

Super speciality facilities in Senapati, Ukhrul, Chandel and Tamenglong soon: Chief Minister



IT News
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The government has taken a decision to construct super speciality health-care facilities/ infrastructure in the four hill districts of Senapati, Ukhrul, Tamenglong and Chandel at the earliest so that patients from far-flung villages do not have to travel to Imphal or other cities for treatment, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said today.

N. Biren Singh was speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural function of the Tekru-Nge Celebration at Jessami Village, Ukhrul today. The festival celebrated under the theme "Walking through the diversity and richness of Jessami" will continue till January 21.

The Chief Minister continued at the moment despite lack of specialists doctors in the hill districts, treatments for diseases

requiring specialist doctors are conducted through Tele-ICU in the hill district hospitals.

We are also trying to increase the number of super specialist doctors, the Chief Minister said referring to the shortage of doctors in the State.

N. Biren Singh also highlighted the developmental changes witnessed in the State and said this has been made possible with the support and

cooperation of the people. Peace in the State has brought development, the Chief Minister added.

Highlighting the development of the Heritage Park at Makhel, the Chief Minister stressed on the brotherly relation of the communities and spoke on the oneness of the people of the State. He further urged to all against distorting history and said today history has repeated itself and the people have become united again.

Reiterating that the main vision for launching of the Go To Hills and Go To Village schemes was to identify the necessities of the villages in the interior part of the State, Shri N Biren Singh said that following the launch of these schemes in the previous term, the government was able to identify the lack of infrastructure including roads, schools, offices, health facilities in the interior parts.

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Governor visits Tamenglong and reviews development works

IT News
Imphal, Jan 19:

In his maiden visit to Tamenglong District, Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan today visited Tamenglong District Headquarters and reviewed various developmental activities taking up in the district. Governor also interacted with the District Level Officers (DLOs), Representatives of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Village Chiefs, Woman leaders and students. He heard all about the issues and grievances raised by them and assured to extend all possible help in the larger interest of the public.

Speaking at the interaction programme held at the Multipurpose Hall in Apollo Ground in the district headquarters, Governor said, issues pertaining to road, healthcare, education etc., are the issues which needs special attention. All such issues in the district should be addressed in a time



bound manner. He said all the issues raised by the people are genuine and therefore, will ask the concerned department to pay their attention at the earliest. Governor assured the people that he will ask Chief Minister to look into the grievances and issues raised by them as soon as possible.

Governor continued that Tamenglong is a beautiful place to visit and orange of the district is now very popular not only in the state but in every part of the country also.

He said, although there has been a number of issues in the marketing, it will be solved. He stated that roads are being built and within a year, we will witness a sea change in the connectivity sector. Insisting that the youths are the pillars of the nation, Governor said, our youths should contribute towards nation building. He said, a strong nation would be made possible only when youths are empowered with education.

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Editors Guild of India urges to expunge the new amendment IT Rules, 2021, by the MEITY

IT News
Imphal, Jan 19:

The Editors Guild of India expressed deep concern by the draft amendment made to the Information Technology Rules, 2021, by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MEITY) that gives authority to the Press Information Bureau (PIB) to determine the veracity of news reports, and anything termed "fake" will have to be taken down by online intermediaries, including social media platforms and urged the Ministry to expunge the new amendment, and to initiate meaningful consultations with press bodies, media organisations, and other stakeholders, on the regulatory framework for digital media, so as to not undermine press free-

dom. The amendment was uploaded on the Ministry's website on January 17, 2023.

A statement by the EGI said that determination of fake news cannot be in the sole hands of the government and will result in the censorship of the press. Already multiple laws exist to deal with content that is found to be factually incorrect. This new procedure basically serves to make it easier to muzzle the free press, and will give sweeping powers to the PIB, or any "other agency authorised by the Central Government for fact checking", to force online intermediaries to take down content that the government may find problematic.

It added that the words "in respect of any business of the Central Government" seems to

give the government a carte blanche to determine what is fake or not with respect to its own work. This will stifle legitimate criticism of the government and will have an adverse impact on the ability of the press to hold governments to account, which is a vital role it plays in a democracy.

It must be further noted that the Guild had raised its deep concerns with the IT Rules when they were first introduced in March 2021, claiming that they empower the Union Government to block, delete, or modify published news anywhere in the country without any judicial oversight. Various provisions in these rules have the potential to place unreasonable restrictions on digital news media, and consequently media at large.

Minister Nemcha Kipgen attends IIE's 19th Annual General Body Meeting

IT News
New Delhi, Jan 19:

Textiles, Commerce & Industries, Minister, Nemcha Kipgen today attended the 19th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) held at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. She is also one of the members of the General Body of IIE.

The meeting was co-chaired by the Union Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (SDE) and Union Minister, G. Kishan Reddy, Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region (DoNER).

The Industry Minister Nemcha Kipgen raised specific concern in regard with Manipur and Northeast as a whole. She highlighted the initiative of the



Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh taken up to uplift the budding entrepreneurs of the State by introducing the Manipur Start Up scheme and various others assured support for the youths to set up new enterprises through such programmes.

During the Board meeting, annual reports for the financial year 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 were placed before the General Body Members for ratification & Annual report 2021-22 for adoption; various activities namely number of training programmes, partici-

pants and revenue, entrepreneurship and skill development programmes with Ministries were reviewed amongst others.

