

Budget Session of Parliament begins with President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of both Houses; Describes government as stable, fearless and decisive

New Delhi, Jan 31:

President Droupadi Murmu today asserted that India has a stable, fearless and decisive government which is working towards realising the big dreams. She said, surgical strike, firm crackdown on terrorism, befitting response to every misadventure from LoC and LAC, abrogation of Article 370 and Triple Talaq is the example of decisive government.

Addressing the joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament at Central Hall, the President said, today the country has a government that respects the honest and works to solve the problems of the poor and empower them permanently.

She stressed on the need to build a nation by 2047 which not only embraces its glorious past but also encompasses every golden aspect of modernity. She emphasized to

build an India which is self-reliant and also able to fulfil its humanitarian obligations. The President urged the citizens to perform their duties during the Amrit Kaal to make the country a developed one.

On India's growing stature in the world, the President Murmu said, the people have witnessed many positive changes for the first time during the tenure of this government. She said, the biggest change is that today every Indian's confidence is at its peak and the world's outlook towards India has changed.

She said, India which once looked to others for solutions to most of its problems, is today emerging as a provider of solutions for the issues faced by the world. Talking about India's G20 presidency, the President said, with the mantra of One Earth, One Family, One Future, the country is attempting to find

collective solutions to the current global challenges in collaboration with the G-20 member countries.

She added that India has expanded its role keeping its national interests paramount. Whether it was the earthquake in Afghanistan or the crisis in Sri Lanka, the country was the first to provide humanitarian aid. In her address, the President highlighted that the world is also acknowledging India's tough stand on terrorism.

Due to this, India's voice against terrorism is being heard seriously on every global platform. She added that the government firmly believes that lasting peace is possible only when the country is strong politically and strategically. Therefore, it is constantly laying emphasis on the modernization of military strength.

Asserting that corruption is the biggest enemy of

democracy and social justice, the President said, there has been a relentless fight against corruption in the last few years. She said, the government has ensured that the honest will be honoured in the system.

Highlighting measures taken by the government in this direction, she said, the Benami Property Act was notified, the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act was passed and an effective system has also been put in place to end the practice of favouritism and corruption in government machinery.

She said that the hassle-free, transparent and accountable taxation system has eased the lives of people in the country. The President also said, major reforms have been introduced including Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile trinity, One Nation One Ration Card, DBT and Digital India.

She underlined that today

the monetary benefits of more than 300 schemes are directly reaching the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. She said, poverty eradication is no longer just a slogan and now the government is working towards empowering the poor by providing permanent solutions to their concerns.

She listed out major initiatives like Ayushman Bharat Yojana saying that more than 50 crore countrymen have been provided the facility of free treatment which has saved crores of poor from becoming poorer. She said, medicines are being made available at very low cost in about nine thousand Jan Aushadhi Kendras which has resulted in saving of 20 thousand crore rupees of the poor. She said, about 11 crore families have been covered with piped water supply under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the last three years.

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Campaign to remove 'war criminal tag' from Subhas Chandra Bose' begins

IT News
Imphal, Jan. 31:

A talk programme on "War criminal Tag of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in all International organisations including Commonwealth of Nations and United Nations" was held today at Manipur Press Club. The programme was attended by Biswadeep Gupta, President, Assam and Northeastern states of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, Yumnam Rajeshwar Singh, Vice-President of 2nd World War Imphal Campaign Foundation, Ph. Ibomcha Singh, Retd. GM(E/M) NEEPCO and Chayan Bhattarcharjee, Chief Editor of Ishan Bangla and KRC Time. The talk program was co-organised by Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha and Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC) Foundation.

Speaking on the sideline of the programme, Biswadeep Gupta informed that a Signature campaign

demanding the removal of War criminal tag from Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's name from all International organizations including the Commonwealth of Nations and United Nations will be kick-started tomorrow at INA Hall, Moirang. The signature campaign will continue for a year, till 23rd January 2024 and the collected signatures will be submitted to the Indian Government and other related International organizations.

It may be mentioned that the British had included Netaji's name in the UN's list of Indian war criminals for fighting against them during World War II. The first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had referred Netaji Subas Chandra Bose as a war criminal in his correspondence with the then British Prime Minister Clement Atlee, soon after Netaji's disappearance in 1945.

DM Thoubal order to install CCTV Cameras to Medical Stores

IT News
Imphal, Jan 31:

District Magistrate of Thoubal District Ahantem Subhash Singh has ordered all Medical Store selling Scheduled H & X drugs to install CCTV Cameras in their premises.

An order in the connection has been issued under section 133 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPc) on January 27. The order said that those medical store failing to comply with the order will be strongly dealt as per the law of the land.

Filling of nominations for Assembly Elections in Nagaland and Meghalaya to begin today

Agency
Shillong, Jan 31:

Filing of nominations for assembly elections in Nagaland will begin today with the issuance of notification. AIR correspondent reports that the process for nomination of candidature for the ensuing general Election in Nagaland will begin today.

Candidates will be allowed to submit their nomination papers till February 7. The scrutiny will take place on February 8 while the last date for withdrawal of candidature is February 10. The State will go to polls on February 27 and counting will take place on March 2.

Altogether 13 lakh 17 thousand 632 electors are eligible to exercise their democratic right in the ensuing elections. A total of 24 thousand 689 new voters were included in the final electoral rolls. 4 Ghaspani-1 Assembly Constituency has highest number of 74,395 electors and 27 Mokochung Town Assembly Constituency with lowest number of 8,302 electors.

A total of 2,315 polling stations have been designated, wherein 680 have been marked as vulnerable and 920 as critical polling stations. 57 are designated as model polling stations, while, 196 polling

stations will be manned by women. Further, 10 polling stations in the state will be manned by Persons with Disabilities.

Filing of nominations for assembly elections for Meghalaya will begin today with the issuance of notification. Candidates can file their nomination papers till February 7. The scrutiny will be done on 8th of February and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is February 10.

