

## Seven students' bodies from Manipur submit memorandum to Home Minister to implement NRC in the state

IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

Seven students' bodies of the state have submitted memorandum to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah demanding the updation and implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) through the available records as done in Assam, with 1951 as the base year. Earlier, the students' bodies have staged demonstration at Jantar Mantar New Delhi, demanding the same.

The memorandum signed by the leaders of All Naga Students' Association Manipur (ANSAM), Manipuri Students' Federation (MSF), Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM), Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA), Students' Union of Kangleipak (SUK) Apunba Ireipakki Maheiroi Sipingplung (AIMS) and another major students' body stated that the state of Manipur is just 0.7% of the country have witness sharp increase in the decadal growth rate since the regulation to check the outsiders has been

lifted by the Chief Commission Himmat Singh in 1950.

The memorandum further stated that the unnatural increase of the population growth can only be explained by migration from neighbouring countries and states and just can't be explained by natural birth. When one examined the composition of the population based on mother tongue spoken, it comes to the conclusion that the immigrants are mostly from the cognate tribes from neighbouring Myanmar, Nepali from Nepal and Muslims from Bangladesh, the latter now a distinct force in Jiribam District bordering Assam. In Tripura, Hindus were the main migrants from erstwhile East Pakistan and Bangladesh and most Muslim migrants from this country reached Assam and Manipur with some settled in Nagaland.

The students' bodies stated that as Manipur joined the Union of India on 15th October, 1949, the NRC must also be updated in Manipur with 1951 as the base year.

"Our demands are strictly

based on the need for small communities in the region and the state to survive. Manipur as you are fully aware comprises of almost 90% hills where land cannot be bought by non ST, while in the valley, the population density is as per 2011 census 730 and will not be able to cater to aliens as our growing population need to be catered first. This high population impacts the hills as many aliens are staying there as share-croppers and it will be difficult to dislodge them later. This impacts our indigenous hill brethren also and conflict has arisen now and then, including violent reaction. We have raised concerns over the abnormal surge of population in hilly areas and the mushrooming of villages. A report last year indicates that there is an explosion in the number of new villages in the state, with many seeking recognition from the government. It was mentioned that in addition to the existing 2803 villages another 996 villages are seeking fresh recognition", the memorandum stated.

## Implementation of NRC in Manipur is necessary - Union MoS RK Ranjan

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Imphal, Mar 20:

Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan has stated that the implementation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) is necessary for the state of Manipur.

Talking to senior journalist Dr. Seram Rojesh, Dr. RK Ranjan said that implementation of the NRC has been a major programme of the Government of India. He said that the NRC has already been tested in the state of Assam.

Appreciating the students' bodies for bringing up such issues Dr. Ranjan said



that every now and then when the society is in need of change the students' bodies has always been playing major role in the state of Manipur.

The Minister said that the implementation of NRC should be based on 1951 census.

Dr. Ranjan said that the state government of Manipur

under the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had urged the government of India to issue identity cards to the Indian citizens at the border of India and Myanmar in Manipur side so that illegal migrants can be checked as done in Mizoram. He also appealed the Chief Minister N. N Biren Singh to take up adequate measures for issuing of I-card to the border villagers. He also stated that strict measures have been taken up to ensure that no illegal Adhaar cards were issued. Birth certificates have been made mandatory for issuing of Adhaar card, the Minister said.

Even the Inner Line Permit (ILP) regime which union government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi have graciously extended to Manipur has little impact as there is no definition of the term inhabitant. The state cabinet have

decided to adopt 1961 as the base year for identifying the inhabitant of Manipur. It is our hope that at least the State Government can regulate the inflow of visitors. However, the most important is the regulation of visitor from other

countries who have the habit of settling down in the state through marriages etc.

The seven student bodies appealed to protect the indigenous of the State, which are being swamped and marginalised in own home

state, the NRC for the state with 1951 as the base year is prepared and the State Government is advised to establish a Manipur State Population Commission in line with the National Population Commission at the earliest.

## CM flags off NIT team visiting Madhya Pradesh



IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh flagged off a team of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Manipur visiting Madhya Pradesh as a part of Yuva Sangam under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, from

the Western Gate of the Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

The team consisted of 30 students, including 12 girls and 18 boys, and 5 officials of NIT. The duration of their visit will be from 20th to 26th March, 2023. The team will visit tourist places of Madhya Pradesh, acquire

knowledge on development and technological advancement of the State. The visit will also facilitate cultural exchange among the youths of Manipur and Madhya Pradesh.

Interacting with the officials and students of NIT participating in the exposure tour,

N. Biren Singh stated that Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to connect youths across the country and make them closer to one another. It is a mission started to achieve the aim of One India, he added.

Maintaining that the State had gone through certain changes with development in various fields, the Chief Minister added that the NIT team is lucky to have many things to say and represent about the State. He also asked to have a good knowledge on the development of the State, so that they could convey a positive message about Manipur to the people of Madhya Pradesh they interact with.

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## Poshan Pakhwada Rally staged at various districts of the state

IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

The 5th Poshan Pakwada rally was staged at various districts of the state today.

In Imphal West district Director of Social Welfare Ngangom Uttam flagged off the rally from the Office of the Social Welfare Department. At Thoubal district Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal A. Subhash Singh, IAS, flagged off the rally at DC office Complex Thoubal

Speaking to the media, Deputy Commissioner said Poshan Pakhwada is organised to give awareness to the people about nutrition and to promote healthy eating habits. He appealed to the people mostly women to provide their children with healthy and nutritive food. He said parents should try to avoid junk food for their children as it has no nutritional value.

