

HSLC examination 2023 begins; around 38,127 students are appearing in 158 exam centers



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This year's High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) conducted by the Board of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) begins today at 158 examination centers. A total of 38,127 students are appearing in the examination. This year's numbers of students appearing the examination is less by 1637 from last year and the numbers of students from government schools are more than half the total number of

students from the private schools.

The total number of students appearing from government high schools is 8130 students and the number of students from Aided school is 1520 students while the number of students from Private schools is 28,477. 12 number of physically challenged students are appearing in the examination.

Both authorities of BOSEM and the district administrations have taken up strict measures to prevent any untoward incidents at the

examination centers and to conduct the exam in free and fair manners. BOSEM authority had set up 76 inspection team and 64 flying squads consisting of 4 members in each team, while the District administrations had impose prohibition of gathering more than 4 persons and carrying of deadly weapons in and around the examination centers under the section 144 of the CrPC.

Last year a total of 39,764 students appeared in the HSLC examination.

Police allegedly assault a physically challenged person for not following their dictate

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A physically challenged person was allegedly assaulted by police personnel of Irlibung Police Station for failure to withdraw complaint lodged by him at the police station.

According to advisor of the 'Disabled Development Association Manipur' (DDAM), Dr. Y Kiran, the Md. Abdul Hekim S/o, Late Junab Ali of Keiroa Makting Menjor Inkhoh, who is 85% physically handicapped lodged a complaint at Irlibung Police Station on March 3, 2023 regarding some misunderstanding with some other people. In a press meet held at Manipur Press Club today afternoon Kiran said that Md. Abdul Hekim was summoned by the one Sub Inspector of Irlibung Police Station Md. Hanif Shah and 2nd OC of Irlibung PS Th. Bungbung on March 14 and told him to withdraw the complaint lodged by him. However, as Md. Abdul Hekim refused to withdraw



the complaint, the two police personnel allegedly assaulted him.

The victim Md. Abdul Hekim and his family members were also present during the press meet.

Dr. Y. Kiran while condemning the act of the police personnel said that it is unfortunate that the law enforcing agency seems to ignore the Rights of the Disabled persons. He further

said that the act of the police has also appeared to have been enforcing two laws for the common people - One for the poor and the other for the rich and powerful people.

"According to Section 7(4) of the Right of Persons with disabilities Act, police are entitled to protect the rights of persons with disability and if necessary the police should take prior permission from a duty magistrate to take

up precautionary measures for protection of the rights of the persons with disabilities with any means", Kiran said.

President of the State Platform of Disabled People's Organization Manipur, Md. Yunus Khan while talking to the media demanded appropriate action to the two police officials who had deprived the rights of the persons with disability.

WRD Minister Awangbow Newmai inspects dry state of Singda Dam

Imphal, Mar 16:

Minister for Water Resources and Relief & Disaster Management, Shri Awangbow Newmai inspected the dry state of Singda Dam today.

During the visit, the Minister checked the fencing works of the catchment area that was taken up at the site. It may be mentioned that there has been a conflict



around the boundary of the government land concerning

the dam and an amicable solution has been bought.

The Minister said that we need to save Singda because Singda water is supplied to half of the Imphal area. The Minister came for the inspection in order to find out the solution to solve the current water scarcity crisis.

The ministerial team was accompanied by WRD Chief Engineer Remmei Alimmet, officials and staffs of the Department.

Training prog on post harvest management held

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Chelep, Mar 16:

A one-day training programme on post harvest management cum awareness programme on "District Agriculture Schemes" was conducted at Chelep Village Community hall, Machi Block, Tengnoupal district today.

The training cum awareness programme was held for Ma sousing Farmers' Producer Company under Promotion of Sustainable Organic Cultivation for Economic

Enhancement Scheme.

During the training programme, Ps. Lavid Anal, Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture), KVK, Chandel talked about the organic cultivation of turmeric, ginger and lemon. He also gave lectures on how to become a beneficiary for several schemes launched by the government and how to apply them.

Kapeshing Seiyao, Filed Assistant, DSSS, Masouching Farmers Producer Company stated



that the training programme was implemented by Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) with the aim of enhancing the economic condition of families. He said that it is a part of the effort to cultivate organic turmeric,

ginger and lemon and produce yields in all the families registered with Masouching Farmers' Producer Company. The training programme was held with the aim of providing awareness to all the newly enrolled farmers, he added.

Five per cent of global cocaine users are in India Surge in drug supply should put all of us on high alert

By Dr. Gyan Pathak

Five per cent of global cocaine users are already in India, and hence the surge in the global cocaine supply is a matter of great concern. Cocaine is being trafficked through new hubs and expanded criminal networks which led to its dramatic comeback following an initial slowdown caused during the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions in 2020. Expanding cocaine market in Asia is an additional concern.

"Global Report on Cocaine 2023: Local dynamics, global challenges released by the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime" has warned that Criminal networks are now diversifying with alarming results alongside record levels of production, moving beyond the pandemic and its related global shutdown,

which had appeared to have temporarily hobbled the illicit trade. "The report details how coca cultivation soared 35 per cent from 2020 to 2021, a record high and the sharpest year-to-year increase since 2016."

"The surge in the global cocaine supply should put all of us on high alert," UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly said. "The potential for the cocaine market to expand in Africa and Asia is a dangerous reality."