The elections for the 60-member state assembly will take place on February 27, while counting will be taken up on March 2.

Altogether 21 lakh 61

thousand 129 electors are eligible to exercise their franchise in the assembly elections. A total of 81 thousand 433 new voters were included in the final electoral rolls.

The Chief Election Officer FR Kharkongor had said that 120 companies of CAPF will be deployed in the upcoming Assembly Polls and 40 companies are already stationed in the State. Further, the CEO also mentioned that there are a total of 3,482 polling stations across the state and 50 per cent of the polling stations will have webcasting facilities while the rest will have video cameras.

NSCN-K observes 43th Raising Day

India's divisive design has trapped many national workers - Yung Aun

IT News
Imphal, Jan 31:

NSCN-K today observed its 43th Raising Day. In connection with the observance Chairman of the armed rebel group Yung Aun while greeting the people and the fellow comrade fighting for the Naga cause and those like minded group supporting the NSCN-K said that there has been lot of changes since NSCN/GPRN came into formation in 1980.

In his message in connection with the Raising day of the NSCN-IM, Yung Aun said that due to India's continues divisive design to extinguish the Naga movement, many national workers has fallen into the trap with no hope of ever getting out. Nagas have witness break-up due political

differences leading to fratricide between brothers which has stagnant our struggle for many years.

He further said, "today the fact remains that when all others big or small has abandon their national pledge, NSCN/GPRN is the lone Organization zealously defending the sovereign right of the Naga nation till to this very day. The NSCN/GPRN will not stop pursuing justice and redress of our people on both sides of the Imphal boundary. Generations of Nagas has bear the blunt of the Indian brutality, injustice, racism and in the process thousands Naga lives has been sacrificed. All these atrocities are concealed from the world and the Nagas are declared 'TERRORISTS' in our own soil.

The Naga struggle has



come too far and our people has suffered too long and too many lives has been lost hence anything less than full sovereignty is not an option. History has taught us that there is no shortcut to freedom

and we know Nagas also has to face its share of difficulty. We also learn from the Bible that the Children of Israel claimed their God's given Promised land not by peaceful means but through blood,

tears and sacrifice. The Nagas are already in their Promise land when India and Myanmar found us and we never invited them. They have invaded our peaceful country through her military might and they must leave or face heavy resistance.

India is desperately trying to picture itself as the largest democracy while brutally dominating the Nagas and entire WESEA region. NSCN/GPRN will continue to take all possible measure to fulfill our moral and political commitment to our people. We know the road ahead is going to be difficult, yet we are confident of the final outcome. Our freedom may be oppressed or delayed but we will triumph over tyranny. India's dirty politics might have succeeded in the past, but the present and the future

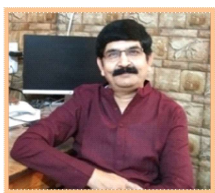
belongs to the Nagas and we will not let our enemy decide our future. In our freedom journey we are always confronted by critics, sceptics and naysayers who doubt our struggle is unrealistic and impossible. These people behind the curtain always fear what lies ahead hence they do not have the courage to face the future.

Today the so-called Naga political groups are in the process to trade the Naga sovereignty in exchange for a mere solution within Indian Union that way the Naga people's aspiration to be free is being held hostage by both GOI and the Pro-Talk groups. They have created enough confusion within the Nagas with their never-ending political drama which is all a lie and a complete waste of time and the end is a

disastrous consequences. Apart from full freedom no solution on earth can distort the historical truth. NSCN/GPRN will strongly reject any sell-out solution which compromises the sovereign dream of the Naga people.

It is high time for Naga Intellectuals, Naga Tribal Councils, Civil Societies and Student bodies to deeply examine the facts from wrong. Two future awaits us, either we choose a future of permanent subjugation or a future of hope and freedom. We must not submit to India's Hindutva ideology and false globalization politics as it will be the beginning of an end of the Unique history, culture and identity of the Naga people. History has call us to be a nation, hence we started the race with sovereignty and we will end with sovereignty".

World Leprosy Eradication Day



By- Vinod Chandrasekhar Dixit

Recently we observed World Leprosy eradication Day internationally in order to create public awareness of Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. This particular day was actually chosen to commemorate the death of Indian leader, Gandhi, who understood the importance of this disease. Leprosy is one of the oldest diseases recorded in the world. It is found that the Government has failed to eradicate the leprosy promise. It clearly shows that we have not taken into consideration the willingness of the patient himself. The attitude of our society towards leprosy patients is still unchanged.

One would find that the majority of the patients are those who live in slums and those who move about barefooted. The number of leprosy patients as detected by the Health Ministry does not seem to be correct because only one out of every five patients can be detected and counted as opined by the WHO experts. World Leprosy Day focuses mainly on the essential needs of the poor as well as marginalized people from different parts of the world. The focus was mainly on people who are affected by leprosy.

It is found that the leprosy-afflicted are physically uprooted and suffer psychological impairment much more than other categories of disabled such as visually handicapped, deaf etc. It is true that leprosy patients are penalised and segregated by our society. There are cases where they are driven out of their own homes and are forced to beggary for their survival. Leprosy if detected early can be completely cured. Leprosy is just like other disease and it is wrong to penalise a patient for no fault of his. Leprosy holds the stigma that it is like HIV/AIDS which is why World Leprosy Day was developed to educate people and removes or weakens the stigma.

No doubt, the voluntary agencies engaged in leprosy eradication has created an awareness among the people that leprosy is not a curse and this is just another disease but the Government should come out with comprehensive strategy at various levels of medical along with a massive health education campaign for early detection & proper rehabilitation. It is necessary to have treatment-cum-rehabilitation centres where the capacity of the patient to earn his living is restored and re-established. Not only this but we all can also help in eradicating the leprosy by spreading the message that it is the least infectious and a person should contact if a pale or red patch on the skin is noticed. We all should remember that Leprosy is curable; early treatment ensures deformity less cure. Leprosy has, for many years, been associated with poverty. Let us raise awareness on the need of breaking the poverty cycle all over the world..



