

JFA condemns murder of scribe in central India

IT News
Guwahati, Oct 22: Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) has strongly condemned the repeated murder of scribes in the country and urged the Union government in New Delhi to formulate a strict policy to safeguard the media persons. The scribe's forum expressed shock that one more journalist (Rajesh Mishra from Uttar Pradesh) was killed on Saturday to erode India's journo-murder index. Media reports from Lucknow

confirmed that journalist Mishra (40), who used to work for Damik Jagaran, was shot dead by three motorcycle-borne gunmen at Kailash Nagar locality of Gazipur district yesterday. With the assassination of Mishra, who was inclined to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, India has lost nine journalists in ten months of the year. The largest democracy in the globe witnessed three shocking news of journo-murders in the last month, which ignited widespread protests across the country. The string of journo-killings began with Hari Prakash (killed on January 2) and the trend continued with the murders of Rajesh Kumar Singh (January 3), Shyam Sharma (May 15), Kamlesh Jain (May 31), Surender Singh Rana (July 29), Gauri Lankesh (September 5), Shantanu Bhowmik (September 20) and KJ Singh

(September 23). India is ranked 136th among 180 countries in its RSF's World Press Freedom Index (2017), which is just ahead of its neighbors Pakistan (139th), Sri Lanka (141) and Bangladesh (146). Norway topped the list where India's neighbors including Bhutan (84), Nepal (100), Maldives (117), Afghanistan (120), Burma (131) etc are ahead of it. One party ruled North Korea (180) is at the bottom of the list, where Vietnam and China were placed at 175th and 176th positions respectively. "India as a nation loses around five journalists to assassinations irrespective of any political party regime in New Delhi or other provinces. Statistics reveal that we lost six journalists to perpetrators in 2016, which was preceded by five cases in 2015. We witnessed murders of two scribes in 2014, but the year 2013 reported as many as 11 journalists' murders," said a statement issued by the JFA.

Gold falls to Rs 30,650

Agency
New Delhi, Oct 22: Gold fell 100 rupees, to 30,650 rupees per ten grams at Delhi's bullion market, today, on weak demand from jewellers. But silver gained 50 rupees, to 40,850 rupees per kilo on scattered enquiries from industrial units. Silver coins remained unchanged, at 74,000 rupees for buying 100 pieces.

Constable recruitment appeared candidates protest

IT News
Imphal Oct 22: Around 100 numbers of candidates who had appeared in the All Manipur Police Constable Male recruitment test 2016 today thronged to the Chief Minister bungalow at around 1pm. The candidates demanded immediate declaration of the recruitment test.

No Night Plaza today

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Imphal, Oct 22: Imphal Evenings or Night Plaza today will remain close, the October 22, 2017 due to bad weather said a notice issued by Joint Director of MAHUD. The notice also said that no stall fee will be charge for today. On the other hand, the cabinet meeting which was scheduled to be held tomorrow at Tamenglong District Head Quarters has also been postponed due to the bad weather condition.

Elephant killed Mahut

IT News
Imphal, Oct 22: An elephant used in timber logging killed its Mahut (elephant keeper). The incident took place on the evening of October 20, 2017 at Bakie Village also known as Yangkhullen in Senapati District when the elephant turn rouge and killed a mahut (elephant keeper). Report receive here says that the dead body of the Mahut

(elephant keeper) has been taken to his native place in Assam. It is also reported that villagers cannot move out and the children cannot go to school. A team of Manipur Forest Dept and the Assam Wildlife Trust of India with tranquilizer gun is on the way to Yangkhullen Village to take control of the situation.

Locals repaired Singjamei Tekhaopat river bank

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Imphal, Oct 22: Locals of Singjamei Tekhaopat / Sapam Leikai road near Singjamei Bridge today repaired the river bank of Imphal River of the area as the condition of the bank worsens due to the recent non-stop rain in the region. The river bank collapsed today early morning due to the torrential rain. The residents of the area came out since early morning today to repair the collapsed river banks as the water level of Imphal River rises above warning level. Speaking to the media persons, S Devan, General Secretary of SEDO said that the road of the river bank has already collapse

last week and the worst damage was witness today since early morning. Many inconveniences have been facing by the locals and the peoples due to the unavailability of proper retaining wall and road, he added. Devan also said that despite their repeated request to the concern, no action has been taken up till date. Concern department need to look into the matter at the earliest to avoid further damage, he added. Yumnam Joybala, wife of Speaker Yumnam Khemchand representing her husband, inspected the damage site as

speaker was out of town. She assured that necessary steps and helps will be provided once speaker reaches Imphal. Three ward members and many locals of the area are providing their necessary help to repair the collapse river bank of Singjamei Tekhaopat. Meanwhile, many areas in the state has also been hit by flash flood, roads have been submerged under water due to the non-stop in the last few days. Most of the major rivers in the state are running above danger level. If rains continue to pour, there is a big possibility of heavy flash flood.

200th Birth Anniversary of Baha 'U' Llah

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Imphal, Oct 22: 200th Birth Anniversary of Baha 'U' Llah was celebrated today under the theme "the earth is but one country and mankind its citizens" at GM Hall, Imphal. The celebration is organised by The Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Imphal. Speaking as chief guest of the closing ceremony of the occasion, L. Jayentakumar, Art and Culture Minister said that every religion has its own beauty and unity and love and

other main principles of each religion. Jayentakumar also said that no religion in the world teaches hatred, all religions teach to avoid jealousy and stay united at all the times. No one will live a immortal live, one day we all have to die and during that live if we can contribute something, even if its small, to our society, our future generation will remember the present generation, he added. Jayentakumar further said that

if we don't have good spiritual, life will be meaningless no matter how rich, money and power we have, something will remain incomplete. Professor N Khagendra, Vice Chancellor of Cultural University of Manipur; Dr. Th. Meina, Member of Parliament and Ngangom Nabakumar, members of The Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Imphal and its members attended the closing ceremony.