The report presents a new challenge that is likely to emerge in India since a household survey of drug use conducted across India in 2018, estimated an annual prevalence of 0.11 per cent of the general population aged 10-75. It was 0.18 per cent among males and 0.01 per cent among females. Although these levels are well below the

global average on a per capita basis, as the same study points out, they translate into 1.1 million past-year users, or 5 per cent of the global number of users.

High level of past-year prevalence were found in two states on the northern borders - Arunachal Pradesh (3 per cent) in the northeast and Punjab in the northwest (0.7 per cent) - and in some western administrative regions, namely Daman and Diu (1.4 per cent), Dadra and Nagar Haveli (0.8 per cent), Maharashtra (including the city of Mumbai) and the archipelago of Lakshadweep (0.6 per cent), which is also a tourist destination.

According to the media sources, the Narcotics Control Bureau of India has concerns about cocaine present in Mumbai in particular. As of 2017,

provision of treatment services for drug use in India was dominated by opioids (55 per cent) and cannabis (36 per cent) as the primary drug used, with cocaine accounting for only 0.3 per cent.

It appears, the report says, that the domestic market in India is usually supplied by small shipments. In 2019, seizures of incoming cocaine consignments, amounting to 33 kg in total, were mainly from air and land channels, with none reported from sea channels.

In 2020, the restrictions on international air travel may have spurred an increase in the use of mail, which accounted for more than one third of inbound consignments by weight; nevertheless trafficking by air accounted for the remainder.

However, in 2021, sea transportation was the

predominant mode of transportation, accounting for 95 per cent of inbound seizures by weight. This is likely driven by a large (303 kg), intelligence-led seizure, documented in open sources, made in Tuticorin port in South India from a consignment which had originated in Panama and transited through Antwerp (Belgium) and Colombo (Sri Lanka).

Based on the most recent official reporting from Indian authorities, the report says, the most important countries of departure for cocaine seized in India in 2021 are Panama, South Africa, Ethiopia (in that order) and Brazil (via Qatar, in 2020). India also appears to play a minor role within the global cocaine market as a transit country for cocaine, or related products, both to neighbouring countries and to more distant destinations, the

report said.

However, it is notable that, even though India is not a major cocaine consumption country and is geographically removed from the cocaine production zones of South America, some trafficking through India appears to involve raw or intermediate "cocaine-type" products. Canadian authorities have assessed that India was the second most frequently occurring departure country (after Peru but ahead of Colombia) for intermediate cocaine products in the form of coca paste (PBC) or refined cocaine base seized in Canada in 2021.

Similarly, India was identified by authorities in South Africa (in 2020, in first place) and Australia (in 2017, in third place) as a departure country for trafficking coca leaf. Moreover, in March 2019,

31.5 kg of cocaine in base form were seized from a vessel in the Port of Bar (Montenegro), having departed from India.

India has also been identified as a departure or a transit country for trafficking of cocaine salts, in 2019, by Sri Lanka and Nepal. Moreover, aside from these incidents previously mentioned, in Montenegro, several other specific instances have been documented of non-negligible quantities of cocaine seized as they were about to depart from India, or in destination countries from shipments or individuals having departed from India; from 2019 onwards, the destination countries included Australia, Belgium, Italy, and Sri Lanka. The largest of these involved 771 kg seized in January 2021 in Belgium, having departed from India. (IPA Service)

Illusion of Technology



By - Vijay Garg

Manifestations in illusion, first technology caught the finger of man, then man caught the finger of technology.

To be honest, Google has made us 'Stupid'. It has attacked and damaged our memory. People don't want to remember anything anymore. They know that whatever they want to know, they can google it and find it out in a jiffy. Since it is no longer necessary to know anything in advance, thinking and raising questions have also been omitted. Now there are ready-made questions and ready-made answers. Last

century, in the first half, scientist Albert Einstein had said that technology is going to overpower humans. Einstein had said this at a time when facilities like mobile and internet were still decades away from reaching the common man.

It is said that first technology walks by holding the finger of man and then man starts walking by holding the finger of technology. There is no doubt that the present generation is most fortunate in terms of freedom of expression as compared to the previous generations. Expression is now accessible to the common man at hand. Virtual world today has tens of platforms in India, where one can keep his point.

But the buts associated with expression on these forums have started showing their effect. In the virtual world, the self-confidence generated by the joy of expression has been lost in the maze of 'like-dislike'. Most people have started considering 'cut-copy-paste, forward' and 'emoji' as part of their creativity. This false self-indulgence has done much harm to our language. Our expressions are getting reduced to words like 'Wow, Nice, Awesome, Sad...' create ideas and the link of sending on paper which made us special has been broken.

As a society, we are losing our language. It has influenced our thinking in such a way that despite being connected to the world, our mind is not able to think beyond a particular direction. Junk information and ideas have made the mentality so superficial that we do not want to bother to think and apply our mind. Uncontrollable expression and thinking of giving instant response has also become a part of our habit. We have to accept the realities outside the virtual world. Y is not.

Today there is a lot of information, but no one has time to analyze it. The rush to respond quickly it is that we do not even think back and forth. Knowledge is no longer the result of an experimental consciousness, it is the result of professional enterprise and thoughtful investment. Such knowledge can never create a new mind and a new man. This huge opportunity for expression of creativity is pushing us on the path of arrogance instead of progress. The habit of saying anything very quickly on the Internet has made us like some kind of speed machine. Due to this, the emotional depth of expression is being destroyed, any kind of nonsense, the danger of standing in the center of the crowd through debate A trend is on the rise. In this democratization of expression, instead of making our identity, we are also losing our true identity. Virtual relationships of the virtual world are hidden behind an account on the Internet. The standards of friendship have also changed. Used to be best friends once upon a time. Now friendships are being decided by 'likes' and comments received on various social media platforms.