Social Welfare Director Ngangom Uttam while taking to media appealed to acknowledge the food value of millets which were abundantly available in the state.

"Today we have not seen many people growing millets



in the state however, as for the country farmers are being encouraged to grow millets in view of its nutritious food values.

The theme of this year of Poshan Pakhwada celebration is "Nutrition for all: Together towards a Healthy India". With the declaration of 2023 as International year of Millet the focus of Poshan Pakhwada will be to popularize Shree Anna: the mother of all grains as valuable assets to address malnutrition.

Various activities will be held during this fortnight celebration which will hold from March 20 till April 3. Promotion and popularization of Millet for nutritional

wellbeing through organization of drives to link Millet based foods with supplementary nutrition, home visits and Diet consultations camp are some of the activities. Celebration of Swasth Balak Spardha and Popularization of Saksham Anganwadis will be held.

Around 150 Anganwadi workers & helpers, ASHA workers and volunteers of NGO's participated in the rally. Also taking part in the rally were ADM B. Lokeshor Sharma, CMO Thoubal, Dr. Y. Nukul Singh, ZEO Thoubal A. Anilkumar Singh, AC to DC, Kh. Lenin Singh, DPO, ICDS Thoubal Th. Suranjay Singh and other District Level Officers.

## "Cyclathon 2023 organized at RIMS"

## Dental health is equally important as physical health - Director, RIMS

IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

Dental College RIMS, Imphal & Indian Dental Association, Manipur branch today organized Cyclathon 2023 as a part of the month long observation of World Oral Health Day 2023.

The Cyclathon was flagged off from RIMS gate by Dr. H. Priyosakhi Devi, Director, RIMS, Imphal.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Priyosakhi stressed on the importance of oral hygiene as it is linked to the rest of the body. Medical Superintendent of RIMS Prof. N. Sanjib Singh



urged the public to make use of the Dental health facilities provided by RIMS Hospital during the month long observation.

Dr. B. Praveen Reddy, Principal, Dental College, RIMS, Prof. Khaidem Deba Singh,

President, IDA Manipur State Branch and students of Dental College, RIMS Imphal took part in the rally.

## One Assam Rifles personnel commits suicide

IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

A paramilitary personnel of the 4 Assam Rifles Battalion allegedly died by committing suicide in Imphal East district on Monday morning.

Sandip H (34) was on sen-

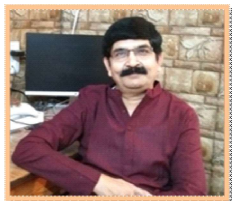
try duty at the Kala camp gate around 4.45 am when he shot himself with his service rifle.

His colleagues rushed to the scene and evacuated him to a nearby medical facility, where he was declared brought dead.

The motive behind the sepoy's taking such an extreme step is not yet known.

Inquest proceedings have been initiated and the dead body is now lying at the mortuary of the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences for post-mortem.

# Why the Age-old tradition of puppet theatre is dying ?



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

You must have probably familiar with puppets and if you're like most people, you must have probably seen a puppeteer in action and may have even played with a puppet yourself. Every year 21st March is celebrated as World Puppetry Day to recognize puppetry as a global art form. Puppetry is considered to be one of the oldest forms of storytelling in the country. Puppetry is a real challenge to the imagination of the individual and is one of the oldest forms of entertainment.

Puppetry is a beautiful and colourful art. It is so sad to see that puppeteers are slowly fading away.

Puppetry is an animated visual art form. Kathputli that means a puppet which is made from wood. Whereas the words kath means 'wood' and putli means 'a doll or toy'. The craft of making Kathputli, was practiced by a community of performing artists. The puppeteer uses his or her skills to makes the puppet, an inanimate object, talk, sing, dance and behave the way humans do.

Most of the puppeteers around the country and even in Gujarat are of the opinion that the competition from cinema and TV had hit them hard. As one puppeteer from Ahmedabad Ramesh Rawal 72 Year old an Indian folk and Puppet Artist says "Television, especially, has given us a big blow". Rawal a puppet artist from Ahmedabad, Gujarat who has participated in various International Puppet festivals in Afghanistan, Tehran, Iran, Rome, Italy, Japan and in various places of India, is striving very hard to keep the culture of puppet shows active but he is helpless as he is not getting any support from concerned authorities. The Puppetry has been his family profession since many generations. Over a period of time, the colourful art started fading away and the artists like Rawal started struggling to get any work opportunities. The prospects of making good money from doing puppetry shows are quite minimal now-a-days. Modern day entertainment options like television, movies and the internet are pushing traditional puppetry towards a slow death. In order to keep the culture and heritage of our nation alive with more charisma, we need to keep Educational Puppet shows in schools in such a way the students can easily grasp a certain topic. Puppeteers through cultural exchange can learn new techniques and apply in their performance. Schoolchildren are often attracted by puppets and interact strongly with them as they help them to overcome shyness and stage fear. Puppet shows have powerful visual impact and establish direct rapport with the audience. It can be tailored to promote civic sense, promote awareness of socio-economic problems and national issues.



