

12th Manipur Legislative Assembly:

Arms License Holder to renew license in time: CM

IT News
Imphal, March 1:

On the Eighth day of the ensuing 3rd Session of 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly, the Leader of the House N. Biren Singh, who is also in-charge of Home, replying to a question raised by MLA's Vungzagin Valte and Paolienal Haokipon the reported issuance of notification by District Magistrate, Churachanpur intimating to submit arms licenses along with the arms, stated that the order of submitting arms licenses along with the arms was issued not only issued for a particular district but for the State-wide for the protection and prevention of illegal arms. He also stated that killing cases in the State have increased by the holders of license gun. He further instructed the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police to examine the purpose carefully before issuing of arm license. He also informed the House that arms license

holders should renew their licenses in the given period of time otherwise it would be considered as illegal.

Leader of the House N. Biren Singh stated that there are total of 29 Fire Stations and Sub Fire Stations. Out of which 17 fire stations/substations are functional and 12 Fire Sub-Stations are non-functional. He said that efforts are being made for the 12 non-functional fire station to be functional and also for setting up of new Fire Stations/ Sub-Stations to cover all parts of Manipur in future. Further he stated that the Government has conveyed approval for direct recruitment of 122 different categories of posts which is under process in the Department. He mentioned that under Expanding of Modernization of Fire Service under 15th Finance Commission of grant-in-aid a proposal amounting to Rs. 93,33,86,960/- has been proposed for making all the non-functional Fire Sub-Stations and improving the infrastructure and equipment. While, construction of

temporary Garage-cum-Dormitory for opening of new Fire Stations, Procurement of 16 Fire Tenders, 16 Portable Fire Pumps and 8 Bolero Campers for mounting Fire pumps are under process, he added. Replying to the question raised by MLA Sheikh Noorul Hassan regarding to the case of Hit and Run, the Leader of the House informed that investigating of the case is going on full swing.

Replying to the question raised by MLA Kh. Loken Singh, Water Resources Minister Awangbou Newmai stated that Civil Work Component, which will involve an amount of Rs.44.56 crore, was given to M/S Keystone Infra PVT.Ltd on 24th June, 2021 and will be completed within 36 months. The Hydro-Mechanical Component for Rs 44.11 crore also given to M/S OM Metals Infra projects Ltd. and there is target for completion of the works within 36 months. He further stated that minor repairing has been done of

Canal No.1 and 2 of Imphal Barrage has been done on July 2021 and there is a target to renovate them. He informed the House that repairing of river banks of Tarang Stream at Kh. Ibohah mapa, Kakching Khunou and Tarang River at Tarang Bazar Maning will be m a d e .

Responding to the question raised by MLA Paolienal Haokip, Tribal Affairs & Hills Minister Letpao Kipgen said the Manipur Tribal Development Corporation (MTDC) is a functional corporation, a state PSU under the Department of Tribal Affairs & Hills, Government of Manipur.

Replying to the question raised by MLA Th. Lokeshwar Singh, RD & PR Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said that there is no special maintenance of road by Manipur State Road Development Agency (M S R D A) .

The ongoing 3rd session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly which started on February 21 will end on March 3.

Zeliangrong Civil Organisations appeals to end indefinite Strike by Doctors

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Zeliangrong Baudi and Zeliangrong Youth Front appealed the State government to take measure to put an end to the indefinite strike called by Doctors, taking in view of the suffering faced by the common people.

A press release by the Zeliangrong Civil Organisations said, "The indefinite strike imposed by the medical Doctors for the last 10 days ago has extremely impacted to the economically distressed hills people especially in the absence of other alternative health care services centres in the hills districts unlike in the State capital Imphal and other valley districts where numerous private hospitals and diagnostic centres and health care centres and clinics are found and available round the clocks. There are reports of even birth and death certificate not being processed and issued since the hospitals and its related administrative

units have been closed due to the Doctors indefinite strike in the hills districts.

Though the demands raised by the medical doctors are seemed to be genuine and requires consideration by the Govt., it is also felt it important to remember that human lives and their values are more precious and immeasurable than anything else which cannot be substituted or exchanged by anything in any manner, therefore, the medical doctors is strongly urged to consider the suffering of the common people and to abide in their chosen profession with professional ethics, responsibility and commitment in the service of humanity, the press release added.

The Zeliangrong Civil Organisations also appealed to the State Govt. to sit across the table with the agitating medical Doctors and explore every possible ways and means to fulfill the demands of the Medical

Doctors considering the suffering of the common people. There has to be a way out and acceptable solution for every problem and issue therefore, trying to find a way out is the only option and efficacious remedy instead of sticking to the respective position. Delaying in solving the issue may erupt public uproar against the Govt. as well as the agitating medical doctors as the life of the common people cannot be reduced to that of valueless commodities and rendered into unnecessary suffering for any longer, it added.

The Zeliangrong Baudi and Zeliangrong Youth Front in the interest of the common people strongly urged the State Govt. to consider the suffering of the common people and to take up definite and concrete measure to ease the suffering of the common people and to bring an end to the indefinite strike and put the agitating medical doctors to resume their duty at the earliest possible.