There are thousands of friends on these forums, but in real life there is not a single friend with whom one can share heart to heart. No matter how strong the yearning for expression Yes, there is a fine line between narcissism and reality. One has to be restrained in saying or telling anything on social media. This world has its own principles, its own control system. These companies have prepared such an 'algorithm' and have used 'artificial intelligence' in such a way that their machine can monitor the posts of crores of people at the same time. They are even being analyzed and monitored, which can predict what kind of social and economic status a person may have. Is he politically inclined, what are his likes, weaknesses and how can he be influenced.

These forums are prepared in such a way that the greed of expression cannot be controlled and we express our shallow feelings in such a way that these forums gain popularity, so that they can fulfill their commercial interests. Before saying-telling-showing anything, it should be remembered that not everything is transparent in the virtual world. The false cloak of narcissism that has been wrapped over the assertiveness of expression, to recognize its patches. There is a need, otherwise in the process of appearing worldly in the virtual world, we will go away from the real world.

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Juvenile directed to be tried as adult can seek Bail from children's court U/S 12 JJ Act, need not resort to CrPC: Karnataka HC

By - Sanjeev Sirohi Advocate

While setting the record entirely straight, the Karnataka High Court in a notable judgment titled ABC and State of Karnataka in CRL.R.P. No. 1372 of 2022 and cited in 2023 LiveLaw (Kar) 106 that was finally pronounced on February 27, 2023 has made it absolutely clear that a juvenile directed to be tried as an adult can seek bail from children's court under Section 12 of the Juvenile Justice Act. It was also made clear that the juvenile need not resort to CrPC in such case. It must be mentioned here that the Bench relied on the Bombay High Court ruling in Shubham @ Bablu Milind Suryavanshi v. State of Maharashtra decided on October 21, 2022 where it was held that on being tried as an adult, the juvenile is not denuded of the statutory right available to him under Section 12 of the Act. Very rightly so!

At the very outset, this learned, laudable and latest judgment authored by the Single Judge Bench of Hon'ble Mr Justice S Vishwajith Shetty of the Karnataka High Court sets the ball in motion by first and foremost putting forth in para 1 that, "This criminal revision petition under Section 102 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (for short, 'the Act') has been preferred by the child in conflict with law/petitioner challenging the judgment and order dated 24.08.2021 passed by the Court of Principal Sessions Judge, Mandya, in CrI.A.No.360/2021 and the order dated 10.12.2020 passed by the Juvenile Justice Board, Mandya (for short, 'the Board'), in FIR No.5/2020 (JC.No.26/2020)."

While dwelling on the facts, the Bench states in para 3 that, "Facts leading to filing of this petition as revealed from the records that may be necessary for the disposal of this petition are, on the basis of the complaint lodged by CW-1 - Ningamma, a criminal case was registered against the petitioner and others in Crime No.110/2020 for the offences punishable under Sections 341, 302, 120B, 109 read with 34 IPC. It is averred in the complaint that her son Raghu was murdered by the petitioner at the instance of other accused persons and during the course of investigation, the petitioner was arrested and he is in custody."

To put things in perspective, the Bench envisages in para 4 that, "The petitioner, initially, had filed an application under Section 12 of the Act before the Board seeking bail and the Board before considering the same, passed orders under Section 15 of the Act on 10.12.2020, and accordingly held that the bail application did not survive before it for consideration. The petitioner instead of challenging the said order in accordance with law, had filed a separate application under Section 439 Cr.PC before the Court of Principal Sessions Judge, Mandya, in S.C.No.3/2021 which was dismissed on 08.02.2021. Challenging the said order passed in S.C.No.3/2021, petitioner had approached this Court in CrI.R.P.No.605/2021. In the said revision petition, the learned Counsel for the petitioner sought permission to withdraw the revision petition with liberty to exhaust the remedy of filing an appeal under Section 101 of the Act. This Court had, therefore, dismissed the said

revision petition with liberty as prayed. The petitioner, thereafter, has preferred CrI.A.No.360/2021 before the Court of Principal Sessions Judge, Mandya, under Section 101 of the Act. The same was dismissed by the Appellate Court on 24.08.2021. It is under these circumstances, the petitioner is before this Court in this revision petition."

As it turned out, the Bench then points out in para 8 that, "The petitioner, after his arrest, had filed an application under Section 12 of the Act with a prayer to release him on bail. After receipt of the said application, the Board had proceeded to pass an order under Section 15 of the Act which provides for a preliminary assessment of the juvenile, wherein a juvenile aged between 16 to 18 years is involved in committing a heinous crime, for the purpose of testing whether the juvenile can be deemed to be considered as an adult and can be tried before a criminal court under Section 6 of Cr.PC in accordance with the ordinary procedure of law and on passing of an order under Section 15 of the Act regarding the preliminary assessment of the juvenile and if it finds that there is a need for trial of the said juvenile as an adult, then the Board may order transfer of trial of the case to the Children's Court having jurisdiction to try such offence. The term 'Children's Court' is defined under Section 2(20) of the Act, which reads as under:

"(20) 'Children's Court' means a court established under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 (4 of 2006) or a Special Court under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (32 of 2012), wherever

existing and where such courts have not been designated, the Court of Sessions having jurisdiction to try offences under the Act."