By: W. Rorckchand Singh

Considering the people of the Northeast as outsiders and keeping the region at the periphery of development, the eight easternmost states were the victims of mishandling and alienation for a long time. The region got new hope after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of India in 2014.

Northeast, the most neglected region, recently has become the focal point of India's growth and development. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself visited the region more than 50 times and his different Cabinet Ministers visited more than 400 times in the last 8 years.

The need for an inclusive development of the region and its strategic importance in national security and economic growth was envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who endowed the PM-DevINE (Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East) scheme.

Bringing the region on the map of G-20's meeting venues is out of one's imagination. Under India's Presidency of the Summit, each state of the Northeast will host meetings with different themes. It will enable to showcase the exquisite unexplored Northeast to the rest of the world. India's G20 Presidency is a real boon for the Northeast, it will

The changing face of Northeast



attract and create a favorable ecosystem for global investors in the region.

Ashta Lakshmi of Bharat:

Ashta Lakshmi or Ashtalakshmi is the eight different manifestations of Goddess Lakshmi (Adi, Dhana, Dhanya, Gaja, Santana, Dhairya, Vijaya and Vidya Lakshmi). The region that shares international borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Myanmar, Nepal and Tibet is the gateway to the East Asian countries. With its scenic landscapes, rich culture and heritage and warm welcoming people, the region has the potential to become a favourite tourism hub in the world.

"Yeh Bharat ke bhagya ko badalne ki Ashta Lakshmi hai (This is Ashta Lakshmi to change the destiny of India)," Prime Minister, Narendra Modi predicted the future of Northeast during his visit to Imphal in 2014. The vision and conviction of the Prime Minister to turn the eight states of Northeast India into an engine to accelerate the development of the country are becoming clear each passing day with new developmental projects, connectivity, schemes and

initiatives. The development of the Northeast was never an issue for the previous Central governments. The seriousness to make the region a vibrant and growth engine of the nation was witnessed only during Modi's Primeministerialship.

Instilling people's hope:

The Northeastern states of India, that was once lost faith in the Central government are now renewed and inching towards peace and development after 2014. The Prime Minister succeeded in instilling the hope and aspiration of the young Northeast people with the delivery of commitment. The unprecedented pace of developmental works, customized schemes and reaching the unreached was never witnessed before in the region.

Keeping in faith with Prime Minister, Modi's leadership, many insurgent groups and militants have returned to the mainstream. Agreement with the National Liberation Front of Tripura in 2019, The Bru and Bodo Agreement in 2020, Karbi Agreement in 2021, resolving long awaited Assam-Meghalaya and Assam-Arunachal border disputes and the recent

signing of 'Cessation of Operation' agreement with Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) are the blaring example of supporting the Modi's government by the people of Northeast.

According to the Ministry of Development of the North-East Region, there has been a 74% reduction in insurgency incidents, 60% reduction in incidents of attacks on security forces and 89% reduction in civilian deaths. About 8,000 youth have surrendered and have joined the mainstream.

In the state of Manipur, which was once known as the hotspot of insurgency, militants are returning to the mainstream. As many as 43 cadres from 8 militant groups have laid down their arms during a Homecoming ceremony this new year.

Blooming Northeast:

To restore peace and social harmony a stable government is needed in the crisis-torn Northeastern states of India. BJP, under the leadership of Narendra Modi, delivered a stable government in Assam, Manipur, and Tripur. The party is in alliance with Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party in Nagaland and the National People's Party in Meghalaya. The party has enabled to build of a united nation and the Northeast is connected with the rest of the Indian states unlike before.

The citizen-centric governments in the BJP-ruled Northeastern states are a boon to the people of the region. The ease of doing business ecosystem, skill development initiatives of youths, doorstep delivery of welfare schemes etc restored the minds of the people and facilitate Northeast people to contribute to nation-building.

Be a Role model to your kids not impose your dream on them

By: Satya Gopal Dey

What we want our children to be? The question is easy the answer apparently seems easy but actually it is not easy. The general answers are "We would like our children to be a saucerful scholar rich in future yield result as successful Doctor, engineers and so on Actually, parents and guardians consciously and unconsciously imposing their dream in the mind of their kids without understanding their mindset, potential and expectation. If we want to raise children who are genuinely nice people, we can help guide our kids toward habits and behaviours that promote positive character traits like kindness, generosity, and empathy for those who are less advantaged or who need help.

Many guardians and parents focus attention on their kid's grades and extracurricular activities, such as by making sure kids' study, do their homework, and get to soccer, cricket

practice or dance class on time. But all too often, we forget to put time and effort into nurturing another component of child success and real development—one that is just as important, and perhaps even more essential—being a good human being first.

It can be easy to forget the importance of countering the pervasive messages of instant gratification, consumerism, and selfishness prevalent in our society. According to C.S. Lewis famously said, "Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."

First and foremost is to nurture empathy to your kid. Emotional intelligence and empathy or the ability to put oneself in someone else's shoes and consider their feelings and thoughts, is one of the most fundamental traits in good human being. Researches have shown that having a high emotional quotient—that is, being able to understand one's own feelings and the

feelings of others—is an important component of success in life.

Encouraging the kids to Lift Up Others is another important aspect to be dealt with. As you encourage positive behaviours such as doing something to make someone's day better (even something as small as patting a friend on the shoulder when they're sad), be sure to talk about what negative effects behaviours like gossiping or bullying have on both sides (both those who are bullied and those who do the bullying, and why and how it hurts people).

The society become self-centered and selfish the spirit of volunteerism decaying gradually. Whether your kids helps an elderly neighbour by shovelling the sidewalk or helps you pack some canned goods into boxes for donation to family shelters, the act of volunteering can shape your child's character. When kids help others, they learn to think about the needs of those less fortunate than they are, and can feel

proud of themselves for making a difference in others' lives.