LPG cylinder price hike: Domestic, commercial cooking gas prices increase

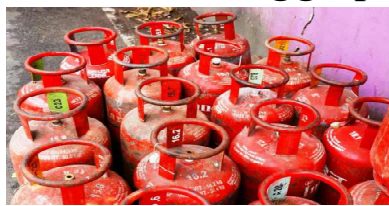
Agency
New Delhi, Mar 1:

The prices of domestic and commercial Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders have been increased by the state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) with effect from Tuesday i.e. March 1. The OMCs revise the rate of LPG at the beginning of each month.

As the price of LPG gas cylinders was not revised the last time, there were speculations that it will be increased from March 1.

Domestic LPG Cylinder Price Hike

The price of a domestic LPG cylinder weighing 14.2 kg



has been increased by Rs 50 in Delhi. With the revision, the rate of domestic LPG cylinder is now Rs 1103.

Commercial LPG Cylinder Price Hike

Similarly, the price of commercial LPG cylinder has also been hiked from today in the

national capital. A 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder was increased by Rs 350.50. With this, the commercial cylinder will now cost Rs 2119.50 in Delhi.

The last revision in the price of domestic LPG cylinders was done in 2022. The

rate of domestic cooking gas was hiked four times last year. On January 1 this year, the price of commercial cylinders was increased by Rs 25, costing Rs 1,768 for a LPG cylinder in Delhi.

The latest revision in the prices of LPG cylinder that came into effect from today will definitely trigger concerns among citizens as majority of the households in the country use LPG for cooking purposes. The prices of domestic cooking gas vary from state to state depending on local taxes. Besides, the prices of crude oil in international markets also impact domestic LPG prices.

National Science Day observed on the concluding day of The 4-day Science Promotion Programme



IT News
Imphal, Mar 1:

The 4 -day awareness programme on promotion of science education amongst the youths in the rural areas in Thoubal District, Manipur organised by the Minority Peoples and Rural Development Society (MPRDS), Sangaiyupham with the support of the NCSTC Division, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India has been concluded yesterday at Lilong Hareibi College Multipurpose Hall, Usoipokpi, Thoubal District, Manipur. The Closing Function cum Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized on yesterday to mark the observance of the National Science Day 2023 on the theme: 'Global Science for Global Well-being' which was conducted in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Lilong Hareibi College.

Professor Ngangkham Nimai Singh of the Department

of Physics, Manipur University, Associate Dean at the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Utiou Dr. Senjam Jinus and the Head of Department of Zoology at Lilong Hareibi College Dr. L. Sanahabi Devi were some of the eminent scientists who delivered lecture on different topics as the Resource Persons. Principal, Lilong Hareibi College and Professor of Physics Dr. Md. Rahejuddin Sheikh presided over the function.

Science painting competition on the theme Global Science for Global Well-being, Ex tempore speech on science topics, Science Quiz competition and Science Model Making Competitions were some of the main attractions of the programme. The competitions were conducted as the final of the screening competitions held earlier in two different places in Thoubal District, Manipur.

Smart irrigation system, Automatic room lighting system, Door lock using password

system, Smart Notice Board system, Smart Dustbin or Automatic Dustbin, Bluetooth car, Driverless car, Automatic gas leak detection, Telescope, Security alarm, etc. were the main displays of the science model making competition.

Kyamegi Ideal High School bagged most of the prizes in the science model making competition while Islamic Baby English school captured first positions at the Science Quiz and Painting Competitions. Wafana Begum of Islamic Baby English School, Kh. Seema Naobi of Lilong Hareibi College and Shushani Begum of Bright Brain Institute Lilong captured the top three positions in the painting competition. Islamic Baby English School, Lilong Hareibi College and Munira English School Sangaiyupham stood the first, second and third places in the quiz competition. Samsida Banu, T. Merinda and Kh. Ashif were awarded prizes in the ex-tempore competition.

KYKL has intensified its ban on Slopeland Public School, Khongjom

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Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) sent an official notice on September 30, 2022, informing Slopeland Public School, Khongjom, to pay a fine and annual tax due to the party, which the school had been neglecting for several years. The notification warned school authorities that the school would be closed beginning with the following academic year if its taxes were not paid on time, said a press release by the outfit.

In a similar manner as in previous years, the school authorities neglected to take note of the notice, KYKL considers it a serious affront to the organization. To lure students to enrol at the school next academic session, the school authority claimed that KYKL and the school authority were about to resolve the issue, while falsely telling others the dispute had already been resolved. There is no way KYKL can ignore this challenge, and it will be viewed as a serious threat to the national liberation movement

currently underway in Kangleipak, the press release said.

KYKL has now put its decision on this state of affairs before the people. Due to its anti-revolutionary views and opposition to revolutionary principles, the institution (Slopeland Public School, Khongjom) will be closed permanently. We will take appropriate action against any Tom Harry and Dick associated with the issue in our efforts to make the ban a reality. Exams that are currently taking place, however, will not be affected in any way since they are from

previous years.

