and speculative narratives and adulterated spiritual theories and practices, a large number of people get boomeranged into the insensitive adulation of fake gurus and acharyas and cross wielding pastors. Real spiritual luminaries from the days of Adi Shankaracharya to the modern days have been sincere social reformers, who rose beyond ludicrous mannerisms of societies. Born in 1824, Swami Dayananda Saraswati was one among those polestars of socio-spiritual refinement. He devoted his life to fight the social evils such as untouchability, child marriage, female infanticide and many more distortions in the society. Swami Dayananda's reformist propaganda favouring widow remarriage and women education holds meaning and significance even today. Sree Narayana Guru from the southernmost Kerala was another spiritual luminary who fought casteism and social discrimination tooth and nail. When untouchability prohibited marginalised sections of the society from entering temples, Narayana Guru built temples for them. To those who refused him with contempt, he retorted, calling the deity he consecrated as a representative of the downtrodden. In fact he consecrated Lord Shiva. Revolutionising spirituality to the extent of eradicating the exasperating superstitious system was the mission of those saints. In this context, Swami Vivekananda cannot be left out. His teachings had a huge impact on the social life of India, spiritualising its emotions and elevating its patriotic pride.

Unfortunately, today India witnesses Babas, Pastors, fake healers and preachers enlarging their territory by stealthily sneaking into our houses on TV screens and playing with the element of spiritual 'fear' among believers, especially women. Spurious spiritual industry is booming in India while political leaders on the edge of oblivion are seen spear-cagling the power and reach of Babas, who make miraculous success overnight. Totally forgetful of the essence of divinity which is kindness and compassion in itself, millions of people swarm around these fake mediators of God to get healed and blessed and to fulfil their dreams instantaneously. The nexus tailored between Babas and politicians get activated when elections are around. Interestingly, most of the conversion activities among the illiterate, backward tribal communities are done by stage-managed miracle healings by pastors and preachers. You should not be surprised to see a dead man walk and blind woman read. Sinking into the quagmire of frozen intellect, the common man plays into the hands of these fraudsters and fails to reason out the reality. Holy books and real saints become meaningless here. Swami Vivekananda spoke, echoing his sarcasm the best while criticizing superstition. He said, "I would rather see you people as staunch atheists than as superstitious fools. An atheist is alive; he can be of some use. But when superstition takes hold, the brain is almost dead." We need to pay attention to these legendary words.

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How to help Your Child to Read?



By: Vijay GarG

enjoy reading. These are some of the activities which may help you in stimulating your child's curiosity in reading.

Talk to Your Child before He or She Learns Reading: Talking with the child before he or she even starts speaking will help in learning essential language skills. The majority of children need stronger verbal language skills if they need to grow as writers and readers. Using smaller and easy sentences, you may talk about the everyday activities, what he or she sees and does with his or her environment.

Spend Minimum 30 Minutes with Your Child and Do Reading with Him or Her: Your child may gain the understanding of the reading conventions and even very young ones will gain the vocabulary. Running the index finger underneath the lines when you read may aid your child observes those printed words. Slowly you may ask him or her to recognize the sounds and letters.

Recite Poems; Sing Songs and Rhymes which have Rhythmic Sounds: Repetition makes that easier for the child to understand the sound patterns in the making. Ensure that your child's caretaker or nursery teacher reads loudly every day and provides books for the child to look at.

Good Reading Habits: Help your kid realize that reading is very important.

Read to Your Child: Show him or her recipes, reading maps, directions, and books. Advice your kid to take reading as a spare time activity. Keep interesting books within reach of your child.

Visit the Nearby Library: Give some time to your child. Just visit the library with him or her and help in selecting books. Get up early in the morning and tell your child a story before he or she goes to the school.

Ways to Encourage School-Age Readers

When the child starts preschool, nursery school, or the elementary school, you need to work with his or her teacher for improving the reading skills. Numerous teachers now send practical ideas to the parents which can be used for the school-age children and assist them in developing skills and also encourage good reading habits. Ask your child's teacher and do the practice activities. Through reinforcing skills, the teacher of your child emphasizes and you will supplement what he had learned about the reading right through the schooling day.

