

Irregularities in the implementation of PM Modi's JJM revealed

IT News
Imphal, Feb 27:

Irregularities are found in the implementation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious flagship program, Jal Jeevan Mission, whereby the number of pipes utilized does not correspond to the number of issued pipes, and evidence of double billing of the same work under different program in Langthabal Constituency of Imphal West district, an RTI query has revealed.

As per reply to an RTI query by Public Health Engineering Department, Imphal West, Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme/Jal Jeevan Mission there were 2 works executed in 2017-18, no work in 2018-19, 21 works in 2020-21 and 2 works in 2021-22. For Langthabal AC, the program of NRDP/JJM is implemented under the supervision of the Imphal West Division of PHED in 7 villages namely Oinam Thingel, Sorokhaibam Leikai, Laiphrakpam Leikai, Naorem Leikai, Langthabal Mantrikhong, Langthabal Kunj and Haoreibi. Payment of Rs. 2,30,02,541 for 18 works done during the period was made to 4 contractors M/S G. Thangiang R. Naga & Sons, A. Premchand Singh, Ashing Kabui, and N. Inao Meitei by the Division. The overall super-

vision of the department is under the Chief Engineer, one Additional Chief Engineer and One Superintending Engineer supervised, monitor and conduct surveillance of the activities under JJM.

Pipes of different sizes of around 5949.39 running meters were issued to three different contractors namely A. Premanda, Ashing Kabui, and N. Inao. Out of these issued 5949.39 RM of pipes, only about 1410.01 RM were actually utilized. There is a suspicion of misutilizing pipes of around 4539.38RM. As the work has already been marked as completed in the year 2020-21, funds amounting to 2.30 crores have been issued to 4 contractors, M/S G. Thangiang R. Naga & Sons, A. Premchand Singh, Ashing Kabui and N. Inao Meitei in the same year.

Two works, Water Supply at Langthabal Kunja to Haoreibi Zonal areas were executed erroneously in the year 2021-22 by the EE, Imphal West Division, which falls under the jurisdiction of Shamurou Nagar Panichayat, covered by the program taken up under Other Town category. Whereas Langthabal Kunja falls under the jurisdiction of Chajing Water Supply Scheme under Other Town category and there is no technical and administrative feasibility of providing water at Haoreibi Zonal Areas to

Langthabal Kunja. The said work was done and completed by N. Inao Meitei and incurred an expenditure of Rs. 15,77,000.

It has come to the light that Maintenance Division of PHED has been implementing various programs of "Har Ghar Jal Mission" across the constituency with M/S Key Stone as the executing agency. There is prima facie evidence of overlapping of the programs and double billing of the same work under different program.

As per source, the Administrative Report of PHED has not been submitted to the Assembly Secretariat since 2018-10, 2019-20, 2020-21 and Budget estimates for the 3 successive Financial years of the state and Budgets were passed without Administrative report.

Jal Jeevan Mission was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 16, 2019, as a flagship program with a vision to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India. For Manipur, a total of 451,666 households are targeted to be provided safe drinking water by the year 2024. A sum of Rs. 2642.42 crores has been allocated by JJM, New Development Bank, and other funding sources like NLCP/NEC. For urban areas, a total of Rs. 384.11 crores was sanctioned

for the development of the Water Supply Scheme in 25 small towns. On July 23, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for Manipur Water Supply Project, amounting to Rs. 3054.58 crores. Subsequent to this, a National team of Jal Jeevan Mission visited Manipur from January 10 to 13 and after this, a sum of Rs. 131.80 crores was sanctioned for the year 2021-22.

It may be mentioned that the people of Langthabal AC used to have an ample supply of drinking water for 10 years provided by different Water supplies namely, Chajing Water supply which was inaugurated in the year 1974, Canchipur Water Supply in the year 1975-76, Haoreibi Water Supply in the year 1978-79 and Karam Water Supply in the year 1982-83. Not only Langthabal AC, these Water supplies used to provide water to other ACs like Keirao, Thongju, Singjamei, Naoriya Pakhanglakpa and Imphal city. But the situation of drinking water in Langthabal AC is now in very deplorable situation and it is highly questionable if the huge amount allocated under JJM has been misappropriated by few, putting a blot on the ambitious flagship program of PM Narendra Modi.

Historic Tongjei Maril (Old Cachar Road) will soon be upgraded to NH status

IT News
Imphal, Feb 27:

During the question hour on the sixth Day of the 3rd Session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly held today, Works Minister, K. Govindas Singh, while replying to the starred question raised by MLA, Janghemlung Panmei said that there is a plan of the State Government to upgrade the Historic Tongjei Maril (Old Cachar Road) to the status of National Highway. He further informed the house that the said road is among the seven (7) roads whose upgradation to NH status has been approved in principle.

On another starred question asked by MLA, Janghemlung, Works Minister laid the current status of the Asian Development Bank funded Imphal-Kangchup-Tamenglong Road to the house. The said project is under progress with physical progress of 78% and financial progress of 72.60% as on 31st January, 2023; the loan clos-

ing date of the project is scheduled on 30.06.2023, he asserted.

