

‘AMCTA team arrived Imphal after attending AIFUCTO Academic Conference’

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The 31st AIFUCTO (All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisations) Academic Conference held at Kanyakumari from 23rd to 25th November, 2018 concluded with a grand success. A team of AMCTA composed of 31 members including 5 guests attended the same and arrived Imphal today.



The theme of Conference was "Towards Scientific and Equitable Education for All". As a part of the conference a National Seminar on Education India at Crossroads : A Critical Review" was also held, nine (9) delegates from different colleges of Manipur had presented their papers on different topics. Prof M, Lokendro Singh, President AMCTA & Zonal Secretary AIFUCTO placed his views in the conference during its business session and also highlighted the issues and problems faced by the college teachers in Manipur.

The conference notes with deep concern the : Aggressive pursuit of reforms dictated by Neo-liberal policies of the central government across all sectors including education in general and higher education in particular; Deepening of privatization and commercialization starting with self financing Institutions, autonomous colleges, private Universities and special education zones, most recent being regulations on Graded Autonomy and the Institutions of Eminence; Public funded

Institutions, especially colleges, are deprived of crucial infrastructure funds from RUSA, as NAAC accreditation is mandatory-only Rs.2233 crores (43% of sanctioned Central share) was distributed by RUSA, at the end of 12th plan; Cutting down the central assistance to 50% for 39 months instead of 80% for 60 months has adversely affected uniform and simultaneous implementation of 7th UGC Pay revision in all the states etc along with others.

The conference resolves to build a strong democratic movement of teachers for demanding the following :

a. 10% of the GDP should be allocated for education in view of the expansion of Higher Education in the country and for strengthening the public funded education system. That should not be any kind cut in the budgetary allocation for education. b. The centre must provide 100% assistance to the states for uniform and the simultaneous implementation of 7th UGC Pay scales across the country. c. The Ad-hoc/part time contractual/block grant teachers should be given pay scale on regular basis with service conditions on

the principal of equal pay for equal work as per the judgments of the apex court.

d. The new pension scheme should be rejected and the old pension scheme should be implemented to provide social security to the employees after retirement. e. All the vacant posts should be filled on regular basis.

The contractualization of Higher Education must stop.

f. Governments at the centre and states should introduce strict regulations for Regular payment of salary in self financing institutions. g. HEFA and Graded Autonomy must be withdrawn as it will lead to privatization and commercialization of Higher Education.

h. Government should start dialogue with stake holders for developing a new education policy based on principles of democracy, secularism, equity and scientific temper.

The conference also resolves to mobilize all stake holders from KG to PG to participate in a huge "People's March" on 19th February, 2019 at New Delhi called by Joint Forum for Movement on Education (JFME).

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Mumbai, Dec. 3

Jet Airways cancelled at least 14 flights to various destinations on Sunday after some of its pilots reported "sick" over non-payment of their dues, sources said. The loss-making private carrier has been

defaulting on salary disbursement to its senior management along with pilots and engineer since August due to severe cash crunch. The airline has partially paid to these staff for September while the full salaries of October and November also remain

unpaid. "At least 14 flights have been cancelled so far due to some pilots reporting sick. They are protesting against non-payment of salary, dues and the indifferent attitude of the National Aviator's Guild (NAG) in taking up the issue with the management," the source said. The NAG is a domestic pilots body of Jet Airways, representing over 1,000 pilots. The airline said in a statement the flights were cancelled due to an "unforeseen operational circumstance, and not

pilot non-cooperation". It, however, did not give the number of flights cancelled. Another source said, "Some of the pilots have also written to airline chairman Naresh Goyal, stating that they are unwilling to work in this manner."

Jet Airways said the passengers of the affected flights were duly informed about their flight status via SMS alerts and they have been re-accommodated or compensated. "The company continues to enjoy the complete support and cooperation

of all its employees, including pilots and engineers, individually and through their respective representative bodies, who have extended their solidarity and full support to the airline," the airline stated. The management is in regular dialogue with the pilots and other teams to discuss and resolve ongoing issues including disbursement of salaries, it added.

"As stated earlier, Jet Airways is committed to meet its obligations and has been progressively addressing this issue with the employees," it said.

