

From July 2022 to December 2022, over Rs. 70 lakhs utilized by COHSEM

No amount for preparation of Class XI and XII examination reflected

IT News
Imphal, Jan 16:

At a time when various organisations including students' and Guardian's bodies are raising their voice against the appointment of a regular Chairman on Deputation basis at a time when the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM) has already started preparation for conducting the class XI and Class XII, team Imphal Times is shocked to found that within a span of 5 months, the COHSEM had utilized over Rs. 70 Lakhs for purchase of mobile phones, stationery items, computers, furniture and for construction of vehicle sheds.

In a closure look, the expenditure did not reflect any amount of money spent for preparation for conducting the examination for class XI and XII.

From time-to-time COHSEM has always been in the news not for good reason. And this time too, the COHSEM is in the news with demand from various students' bodies and guardian's organization over frequent change of

its chairman. The office was even locked by a group of student body over this issue. With examination of Class XI and Class XII coming up in one or two months, the students' bodies and the guardian association showed their apprehension about disturbances that may occurred due to change to chairman.

Dr. Chingangbam Sarat Singh, Associate Professor and HOD of English Department of DM College of Science was appointed as in-charge Chairman of the COHSEM till a regular chairman is appointed by an order of the Education - S Department, Government of Manipur on July 12, 2022 after the retirement of the earlier Chairman Dr. L. Mahendra Singh. Later, on December 16, 2022, the Education-S department, Government of Manipur appointed T. Ojit Singh, Joint Director (i/c), Associate Professor, Directorate of University and Higher Education, Govt. of Manipur as the Chairman of the COHSEM on deputation for a period of 3 years which can be extended till 5 years.

The appointment of T. Ojit Singh as the Chairman, seems

not satisfied to some of the officials of the COHSEM and the in-charge chairman which ultimately created hurdle in the functioning of COHSEM.

Interestingly, the COHSEM is run by the revenues collected from students through fees and fines, not by any Grant from the Government. When Imphal Times team try to find out the real reason over the tussle that arises at COHSEM, our team managed to procure a document of expenditures. Imphal Times however fails to find any evidences on whether the amount spent during the tenure of the in-charge chairman as the root of the problem but is shocked to learnt in finding expenditure which are not directly related for conducting the class XI and Class XII examination.

As per the expenditure document available with Imphal Times, a total of Rs. 12,41,254/- (Twelve lakhs forty-one thousand and two hundred fifty-four) was spent for purchase of Cartridges from July 27, 2022 to December 9, 2022. On August 2, 2022 an amount of Rs. 72,800/- was spent for purchase of mobile phone and

another sum of Rs. 65,268 for purchase of biometrics. The installation charge is stated as Rs. 15,100/-. A total of Rs. 10,55,014/- (Ten lakhs fifty-five thousand and fourteen) was spent for purchase of revolving chair and table during August, September and October of 2022. In the said month a total of Rs. 16,28,180/- (Sixteen Lakh twenty-eight thousand one hundred and eighty) was spent for purchase of computers, printers and laptop. In September 2022, an amount of Rs. 3,46,069/- (Three lakhs forty-six thousand and sixty nine) was spent for construction of Vehicle shed. Another amount of Rs. 2,24,200/- (Two lakhs twenty-four thousand two hundred) was spent for purchase of 200 bags. During the month of September to November of 2022 six workshop were conducted with an expenditure of Rs. 24,08,800/- (Twenty-four lakhs eight thousand eight hundred).

Total amount spent within these five months is Rs. 70,56,658/- (Seventy lakhs fifty-six thousand six hundred and fifty-eight).

Police seizes large quantity of Narcotic Substances at Imphal-Moreh road

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Imphal, Jan 16:

Intensifying the 'War on Drug', a team of Kakching Police detected and seized around 1.336 Kilograms of suspected Heroin No. 4 powder and 9.151 Kilograms of suspected WY tablets while checking a vehicle coming Moreh at National Highway-102 at around 7.30 am today.

According to Police source, the said seizure was done from a Maruti Gypsy of a team of CDO Unit, Kakching which was posted in Moreh and now under orders of posting to Special CDO Unit, Khabeiso coming from Moreh at Kuraopokpi near St. Joseph English School on NH 102.

The detection and seizure was affected by combined teams of Subedar S. Birla Singh, OC, CDO Unit, Kakching, Subedar Ksh. Prakash Singh of CDO Unit, Kakching and SI K. Mothilphun Dangawa of Pallel Police Station under the supervision of Binoy Chongthani, MPS Addl. SP (Ops) Kakching & A. Romendro Singh, MPS, Addl. SP (CPCR) attached with District Police, Kakching and under the overall Supervision of



Shrey Vats, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Kakching.

The personnel of the CDO teams are identified as (1) Hay, No 022007251 Kh. Achouba Singh of MPTC presently attached with CDO Unit, Kakching (team commander) (2) Rfn. No. 072006088 Th. Subhash Chothe of 7th MR presently attached with CDO Unit, Kakching (3) C/No. 1801203 Y. Dineswar Meitei of Imphal West District presently attached with CDO Unit, Kakching (4) Rfn. No. 062010650 M. Premchandra Singh of 6th MR presently attached with CDO Unit, Kakching and (5) Rfn. No. 062010801 N. Dorendrajit Singh of 6th MR presently attached with CDO Unit, Kakching respectively.

The detained persons

along with the said vehicle were searched after observing legal formalities. From the vehicle, 100 (hundred) soap cases containing suspected Heroin No.4 powder and 8 bundles of suspected WY tablets with each bundle containing approx 10,000 tablets. Upon weighing, the suspected Heroin No. 4 powder was found to be 1.336 Kilograms and suspected WY tablets were found to weight 9.151 Kilograms respectively. A cash amount of Rs. 80,000/- (Rupees eighty thousand only) was seized from the accused person namely Hay. No 022007251 Kh. Achouba Singh. The arrested persons along with the seized articles are handed over to OC, Kakching Police Station for taking up further necessary legal action.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen echoes the message of peace & integrity

IT News
Imphal, Jan 16:

Textiles, Commerce and Industry Minister, Nemcha Kipgen echoed the message of peace, love and integrity at the Cultural Day of the 27th Sports Meet, 2023 of the Liangmai Sports Association held under the theme 'Excel for Glory' at Oklong, Senapati District this Sunday.