The concerned officials and politicians must make puppet shows an integral part of cultural functions and festivals in villages, towns and cities. On a personal level, wealthy patrons can also arrange for puppet shows during their celebrations. Puppet shows are one of the notable marvels in the lap of the heritage of India. It is quite essential to maintain the trade of ancient artworks. Due to the lack of patronization of government and lack of audience interest, most of the people engaged in puppetry quit from it and are involved in other lucrative source of income but all cannot afford. Poor puppeteers like Ramesh Rawal are not able to introduce modern techniques in their performance due to Lack of sponsors. Further, many of the puppeteers of old puppet troupes are not adequately literate. Most of the traditional Puppeteers are not willing to teach puppetry to their children as they do not want to see their children in problem, as puppetry cannot provide adequate money to live life. Schools can arrange for puppet shows on different themes from which the children can learn new things. Teenagers can easily search valuable information, which is not in their textbooks, in a novel way. Puppets provide a way of holding children's attention and in a way helps in behaviour change.

The families of puppeteers like Ramesh Rawal see a new hope to revive the lost art of puppetry to help them earn a little more than what they usually get.

Let us understand that Puppets are a different mode of communication. Besides entertainment, these dolls convey social message to everybody, irrespective of age groups. It is clear that Puppetry is one of the arts facing extinction. Government must think over for a permanent source of income to provide them livelihood on a regular basis. Let us make efforts to breathe life into it by introducing it to school students and also in financial literacy. It will be worthwhile for the government to look into the neglected art form and evolve schemes for its revival in a big way. Let us make an effort to bring back this art form viz puppeteer back in action.

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# Boosting India-Bangladesh energy cooperation



By: Indrajit Kumar

With the inauguration of India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP) for diesel supply from India to Bangladesh's northern district on Saturday, bilateral relations between the countries have reached a new height. The pipeline, first of its kind in South Asia, will make Bangladesh's diesel import a lot more cost-effective and secure. While inaugurating the pipeline jointly with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has rightly termed the pipeline as a reflection of Bangabandhu's vision of friendship.

In recent years, the marked improvement of Bangladesh-India ties has manifested itself in numerous ways such as increased connectivity, economic and energy cooperation and people-to-people contacts. Now a new major development in bilateral ties between the two friendly countries has come in the energy sector. The pipeline is an example of how neighbouring countries can support each other and contribute to each other's growth and prosperity.

According to the report, construction of the pipeline which began in early 2020 has already been completed and the facility is now ready to be commissioned to carry gasoline from India. The pipeline stretches 125 kms through Bangladesh and 5 kms through In-

dia passing through Panchagarh, Niphamari and Dinajpur to the Parbatipur oil storage facility in Bangladesh. Built at a cost of around 350 crore Indian rupees, the pipeline is expected to dramatically improve gasoline import and transportation from India.

At present, Bangladesh imports around 2,000 tonnes of 0.005 percent gasoline per month from India's Numaligarh Refinery via Siliguri of West Bengal by railway and the oil reaches Parbatipur oil depot by railway. Once the cross-border pipeline is in operation, Bangladesh will no longer need to import gasoline by railway which in turn will reduce the import cost.

We hope it will usher in a new phase in bilateral cooperation between the two countries and both the countries will be benefited from this facility. In this era of global inter-connectivity, no country can prosper from isolation. Both India and Bangladesh share a vision of moving forward based on the principle that the potentials in the South Asian regions will have to be harnessed together. Certainly, there are no two ways about it.

At a crucial juncture of an energy crisis, the much-awaited oil pipeline has been formally inaugurated jointly through video conferencing by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on Saturday.

At the inaugural ceremony, Sheikh Hasina and Narendra Modi both said that the Bangladesh-India Friendship Pipeline will "enhance cooperation in energy security" between the two countries.

The Indian Prime Minister said, "I am confident that this pipeline will further speed up the development of Bangladesh and be an excellent example of the increasing connectivity between both the countries."

Termining the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline as ground-breaking in Bangladesh's energy history, Sheikh Hasina said, "When many countries are on the verge of [a] fuel crisis due to the Russia-Ukraine war at that time this pipeline will play a vital role in ensuring fuel security of our people."

The first cross-border international oil pipeline is yet another landmark in the development partnership with neighbouring India.

According to officials of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), India would export high-speed diesel (HSD) through the 131.57 km India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) project, built at a cost of around US\$ 3.77 billion drawn from the Indian line of credit (LoC). Indian loan includes US\$ 2.85 billion to construct a pipeline inside Bangladesh territory.

The Bangladesh-India Friendship Pipeline will put in place a sustainable, reliable, cost-effective and environment-friendly mode of transporting HSD from India to Bangladesh, an official of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs observed.

The project will enable high-speed diesel to be exported from India's Siliguri Marketing Terminal in West Bengal State to Bangladesh's Parbatipur in Dinajpur.

High-speed diesel will be flowing from the Numaligarh Refinery Limited distribution terminal for testing of the pipeline from Mar 8, according to ABM Azad, chairman of BPC, the state fuel importer and distributor.

The pipeline stretches 125 km inside Bangladesh territory and 5 km inside India. The two prime ministers joined the ground-breaking ceremony for the IBFPL in September 2018 through video conferencing.

The construction of the pipeline

project began in March 2020 and had a deadline for completion by June 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trial and test of the oil supply through the pipeline were delayed.

The HSD transmission will augment fossil energy-starved northern Bangladesh. The pipeline will ensure uninterrupted, fast and affordable means to 16 districts in the region, which needs nearly one million tonnes of fuel annually.

Bangladesh used to import diesel from India through railway carriages, which was time-consuming and hassle to unload, store and distribution manually. The pipeline will significantly reduce its transport costs for Bangladesh, officials said.

According to the Dhaka-Delhi 15-year agreement, India will export 200,000 tonnes of oil annually in the first three years, 300,000 tonnes per annum in the next three years, 500,000 tonnes annually in the next four years and 1 million tonnes annually in the first phase. The second term would be extended based on the consensus of the countries.