Be it noted, the Bench notes in para 14 that, "Though in the present case, the appeal has been filed invoking Section 101(1) of the Act, since the order impugned in appeal is one passed under Section 15 of the Act, the appeal lies only under Section 101(2) of the Act and not under Section 101(1) of the Act. This aspect has been lost sight of by the learned Sessions Judge."

It is worth noting that the Bench also notes in para 15 that, "From the reading of Section 18(3) of the Act, it is clear that once an order is passed by the Board stating that there is a need for trial of the juvenile as an adult, then the Board may order transfer of the trial of the case to the Children's Court having jurisdiction to try such offences, and accordingly, in the present case, the Board has passed an order in exercise of its power under Section 18(3) of the Act. Once such an order is passed by the Board, it has no jurisdiction to consider the bail application pending before it, and therefore, the Board had rightly rejected the same on the ground that the same will not survive for consideration. As against the said order, the juvenile has an option to file an appeal before the Sessions Court under Section 101(2) of the Act or he may also choose to file an application under Section 12 of the Act before the Children's Court to which his case is transferred in compliance of the requirement under Section 18(3) of the Act by the Board after having passed an order under Section 15 of the Act."

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Why Myanmar delegates in Bangladesh?

By - Sufian Siddique

A 22-member delegation from Myanmar has reached Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar to observe the preparations for the repatriation of Rohingyas.

They arrived at Teknaf Jetty Ghat by speed boat across the Naf River after 10am on Wednesday from Maungdaw Township in Rakhine State, Myanmar.

Officials of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Office as well as BGB and law enforcement personnel welcomed them at that time.

Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner Mohammed Mizanur Rahman said the delegation will meet with the officials of the Refugee Relief and Repatriation office and exchange views with a team of Rohingyas.

The delegation will verify the list of Rohingyas willing to return to Myanmar. They will also visit Rohingya camps, he said.

More than 1,000 Rohingyas could be taken back under family-based repatriation initially, including hundreds of Rohingyas from the Hindu communities.

A list of 862,000 Rohingyas was previously given to Myanmar by the Bangladesh government. After verifying this list provided by Bangladesh, Myanmar announced it would take back about 70,000 of them.

Bangladesh, which hosts over one million Rohingya refugees who fled a brutal crackdown by Myanmar's army in Rakhine State in 2017, has long been urging the international community to pressurize Myanmar to speed up the repatriation process.

However, fresh possibilities are arising for the Rohingya repatriation process around their arrival. We

now have new hope thanks to news reports that were published in the Bangladeshi dailies recently. Myanmar has suddenly taken initiatives to repatriate Rohingyas. Eight diplomatic missions stationed in Yangon were transported to Rakhine last week as part of this operation. Diplomats from Bangladesh, India, and China were among them.

Three years ago, Beijing-mediated negotiations on the family-based repatriation of Rohingya to particular communities got under way. However, the corona outbreak and the army's takeover of power in Myanmar caused the repatriation of the Rohingya to stop. After a long break, Myanmar was finally active in repatriating Rohingyas. Questions about the true motivation behind this activity and the viability of repatriation are now being raised. Right now, Rakhine is in a good situation. A few months ago, the Arakan Army was involved in a bloody conflict with Myanmar's military regime. But things are much calmer now. It is not difficult in this circumstance to begin the repatriation of thousands of Rohingyas. Prior to the monsoon season getting underway in full force in June of next year, China is pushing for repatriation. Even if repatriation happens on a modest scale, ASEAN wants it to start.

33 camps and Bhasanchar in Ukhiya Teknaf are housing the 1.2 million Rohingya who escaped persecution in Myanmar in 2017. The parliamentary standing committee for Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs met on January 30 and discussed the state of the Rohingya repatriation process. A trilateral initiative including Bangladesh, Myanmar, and China has been adopted for the

first half of 2020, according to the meeting's minutes. China, a close ally of Myanmar, helped mediate a pilot scheme to begin the sustainable repatriation of a small number of Rohingyas.

Under this effort, two lists of 711 Muslim and 317 Hindu Rohingyas were sent in October 2021. The fact that neither party made a firm decision in this area caused the entire process to stop. The issue of returning Rohingyas to Rakhine through the trial initiative, however, came to light last week. On Monday, a large number of the Rohingyas on that list spoke with the camp manager about returning home.

In any case, on August 25, 2017, a military operation in Northern Rakhine State resulted in the eviction of millions of Rohingyas from their homes. Approximately 7.5 million Rohingyas sought refuge in Bangladesh at that time. Many Rohingyas already resided in Bangladesh before this. There are currently over 1.1 million Rohingyas living in Cox's Bazar's refugee camps.

The Myanmar government took the ambassadors and consul generals of 11 nations, including eight ASEAN nations, on March 7 and 8 to tour several locations in Rakhine to demonstrate preparations for the repatriation of the Rohingya.

The effectiveness of repatriating the thousands of Rohingyas refugees who fled the country to Bangladesh owing to persecution by the Myanmar army has drawn criticism from analysts and refugees. Previously, the repatriation procedure began in 2018 but ended in failure.