Addressing the gatherings, Minister Nemcha called upon all the people to march forward towards the path of development with an essence of love for one another irrespective of caste, color, creed and to forgive and forget any incidents that will hamper the growth of the society at large.



Nemcha expressed that Manipur is a truly gifted state. To save Manipur, she reiterated that everyone should support the 'War on Drugs' campaign which is actively initiated and supervised by the Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh.

'Let us all eradicate the poppy completely from our land to save the present and future generations,' she asserted.

While stating that through culture and traditional dress,

one can show the integrity and oneness of Manipur, Textiles Minister called for participation of the Liangmai Tribe in the larger platform to showcase their rich culture, traditions and attires. She further stated that GI Tag for all the Handloom products of all the tribes of Manipur is in the pipeline.

Cultural dance, folk songs, cultural attires show were some of the main highlights of the Cultural Day of the LSA Sports Meet.

MLA, Tadubi AC, N. Kayisii, MLA, Wangkhei AC, Thangiam Arunkumar and Social Worker, Wilobou Newmai also graced the occasion as Special Guest, Functional President and Guest of Honour respectively.

Two-day key BJP meet starts today with PM Modi's roadshow; state polls and 2024 on agenda

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 16:

The BJP's national executive meeting will be held in Delhi on January 16 and 17.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and other top leaders, including Union home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh, party president JP Nadda and BJP chief ministers will attend the all-important meeting. Other senior ministers, besides national and state office bearers,

will also attend. There will be around 350 participants.

Ahead of the meeting, Amit Shah said that the result of the recent Gujarat Assembly election has sent a message that Narendra Modi will be re-elected as the prime minister in 2024. Without naming opposition leaders Rahul Gandhi of the Congress and Arvind Kejriwal of the AAP, Amit Shah said the people of Gujarat responded to those who tried to defame the state and PM Modi.

At the national executive, the BJP leadership may announce a year's extension for party president JP Nadda, whose tenure ends later this month. There could be three-four resolutions to cover political, economic and foreign policy issues, though there's no final word yet. The party will go all out to promote G20 events following India getting the presidency of the elite grouping of 20 leading economies of the world.

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Joshimath: Governance Indifference and Socio-Cultural Cost

By: Amar Yumnam
Imphal, Jan 16:

If one searches the internet for Joshimath, a lovely picture accompanied by this description would be one of the major attractions: "the gateway for mountain climbing expeditions, trekking, and several other thrilling activities for those who want to live life on the edge." It is from here one has to traverse to the famous trekking destination in Uttarakhand, Valley of Flowers. "It is a place with high cultural values, charming natural beauty and exemplifying the ethos of diversity."

But today Joshimath is in the news, very intense news,

for altogether different reasons. There is the land subsidence happening with rising risks each hour - risks to lives, livelihood and an almost disappearance of a place with a history of culture, stories of the divine blessing lives on earth, examples of people leading an aura of happiness with minimal governance interventions and a socio-cultural atmosphere marked by cohesion.

While we have almost already lost the opportunity to save this place from land subsidence, we cannot afford to let it happen just like that without absorbing lessons from the happenings and with all the natural, social, cultural and economic costs. Today the

surre happenings getting unfolded reminds the experience of Jules Verne reacting to a book his uncle was reading and elaborated in his book *A Journey into the Interior of the Earth*: "Four different languages in this ridiculous sentence! What connection could there possibly be between such words as ice, sir, anger, cruel, sacred wood, changeable, mother, bow, and sea? The first and the last might have something to do with each other; it was not at all surprising that in a document written in Iceland there should be mention of a sea of ice; but it was quite another thing to get to the end of this cryptogram with so small a clue. So I

was struggling with an insurmountable difficulty; my brain got heated, my eyes watered over that sheet of paper; its hundred and thirty-two letters seemed to flutter and fly around me like those motes of mingled light and darkness which float in the air around the head when the blood is rushing upwards with undue violence. I was a prey to a kind of hallucination; I was stifling; I wanted air. Unconsciously I fanned myself with the bit of paper, the back and front of which successively came before my eyes. What was my surprise when, in one of those rapid revolutions, at the moment when the back was turned to me I thought I

caught sight of the Latin words "craterem," "terrestre," and others."

The almost uninterrupted allowance of the happenings to take place in Joshimath is happening almost fifty years after the Stockholm Declaration of 1972 on The UN Declaration on Human Development and the enunciation of 21 Normative Principles in it. There are so many questions to be examined and given answers relating to what is happening in connection with Joshimath.

We understand that disasters do happen every now and then in our planet. Before we jump to a conclusion, let us be very clear on the components for an event to be de-

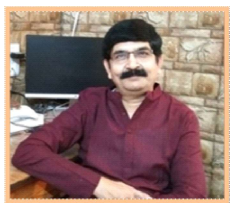
clared as a disaster. First, there is the scale component; there should be a large-scale destruction of lives and property. Second, there is the component of time; the happening should be such that there is an element of uncertainty and surprise. A disaster happens all of a sudden and on a massive scale. Third, there is the reduction of scope for response to the damages. The damages caused spread across every dimension of human existence - houses, infrastructure of all kinds and the uncertainty as to whether the risk associated with the disaster is continuing or has come to an end.

Now looking from these

three components of a disaster, the scenario getting unfolded in Joshimath cannot by any means be termed as disaster in the usual sense. There is a large involvement of lives and property, but the nature of damages is such as cannot be termed as disaster. Further, the element of uncertainty is not there in this case; it is not a case of suddenness here. Still further, the question of restoring the damaged area to a situation of inhabitable sustainability does not arise in this case. Thus though the scale is huge enough to be termed as disaster, the nature of it is very different from the usual understanding of it.

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Capping Election Expenses



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Don't we think, in India Frequent Elections are like celebrating festivals in India? Election Commission of India conduct election after one or two or three months in India. Frequent Elections is big problem in India. Frequent elections, according to experts, hamper long-term policymaking because every decision is seen as bait for votes.

"One Nation, One Election" means structuring the Indian election cycle in such a manner that elections to Lok Sabha and State Assemblies are synchronized together.