Last year, Bangladesh imported six million tonnes of petrol, octane, and diesel. Diesel alone accounted for 75% of fuel oils - 80% of which is met through direct imports, according to a report published last year.

Bangladesh pays \$11 in premium per barrel of fuel purchased from the international market, while the premium will be \$5.5 per barrel in the pipeline project. "It means we will be able to save around \$6 per barrel in premium," the BPC official said.

In the wake of a fuel crisis, the friendship oil pipeline project is expected to boost long-term business growth and bilateral ties between the two countries, an energy expert said.

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# From Local to Global: How India's Digital Payment Revolution is Inspiring the World

India's digital payment innovation is a game changer for the economy

## PIB Feature

In a country which is deeply conservative and traditional, a quiet revolution is underway, attracting little attention, but with deep implications for the India economy. In January this year, about eight billion (800 crore) transactions worth nearly \$200 billion (Rs. 2 lakh crores approximately) were carried out on the Unified Payment Interface (UPI). Today 40% of all payments done in India are digital, says Mr. Dilip Asbe, the managing director of the National Payments Corporation of India, which oversees the platform. The system has grown rapidly and is now used by close to 300 million individuals and 50 million merchants, Mr Asbe said. Digital payments are being made for even the smallest of transactions, with nearly 50 percent classified as small or micropayments: Rs 10 for a cup of milk chai or Rs 200 for a bag of fresh vegetables. That is a significant behavioural shift in what has long been a cash-driven economy.

India has built a homegrown instant payment system that has re-made commerce and pulled millions into the formal economy. The foundation of the "digital public infrastructure" was laid by the government and built upon by a robust Public Private Partnership. The value of instant digital transactions in India last year was far more than in the United States, Britain, Germany, and France. "Combine the four and multiply by four — it is more than that," as Indian cabinet minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, told



the World Economic Forum in January. It has made daily life more convenient, expanded banking services like credit and savings to millions more Indians, and extended the reach of government programs and tax collection. The Prime Minister has described the digital payment ecosystem to the G20 Finance Ministers as a free public good that has radically transformed governance, financial inclusion and ease of living in India. The digital infrastructure is seen as a set of 'rail tracks' laid by the government, on top of which innovation can happen at a low cost.

With this network, India has shown, on a previously unseen scale, how rapid technological innovation can have a leapfrog effect for developing nations, spurring economic growth. It is a public-private model India wants to export as it fashions itself as an incubator of ideas that can lift the world's poorer nations. At the heart of this initiative is the famed IAM trinity — Jan Dhan Accounts, Aadhar and Mo-

bile, the three pillars that revolutionised the entire economic ecosystem of India. The first pillar, PM Jan Dhan Yojana was started with the aim of financial inclusion to ensure access to a bank account for every adult Indian. As of 2022, 46.25 crore bank accounts have been opened, with 56% belonging to women and 67% opening in rural and semi-urban areas amounting to Rs. 1,73,954 crore. The second pillar of Aadhar transformed identity services. Aadhar ID can be used for digital authentication through two-factor authentication or biometric IDs. Aadhar-led authentication has become an enabler for institutions like banks and telcos. Today 99 per cent of adults have a biometric identification number with more than 1.3 billion IDs issued. The IDs eased the creation of bank accounts and became the foundation of the instant payment system. The third pillar is that of Mobile, which showcases the core digital innovation in India's telecom

sector. After the disruptive entrance of one private company in 2016, the cost of data dropped by 95%. It led to every Indian having low-priced and easy access to the internet. This catapulted verticals such as e-commerce, food delivery, and OTT content to takeoff in India. Most importantly, it made the digital payment system accessible to the last and the least in the remotest regions of India.

With telephone companies enabling internet access and smartphone penetration increasing, along with the spread of financial inclusion through Jan Dhan, enabled by Aadhar authentication, the Indian payments ecosystem underwent a paradigm shift. This paradigm shift led to the conceptualisation of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) which has supercharged India's transition to non-cash payments by facilitating direct payments linked to a bank account. UPI is a public-private partnership (PPP) that the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) led with an interoperable platform. The platform offers services from hundreds of banks and dozens of mobile payment apps, with no transaction fees. FinTech, banks, and telcos have adopted this platform and have further driven UPI growth through QR code placements at merchant point-of-sale (POS). The demonetisation drive to eradicate black money and the social distancing norms during the pandemic also created a push toward the digital payment infrastructure.

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# PM Modi to attend G7 Hiroshima Summit, Accepts Japanese Counterpart Kishida's Invite

Agency  
New Delhi, Mar 20:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Hiroshima for the G7 Summit in May as he accepted Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida invitation on Monday during their bilateral meeting.

"I formally invited PM Modi to G7 Hiroshima Summit and on the spot my invitation was immediately accepted," Kishida said while speaking to media persons at the joint press conference held after the bilateral meeting.

"Today Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida invited me to the G7 Leaders' Summit which will be held in Hiroshima in May. I thank him for this," PM Modi was quoted as saying by ANI.

PM Modi also invited him to the G20 summit that will be



held in September. "In September this year, I will again get the opportunity to welcome PM Fumio Kishida to India for the G20 Leaders' Summit," the prime minister said.

Kishida said that Japan-India economic cooperation continues to grow rapidly and will aid India's development while creating significant economic opportunities for Japan

while observing the progress made in the Japanese investment target of five trillion yen (Rs 3,20,000 crore) in India over the next five years.

"Our economic cooperation with India, which continues to grow rapidly, will not only support the further development of India but also create significant economic opportunities for Japan. In this

regard, we welcome that steady progress is being made towards realising 5 trillion yen of public and private investment in financing from Japan to India in 5 years," Kishida was quoted as saying by ANI.