Adults need to remember when encouraging kids to help others is to not reward them for every single good deed. That way, your child won't associate volunteering with getting things for himself and will learn that feeling good about helping others will be in itself a reward.

However that's not to say you shouldn't occasionally take your child out for a special treat or give them a gift for helping others AND for working hard and studying hard.

Keep a close vigil and watch whether your child routinely practice the fundamentals of good manners such as saying "Thank you" and "Please"—Does she speak in a polite manner to people and address elders as per age like uncle aunt etc. Does she know how to greet people properly, and is she familiar with the basics of good table manners? Is she a gracious loser when she plays a game with friends?

Remember that you are raising a person who will go out into the world and interact with others for the rest of her life. And this little angel, as she grows, will be at the dinner table with you and interacting with you every day until she leaves the nest for greater life. You can play an important role in shaping how well-mannered your child will be.

Adults who hold back on giving children boundaries or firmly (but lovingly) correcting bad behaviour. Parents who hold back on giving children boundaries or firmly, but passionately correcting bad behaviour may actually be harming their child with good intentions. Children who are not disciplined are unpleasant, selfish, and surprisingly unhappy and may be restless.

Some of the many reasons why we need to discipline include the fact that children who are given clear rules, boundaries, and expectations are responsible, more self-sufficient, are more likely to make

good choices and are more likely to make friends and be happy.

An finally give them responsibility and teach them being thankful in every steps of their life.

You have to treat them With Kindness and respect, a adult need to know that the voices of the children need to heard, they need to be consulted. United nations Child Rights convention 1989 advocated for this. The most reorientated way to get kids to speak to you and to others in a respectful way and to interact with others in a nice manner is by doing exactly that yourself when you interact with your child. Think about how you speak to your child and to your wife or others Infront of her.

Always keep in mind "Children are great imitators. So, give them something great to imitate."

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Why Spring is called the King of Seasons



By- Vijay Garg

Although the importance of all the seasons has been told in Hinduism, but the spring season is considered special, the weather makes us feel the change of nature, every changing season brings with it a new message, according to the nature of the country of India, total 6 seasons are major. It is considered as spring season, winter season, winter season, spring season, summer season, rain and autumn season. In these, spring is considered the king of all

seasons. There are many reasons behind calling spring the king of seasons. All the reasons have been told like festivals of gaiety and happiness when the crop is ready, auspicious work, marriage, pleasant weather, the seductive fragrance of mangoes, the cuckoo's cuckoo all come together to create favorable relations, that is why the spring season is called Rituraj.

The same spring has also been called the king of seasons because in this season the fertility of the earth, that is, the production capacity of the earth increases more than other seasons, that is why Lord Krishna has called himself the

spring of seasons in the Gita. And is the topmost of the supreme powers, anyway spring She is also considered the best of all seasons. Story of Origin: The killing of a demon named Andhakasur was possible only by the son of Lord Shiva. So, as per the plan of Brahmaji, Vasant was created at the behest of Kamadeva for how the son of Shiv should be born. Spring season Brahma ji praised Shakti, after that Goddess Saraswati appeared, Brahma and Goddess Saraswati created the universe. That's why Kamdev was given a place in the flowers that grow in new trees and plants in spring.

Characteristic of spring: At

the time of spring The season looks very pleasant, that means from the time of spring this season looks very beautiful. This season is at the end of winter and the beginning of summer, that is, this spring season is neither too hot nor too cold, this season starts in normal weather. At this time every person or man is willing to hang out or wants to enjoy the fun of roaming outside the house. This kind of fun comes in this season and all the animals and plants remain green and this season brings happiness in everyone's life. In this time, in the cultivation of farmer brothers, mustard The flowers appear yellow.

There is greenery in the wheat and fruits from small to big are also planted in the mango tree. New leaves come from the trees. The greenery of flowers and makes the mind happy. Dwarfs start coming on the mango tree.

The sweet voice of the cuckoo starts cooing. By taking a walk in this time, many diseases go away and cool air keeps on blowing, due to which the strength of human age starts increasing. Spring comes after autumn. To be said or seen, the spring season starts from the month of Pahalgun. Is. The weather of spring is very pleasant. The effect of spring is visible all around or all around in nature.

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Former Chairman of Pune-based Seva Vikas Coop Bank Arrested by Police

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, January 31:

Six members of Mulchandani's family, including Amar Mulchandani, former Chairman of the Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank, were arrested by the Pimpri Police, Pune, Maharashtra, on charges of obstructing officers of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) while conducting searches at their residential premises "Mishty Palace" on Sunday.

According to the statement issued by ED on Monday, the agency conducted the searches at 10 places on Friday, January 27 and seized gold and diamond jewellery worth Rs 2.72 crore, Rs 41 lakh in cash, 4 high end cars, digital devices and various incriminating documents, during the searches conducted under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002. The ED has been investigating a Rs 429.6 crore loan fraud in the Seva Vikas Coop Bank,

Pimpri Chinchwad, Pune.

However during the searches, the members of the Mulchandani family hindered the probe and tried to destroy the evidence. As such a police complaint was lodged.

The ED team accompanied by Bank panchas and CRPF visited the residences of Amar Mulchandani. But it could not get into his house as no one opened the door. Following this two police officers and a locksmith went to the premises to break open the door. Around 8.45 pm, a male member opened the door from inside as the locksmith was attempting to break it open.

When the ED team entered the premises, all of the defendants, and their servant Suraj Yadav, were present. When asked why they did not open the door, they falsely claimed that they were sleeping. Thus the ED team was refrained from doing the search for more than two hours and the family members tried

to destroy the evidence.

The team was given to understand that Amar Mulchandani was absent. His family members obstructed the search and this time was used by him to destroy evidence. It was subsequently found that he was hiding in a room locked from inside at the same premises.