In such a scenario, a voter would normally cast his/her vote for electing members of Lok Sabha and State Assembly on a single day and at the same time. We all are aware that in 1952, for the first Lok Sabha elections it costed around Rs 11 crore, while in 2014 general elections, the government spent almost Rs 3,870 crore. In 2019, and there was 40% jump from 2014 costing an unprecedented Rs. 50,000 Crores, according to the New Delhi based Centre for Media Studies. And these are just paper records and estimates. Add to this the cost of various incentives like television sets, goats, liquor and other personal goods to influence the voters. It was among the world's most expensive elections. Preparing and conducting elections costs the public exchequer hundreds of crore each time and the money is mostly spent on arrangements, salaries and security. Thus holding simultaneous polls will lead to significant savings of public funds that can be better utilized elsewhere. Almost all political parties spend large sums of money in ensuring that no stone is left unturned during campaigning. Holding simultaneous elections will ensure that the ministers can dedicate a good four years towards implementing policies and doing constructive work for their constituencies. The cost of such elections, the inevitable allegations of corruption and vote buying along with the expense of providing security and the logistics of conducting one election after another is raising the call for electoral reform across the country. The code of conduct which effectively stops all the agendas of government will be enforced only once, giving more time to governments to perform.

The Law Commission headed by Justice B P Jeevan Reddy, in its May 1999 report said, "We must go back to the situation where the elections to Lok Sabha and all the Legislative Assemblies are held at once". We can save unnecessary wastage of public wealth, shift of focus from governance because of multiple elections, wastage of security forces, wastage of time for teachers and other bank officers and government officers being appointed as individual booth officials.

With elections taking place at various schedules, political parties and ministers are always in election mode which disrupts and distorts agendas with parties deferring reforms or make decisions with short-term views, thereby depriving citizens of clear policies. Apart from money, the other significant resource needed in abundance is the deployment of security forces. Holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and the state legislatures it will free up security forces, which are diverted from their core duties for each election. The winning party gets clear mandate in all houses and is increasingly prone to become autocratic and corrupt, sensing invincibility.

With elections being announced the MCC comes into force. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) which comes into force with the announcement of poll dates, prevents government from announcing any new schemes, make any new appointments, transfers and postings without the approval of election commission. This brings normal work of the government to a standstill. Expenses for conducting elections are not only incurred by the Election Commission but also by the Government at both the centre and at the state level. The Government of India is burdened with the expenses of conducting elections for the Lok Sabha. With every successive election there is a rise in the expenditure in conducting elections which is a burden on the exchequer. With the implementation of a single election in five years, there will be overall decline in the expenses incurred by the Government which they can utilize for the betterment of the people.

It is nice that the present Modi government is working and has made the "One Nation" theory as their most peculiar aspect in order to rule and maintain the ongoing nation. There scheme of GST is under the One nation, One tax theory. Thus, the "One nation" theory has also been in thoughts for the election in India.

Political Movement to the "RULE OF LAW"- A Legal Discussion on "Frontier Nagaland"



By: Dr. Aniruddha Babar

The movement of the Eastern people for the restoration of constitutional rights through separate constitutional entity has been rising through the struggle of decades. The first breakthrough that the movement achieved was through the 'Public mandate'. The movement for Frontier Nagaland is not run by the leaders but the people of the Eastern region. Movement is neither concentrated nor contained in the hands of ENPO leaders but spread in the nook and corner of the region of Eastern Nagaland.

The charismatic and wise leadership of Shri Tsapikiu Sangtam, President, ENPO and seasoned statesmanship of Shri Asungba Sangtam, Former Member of Parliament; ably supported by representatives and the leaders of different eastern tribes have successfully achieved the political objective of the movement. The demand for a Frontier Nagaland has now reached to the discussion and negotiation table of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The able, experienced and wise representatives of the Government of India under the leadership of Shri. A.K. Mishra, IPS (Rtd), Chairman, MHA Committee Advisor are busy working out the best solution with ENPO leaders to give justice to the demands of the Eastern Naga people. The current developments that we all are witnessing are the direct result of the success of political movement of eastern people. The success of the negotiations between MHA and ENPO leaders will depend on how cleverly both the parties are able to achieve the win-win situation to reach Amicable, Legislative and Sustainable "SOLUTION" in the interest of the Eastern Naga people and the nation at large.

Now, the current situation is, as with open arms 'welcome' by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Eastern people have already won half of the battle, they achieved their political success.

The next objective would be to win the "legal" battle. Let us not forget that the proposed Frontier Nagaland will be a constitutional entity constructed through legal modalities. We need a system that not only will incorporate all the demands of the Eastern Naga people but will also fulfill the requirements of the Constitution of India. The balance is vital for the federal system of government that we have in India under Constitution.

As an experienced Lawyer, Constitutional Expert, Political Theorist and part of the Frontier Nagaland movement, I stated before in the consultation meetings with our eastern people and the different leaders belonging to seven eastern tribes and also the ENPO on numerous occasions and I wish to state again that the focus of both the parties to negotiations needs to have been centered on Article 246 that gives Union List, State List and the Concurrent List under Schedule seven. Under Art. 246, in the context of ongoing negotiations on Frontier Nagaland only State List and Concurrent List is relevant at the background of Art. 371 (A) (1) (a).

The 7th Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the division of powers between the Union government and State governments. It is a part of 12 Schedules of Indian Constitution. The laws can be made on the subjects enumerated under the State List of the Indian Constitution exclusively by the State legislatures. However, all these can be done only under 'Normal Circumstances'. Article 249 gives Parliament the power to legislate concerning a subject enumerated in the State List in the National Interest. Parliament can legislate on subjects that are enumerated under the State List on three conditions: When Rajya Sabha passes resolution, During a national emergency (Article 250). When two or more states pass a resolution requesting Parliament to legislate on subjects under State List. On States resolution, the law made is only applicable to such states that passed a resolution however, other states can too adopt it by, passing the same resolution, moreover, the law made by the parliament on States resolution can be amended or repealed by the Parliament only and not the states for the implementation of International Agreements and during President's Rule. The matters of regional and local importance and the matters which permits diversity of

interest are specified in the State List which has twenty subjects upon which legislatures have an exclusive power to levy taxes. On the other hand Concurrent list has 52 subjects enumerated under it. Central Government and State Government both can make laws on the subjects mentioned under the Concurrent List. While both Central and State Government can legislate on subjects mentioned under Concurrent List, however, in case of any conflict, the law made by the Central Government prevails. The matters on which uniformity of legislation throughout the country is desirable but not essential are enumerated in the concurrent list. There are 03 subjects in the Concurrent List on which both Central and state governments have the power to levy taxes. However, in the context of the Eastern Naga people the entire discussion on Art. 246 must be done looking at Art. 371 (A) (1) (a).