Other ways of encouraging your school-age kid to read include:

Allow your child to observe when you read.

Encourage the child for reading by his or her own.

Ensure to have reading materials for reference and enjoyment.

Keep different reading materials within the house.

You should continue to be a fine

role model.

Encourage the Child to Read Aloud

Normally listen to the child reading loud and congratulate him or her because he or she does that. Read every page or every chapter to the child. Have discussions and conversations regarding the book with the child.

Write Short Notes for Your Child

Write his daily household tasks for him or her and keep track and put a note in the lunch bag.

Talk with the Child

Talking makes the children reflect the experiences and help them in expanding their vocabularies. Tell your child to give detailed descriptions about events and tell full stories.

Give Writing Materials to the Child

Writing and reading work collectively. Children who wish to learn should write and practice writing. If pencils, paper, and crayons are available all the time, your child may be more prone to start writing activities to his or her own.

Restrict Television Time

If your child wastes lesser time watching television, he or she will get more time for reading activities.

Visit Library at least Once in a Week

Let your child send an application for his or her personal library card this he or she can explore books on his or her own to do schoolwork or for general reading. Ask him or her to bring the library

books home to read for younger siblings and encourage him or her to explore books on the tape so that he or she may listen while going for longer car trips.

Work Together with Child's School

It's better to know more about the kind of reading programs his or her school pursues so that you can help by supplementing that at home. Work as a volunteer in the school library or classroom as often as your program allows. You can also ask the school for the parent contribution materials.

Make Your Child Love Reading

Without a doubt, the most efficient way of encouraging your child to like books is read loudly and it is better if you do it as early as possible. Even an infant of few months may see pictures, pay attention to your influence, and rotate the cardboard pages.

Make this time special when you grip your kids or share the pleasure of the story without distractions of telephones or TV. You can be amazed to discover that any well-written book for children is often as huge enjoyment for you as this is for the kids.

Talk aloud at the time of reading when your kids have studied to read to themselves. At that stage, support them to understand you and give some time. This common enjoyment will carry on for strengthening appreciation and interest of your children.

Just having magazines, newspa-

pers, and books around your residence will help children viewing them as a part of everyday life and they observe that you read often and enjoy it, which will strengthen their view.

Whereas your children are smaller, it is a good thought to have a library in your home, although it can be merely one or two shelves. Make sure to have books for your children to hold freely.

Buy particularly made and more helpful books for the infants, and choose plastic covers and paperbacks for the kids that are elder yet not quite ready for costly hardbacks. Allowing small children to smell, touch, or even flavour the books will aid them in developing strong attachments.

How you deal with books will ultimately affect how your children care about them. Children always follow you, so if they observe that you like reading and care for books softly and with value, it is expected that they will follow the same.

While you read loudly together, select books which you both love. If the book looks dull, put that down and get one which is appealing. However, there are so many books for children published which make the selection of books a bit difficult task.

One method is to search for high-quality books. There are many prominent awards for the children's literature given every year who are good markers of the quality works. Fortunately, there are many other

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PM addresses post-budget webinar on 'Green Growth'

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New Delhi, Feb 23:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the post-budget webinar on 'Green Growth' today. It is the first of a series of 12 post-budget webinars organized by the government to seek ideas and suggestions for the effective implementation of the initiatives announced in the Union Budget 2023.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that all the budgets tabled in the country after 2014 have been forwarding new-age reforms apart from finding solutions to the challenges faced in the present day.

The Prime Minister outlined three pillars for green growth and energy transmission. First, increasing the production of renewable energy; second, reducing the use of fossil fuel in the economy; and finally, rapidly moving towards a gas-based economy in the country. This strategy has underlined the announcements of measures like ethanol blending, PM KUSUM Yojana, incentives for solar manufacturing, rooftop solar scheme, coal gasification, and battery storage in the Budgets of the past few years. Underlining the significant announcements in previous years' budgets, the Prime Minister highlighted schemes such as green credit for industries, PM Pranam Yojna for farmers, Gobardhan Yojna for villages, vehicle scrapping policy for cities, Green Hydrogen and wetland conservation in this year's budget. The Prime Minister underlined that these announcements lay the foundation stone and pave the way for future generations.