A class of ethnic minorities known as "Rohingya" were originally native to Myanmar's Rakhine state. The Rohingya minority has traditionally

been considered an illegal immigrant by Buddhists in early Myanmar. Therefore, they were the targets of religious persecution by state-sponsored Buddhist militias. The Rohingyas were thereafter subjected to horrendous slaughter and "ethnic cleansing" as a result. And that is often synonymous with genocide.

The Rohingya people are being oppressed, and the international community is outraged and calling for justice. Therefore, The Gambia stepped in to help with this humanitarian disaster, accusing the government of Myanmar of violating the Genocide Convention on the grounds of "obligation erga omnes," and submitting a case to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2019. On the merits of the case, the ICJ announced a "procedural order" that includes an immediate halt to all atrocities committed by the Myanmar state against the Rohingya people.

The Rohingyas were forced to flee to Bangladesh, which is nearby, as the persecution peaked in August 2017. As a result of the ongoing violence against the Rohingyas, 1.1 million refugees have flocked to Bangladesh looking for safety. Despite having severe socioeconomic and criminal problems, our administration has done a remarkable job of integrating the new Rohingyas.

As the first government to grant asylum to Rohingya refugees, our government has effectively put into practice the crucial humanitarian and customary international law principle of "non-refoulement" in accordance with Article 33 of the 1951 Refugee Convention, which requires States parties not to deny refugees entry and not to send them back to their countries of origin.

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Calcutta HC cancels appointment of 23 Vice-Chancellors by the WB Govt

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, March 16:

In a historic judgment, the Calcutta high court has set aside the appointment of 23 Vice-chancellors (VCs) by the West Bengal Government on charges of violation of University Grant Commission (UGC) Regulations 2018.

In response a writ petition (WPA(P) 170/2022) CANI/2022) filed by Anupam Bera of "Jatiyatabadi Adyapak o Gabeshak Sangha", challenging the "illegal" appointment of VCs, a division bench comprising Chief Justice Prakash Shrivastava and Justice Rajarshi Bhargava ruled that the appointments of VCs who do not possess minimum eligibility condition are held to be unsustainable and without the authority of law.

Bera is the President of the Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), West Bengal chapter. The appointment of those respondent VCs who are appointed, reappointed, whose tenure extended or who are given additional charge by the order of the State Government are without the authority of law, the bench ruled in its judgement dated March 15.

Those whose appointments



have been held invalid include: Saikat Mishra, VC, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad University of Technology and Om Prakash Mishra, VC, North Bengal University.

As per the copy of the judgement, the petitioner challenged the West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 and West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2014 stating that they are ultra vires of the provisions of the Constitution of India, University Grants Commission Act and the UGC Regulations.

The above acts ran counter to the UGC Regulations, 2018. The minimum qualifications prescribed in these acts for the post of VC stand diluted. Besides, prescribed minimum qualification is lower than the one prescribed in the UGC Regulations. The Search Committee for appointment of VCs must have a nominee of

the UGC Chairman. However the UGC nominee was missing in the Search Committee set up by the State Government. The Committees were not properly constituted and some of the appointments were made without constituting the Committee, the petitioner argued.

Some of the appointments did not fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria of 10 years experience as Professor in the University or 10 years experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization as prescribed in the UGC Regulation. Some of the appointments were made in defiance of specific order or without specific approval of the Chancellor, who is the sole appointing authority for Vice-Chancellor post, the petitioner pointed out.

WB Advocate General appearing on behalf of the WB government, opposed the

petition and submitted that a review petition (Anindya Sundar Das and Others) is pending in Supreme Court. The UGC Regulations, 2018 are not applicable in the State of West Bengal and they are not binding on the Universities established under the State Act, he argued. He further submitted that UGC Regulations, 2018 have been published subsequent to the Scheme of the Central Government dated November 2, 2017.

However the bench ruled at : the provisions of UGC Regulations, 2018 will prevail over the conflicting provisions of the concerned State Universities Act, relating to appointment of Vice-Chancellor, under which the respondent Vice-Chancellors have been appointed.

The appointment of those Vice-Chancellors who are appointed, reappointed, whose tenure extended or who are given additional charge by the order of the State Government or who do not possess minimum eligibility condition or appointed without following the due procedure are held to be unsustainable and without the authority of law. Therefore, they have no right to continue as Vice-Chancellors by virtue of such unsustainable orders.

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Why Myanmar delegates

This enormous project in Bangladesh has resulted in the construction of 34 sizable camps in the Cox's Bazar district's Ukhiya and Teknaf, which, according to OCHA (the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), would shelter some 943,000 stateless Rohingyas in October 2022.

But really, our nation will lose out when it comes to controlling the inhabitants inside such crowded camps. This vast population cannot be supported or housed by Bangladesh alone. To assist our nation in efficiently addressing the Rohingya crisis, the international world must shoulder some of the responsibility.

The current JRP Plan (Joint Response Plan) recommended \$881 million in humanitarian help for the Rohingya community, although less than half of the JRP funding has actually been given. However, WFP (World Food Program) is asking to the world community to raise 125 million for the destitute Rohingyas. The Rohingyas are given significantly less aid by the WFP than is provided by the JRP appeal. Indirectly the lack of foreign aid will put considerable strain on our national economy which looks inevitable at the time.

Unfortunately, the

international community's focus has switched to Europe as a result of the establishment of the Russia-Ukraine International Armed Conflict (IAC), making the Rohingya issue a never-ending catastrophe. In addition, the disorderly Rohingyas in nearby camps are gradually becoming entangled in the criminal underground out of necessity.