Resident Commissioner, Manipur Bhawan, Delhi, Devesh Deval also attended the meeting.

DMU: Existing issues and impacts on Post Graduate Students

By: Lourembam Poiraiton Meitei
Imphal, Jan 19:

Dhanamanjuri University Act, 2017: Under this Act, a cluster of 5 colleges, namely, DM College of Arts, Science, Commerce, G.P Women's College and LMS Law college was established in 2018. Teachers of the respective colleges have been teaching and managing the Post Graduate courses 5 years hence.

However, several issues: non declaration of exam results, non-distribution of mark sheets on time,

issue of bifurcation of teaching and non-teaching Staff, issue regarding 7th pay by FEGOCTA, infrastructure etc have been hugely impeding the teaching learning process of Post Graduate students of the said University.

There was a huge backlog in academic activities worldwide due to Covid. This is true for all Universities in India. Post pandemic, every institution is doing their best to recover from the backlogs. However, as things return to normalcy, and other universities are completing their 3rd semester PG exams, Dhanamanjuri

University has yet to recover the momentum and the admission process of PG 3rd semester has not started yet. Students of the university now dread at the anticipation of what will become of their career at this rate.

Issue between teaching faculty and Dhanamanjuri University Authority

Due to disagreements between DMU authority and the teacher body of the university, consistent and frequent protests from the latter, classes and academic activities is being currently halted, even as the academic calendar is already

late by 6 months. Issues include a wide range of academic, structural and even political tussles, which are explained under.

Demand of the Teaching Faculty:

1. For the DMU Authority to apply for 12B status, under 12B UGC Act, 1956
2. Classification of PG and UG departments

Dhanamanjuri University was established under section 2(f) UGC Act, 1956. Accordingly, the infrastructure of the university has recently been inaugurated under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, (RUSA).

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MU signs MoU with NE Frontier Railway to establish center of Excellence for Landslide Hazards Mitigation

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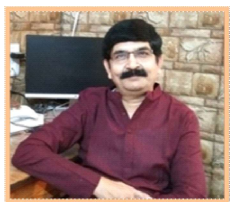
A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Manipur University and North East Frontier Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati on 19th January 2023 for establishment of Center of Excellence for Landslide Hazards Mitigation at Manipur University to suggest the remedial measures for stability of the slopes along the railway line from Jiribam to Imphal and adjacent hill slopes in the State. The MoU ceremony was blessed by Prof. N. Lokendra Singh,



Vice Chancellor, Manipur University and Anshul Gupta, General Manager, Kailash Agrawal, CAO NF Railway. The university has provided the space and building for the center with experienced and expertise faculties for suggesting the suitable slope

stability control measures as well as attempt to develop an early warning system for landslide hazards as per the requirement of railway traffic on the Jiribam Imphal alignment. The necessary funding will be provided by Northeast Frontier Railway, Guwahati.

Love, respect and educate your daughters



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Sometime back a retired judge, who served at the Hyderabad and Madras High Courts, was booked by the police in Hyderabad for allegedly harassing his daughter-in-law for dowry and assaulting her. It reminded me a statement of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who said "You can tell the condition of the nation by looking at the status of women." The magnitude of the criminality involved in the dowry cases and the growing number of dowry deaths and bride-burning reflect the barbarity so deeply embedded in our social system. In fact, dowry system has been known to be in existence ever since the inception of the institution of marriage in India and has been in vogue through the ages. Giving away presents and gifts in marriage by the parents of the bride has been a common practice in different castes and communities of the Indian society.

The rapid rise of dowry deaths and bride burning as an indication of the growing exertion of patriarchal power and cruelty on women in India. Unfortunately, cases of harassment, torture and burning of brides due to dowry demands are on the rise everywhere in the country. The phrase of Manusmriti, "Na Stree Swathantryam Arhati" (woman is undeserving for independence), reflects our whole attitude towards women in our country. Woman suffers discrimination and injustice in all stages of her life. It is observed that the marital relationship and social status of women due to increasing dowry demand, at times, even forces girls of marriageable age to commit suicide out of sheer frustration or for mitigating the suffering and mental tension of their parents.

Records show that there is an alarming increase in cases relating to harassment, torture, abetted suicides and dowry deaths of young brides. Number of dowry deaths have been reported which shows the level of violence being faced by the young brides. These deaths are, in reality, cold blood murders where an innocent girl gets killed only because could not bring the money or property demanded by her own husband and his relatives. One would find that in spite of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, perceived as "stringent", the rising number of dowry related cases across the country indicates that it has hardly proved a deterrent. The most severe is "bride burning", the burning of women whose dowries were not considered sufficient by their husband or in-laws. Though the said provision is there and cases are being reported regularly but the rate of commission of crime of dowry death is not lessening. Apart from death, various other forms of harassment, exploitation and cruelties are being performed on hapless married women. Most of these incidents are reported as accidental burns in the kitchen or are disguised as suicide. It is evident that there exist deep-rooted prejudices against women in India.

Time has now come when women should be more economically empowered and should be educated properly regarding the various legal provisions such as Section 498A CrPc, protection from domestic violence etc. only then only this evil menace could possibly be eradicated from Indian social system. Registering all gifts given during the wedding, including jewellery, should be made compulsory by law. If this is done then the groom's side cannot claim everything for their own and the girl will also have to resort to filing a fake dowry harassment case.