The PHED, Minister, Leishangthem Susindro while replying to the starred questions by MLA, Shri Ranjit Singh on the water requirement in Imphal area, informed the house that 133.52 MLD of waters are required by the inhabitants of Imphal areas daily and 85 MLD of water are sourced from Chingkhel hill through Maphou Dam. He continued that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 75 percent households in the state received tap water following the JJM guidelines. L. Susindro expressed that Village Water Sanitation Committee plays a major role in successfully implementing water supply scheme in the state.

On the Calling Attention put up by MLA, Thangjam Arunkumar on the reported probable indefinite bandh on Imphal-Ukhrul road by the women street vendors of Khuman Lampak area, Minister for MAHUD, Yumnam Khemchand Singh said that all

stakeholders will be consulted for identifying alternate site for setting up permanent market sheds after the completion of this session.

On the Morning session, Leader of the House, Nongthombam Biren Singh moved discussion and voting on Demands for Grants, 2023-2024 for Demand No. 11 - Medical, Health & Family Welfare Services, Demand No. 12 - Municipal, Administration, Housing and Urban Development, Demand No. 15 - Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Demand No. 17 - Agriculture, Demand No. 18 - Animal Husbandry and Veterinary including Dairy Farming, Demand No. 20 - Community and Rural Development and Demand No. 30 - Planning for consideration.

Until the filing of this PR, Motion for disapproval of policy cuts were raised by MLA, K. Ranjit Singh on the following Demands - Demand No. 11, 15, 18 and 20; gave observations for Demands No. 12 and 17.

AMSU, DESAM condemn shifting of examination centre

IT Correspondent
Jiribam, Feb 27:

The All Manipur Students Union (AMSU), District Committee Jiribam and Democratic Student Alliance of Manipur (DESAM), District Council Jiribam condemned on shifting Class-10 Board of Secondary Examination Manipur (BOSEM) examination centre

from Kasturba Girls High School to Sorok Atingbi High School, Jiribam.

Speaking with the media persons Laishram Bilaks Meitei, President DESAM District Council Jiribam said that as per order of S. Mangijao Singh, Secretary, BOSEM issued of the 24th Feb. 2023 that the examination centre of Class-10 was shifted from

Kasturba Girls High School to Sorok Atingbi High School.

He added that the Allocation of examination centre at Sorok Atingbi High is not suited the building capacity with the allocation of 322 aspirants candidates of BOSEM.

Bilaks said the school has no proper fencing and to issue order without proper field sur-

vey for the examination centre is very unfortunate.

He appealed to the concerned authority for proper field survey as earliest as well as sought the attention of concern Education Minister in this regard.

The press conference was also attended by Thanil Thokchom, President AMSU, District Committee Jiribam.

63.91 per cent voting recorded in Meghalaya, Nagaland at 72.99 per cent till 3 pm



Agency
Shillong/Kohima, Feb 27:

Polling began in 59 of 60 assembly constituencies in Meghalaya at 7 am on Monday with the ruling National People's Party fighting to retain power and the BJP, Trinamool Congress and other regional parties vying to bring about a change in the government.

Voting for the Nagaland Assembly polls began at 7 am on Monday, with nominees contesting 59 out of 60 seats, as the Akuluto seat in Zunheboto district was won uncontested by BJP nominee and sitting MLA Kazheto Kinimi.

Polling in both states will continue till 4 pm, while counting of votes will be on March 2. As of 3 pm, voter turnout has been registered at 63.91% in Meghalaya, and 72.99% in Nagaland.

21.6 lakh voters are eligible to seal the electoral fate of 369 candidates.

Voting is underway at 3,419 voting stations, of which 640 have been categorised as 'vul-

nerable' and 323 as 'critical', Chief Electoral Officer F R Kharkongor said.

Polling will continue till 4 pm.

Thirty-six of the 369 candidates are women, with the most significant number of 10 women candidates being put up by Congress.

Polling in the Sohiong assembly constituency has been adjourned due to the death of one of the candidates.

"Over 19,000 polling personnel and 119 companies of CAPFs have been deployed in polling stations. They have been backed by state policemen to maintain law and order," the CEO said.

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma is contesting from the South Tura constituency where he will lock horns with militant-turned-politician Bernard Marak.

Leader of Opposition and TMC leader Mukul Sangma is contesting from two seats - Songsak and Tikrikilla. His wife D D Shira is also in the fray.

The Congress and the BJP

are contesting 59 seats, while the NPP has put up nominees in 56 constituencies, the TMC in 57 and the UDP in 46.

Over 13 lakh electors set to decide the electoral fate of 183 candidates in Nagaland.

The ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and the BJP are contesting the polls on a 40:20 seat-sharing basis. The Congress, which ruled the state till 2003 and has no member in the current House, has fielded 23 aspirants.

The NDPP-BJP combine is seeking a mandate for the second term, with Neiphiu Rio as the alliance's chief ministerial candidate.

The NPF, which won 26 seats in the last assembly polls, has fielded candidates in 22 seats, but one of them withdrew, leaving 21 in the fray.