All types of organized crime, including drug trafficking, extremism, and terrorist acts, are routinely committed by internal crime syndicates like Arsa. Although our law enforcement agencies are making unrelenting efforts to put a stop to these actions, they are becoming increasingly risky for our country.

By 2025, the People's Republic of Bangladesh's Ministry of Defense projects that there will be 1.2-1.3 million Rohingyas people living there. Due to the multiple risks that the Rohingyas people faces, our government must take action to resolve this problem in a sustainable manner. Fortunately, our government has already taken the initiative to transfer to Bhasan Char, and according to Human Rights Watch (HRW), over 20,000 Rohingyas have been voluntarily and peacefully relocated by 2020. Transfer,

however, won't be sufficient. The only way to address the enormous issue is through rehabilitation and repatriation of Rohingyas.

Our Ministry of External Affairs is steadfastly requesting that major world countries use diplomacy to resolve this problem. Myanmar has made the decision to reintegrate persecuted Rohingyas based on nationality verification, with the repatriated Rohingyas being referred to as "Bengali foreigners," under the active supervision of international organizations and developed countries such as China, the United States, and EU countries.

The Rohingya problem in Bangladesh should be thoroughly resolved with assistance from the international community. To establish a lasting and effective solution to this severe situation, collaboration between foreign organizations, NGOs, and our government is crucial with the best interests of the Rohingyas in mind. However, it is also crucial to keep up diplomatic and humanitarian assistance operations.

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First Training Squadron at Port Louis, Mauritius

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, March 16

The ships of First Training Squadron (ITS) (INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Santhi) visited Port Louis, Mauritius from March 11 to March 11 as part of goodwill mission during which the Naval personnel from both sides interacted with each other.

The ships took part in the 55th Mauritius National Day on March 12, wherein the ships were dressed overall and open for visitors. More than 1000 visitors were familiarized with various equipment and training facilities onboard. A joint performance of the Indian Navy Band and the Mauritius Police Force Band was held commemorating the strong bond between the two



Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth signing visitors' book during his visit to 1 ATS

countries.

The ships undertook professional interactions, training exchanges as well as friendly sports fixtures with the Mauritius Coast Guard, MNCG trainees visiting the ship were provided an insight into various aspects of training which included watch keeping, electrical, engineering,

aviation and fire fighting & damage control.

The Indian trainees visited Mauritius Maritime Air Squadron, Police HQ Squadron and Coast Guard Training School.

A reception was hosted onboard INS Tir with the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind

Jugnauth as the Chief Guest. During his address on the occasion, he acknowledged the efforts of the Indian Navy, for the assistance provided during joint operations towards removal of pollutants from grounded vessel off St Brandon Island.

In line with the Indian Navy's commitment as preferred security partner, ITS undertook passage exercise (PASSEX) with MCGS Baracuda and joint EEZ surveillance.

The primary aim of the ITS is to impart sea training to Naval and Coast Guard trainees, with a 24 weeks ab-initio sea training being imparted. All the trainees are trained in Seamanship, Navigation, Ship Handling, Boat Work, Technical aspects, etc, whilst being exposed to the rigours of life at sea, so as to earn their "sea legs".

Juvenile directed to be tried....

Most significantly, while citing a recent, relevant and remarkable case law, the Bench then propounds in para 16 that, "The Bombay High Court in the case of SHUBHAM @ BABLU MILIND SURYAVANSHI VS THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA (Bail Application No.2282/2021, disposed of on 21.10.2022), considering the question whether on being tried as an adult, is the juvenile

denuded the statutory right available to him under Section 12 of the Act, has answered the said question in the negative and has held that the application under Section 12 of the Act by the juvenile against whom an order under Section 15 of the Act is passed for trying him as an adult is maintainable and he need not file an application under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of bail. The parameters for considering the application for bail by a juvenile under Section 12 of the Act are clearly distinguishable from the application one under Section 439 Cr.PC. As against the orders passed under Section 12 of the Act, an appeal lies to the competent court under Section 101(1) of the Act whereas against the order passed under Section 15 of the Act appeal lies to the competent court under Section 101(2) of the Act."

Most forthrightly, the Bench hastens to add in para 18 holding that, "Undisputedly, the petitioner was aged 16 years 11 months 9 days at the time of committing the crime and after recording the reasons and complying with the requirement of Section 15 of the Act, the Board has recorded a finding that the petitioner is required to be tried as an adult by the Children's Court. Inspite of the petitioner challenging the said order in appeal before the Sessions Court, it is always open to him to also file an application under Section 12 of the Act for grant of bail. If the same is filed, the Sessions Court is required to consider the same strictly in compliance of the requirement of Section 12 of the Act. Since the learned Sessions Judge has failed to consider the appeal arising out of an order passed under Section 15 of the Act in

compliance of the requirement of Section 101(2) of the Act, the impugned judgment and order passed by the Sessions Court in CrI.A.No.360/2021 cannot be sustained." Finally, the Bench concludes by holding in para 19 that, "The revision petition is allowed. The order dated 24.08.2021 passed by the Principal Sessions Judge, Mandya, in CrI.A.No.360/2021 is set aside and the appeal is remitted to the learned Sessions Judge for fresh consideration in accordance with law. It is open for the petitioner to file an application seeking bail under Section 12 of the Act and if such an application is filed, the Sessions Court is directed to consider the same strictly with the requirement of Section 12 of the Act. Considering the fact that the petitioner is likely to complete three years in custody within a short period, the Sessions Court is directed to consider and dispose of the criminal appeal and the application under Section 12 of the Act, if any, filed by the petitioner, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order."

