

## PM pays tributes

**New Delhi, Dec 3:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has paid tributes to the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, on his birth anniversary. "I bow to Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his birth anniversary. Our nation owes a lot to him for his inspiring leadership at a crucial time", the Prime Minister said.

## PREPAK claims

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 3:** Proscribed group Peoples Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) has calimed responsibility to the placing of the hand grenade to the residence of Angomjambam Nandini (41 years) wife of Koijam Sanjoy @ Bale at Sagolband Nepra Major Leikai in Imphal West on December 1.

In a press statement issued to media houses, signed by one Achouba, Publicity Officer, dept. of Publicity & Propaganda, PREPAK, the outfit said that Nandini along with her husband Bale, who hails from Keiyamgei Mamang had collected huge amount of Party fund and misappropriated the fund. The outfit had earlier wanted the husband and wife to return the party fund amounting to Rs. 35,00,000/- at which they collected in the name of the party. The statement further added that locality of A Nandini know how the souse had bought a flat in Bangalore some years back. It said Nandini and her husband along with her mother Premilla has been staying at the Bangalore Flat. The statement further appealed the family to live a peaceful live by returning back all amount belongs to the PREPAK. It also appealed to all those persons stated through media on June 24, 2016 to submit those money to the party at the earliest possible time or face serious consequences.

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## Manipur Guv' launches new programme to promote climate change reporting in Northeast

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 3:** Dr Najma Heptulla, governor of Manipur, has emphasized the role of media in spreading awareness about impacts of climate change and the need for adaptation in the northeastern region.

The governor was inaugurating a three-day media workshop on climate change reporting in the state capital on Saturday, as part of the media sensitization initiative in the northeast jointly launched by the Indian Himalayas Climate Adaptation Programme (IHCAP) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Centre for Media Studies (CMS).

The governor said "while scientists have been working on different aspects of climate change and state governments are preparing plans for adaptation, media has a powerful role in generating awareness and motivating communities at the local level."

Expressing concern over degradation of the Loktak lake,



Dr Heptulla announced that she would soon be launching a programme to involve children in regeneration of the wetland.

Media persons, both in print and electronic, should focus more on impact on climate change on remote, vulnerable communities, Dr Heptulla said. They should also highlight case studies of success at local level which do not find much space or not adequately

covered. The governor also released a manual titled "Himalayas, Climate Change and the Media" on the occasion. State Environment Minister I Hemochandra said Manipur has taken a lead in the country to meet the challenge of climate change. Manipur was among the few states in the country to have formulated action plan on climate change and to have

initiated action to implement the same.

The Indian Himalayan Region is one of the most vulnerable mountain systems in the world. If effective measures are taken in time, experts believe it may be possible to prevent further degradation of the ecosystem. "Through this programme, we are trying to trigger interest in climate change, its impacts on sustainability, livelihood issues and adaptation stories among journalists, editors and media houses in the region and thereby among the masses," noted Dr Shirish Sinha, deputy director of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

P N Vasanti, director general, CMS, said "the challenge before journalists reporting on climate change is to connect changes occurring at the local level with larger global climate science and policies. We need to build this capacity among interested journalists." She mentioned that CMS Vatavatan film festival has been trying to spread awareness about environment through films.

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## Demonetization impact MLAs, Ministers and top State BJP leaders seems no worry, but common people suffers

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 3:** Survey conducted by various agencies have suggested 70% support to the move for demonetization of Rs.500 and Rs. 1000 denomination and the support are mostly from people living under poverty line. However, these common people who supported the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bold move are the most suffered communities as most of their days are spent waiting in queue in front of ATM and Banks to get just Rs. 2000 or Rs 4000 even after 23 days.

However according to eye witness no Bureaucrats or MLAs or Ministers are seen waiting in queue as they are having other means to exchange their old denominations especially in the state of Manipur. Source from the Bankers said that over Rs. 600 thousands crores mostly in Rs. 2000 denominations mixed

with Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 denominations had reached Imphal. However, common people demand smaller denominations at which banks denied to give. This reporter witnesses the bank denying payment of check for Rs. 3,900/- at a branch office of Vijaya bank here in Imphal on the ground that they don't have smaller denomination of Rs. 100 or 500.

But either the smaller denominations or the Rs. 500 denomination are seen abundantly available with the Ministers', MLAs or aspirant candidates workers.

Some of the consumers still wander how the smaller denominations as well as the new denominations are abundant with some people when many have to left their day today duty to get just Rs. 2000 per day which is hard to maintain a bigger family with the price of essential commodities skyrocketing due to the prolong economic blockade.

"Yeah its only us which is affected, not the big people", a bank consumer said while talking to this reporter in front of SBI bank MG Avenue.

## Retired Major General of Army, Somnath Jha, VSM paid floral tribute to the fallen heroes of Indian Army

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 3:** On his cycling expedition to pay homage to fallen heroes of Army, Retired Major General of Army, Somnath Jha, VSM has paid homage to the fallen heroes today at Indian Army War Cemetery, Hatta, Minuthong after reaching Imphal.