It seems often the boy's parents don't demand dowry, but our culture is such that we feel we must give something to the in-laws. In such cases, give as much as you receive. When you go out of your way because you are the parents of the girl, you are contributing to this evil.

An astounding number of parents still don't lay enough emphasis on educating their daughters. They believe their daughters will get married eventually, and husbands will support them, so why push them so hard? In other words, even if demands for dowry were to be satisfied fully, young women would continue to face torture and harassment in their in-laws homes because of their custom-sanctioned inferiority that robs them of their basic human rights.

The dowry system is so deeply rooted in Indian culture, that sometimes one feels that there's going to be no way out - at least not for another century. In case if there is an agreement on women's mute compliance with prearranged customs, then why are our daughters dying in marriage?

How to Prepare Today for Tomorrow's Jobs



By: Vijay GarG

An additional degree or a specialist course can build on your current skills to boost your job role or position you as a knowledge leader in your existing industry, different area (reskilling) you would be joining millions of people worldwide in getting ready for the future stages of your working life.

Emergence of emotional labour

The skills of the future may be ill-defined, but we know that they will employ cognitive and emotional labour. Workers originally contributed physical labour to employers, which consisted of the ability to move and

manipulate objects and depended largely on muscular strength and dexterity. In the last few decades, we have seen the growth of cognitive labour, founded on the bedrock of cognitive capacity, memory, which is manifested as the ability to memorise and recall knowledge and information. This progresses to include analysis of information, optimisation and decision making, critical thinking, and ultimately creativity. Finally, we are seeing the emergence of emotional labour which is the deployment of skills and capabilities such as awareness, self-motivation, empathy and relationship-building, all coupled with a sense of purpose and meaning, and behaving ethically.

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Empowering Cooperatives through Historic Reforms & Modernisation Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

By: Dr. N. Ranjana Devi

The Union Cabinet's decision under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister of India for Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) can be considered as very supportive and optimistic action to increase efficiency of PACS, bringing transparency and accountability in their operations; facilitating PACS to diversify their business and undertake multiple activities/services. This project proposes computerization of about 63,000 functional PACS throughout the country with a total budget outlay of Rs. 2516 Cr with Government of India share of Rs. 1528 Cr. The focus points are:

- 63,000 functional PACS will be computerized with overall budget outlay of Rs 2516 Crores
- Will benefit approx. 13 Crores farmers most of which are Small & Marginal Farmers
- Will bring transparency, efficiency, enhance trustworthiness and help PACS to become nodal delivery service point at Panchayat level
- Cloud based unified software with data storage, Cyber security, Hardware, digitization of existing records, Maintenance and Training are the main components

The Primary Agricultural Cooperative credit societies (PACS) constitute the lowest tier of the three-tier Short-term cooperative credit (STCC) in the country comprising of approx. 13 Cr. farmers as its members, which is crucial for the development of the rural economy. The other two tiers viz. State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) have already been automated by the NABARD and brought on Common Banking Software (CBS).

However, majority of PACS have so far been not computerized and still functioning manually resulting in inefficiency and trust deficit. In some of the states, stand-alone and partial computerization of PACS has been done. There is no uniformity in the software being used by them and they are not inter-connected with the DCCBs and SCBs. Under the guidance of Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home and Cooperation, it has been proposed to computerize all the PACS throughout the Country and bring them on a common platform at National level and have a Common Accounting System (CAS) for their day-to-day business.

Computerization of PACS, besides serving the purpose of financial inclusion and strengthening service delivery to farmers especially Small & Marginal Farmers (SMFs) will also become nodal service delivery point for various services and provision of inputs like fertilizers, seeds etc. The project will help in improving the outreach of the PACS as outlets for banking activities as well as non-banking activities apart from improving digitalisation in rural areas. The DCCBs can then enroll themselves as one of the important options for taking up various government schemes (where credit and subsidy is involved) which can be implemented through PACS. It will ensure speedy disposal of loans, lower transition cost, faster audit and reduction in imbalances in payments and accounting with State Cooperative Banks and District Central Cooperative Banks.

The project comprises of development of ERP based common software with cyber security and data storage, providing hardware support to the PACS, digitization of existing

records including maintenance support and training. This software will be in vernacular language having flexibility of customization as per the needs of the States. Project Management Units (PMUs) will be set up at Central and State levels. District Level support will also be provided at cluster of about 200 PACS. In the case of states where computerization of PACS has been completed, Rs. 50,000/- per PACS will be reimbursed provided they agree to integrate with/adopt the common software and their hardware meets the required specifications, and the software was commissioned after 1st February, 2017.

The present scenario in Manipur

Total no. of Cooperative Societies registered: 12396

Total membership: 688062

No. of Primary Agricultural Cooperatives: 271 (114534 members)

Out of 271 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), 151 are Gram Panchayat Level Multi Purpose cooperative Societies in the Valley, 104 Large Area Multipurpose Societies in the Hilly Region and 16 Service Cooperative Societies. Majority of the Cooperatives are not in good health in the State and as a result they are not in a position to provide the credit and other services. A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons units voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise. They are based on the value of Self-Help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality and solidarity. Cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. All over the world cooperatives fol-

lows a set of seven principles viz: voluntary and open membership, democratic member control, member economic participation, autonomy and independence, education, training and information, cooperation amongst cooperatives and concern for community. The cooperative model allows people with limited capital to come together and work on a large scale.