In sum, we thus see that the Karnataka High Court has mined absolutely no words to make it crystal clear that a juvenile who is directed to be tried as an adult can seek bail from the children's court under Section 12 of the Juvenile Justice Act as discussed herein aforesaid! This judgment makes it also clear that there is no need for juvenile to seek bail by filing application under Section 439 of the CrPC. No denying it!

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Commemoration of birth anniversary: Late General Bipin Rawat

PRO(DW)
Kohima Mar 16:

On the occasion of his 65th birth anniversary on 16 March 2023, the Indian Navy fondly remembers Late General Bipin Rawat, the first Chief of Defence Staff of Indian Armed Forces. General Rawat, a visionary leader, a scholar soldier and a military reformer, was known for his professionalism, principles, conviction and decisiveness. In a distinguished career spanning over four decades, General Rawat's achievements were remarkable in all spheres of military and national security affairs.

As the first CDS and Secy DMA, General Rawat rallied for organisational and structural reforms to integrate the Armed

Forces. Path-breaking transformational initiatives and civil-military synergy will remain his legacy. General Rawat's enthusiasm led the Armed Forces to turn Agnipath - the biggest HR transformation by the Armed Forces since

Independence, from an idea to reality.

To acknowledge and honour Gen Rawat's contribution to the transformational Agnipath scheme and towards enhancement of Tri-Service synergy and jointmanship,

following two trophies are being instituted by the Indian Navy:-

(a) General Bipin Rawat rolling trophy for the 'Women Agniveer Trainee standing First in Overall Order of Merit'. This trophy is scheduled to be presented by the Chief of the Naval Staff during the 'Passing Out Parade' of the first batch of Navy Agniveers on 28 March 2023 at its premier sailors training centre, INS Chilka.

Vehicle stolen

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that my Honda Activa 60 two wheeler vehicle, Decent Blue Metallic in colour bearing registration. No. MN06SH-2399 having Engine No. JF91ED606836 and Chassis No. ME4JF919KND066823 was found stolen by unknown person/persons while the said vehicle was parked at the courtyard of my house located at Thongju Part- II, Canchipur in the intervening night of 6th March and 7th March 2023.

Finders are requested to kindly informed to the undersigned or contact to the nearest police station.

Sd./-

Damudor Arambam
S/O Arambam Roton Singh
Thongju Part-II, Canchipur Contact No. +919718372897

Gun license lost

Gun license Sl. No. 120/DC(IW) issued to the Chief Manager, Bank of Baroda, Imphal Branch, has been misplaced and could not be traced back.

I, Cleopatra Ngangom, Chief Manager, Bank of Baroda, Imphal Branch do hereby request the DC Imphal West to issue us a new gun license.

Sd/-

Cleopatra Ngangom
Chief Manager
Bank of Baroda, Imphal Branch

Kamala Power Women Award - 2023'



IT News
Imphal, Mar 16:

Smt. Heikrujam Joybi Devi, National Project Member, Mahila & Bal Vikas, Bharat Vikas Parishad has been awarded 'KAMALA POWER WOMEN AWARD - 2023' by Ankibai Ghamandiram Gowani Trust in recognition of her selfless humanitarian service towards uplifting the health of women and children under the 'Anaemia Mukti Bharat' campaign of Bharat Vikas Parishad. The award

consisting of a citation and a trophy was handed over to Smt. Joybi Devi by Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India during the award ceremony held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath Road, New Delhi on 14th March 2023.

Bharat Vikas Parishad, Manipur Prant expressed its gratitude and congratulated Smt. H. Joybi Devi for winning the award and wish her to continue serving our community with more zeal and vigour.

Deepika Mayanglambam Felicitated by Y20 India 2023 Chair Anmol Sovit



IT News
New Delhi, Mar 16

Deepika Mayanglambam from Manipur was felicitated by the Y20 Chair Shri Anmol Sovit at the C20 INDIA CHAUPAL PROGRAM. The "Chaupal Program" was organized by the Global Youth Peace Committee (GYPC) under the leadership of Shri Braj Srivastava, Chairman GYPC, on 15th March 2023 at Lotus Temple, Seminar Hall, New Delhi. The theme of the "Chaupal Program" was based on Promoting quality education and Civic Space towards sustainable nation. Shri Anmol Sovit, Y20 India 2023 Chair graced the program as the chief guest.

Youth 20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum for youth from all G20 member countries to be able to dialogue with each other. Y20 encourages youth as future leaders to raise awareness of global issues, exchange ideas, argue,

negotiate, and reach consensus.

Deepika Mayanglambam, spoke about "peace and wellbeing" by highlighting the importance of practicing kindness and understanding humanity for securing wellbeing of all in the society. The program was attended by many changemakers, young achievers, social thinker, CSOs, NGOs, Volunteers across the country.