The Japan PM also welcomed the renewal of the Memorandum of Cooperation on Japanese language education and said both nations are prioritising decarbonisation and energy. He also said both nations will prioritise tourism.

"2023 will be the year of the Japan-India tourism exchange to promote our exchanges through tourism," Kishida said.

PM Modi further said that both nations respect the rule of law on international platforms and their mutual respect is the foundation of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

# Parliament logjam continues as BJP reiterates demand for apology from Rahul Gandhi

Agency  
New Delhi, Mar 20:

Proceedings in both Houses of Parliament were once again disrupted on Monday amid protests by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party as well as the Opposition.

Both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha were adjourned till 2 pm within minutes of the proceedings starting on Monday morning.

The second leg of the Budget session of Parliament has witnessed disruptions almost every day since it commenced on March 13, as Bharatiya Janata Party MPs have been demanding an apology from Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for his remarks

in London that democracy was under attack in India.

Meanwhile, the Opposition has been holding protests seeking a Joint Parliamentary Committee inquiry into the allegations made by American firm Hindenburg Research against the Adani Group.

On Monday, as soon as proceedings in the Lok Sabha began, BJP MPs started shouting slogans against Gandhi. The party urged Speaker Om Birla to set up a special Lok Sabha committee to look into whether Gandhi should be suspended for allegedly insulting the country, its democracy, and the Parliament in his visit to the United Kingdom. *The Indian Express* reported.

Opposition legislators also engaged in sloganeering demanding an investigation into the Adani crisis.

Birla subsequently urged the protesting members to come to his chamber to find a way out of the logjam, according to PTI. He then adjourned the House till 2 pm.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said that the party has asked for a time slot to put forward its stand on Tuesday. He said that if time is granted, Gandhi will speak in Parliament.

In the Rajya Sabha, Chairperson Jagdeep Thakur said that he received 14 notices for suspension of business under Rule 267, nine of which were from the Congress, according to agency.

## Best choice of Career options after 10th Class



By: Vijay GarG

Level of education in our country is increasing day by day and competition is increasing as well. These days everyone wants to have the best career and are willing to work extra hard for the success. The examinations of 10th class are an important point in the life of a student in our country and a lot of his future course depends on his performance as well as his decisions made at this point of time. Any students after the completion of class 10 board exams are always worried about which stream to choose in Pre-University Education i.e. to join class 11. Once you complete in your 10th class, it is the right time to think about your career, because at this point of your education you are supposed to choose the stream like M.P.C, B.P.C, M.E.C, and Arts, but it is important to know the opportunities and options you will have after pursuing any of the above. It is very important that before you make an important decision of your career, you have analyzed all the available options.

Making a decision about your career is not an easy thing to do; most of the students completing their 10th standard are confused about deciding a right career path. There is a lot of external pressure and expectations also that add on to this confusion. Selecting the right course after class 10th is not an easy task. Your whole life ahead, as well as your career, depends on your decision, for a successful career, careful planning and following it up with a workable plan is needed. Before making any move, it is important to know about all the resources and opportunities and decide well according to your capabilities. Career exploration, knowledge about one's own self, decision-making ability, future goals are some among the essential elements needed for a successful career planning. You need the help of your parents, siblings, friends, and teachers who could help you out in deciding your ac-

tion, for deciding a potential career; one can also attend educational fairs, career guidance seminars that allow you to get in touch with several institutes and courses.

Choosing a career path is one of the most important decisions of anyone's life and whole future is dependent on this particular decision. Which choosing the right career path, it should be kept in mind that the career path should be decided solely on the interest of the candidate and the parents should not force them to take up courses of their choice instead motivate them to follow their actual interest. The decision should not be influenced by parent's occupation, parent's interest, parent's aspiration, job opportunity, family standards, family business, student's score in a particular subject, or anything else. It is important for the parents or guardians to understand the interest of their children in terms of their future goal, role model, whatever they like and it would be better if according they suggest their child by providing various options to reach that goal. If children do whatever they like or have interest in, they tend to give in their 100% effort to achieve success.

At the same time, it is also the duty of the parents and elder siblings to make the candidate aware of other possible opportunities, pros and cons, other various factors. At the same time, it is also important that they should not influence the candidate to go in a particular direction where they want him to go, that would be unfair. It is the duty of each and every parent to empower their child to make a decision best for their child and at the same time should also not enforce them to a certain stream. Both the student and the parents must think from the long-term perspective rather short-term or easier career path. To obtain a strong foundation for further studies like graduation and post-graduation, a good option after 10th is studying +2 or PUC. The selection of the streams in +2 depends upon the student's aptitude, grade and marks. But the most important factor is one's keen interest in the subject and the purpose for selecting the course. The main or popular streams available after the 10th level are:

Science Stream with Non-medical (PCM)

Science Stream with Medical

(PCB)

Commerce Stream  
Arts or Humanities Stream  
Science Stream with Non-medical (PCM)

Once you complete your 10th class, you have to make a choice of subjects for your higher studies. For those students who are interested in engineering or non-medical line can opt for science subjects with PCM (physics, chemistry and mathematics) as their major subjects and 2 other subjects of their choice. It is important to note that if you are a hard working person and you really have an interest in technical line then only you should pick up these subjects. These days a lot of parents are forcing their children into the non-medical stream and doing engineering these days has become a fashion and everyone seems to be joining this bandwagon without analyzing their capabilities. A lot of parents are forcing their children into engineering thinking that engineering would be the best career option for them, but there are other career options also that provides an opportunity for equal respect and equally satisfying career as engineering. It is more important to analyze your capabilities and act accordingly, rather than following a bunch of like-minded people.

