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Armed forces to recruit en masse from Kerala soon

Alwin Benjamin Soji

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of Defence Thiruvananthapuram Monday, February announced the schedule for Combined Army Recruitment Rally which is to held at Greenfield Karyavattom Stadium, between February 26 and March 12.

The rally will be organised by the Army Recruiting Offices of Kozhikode and Thiruvananthapuram.

The Thiruvananthapuram office will conduct the rally for seven southern districts from February 26 to March 5: Thiruvananthapuram itself, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Idukki.

The Kozhikode office will: conduct the rally for seven northern districts from March: 6 to March 12: Thrissur, Malappuram, Palakkad, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargod.

The official Twitter handle of the PRO also said, "All candidates must produce a Covid-19 Free/Asymptomatic certificate and No Risk certificate when they report for the rally. Format has been attached in the Rally notification and has also been forwarded in the candidates' personal email."

Budget: Modi hails defence spending

Pavithra Prabhu

Central government . introduced reforms such as de-licensing de-regulation, promoted exports and foreign investment liberalisation for the defence sector, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a webinar on Monday, February 22, in an effort to emphasise his regimes claim that effective implementation of the Union budget provisions had taken place in the defence sector.

The Budget laid more emphasis on making India self-reliant in terms of manufacturing defence equipment and encouraging private sectors to take part in the development of the sector, he said.



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"In the defence capital budget, there is a reservation for domestic procurement. I request the private sector, not only in manufacturing but to move forward in designing and development as well," said the prime minister.

added, "With establishment of the Chief of Defence Staff post, bringing uniformity the procurement process, trial, testing and induction of equipment has become easy for all the three wings of the Army. In this year's budget, after a decade and a = half, in the defence sector, in capital outlay there has been a hike

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of 19 percent. After independence this is for the first time that participation of private sectors has been stressed upon."

There are 101 items which manufactured indigenously with the help of local industries. He said a

The Indian Medical

Association (IMA), in

a statement released

the effectiveness of Patanjali

Ayurved's as a medicine

timeline has been set so that our industries can plan to meet these requirements. "It is called a negative list in the official language but it is a positive list in the language of self-reliance. This is the positive list on which the country's manufacturing capacity is going to increase, it will generate employment, reduce India's dependence on foreign countries for our defence needs and guarantee the sale of indigenous products in India."

Modi also said the defence corridors that are being built in the country today will also help local entrepreneurs and local manufacturing. That is, today, self-sufficiency in the defence sector has to be seen as the empowerment of these two fronts - "Jawan as well as Naujawan".

Siddaramaiah bats for VTU students IMA slams 'blatant

Megha Bhattacherjee

¬ormer Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah on Monday, February 22, urged authorities to take action to protect the interests the students Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), who have been reportedly subjected to continuous exams to be conducted without holidays.

Members of the Karnataka unit of the National Students' Union Of India (NSUI) met Siddaramaiah on Monday to express concerns regarding



the issue after NSUI State General Secretary Manish G Raj wrote a letter to him requesting to direct VTU to issue a fresh time table for upcoming examination of second and third-year engineering students.

Gupta said, "The three days'

gap wasn't demanded based on last-minute hustle from l students or any kind of irresponsibility from anyone Arakkal Shada Amina demanding the gap. The demand is extremely legitimate. The students have not appeared for offline exams for over a year. A lot i on Monday, February 22, of them could not access rejected the claims made by online classes because all Patanjali Ayurved regarding students do not belong to the socio-economic stratum. Now, to give exams without any gap, especially for technical subjects like: engineering, is an injustice

against Covid-19. The IMA also questioned Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan's presence during for the students." the launch of the medicine, saying in the statement that it was "a shame" on the part of minister.

> Patanjali Ayurved, founded by Ramdey, launched the "Coronil kit" on February 19 Nitin Gadkari.

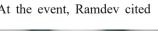
a research paper that claimed Coronil was the "first evidence-based medicine for Covid-19."

The IMA statement noted that Ramdev also claimed Coronil, an ayurvedic medicine, had received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) as well certification from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

WHO's South-East Asia Twitter handle subsequently said on the platform: "WHO has not reviewed or certified the effectiveness of any traditional medicine for the treatment" of Covid-19.

The IMA also said the country needs an explanation from the health minister, who is a doctor of modern medicine, for his actions.

in the presence of Vardhan and his Cabinet colleague At the event, Ramdev cited





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SJC conservation club gears up for Neerathon

Athul Krishna

CAMPUS: "It is amazing that the youth is stepping u to take care of the wildlife," said Prem Koshy, the managing director of Koshy's Cafe, at the launch of fourth edition of Neerathon on Saturday, February 20, a marathon conducted by the Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) to raise awareness about water and wildlife conservation. Neerathon is an annual marathon conducted by WACC with the motto of

"run for the cause of water."



Neerathon 4.0 launch

Neerathon 4.0, launched by Prem Koshy, saw WACC office-bearers take oath.

"Neerathon is conducted to preserve water and to spread its awareness among the

public. In the fourth edition of Neerathon, we are expecting more people to realise its cause and to show their active participation in the event," said WACC Vice-

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President Moses Jayakumar. Anivitha, the convener of Neerathon, said, "As students, the crowd or resources that we can access is very less when compared to movements initiated by someone famous. But still we are trying our best to bring this event something useful to raise awareness among the public on water conservation."

As a part of Neerathon's launch, WACC members performed a flashmob on Church Street on the day of launch.

This year's Neerathon is going to take place on Sunday, March 14.