There will be no new admissions to the school, nor will classes continue. It is mandatory for all school employees, including teachers and non-teaching staff, to stop attending school. There should be no unscrupulous actions taken in the interim, for example, mortgaging or selling the school. There will be equal punishment for both parties for such acts. Students who wish to transfer to another school must receive a transfer certificate right away from the school administration, it added.



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

In a democracy, such as ours, the existence and growth of any business eventually depends, not only on the public support in purchasing its products and services, but more importantly on the sanction of the general public.

Legislatures, who enact law governing and regulating business, are elected by, and represent, the public. The management of public companies derives their power from and owes their tenure to the shareholders, who are members of the general public. Its employees are recruited from the public and live amongst the public. Therefore, it is only good business policy to practice 'Public Relations' to inform, to educate, to persuade, through effective communication, and create understanding and obtain the willing co-operation of various public of business.

The skills and techniques to create and develop mutual understanding are provided by public relations (PR) practitioners. But first, it is essential to define the objectives having been agreed, on which a PR programme can be drawn up. These may be both long term and short term but, as John Maynard Keynes once said, 'in the long term all of us will be dead.' So, it is necessary to define the perspective of the long-term.

Some form of research is necessary both before the PR programme is drawn up and when a PR campaign has gathered momentum. In most business enterprises top management consists of wise people but there is no fun in flying blind when one can use a reader.

Research is a word that seems to frighten many people. It conjures visions of long beard intellectuals working away in the backrooms on prob-

lems of no conceivable practical significance. Many people discount the value of research and say they prefer to rely on their own judgement. In this connection, there is much truth in the story of the man who, when given the results of research, say 'It is not true'. When it has been proved beyond doubt that it is true, he says, 'It has no practical value'. When it has been shown to have distinct practical possibilities, he says, 'The research has only proved what was already known.'

Public Relations is essentially an art of persuasion and in order to influence people, it is obviously helpful to know as much as possible about the way in which people think and the manner in which they react to particular circumstances.

There is also urgent need for research into the results of public relations actively. Too little is known about the effects of PR programmes on public attitudes and public action.

In discussing the place of PR in any organisations, one important point has to be noted it relates to the nature and functions of PR, as contrasted with those of other departments such as production, finance, marketing, personnel etc. While all the latter departments are largely concerned with the respective spheres responsibility PR tends to flow over the whole gamut of business and management. From this point of view PR has been called an extended arm of management. Each department or aspect of business and industry has its specific PR problems and tasks, and those have to be tackled by PR with the top man of each department and top management.

If, therefore, an organisation takes its PR responsibilities seriously, then the PR men must be given the status and position they deserve. Public relations must have full and continuing access to the top management if it has to succeed in its job. Not because PR men are anything special, but because PR is ultimately the responsibility of the top management. Too many organisations misuse or waste their PR men e.g. in employing PR men as organisers of VIP hospitality and travel. This is not the job of public relations, or perhaps only a small part of PR.

Role of Public relations

A good PR man represents the management and communicates the policies, problems and performances to the public on the one hand, and feeds back the socio-economic and political trends and public opinion to the top management and counsel them on possible lines of action, on the other. Therefore, fearlessness and objectivity are essential qualities in PR practitioners. And top management must create the necessary environment for such attitudes. A PR man that feeds the management with what if like to hear, viz., the glory and greatness of the organisation, is doing himself and his company little good.

All this underlines the importance of selection of PR man in regard to their abilities to counsel wisely; use effectively all the techniques of communication and their personnel and personality attributes. Good PR men can do the company a great deal. The difference is considerable, and top management must recognise this and pay more attention to the recruitment and training of PR men, and create the necessary environment for good PR men to practice their skills and techniques.

For its day-to-day existence and functioning, a business has to be reckoning with its public. Each firm has to plan its communications programme by carefully assess in the relative importance of its key public, the messages that it wishes to convey, the selection of the specific media through which its key groups could be reached most effectively and economically.

In the present Indian context one of the most important segments of any business public is government. In our country, government is at the driver's seat of the economy, and any business is dependent for its existence functioning and growth on govt. policies and action, and therefore, must communicate effectively with government in the case of a large public or private undertaking. Communications with government assume even greater importance for a number of reasons. Firstly, because the company is accountable to govt. Secondly, because government is run not only ministers but by a large number of officials at various levels

in the ministries and developments, many of whom may influence a decision. Lastly, government, in its turn, is answerable to Sansad and the public.

Communications with MPs are also very important since parliamentary proceedings receive such wide publicity. It is to the interest of any company to communicate with MPs and tell them about its performance and problems.

Large public and private undertakings are always in the news and are under the searchlight of public scrutiny and attention. In spite of the fact that the Doodardashan, private electronic channels and Cinema have a wider audience than the press, public opinion in Bharat is largely influenced and moulded by what is read in the press. There is, of course, no obligation on any organisation to have any dealings with the press, but since the activities of all large companies, both in the public and private sectors, affect the public interest, the press will publish reports and comments irrespective of whether they have received a company's co-operation or not. Communicating with the press, or press relations is, therefore, of vital importance in the interests of any company's PR department.