Based on the ED's complaint, the police booked Amar Mulchandani, Ashok Mulchandani, Manohar Mulchandani, Mrs Daya Mulchandani, Mrs Sadhna Mulchandani and Sagar Mulchandani under section of IPC -353 (Assault of criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence or giving false information to screen offender) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy). They were produced before the court and were remanded to magistrate custody.

Fraud

The ED initiated investigation based on an FIR registered at Vimal Police station, Pune, against Vinay Aranha of Rosary Education Group and others for loan fraud. Subsequently, Joint Registrar (Audit) conducted the audit of the entire Seva Vikas Coop Bank and found gross fraud and misappropriation of Rs 429.6 crore spread across 126 Non Performing Asset (NPA) loan accounts.

Board of Directors led by Amar Mulchandani violated all banking norms and deliberately sanctioned loans to ineligible shell entities to siphon off the funds. Based on this audit report, additional multiple FIRs were registered against the loan beneficiaries and bank management including Amar Mulchandani. The license of the bank was cancelled on October 10, 2022, by the RBI.

Union Minister Pratima Bhoomik files Nomination from Dhanpur seat



IT News
Agartala Jan 31:

Union Minister Pratima Bhoomik filed her nomination from Dhanpur seat for the upcoming Tripura Assembly Elections to be held on February 16 on the last day. Pratima Bhoomik is the Union Minister of State in the BJP-led government at the Centre.

In 2021, Pratima Bhoomik created history by becoming the first politician from Tripura to become a Union Minister. She was appointed as the Minister of State (MoS) in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Bhoomik, a first-time MP, was elected from the West Tripura constituency in the last general elections in 2019.

Bhoomik is popularly known as 'Pratima Di'. Despite being an active politician for a long time, Pratima Bhoomik has always maintained a low profile. Bhoomik's journey from Tripura to the Centre has been full of hard work and success. Hailing from a farmer's family, Pratima Bhoomik was the first graduate in her village.

CBI (NCB, India) Hosts 3rd Interpol Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP)

IT Correspondent

Mumbai, January 31

59 participants of 44 countries are attending the 3rd Interpol Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP), which seeks to build trust between international police forces, organised by Central Bureau of Investigation (National Central Bureau, India) in New Delhi, till February 02.

This year, participating coaches include Sigrður Björk Guðjónsdóttir, National Police Commissioner of Iceland, Krista Aas, Deputy Director General of the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board, and Nick Evans, Acting Assistant Director for Innovation and Research at the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency.

The program was inaugurated on January 25 by Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock. In his virtual address Stock said that Delhi is home to one of the most successful Interpol General Assemblies. He complimented the CBI for hosting the event and India for its continued

commitment to INTERPOL.

Recalling the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address to the Interpol General Assembly last year, Stock said that "crime somewhere is crime everywhere. The main theme before us is maintaining trust in the criminal investigation process in a digitised world".

Stock underlined that this brings together two inescapable realities of our times, first, the ongoing challenges and opportunities arising from the emergence of artificial intelligence, big data, and augmented reality including through disruptions like the Metaverse. Second, the ongoing globalisation of criminal activity and the fundamental necessity for a collaborative approach to effectively combat it.

He told the participants that "it will be your decision making, and the culture that you create within police forces around the world that will establish whether trust, the building block of international police cooperation, is embedded in policing in the

2020s, the 2030s, and beyond".

He also said that the use of new technology is always treated with more skepticism when deployed by governments rather than by the private sector. We need to ensure that the right protections are in place, and the risks identified are addressed. A second building block for trust, is not only in designing the right system, but in delivering results. Third, to build trust with the right mindset. The international dimension of criminality can be linked to almost any aspect of modern crime. We are here to build bridges across police forces, founded on a common mission to foster global collaboration, which will span distance, and time," Stock added.

CBI Director Subodhkumar Jaiswal said that this programme will give an overview of the scale and scope of policing system in India and will help in capacity building of the future police leadership. "Continuing with the theme of Vasudhaiva

Kutumbakam, the world is one family, the Young Global Police Leaders Programme provides an inspirational platform for not only young police officers from across the world but also for youth in general" he added.

The young global police leaders attended the Republic Day celebration and also paid homage at the National Police Memorial, next day. During the ongoing programme they will visit CBI Headquarters, Global Operations Centre, Delhi Police Headquarters, Maharashtra Police Headquarters, Mumbai Police Control Room and the National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Established in 2019, the YGPLP is a flagship INTERPOL leadership program for promising young police officers, brings together young police officers below 37 years of age, holding vital assignments in their respective countries and help them develop an international perspective and understanding.

One day blood donation cum awareness held at district hospital, Thoubal

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Thoubal Jan 31:

In connection with Martyr Day Observation, one Day Voluntary Blood Donation Awareness cum Donation Camp was held yesterday at District Hospital Thoubal.

It was jointly organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Thoubal, YEDS Mojing, Association of Voluntary Blood Donors Thoubal Branch in collaboration with Blood Centre and Transfusion Unit, District Hospital Thoubal. A total of 16 donors including

4 female and 12 male donated blood.

Deputy Commissioner Thoubal A Subhash Singh IAS visited the camp and handed over certificates to the blood donors. He thanked the donors for their humanitarian activities.

AR conducted security meet with Gram Panchayat members; organizes tree plantation drive

IT News
Imphal, Jan 31:

Loktak battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of Headquarters Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) conducted a "Security Meet and awareness lecture with Gram Panchayat Members and local youth" at Komlakhong, Bishnupur District (Manipur) on 30 January 2023.

The main aim of the meet was to understand about the culture of locality and to address various grievances faced by the Gram Panchayat in the Komlakhong. During the meet various issues related to public safety and security, avenues for the youth for enrolment in Army and ways to avail sponsorship for meritorious students were discussed with GPMs and local youth. The event was organised by the Company Operating Base at Komlakhong, of Loktak Battalion and all members of Komlakhong Gram Panchayat with local youth attended.