The discussions and negotiations between MHA committee and ENPO now attempting to list out the suitable subjects in reference to Art. 246 and legal modalities mutually agreed upon. The discussion on legal competencies is very important as the negotiated outcome will finally decide the actual relationship between proposed Frontier Nagaland and the Government of India and also decide the future of Frontier Nagaland. Invoking my understanding about the previous/current submissions and representations of the ENPO, it is clear that eastern people demand separate legislature, separate executive headed by Governor/Lieutenant Governor, separate administration headed by Chief Secretary, separate judiciary and extended constitutional protection under Art. 371 (A) (1) (a).

Also, competencies under Art. 246 needs to be discussed and negotiated with extreme caution as the agreed competencies will decide the extent of the power of legislature of proposed Frontier Nagaland. The success of formation of Frontier Nagaland will be measured by the extent of its capability to make laws.

It is also important to remember that legal competencies and the policy matters are two different things. Competencies are something which ENPO talk team will be negotiating upon and not on the policy matters which will be dealt with in future by the interim/permanent government when proposed Frontier Nagaland will be formed as a constitutional entity.

Undoubtedly, Frontier Nagaland

will be a unique experiment in the Constitutional history of India which likely to lay down the foundation of a constructive relationship between the desires, dreams and hopes of the people of Eastern Nagaland and the growth of the nation.

I was born and brought up in Mumbai, seen enough of the world, lived in best cities and encountered best governing practices. I have firm belief that the robust system of governance and genuine political will can make anything possible in the best interests of the citizens. Therefore it is of extreme importance that proposed Frontier Nagaland entity must have enough constitutional and legal space to grow independently responding to the needs and requirements of our ever-growing nation, cosmopolitan culture, global influences, modern time and circumstances.

It is important to understand that in the modern democratic setting, political power is never concentrated in the hands of one person or the group of persons or a community. Democracy is a form of social organization. It is primarily a mode of associated living, of conjoint communicated experience, it is an attitude of respect and reverence towards our fellow human beings. Frontier Nagaland will be founded on the principles of democracy that our Constitution cherished.

However, what is then the foundation of democracy? It is the people at the end which are the foundation of democracy. It is the people who are the foundation of the principle of 'RULE OF LAW'. It is the 'Rule of Law' that will give wings to the dreams and aspirations of the people of the proposed new land - The Promised Land-The Frontier Nagaland.

The present state of Nagaland is a failure because of only one reason. We do not have Rule of Law here. We lack 'Legal Discipline' in Nagaland. People do not respect Rule of Law because they were never taught what "The Rule of Law" is by the founding fathers and successive governments of the State of Nagaland. People of Nagaland love their tribe, their village more than the State. People are more concerned about their so called 'own' people than 'all' the citizens of the state. Tribal mentality, narrow tribe centric interests have caused havoc in Nagaland. People talk about Naga unity, but what is the ground reality? Evidences are available everywhere to examine.

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Global Trends That Will Impact Careers In 2023



By: Vijay GarG

taken place across all sectors, including education and employment. Mobile technology, cloud services and augmented reality tools have been making waves in the economy and their impact on the global careers landscape is inescapable. The value of the global Edtech market is anticipated to increase to approximately US\$230 billion in the next few years. And now as we approach 2023, we anticipate these global trends are going to give an entirely new meaning to education and subsequently the job market.

Digitisation and immersive technologies

The labour market the world over has witnessed an intensification of digitalisation. With the enhancement in remote working and hybrid workforces induced by the pandemic, the careers landscape has been influenced by rapid automation and adoption of new technologies. Immersive technologies like virtual reality (VR),

augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR) offer an integrated ecosystem to engage with employees and establish new processes. VR offers the workforce of tomorrow a virtual workspace to enjoy a hands-on experience even before taking up a job. Furthermore, immersive technologies offer a practical application of concepts in real-time, which is why these technologies are going to be crucial in helping job aspirants develop important future skills and prepare for sustainable careers.

Artificial Intelligence

Though some experts see artificial intelligence (AI) as a catalyst for replacement of many existing jobs, some also acknowledge its potential to create millions of employment opportunities for generations to come. AI is affecting various sectors of employment - from recruitment, logistics, sales, manufacturing, customer relationship management, to even creative jobs like designing and writing. With AI projected as a global career trend in the near future, students must be encouraged to explore careers in the field.

5G

The world has been preparing for 5G to go mainstream for a long time. 5G offers seamless coverage, low latency and highly reliable communication systems but that's not the whole of it. The integration of 5G is expected to take the Indian IT industry to great heights. By 2035, 5G is expected to have a cumulative economic impact of US\$1 trillion and increase GDP by US\$150 billion. According to research, there will be 125 billion connected devices on the planet in 2030 in contrast to 27 billion in 2017. It is anticipated that most IT businesses will be taking on the technology and hiring individuals who are equipped with 5G skills. Skills involving network architecture, machine learning systems, big data analytics and IOT (Internet of Things) are sure to be in high demand in the coming years.

Cloud Computing

Yet another career trend that will top the charts is cloud computing. It has opened up immense possibilities for organisations as they employ cloud computing services in every-

day functioning. Initially, its mainstream adoption was somewhat slower due to a lack of knowledge and the fear of losing jobs among the IT workforce. However, it has picked up pace in recent years. Cloud computing has made it possible to set up virtual offices with anytime, anywhere connectivity. 5G technology-led cloud systems are enabling business leaders to be more perceptive to meet real-time business needs.

Soft Skills

While the world is harnessing the use of technologies to empower practical, technical and task-based abilities, soft skills have become equally important as well. The importance of soft skills in contemporary culture has been acknowledged to include critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, emotional intelligence, teamwork and flexibility, among other things. Business leaders and recruitment agencies will be looking out for prospective employees that demonstrate a fine balance of technical and soft skills.