Peace will bring development to our society: Minister Biswajit

Imphal, Oct 22: Peace will bring development to our society, said Works Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh yesterday. He said Manipur is a place where several communities reside together, and development is possible only if there is peace. The Minister was addressing the 24th Eikhoigai Iche-Ichalsingbu Ningshingba Numit "Ningol Chak-Kouba" at the Iboiyama Sumang Leela Shanglein, Palace Compound.

Urging the people to be united, the Minister said we can find peace only when we understand and respect each other. Minister Biswajit also greeted the women folk from more than 20 different communities attending the function and



wished them joy and happiness. The function was organised by the All Manipur Ethnical Socio-Cultural Organisation along with the Naath Kanba Lup, Manipur State Shumang Leela Council and All Manipur Arts and Culture Students'

Union. Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Minister Karam Shyam also attended the function. A feast was also held as part of the function. Community leaders and womenfolk from more than 20 communities attended the function.

Indian women bag silver in Archery World Championships

Lily Chanu causes major upset with win over Sara Lopez

PTI
Mexico, Oct 22: The Indian women's compound team has bagged a silver medal after losing to Colombian rivals in the World Archery Championships. Eyeing India's first ever gold medal, Trisha Deb, Lily Chanu Paanam and Jyothi Surekha Vennam went down 228-234 to the fourth seeded Colombian team of world record holder Sara Lopez, Alejandra Usquiano and Nora Valdez in the final played yesterday. This was India's fifth medal at the World Championships and all of them have been silver. It was also the first time India won any medal in the compound team archery section at the World Championships. Colombia, who landed only six arrows out of the 10-ring, took a three-point lead, 58-55, after the first six arrows and never let go to win their second ever world archery title. Korea, represented by Song Yun Soo, So Chaewon and Choi Bomin, took bronze beating Germany 235-227.

At the World Archery Championship in Mexico City, India's Lily Chanu Paanam shocked World Number 12 player Sara Lopez. This huge upset occurred in the second round of the competition. Lopez scored just 140 points, well below her average, while Lily Chanu Paanam managed a score of 141. The Archery World Championship went ahead on schedule despite 2 devastating earthquakes that rocked the city. In the men's compound event, South Africa's Patrick Roux failed to build on an impressive qualification score yesterday. He posted his personal best international score over the 50-metres ranking round with 710 points during qualification to claim the 10th seed. However, during today's action, he was beaten by Spain's Alberto Blazquez 147-146 in round two. The only unseeded man to out-shoot Roux in the qualifiers and not receive a bye today was



Netherlands' Mike Schloesser. He was eliminated by compatriot Peter Elzinga, who scored 10 to Schloesser's nine in the shoot-off following a 145-145 tie. Lopez has won numerous accolades in her career as an archer. Compared to her, Chanu Paanam has only won 3 major competitions, so Lily's feat is far more incredulous. Lily Chanu started archery in 2003 and made her international debut in 2012. Lopez said "Reo Wilde once told me, you can't win every time. The ambitions I had to win these championships

were so big, they beat me. Even if I accomplished most of the goals I had this year, this one just slipped away. But it's good that it happened like this — because it gives me the chance to keep fighting for something." Including this win, Lily Chanu Paanam has a total of 16 wins and a win percentage of 46%. Lopez on the other hand has 87 wins with a win percentage of 84%. Neither player has been on the Olympic stage yet. Lily Chanu Paanam now advances into the round of 32 while Lopez is left to contemplate on her close loss. In the World Archery rankings, Lily is ranked 53rd while Lopez is seeded 12th. Lily's next opponent, Denmark's Tanja Jensen, who is ranked 9th, poses a completely different challenge for her altogether. Archery is a competition where accuracy matters, one millimeter could make all the difference in a game. As seen in the score, Lopez lost the match by a single point.

Indian pugilists clinch eight medals at 'Balkan' International Boxing Championship

Bulgaria, October 22: India's young women boxers packed a mighty punch once again, claiming 8 medals, including 4 gold, in the 'Balkan' International Boxing Championship at Sofia and emerged as the most successful country in fray. The week-long tournament, that was hand-picked for preparing the Indian women for the prestigious AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championship in Guwahati from November 19 - 26, saw India's top 10 youth women's boxers compete with 49 others from 13 different countries "I want to congratulate the

Indian contingent for yet another good show. This shows that we are on the right track for the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championship that we are hosting next month," Ajay Singh, President of the BFI, said, congratulating the young guns. Netu (48 kg) began the gold charge, outclassing Emi-Mari Todorova of Bulgaria 5-0; Shashi (57 kgs) got the better of Italian Giordana Sorrentino for the country's second gold. In the 54-kg summit clash, the referee stopped the contest in Round two against Biancamaria Tessari of Italy to hand Sakshi

the third gold; Neha Yadav (+81 kgs), then, beat Adrienne Juhasz of Hungary 3-2 for the fourth gold medal. Ankushita (64kg), however, lost out to Rebecca Nicolo of Italy to settle for the silver. Joy Kumari (51kg), Anupama (+81 kgs) and Sapna (75 kgs) narrowly tumbled out in the semifinal rounds to pick up a bronze each. Italy, Hungary, England, Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Poland, Sweden, Kosovo, Canada, Kazakhstan and Albania participated in the championship, making the 8-medal haul that much more impressive.