Science Stream with Medical (PCB)

The medical stream provides an excellent opportunity for those who are really interested in life-sciences, have a great inner quality of helping others as well as those who are really motivated about discovering something new for human life. Science stream with major subjects as PCB (physics, chemistry and biology) gives an opportunity for those interested in the medical field. This field requires a lot of sincerity and hard work. There is no escape for hard work in this line. After taking PCB for your 11th and 12th you can appear for various competitive exams and choose from a lot of courses on the basis of your interest and percentage. At graduation level, you can opt for MBBS, BDS, nursing, a course in biotechnology, veterinary studies, forensic sciences as well as other courses related to the human body as well as human surroundings. Study about the human body can be very interesting but at times can get really tough. In this field, there is no chance of even smallest error, as herein medical field your

small mistake can be fatal for someone. So in this field, you need to be extra cautious and only people with a great sense of ability only get successful in this field.

Commerce Stream

Commerce stream offers another lucrative career option for those having interest in mathematics and calculations. Some of the popular graduate courses offered through the commerce stream are B.Com, BBA, BMS, BBM, CFA, CA, ICWA, CFP etc. Mostly major commerce colleges offer subjects such as Business economics, financial accounting, Business Communication, Marketing, Business Law, Business Finance, Auditing, Cost accounting, Income tax from which students have to choose their subject of interest. A student has to take a total of six subjects along with English and one additional subject during their 11th and 12th standard. Commerce stream is for those interested in business studies as well as for those having a lot of interest into accounting and offers a good career with some really lucrative pay packages. Students who are interested to pursue a career in Banking, Insurance, Stock Broking or any other finance-related jobs may choose the economics stream. There are lots of opportunities in India in this field due to the economic liberation and growth.

Arts or Humanities Stream

A lot of students after completing their 10th opt for the arts stream. Arts stream has a wide variety of subjects which can offer exciting career opportunities for the students. Selection of Arts stream after 10th examination enables to pave the way for choosing some gripping careers other than engineering or medical studies. This stream offers subject History, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, English, Hindi and Sanskrit for the higher secondary level. But one has to opt for four compulsory subjects in addition to English and a Modern Indian Language. If anyone has the interest to pursue a career in mass media, journalism, literature, sociology, social service, human psychology, politics, economics, and history then you must choose Arts stream after passing the 10th examination. It is just not enough that you are creative, it is also required that you should love competition because creative fields involve lots of competition and pressure to meet deadlines

that means it involves lots of hard work. You can select subjects of your choice and those having a keen interest in the language or literature can choose the language of their choice. Arts stream provides a career option for the creative people who want to make a career in the field of arts and culture.

Some other Career Opportunities and Job Prospects after 10th Class

Those discussed above were a few popular options for those who wish to study further and carve out a career for them. There are also few candidates who are not interested in the studying part and are more interested in some professional job oriented course or simply want a job by clearing competitive examinations. There can be different reasons for such behaviors. At times there are students who do not belong to a high-class family and supporting their education is not possible for their family, on the other hand, there are also those who are not interested in studying further and just think that completing 10th was enough for them. For such candidates a few options can be:

Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Industrial Training Centers (ITCs): ITIs and ITCs provide professional training in various job oriented courses and make candidates suitable to perform a particular job like cutting hair, operating machine, stitching, and embroidery etc. Constituted under the Ministry of Labour, Union Government of India, Government-run ITIs, and privately-run ITCs are training organizations which provide training in the technical field as well as other job oriented courses. ITI courses are designed to impart basic skills needed for a specified trade like electrician, machinist, fitter, plumber, turner, welder etc. and depending upon trade, the duration, of course, may vary from one year to three years. After passing the course a person may opt to undergo practical training in his trade in an industry. A National Trade Certificate (NTC) is provided by NCVT (National Council for Vocational Training) in the concerned trade and to obtain this certificate one has to qualify the All India Trade Test (AITT). These people can find job openings in government sectors like Indian Railways, telecom departments etc. after qualifying a written examination. Also, those passing out suc-

cessfully from it can easily get the job in different industries as well.

Indian Army: Indian Army also provides an opportunity for the candidates to join in with the army after completing the matriculation. Though there are different entry levels for the candidates to enter army it is also possible that after matriculation, one can join in Indian Army to the posts of soldiers in technical trade through written exams like Indian Army Soldier Clerk Examination, Indian Army Soldier General Duty (N.E.R.) Examination, Indian Army Soldier Technical (M.E.R.) Examination, Indian Army Soldier Nursing Assistants (M.E.R.) Examination etc. on successfully clearing the examination candidates are required to undergo

compulsory training and upon successful completion, candidates join in at their respective ranks.

Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Exam: Staff Selection Commission every year advertises its various posts for which eligibility starts from matriculation. A lot of posts like those of clerks require the only matriculation as the minimum qualification and candidate's right after completing their 10th can apply for these positions. Upon successfully clearing the written examination, the candidates can join in at the various selected posts. Just like SSC, CRPF also advertises the posts of constable for those who want to join police force right after completing their 10th standard.