Reskilling and Upskilling

Cross-functionality and merging

careers are expected to be some of the top global career trends of the future. If statistics are anything to go by, a change in the human-to-machine labour ratio might result in a loss of up to 85 million jobs by 2025. However, 97 million new jobs are also anticipated to be created at the same time as a result of ongoing digital transformation and technological advancements. The predicted proportion of essential skills that will need up-grading is 40 per cent. This highlights the urgent need for reskilling and upskilling in every position, division and organisation. In order to stay relevant, both current and future workforces will have to be prepared for continuous upgradation of skill sets.

The new year promises to usher in a wave of new technologies that will impact the global employment market. Keeping upcoming global trends in perspective will help students and job aspirants stay ahead of the employment curve. Learning new-age skills will enable them to gain a strong foothold in their career trajectory and prepare for career success.

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PM addresses first batch of Agniveers Efforts underway to modernise our armed forces as well as make them Aatmanirbhar: PM

PIB
New Delhi, Jan 16:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today addressed the first batch of Agniveers of the three Services, who have commenced their basic training, via video conferencing.

Prime Minister congratulated the Agniveers on being the pioneers of this path-breaking Agnipath Scheme. He highlighted that this transformative policy will be a game changer in strengthening our Armed Forces and making them future ready for the challenges that lie ahead. Prime Minister affirmed that the young Agniveers will make the Armed Forces more youthful and tech savvy.

Hailing the potential of Agniveers, he said that their spirit is reflective of the bravery of the armed forces which has always kept the flag of the nation flying high. He said that the experience which they will acquire through this opportunity will be a source of pride for life.

Prime Minister said that New India is filled with re-



newed vigour, and efforts are underway to modernise our armed forces as well as make them Aatmanirbhar. He said that in the 21st century, the way wars are fought is changing. Discussing the new fronts of contactless warfare and challenges of cyber warfare, he said technologically-advanced soldiers will play a key role in our armed forces. He added the current generation of youth especially have this potential, and so the Agniveers will play a leading role in our armed forces in the times to come.

Prime Minister also spoke

about how the scheme will further empower women. He expressed happiness at how women Agniveers are adding pride to the Naval forces, and said that he looks forward to seeing women Agniveers in all three forces. Prime Minister also recalled how women are leading armed forces on various fronts, citing examples of woman soldier posted in Siachen and women driving modern fighter planes.

Prime Minister said that getting posted in different regions will give them an opportunity to get diverse experiences and that they should

try to learn different languages and also about different cultures and ways of living. He said that teamwork and honing of leadership skills will add a new dimension to their personality. He exhorted Agniveers to remain curious about learning new things while simultaneously working on bettering their skills in the fields of their choice.

Hailing the potential of youth and Agniveers, Prime Minister concluded by saying that they are the ones who are going to provide leadership to the nation in the 21st century.

China reports 60,000 Covid deaths since early Dec, study says toll might hit 1 million in 2023

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 16:

Since abandoning its strict 'zero-Covid' policy last month, the death-toll in China has exploded with nearly 60,000 people in the country dying of Covid since early December. Earlier, on 20 November, the country had reported deaths of three people as the first few in six months.

As per international news agency AFP, the National Health Commission in China Saturday said that 5,503 more people died in December due to respiratory failure caused by the virus and another 54,435 died due to other ailments combined with Covid. The official number stood at 5,272 till 8 January.

According to the now narrowed-down definition of Covid fatalities in China, though, only the 5,503 people who died of respiratory failure will be marked as Covid deaths.

The Commission also stated that these are just deaths counted in hospitals, indicating that the toll might be higher if numbers of those who might have succumbed to Covid at home are included.

Still, the latest figures have almost doubled China's death score since early December to 10,775.

This also comes at a time when studies are predicting that Covid death toll in China is set to cross a million.

US-based Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) has projected that over a million people in the country could die of the virus through the year 2023, with cases peaking around 1 April, when deaths would reach 322,000.

About a third of China's population will have been infected by then, the study added.

Following what is being seen by the international community as another Covid wave — the biggest so far — there's a clamour worldwide for the Chinese government to share more data.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Sunday asked China to share more data on the outbreak.

"Reliable and current data allows for a better understanding of epidemiological situations," the organisation said, stressing that such data should be shared with them as well as citizens.

The government had stopped reporting Covid data since 8 January, causing international concerns that lack of transparency in sharing data may be masking the true impact of the country's massive outbreak. The concerns were exacerbated by the country's decision to lift almost all of its hardline Covid restrictions in early December following protests by citizens over the 'zero-Covid' policy.

Disease modelers at the University of Hong Kong have predicted that lifting Covid restrictions and simultaneously reopening all provinces may result in 684 deaths per million people between December 2022 and January 2023. Their paper, however, is yet to be peer reviewed.

China's 'zero-Covid' & vaccination policies

As per China's zero-Covid policy, the country had stated that its goal in fighting Covid was to keep the number of cases as close to zero as possible. In order to achieve this, it implemented mass testing, quarantined the sick in government facilities and imposed strict lockdowns.

When these restrictions were lifted, Beijing admitted the scale of the outbreak meant that numbers were now impossible to track. Compare this to its stance on 21 and 22 December last year when it reported zero Covid deaths.

"At present, Covid-19 prevention and control in China are facing a new situation and new tasks," said Chinese President Xi Jinping in a directive in December, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

"We should launch the patriotic health campaign in a more targeted way... fortify a community line of defence for epidemic prevention and control, and effectively protect people's lives, safety and health," he added.

Tax incentives, PLI schemes & funds: space industry's wishlist for Union Budget

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 16:

India's nascent private space sector has presented a wishlist of tax incentives and a production-linked incentive scheme in the upcoming Union Budget to boost local manufacturing and spur research and development.

"In the 2023-24 Union Budget, we would like to request a space-based production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for space tech startups to help boost local manufacturing and encourage capability building within the country," Awaish Ahmed, the co-founder and chief executive officer of Pixxel, a space startup based in Bengaluru, said.

Last year, Pixxel became the first Indian startup to launch its own hyperspectral imaging satellite, "Shakuntala", onboard SpaceX's rideshare rocket and followed it up with another similar satellite, "Anand", using the Indian

Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) PSLV rocket. It plans to have a constellation of earth observation satellites soon.

"In the Union Budget 2023-24, we request a further Rs 100 crore issuance as viability gap funding (VGF) to set up new infrastructure," Kranthi Chand, the head of the strategy and special projects, DhruvaSpace, said.