Nine NDFB(S) cadres arrested in Arunachal

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Itanagar, Dec 3

In a joint operation by the Army and police officers, nine cadres of outlawed NDFB(S), including a teenager, have been arrested from Jairampur in Arunachal Pradesh.

The rebels were infiltrating into India from their training camp in Myanmar when security forces apprehended them Sunday, Director General of Police SBK Singh said.

A huge cache of arms and ammunition, including pistols and AK-56 rifles, were recovered from their possession.

"Acting on a tip-off, a joint team of Red Horns Division of Assam Rifles and Jairampur Police ambushed the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (Songbijit) rebels on their infiltration route," Singh said, adding that the operation has dealt a "body blow" to the militant outfit.

SC directs Maha govt to submit charge sheet in Koregaon-Bhima violence case by Dec 8

Agency
New Delhi, Dec 3

The Supreme Court Monday directed the Maharashtra government to submit before it the charge sheet filed against arrested rights activists before a Pune court in connection with the Koregaon-Bhima violence case.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said it wanted to see the "charges" against the accused and asked senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Maharashtra government, to submit before it by December 8 the charge sheet filed by the state police in a special court in Pune. The bench, also comprising Justices S K

Kaul and K M Joseph, was hearing an appeal of the state government against a Bombay High Court order refusing to extend the time limit of 90 days for filing the probe report in the case.

The bench has now posted the appeal for further hearing on December 11. Earlier the apex court had stayed the Bombay High Court order.

The Pune Police had arrested lawyer Surendra Gadling, Nagpur University professor Shoma Sen, Dalit activist Sudhir Dhawale, activist Mahesh Raut and Kerala native Rona Wilson in June for their alleged links with Maoists under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

BJP to sit in Opposition after Dec 7 Rajasthan polls: Hardik

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Udaipur, Dec 3

Patidar leader Hardik Patel has said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would become an opposition party in the December 7 elections in Rajasthan where people are keen to "vote out" the

party. During his recent visit to Udaipur, the leader from Gujarat also accused the BJP of "betraying" people, especially youths in the name of job creation. "I am holding meetings in villages of Rajasthan and the feedback from public is that they want change now. The BJP betrayed people, especially youths in the name of jobs. There is no job creation and posts in large numbers are lying vacant in the state," Patel said.

"The best place for the BJP is in opposition. It is a strong party to be in opposition and people are willing to do that in elections," he said.

Tips for residents

Bobcats are well-adapted to a variety of habitats, such as mountainous areas with rocky ledges, hardwood forests, swamps, bogs, and brushy areas near fields. Bobcats deal with human influences but tend to avoid areas with extensive agriculturally cleared lands that eliminate other habitat types. Bobcats are adapting to suburban settings and may be seen in backyards and residential areas. Bobcats rarely cause conflicts with human activities.

Preventing Conflicts Bobcats are not often responsible for #killing #domestic #animals, but occasionally are responsible for losses of poultry, lambs, small goats, pigs, and house cats. Mostly, bobcats tend to use wild animals as prey items. Once a bobcat causes damage for the first time, it gets easier for the animal to do it again.

Where bobcats are deemed a problem, use the following management strategies around your property to prevent conflicts: Don't feed wildlife. This includes deer, feral cats (domestic cats gone wild), and other small mammals. Remember predators follow prey. Prevent the buildup of feeder foods under bird feeders. Bobcats are attracted to the many birds and rodents that come to feeders. Feed dogs and cats indoors and clean up after them. If you must feed outside, do so in the morning or midday, and pick up food and water bowls, as well as leftovers and spilled food as soon as pets have finished eating. Water, pet food and droppings attract small mammals that, in turn, attract bobcats. Keep dogs and cats indoors, especially from dusk to dawn. Left outside at night, small dogs and cats may become prey for bobcats (which have attacked cocker-spaniel-size dogs). Enclose poultry (chickens, ducks, and turkeys) in a secure

outdoor pen and house. Bobcats will eat poultry if they can get to them. Note: Other killers of poultry include coyotes, foxes, skunks, raccoons, feral cats, dogs, opossums, weasels, hawks, and large owls.