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On the robustness of the digital payment system, Mr. Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, said that the government has struck the right balance between privacy and innovation. "We said that the data belongs to the individual and that he has the right to give consent for every transaction that he undertakes," he said. Even in sectors that have not yet adopted digital payments, like the fishing industry in the southern state of Kerala, the basic pillars of the digital infrastructure — the identity number, bank accounts, and mobile phone apps — have made it easier to deliver services. The success of the digital payment system, however, lies not just in the robustness of the digital payment infrastructure but also in the behavioural nudge that encouraged people to switch from cash to digital. Like any behavioural change, it had to be based on trust and accessibility of the system through insightful innovations that ensure its relevance to its core group.

These include small and interesting innovations like small voice boxes provided by payment apps, that are a fixture at snack carts and tea stalls, where vendors are too busy to check phone messages after every small transaction. A Siri-like voice declares how much money was instantly received with each payment by QR code. This has helped bridge mistrust among merchants long used to cash transactions. Another important factor in this massive behavioural change has been a

change in the outlook and consumption pattern in the Indian market. India, a fast-growing economy, is witnessing changing consumer preferences due to rising disposable incomes. The Indian market is witnessing a 'premiumisation' trend.

It can be most acutely observed in the smartphone sector where consumers are willing to pay up for better-looking models with richer features. According to Counterpoint, the market share of the sub-\$120 phones in India fell to 26% in 2022 from 41% two years ago. And premium phones - priced above 30,000 (\$360) - saw their share double to 11% in the same period. Finance product innovations like loans for phones have brought premium phones within the reach of the masses even in small towns. This has been possible due to the breadth of financial inclusion piggybacked on Aadhar authentication and mobile internet use. India's digital payment ecosystem is a classic example of ecosystem thinking where underlying core assets and capabilities were strengthened which had a positive spill-over effect. This, in turn, revolutionised business, entrepreneurship as well as consumption patterns in India making India's Digital Payment Ecosystem a game changer and a global inspiration.

Truly, India's digital miracle is now the most-commented upon and watched facet of its economy today, demonstrating how massive behaviour change is possible with "nudges".



# Police recovers 2 more stolen Bolero vehicles



IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

A team of Bishnupur police station led by OC, Bishnupur PS, Inspector K

Dineshkumar Singh under the supervision of Roni Mayengbam, Addl SP (Ops), Bpr & Satyaam Takellambam, Addl SP (L&O), Bishnupur and overall

guidance of N Herojit Meetei, Sr. SP, Bpr has recovered two more Bolero vehicles stolen from different locations of imphal area, on the disclosure of the two ac-

cused person earlier arrested in connection with follow up investigation. The investigation is being carried out under FIR no 8(3)2023 BPR ps u/s 379/34 IPC.

The two arrested person namely (i) T Lunkhomang Haokip (37) s/o T Thangzangam Haokip of new Boljang, Churachandpur and (ii) K. Seithanglein (35) s/o k seilenthang of D Leikot village, ccpur a/p khamenlok village, Senapati were also formally arrested in connection with another FIR case of Lamshang PS.

So far, a total of three Bolero vehicles have been recovered in connection with the said case.

# AMUCO distributes edible items at Rehab centers

IT News  
Imphal, Mar 20:

Volunteers of the All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO) and the newly formed Anti Drug Campaign Bishnupur district, which head quarter is at Ningthoukhong have rounded up 27 substance abusers on March 17 from North AOC area and on March 18, the volunteers rounded up 8 substance users from Tronglaobi in Bishnupur district with assistance from the Imphal Police station personnel.

A statement of the AMUCO said that all the 27 substance abusers were kept for treatment at various re-



habilitation center in consultation with the United Rehabilitation Center (URC). It added that the users were kept at various centers un-

der URC and has been undergoing treatment without taking any fees. As the center could be facing difficulties while feeding the users

the AMUCO today distributed edible items to the rehab centers where the users are treating without charging any fees.

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# CM flags off NIT team visiting....

N. Biren advised the team to be well disciplined during their visit so as to create a good image, adding that each small thing is important in life. He continued that civilization is not just about developing infrastructure but maintaining

ing good discipline and character. Concluding his interaction, he extended his best wishes to the team for a safe and knowledge gaining trip.

Education Minister Th. Basanta Kumar Singh, while delivering a short speech, ad-

vised the team that they should give a positive presentation on the development achieved in the State during their visit, adding that they are not only representing the NIT, but also Manipur and other North-eastern states. He continued that the team should motivate the people of Madhya Pradesh to visit Manipur, by highlighting them about various tourist spots developed

in the State.

He expressed his hopefulness that the exposure tour will be very important and helpful in becoming a successful person in future, through the knowledge gained during their visit.

Director, NIT Manipur Prof. Gautam Sutradhar, Registrar Prof. Khumukcham Tomba Singh and other officials of NIT also attended the flag off programme.

# Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addresses Global Conference on Digital Health themed 'Taking Universal Health Coverage to the last Citizen'

PIB  
New Delhi, Mar 20:

"Digital solutions hold the capacity to revolutionize the healthcare delivery systems. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India aims to launch a global initiative on digital health as an institutional framework. This framework aims to converge the global efforts for digital health and scale up digital solutions with use of cutting-edge technologies. It is time to move from 'Silos to Systems' with collaboration of all countries for enhanced coverage and quality of healthcare services." This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare as he virtually addressed the "Global Conference on Digital Health - Taking Universal Health Coverage to the Last Citizen" a co-branded event under India's G20 Presidency organised by WHO - South-East Asia Region in collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

Highlighting the importance of digital health, Dr. Mandaviya stated "Digital health is a great enabler in delivery of healthcare services and has the potential to support overall universal health coverage targets." He further added that national health policies proved instrumental for various path-breaking digital health intervention ensuring availability, accessibility and affordability, and equity of health services.