Press relations are essentially a two-way operation. It is the link between the organisation and the press and vice-versa. On one hand, the organisation supplies information and news for publication, and initiates comments, articles and features, on the other hand, reports in the press show that the public thinks about it.

The best policy for an organisation is to take the press into confidence as possible, including such matters which are not to be published. The press in India is by and large, responsible and will respect this confidence. Shareholders from one of the business public, whose good will and support are of vital importance to the existence and success of any concern.

As far as the shareholders are concerned, the most important means of communications with them is the annual report. Apart from conformity with the legal requirements, it is the duty of every firm to see that the Annual Report provides information

to shareholders in a simple and attractive manner. As Shri D.L. Majumdar, a former secretary of the Company Law Administration Department, pointed out a few years ago 'the requisite technical skills finds company balance-sheets crypt to grams which he is incapable of solving'.

Since, there is a limit to the popularising of the Annual Report because of legal as well as accounting constraints, business can, with profit adopt what many firms abroad and some firms in Bharat do, namely, issue information booklets to provide a picture of its operations in a manner that a non-technical adult can easily understand. A modern business firm is vast impersonal machinery in which a sense of belongings can be created by the adoption of some simple devices. For instance, a new investor can be welcomed into an organisation with a letter of welcome from the chairman and an informative booklet.

Apart from quality and the price of goods, customer relations has become a third important factor that influences, buying habits and creates a better image for the producers.

It should be remembered that, in our world of mass produces goods, in many cases, there is little intrinsic difference between branded product and another manufactured by modern firms employing modern machines and modern technologist. Therefore, a customer's choice falls on a product whose personalities attracts him the more. While this is basically a field for motivation researches, it can be said that the total personality or corporate image of firm as revealed through not only its products, advertising packaging and look of the products, but also its institutional advertising and other PR activities, help to win customers.

It is not possible to communicate with customer's end masses except through advertising campaigns and the use of other sales media; a more effective way of dealing with them is through dealer relations. Dealer relations are, indeed a key element in any organisation's PR programme. The dealer represents the manufacturer to the public and the community of which he is a part.

In India, where periodicals short-

ages of many products occur unscrupulous dealers have been responsible for bringing disrepute to a company by selling its products at inflated price. Therefore, not only must the dealer be educated to be strictly above board in all his dealings, but also to render after sales service whenever necessary, and provide customers with the information they seek. The dealer should be educated and aware of his social responsibilities through systematic training and educate and be given all possible help and support to sell products as quickly and effectively as possible.

Industrial relation has been described as an area where a social conscience is particularly necessary to day when the clamorous demands of workers have to be reconciled with the not too plentiful resources of industry. It should not, however, be forgotten that in this area, PR will have to play its role unobtrusively and guardedly as it falls within the purview of the personnel department with better ideas and aids to communication in its efforts to bring about improved working conditions, grievance procedures, recruitment and promotional policies, employee training, recognition of exceptional course, PR runs topics, in addition to an Annual Report and provides printed and visual material to promote employee consciousness on such subjects as safety, savings, planned families and so on.

Profitability is another area where business should be able to communicate effectively with the public to stress its importance to be public besides stressing its importance in the economic growth of the country. In many minds, profitability and profiteering, corporate profits and private profits, etc. are practically synonymous. But it is hardly necessary to point out that profitability and profits are legitimate indicators of the efficiency of a company, and corporate profits go not to fill the pockets of rich individuals but into government exchequers, to shareholders, the employees and are also ploughed back for expansion. It is a national need to get this concept accepted by the public for both the public and private sectors.

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How to prepare NEET-UG and 12th Class Board Exams together



By: Vijay GarG

NEET preparation may not be easy for you, but it is manageable with the right learning approach. To add to the challenge, you have to prepare for your board exams along with NEET. It is normal to be intimidated when you have to balance the revision of topics in the NEET 2023 syllabus and the board exam syllabus. Did you know that there are common topics which you can manage for effective revision? Study strategies and time management tactics will gradually reduce your worries and get you ready for both crucial exams.

When you are trying to hit two targets with one bullet, you must use all the help that's available. And, you can utilise the online learning resources for NEET exams 2023 and the board exams which are readily available for self-study. Let's look at some of the effective ways used by suc-

cessful NEET aspirants to manage self-study for achieving top scores in NEET and the board exams using the available resources.

12 Useful Tips To Prepare For NEET And Board Exams

Focus on common topics of your board and NEET

The good news is that there are numerous topics which are common in your board exam syllabus and the NEET syllabus. Study those topics thoroughly to make optimum use of your time. When you focus on revising the common syllabus topics for the two critical exams, your NEET preparation becomes easy. After all, part of your NEET revision is already covered along with the board exam syllabus revision.