The locals of Komlakhong appreciated the efforts by the Assam Rifles and requested to conduct more such meets in future for the betterment of Society in Komlakhong.

On the other hand, Churachandpur Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised Mega Tree Plantation Drive to promote afforestation under the theme of "Adopt a tree Campaign" at Aina on 30 January 2023.

The plantation drive was focused upon imbuing the importance of trees and spreading awareness amongst locals and troops on saving earth by planting more trees. The villagers were also briefed upon adopting eco-friendly lifestyle thereby contributing towards Mother Earth and cleaner environment. A total of 100 saplings of fruits, shady and local variety of plants were planted as part of the Plantation drive at Aina. A total of 20 locals attended the plantation drive.

The local populace expressed their willingness to work together with Assam Rifles towards a safer, secure and greener environment in future also. They also expressed gratitude to security forces for conducting such informative and eco-friendly events.

Mantripukhri Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) also organised a Tree Plantation Drive at Village Ngarumpung, Kangpokpi, Manipur on 30 January 2023.

The aim of the drive was to make people aware about the importance of trees in our life and to save the endangered

environment which is the most valuable gift of nature. Planting trees is vital to maintain a balance in the ecosystem. During the event an informative lecture was also delivered on "Importance of Tree plantation and its benefits. A total of 15 villagers attended the event, distributed and planted 50 saplings of multiple varieties.

The local population also appreciated the efforts of the Assam Rifles for their initiative toward this noble cause and asked to lead more of these events in the future.

Meanwhile, Somsai Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South), extended assistance to Tangkhul Student Union at Somsai Bn HQ on 30 Jan 2023.

The support will aid 100 and more talented youths to further excel in their upcoming State and Central Board Exams for Class X and XII of the Tangkhul Katamnao Long Imphal.

The youths and teaching staff of the Tangkhul Katamnao Long Imphal fraternity, extended their heartfelt gratitude to Somsai Bn Assam Rifles. The noble gesture has ensured in building a long lasting relationship with the youth community.

Best marching contingents & tableaux of Republic Day Parade 2023

PIB (DW)

Kohima, Jan 31:

Uttarakhand adjudged best State/UT tableau by a panel of judges; Gujarat wins online public poll conducted by MyGov.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs bags top position among Ministries/Departments in the panel of judges section; Ministry of Home Affairs (CAPF) clinches top spot in popular choice category.

Panel chooses Punjab Regiment Centre Contingent as best Marching Contingent among the three services; Indian Air Force wins online poll.

CRPF named best Marching Contingent among CAPF/ other auxiliary forces in both categories.

The best marching

contingents and tableaux of Republic Day Parade 2023 have been announced.

Separate results – one by a panel of judges and other through an online public vote conducted by MyGov – have been declared.

Three panels of judges were appointed for assessing the performance of Marching Contingents from three Services, Marching Contingents from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)/ other auxiliary forces and tableaux from various States/ Union Territories and Ministries/Departments. On the basis of the assessment of the panels, the results are as under:-

Best Marching Contingent among the three services - Punjab Regiment Centre. Contingent Best Marching

Contingent among CAPF/ other auxiliary forces - CRPF Marching Contingent.

Best Three Tableaux (States/UTs) - First - Uttarakhand (Manaskhand).

Second - Maharashtra (Sade Tin Shaktipith & Nari Shakti).

Third - Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya Deepotsav).

Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments) - Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Ekavyasa Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)).

Special Prize.

Central Public Works Department (Biodiversity Conservation).

'Vande Bharatam' Dance Group.

In addition to the panel of judges, a web page was created on MyGov platform for online registration of citizens for watching the Republic Day Parade and Beating the Retreat Ceremony 2023 online. An online poll was conducted by MyGov for the citizens to vote for their favourite

Tableaux from States/UTs and Ministries/Departments as also amongst the Marching contingents to select the best amongst popular choice category.

The online poll for the popular choice was conducted between January 25-28, 2023 on MyGov web page. The results are:

Best Marching Contingent among the three services - INDIAN AIR FORCE MARCHING CONTINGENT.

Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/ other auxiliary forces - CRPF MARCHING CONTINGENT.

Best three Tableaux (States/UTs) - First - Gujarat (Clean-Green energy efficient Gujarat).

Second - Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya Deepotsav).

Third - Maharashtra (Sade tin Shaktipith and Nari Shakti).

Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments) - CAPF (Ministry of Home Affairs).

G20 Energy Transition Working Group meeting under India's Presidency to be held in Bengaluru from February 5th to 7th

Agency
New Delhi, Jan 31:

The first G20 Energy Transition Working Group meeting under India's Presidency will be held in Bengaluru from February 5th to 7th.

The delegates from G20 countries and guest countries will be part of the Working Group.

In addition leading, international organisations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development

Program, International Energy Agency, Clean Energy Ministerial, and International Solar Alliance among others will send its representatives for the meeting.

Technology gaps in energy transition, low-cost financing for energy transition, energy security and diversified supply chain, industrial low carbon transition and fuel for future are the priority areas set for the Working Group discussion.

The delegates will visit Infosys Green Building Campus in Bengaluru and mega solar

park in Pavagada as a testimony to India's push towards renewable sector and efforts to mitigate climate change.

The delegates will also get to experience the rich cultural heritage, art, culture and cuisine of Karnataka. Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru yesterday, the Union Power Secretary Alok Kumar informed that India achieved 40 percent of its installed capacity from non-fossil fuel in 2021 itself as against the target of 2030.

Now the country has set a target to achieve 50 percent

power generation capacity from renewable sources and reduce carbon dioxide emission by 45 percent by 2030. The Secretary said that India has set a target to achieve 90GW of solar equipment manufacturing capacity by 2030 and 15 to 20 GW capacity is already under construction.