The Prime Minister said that India's commanding position in the renewable energy space will ensure a commensurate change in the world. "This Budget will play a key role in establishing India as a lead player in the global green energy market. That is why, today, I invite every stakeholder of the energy world to invest in India", the Prime



Minister said. Referring to the global efforts for diversification of the energy supply chain, the Prime Minister said that this Budget has given a great opportunity to every green energy investor to invest in India. This will also be very useful for the startups in the sector, he added.

"India has been the fastest when it comes to renewable energy capacity addition among major economies since 2014", the Prime Minister said. He further added that India's track record shows its capability to achieve the objectives before time when it comes to renewable energy resources. The Prime Minister informed that India achieved the target of 40% contributions from non-fossil fuels in the installed electricity capacity 9 years before the target date. He also mentioned that India achieved the target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol 5 months before time and emphasised that the nation strives to achieve 20% ethanol blending in petrol by 2025-26 instead of 2030. He underlined that the capacity of 500 GW will be achieved by 2030. Recalling the launch of E20 fuel, the Prime Minister noted the government's emphasis on biofuels and said that it has brought new opportunities for investors. He observed the abundance of agri-waste in the country and urged the investors to not miss the opportunity of setting up etha-

nol plants in every corner of the country. "The potential of solar, wind and biogas in India is no less than any gold mine or oil field for our private sector", the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said that under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, India is moving with a target of production of 5 MMT green hydrogen. An allocation of Rs 19 thousand crores has been made to incentivize the private sector in this field. He also touched upon other opportunities such as electrolyzer manufacturing, green steel manufacturing and long-haul fuel cells.

The Prime Minister also informed that India has the potential of producing 10 thousand million cubic metres of biogas from Gobar (cow dung) and 1.5 lakh cubic meter gas which can contribute up to 8% to the city gas distribution in the country. "Because of these possibilities, today the Gobardhan Yojana is an important component of India's biofuel strategy. In this budget, the government has announced plans to set up 500 new plants under the Gobardhan Yojana. These are not like old-fashioned plants. The government will spend Rs 10,000 crore on these modern plants", he added. The private sector is getting attractive incentives for producing CBG from agri-waste and municipal solid waste, the Prime Minister informed.

Throwing light on India's

vehicle scrapping policy the Prime Minister stressed that it is a crucial part of the green growth strategy. He informed that the government has made provisions of Rs 3000 crores in this year's budget to scrap around 3 lakh vehicles owned by Central and State governments that are older than 15 years including police vehicles, ambulances and buses. "Vehicle Scrapping is going to become a huge market", said the Prime Minister, following the principle of Re-use, Recycle and Recovery. He also emphasised that it gives new strength to our circular economy and urged the youth of India to join various means of the circular economy.

The Prime Minister said that India has to increase its battery storage capacity to 125-gigawatt hours in the next 6-7 years. The Prime Minister informed that the government has come out with a viability gap funding scheme in this budget to support the battery developers to achieve big goals in this capital-intensive sector.

The Prime Minister also touched upon water-based transport becoming a huge sector in India. He informed that India transports only 5% of its cargo through its coastal route today whereas only 2% of cargo is transported in India through inland waterways. He underlined that the development of waterways in India will give rise to many opportunities for all stakeholders in this field.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister said that India has huge potential to lead the world when it comes to technology for Green Energy. He emphasised that it will forward the cause of global good apart from generating Green Jobs. "This budget is not only an opportunity, but it also contains the guarantee of our future security", the Prime Minister said as he urged all stakeholders to act quickly to implement every provision of the budget. "The government stands with you and your suggestions", the Prime Minister concluded.

Throwing light on India's

Nagaland Assembly Elections 2023: Postal ballot voting begins

Agency
Dimapur, Feb 23:

Casting of votes through postal ballot by polling personnel, police personnel and others drafted in election duty for the ensuing February 27 elections to the Nagaland legislative assembly began across the state.