A total of 19 nominees will contest as Independents.

The electors include 6,47,523 male and 6,49,876 female voters, who are eligible to exercise their franchise in 2,291 polling stations.

One Day Skill Mela held

IT News
Chandel, Feb 27:

Today a One Day Skill Mela was organised by the District Skill Committee, Chandel, at the Multipurpose Hall, Mini Secretariat, DC complex, Chandel.

Today's opening function of the Mela was graced by the Deputy Commissioner, Chandel Mayanglambam Rajkumar, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Chandel Md. Firoz Khan and Assistance Director NIELIT, Laishram Shyamkumar.

Speaking on the occasion the Deputy Commissioner remarked that not only the government and private skill developers and entrepreneurs, every quarters of the society should join in propagating the idea of skill developments which will increase the employability of our youths. He urged the district skill commit-



tee to continue finding out the opportunities available and create awareness amongst youths of the districts.

As part of today's program a six day IT training program for school teachers was also launched by the Deputy Commissioner, Chandel

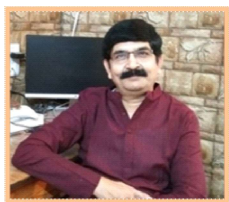
All together around seven government and private skill providers and companies, like ITI, Chandel, JSS, Chandel, CIPET, NIELIT, SYNTAX, JCRC Skill solutions, Eastern Motors, Go Aviation, Green Cane, Meira foods, JACEEX etc took part in

today's Mela.

Around 200 students, youths and stake holders of the district took part in today's Mela.

The programme was also attended by District level officers, staffs and officials of the district.

Never waste even a drop of water



By: Vinod Chandrashekhkar Dixit

There is no life without water. Water is not only important for human beings but for the entire ecosystem. In summer heat wave repeats year after year. This year it is more. We should be prepared. Water sources should be created. Unmindful of bad impact on the ecology, we have been destroying forests, drying up lakes by filling mud and construction of buildings, unplanned urbanization, and the like. The greed

has no bounds. Small trees are cut ruthlessly. On the other hand we do not want to reduce harms of infinite solar heat by adopting simplest methods of keeping premises solar passive like white roofs and planting trees drip irrigated by self harvested infinite water.

William Ashworth has said that "Children of a culture born in a water-rich environment, we have never really learned how important water is to us. We understand it, but we do not respect it." India is one of the many countries that are facing water scarcity today. Water Covers two-Thirds of the Surface of the Earth, but fresh Water is only 0.002% on the earth.

Water is central to our lives but has not been the central point of focus in our planning while we rapidly evolve into an urban society. Water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the alleviation of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being.

The water scarcity is mostly man made due to excess population growth and mismanagement of water resources. Water scarcity can be defined as a situation when people don't have enough water to fulfil their basic needs. Depletion of fresh water has become a threat to our existence. According to some scientists, the quantity and the quality of water are degrading day by day. Although Earth is covered with almost 71% of water, the quality is that we cannot use it in day-to-day life for domestic purposes.

There is an acute water shortage in almost all the cities due to changed lifestyle of people. Most of our lakes have dried up. Ground water levels are abysmally low, besides being contaminated. There is not enough water for the city's burgeoning population.

On must remember that India's economy is heavily dependent on agriculture. Rain water harvesting can also be used effectively to strengthen irrigation networks. There are plenty of ways to save and recycle water. Fix all leaking taps in your house. Seventy to 150 litres of water are wasted due to dripping taps. As long as water flows from our taps we are satisfied. We don't understand the value of water. One can purify the stored water and use it for various purposes like washing, cleaning and cooking.

The government needs to enhance its investment in technology and include all stakeholders at the planning level to ensure optimization of existing resources. Increasing population and rapid urbanization has led to over-use of water resources leading to water pollution and scarcity. Rain, rivers and wells have been man's traditional sources of fresh water. Global warming upsets natural patterns of rainfall. Rivers are slowly killed at their sources by steady destruction of forests and the construction of big dams, and overdevelopment of groundwater.

Development cannot be reversed. But technology could be re-oriented to serve the dual purpose of conserving water and regulating its use. We have to pay attention to the importance of fresh water and be able to maintain the management of fresh water resources. Don't we think leaving aside global solutions; something should be done at the national and regional levels?

It is rightly said "A drop of water is worth more than a sack of gold to a thirsty man."

How to choose Right Careers options after XII class



By: Vijay GarG

The mind wanders after class 12th, with so many options to explore and new and exciting opportunities, while some want to kickstart their career and begin with job-oriented courses after 12th others still want to take a break and aim for the competitive exams. When looking for courses or jobs in general, the major constraint that filters the search is the stream, i.e. students belonging to the science stream are restricted to choose from options relating to Engineering or Medical courses while the students belonging to commerce are restricted to management courses or prepare for competitive exams, similarly students belonging to the arts stream have options such as performing arts, hospitality courses etc. while all of these courses are pre-eminent in their own domains many options are available for students in their own domain.