Speaking to the media persons, retired Major General said that his aim and objective for cycling expedition is to pay homage to the fallen soldiers going and passing through all the 29 States of the Country as each and every soldier comes from every corner of the country.

Somnath Jha also said that on his cycling expedition he plan to complete the entire state of

North-East, the 7 Sisters travelling to Dimapur from Imphal than Silcher, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya and Gwahati. After cycling the 7 sisters of North East, the journey will continue through North Bengal, Jharkhand and so on, he added.

Somnath Jha further said that the cycling expedition is more than 12000 kms long journey which will last rest at New Delhi at Amar Jawan Jyoti (India Gate) by the late of April, 2017.

Somnath Jha was accompanied by some local cycling club of Imphal based on his journey reaching Imphal. In his 37 years of service in the Army, Somnath Jha said that he have visited Manipur

on his duty but have not been posted apart from some nearby state of NE like Jorhat. Somnath Jha retired after 37 years of service from the Army on 30th September, 2016 and right after his retirement, began his cycling expedition on October 19, 2016 from Ambala Cantonment (his final post where he retired from his service) and till date, more than 2400 kms long journey has travelled through cycle. Somnath Jha was felicitated by the members of Sainik School Imphal Alumna Association at Indian Army War Cemetery, Hatta, Minuthong where he pay homage to the fallen soldiers of the Army with garland and 2 minutes silenced.

## MSF Advisors seriously injured in attack; Govt. polytechnic students assaulted

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 3:** Advisor of the Manipuri Students' Federations (MSF) MD Sherajuddin was seriously injured after students of the Govt. Polytechnic College Takyel assaulted him yesterday evening.

Report reaching here said that a team of MSF volunteers led by Sherajuddin, who is also former president of the students' body yesterday went to the Govt. Polytechnic hostel at around 10 am to check anti-social activities reported to have been committed inside the hostel premise. The team went at around 10 pm as such anti social activities are reported to have been carried out by some persons after indulging themselves in intoxicants drugs and alcohol. Soon after the

MSF team led by Sherajuddin reached the spot some people attack them using deadly weapons. The MSF volunteers too retaliated and the scuffle took place for some minutes at which Serajuddin sustain serious injury. Some of the volunteers too sustain injury. Sherajuddin is presently undergoing treatment at Shija Hospital and Research Centre, Langol.

Meanwhile, a group of people today came to the Govt. Polytechnic hostel and assaulted some of the students at around 12 noon. Report said that those people came in motor bike and four wheeler vehicles. Some students are reportedly injured in the attack. Identities of those injured could not be known at the moment.

## Indonesian police plane missing with 13 on board

**The Hindu**  
**Jakarta, Dec 3:** An Indonesian police plane with 13 people on board lost contact during a flight on Saturday to the island of Batam near Singapore, authorities said.

The plane, with five crew members and eight passengers, dropped out of contact mid-morning about 50 minutes after taking off from Bangka Island off the southeast coast of Sumatra island, a police statement said.

National Search and Rescue Agency chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo said rescuers were searching seas between Mensanak and Sebangka islands.

## Manipur observes Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities-2016 observed Disability is not a crime; without them the world is incomplete- says resource person

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 3:** Handicapped Development Foundation (HDF), Manipur; Welfare Association for the Blind, SAKSHAM Manipur Prant in collaboration with Manipur State Legal Services Authority, Manipur have jointly observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities-2016 under the theme 'Achieving 17 Goals for the Future we want' at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhun here today. The function was attended by Dr RK Kumarjit Singh, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Manipur; Dr K Sobita Devi,

Chairperson, Manipur State Commission for Women; Wangkhemcha Shamjai, President, All Manipur Working Journalist Union; Thangjam Sarat, Vice-President, SAKSHAM, Manipur Prant and Y Brajamohon, President, Welfare Association for the Blind as presidium members.

Delivering the key note address of the observance, Dr Sapam Jasowanta, Secretary General of Handicapped Development Foundation, Manipur said that the day is being observed across the globe as the UN General Assembly had declared the 3rd of December as International



Day of Persons with Disabilities in the year 1992. According to record, said Dr Sapam Jasowanta the differently abled persons consist 15 percent of the world population. However, the group is still the most inferior and minority. The people need to know the problems being

face by persons with disabilities and extend support in addressing the hurdles in the life of differently abled persons in their lives.

Senior Advocate, Daniel, who attend the observance function as resource person said that disability is not a choice of anyone and not a

crime; without disability the world is incomplete. All the people in the world were sent by the God for common good and we should enjoy our lives at the fullest.

Government and various departments provide assistances for special and disabled persons, however due to lack of education among the disabled persons, the community is able to enjoy the opportunities provided for them, said the resource person while appealing all the disable people to think positive and lead a happy life.

There is always a way, if we really want to do something. Disable people should never

think that they are incapable and incompetent. They should dream for bigger things instead of spending their valuable time in disappointment, Daniel said. He also mentioned that government and concerned department should also provide skills to unskilled disabled person for the betterment of the community and at the same time proper employment opportunity should be created.

As part of the observance, the dignitaries also handed over the post metric scholarship for persons with disabilities to all the beneficiaries.