The five-day postal ballot voting, which is held from 9 am to 4 pm, will culminate at different places across districts in Nagaland on February 24.

Nagaland chief electoral officer (CEO) V Shashank Shekhar cast his vote through postal ballot for Kohima town assembly seat at Kohima DC's office on Wednesday.

Shekhar expressed his happiness on being part of the election process in Nagaland, which has been called the festival of democracy.

He expressed hope that everyone will come together

and ensure that the elections are conducted in the true spirit of democracy.

Among other officers who exercised their franchise on Wednesday (February 22) included Nagaland additional CEO Ruokuoviltuo Khezhie.

The Nagaland CEO, as part of the systematic voters' education and electoral participation, also held an interactive session with the campus ambassadors of various government higher secondary schools and colleges of Nagaland in his office.

He exhorted the students to participate in the election process in Nagaland in an ethical and fair manner.

The students shared their opinions on voting based on merit and capability of the candidates and not by force due to money and pressure.

The Nagaland CEO also issued a public notice stating that the voter information slip

will not be allowed as proof of identity of voters although it is prepared and issued to the voters to facilitate them in knowing the serial number of electoral roll in their polling station, date of poll and time.

The notice said all electorates who have been issued electors photo identity card (EPIC) have to produce it for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes.

Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC will have to produce alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity such as aadhaar card, MNREGA job card, passbooks with photograph issued by bank/post office, PAN card, driving license, service identity cards with photograph issued to the employees by the central or state government PSUs or public limited companies, among others.

Congress leader Pawan Khera arrested by Assam Police at Delhi airport

Agency
New Delhi, Feb 23:

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera was deplaned and arrested at the Delhi Airport by the Assam Police on Thursday, NDTV reported.

He was heading to Raipur on an Indigo flight for the Congress' plenary session along with other leaders of the party.

Inspector General of Police Prasanta Kumar Bhuyan said that a complaint was filed against Khera at the Haflong Police Station in Assam's Dima Hasao district, according to ANI. He, however, did not disclose the details of the complaint.

Bharatiya Janata Party members have been calling for Khera's arrest after he allegedly insulted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his father.

During a press conference on February 17 in Mumbai, Khera had referred to the prime minister as "Narendra Gautamdas Modi", instead of Narendra Damodardas



Modi.

Khera had made the remark while criticising the Modi government over the crisis triggered by a report of American firm Hindenburg Research, alleging that the Adani Group improperly used offshore tax havens and manipulated stock. Opposition leaders have accused the prime minister of favouring Gautam Adani, the founder of the conglomerate.

On Thursday, Congress leader Supriya Shrinete said the action against Khera showed the Modi government's dictatorial attitude. Several Congress leaders also shouted slogans against the government on the tarmac.

Khera said that he was initially told by authorities that there was a problem with his luggage.

"I said I don't have anything except a handbag," he added. "When I came down from the aircraft, I was told that you cannot go. Then it was said - DCP [Deputy Commissioner of Police] will meet you. I've been waiting for a long time. There is no trace of rules, laws and reasons."



Former Up-Adakhya, Imphal East Zilla Parishad
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Wishes good luck to all the STUDENTS FOR THEIR UPCOMMING COUNCIL & BOARD EXAMS 2023

NOTICE

I, Y. Punimashi Devi (Existing Name of spouse as per change of Next of kin Record/Service Document), Spouse of Name: Yengkhom Somorjit Singh (Name of Husband) Resident of Nameirakpam Leikai Thongju P.O. & P.S. Singamei, Imphal East District, Manipur (Address) have change my Name from Y. Punimashi Devi (Existing Name of spouse as per change of Next of kin Record/Service Documents) to Yengkhom Punimashi Devi (proposed/adopted New Name) vide Affidavit dated 16/02/2023 (Date of Affidavit in DD/MM/YYYY format) before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imphal East Manipur (Name and place of the Court).

Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Certificate of Registration for Nurse, bearing Registration No. 119200, issued by the Andhra Pradesh Nurses, Midwives, Auxiliary Nurse-Midwives and Health Visitors Council, Hyderabad, India on the way between RIMS Road, Imphal West to Wangkhei Tokpam Leikai, Imphal East on February 17, 2023.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Shandhyarani Meisnam
Wangkhei Tokpam Leikai,
Imphal East 795005
Contact No. 7005193440

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How to help Your Child.....

good options available. For example, there are many book lists recommended by different associations and libraries and a few excellent books for guiding parents to make selections.

The finest help for all, although, is available at your neighbouring library. In case you are unfamiliar with this library, don't be indecisive to ask for help. The children's librarians are trained to aid you finding particular books, books which are fine for reading loudly, and the books on any particular subject suggested for a specific age group.

The libraries also have a lot of book lists, like ones which mentioned here and maybe some made available by the library itself.

Additionally, your library may have many journals which regularly review the children's books, together with the Booklist and Horn Book. These will offer you a clear picture of what's latest and worth practising.

And there isn't anything better than only browsing through a lot of books accessible in your library till you find the ones which impress you and your kids.

In case the children are school-going, remember that their school library is a superb source for the broad range of materials plus the school librarians are knowledgeable about children's literature. Push your kids for bringing home some books from the school library just for fun and for studies.

Pushing children for reading has been a challenge. Reading is very important for education and the contemporary business world because much more communication happens digitally through email and different messaging systems. Due to that, the capability of reading for the comprehension and communicating effectively is important and should be trained at the young age. Further than that, doing

the reading for enjoyment offers a wealth of advantages for children when they go to school and then into adulthood. The study of over 17,000 people and recording of their academic success and reading habits as children, discovered that the students who do reading only for pleasure did much better with the spelling, vocabulary, and in math. The association was 4 times better than the students whose parents had degrees of graduate level.

Technology is transforming the way how we all educated, and this can have a positive effect on the kids and their reading. By adding technologies like tablets to their classroom, the confidence and self-esteem of the students rise. Technology also provides students that have grown in the age of ubiquitous computers and Smartphones, one more outlet through which they become familiar to learn and grow. Building self-respect through

practical technology and improved reading skills may have positive effects on all areas of the student's life.

E-readers may be adapted to every person's particular requirements. In case you have a child who needs a bigger font or lesser lines on every page for improving his or her reading capability, e-readers are perfectly best for this type of tailoring. The E-readers are adaptable to students having learning disabilities and may help the level of playing field to children that learn in a different way.

Reading only for pleasure looks to give kids benefits in the school as they are utilized to set up newer ideas and may practice them more effectively and quickly than the non-reading peers. The E-readers have unlocked the doors of getting the later generation back to reading. Easy entrance to a wide range of stories and topics is assured to create interest even in an unenthusiastic

reader, and growing technology offers superior learning opportunities were increasing the confidence and self-esteem in the classroom.

Conclusion

If you want your child to get success in the school, you need to play your part by making sure that he or she has a strong foundation of language and literacy associated skills in school with the wish to study to read. During the early years, from 1st to 3rd grades, the child will learn how to do the reading, which is a difficult procedure; however, it may prove easy for some and difficult for others. Pay attention right through this time period not to overstress the procedure of learning for reading while encouraging the child to read often. Reading for interest and pleasure will aid your child in developing reading skills plus will give your child with the opportunity of practising the skills in the meaningful ways.

Over 31,500 Refugees from Myanmar, Bangladesh Took Shelter in Mizoram: Official

Agency
Aizawl, Feb 23:

Over 31,500 refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh have taken shelter in different parts of Mizoram, an official said.

The number of Myanmar nationals taking refuge in the northeastern state was 31,050 as on January 27, and those from Bangladesh were 541, he said.

The Bangladeshi nationals are lodged in 160 makeshift camps set up in eight villages in Lawngtlai district, the official said.

The Myanmar nationals, mostly from Chin state, fled to Mizoram following a military coup in the neighbouring country in February 2021, while the asylum seekers from



Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) came to the state after a military offensive against an ethnic insurgent group, he said.