Choosing the right course after 12th can be a challenging and overwhelming process, but with careful consideration and planning, students can find the program that best aligns with their goals, interests, and strengths. Here are a few steps to help guide the process:

Identify your interests and strengths: Consider your passions and what you excel at, as this can help narrow down your choices and give you a better sense of what you want to study.

Research your options: Look into the various courses and programs available, including those in your preferred field, as well as those that interest you but might not be as familiar. Read about course content, job prospects, and other important details.

Consider your future career goals: Consider what kind of career you want to pursue after graduation and choose a course that will help you get there.

Talk to professionals and alumni: Seek advice from professionals in your desired field and alumni who

have completed similar programs. They can provide valuable insights and guidance on the best courses and programs.

Take time to reflect: Don't rush into a decision. Take the time you need to reflect and consider all your options before making a final choice.

Consider the academic and financial aspects: Consider the academic demands of the course and make sure you are prepared to meet them. Also, consider the financial aspect, as some courses can be expensive and may not offer good job prospects.

Remember, the right course for you is one that you are passionate about, will help you achieve your career goals, and is feasible academically and financially.

List of Courses after 12th Science

The science stream is suitable for students who have a strong curiosity about the world around them and a love for mathematics and physics. This stream is ideal for students who are interested in pursuing careers in fields such as medicine, engineering, and technology. After completing 12th in the science stream, students can choose from a wide range of undergraduate courses such as B.Tech, B.E, MBBS, BDS, and B.Sc. Some popular career options in this field include engineer, doctor, scientist, and researcher.

Course after 12th PCM:

These courses are suited for students who have just completed their 12th with Physics Chemistry and Mathematics being their major. These courses are bound with an eligibility criteria that includes only those students who have opted for PCM.

B.Tech/Engineering

B.Tech or Bachelor of Technology is a popular course for students who have completed 12th Science. It provides students with a solid foundation in engineering principles and technology, as well as practical, hands-on experience in specialized areas such as civil, mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering.

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch)

B.Arch is a professional degree program for students who have an interest in design and building. The program covers a wide range of subjects, including architecture theory, design, construction techniques, and environmental sustainability.

Merchant Navy

Merchant Navy refers to the commercial shipping industry. Stu-

dents who choose this field can opt for courses such as Marine Engineering, Nautical Science, or Deck Cadet, and can go on to careers as ship officers, marine engineers, and more.

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc)

B.Sc is a popular course for students who have completed 12th Science. It provides students with a solid foundation in science and mathematics, as well as hands-on experience in specialized areas such as physics, chemistry, biology, and more.

Pilot (Fighter/Commercial)

Piloting is a highly specialized field, requiring extensive training and experience. Students who choose this field can opt for courses in commercial or fighter piloting, and can go on to careers as pilots in the military or commercial airlines.

Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA)

BCA is a popular course for students who have an interest in computer science and technology. The program covers a wide range of subjects, including programming, database management, web development, and more, providing students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the rapidly growing field of computer technology.

Courses after 12th PCB

Students who have an inclination towards biology and life forms, mostly pursue the Biology based science stream, these students can opt for courses in the medical field or other fields that are suited for students who have taken up Physics, Chemistry, Biology as their major.

MBBS

MBBS stands for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, it is a professional medical degree that is awarded after completing 5.5 years of medical school. MBBS graduates are eligible to practice medicine as a doctor.

Duration: 5 years 5 months

Eligibility: 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Starting Salary: Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2 Lakh per annum

BHMS

BHMS stands for Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery, it is a degree in homeopathic medicine awarded after completing 5 and a half years of study. BHMS graduates can practice homeopathic medicine and surgery.

Duration: 5 and 1/2 years

Eligibility: 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Starting Salary: Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000 per annum

BDS

BDS stands for Bachelor of Dental Surgery, it is a professional degree awarded after completing 5 years of dental school. BDS graduates can practice dentistry as a dentist.

Duration: 5 years

Eligibility: 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Starting Salary: Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 2 Lakh per annum

B.Sc

B.Sc stands for Bachelor of Science, it is an undergraduate degree awarded after completing 3 years of study in a science-related field. B.Sc covers subjects such as physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics.

Duration: 3 years

Eligibility: 10+2 with science subjects with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Based on merit in 10+2 or entrance exam conducted by institutes

Starting Salary: Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000 per annum

Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)

BVSc stands for Bachelor of Veterinary Science, it is an undergraduate degree in veterinary science awarded after completing 5 years of study. BVSc graduates can practice as a veterinarian and treat animals.

Duration: 5 and 1/2 years

Eligibility: 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Starting Salary: Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 per annum

Paramedical Courses

Paramedical courses refer to a range of health science courses that prepare individuals to assist medical professionals in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. Examples of paramedical courses include Nursing, Physiotherapy, Radiology Technology, and Laboratory Technology.

