

KCP leader Poirei Meitei arrested

IT News
Imphal, Jan 12: Commander-in-Chief of KCP Poirei Meitei Lup, Khoirom Ranjit @ Rocky @ Great Macha was arrested along with a woman. Agency's report said that the KCP Poirei Meitei Lup leader was arrested from Mayur Vihar, new Delhi on Thursday. Delhi Police statement said that "One Khoirom Ranjit, Commander-in-Chief of KCP Poirei Meitei cadre, along with one woman have been arrested from Mayur Vihar." The Delhi Police statement said that Khoirom Ranjit is wanted on various cases in Manipur. Imphal Times had earlier reported that two top cadre of a KCP group was arrested along with a woman from Kathmandu in Nepal on Saturday. However identity of the leader could not be confirmed at the moment.

Rs. 500 Notes, Blank On One Side, From an ATM In MP

NDTV
Khargone, Jan 12: An ATM in a Madhya Pradesh village was found to be dispensing blank 500-rupee notes. This comes days after farmer in Madhya Pradesh had received 2,000-rupee notes from his bank without Mahatma Gandhi's image on the flip side of the note. On Tuesday night, Hemant Soni from Segao village in Khargone district used his card to withdraw Rs. 1,500 from an ATM machine of a public sector bank. Out of the three 500-rupee notes that the ATM machine dispensed, two were blank on one side. Mr Soni registered a complaint of the misprinted currency yesterday with the concerned bank officials, who subsequently replaced his notes with new ones. The bank officials clarified that the blank notes were received as is from the Reserve Bank of India. "We have changed these 'misprinted' currency notes after the consumer's complaint. We are now checking the currency notes before loading them into the ATMs," the deputy manager of the bank's Sabji Mandi main branch told news agency PTI. "This is a printing mistake," he added.

State government worries on shortage of food grains

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Imphal, Jan 12: UNC's prolonged economic blockade in both National High ways connecting the mainland has given serious blow to the state government. As per official report, the UNC's economic blockade has entered 75 days and the transportation of food grains and petroleum products has been disturbed by UNC supporters in the last 77 days if counted the 2 days shut down in the highways. In a letter written to the Chairman and Managing

director of FCI, Chief Secretary of Manipur has stated that following the blockade on National Highways, transportation of food grains and petroleum products has become erratic and FCI stocks in the godown are heavily depleted and expressed apprehension of additional burden of food scarcity in the state if the monthly supplies of food grains and petroleum product from outside the state may stopped due to the failure of transportation.

Right at the moment movement of trucks along the highways are being done under heavy security force and transporters are reported to be reluctant in ferrying goods due to the risk factor. The state government knowing the consequences if the trucks failed to ferry goods, had requested the FCI Chairman to instruct the FCI authority here in Imphal to induct 80 trucks in every convoy between Imphal to Jiribam for transportation of food grains in the state.

Now all ranks in state force and CPF in Manipur are directly supervise by ECI

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Imphal, Jan 12: All ranks of state police including the DGP of Manipur and the central police force deployed for conduct of 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election scheduled to hold on March 4 and March 8 are now under the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission of India. An

order has been issued by the Chief Secretary of Manipur regarding the matter. As per the order, the designated officers are to be under the control, superintendence and discipline of the ECI as per Section 28 A of the Representation of People Act, 1951. The order will remain applicable till the completion of the 11th Manipur Legislative

Assembly election. Following the order the Chief Election Officer, Manipur is now directly supervising the State police as well as the Central police force that had been deployed in the state in connection with the upcoming state assembly election. "The provision is to ensure free and fair election in the state", said an official of the CEO Manipur.

Cold wave intensifies in North India

New Delhi, Jan 12: The northern plains are today in the grip of a piercing cold wave with the minimum temperature in many places in Punjab and Haryana dipping below the freezing point. Narnaul in Haryana was shivering at minus 0.5 degrees Celsius while Amritsar and Adampur in

Punjab experience bone chilling cold conditions at 0.9 degrees Celsius and minus 0.1 degrees Celsius. The residents in Union Territory of Chandigarh also reeled under piercing chill at a low of 3.7 degrees Celsius. Delhiites woke up to the coldest day of the season with the mercury

plummeting to 2 degrees Celsius in parts of the national capital. A Met official said, Chilly winds continued to make inclement weather more difficult for people, even as poor visibility in the morning affected rail services. Flight services, however, were not affected as such.

Blessing ceremony of Manipuri feature Film Shamjabee held

IT News
Thoubal, Jan.12: The blessing ceremony of Manipuri feature film "SHAMJABEE", the 4th film production of Tribeni Film Production was held today at Memorial Modal Academy, Yairipok.

Mahurat of SHAMJABEE was attended by K. Meghachandra, Parliamentary Secretary and T.Bikomdash Meitei, Di/CDO Zone-III Thoubal as chief guest and president respectively. P.Praphullo @ Paojel, President IS TV attended the function as guest of honour.

The film is a romantic and



family drama with Gokul Athokpam, Bala, Arina and Prameshori as the main cast. The film also have senior actors Edhou, Shyamdhani, Lalitabi and Memma in the supporting acts including Ratan Lai, Surjit Saikhom,

Happy Rajen, Medha and Rima. Premkumar Paonam will give the direction of the film Shamjabee. Story and Dialogue of the film will also be done by him, Screenplay, Feeroj and Producer, Taibi Letongbam.