If a dead bird is found with no apparent injuries, skinning it may determine what killed it. If the carcass is patterned by red spots where pointed teeth have bruised the flesh but not broken the skin, the bird was probably "played with" by one or more dogs until it died.

To prevent bobcats from accessing birds in their night roosts, equip poultry houses with well-fitted doors.

To prevent bobcats from accessing poultry during the day, completely enclose outdoor pens with 1-inch chicken #wire placed over a sturdy wooden #framework. Overlap and securely wire all seams on top to prevent bobcats from forcing their way in by using their weight and claws.

Bobcats can climb, so wooden fence posts or structures that give the bobcat footing and access to an otherwise unprotected pen will not be effective. Bobcats also have the ability to jump heights 6 feet or more in height. Use woven wire or a hot wire overhead if necessary (Fig. 8).

Keep livestock and small animals that live outdoors confined in secure pens during periods of vulnerability. All animals should be confined from dusk to dawn.

(Temporary or portable fencing keeps livestock together so that they can be guarded more effectively.) During birthing season, keep young and vulnerable animals confined at all times. Do not use remote pastures or holding areas, especially when there has been a recent bobcat attack. Remove any sick and injured animals immediately. Ensure that young animals have a healthy diet so that they are strong and less vulnerable to predators. Livestock producers have discovered that scare devices, such as bright

lights, motion detectors connected to recordings of barking dogs or radios will deter bobcats—until they realize that they aren't life-threatening. For a large property with livestock, consider using a guard animal. There are specialty breeds of dogs that can defend livestock. Donkeys and llamas have also successfully been used as guard animals. As with any guard animal, pros and cons exist. Purchase a guard animal from a reputable breeder who knows the animal he or she sells. Some breeders offer various guarantees on their guard animals, including a replacement if an animal fails to perform as expected.

Repellents, Fumigants, and Toxicants No chemical repellents, fumigants, or toxicants are currently registered for bobcats.

Trapping Trapping and relocating a bobcat several miles away seems an appealing method of resolving people/wildlife conflicts because it is perceived as giving the "problem animal" a second chance in a new home. Unfortunately, the reality of the situation is quite different. Bobcats typically try to return to their original territories, often getting hit by a car or killed by a predator in the process. If they remain in the new area, they may get into fights (oftentimes to the death) with resident bobcats. In many cases, moving bobcats will not solve the original problem because other bobcats will replace them and cause similar conflicts. Hence, it is often more effective to use the above recommendations for making the site less attractive to bobcats than it is to constantly trap them.

Trapping also may not be legal in some cities; check with local authorities. Transporting animals without the proper permit is also unlawful in most cases (see "#Legal Status"). See "Trapping Wildlife" for information on trapping bobcats. (Wildlife Protection Act)

Mercury continues downward spiral in Kashmir Valley

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Srinagar, Dec 3

The minimum temperature settled several degrees below the freezing point at most places in the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh region on Monday even as the summer capital Srinagar experienced the coldest night of the season so far. Srinagar recorded a minimum of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius last night, an official of the Meteorological Department here said.

He said the city experienced the coldest night of this winter so far. The night temperature dropped in the city from

the previous night's minus 2.4 degrees Celsius owing to a clear sky. The official said other places across the valley and Ladakh region also experienced sub-zero night temperature on Sunday night.

He said the Pahalgam health resort, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir, registered a low of minus 5.2 degrees Celsius and was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded a minimum of minus 4 degrees Celsius

down from minus 3.4 degrees Celsius on the previous night, he said. The official said Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 0.5 degrees Celsius, while the mercury in the nearby Qazigund settled at minus 2.2 degrees Celsius. He said the mercury in Kupwara, in north Kashmir, settled at a low of minus 2.7 degrees Celsius. Leh, in Ladakh region of the state, recorded a low of minus 10.9 degrees Celsius, while the nearby Kargil registered a minimum of minus 9.2 degrees Celsius, the official said.

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One good news - Imphal Times is resuming 4 pages . Besides, Imphal Times is also opening coaching for students wanted to choose the profession earliest by December 2018. Limited seats – first come first candidate will be given opportunity .

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