Mizoram shares a 510-km

long porous border with Myanmar and a 318-km boundary with Bangladesh.

Mizoram Home Minister Lalchamliana had recently informed the assembly that the

state government has so far released over Rs 3.8 crore as part of relief measures for the Myanmar nationals, and Rs 30 lakh for those from Bangladesh.

Active cadre of Manipur Naga People's Front instrumental in the Behiang ambush apprehended

IT News
Imphal, Feb 23:

Mantripukhri Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) apprehended a hardcore cadre of Manipur Naga People's Front (MNP) from Yaingangkopi, Kangpokpi District yesterday.

The arrested cadre has been identified as Self Styled Sergeant Major Solomon @ Momo, of Manipur Naga People's Front (Front) who was involved in the Behiang ambush, November 2021.

The arrested person has been handed over to NIA, Imphal Branch for necessary legal action.

AR Promotes Swach Bharat by conducting cleanliness drive

IT News
Imphal, Feb 23:

Khuga Battalion under the aegis HQ IGAR (South) organised a Cleanliness Drive in border village of Singhat, Churachandpur district today.

As an effort to create a healthy and clean society and to sensitise the locals specially the youth about the im-

portance of a clean and healthy environment, Assam Rifles organised Cleanliness Drive in border village of Singhat.

As part of the drive, an interactive session on 'Clean and Healthy Environment' was conducted at the village followed by a comprehensive cleanliness session. Total of 23 soldiers and 14 Civilians took part in the said drive.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission facilitating Quick OPD registration in 365 hospitals through Scan and Share service

PIB
New Delhi, Feb 23:

The National Health Authority (NHA) under its flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) introduced the Scan & Share service for faster OPD registrations in October 2022. Within five months of its launch, the service has been adopted by 365 hospitals. The QR-code based instant registration service has helped over 5 lakh patients save time by drastically reducing the wait times in the (Out Patient Department) OPD registration areas of the participating hospitals.

Union Health Minister hailed the quick & queue less OPD registration under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission in his tweet:

The participating hospitals (Government of private) display their unique QR codes in patient registration areas. The patients can scan the QR code using any health application of their choice (such as ABHA App, Aarogya Setu App, EkaCare, DRiefcase, Bajaj Health, PayTM) and share their ABHA profile (demographic information like name, age, gender, and ABHA number) with the Health Management Information system (HMIS)

of the hospital. This enables paper-less registration and thereby instant token generation. The patient saves time and the health facility is able to optimize the need of resources deployed for registration. The patient's health records also get digitally linked to their ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) which they can manage and access from their phone anytime anywhere.

Speaking on the vision behind this service innovation, CEO, NHA said - "The Scan & share service is a typical example of how technology can be leveraged to provide better services to patients and to improve the system efficiency. With increased adoption, patient registrations can be made effortless, seamless and accurate. Our focus is to work closely with the stakeholders to maximize the impact of ABDM-enabled digital health services."

The real-time benefits of Scan & Share service are being leveraged by patients across the country. Apart from Government hospitals, several private hospitals are also enabling the ABHA-based registrations for their patients. The service is currently live in 125 districts

across 25 States/ UTs in the country. Karnataka (2.5 lakh tokens), Uttar Pradesh (1.1 lakh users) and Delhi (72 thousand users) are the leading states in the adoption of this Scan & Share service for better patient experience. More statistics and details on the service are available here - <https://abdm.gov.in/scan-share>

Earlier this week, NHA has also achieved the milestone of registering 2 lakh health facilities like hospitals, clinics, diagnostic laboratories and imaging centres, pharmacies etc. in the Health Facility Registry (HFR). The HFR is a core building block of ABDM that aims to serve as a single source of truth for verified information on health facilities across the country. The patients can get credible information about the facilities from <https://facility.abdm.gov.in/>. Among the verified facilities, around 75% belongs to the government sector. Karnataka (46,179), Uttar Pradesh (31,417), Maharashtra (13,789) and Andhra Pradesh (13,345) top the list of health facilities on HFR. More related statistics are available here: <https://dashboard.abdm.gov.in/abdm/>

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