DhruvaSpace, a Hyderabad-based startup, also launched two satellites onboard the PSLV rocket in November and has plans to set up a satellite-manufacturing unit for a range of applications.

Chand also wants the government to make a dedicated allocation of Rs 1,000 crore for the Defence Space Agency (DSA) for the procurement of new technology from the industry.

He noted that an acceptance of necessity (AoN) has been accorded by the Ministry of Defence and Services headquarters for several sat-

ellite and space technology projects.

According to Indian Space Association (ISPA) Director General Lieutenant General AK Bhatt (Retd), suggestions were received from the space industry on tax policies and incentives to promote investment, research and development, and employment in the space sector.

The ISPA said a PLI scheme for the space sector will promote research and development in the country and provide incentives to entities engaged in the sector.

The ISPA also wants the government to provide financial support through loans, grants and tax incentives to the companies and organisations in the space sector.

"Since the new space policy is in its final stages of development, the provision of tax exemption for startups should be continued till the time the incumbent policy is released or implemented,"

Bhatt said.

Considering that most space-tech companies in India are startups and access to capital is an issue, it would be beneficial to create parity in terms of the short-term capital gains tax rate and treatment with respect to listed and unlisted entities, and also provide exemption from angel tax, the ISPA said.

Bhatt also wants the government to set up space technology parks and form a group of experts for the use of the space ecosystem.

"We believe this allocation gives the much-needed thrust towards cutting-edge tech development by reducing the revenue risk to recover costs, while providing a financially attractive return for the private sector," Chand said.

India's space economy was pegged at USD 9.6 billion in 2020 and was expected to touch USD 12.8 billion by 2025, according to a report released by the ISPA and EY last year.

AR organises Motivational Workshop on Joining Armed Forces

IT News
Imphal, Jan 16:

Modi Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a motivational workshop in coordination with Wisecrabs Club on joining Indian Armed Forces, at Chandel, Manipur on 14 Jan 2023.

A workshop cum career

counselling was organised for the students of Chandel on January 14.

The workshop was attended by 45 students from various schools of Chandel town. The students were imparted knowledge for clearing National defence academy and other defence entry examinations. Information on eligibil-

ity, preparation methods, exam requirements and schedule were imparted.

The students were also advised to build a healthy personality and distance themselves from Drug Abuse.

All the students were extremely grateful for the knowledge imparted and motivation bestowed.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-Iconic Events Week

IT News
Imphal, Jan 16:

Loktak Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) will be organising Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav - Iconic Events on 17 Jan 2023 at Bishnupur and Churachandpur district. The event is being organised by Assam Rifles in collaboration with Govt of Manipur.

The events will include visit of more than three hundred school children to INA Museum (Moirang), Band Display by Loktak Battalion on the tunes of "Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja" and documentary film on the life of Netaji.

Apart from above mentioned events, Loktak Battalion is also organising Blood Donation Camp in Battalion Headquarter Kangvai and a

Mega Medical Camp in Kangvai village on 17 Jan 2023 to felicitate the local populace of Manipur.

The event is being hailed as an amazing opportunity to not only celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav but also to wear off local youth from insurgency as well as providing service to poor and needy people of Manipur. The event is expected to witness unprecedented response from the locals of Manipur and will go long way to strengthen the bond and affinity amongst Assam Rifles and the local populace.

National Saving Certificate Lost

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that, I have lost my National Saving Certificate (NSC VIII), issued by Imphal Head Post Office for depositing a sum of Rs. 10,000/-, bearing Account number 3926607995 on the way between Wanjiang to Thoubal on January 10, 2023.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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Political Movement to the "RULE OF LAW"...

Culturally, ethnically Nagas are one-no matter from where, whether Nagaland or any other state, Nagas are one, but why should Nagas not be one in their lawful share in development and social, political and economic justice? Why should there be difference in social, political and economic existence of Naga communities? Why should there be difference in social, political and economic reality of Eastern Nagas and the Western Nagas? Why should Kohima, Dimapur etc. have all the Malls, best roads, health care system, transportation service, education service, investments and all other civic amenities and not regions in

Eastern Nagaland? Once a shining powerhouse of political and economic affairs, Tuensang looks like old, lonely Grandfather. Why? The answer lies in a fact that system and its components not neither followed nor ever believed in the 'Rule of Law' as a result the entire Eastern region which could have supplied abundant, uninterrupted wealth in the form of state revenue to entire Nagaland, categorically remained backward, orphaned and evolved into a 'haunted region'. It is not a joke. How I wish I could make a documentary film on the plight of Eastern Nagaland but I neither have means nor any knowledge

about the science of film making. If a detailed documentary film is ever made on our Eastern Nagaland, all the evidences will appear on public platform for examination.

The culture of Rule of Law needs to be cultivated which never happened in our beautiful state and as a result, we ended up creating a fractured system of governance severely infected with disease like corruption, social/political apathy, selfishness, tribalism, narrow mindedness etc.

The Constitution of India the supreme law of land is a social document. It is not merely a legal charter but a document that was drafted with

a focus on social justice for all the citizens of India. The human rights of all of us have been fortified in our constitution in the part III under 'Fundamental Rights'.

The remedies against the violation of Fundamental Rights have also been provided. The draftsmen of the Constitution under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has gifted us a system that not only protect an individual but help both the individual and the community to prosper, grow and evolve safely using their natural potential within the constitutional safeguards and protection mechanism. The time has come that people should understand the true meaning of

Justice and should familiar themselves with the machineries available in our nation to ensure "Justice" to all.

Even though I have a talent to predict future, I do not do that. It is dangerous. Let future unfold on its own. However, as and when the Frontier Nagaland appears on the political horizons of India let the Rule of Law prevail over the Rule of Man. A New journey will begin.

MAY ALL BEINGS EVERYWHERE BE HAPPY AND FREE.

(The author is a Professor, Department of Political Science, Tetso College, Nagaland)

Want govt nominee in panel for shortlisting SC and HC judges: Rijiju to CJI

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 16:

Amid the tug of war between the Centre and Supreme Court Collegium over the appointment of judges, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has written to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud "suggesting" the inclusion of a government nominee in the decision-making process for shortlisting of judges.

Highly-placed sources told The Indian Express the letter pointed out that the finalisation of the Memorandum of Procedure regarding the appointment of judges was still "pending finalisation" and gave "suggestions on how best it can be streamlined".