In spite of their long existence after registration, the cooperatives have not been able to push forward due to many reasons such as lack of member participation, inadequate fund, unprofessional management, inefficient leadership, lack of awareness about the cooperative benefits etc.

Now, the good news is that after the formation of a separate Ministry of Cooperation by the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Cooperative Vehicle is moving ahead with various schemes for the benefits of cooperative members at the grassroots level. The formulation of new National Cooperative Policy will take place very soon. The preparation of Model-by-laws for PACS has already been completed by the Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India which is followed by recent cabinet approvals for setting up of a National Level Multi State Cooperative Seed Society, Multi State Cooperative Organic Society and National Level Multi State Cooperative Export Society under Multi State Cooperative societies Act 2002. It is a wake-up call for all cooperatives and all concerned

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Effect of Communication Revolution



By: E. Prabhat Kishore

munication revolution. Modern societies are depending largely on the formal modes of communication. The informal modes take the forms basically of oral communication. The formal mode is made printed word and audio-visual.

Communication, as we all understand, is the process of transmitting information, meaning and understanding from one person to another. It is defined as "the art of imparting information. It is the interaction of information, ideas and opinions between and among people in an organisation or a group that we are concerned with.

Our basic approach as an organisation is now to gain public recognition for our achievements, support for our viewpoint and understanding of our problems. The public relation practitioners have to know how well the public know all about us and how we have to communicate to them. This takes the form of external and internal communication with the employee is our subject for discussion.

Employee in a company is the king-pin. He has to be motivated with deep and abiding belief in the validity and utility of his doing the specific job that he does. He has to be given the filling the terms and conditions of his employment are generous. Company cases for him as an individual he has to be helped to develop strong loyalties in the organization.

The study of human relation has in the modern societies today, come to the stage of classified practice of management. The emphasis is on achieving employee co-operation and build-up his moral and motivates him for better performance.

Managers have been in existence for as long as the individual has put others in a position of subordination for the purpose of accomplishing some predetermined goals. It is only recently that the practicing managers have begun to shift the emphasis from strict production orientation to a growing awareness and concern for human aspect of management. Let us confess here that this itself was the result of the labour union movements, rather than a voluntary effort on part of the managers to better understand the labour and provide for his welfare.

As the organizations grow, the internal communication gap becomes magnified. The attempt is to close it by both personal and impersonal modes to communication. Example of personal communication is visit of the managers to the worker's canteen, occasional trip to the shot floor etc. The impersonal modes of communication developed are through the print media or the audio-visual, as in the developed countries.

Vital Role of House journals

Traditionally, as an impersonal media, house journals are considered to be an organized medium of communication. In organized industries, especially in the production industries, wall newspapers may be the next medium which could be exploited profitably. It is yet new for the Public Relations man.

In India, the number of internally generated and circulated journals in recent years appears to have increased almost dramatically, in keeping with the post-World War II trend the world over. Moreover, a company may bring out such publication in many languages, to reach the different language among its employees.

A company may also direct its house journal towards a group of people outside its employee-say, its dealers or its customers if they can be, they can be identified and easily approached by post.

The primary task of a house journal, directed towards the employees is to keep them informed about management policy and to give practical information and the latest news of some aspects of the companies' activities. It can help to promote interest and to eliminate un-necessary discussion and untenable rumors. Through clear and honest exposition of relevant fact, a house journal can promote better management employee relations and create a genuine team spirit.

A house journal, if used properly, can help to promote training, health services, safety, union matters and cultural and social activity within the enterprise. It can explain, clarify and support new measures. It can give employees a background to help them understand the purpose of the organization they work for. Surely, this is an ideal way of developing a sense of belonging among workers, which alone would generate the necessary co-operation with the management.

Good internal information is also the basis, on which successful external public relation activity is built. A good internal publication will also be readable to people outside the organization. Many organizations send their internal house journal to outside readers. This is justified on two grounds- economy of producing only one journal, and secondly that journals once printed is no longer a truly internal communication.

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Congress slams PM Modi after WFI chief accused of sexual harassment



Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Anshu Malik sit on 'dharna' to protest against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), at Jantar Mantar.

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 19:

The Congress Thursday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the sexual exploitation allegations against BJP MP and Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, asking if this is the "better environment" for sports that has been created by the government.

The opposition party's attack came after star wrestler Vinesh Phogat Wednesday alleged that Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Singh has been sexually exploiting women wrestlers for years, a charge vehemently rejected by the sports admin-

istrator.

In a tweet in Hindi, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "Our players are the pride of the country. They bring laurels to the country by their performance at the world level."

The players have made serious allegations of exploitation against the Wrestling Federation and its president and their voices should be heard, she said.

In a tweet in Hindi, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jai Ram Ramesh said, "The list of BJP leaders who have committed atrocities on daughters is endless. Was 'Beti Bachao' a warning to save daughters

from BJP leaders! Prime Minister, please answer."

"Mr Prime Minister, why are all those who commit atrocities on daughters from the BJP," he asked.

Ramesh also said, "Yesterday, you said that a better environment has been created for sports in the country."

Is this the 'better environment' in which even the daughters who bring laurels to the country are not safe?" Inaugurating a sports event in Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing on Wednesday, Modi said, "Many talents remained away from the field."