Prioritise NEET syllabus topics
Your priority should be NEET topics. It is likely that your teachers may have already explained many of these topics in class. With time, you may or may not remember the entire explanation given by your teachers. So, during self-study, watch video lessons to recapitulate the concepts that you may have forgotten. After revising the NEET syllabus topics, you will also feel more comfortable when you sit to study the topics in your syllabus.

If you have grasped the concepts during your NEET exams 2023 revision, you should be able to tackle

subjective questions based on those concepts in your board exams. To prepare for your exams, you can practise calculation-based problems from NEET sample papers and from TopperLearning's sample papers based on the board exam pattern. Previous years' question papers with solutions for NEET and board exams can also be useful in your efforts to ace your exams.

Several advanced concepts which are covered in your NEET 2023 syllabus are based on your Class 11 syllabus. During revision, keep your Class 11 formulae sheets handy. Revise those formulae to learn calculation-based questions for NEET. To quickly brush up your lessons, read the synopsis of Class 11 chapters which are available online.

For revision of Class 11 and Class 12 topics, you can revisit your lessons through NCERT solutions for Class 11. The model solutions for NCERT textbook questions by subject experts will give you the necessary support for solving textbook questions during self-study. Concept videos, previous years' question papers and revision notes can also be useful for topics based on your NEET syllabus and Class 12 exam syllabus. Also give mock tests and weekly tests to keep revising concepts and eradicate errors.

Among the recommended books for NEET preparation are the NCERT textbooks for Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The NEET 2023 syllabus is based on concepts covered in

NCERT books. Also, for Class 12 students, studying the chapters from the NEET syllabus and the board exam syllabus is easier with chapter-wise online NCERT solutions for Class 12. Today, NCERT solutions are available for Class 12 Physics, Class 12 Biology and Class 12 Chemistry.

When you learn from NCERT textbook solutions, you get the double benefit of preparing for two exams. You can write and practise the NCERT solutions from Physics to grasp the methods for solving numerical type questions. Also, revise topics such as the periodic table, reproduction etc, with the online NCERT solutions for Class 11 and Class 12 Science subjects.

Keep realistic study goals

Another important thing to remember is to have practical goals. You may plan to study from one textbook but end up sitting with several textbooks. So, it is true that there are several good textbooks for revision NEET revision and board exam revision. However, studying one chapter from more than one textbook at a time can confuse you. It would be wise to hold on to one textbook such as the preferred NCERT textbooks.

Avoid too many textbooks

Only if you are extremely confident that you are thorough with NCERT questions and answers, move on to other books. If you revise the concepts from NCERT textbook solutions, you may not need other textbooks for revising Biology and Chemistry lessons. For practising

additional numerical questions in Physics, you can use other textbook solutions.

Important Topics for NEET

Below are some important Science topics that you can refer for NEET preparation

- Physics
 - Chemistry
 - Biology
 - Thermodynamics
 - Nuclear Physics
 - Optics
 - Kinematics
 - Rotational motion
 - Laws of motion
 - Gravitation
 - Mole Concept
 - Coordination Chemistry
 - General Organic Chemistry
 - Periodic Table
 - Chemical Bonding
 - Ecology & Environment
 - Basics of Biotechnology
 - Cell Biology
 - Morphology
 - Genetics
 - Physiology of Animals & Plants
 - Reproduction

Time management for NEET exams 2023

Your preparation for any competitive exam gets better and better with revision. For NEET, you need to make time for ample revision. Instead of blindly following the NEET 2023 syllabus topics, you have to identify the topics which are your strength areas and the ones which are your weak areas. To find such topics, you can

take the online mock tests or weekly tests for NEET.

Recognise your strengths and weaknesses

While giving the mock test, you may stumble upon topics that tend to bring you to a halt with nervousness. Note down those topics during test result analysis. Before you sit down to revise, create a clear study plan and revision schedule. During your NEET preparation, make sure to set aside more time for revising topics that you find difficult.

Be flexible with your study plans

If you missed a planned revision session, you should still continue with your study schedule. Don't get stressed. Remember, you have the flexibility to alter your study plan according to your other commitments. Move the session to the next available time slot in your schedule. In case you cannot study further without completing the missed chapter, complete the missed chapter. Try to find extra time in your schedule to complete the planned revision of all the topics within your set deadlines.

Both board exams and NEET exams 2023 have equal potential to stress you out. And when you are preparing for these two important exams of your life, the stress doubles up. Well, you don't need to worry much if you stay focussed on fulfilling your study goals with effective time management. We hope that this article gave you some insight on preparing effectively for NEET and your board exams.