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Urban 20: Creating collaborative cities for a galvanised global order



By: Hardeep S Puri

The inaugural event of the Urban 20 Engagement Group was held in Ahmedabad on 9-10 February 2023. Urban 20, or U20, is among the most influential city-level diplomacy initiatives held annually. Receiving participation from Mayors and designated 'City Sherpas' from the G20 cohort, the deliberations at U20 inform G20 negotiations and are integral to the broader discourse around urban development. The inaugural

meeting was attended by more than 70 delegates from 42 cities – the largest recorded attendance since the inception of U20!

It is fitting that India is anchoring the discourse on urbanisation and urban dynamics this year. Under the Modi government, India has increasingly led action on issues of global governance. One such success story has been the transformation of our urban areas which has now become a blueprint for other countries to learn from, particularly in the Global South. This year's U20 aims to shed light on the powerful implications that policies and practices adopted by cities have on global agendas of development.

The inaugural meeting built on these themes by foregrounding the role of cities in economic prosperity and ecological harmony. Significant progress was made on developing a consensus around the six priority areas identified. The highest emphasis was given to the

urgency of adopting environmentally responsible behaviours to reduce our carbon footprint. Secondly, conserving water resources and providing equitable access to water assumed greater salience. Thirdly, there was acceptance that climate financing needed to be accelerated as we seek to retrofit legacy infrastructure. Fourth, it became imperative that we re-think regulatory and governance frameworks in order to achieve strategic targets. Fifth, the popular demand to promote local identities of cities to animate civic society was recognised. Lastly, it was deemed essential to democratise processes that champion the use of technology and data.

City representatives expressed their solidarity in taking forward this collaborative agenda. This sixth edition of the U20 has morphed into a platform that aims to equip city governments to close the gap between policy and practice by translating deliberations on urban governance into on-ground solutions. As 'Chair City' of the U20, Ahmedabad led by example as it expounded on the innovations adopted in developing the

Sabarmati riverfront as well as the key features of its affordable housing policy and heritage management plan, among other reforms.

Ahmedabad encapsulates the spirit of citizen-oriented rejuvenation that India has embarked upon. In the last nine years, the Modi government has undertaken the largest planned urbanisation programme in the world, based on cooperative and competitive federalism; universalisation and saturation of basic services; technological innovation; economic opportunity; and a rural-urban continuum. Our urban transport policies are designed to fulfil the commitments of the Paris Agreement by adding green mobility options to India's urban landscape. Various transformative urban missions have resulted in Indian cities poised to help the country achieve its economic and SDG targets.

It is widely acknowledged that the onus of achieving SDG targets will lie with cities. In the case of India—which will have more than 600 million people residing in its cities by 2030—I have often said that "if India succeeds, the SDGs will succeed; and for the SDGs to

succeed, India must succeed." I have no doubt that India will succeed, and in doing so, shall show the rest of the world how developing economies can tackle global challenges. The proof of our urban capabilities lies in the way we overcame the pandemic despite the fact that our populous cities were severely affected. Through measures such as decentralised healthcare, direct cash transfers, universal service delivery and affordable rental housing, India demonstrated a governance approach that not only received global adulation, but also led to recent calls for replication.

At a time when the world is beset with geopolitical conflict, financial uncertainty and climatic stress, it is imperative that we co-ordinate and calibrate policy response from the lowest local level to the highest global gathering. As the oldest and largest democracy, it is in the Indian DNA to gain consensus among diverse opinions. It is from this ethos that the theme of this year's G20 summit emanates: 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Earth. One Family. One Future.' G20 2023 has the potential to be

the crucible from which a framework for mutually beneficial and sustainable international economic cooperation will emerge. I believe U20 Ahmedabad will be the vanguard for this spirit of collective action to take shape among our cities. With continuous guidance from the G20 Secretariat, the National Institute of Urban Affairs which is the U20 Technical Secretariat, and knowledge partners from across the globe, I am convinced that Ahmedabad's stewardship will enhance the impact of this sixth edition of U20.

I commend the City Sherpas who made meaningful contributions to the inaugural U20 event. I hope Mayors, Sherpas and representatives from cities will continue to participate in the 2023 U20 cycle leading up to the Mayoral Summit in July. As we pursue the shared goal of a prosperous and sustainable world, this sixth edition of the U20 has the unique opportunity to build a roadmap that can inform urban policies for years to come.

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Nagaland assembly elections 2023:

Nobody can set deadline for solution to Naga issue, says CM Rio

Agency
Kohima, Feb 27:

With the BJP-led central government and its ally NDPP-led Nagaland government 'failing' to deliver a solution to the vexed Naga political issue before the assembly elections in the state, Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio, on Monday (February 27), stated that it is impossible to set a deadline to achieve a solution to the Naga issue.

Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio said that a deadline to achieve a solution to Naga political issue cannot be set.

"Nobody can set a deadline for solution to the Naga issue," said Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio.

Rio made this state-



ment while speaking to the media after casting his vote in the Nagaland as-

sembly elections at Northern Angami II constituency.

Speaking further on the ongoing voting process in Nagaland, CM Neiphiu Rio hoped that the "Nagaland assembly elections 2023 will be peaceful and successful".

It may be mentioned here that the NDPP and the BJP are contesting the Nagaland assembly elections on the 40:20 seats sharing formula that both the parties adopted in the 2018 assembly elections in the state.