The suggestion is that the "evaluation committee" for Supreme Court and High Court judges should include a government nominee, the sources said adding the letter is yet to be discussed by the Collegium.

The letter came after the last hearing in the apex court on a

plea by the Advocates Association Bengaluru seeking contempt proceedings against the Centre for delaying the appointment of judges despite recommendations by the Collegium.

Marking a break with the past, when matters concerning the appointment of judges used to be taken up mostly on the administrative side, a bench presided by Justice S K Kaul had decided to proceed with the matter on the judicial side and issued notice to the government on November 11, 2022, saying "keeping names pending is not acceptable".

The row has continued ever since with the government also responding in equal measure with the law minister and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhanekar criticising the Supreme Court's actions vis a vis appointment of judges.

Justice Kaul himself is a member of the SC Collegium which shortlists names for appointments of High Court and Supreme Court judges.

Apparently responding to the Supreme Court's November 11, 2022, comments, the law minister while speaking at the Times Now Summit 2022 said, "Never say that the government is sitting on the files, then don't send the files to the government, you appoint yourself, you run the show..." Describing the Collegium system as "alien" to the Constitution, he had said, "You tell me under which provision the Collegium system has been prescribed."

Hearing the matter on November 28, 2022, Justice Kaul when referred to the news reports about Rijiju's comments said, "Let them give the power. We have no difficulty... Ignored all press reports, but what he says, that when somebody high enough says let them do it themselves, we will do it ourselves, no difficulty... It came from somebody high enough. Should not have. All I can say is, should not have happened."

The judge, however, did not take any names.

Then came comments by Vice-President Dhanekar who criticised the apex court for striking down in 2015 the law to set up a National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) for appointing judges.

Presiding over Rajya Sabha for the first time on the opening day of the Winter Session of Parliament on December 7, Dhanekar called the striking down of the NJAC Act a "severe compromise" of parliamentary sovereignty and disregard of the "mandate of the people". He had also said Parliament, being the custodian of the "ordinance of the people", was duty-bound to "address the issue" and expressed confidence that "it will do so".

When the contempt matter came up for hearing on December 8, 2022, Supreme Court Bar Association President Senior Advocate Vikas Singh told the court that "persons in constitutional posts were saying SC does not have the power to exercise judicial review".

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Two-day key BJP meet starts.....

2023 is the year that will see nine states go to the polls. They are Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Karnataka, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana. Elections could also be held in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The BJP national executive meeting will draw up a roadmap for these crucial political battles that will set the tone for 2024 when PM Narendra Modi seeks a third straight term.

The meeting will take stock of poll preparations and assess the implementation of the work outlined at the last national executive meeting held in Hyderabad in July 2022, when the message was to reach out to communities, especially marginalised Muslims. In 2021, the meeting took place in Delhi.

The BJP will hold a roadshow, amid cultural performances by artists from various states, to honour PM Modi, whose government is also completing nine years, in

Delhi on January 16 and kickstart the national executive meeting where state units will submit their progress reports. The roadshow will take place from the Patel Chowk roundabout to the NDMC convention centre, the meeting venue, from 3 pm. Vehicular movement is likely to be affected in parts of Delhi on Monday. The police have imposed traffic restrictions on certain roads in view of the roadshow.

The biggest highlight of the meeting will be the concluding address by PM Modi to BJP colleagues on how to take the party and the organisation forward and his mantra for electoral success.

JP Nadda held a marathon meeting of BJP's national general secretaries recently to discuss the agenda and mobilisation for the promotion of G20 events.

BJP vice president Bajiraj Pandey will coordinate the organisational exer-

cise related to the G20. India has planned around 200 events across 36 cities in the run-up to the G20 summit in September.

Tuesday's meeting also discussed the BJP's ongoing exercise to brighten its prospects in seats where the party has traditionally not been too strong.

The BJP has already kicked off the campaign for 2024, when India votes to elect its new government, from Bihar and Maharashtra. The party is aware of potential challenges as its 2014 Bihar ally, the JD(U), and a section of the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra are no longer part of the NDA.

Meanwhile, Congress general secretary-in-charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, took a swipe at BJP's roadshow and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "rattled by the success of the Bharat Jodo Yatra" and has got his party to organise a "joke of a road show".

Bangladeshi journalist killed, PEC demands fair probe

IT Correspondent
Geneva, Jan 16:

New year brings sad news as a young Bangladeshi journalist was killed in the first half of 2023. Ashique Islam (27), who worked for Dainik Paryabekhyan from Brahmanbaria locality (which is adjacent to India's north-eastern State of Tripura) was hacked to death on 9 January by a group of miscreants. Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), the global media safety and rights body condemned the killing and demanded a fair probe to book the culprits under the law.

"We have just passed a deadly year for working journalists with 116 casualties



across the world. Ukraine has lost 34 media persons followed by Mexico (17), Haiti (8), Pakistan (6), Philippines (5), Colombia, India (4 each), Bangladesh, Israel/Palestine, Honduras, Yemen (3 each), etc in 2022," said Blaise Lempem, president of PEC (www.presseblem.ch).

Urging Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for a high level enquiry to investigate the motive of perpetrators, Lempem also called for an international convention over the matter of joumo-murders.

PEC's South Asia representative Nava Thakuria reveals that Ashique was returning home attending an evening function when he was targeted by a group of assailants. The culprits left Ashique seriously injured. He was taken to a nearby hospital by onlookers, but soon succumbed to wounds. The Bangla police have arrested at least one individual suspecting his involvement with the

murder and investigating the motive of killers.

Last year, Bangladesh lost journalists Hashibur Rahman Rubel, Mohiuddin Sarker Nayeem and Abdul Bari to assailants. On the other hand, India witnessed the murder of Rohit Kumar Biswal, Sudhir Saini, Juned Khan Pathan and Subhash Kumar Mahato. Pakistan lost Sadaf Naeem, Arshad Sharif, Muhammad Younis, Ifkhar Ahmed, Hasnain Shah, Murtaza Shar and Athar Mateen in different incidents. Similarly, Myanmar lost photojournalist Aye Kyaw and reporter Pu Tui Dim to the relentless military atrocities during 2022.

Joshimath: Governance Indifference...

Now what is it? The disaster happening and going to happen is a social one. The uniqueness of social disaster unfolding in Joshimath is not the usual case of poverty and hunger. It is a social disaster where the entire social fabric, with all its components, would be completely dislocated. Even more serious is the fact that this social fabric would never be restructured.