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PM addresses Post Budget Webinar on 'Urban Planning, Development and Sanitation'

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New Delhi, Mar 1:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, addressed a Post Budget Webinar on the subject of 'Urban Development with focus on planning'. It is the sixth of a series of 12 post-budget webinars organized by the government to seek ideas and suggestions for the effective implementation of the initiatives announced in the Union Budget 2023.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister lamented that only one or two planned cities were developed in the country after 75 years of independence. He remarked that India's position in the world would have been completely different if 75 planned cities had been developed in the 75 years of its independence. The Prime Minister reiterated that well-planned cities are going to be the need of the hour in the fast-paced environment of India in the 21st century. Underlining that the development of new cities and the modernization of services in the existing cities are the two main aspects of urban development, the Prime Minister highlighted the significance of urban development in every budget of the country. He informed that an incentive of Rs 15,000 crores has been declared in this year's budget for the standards of urban development and expressed confidence that it will provide impetus to planned urbanization.

The Prime Minister reiterated the significant role of planning and governance in urban development. He pointed out that poor planning of cities or lack of proper implementation after planning can create huge challenges in the development journey of India. He stressed the need to work in a very focused way in areas of spatial planning, transport planning, and urban infrastructure. He urged the participants of the webinar to focus on three main questions about how to strengthen the urban planning ecosystem in the states, how to properly use the expertise available in the private sector in urban planning and lastly how to develop a centre of excellence that will take urban planning to a new level. He mentioned that all state governments and urban local bodies can make their contributions towards a developed nation only when



they prepare planned urban areas. "Urban planning will determine the fate of our cities in Amritkal and it is only well-planned cities that will determine the fate of India", the Prime Minister remarked. He further added that our cities will also become climate-resilient and water secure only with better planning.

The Prime Minister requested the experts to come up with innovative ideas and highlighted the role that they can play in areas such as GIS-based master planning, the development of different types of planning tools, efficient human resources, and capacity building. He mentioned that their expertise will be much needed by urban local bodies thereby creating many opportunities.

The Prime Minister underlined that transport planning is an important pillar of the development of cities and the mobility of our cities should be uninterrupted. Highlighting the metro connectivity in the country before 2014, the Prime Minister pointed out that the present government has worked on metro rail in many cities and overtaken several countries in terms of metro network connectivity. He emphasised the need to strengthen the metro network and provide first and last-mile connectivity. He also mentioned that the widening of roads in cities, green mobility, elevated roads, and junction improvement have to be included as part of transport planning.

"India is making the circular economy a major basis of urban development", the Prime Minister remarked as he noted that thousands of tonnes of municipal waste such as battery waste, electrical waste, automobile waste, tires and waste used for mak-

ing compost are generated in our country every day. He informed that 75 percent of waste is being processed today when compared to only 14-15 percent in 2014. He noted that the edges of India's cities would not have been filled with mountains of garbage if this step was taken earlier. The Prime Minister underlined that work is underway to free the cities from heaps of garbage by waste processing and noted that it will open a room full of opportunities for recycling and circularity for many industries. He also urged everyone to support the startups that are doing a great job in this field. He stressed that industries should maximise the potential of waste management and informed that AMRUT 2.0 was launched for clean drinking water in cities after the success of the AMRUT scheme. The Prime Minister also emphasised planning ahead of the traditional model of water and sewage and informed that used water is being treated and sent for industrial use in some cities.

"Our new cities must be garbage-free, water secure, and climate-resilient", the Prime Minister remarked as he highlighted the need to increase investment in urban infrastructure and planning in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The Prime Minister underlined that our future cities should be defined on parameters such as architecture, zero discharge model, net positivity of energy, efficiency in land use, transit corridors and use of AI in public services. He also noted the need for play-grounds and paths for bicycle rides for children as part of urban planning.

"The plans and policies that the government is making should not only make life easier

for the people of the cities but also help in their own development", the Prime Minister said. He informed about the government's commitment to spend about Rs 80,000 crores for the PM-Awas Yojana in this year's budget and said that industries like cement, steel, paint, and furniture get a boost whenever a house is built. Throwing light on the increasing role of futuristic technology in the field of urban development, the Prime Minister urged the startups as well as the industry to think in this direction and act quickly. "We have to take advantage of the possibilities that exist, and also give rise to new possibilities. From sustainable house technology to sustainable cities, we have to find new solutions", the Prime Minister concluded.

India hosts first meeting of Governing Board of BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC)

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New Delhi, Mar 1:

India hosted the first meeting of the Governing Board of BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC) on 27th February, 2023 at Shangi-La Hotel, Bengaluru. Ajay Tewari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, and chairperson of the Governing Board of the BEC, welcomed the delegates from BIMSTEC member countries and gave a brief background about ongoing cooperation among BIMSTEC countries.

There was active participation from all BIMSTEC countries viz. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand along with BIMSTEC Sect. All member states appreciated the opportunity to have been able to

convene after a long hiatus.

India's "Neighbourhood first" and "Act East" Policies were highlighted during the meeting. A snapshot of areas where BIMSTEC countries could learn from each other was also presented.

As the Host of the BIMSTEC Energy Centre, India made a presentation on establishing the BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC) in India. It was conveyed to the member countries that the BEC will be housed in the premises of the Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), Bengaluru.

Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, CEA was nominated as the first Executive Director of the BIMSTEC Energy Centre. The Meeting considered and finalized the Note on "Host Country Agreement between

the Government of Republic of India and the BIMSTEC Secretariat". The same was recommended to the Seventh Meeting of BIMSTEC Permanent Working Committee for consideration.

Considering the current energy scenario in BIMSTEC region, the Meeting recommended to add the additional following areas under the specialized Wings of BEC: (a) Cyber Security, (b) Green Hydrogen (c) Energy Transition

The member countries appreciated India's efforts for organizing the first meeting of the Governing Board of BIMSTEC Energy Centre. All countries also expressed that such meetings of the BIMSTEC may happen more frequently.

India logs 240 new Covid-19 cases, active infections rise to 2,335

Agency
New Delhi, Mar 1:

India logged 240 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases climbed to 2,335, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday.

The death toll stands at

5,30,772 with one fatality reported by Rajasthan, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.46 crore (44,68,611), while the national COVID-19 recovery rate stood at 98.80 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who

have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,53,504 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.63 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

Vice Admiral D K Tripathi Takes Over as FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Mar 1:

Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, took over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Western Naval Command (WNC), from Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, who retired from service on superannuation on Tuesday.

Tripathi, took over at an impressive ceremonial parade held at INS Shikra located in South Mumbai, where he was given a guard of honour. On taking over, he paid homage to all personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the Nation by placing a floral wreath at the Gaurav Stambh (a Sea Memorial at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai).

Prior to taking over as FOC-in-C, Vice Admiral Tripathi served as the Chief of Personnel at the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) (Navy) in New Delhi.

He is an alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa (Madhya Pradesh) and National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla (Maharashtra). He graduated from the Defence Services



Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi (Right), took over as FOC-in-C, WNC from Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh (Left) on Tuesday.

College, Wellington (Tamil Nadu), where he was awarded the "Thimmaiya Medal". He also attended Naval Higher Command Course and Naval Command College at the US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Islands in 2007-2008, where he won the prestigious "Robert E Bateman International Prize".

He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 01, 1985. A Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, he served on frontline warships of the Navy as Signal Communication Officer and Electronic Warfare Officer, and later as the Executive Officer and Principal Warfare Officer of Guided Missile Destroyer-

"INS Mumbai".

He commanded Indian Naval Ships-"Vinash", "Kirch" and "Trishul". He has also held various important operational and staff appointments which include Fleet Operations Officer of the Western Fleet at Mumbai, Director of Naval Operations, Principal Director Network Centric Operations and Principal Director Naval Plans at New Delhi. On promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral, he served as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Policy and Plans) at IHQ MoD (Navy) and as the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.

On promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral in June 2019, he was appointed as Commandant of the prestigious Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala, Kerala. He was the Director General of Naval Operations from July 2020 to May 2021, a period that witnessed a high tempo of Naval Maritime Operations. He ensured that Navy remained a combat ready, cohesive and credible force, ready to address a host of complex security challenges despite all round severity of COVID Pandemic.

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Role of Public.....

There are many examples like price maintenance, inflation capital formation, which need to be explained to the public in simple terms so that business policies and practices, corporately and individually are better understood by the public.

Business is the art of the possible at any given time, and business has to frame its thinking and attitudes within the parameters of national, social and economic objectives and goals. Therefore, there is an urgent need, at the highest level of management for sensitivity to political conditions, to socio-economic climate and to public opinion.

When the public interest requires, business should not hesitate to communicate persuasively to influence the modification and change of public policy.

There are many areas where business can contribute to public policies through effective communication. In a democracy economic statesmanship for development and growth calls for collective contribution, and business must make a significant contribution by intelligent and imaginative communication.

Tasks ahead

In summing up, a number of tasks become clear. In the first place a business under-

taking must conduct its operation in such a manner that it helps to serve itself and serve the society as well. Secondly, it must demonstrate its good faith and its sense of social responsibilities. Thirdly, it must not only do good but also use all means at its command to publicise that it is doing so which implies that the business undertakings will have to become more vocal than they are at present, in a planned and sustained manner.

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IT News
Imphal, Mar 1:

Khuga Battalion under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a Security Coordination Meet at H Khunou and Singhat villages, Churachandpur district yesterday.

The meet witnessed a healthy participation of village authorities including the Village Chiefs. The said meet provided a platform to all concerned for brainstorming various security issues prevailing in the Area and career and

growth prospects for the locals. The need to insulate youth from drug menace was also adequately discussed in the said meet and equally well received by the attendees.

During the meet locals were sensitised and updated on current security situation existing

in the area and were encouraged to align their efforts towards a common goal of peace and prosperity in the region. A total of 25 villagers attended the said meet, attendees expressed their solidarity to fight the odds for keeping the area peaceful and safe.

Assam Rifles Conducts Security Coordination Meet

Sikkim to welcome 150 delegates for G20 event at Pakyong airport

Agency
Gangtok, Mar 1:

Sikkim has been selected to host two meetings as part of India's G20 Presidency – the Business (B20) on March 16 and Startup 20 on March 18-19 in Gangtok.

