

Minister Nemcha Kipgen flagged off MANITEX Cycle Rally

IT News
Imphal, Oct 29:

Minister for Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur, Nemcha Kipgen today flagged off Cycle Rally from Kangla Western Gate held as a part of the upcoming Manipur International Textiles Expo (MANITEX), 2022.

The awareness cycle rally was participated by over 100 bikers including handloom weavers, handicrafts artisans, celebrity and enthusiastic members with an aim to spread the message of the upcoming event MANITEX, 2022 coupled with an objective towards promoting and preserving cultural heritage to weavers, artisans, textile workers and consumers. MANITEX will be held from November 5 to 14, 2022 at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi.

During the flag off event, Textiles Minister Nemcha Kipgen expressed gratitude to all participants for extending support to MANITEX, 2022. She further urged all the people of the state to encourage and use local handloom



and handicrafts products to further contribute in the socio-economic development of Manipur.

Organized by Directorate of Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Manipur in association with Manipur Adventure and Mountain Biking Association (MAAMBA), the cycle rally that covers around 10kms passed through Lamsang - Khurkhul - Pheidinga and

reception at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi.

It may be mentioned that the rally was received and flagged off from different spots along the route by the local MLAs including at Lamshang by MLA, Lamshang AC, S. Rajen Singh, at Khurkhul by Minister for Social Welfare and Fishery, H. Dingo, at Pheidinga by MLA Wangkhei AC, Th. Arunkumar Singh and final

reception at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi by Chairman, MHHDC, Kh. Ibomcha. Directorate of Handloom and Handicraft Director, Lamlee Kamei, MD, MHHDC, E. Jeeten, Officers and officials were also present during the event. MANITEX, the Manipur International Textile Expo was conceived on May 22, 2018 with the objective to showcase all the textile products of Manipur.

Smack from Manipur worth Rs 1.5 crore seized in MP; two held

Agency
Mandsaur, Oct 29:

Police have seized 1.5 kilograms of smack worth about Rs 1.5 crore from a hidden chamber of a garlic-laden truck in Mandsaur district of Madhya Pradesh and arrested two alleged drug traffickers, an official said on Saturday.

The drug was sourced from Manipur and being taken to Rajasthan, he said. The operation was

conducted on Friday based on a tip-off, the police official said.

"After getting the information, the police team intercepted a truck on Gudbheli Road and recovered 1.5 kg of smack kept in a plastic bag that was hidden in a secret chamber of the vehicle," Pipliya Mandi police station in-charge Rakesh Choudhary said.

Two inter-state traffickers, identified as Bhagwati Lal (37) and Chhote Khan

(26), both residents of Pratapgarh district of Rajasthan and who were travelling in the truck, were arrested under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he said.

Interrogations revealed that they had brought the smack from Imphal, Manipur and were on their way to Pratapgarh.

Further investigation into the case is underway, Choudhary added.

One month long Clean India Campaign Drive - 2022 concluded at Manipur University



IT News
Imphal, Oct 29:

The one month long Clean India Campaign Drive 2022 organized by the NSS Cell Manipur University closed today October 29, 2022. In the closing Ceremony Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Deans Student Welfare, Manipur University, was the Chief Guest. Dr. S. Sunil Singh, Dr. Moirangthem Macha Chaoreikanba, and Dr. H. Suraj Singh, NSS UNIT-I, II and III programme Officers were the Guest of Honors. And Dr. M. Nodiyachand Singh, NSS-Cell Coordinator, Manipur University as the President of the Closing Function at Traffic Island Manipur University, near Ghanbir Singh Monument.

One month long program of Clean India Campaign (1st to

31st October 2022) inaugurated with Plogging Run & Cleanliness Drive from Traffic Island Manipur University, a Central University at Imphal, on 2nd October 2022 at 7 AM. Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University, leads the Plogging Run & Cleanliness Drive as Chief Guest. The Plogging Run started from the traffic island and around the campus via SBI Bank-Health Center- International Girls Hostels - Western side of the Staffs Quarters - Children park - Boundary walls - Chandranadi river- Canteen road - Old School Science Block and NSS Office. Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, said, Mahatma Gandhiji, father of Nation loves clean India, we also observed 'Clean India Campaign' for one month's long programme.

Dr. M. Nodiyachand Singh, NSS-Cell Coordinator, Manipur University, deliberated and gave an introductory speech. In his speech, Dr. M. Nodiyachand Singh, said, "One month long program included all cleanings via all pending cases, files, processes in the Authority offices and Heads, Dean and Directors' offices, cleaning all condemned items in the offices/departments and making better spaces for further smooth office work; cleaning single used plastic waste inside the Manipur University Campus and near Monuments There were about 200 volunteers attained from NSS Unit-I, II & III and research scholars students from boys' and girls' hostels of the Manipur University.

KKL Secretary General alleged intimidation from Minister for exposing controversies in implementing Khello India Programme

IT News
Imphal, Oct 29:

Secretary General Kangleipak Kanba Lup (KKL) Manipur, Ngamkheingakpa Luwang has alleged intimidation by the Sports Minister Govindas Konthoujam for ex-

Postal Vigilance week

IT News
Imphal, Oct 29:

Manipur Postal Division is organising a "DAK ADALAT" at the office Chamber of Superintendent of Post Offices, Manipur Division, Imphal on 4th November, 2022 at 11.00 hrs to settle the postal grievances as well as postal staffs in connection with postal Department as a Part of Vigilance Awareness week-2022.