The Congress is contesting on 23 seats, the NPF in 22 and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) in 15.

A total of 183 candidates are in the fray in the Nagaland assembly elections.

Out of the total 183 candidates in Nagaland, only four are women candidates.

AAP Protests at BJP Offices Across States; Delhi Dy CM Produced in Court Amid Heavy Security

Agency
New Delhi, Feb 27:

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who has been arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with alleged corruption in the now-scrapped excise policy relating to the sale of alcohol, will be produced before Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court at 2 pm on Monday. His routine medical examination was done at the CBI headquarters in Delhi by government doctors, sources said.

Meanwhile, security has been beefed up at several locations, across Delhi and other parts of the country, in anticipation of protests by Aam Aadmi Party workers following the deputy chief minister's arrest. AAP workers had clashes with police in several states

across India as they launched a nationwide protest against Sisodia's arrest today.

Sisodia's arrest is another biggest high-profile action against an Opposition leader, after that of Satyendar Jain, Delhi's then health minister, in June last year.

Delhi Dy CM was arrested after nearly eight hours of questioning on various aspects of the excise policy for 2021-22, which the probe agency says suffered from irregularities both in its formulation and implementation, allegedly intended to benefit people with links to the AAP.

The CBI investigators were not satisfied with Sisodia's answers, an official said, adding he was not cooperating in the probe and avoided clarifications sought on crucial points. "He gave evasive replies and did not

cooperate in the investigation despite being confronted with evidence to the contrary. Therefore, he has been arrested," the CBI said in a statement.

His arrest by the Central Investigation agency is seen as a move that could plunge the city into a governance crisis and further widen the political rift between the AAP and the BJP-led Centre.

Both Sisodia and Jain have been credited for what the Aam Aadmi Party describes as the successful transformation of Delhi's education and health services, contributing to the party's popularity and continued electoral success. Their absence in the government would leave Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with no heavyweight lieutenant to implement his governance agenda in Delhi.

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How to choose Right Careers options after

Duration: 1 to 2 years
Eligibility: 10+2 with science subjects with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Based on merit in 10+2 or entrance exam conducted by institutes

Starting Salary: Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000 per annum
Also Read: DMLT Course

Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm)

B.Pharm is a degree in pharmacy awarded after completing 4 years of study in pharmaceutical sciences. B.Pharm graduates can work as pharmacists and assist in the preparation and dispensing of medicines.

Duration: 4 years
Eligibility: 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Mathematics with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Starting Salary: Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 40,000 per annum

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech)

B.Tech is a professional engineering degree awarded after completing 4 years of study in engineering. B.Tech covers subjects such as computer science, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and civil engineering.

Duration: 4 years
Eligibility: 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics with minimum 50% marks

Admission Procedure: Through Joint Entrance Examination (JEE Main)

Starting Salary: Rs. 3 Lakhs to Rs. 10 Lakhs per annum

Courses after 12th Commerce Stream

The commerce stream is a popular choice among students who are interested in business, finance, and economics. This stream is ideal for students who are good with numbers, have strong analytical skills and an interest in the financial market. After completing 12th in the commerce stream, students can pursue undergraduate courses in commerce, business, accounting, and economics. Some popular career options in this field include chartered accountant, company secretary, business analyst, and finance manager.

List of Courses after 12th Commerce:

Students after pursuing their class 12th after Commerce have a wide range of career options after completing their school. Most of the students, although, opt for the B.Com course due to lack of knowledge, but there are other courses available for these students as well.

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

BBA is an undergraduate degree program in the field of business and management that provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the business world and develops their leadership, communication, and analytical skills.

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com)

B.Com is an undergraduate degree program in commerce that focuses on subjects such as accounting, finance, economics, and business law. It provides students with a strong foundation in commerce and prepares them for careers in the financial sector.

Chartered Accountancy (CA)

CA is a professional designation for accountants in India and other countries. The program involves rigorous training and exams in accounting, taxation, auditing, and financial management, and equips students with the skills needed to work in senior positions in finance and accounting.

Company Secretary (CS)

CS is a professional designation for company secretaries in India and other countries. The program involves training and exams in company law, corporate governance, secretarial practice, and related subjects, and prepares students for careers in company management and legal compliance.

Bachelor of Economics

B.A. in Economics is an undergraduate degree program in economics that focuses on the study of micro and macroeconomic theories and their applications to real-world economic issues. The program provides students with a deep understanding of economic concepts and prepares them for careers in research, banking, and govern-

ment.

Hotel Management Courses
Hotel Management courses provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to work in the hospitality industry. The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects, including food and beverage service, housekeeping, front office operations, and event management.

Bachelor of Statistics

B.Sc in Statistics is an undergraduate degree program in statistics that focuses on the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data. The program provides students with a solid foundation in statistical methods and prepares them for careers in data analysis, research, and market research.

Paramedical Courses

Paramedical courses provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to work in the healthcare industry. The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects, including anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and patient care.

