



ICMR launches drone delivery of Covid vaccines in Mokokchung district

The aim of this pilot project is to study the feasibility of drone technology in the delivery of medical supplies in hilly and remote areas of the country.

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The Indian Medical Council of Medical Research (ICMR), on December 14, formally launched i-drone, as part of drone resource and outreach activity, from Mokokchung chief medical officer's office to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Longsa village, Nagaland.

During the launch, it was observed that the use of drones makes delivery of medicines reach one point from the other (approximately 30 km) in just 8 minutes, which otherwise takes around an hour.

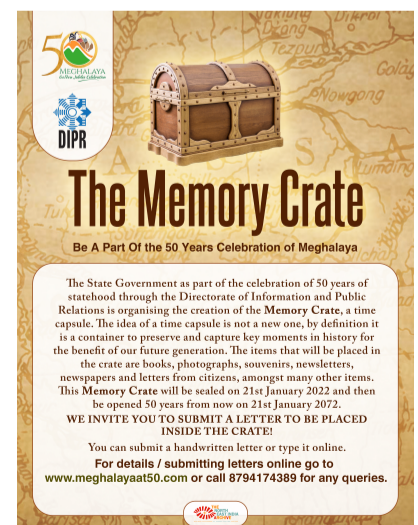
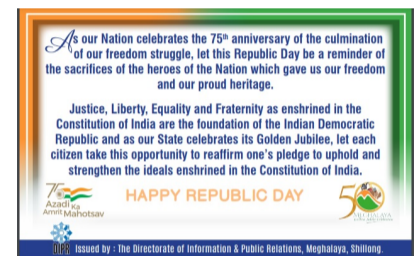
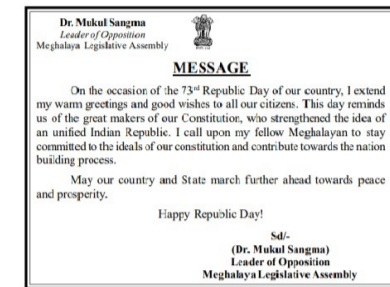
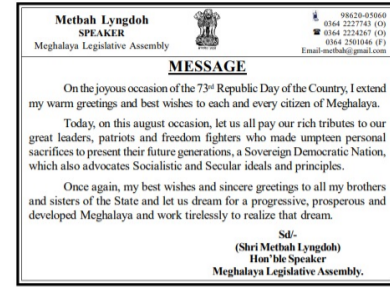
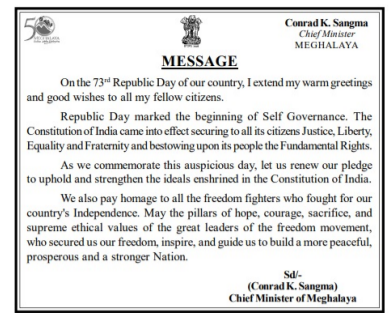
Given the hurdles to reach remote villages and hilly areas in the country, the ICMR has taken this initiative to implement drone service to counter the challenges in vaccine delivery, based on suggestions by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and two districts of Nagaland—Mokokchung and Tuensang are the only three states that were chosen for this pilot project.

The launch was also attended by Limawapang Jamir, Mokokchung deputy commissioner, Aotula Imchen, the superintendent of police and Dr Kibangkumba, deputy chief medical officer.

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