As emphasised, the unfolding scenario has been known for quite some time. There is this absence of the element of uncertainty and yet the event is going to happen. This naturally makes us to raise certain governance and policy questions.

First, since the phenomenon of land subsidence has been brought to light, what has been the response of governance to this realisation? The place and

the society with all the enriching cultural values have been in existence for centuries. Now that this phenomenon of land subsidence has come to light, has the government initiated geo-scientific studies as to the scale, process and scope for halting or otherwise? We know for sure that this has not been the case; the phenomenon has been identified, but the dynamics have not been fully digested.

Second, in the absence of physical intervention founded on geo-sciences, the social disaster was inevitable. Has the government initiated steps to avoid large-scale and sudden social disaster by initiating steps to relocate and replicate the societal fabric in a new location. This is important not only for the present but for the future generations too. This is impor-

tant for the nation as a whole as well.

Third, the nature of the occurrence is such that the interventions are necessarily to be thought over and initiated by the government.

In fine, the governance has been marked by both direct and indirect moral ambiguity in so far as Joshimath is concerned. Now the people are paying a price of social disaster – a pure case of the costs of governance indifference being borne by the public.

This indifference is a characteristic of the present governance in Manipur as well with the leadership being engaged in big mouth, diversionary tactics, focus on displaying small things as the core performance and absolute absence of capability to perceive what a social policy like.

Sports

Chennaiyin FC sign 19-year-old talented defender Bikash Yumnam

IT Correspondent
Chennai, Jan 16:

Chennaiyin FC on Monday announced the signing of an exciting young prospect - defender Bikash Yumnam.

The 19-year-old football prodigy, who is rated as one of India's most intriguing prospects, will join the Marina Machans for his maiden Hero Indian Super League campaign.

"I'm really excited to be part of Chennaiyin FC. I am thankful to the management for this opportunity and really looking forward to the season," Bikash Yumnam commented.

The Manipur-born central defender was the first Indian to feature in world's leading newspaper, The Guardian's list of next generation footballers in 2020, which also had players from the prominent clubs like Manchester City, Real Madrid, Arsenal, Juventus and Paris Saint-Germain.

A multi-year contract with the two-time ISL champions will provide a great opportunity for Bikash Yumnam to showcase his talent in India's pre-



mier football league as he will be playing along with some of the seasoned defenders including Senegalese star Fallou Diagne, Iran's Vafa Hakhamaneshi and India's Narayan Das.

Bikash Yumnam has been a regular in the Indian youth teams, having played for U-16, U-19 and U-20 sides. He was part of the 2022 SAFF U-20 Championship-winning Indian team and also participated in the AFC U-20 Asian Cup Qualifiers 2023 in October last year.

At 16, Bikash Yumnam made his professional debut for Indian Arrows in the I-League in 2019 before moving to RoundGlass Punjab FC. The player has spent more than 2000 minutes on the pitch in 29 I-league appearances so far, registering one goal and one assist.

Bikash Yumnam will be eligible for the selection when Chennaiyin take on ATK Mohun Bagan in their next Hero Indian Super League 2022-23 match in Chennai on January 21.

Ethiopian Hayle Lemi wins International title at TATA Mumbai Marathon 2023

Olympian Gopi Thonakkal wins the Marathon Elite Male Indian

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Jan 16:

The Ethiopian long distance runner Hayle Berhanu Lemi won the International Elite Full Marathon title by completing the 42.195 km run within 02 hours, 07 minutes and 32 seconds, in the TATA Mumbai Marathon 2023 held in Mumbai in which over 55,000 people participated on Sunday.

Philemon Rono Hailu (Kenya) (02:08:55), Zewdu (Ethiopia) (02:10:23), emerged second and third respectively in the race which began from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in South Mumbai at 5.15 am.

The 18th edition of the Marathon was categorised as: Full Marathon (42.195 kms), Half Marathon (21.097 kms), 10 km run, Dream run (6.6 km), Senior citizens run (4.7 km), and champions with disability (2.1 km). The Half Marathon began from Reti Bunder, Mahim in Central Mumbai.

Marathon Elite Male Indian



The Ethiopian Hayle Lemi (left) won the International title, while Olympian Gopi Thonakkal (right) emerged topper among the domestic Elites at TATA Mumbai Marathon 2023.

Olympian Gopi Thonakkal, the first Indian male to win the Asian MarAsian Marathon Championship in 2017, clocked 2:16:41 to finish on top of the domestic Elites and 10th overall. Gopi, returned to competition after three years following knee surgery. The Indian Army runner was followed by Man Singh (2:16:58), who was 17 seconds behind, and Kalidas Hirave (2:22:00).

Other Results

Marathon Elite Women: Anchaalem Haymanot (Ethio-

pia) (02:24:15), Rahma Tusa (Ethiopia) (02:24:22) (second), Letebheran Haylay (Ethiopia) (02:24:52) (Third). Marathon Elite Women Indian: Chavi Yadav (02:50:35), Arti Patil (03:00:44), Renu Singh (03:01:11) and Jigmet Dolma (03:01:11). Half Marathon Men: Murli Gavit (01:05:20), Ankit Deshwal (01:05:48) and Deepak Kumbhar (01:05:51). Half Marathon Women: Parul Chaudhary (01:15:07), Nandini Gupta (01:24:12) and Poonam Soune (01:24:59).

Prizes

Prize money for Tata Mumbai Marathon Elite Run was: 1st: \$45,000, 2nd: \$25,000, 3rd: \$17,000, 4th: \$12,000, 5th: \$8,000. Winner among Indian Elite Marathoners-Rs two lakh. Top overall Half Marathon fishers- Rs one lakh (first), Rs 75000 (second) and Rs 60,000 (Third).

The Ethiopian duo of Hayle Lemi and Anchaalem Haymanot won with new course records to take home the USD 45,000 winners prize and a course record bonus of USD 15,000 each.

The participants including amateurs, fitness enthusiasts and the world's best distance runners, took to the streets of Mumbai in the Marathon which is held on the third Sunday of January every year.

Corporate leaders, including Tata Sons chairman N. Chandrasekaran, Administrator BMC commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal, actors, models, senior citizens and elite runners and amateurs turned up for the race.