Is Jana Gana Mana our national anthem? PMO gives no info in RTI

Hardik Anand
Courtesy: Hindustan Times, Rohtak, Jan 12: The Central Information Commission (CIC) has pulled up Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Union ministry of environment and forests (MoEF) for not giving any information on the certifications of Jana Gana Mana as our national anthem and Vande Mataram as national song, raising doubts whether the Union government has any records about the two songs.

Deciding on appeal of a Gurgaon-based RTI activist, the commission has directed the PMO to initiate fresh efforts to find out the historical facts about Jana Gana Mana and Vande Mataram, and the status accorded to them to place facts before the nation to

dispel widespread misnomers about them in larger public interest.

The CIC stated that the PMO's response of not giving information was not proper and legal, and it breached the right to information of people. The decision states that it was imperative for the GoI, especially PMO and MoEF to gather the historical evidence to explain the significance of the national anthem, national song, national animal, bird and flower, besides the national game.

"If such information is authentically collected, researched and presented, it will go a long way to restore people's respect towards the 'nationalism' and to remove the misnomers. This will instil real patriotism," the judgement stated.

The Supreme Court had recently made it imperative to honour the national anthem, making it a punishable offence for not standing when it is played in movie theatres.

However, the CIC, tracing several media reports and information on social media, noted that there was misunderstanding among the people about Jana Gana Mana and Vande Mataram, and the nation needed authentic information about their national song and national anthem.

"Before punishing the people for not standing/respecting the national anthem, they should be informed of its greatness," the judgement given by M Sridhar Acharyulu, CIC, said.

The information commissioner also said there was spurt of transfers of the RTI applications, reflecting red tapism, shirking and washing off hands from responsibility, "which are biggest obstructions to the access of information." The commission also directed MoEF to give complete information about national status accorded to animal, bird and flower within two months to the appellant.

BJP issues its first list of candidates for Punjab, Goa Assembly elections next month

AIR
New Delhi, Jan. 12: BJP today released the first list of candidates for the upcoming assembly polls in Goa and Punjab. Briefing media in New Delhi today, Secretary of Party's Central Election Committee, Jagat Prakash Nadda announced names of 29 candidates for Goa and 17 for Punjab. He said, Goa Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsarke will contest from Mandrem. Sitting MLAs and Ministers in Goa Francis Dsouza will

contest from Mapusa, Dayanand Madrekar from Siolim, Alina Saldanha from Cortalim and Rajendra Arlekar from Pernem. In Punjab, party has fielded its sitting MLA Dinesh Singh Babbar from Sujanpur, Seema Kumari from Bhoo, Ashwani Sharma from Pathankot, KD Bhandari from Jalandhar North and Sukhjeet Kaur Sahi from Dasuya. The Party also announced Dr Sardar Rajendra Mohan Chhina for Amritsar Lok Sabha by poll.

In a first, Air India to reserve seats for women passengers

Business Standard
New Delhi, Jan. 12: With an intention to ensure the safety of woman passengers, national carrier Air India will reserve two rows or six seats for female commuters. Air India will soon provide the facility to woman passengers travelling alone without any extra charges, a report published in The Hindu said. "We will be reserving the third row — six seats — in the economy class of the aircraft for female passengers travelling

alone," Air India general manager-revenue management Meenakshi Malik told The Hindu. Air India has taken the decision after a flyer reportedly groped a woman co-passenger on-board in the carrier's Mumbai-Newark flight late last month. Apparently, a business class flyer changed his seat to sit next to a female passenger in the economy class and allegedly groped her when she was asleep. Interestingly, no other airlines company in the world provides any

special privilege for women passengers. However, in Indian Railways, both local and long-distance trains, metros and buses such facilities are provided to female commuters. Experts are not happy with the decision of Air India as they feel that this move is impractical. After being labelled as the world's third-worst performing airline by flight data firm FlightStats, Air India is taking measures to remove the smudge on its reputation.

Facebook Journalism Project introduced with new formats for publishers and measures to curb fake news

By tech2 News Staff

The Facebook Journalism Project is an initiative to establish stronger ties between Facebook and the news industry. Facebook is in the process of testing and introducing new content formats for publishers, is deploying training and tools for journalists, and taking measures to reduce fake news. Live is real-time streaming of video content, similar to news shows on television. 360 is taken to mean immersive virtual reality experiences that people can consume through headsets, or using inputs to look around on flat screens. Facebook recently introduced Live 360 videos, with National Geographic being the partner. Instant articles are predominantly written content with multimedia embeds, that are served directly from Facebook itself, without redirecting

to the web site of the publisher.

Live, 360, and instant articles are some of the formats for presenting news that publishers have liked so far. Facebook is introducing additional formats by testing them with select publishers. Packages of stories are being tested, where several instant news articles are presented at once. Hindustan Times and Indianiatives are Indian news organisations participating in the initial testing period. The finer details of how best this presentation should occur is being worked out. Users should start seeing packages of instant articles in their news feeds, from predominant publishers.

Facebook is collaborating with news organisations around the world to figure out exactly how several instant articles can be presented at once. One of the planned ways of doing

this is to package several stories together under a cover image. Users are presented with the cover image, and when tapped, they can slide horizontally for swiping between stories, or scroll vertically to read each individual story. Facebook is looking to partner with more news organisations to develop the necessary presentation formats.

Facebook Live is getting an update where page owners can designate certain contributors to go Live from their handsets. This does not compromise the security of the page, but still allows contributors to go Live on behalf of the page. There is a plan to roll out all the features available to pages, to individual end users as well. Facebook has provided instructions on how to set up contributors that can go live on a page.