But in the last eight years, the country has left behind this old thinking.

Work has been done to create a better environment for sports, so now more children and youths are looking at sports as a career option.

"Phogat, who has been at loggerheads with the WFI since the Tokyo Olympic Games, also claimed that several coaches at the national camp in Lucknow have also exploited women wrestlers, adding that there are a few women at the camp who approached the wrestlers at the behest of the WFI president."

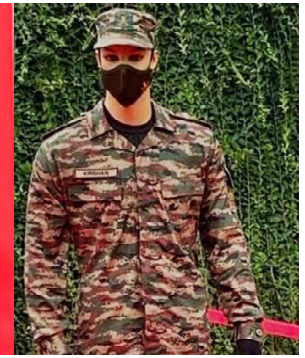
The 28-year-old, however, clarified that she never faced such exploitation but claimed that "one victim" was present at the 'dharna' they began at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday.

Rio Olympic medalist Sakshi Malik, world championship medalist Sarita Mor, Sangeeta Phogat, Anshu Malik, Sonam Malik, Satyawat Malik, Jitender Kinha, Amit Dhankar and CWG medalist Sumit Malik were among 30 wrestlers who assembled at the famous protest site.

Singh, 66, was elected unopposed President of WFI for a third consecutive term in February 2019.

Taking note of the allegations, the sports ministry has sought an explanation from WFI and directed it to "furnish a reply within the next 72 hours on the allegations made".

Indian Army Obtains IPR of the new Combat Uniform



Indian Army introduces new camouflage pattern uniform.

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Jan 19:

Indian Army has obtained Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of the design and camouflage pattern of its newly introduced Camouflage Pattern Dress to prevent its unauthorised proliferation.

The new 'Digital Pattern Combat Uniform' was unveiled by the Chief of Army Staff during Army Day 2022. The copyright of the design is with Indian Army for 10 years extendable by another five yrs. This has been done to prevent unauthorised vendors from manufacturing and selling the combat pattern dress in the open market as it was posing a serious security threat for the Indian Army and the Nation as a whole, an official statement read.

The 12-lakh strong Army completed the process for registration of the new camouflage pattern and design to establish ownership, to the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark, Kolkata. The registration was published in the official journal of the Patent Office vide Issue No on 42/2022 dated October 21, 2022, as per the statement.

The exclusive IPR of the Design and Camouflage Pattern now rests solely with the Indian

Army, and therefore manufacturing by any vendor who is not authorised to do so will be illegal and is liable to face legal repercussions, the statement added.

In order to promote creation of IPR, in the defence sector, an IPR (IPF) Cell has been set up in the Department of Defence Production to provide general advisory about IPRs, such as patents, trademarks, designs and copyrights among others.

The bulk procurement of 11.70 lakh digital uniforms will cater to Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO) and Other Ranks (OR) as part of individual kit (Life Cycle Concept with life of 15 months) and is likely to commence from August 2023.

A total of 50,000 sets have already been procured through Canteen Stores Department (CSD) and delivered to 15 CSD Depots across the country. The new uniform will be made available in a phased manner to the personnel of the Indian Army. Additionally, workshops to train civil and military tailors in stitching the new uniform as per the specified design are also being organised in coordination with instructors from the NIFT at Delhi.

In collaboration with the civil authorities and police, Headquarters Maharashtra,

Gujarat & Goa Area has proactively disseminated the above information to all the vendors in all states under its Area of Responsibility.

The combat uniform

Uniforms are one of the most distinctive identifying features for any military force. With the new unique camouflage pattern, Army retains the combination of the same colours — olive green and earthy shades — with the touch of digital pattern now. Further, it has been designed keeping in mind the many kinds of operational conditions that the soldiers function in, from deserts to high-altitude areas, jungles and plains.

Designed by a team of 12 people at the (NIFT), the combat uniform has been created through a collaborative process with the Indian Army, keeping in mind the "4Cs" — comfort, climate, camouflage, and confidentiality. The fabric of the uniform was selected out of five options curated specifically for the Army by NIFT, and the finalised pattern was one of the 17 options that were specially designed.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) also unveiled the new disruptive pattern combat uniform designed by NIFT, on its 90th foundation day on October 8, 2022.

India logs 134 Covid infections in a day; active cases decline to 1,962

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 19:

India's COVID-19 case tally rose by 134 in a day while the number of active cases has declined to 1,962 according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday.

India has so far recorded 4.46 crore Covid cases. The death toll stood at 5,30,728, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The daily positivity was recorded at 0.07 per cent while the weekly positivity was 0.08 per cent. Active cases now comprise 0.01 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.80 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

Active caseload declined by 36 cases in 24 hours. The number of people who have

recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,48,815, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.20 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

India's COVID-19 tally crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on

August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

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

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Effect of Communication.....

Non-commercial periodicals

A house journal is a non-commercial periodical publication whose readership is the company staff. It is neither a vehicle of propaganda nor an advertising forum or source of revenue. It is not a priced publication. It differs widely from any other commercial magazine. It is selective with regard to both its readership and its goals. Properly brought out, a company house journal can be an information media of the most praise-worthy kind. It is an extremely flexible medium of communication. The editor enjoys enormous scope for making adjustments to the requirements of in views alters.

The three criteria we must attempt to keep in view while producing the House Journal are: (a) Publication, informative without being propagandist, (b) educational, without being dogmatic, and (c) human, without being paternalistic.