He informed that the Working Group will collaborate on ways to maximise green hydrogen and green ammonia generation, reduce dependency on lithium and look for alternative fuel cells like sodium-ion batteries.

Visakhapatnam will be new Andhra Pradesh capital, says CM Jagan Reddy

Agency
Visakhapatnam, Jan 31:

Visakhapatnam will be Andhra Pradesh's new capital, chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said Tuesday afternoon, indicating plans to develop Amaravati - on the banks of the Krishna river - as the capital city have been scrapped.

The announcement of a new capital for Andhra comes nine years after the state of Telangana was carved out of its territory and given Hyderabad as its capital.

At an event in Delhi the YSR Congress chief said: "...I invite you to Visakhapatnam, which is going to be our capital in the days to come. I myself will also be shifting to Visakhapatnam in the months to come."

"We're organising a global summit... an investors summit on March 3-4 (in Visakhapatnam) and I want to take this opportunity to personally invite all of you to

the summit... and request all of you to not only come but also put in a good word, a strong word, to colleagues abroad," the chief minister said.

At the International Diplomatic Alliance meet in Delhi he urged investors to 'visit us and see... how easy it is to do business in the state of Andhra Pradesh'.

The identity of a new capital for Andhra Pradesh - for which over 33,000 acres of land had been acquired from farmers around Amaravati - has been the source of social, legal, economic and political friction over the past several years.

In 2015, then chief minister Chandrababu Naidu said Amaravati would be the capital but, five years later, a proposal to have three capital cities was floated.

Under that scheme Visakhapatnam and Kurnool would join Amaravati; the latter would be the legislative centre of power, Kurnool the judicial capital and Visakhapatnam

would become the executive capital of Andhra Pradesh.

In March last year the Andhra Pradesh High Court ruled against the plan to have three capitals and told the government to develop Amaravati. The court said the legislature lacked competence to make such decisions.

In November the state repealed the law that intended to establish three capital cities and promised a 'comprehensive, complete and better' proposal.

However, in a twist, the Supreme Court then stayed that judgment, noting 'courts are not governments' and that the High Court had overstepped its limits.

Meanwhile, amid the back-and-forth over selection of a new capital, Amaravati also became the centre of a land scam - an allegation levelled by the ruling YSR Congress against the Telugu Desam Party, its rival and former ruling outfit.

Minister of Civil Aviation inaugurates flight connecting Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, and Jamshedpur

PIB

New Delhi, Jan 31:

Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia along with General Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh (Rtd.) today inaugurated a flight connecting Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, and Jamshedpur. IndiaOne Air will operate this route from 31st January 2023.

These operations shall be increased to daily operations effective from 01st February 2023 under the RCS-UDAN scheme. The schedule of the operations would be as follows:

In his inaugural address, Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya Scindia said that it is an auspicious moment that three important cities of three different states are being

connected through this network of flights. It reflects the Prime Minister's vision of providing air connectivity to every corner of the country. Earlier airlines were closing one by one, but now the UDAN scheme has given birth to three new regional airlines. Before 2014 there were only 74 operational airports in the country. Now after the initiation of

commercial operations at Jamshedpur, it has increased to 147 and it will touch 148 after the inauguration of commercial operations at Shivamogga airport, Karnataka in February 2023. Scindia added that the central government is taking multiple steps for the development of civil aviation infrastructure in Jharkhand.

In Focus

Split in tribal votes gives relief to BJP, CPI(M) and congress before polls in Tripura Problems still remain at ground level between left front and its partner

By Ashis Biswas

In Tripura, with only days left for the Assembly polls, the tribal vote remained set for a split between new entrant Tipra Motha(TM) party and the IPFT (Indigenous Peoples' Front of Tripura). This followed the failure of a major effort made by TM leader Mr Pradyot Debbarma during the past few weeks, to work out an alliance between the older IPFT and the new party he leads.

The development brought major political relief to mainstream non tribal parties like Congress, the CPI(M)-led Left front and the BJP. While their leaders remained tight-lipped, it was common knowledge that they had been worried by the possibility of a united tribal party winning close to 20 seats in the coming election.

Prospects for a greater consolidation among tribal voters looked dim after a joint declaration made by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its ally the IPFT, outlining the seat sharing formula worked out for the 2023 polls scheduled on February 16.

The BJP would contest 55 seats on its own, leaving 5 for the IPFT, in the 60-strong house. Altogether 20 seats are reserved for the indigenous tribes in Tripura. In 2018, the IPFT had contested 12 seats in alliance with the BJP, which supported its claim for a tribal-ruled state.

In the outgoing Assembly, the IPFT had eight MLAs. However, three had joined the TM, while one died recently, leaving the party with four MLAs only. An increasing

interest among younger tribal voters in the TM had led to weakening of the IPFT's appeal in recent times. The incumbent BJP, enjoying strong support at the centre and having sponsored a slew of infrastructure developments / connectivity projects in the state, thus retained the upper hand in seat sharing talks.

This explained why the IPFT decided to accept fewer seats in alliance going into the 2023 polls from its bigger partner BJP, to remain part of the coalition that had defeated the entrenched CPI(M)-led Left Front in 2018 polls.

Somewhat surprisingly, despite the strong pre-poll running made by the TM so far and the keen interest shown by established parties like Congress and the CPI(M) in working out a pre-poll understanding with it, Mr Debbarma's efforts to win major allies came a cropper. The unexpected negative outcome did not occur because of any lack of effort on the TM's part.

According to analysts, the apparent pre-condition announced by Mr Debbarma addressed to other parties willing to work out a pre-poll understanding — they must declare their support for a bigger tribal state in Tripura before any political dialogue — emerged as a major stumbling block. No party was willing to commit itself to such a demand without learning more about the TM's visions and plans for the proposed new bigger state.