Dr. Mandaviya elaborated that through this initiative, "we are building consensus on promotion of digital public goods as a key enabler in achieving universal health coverage targeted through customization and democratization of technologies."

Addressing the challenges in universalization of digital health and enabling of equitable access to healthcare services across the world, particularly for low- and middle-income countries, the Health Minister added that "Aligned with the ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, India

provided Co-Win, E-sanjeevani, and Arogya Setu applications as digital public goods exemplifying our commitment to global health and our role in driving equitable access to critical health solutions".

Reiterating India's commitment towards Universal Health Coverage, the Health Minister cited digital interventions have become the foundations of many crucial health programs such as reproductive child healthcare, Ni-kshay, TB control program, integrated disease surveillance system, hospital information system among many others. He further added that India's adoption of digital health as a critical intervention from the onset of the pandemic became a defining juncture as it enabled healthcare services to a wide range of services with ease, reaching the innermost regions of the nation. Citing the examples of e-Sanjeevani, a tele-consultation platform which has crossed 100 million teleconsultations, the vaccine management drive achieving administration of more than 2.2 billion doses, and of Prime Minister Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) that provides health insurance to 500 million citizens free of cost in a cashless and paperless manner, Dr. Mandaviya emphasized that "implementation of digital technology has forever changed the dynamics of healthcare delivery".

"While Governments around the world are already making significant investments to leverage technology successfully to improve health outcomes, there is still a long way to go in order to achieve sustainable and scalable outcomes. India accordingly under its G20 Presidency has prioritized Digital Health as a specific priority in its Health Working Group namely- "Digital Health Innovation and Solutions to aid UHC and improve Healthcare Service Delivery". It aims to align, support, and converge efforts, investments and promotes the concept of digital public health goods to aid Uni-

versal Health Coverage", he further added.

Union Health Secretary, Shri Rajesh Bhushan explained various digital health solutions, which India has adopted during the pandemic - Arogya Setu, E-Sanjeevani, iGOT Digital platform and Co-WIN. He noted that digital health with its transforming potential can not only improve service delivery but can also help continuity of care across primary, secondary and tertiary levels through creation of longitudinal electronic health record of the citizens. "Digital Health interventions are supporting the acceleration of health transformation and have a huge potential for supporting Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The effective implementation of digital technologies in health can support in terms of establishing efficient, well-functioning health systems, and empowering patients", he added.

Accentuating the role of India in leading Global Digital Health Agenda, Shri Lav Aggarwal, Additional Secretary informed that India introduced World Health Assembly Resolution on Digital Health at its 71st session in Geneva which was successfully adopted by countries and spurred global action on the agenda of digital health. Post creation of a Department of Digital Health & Innovation at WHO, a Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-25 in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has also been developed, he informed.

Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO-SEARO applauded India's E-Sanjeevani, digital health solution which helped more than 100 million teleconsultations. She said that digital health solutions ensure democratisation of health services & innovations with specific focus on low and low-middle income countries (LMICs). She also suggested to establish digital health infrastructure, build on institutional platform and citizen-driven digital health ecosystem.

# PROCLAMATION

(Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)  
State of Manipur  
-vs-  
Mrs. Chingnou Tedim

Spl. T2 of 2022  
F.I.R. No. 28(4)1992 MRH-PS  
U/S 21 NDPS Act

To  
Officer-in-charge  
Moreh Police Station  
Manipur

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mrs. Chingnou Tedim (20), now aged about 50 years, w/o L. Rasit of Moreh Ward No. 8, MRH P.S., TPL district, Manipur has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Mrs. Chingnou Tedim cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mrs. Chingnou Tedim has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mrs. Chingnou Tedim (20) now aged about 50 years, is required to appear at Special Court NDPS, Fast Tract Court, Manipur before Special Judge, NDPS (FTC), Manipur to answer the said complaint on the day of 20.04.23'.

Dated, this day of 03. 03.03

Sd/-  
Alek Muivah  
Special Judge, NDPS (FTC), Manipur

# Sports Indian Archers Triumph with five gold at Asia Cup 2023

Agency  
Taoyuan (Chinese Taipei),  
Mar 20:

India's archers achieved a remarkable feat at the Asia Cup 2023 archery stage-1 world ranking tournament in Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei on 19 March. The Indian team secured an impressive haul of 10 medals, including five gold, four silver, and one bronze.

## Gold Rush for India

India dominated the men's recurve and compound, women's compound, recurve men's team, and compound women's team events, winning gold in all five categories. The junior men's recurve team of Pawan, Parth, and Rampal won the gold medal after defeating Saudi Arabia 5-2. In the compound women's team final, the Indian trio of Pragati, Preneet Kaur, and Aishwarya Sharma secured the gold medal with a 227-215 victory over Kazakhstan's Viktoriya Lyan, Adel Zhexenbinova, and Roxana Yunussova.

## Silver Linings

India also bagged silver medals in four categories, including the men's recurve and compound, women's compound, and compound men's team events. The bronze medal came in the compound mixed team event. On 17 March the Indian compound mixed team pair of Priyansh and Pragati clinched the bronze medal.

## Individual Events

In the recurve archery men's final, India's Rahul emerged victorious after beating compatriot Rampal Choudhary 6-2 for gold, while Rampal Choudhary settled for silver. In the individual compound event, Pragati won the gold medal by defeating Preneet Kaur in a tie-breaker.

In total, 16 Indian archers—eight men and eight women—competed at the Asia Cup 2023 Taoyuan. Apart from India, other countries including Australia, Chinese Taipei, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Philippines, and Saudi Arabia also participated in the tournament.