The four aims of the House Journals are: (a) to develop and maintain within the organisation good human relation necessary for good

working conditions, (b) to demonstrate to every employee the value and importance of his professional contribution to the total functioning of the organization as a whole, (c) to keep the readership informed in an objective manner about the activities within the organization and matters of social & personal interest, (d) to provide opportunity to every employee within the context of his own skill or craft to express his opinion.

The House journal must be in a position to provide news which is objective and complete. It should form a part of the ongoing dialogue between the company and the employees. The news coverage should be comprehensive and acceptable to all.

In fact, the role of a company paper involves more than just providing news. It must create better climate, better human relations to make known to every employee whatever his job, the value and importance of his professional contribution. How we achieve is a test of the editor.

There are obvious barriers

which develop between individual employees because of specialization, technology and professional isolation. These must be broken-news items, articles on the various disciplines of organization would be of a great help.

Some random suggestions for stories are (1) Recognition of people get from government, Industry, Cultural & Social Organisation and what it means to them and to you. (2) Case studies-problems faced, how they are tackled, (3) Special attitudes at work which people do the things they do. (4) First person/profile stories-people who save money for the company by devotion to duty-highlight the workers. How colleagues can help with some problems people face (blood donation, scholarships), (5) Stories of people helping each other in bad times, (6) Tours people undertake, places people visit-enjoyments, the great moments, (7) "Heard around the office" jokes and funny happenings, (8) Sports News-Staff participation makes good news, keep a separate page for it.

There is seven-point for-

mula for planning a House Journal. To determine the type of journal we want to produce, let us take into consideration the following: (1) The readers — who will they be? (2) The quantity, (3) The Frequency-Weekly, monthly, quarterly, (4) Title-something distinctive in character but not too over, (5) The printing process-probably letter press or offset if point run is large, (6) Format-size of page, whether newspaper or magazine, (7) Cost-how many pages, how many copies, frequency, black & white or colour etc.

The House Journal informs a part of newspaper journalist source material; this is particularly true of industrial or economic writers. To an alert journalist there could be an unlimited amount of interesting materials. It is perhaps a pity that the press is hardly aware of this and it is not wrong to say that very few business houses direct their journals towards journalist.

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How to Prepare Today for....

Demands of job market

The growth of cognitive and emotional labour, within a job market that is seeing the rise of some sectors and the shrinking of others, means that the demands of the job market are continually changing. In India, for example, the digital revolution that has taken place across all industrial sectors means that the jobs of today are radically different to those of just a few years ago, and the jobs of tomorrow will be different again. According to data analysed by Monster.com, the next five years will see half of the workforce in India needing to retrain and upskill.

Upskilling benefits

There are several advantages to upskilling. For employees, developing new skills can help you stay relevant and improve employability — an example could be an e-commerce company training its developers in the use of AI that can be used to track consumer buying patterns. Other advantages of upskilling include the potential discovery of new passions and interests which could lead to new career possibilities. It could give you the chance to

meet people, expand your professional network, and offer a fresh perspective. Reskilling can sometimes be a good way to re-enter the workforce after a very long break, or even to switch careers. Personally, I used the pandemic, when I was stuck at home and could not travel, to qualify as a management accountant; I expect this to be useful in the non-executive roles that I expect to hold in the future when my career in education eventually comes to an end.

The advantages don't stop with just employees though. Equally, for employers, investing in upskilling or reskilling your employees can benefit you in several ways. Talent acquisition is time-consuming, and as an employer, it is far simpler to retain existing employees by upskilling them for a changing environment than it is to hire new talent. Another reason is driving employee satisfaction — some studies have shown that 91% of Gen Z employees (born 1990-1999) factor in professional training opportunities when choosing an employer. With upskilling, some employees may be able to step up and

play more leadership-oriented roles.

If you wish to take charge of your own development to stay employable, there are several ways to do this.

Enhancing employability

The most common is to take on an additional project at work, something that is completely outside of your regular job. These stretch opportunities are a great way to learn more about a different line of work and are a very effective way to upskill (provided, of course, that you are not neglecting your main role). Another way is by allocating some time each week to follow industry leaders and experts. There is a rich repository of professional literature available online on LinkedIn, TED Talks, podcasts and more. Joining an industry or professional association could also help, as they often have workshops and discussions that can offer insights. Volunteering for a charity can help to gain experience that you may not get at work — charities and not-for-profits need much more than fundraising — you could be helping with finance, for example, or people, or operations.

Meeyamgi Numit for the month of January to be held tomorrow

IT News
Thoubal, Jan 19:

District Administration Thoubal is all set for a successful conduct of "Meeyamgi Numit" tomorrow, 20th of January at the Counting Hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Thoubal from 10 am onwards. As done in the previous month, for smooth functioning and better facilitation & coordination "A Special dedicated Meeyamgi Numit Cell" have already been opened by District Administration. For this a dedicated email ID has been opened. One can send their grievances to meeyamginumit.tb@gmail.com, three days ahead of every 3rd Friday of every month.

On this day, DLOs of various departments will be present along with necessary



preparation and specific assistance. They will settle or dispose the grievances at the spot itself if possible. Certain public services that can be delivered on the day will be arranged by concerned departments. They may include various beneficiaries oriented schemes like CMHT, PMJAY,

Old Age Pension and disability related benefits.

Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal A. Subhash Singh, IAS, appealed people of Thoubal to use the forum to address their grievances and submit their suggestion. He also suggested that people who will be coming on Friday

on Meeyamgi Numit to kindly submit their grievances in writing (on a plain paper) if possible, along with necessary documents so that the officials can process the matter in a speedy manner. Meeyamgi Numit will start in the district from 10 am and public can register themselves on the same day.

Meeyamgi Numit is being held on every 3rd Friday of the month and if 3rd Friday happens to be a general holiday then it will be held on previous working day. Meeyamgi Numit is a service platform to address the grievances of people initiated by Chief Minister on May 15th, 2017. Earlier Meeyamgi Numit was held at Chief Minister's Secretariat. However from July last year the day was held at District Headquarters.

AR provides prophylactic assistance for destruction of poppy cultivation

IT News
Imphal, Jan 19:

Sajik Tampak Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) provides prophylactic assistance for destruction of poppy cultivation in general areas Phasi Village, Chakpikarong Sub-Division yesterday.

Under the theme "War Against Drugs", a joint team of Chandel District Police, Manipur Rifles and Assam Rifles (Sajik Tampak Battalions) under the supervision of Additional SP Chandel destroyed poppy cultivation over an area of approx 80 acres in Phasi Village area of Chakpikarong Sub-Division. During the destruction drive about 09 huts in the poppy fields were also burnt down.

Assam Rifles conducts felicitation ceremony for Miss Moirangthem Arnika Devi

IT News
Imphal, Jan 19:

Keithelmanbi Battalion under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducts felicitation ceremony for Miss Moirangthem Arnika Devi first girl student from North East to be shortlisted for the Prestigious Rashtriya Indian Military collage Dehradun today.

A red-letter event was created in the history of Manipur and Assam Rifles, as Miss Moirangthem Arnika Devi, daughter of Hav Moirangthem Ibomcha of 2 Assam Rifles got shortlisted for admission to the prestigious Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun. Miss M Arnika hails from Khangabok, Thoubal District, Manipur. Her sheer hard work and dedication led her to being the first girl student from



Manipur and North East to achieve this feat. A total of five girl students were shortlisted from across India for admission to RIMC, Dehradun with Miss M Arnika being one of them.

The effort of Keithelmanbi Battalion to motivate the

youth to choose a righteous path towards nation building has been continuous and laudable. In order to keep the flame going high a felicitation ceremony was organized to felicitate Miss Arnika by Commandant Keithelmanbi Battalion.

Sports

Shubman Gill becomes youngest male batter to smash double ton in 1st ODI against New Zealand



Agency
Hyderabad, Jan 19:

When Rohit Sharma made it clear that Shubman Gill was their first-choice opener ahead of Ishan Kishan for the Sri Lanka series, there were questions over the team management's decision. But the 23-year-old has proved them right, scoring 70, 21 and 116 in that series.

On Wednesday, he topped it off by smashing a double century against New Zealand in the first ODI in Hyderabad. His 149-ball 208, which took India to 349/8, made him the youngest male cricketer ever and eighth overall to achieve the landmark.

It comes as no surprise though. For Gill has been earmarked as the one for the future a long time ago. The mak-

ings of international dominance were visible way back in 2018. He had his unique abilities, but the similarities he shared with Virat Kohli were uncanny.

Whether it was the short-arm jab, or the bottom-hand dominating cover drive, they made it hard to ignore the murmurs of the passing of the baton from one generational great to the one brimming with potential to become one.

He thrives on pace and bounce — remember Brisbane 2021 — mauls anything that is full, takes apart spinners at will. He did it all on Wednesday with such ease that it felt like he was playing EA cricket. And if not for his late onslaught, the hosts might as well have ended up on the losing side.

There was nothing fancy about his hundred celebration as he knows he is going to score a lot more of it. But the 23-year-old let out a roar when surpassed 200, for he knows that is what he is capable of. "There's certainly a feeling of satisfaction. It has sunk in pretty well, this is certainly one of those things, like what dreams are made of," Gill said after the match.

There is still a long way to go to see if he becomes a generational great. For now, Gill has shown that he is here to stay.

Brief scores: India 349/8 in 50 ovs (Gill 208) bt NZ 337 in 49.2 ovs (Bracewell 140).

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Super speciality facilities in Senapati...

N. Biren Singh also said that unfortunately in the last term, the government didn't get much time to work for the people as the COVID pandemic had spoiled around two and a half years out of the five years.

Fortunately, during that short period in the last term, with the Prime Minister's guidance, who assured budgetary support to the Minority and Other Backward Classes Department, around Rs. 1200 crore was invested in projects in the hill districts through the department, the Chief Minister said highlighting inauguration of the Model Residential School, LM Block, Ukhrul District and Women's Market in the hill districts. Similar Model Residential Schools are being constructed at seven places, Sadbhavana Mandaps, Women

Markets, Oxygen Plants, transit accommodations, etc are constructed in the hill districts, he said.

N. Biren Singh also said that the Prime Minister has asked all Chief Ministers to convey his gratitude to the people for their support and cooperation and to express that it was due to the public support that India is where it is today.

He asked the Deputy Commissioner to judiciously utilize the infrastructures inaugurated today, so that the public may reap the benefits of the new infrastructures.