In preliminary talks, TM leaders displayed no maps, let alone circulate documents and booklets, or release other concrete details about the new

state they wanted to be created within Tripura. The very concept of a new state, while undoubtedly carrying a major emotional appeal for indigenous tribals who have been complaining of being politically and otherwise sidelined for a long time, remained nebulous at best.

Mr Debbarma had declared that the bigger state would be set up within Tripura itself, without involving its neighbours. But this remained at odds with the overall political appeal in his agenda, according to which the TM would be the undisputed representative body of all Tripuri indigenous tribals no matter where they lived. That effectively meant the TM would be the new political focus of Tripuri tribals even if they happened to be living in nearby Bangladesh, in areas like Bandarban, Chittagong etc — a tall order indeed.

In contrast, IPFT leaders chose to play safe. In 2018, they too had called for a separate Tipra state. The ruling BJP as with most major parties, had not opposed the call in principle. However, in 2023, while the IPFT's demand has not been rejected, nobody can claim that any steps have been taken by the centre or the state for setting up a new tribal state since 2018, as NE media analysts point out.

In recent times again the IPFT scaled down its demand by indicating its demand for a tribal-ruled state within Tripura, its territory to be the present area administered by the tribal autonomous district council — around 2/3rds of the state's area. No wonder the IPFT could not

go along with Mr. Debbarma's call for a bigger tribal Tipra state. Mr. Debbarma had visited Delhi where he met senior BJP leaders who explored the possibilities for a possible linkage with the TM. But the talks did not go well. Later, he pulled up the BJP in a tweet, accusing the bigger party of having pressured the IPFT to stay away from aligning with the TM.

Meanwhile, inner party fighting and minor clashes were reported among BJP ranks from some areas, as angry dissidents, enraged at not winning tickets, demonstrated against official candidates and raided party offices. There were reports of resentment and bitterness among IPFT ranks, too as most supporters felt their party had been let down.

Similarly, there was a major disagreement between Congress and the LF over seat sharing. Barely hours after the Left had announced that Congress would contest 13 seats in alliance, leaving the remaining seats for the CPI(M), CPI, the RSP and the Forward Bloc, angry protests among Congress ranks forced state leaders to change their position. They announced that Congress would contest 17, not 13 seats as declared as before. There were also objections on certain issues from the FB and the RSP.

Former CPI(M) chief Minister Mr Manik Sarkar who is not contesting this time, was scheduled to return to Tripura, even as the party's Central Committee meeting was being held in Kolkata, to intervene in the contentious issues that have developed. (IPA Service)

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Budget Session of Parliament begins with President

The President said, the government has provided pucca houses to more than three and half crore poor families in the last few years.

She added that the government has tried to relieve the poor from their worries by providing basic facilities including toilets, electricity, water and cooking gas. As a result, people of the country have got confidence that government schemes and benefits actually reach the needy and 100 percent coverage or saturation is possible even in a vast country like India.

She said, during Covid pandemic, India was one of those countries which accorded top priority to save the lives of the poor and ensured that the poor were not deprived of food. She said, the government has decided to implement the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in line with the changing circumstances. This is the hallmark of a sensitive and pro-poor government.

President Murmu said, the government has worked for all classes of citizens without any discrimination in the last nine years. She said, the government has awakened the aspirations of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

These classes were most deprived of the benefits of development. She said, now the basic facilities are reaching this section and these people are becoming capable of having newer dreams.

She added that programmes including Dr. Ambedkar Utsav Dham, Amrit Jaldhara and Yuva Udayami Yojana are being run for the socio-economic empowerment of Scheduled Castes. She added that the government has taken unprecedented decisions for the pride of the tribal communities.

For the first time, the country started celebrating the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas. She

said, the work has been started to develop 500 blocks as aspirational blocks in the country and these aspirational blocks are being developed in an institutionalized manner for social justice.

On women empowerment, the President said, all the welfare schemes launched by the government have a women-centric approach and provide them new opportunities for employment. She lauded the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.

Highlighting that tribal, hilly, coastal and border areas of the country could only receive limited benefits of development in the past few decades, the President said, difficult terrain, along with unrest and terrorism, posed a major challenge to development of the North East and Jammu and Kashmir.

She added that the government has taken a number of successful steps for lasting peace and has confronted the geographical challenges. As a result, the North East and the country's border areas are experiencing a new pace of development.

President Murmu said, the country is moving ahead with the inspiration of Panch Pran in the Amrit Kaal. She said, the government is constantly trying to get rid of every sign of slave mentality.

She said, the country has started reaping the fruits of success of the Make in India and the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. She said, the country's manufacturing capacity is increasing and manufacturing companies. She said, the country's defence exports have grown six times. She highlighted that the government is emphasizing on innovation and entrepreneurship and this is harnessing the strength of the young population of the country.

Talking about the

measures taken by the government to build a robust infrastructure in the country, the President said, the government has initiated the PM Gati-Shakti National Master Plan which will expand multi-modal connectivity in the country. She said, the government is striving to make India the most competitive logistics hub of the world.

She also said, an average of 2.5 lakh people got connected to broadband every day in the country and more than 55 thousand gas connections were given every day during the tenure of this government. She added that almost one medical college has come up every month and two colleges have been established every day and a university established every week in the last eight-nine years.

She also talked about Covid vaccination saying that India has administered more than 220 crore vaccine doses within just two years.

The President informed that more than 260 medical colleges have been opened during the tenure of the government from 2014 to 2022. She said, more than 300 new universities have been set up and more than five thousand colleges have also been opened in the country in the last eight years. She said, the country's aviation sector is growing rapidly and the number of airports has reached to 147 in the country.

She said, India has become the third largest aviation market in the world. She said, the government is focusing on green growth and is emphasizing on connecting the entire world with Mission LIFE. President Murmu said, the government has increased the solar power capacity by almost 20 times in the last eight years. She added that the government has also approved the Green Hydrogen Mission which is going to attract investment worth lakhs of crores of rupees in India in the field of green energy.