Digital Marketing

Digital Marketing is the practice of promoting products or services using digital channels, such as search engines, social media, email, and websites. Digital Marketing courses provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to plan, execute, and measure digital marketing campaigns.

Journalism

Journalism is the practice of reporting and writing news stories for publication in the media. Journalism courses provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to research, write, and report news stories, as well as to use various media technologies.

Banking and Finance

Banking and finance courses provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to work in the financial sector. The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects, including banking, investment, insurance, risk management, and financial regulation.

Courses after 12th Arts Stream

The arts stream is ideal for students who have a creative bent of mind and an interest in

the humanities and social sciences. This stream is suitable for students who are interested in pursuing careers in fields such as journalism, teaching, law, and psychology. After completing 12th in the arts stream, students can pursue undergraduate courses in fields such as B.A., B.Ed, LLB, and B.Sc in Psychology. Some popular career options in this field include journalist, teacher, lawyer, and psychologist.

List of Courses after 12th Arts (Humanities):

Students in this field are very creative and have a knack for skill-based learning and courses. The students in these courses have a wide range of career options.

Students belonging to one stream cannot choose most of the courses belonging to other streams. Here's where all those courses come in handy that have no constraint of a stream. These are the courses which every 12th pass student can opt for irrespective of their chosen stream.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on arts, humanities, and social sciences subjects.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on visual or performing arts subjects such as painting, sculpture, dance, music, theater, and more.

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Duration: 4 years

Eligibility: 10+2 or equivalent examination with a minimum of 45-50% marks.

Admission Procedure: Admissions are usually done on the basis of merit or through entrance exams.

Starting Salary: INR 2 to 6 Lakhs per annum

Integrated Law (B.A. + LL.B)

Is an undergraduate program that combines a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Bachelor

of Laws degree. This program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of law and its relationship to other disciplines.

Bachelors of Journalism and Mass Communication

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on teaching students the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a career in journalism and mass media.

Bachelor of Fashion Design

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on teaching students the principles of fashion design and production, including sketching, pattern making, and sewing.

Bachelor of Economics

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on the study of economics, including microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, and more.

Bachelor of Political Science

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on the study of politics, including political theory, government, international relations, and more.

Bachelor of English

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on the study of the English language, including literature, linguistics, and creative writing.

Bachelor of Sociology

Is an undergraduate degree program that focuses on the study of society and human behavior, including social structure, culture, and social problems.

Paramedical Course

Is a program of study that focuses on providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a paramedic, providing emergency medical services and transport.

Other Courses to Pursue after 12th Students:

Law Courses

These courses are opted by students who have an interest in legal research. There are various specializations in the course i.e. criminal law, cyber law, civil law, patent law, Commercial law, Litigation, family law, etc.

Law courses are available in different degree programs such as BALLB, BBALLB, and BLS-

LLB that can be opted by any student who has just passed 12th with any stream. Law courses are very popular among students who want to fight against injustice and defend innocent lives.

Technician, Operation Theatre Technician, or even for the paramedics who work in the administrative department in the hospital are very easy to pursue courses with attractive internships (mostly paid) that are within the course duration along with great placement opportunities as the healthcare sector has more jobs and is the fastest growing sector in India right now.

Fashion Designing Course

While the course is more common among students with the arts/ humanities background, anyone who has passed 12th irrespective of the stream can pursue Fashion Designing courses. These courses are readily available in government and private colleges and are well suited for students who have a creative mindset and want to build their career in the

Fashion Industry. The job role includes designing clothing and accessories while also considering the materials, colors, patterns, and styles. Future aspects of this course include jobs in various industries related to fashion or in manufacturing and exporting units. Students can also start their own business and sell their products in the market.

Event Management Course

When looking for options that are related to hospitality after class 12th, one can pick up the event management courses that are available in degree, diploma and certificate forms in different colleges. All these are job-oriented courses which help the student earn decent pay right after the completion of the course. The students can then later look for internships to attain the required hands-on experience or practical training in various event organizing firms and go on to work permanently in the field. Events such as weddings, birthday parties, concerts, live performances, etc. are included. The job requires skills to plan and manage an event.

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Harimaya Poudyal do hereby declare that I have relinquished, renounced and abandoned the use of my old name **Harimaya Sigdyal Poudyal** as I have assumed my new name **Harimaya Poudyal**.

Sd/-
Harimaya Poudyal
Lower Kalapahar

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Kedarnath Pouyal do hereby declare that I have relinquished, renounced and abandoned the use of my old name **Kedarnath Sigdyal Poudyal** as I have assumed my new name **Kedarnath Poudyal**.

Sd/-
Kedarnath Poudyal
Lower Kalapahar

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Dinesh Poudyal do hereby declare that I have relinquished, renounced and abandoned the use of my old name **Dinesh Sigdyal Poudyal** as I have assumed my new name **Dinesh Poudyal**.