Sikkim is the only north-eastern state to be selected to host two separate events under India's G20 Presidency.

However, concern hovers over how the delegates will reach Sikkim in the absence of flight services at the Pakyong Airport since October 2022.

Sikkim Chief Secretary Vijay Bhushan Pathak, however, said that over 150 delegates from 20 countries expected to attend the two G20 events in Sikkim will be flown in on chartered flights.

"Although commercial flight services to and from the Pakyong Airport will begin only by March-end, we will ensure that the G20 delegates are flown in on chartered flights. The same was assured by the G20 Secretary."

In the absence of flight services, consideration was initially made for the delegates to reach the Bagdogra Airport in West Bengal. Sikkim sped up road construction throughout NH-10, considering the five-hour-long road journey from Siliguri to reach Gangtok. Pathak, however, said the road journey would no longer be necessary.

"Our focus is on maintaining the road from Pakyong to Gangtok, the route which our delegates will be taking. Similarly, we have urged different departments to work towards beautification of houses, office



buildings and others that fall in the Pakyong-Gangtok route. We urge citizens to beautify their homes with fresh paints and well maintained surroundings to ensure the beauty of Sikkim is presented in the right way."

The Chief Secretary urged the Urban Development Department to look into beautification works and urged the department to complete the ongoing foot-path and foot overbridge repair work before the event.

The Urban Development Department assured to complete the work before the event begins.

The Chief Secretary also informed how the MG Marg stretch will remain shut from March 5 to March 19 as part of beautification and preparation for two events in Gangtok for G20.

"No activities will be allowed on MG Marg during this time unless it's a State or national-level event, as MG Marg will be carrying out works for G20 preparation. There will be many

permanent installations coming up on MG Marg, with two focal points – celebration point at the end of MG Marg and landmark point at the beginning of MG Marg, among others," shared Pathak.

Regarding Holi celebration on MG Marg, the Chief Secretary stated, "We cannot curtail a religious celebration from being carried out, but we are hopeful that the celebration committee will look for alternative venue. There is no harm in having Holi celebration on MG Marg, we are not denying them and if possible we will join them as well."

For the two events of G20 – Business 20 and Start Up 20 – Sikkim's Commerce and Industry secretary Karma Bonpo informed, "There is no preconceived requirement for who can be part of the two events. We are hopeful that more and more entrepreneurs and businessmen take this opportunity to have interaction and possible collaboration with the delegates coming to the State from over 20

countries. This is an exceptional opportunity for business ventures of the State from every small scale venture to large corporates to capitalise and strike a business deal. They can generate newer business ideas."

The Chief Secretary highlighted how Sikkim will be keeping its focus on cleanliness, organic farming, tourism, extensive forest cover, zero carbon emission, and natural beauty of the State as some of the USPs for promoting the State in the G20 events.

He also laid focus on presentation of cultural practices, food and dances of all three indigenous Sikkimese communities of Bhutia, Lepcha and Nepali beginning right from the airport where the delegates will be received to grand cultural events that will take place on the event days.

He also informed of welcoming students as volunteers and liaison officers for different delegates, with training for 100 such students already underway.

Life-Size Statue of Sachin Tendulkar to Come Up at Wankhede Stadium

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, March 1

The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has decided to install a life-sized statue of cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar at Wankhede Stadium in South Mumbai, as a special tribute for his contribution to Indian cricket, on the occasion of his 50th Birthday on April 24.

MCA is the sole governing body for cricket administration in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane district. The plan is to make the statue public during the ODI World Cup later this year. Tendulkar will have a statue at the same venue where he played his last game-200th Test match against the West Indies in November 2013.

The announcement to install Sachin's statue was made by MCA President Anil Kulkarni on the sidelines of Tendulkar's visit to the

Wankhede on Tuesday. Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar and his wife Anjali Tendulkar visited the Wankhede Stadium along with Kale, MCA Vice President Sanjay Naik, Secretary Ajinkya Naik and Apex Council member Suraj Samat of the MCA.

Speaking to electronic media, Sachin said "It came as a pleasant surprise for him and the stadium gave him wonderful memories. This decision is a pleasant surprise for me, 1988 is when it all started at the Wankhede. The journey started here for me. Played my first Ranji match here. Long ago, Achrekar Sir reprimanded me here and from thereon I became a serious cricketer. I played my last match at this very venue. Life has come full circle for me here. I have wonderful memories of this place, some memorable and some not-so-good. It's a big

moment for me." "I started my cricketing journey representing Mumbai. India winning the World Cup in 2011 remains the biggest moment in my life. My last match representing India, was very memorable and that happened in Mumbai as well. I have always taken a lot of pride in representing Mumbai cricket, and my wonderful association with the MCA continues today as well. I'm very grateful to them for this kind of gesture," Sachin added.

Tendulkar is regarded as one of the game's all-time greats, with his incredible career that spanned 24 years and during which he broke a plethora of records. The cricket giant already has a stand named after him at the Wankhede. He also has a wax statue of him at Madame Tussauds in London.

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