The Chief Minister also assured office buildings of Additional SP, ADC at the earliest and to further look into the memorandum submitted by the people including making SBI branch operational to ease

monetary transaction.

The Chief Minister asked the villagers to submit a report with proper geo-tagging and mapping through the DC for the development of a wildlife sanctuary at a nearby forest area which houses different faunas including Nongyin bird.

The inaugural function was also attended by Ministers Khashim Vashum, H. Dingo, MLA of Wangkhei AC Thangjam Arun Kumar among others.

As part of the celebration, the Chief Minister also dedicated the Model Residential School, LM Block, Ukhrul and Cave Tourism Project at Khangkhui Cave to the public and inaugurated display of Cultural and WWII related items. Cultural items highlighted the inaugural function.

Governor visits Tamenglong and....

Expressing concerned over the increasing number of youths indulging in drug trafficking and abuses, Governor said, this has to be, in any case, prevented with collective efforts including the likeminded CSOs and people. State Government has already started taking action against the poppy plantation which was welcomed by one and all. He appealed the people to co-operate with the government in making Manipur, a drug free State.

On Covid-19 Vaccination, Governor said, due to the prompt action of our government with the unstinted coop-

eration from the general public, this dreaded disease has been overcome. He appealed to the people to get vaccinated, which is the best way to defeat the pandemic. He also asked the district authorities to conduct a survey to find out TB patients and report to the concerned department so as to enable them to carry out remedial measures. Governor also spoke about the importance of cleanliness in making a healthy and prosperous life.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong, Pawan Yadav made a power point presentation regarding various

initiatives which are being taking up in the district, for the welfare of the people. CSOs, Student Leaders submitted memoranda to the Governor asking for extending help in various sectors like healthcare, education, connectivity etc.

On his arrival at the helipad in the 44th Assam Rifles Battalion headquarters, Governor was accorded a warm welcome by Pawan Yadav, DC, Tamenglong; Anupam, SP, Tamenglong; CO 44th AR Colonel Rahul Singh and other officials. Governor was accompanied by his Secretary Bobby Waikhom in his visit.

DMU: Existing issues and....

On 24th November, 2022, the long postponed issue of bifurcation of teachers was solved by the government, after which, the responsibility of applying for 12B status fell on the DMU authority. (If the university gets enlisted under 12B list of the 12B UGC Act, 1956, then the university will be entitled to various financial assistance from the Central Government, most importantly the NET/JRF scholarship scheme for PhD Scholars.)

After the bifurcation of teachers by the Government on 24th November last year, there was a series of protests by teaching faculty again citing neglect by the DMU authority in applying for the 12B status.

Classes were boycotted and academic activities ceased, following which the DMU authority finally applied for 12B status on the 13th of January, 2023. However, classes are yet to continue because the issue of classification of UG and PG departments remain.

Problems faced by Post-graduate Students under DMU:

1. The required number of classes to be held under UGC norms for a specific semester are not conducted.
2. Registration number of students are not issued
3. Semester exams not conducted on time
4. Exam results and mark sheets are not issued on time
5. No specific department for Post Graduate
6. Lack of teachers: teachers of the university currently teach both UG and PG courses, which hugely affect the teaching learning process of students
7. Lack of non-teaching faculty

8. PG students have no access to library

9. Lack of classrooms

10. Collision between semester exams and the NET/JRF exam which is held by NTA

The results of the 4th semester exam of previous (2022) batch are yet to declare. The PG batch of 2023 is expected to complete PG course by June/July. Unfortunately, the 3rd semester admission process has not started yet. Thus, there are anxious questions as to when will admissions, classes or exams happen. Or even if they happen, whether the results will be declared timely such that students can pursue for higher studies in other universities.

Judging by the present trajectory, students will not be able to apply for PhD or give the NET/JRF exams on time, which is a disaster of pandemic proportions for the career of students.

There have been countless confrontations between students and the DMU authority regarding the above issues. The reply from the authority often is always an indifferent remark; "DMU should never have been established in the first place" or "we are still in transition phase" which greatly highlight the level

of irresponsibility and lack of ownership. Often after elaborate discussions and dramatic protests, the confused students return home under the impression that it is our own faults for enrolling in this haphazard University.

The government, DMU authority and teacher's forum should indeed take collective responsibility for ever overlooking the interests of the students, time and again, consistently and persistently erasing the culture of scholarship, and for reducing our campuses to anarchy.

Students are helpless, always at the receiving end of curiously designed mis-happenings and what was supposed to be a temporary discomfort because of "transition to a new university" issues, is now slowly becoming a perpetual victimisation; The grass that suffer because of elephants that fight.

The students are the most important in a university. More so, in society because we need critically trained youths to inherit society with all its complex problems. Thus, we implore the responsible authority and all stakeholders to amend existing issues and revive quality education in our campuses.

Notification

Land plot registered in the name of my late father Nongthombam Kunjarashi Singh, located at Mongsangei Mamang Leikai Sorasam Leirak, 004-Ningombam Dag No. 1376, Dag Kali, Hector 0.1012, Acre 0.25007 will be registered in my name, Nongthombam Sanjeev, son of late Nongthombam Kunjarashi Singh, a resident of Mongsangei Mamang Leikai.

Any objection to this registration can be made within 5 (five) days from the date of publication of this notification.

Sd/-

Nongthombam Sanjeev

Mongsangei Mamang Leikai