Deepika Mayanglambam is 26 years old daughter of (L) Mayanglambam Gyaneshwar Singh from Sagolband Moirang Leirak, Manipur. She is a recipient of **Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Memorial Award 2023** from the Govt of NCT Delhi. Deepika is a Wellness Professional, founder of **FREEDOM FROM MENTAL ILLNESS**, (a Start-up working in mental health space). She Completed her Masters in Sociology from Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Govt introduces bill in Lok Sabha to strengthen tri-services commanders' powers

Agency
New Delhi, Mar 16:

The government has introduced the Inter-Services Organizations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill, 2023 in Lok Sabha to strengthen tri-services commanders' power. The Bill seeks to empower the Commander-in-Chief or the Officer-in-Command of Inter-Services Organisations in respect of service personnel who are subject to the Air Force Act, 1950, the Army Act, 1950 and the Navy Act, 1957, who are serving under or attached to his command. The bill also states the Commander-in-Chief, as the case may be, Officer-in-Command of an Inter-services

discharge of their duties. Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt introduced the Bill.

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Organisation shall be the head of such Inter-services Organisation and shall exercise command and control over the personnel serving in or attached to that Inter-services Organisation, for the purpose of maintenance of discipline and proper discharge of their duties.

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan has been working with the three services chiefs to create the operational tri-services organisations or theatre commands to strengthen the forces to fight future battles.

Opposition parties form human chain in Parliament House complex, protest over issue of Adani Group

Agency
New Delhi, Mar 16:

Opposition parties today formed a human chain in the Parliament House complex and protested over the issue of Adani Group. They were demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the matter. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, TR Baalu of DMK, Sanjay Singh of AAP, K Keshava Rao of BRS,

Prof. Manoj Jha of RJD, Prof. Ramgopal Yadav of Samajwadi Party, Binoy Viswam of CPI, Farooq Abdullah of National Conference, Priyanka Chaturvedi of Shiv Sena (UBT), Rajiv Ranjan Singh of JD(U), Jayant Chaudhary of Rashtriya Lok Dal and others took part in the protest. During the protest, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the ruling party is creating disruptions in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Sports

IBA Women's World Boxing Championships: Bring it on!



Agency
New Delhi, Mar 16:

The excitement is understandable, as India's sporting fervour is once again at the center of global attention with the official commencement of the Women's World Boxing Championships in the national capital on Wednesday.

Inaugurated by the Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, the women's boxing showpiece, this year solely is witnessing the largest pool of boxing champions, with approximately 324 women boxers from about 65 countries going down against each other for the coveted tournament.

Earlier, speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the event, the Union Sports Minister said, "This Women's World Boxing Championships is the most prestigious championship globally. It is in sync with the vision of our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji vision for woman empowerment."

"This is the third time India is hosting the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships. The previous events held in India were also a great success," Union Minister added.

It is worth noting that India is hosting the women's

flagship event for the third time, following successful editions in 2006 and 2018.

Boxing championship offers enthralling action

Sprung across 12 weight categories, the biennial event (to be held till March 26) has set the tone for the next two weeks of enthralling action among athletes from 65 countries eyeing the World Championship at New Delhi's K.D. Jadhav Indoor Hall.

India bats for a medal haul

On top of shouldering the hosting responsibilities, India has also put its best foot forward for the international tournament, with 12 of its squad members aiming for the podium finish with their

impressive performances.

Significantly, among the top seeded players of the country, all eyes have been glued on the reigning champion, Nikhat Zareen, to see if she can defend the title at home. India have been in good recent form at major boxing events. The country had earlier won three medals in its previous edition at Istanbul. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic medalist Lovlina Borgohain is also looking to make her mark on the world stage once again with the championship.

Along with Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain, the Indian squad also includes, Nitu Ghanghas (48kg), Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg), Preeti

(81kg) and Nupur Sheoran (81+kg)

Earlier, anticipating a positive outpouring on the success of the tournament ahead of its commencement, IBA's Head of Sport, Marko Petric remarked, "We are looking forward to witnessing an outstanding line-up of boxers in action, from India as well as from around the world, and we are expecting local fans to get behind their athletes as they fight for glory against the toughest of opponents."

"The reputation of women's boxing in India is going from strength to strength, and there is no doubt that the home crowd can play their part in cheering on their athletes to success in New Delhi," he added.

Indian Army organised "Rupai Football Championship" at Tinsukia, Assam



PRO(DW)
Kohima, Mar 16

To promote culture of sports and physical fitness amongst the youth Red Shield Division under the aegis of Spear Corps organised "Rupai Football Championship 2023" at Rupai, Tinsukia District, Assam from 09 to 14 Mar 2023. A total of eight team participated in the championship.

The final match was held at Doomsdoo college, Rupai on 14 March 23 and attracted a large number of spectators.

The final was played between Kakopathar FC and Doomsdoo Morning Club, with Kakopathar emerging as winner with a score of 1-0.

The event provided a platform for the young sports persons to showcase their talent and also gave them an opportunity to realise their potential and motivated them for further representation at National and State levels.

Indian Army is committed to promote culture of sports by positively engaging the youth and tap immense sports potential.



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NOTIFICATION
Imphal, the 14th March, 2023

No. 42/AWAS/ELECTION/2023: It is hereby notified to all the concerned that the list of Cooperative Societies affiliated to the Manipur Apex Handloom Weavers and Handicrafts Artisans Cooperative Society Ltd. are being notified already and the same have been pasted on the Notice board of the Society (in district wise).

If any affiliated society finds itself not in the published list, it is informed to the officials of the society along with supporting documents to prove themselves that they have purchased share of the Apex Handlooms on or before 20th March, 2023 during office hours for further correction.

Complaints after 20th March 2023, shall not be entertained as valid complaint.

Ch. Mandakini Chanu
(Ch. Mandakini Chanu)
Managing Director
AWAS