Sd/-
Dinesh Poudyal
Lower Kalapahar

DDAM and WBAM provide Financial Assistance

IT News
Imphal, Feb 27:

The Disabled Development Association Manipur and Wheelchair Basketball Association Manipur provided financial assistance to Thoudam Ongbi Pecha of Takyel Khongbal Ward No. 4 today. The financial aid was handed over by Dr. Kiran

Yendrembam, social activist and advisor of DDAM and Wheelchair Basketball Association Manipur along with Working President Sandham Bijoy, General Secretary, Md Yunus Khan, member W. Joysana and Chongsing Koireng, member of Women Commission. The financial aid was given to assist in the treatment of Thoudam Ongbi

Pecha, who is bedridden now due to kidney failure. Pecha happens to be the mother of Thoudam Ongbi Shantibala who is a Founder player of the Wheelchair Basketball Association Manipur.

The first phase of financial assistance given to Pecha was the collective effort of DDAM and Wheelchair Basketball Association Manipur mem-

bers with help from L Dhaneshwar Singh, Social Welfare Department of Disability, W. Birahari Singh, Retd. Deputy Director, Initiative & Development organization, Samuro, and members of Women Commission. The members of these organisations plan to provide more assistance to Pecha in the near future.

Assam Rifles distributes Solar Lamps and Essential Commodities

IT News
Imphal, Feb 27:

Mantripukhri Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised distribution of Six Solar Lights at Biramangol College, Sawombung, Imphal East, today. In continuation of its efforts to reach out to local populace Assam Rifles conducts various welfare and developmental activities to win the hearts of the local populace and boost the image of the armed forces among the common people. Total six solar lights were handed over to the Biramangol College which are beneficial in enhancing the security of the college during night. K Ibomcha Singh, MLA Lamlai AC was also present during the distribution ceremony. K Ibomcha Singh, MLA Lamlai AC, college principal, staff and students expressed their profound gratitude to the Assam Rifles for extending all the help & support.

In its campaign under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan,



Loktak Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) interacted with "Youth of Reformation and Progressive Trust (Rehabilitation Centre)" and distributed essential commodities at Company Operating Base, Komlakhong, District-Bishnupur today. Company Operating Base, Komlakhong of Loktak Battalion took the opportunity to help approx 30 local

youths of Reformation and Progressive Trust of Komlakhong village, Bishnupur District. During the interaction battalion also distributed essential commodities. The aim of interaction was to impart knowledge regarding alcohol addiction, drug abuse, ill effects of drugs and its negative consequences in human body. The focus was also on solutions

for addicts to come out of it and resettle in their life with a positive attitude. This is one of the numerous activities undertaken by the Loktak battalion to ensure well-being of the local populace and alleviate their hardships. The initiative is an act of Force multiplier to the organisation's thought of always standing to the motto of "Friends of the NE People".

Assam Rifles organises Awareness Programme on Agniveer Rally

IT News
Imphal, Feb 27:

It has always been an endeavor of security forces to help the local youths from remote areas to fulfill their ambitions to join the defence forces. In view of the upcoming Agniveer rally for aspirant youth of Manipur, Churachandpur Battalion of HQ IGAR (South) organised awareness for local youth of

Hengkot and neighbouring villages on 27 Feb 2023.

Churachandpur battalion took this opportunity as an initiative to gather local youths from Vill Hengkot and contiguous area for the awareness programme. The basic aim of this event was to guide on career prospects, registration, documentation and recruitment procedure to join Indian Army through Agniveer scheme 2023. Battalion as-

sured all local youths for all kind of assistance including free registration, theoretical classes, training of computer skills, physical training and communication skills. Pamphlets were also distributed.

The initiative was well received by the locals who appreciated the efforts of Churachandpur battalion in reinforcing their motto of being the "Sentinels of North East".

Magnitude 5.6 quake hits Turkey; more buildings collapse

Agency
Ankara, Feb 27:

A magnitude 5.6 earthquake shook southern Turkey on Monday — three weeks after a catastrophic temblor devastated the region — causing some already damaged buildings to collapse, an official said. A father and daughter were reported trapped beneath the rubble of one building.

Monday's earthquake was centred in the town of Yesilyurt in Malatya province, the country's disaster management agency said.

Yesilyurt's mayor, Mehmet Cinar, told HaberTurk television that a number of buildings in the town collapsed, including a four-story building where a father and daughter were trapped. Cinar said the pair had entered the damaged building to collect belongings.

Elsewhere in Malatya, search-and-rescue teams were sifting through the rubble of another building that toppled on top of some parked cars, HaberTurk reported. Malatya was among 11 Turkish provinces hit by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that devastated parts of southern Turkey and northern Syria on February 6.

That quake led to more than 48,000 deaths in both countries as well as the collapse or serious damage of 173,000 buildings in Turkey.

AFAD, Turkey's disaster management agency, said that close to 10,000 aftershocks have hit the region affected by the quake since February 6.

Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned have lost my Certificate of Registration for Nurse, bearing Registration No. 119200 and and Certificate of Registration for Midwife, bearing Registration No. 118764, 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

Yaipha Thourang Crafts Bazar

At MMRC & Unity Park, Khangbaok, Thoubal District, Manipur

DATE : 24th Feb., to 5th March 2023

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