A statement of the Manipur Postal Division said that the general public can file their grievances, if any, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Manipur Division, Imphal in writing as to reach this office by 11.00 hrs of 03.11.2022. The email ID suptd.manipur@gmail.com

India Post observes the Vigilance Awareness week every year and observe the Vigilance Awareness week-2022 with effect from 31st October to 6th November, 2022 to fight against the corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, cause and gravity of and threat posed by corruption.

posing controversies relation to the implementation of Khello India Programme in Manipur.

A statement by KKL said that the Secretary general Ngamkheingakpa Luwang was threatened by Govindas Konthoujam, the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Manipur through telephonic conversation on October 24, 2022 over the recent exposures by the KKL over the non-functioning and controversies relating to the Khello India Program in Manipur.

The statement said that instead of answering to the questions raised by the KKL the YAS Minister rebuked the Secretary General KKL and

justified the action of selection of two coaches of the Khello India programme.

"The first pertained to the selection of one S Suresh Singh who had just participated in an Invitational level Boxing tourney by passing Ms Tongbram Premi Devi of Phubala who had participated in two National Boxing Tournaments and had also obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Coaching for Boxing from Singhania University in Rajasthan and also recognized by the University Grants Commission. To this the Minister had replied that he had selected him because he knows him personally making the selection committee a joke. It was

also pointed out earlier that the said Suresh Singh had not earlier appeared for the interview on the scheduled date of June 12, 2022 but without issuing a new notification he was invited for an interview the next day. Our contention was that the second interview was an illegal one held with mala fide intention", the KKL statement said.

It added, "The second question pertained to the selection of the Rowing Coach for Bishnupur District. It is being reiterated here once again that the person selected as the Rowing Coach was a person qualified in Canoeing and Kayaking and not Rowing.

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Amur falcons, world's longest flying migratory birds, begin to arrive in Manipur

Courtesy: Hindustan Times
By: Sobhapati Samom
Imphal, Oct 29:

Amur falcons, the world's longest travelling raptors, began to arrive in Manipur's Tamenglong district as part of its annual routine migration, officials said on Saturday.

Confirming the arrival of the Amur falcon (Falco amurensis) in the western district of the state, divisional forest officer (DFO) Amandeep of Tamenglong Forest Division said, "With the arrival of the Amur falcons in the first week of October, the department has taken up regular checking and awareness programmes have been started besides organising joint patrolling in

the district."

The DFO also said that the deputy commissioner of Tamenglong district has also been requested to take up necessary steps to prevent hunting of Amur falcons.

Subsequently, the forest authority is also planning to organise an Amur falcons festival next month as part of its continuous conservation initiatives, the officer said when contacted on phone.

The migration of Amur falcons, which are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and included under Schedule IV, usually arrive in many parts of north east India, including Tamenglong district, from second week of October and is likely to roost



till the end of November.

DC Tamenglong also ordered a ban on all the air guns in the district and directed to deposit the air guns with the respective village authorities' office.

DC Senapati district in its order on Friday also banned "hunting, catching, killing and selling migratory birds (including Amur falcon) by anyone in the district with immediate effect."

The report of sighting Amur falcon in Tamenglong town, 150 km west of Imphal, was first conveyed by a resident on October 13 this year. Later, locals shared the information of arriving of the birds in big numbers at Chhuluan Barak roosting area in the district on October 20.

In 2019, a five-member Wildlife Institute of India team led by Dr Suresh Kumar radio-tagged five Amur falcons, including two males, at Puching village and other Tamenglong areas in Manipur with the support of the state forest department, district administration, Rainforest Club, Tamenglong and locals.

The radio-tagging programme of Amur falcons

started in Manipur in 2018 as part of an initiative to conserve wildlife and also to study the route of these long-distance migratory birds and the environmental patterns along the route as India is a signatory to an international agreement on conservation of migratory birds of prey.

Amur falcons, which migrate to their wintering grounds in South Africa, usually arrived in large numbers during October in Nagaland and Manipur besides other places in northeast, undertaking a yearly journey of about 20,000 km. They leave the region in November after having enough food for their non-stop flight to Africa where they spend their winters.

Digital resilience and online wellbeing



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

29th October is observed as International Internet Day. The internet is defined as a remote connection between two computers. The first internet connection was made on October 29th, 1969. This was just two months after Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. To commemorate the event, International Internet Day was celebrated for the first time on October 29th, 2005.

It's hard to fathom a world without the Internet. The Internet provides instant access to information. Search engines make this information easy to attain. Besides gaining knowledge, internet users have an endless supply of entertainment. The internet makes it possible to do banking and shopping from the comfort of your own home. Internet is not just a need or luxury, it has become a household necessity. Internet connects you with your friends, and family, and access the top courses without moving geographically. Now, the Internet has revolutionized communication systems and even our attitudes towards everything. Old are the days of the usage of fax and the mail services.

Internet has changed our lives in numerous ways. It has raised our standard of living and made several tasks extremely smooth and easy. However, it also offers several disadvantages. The Internet's drawbacks can't be overlooked any longer as numerous teenagers are affected by Internet Addiction Disorder, then many ladies became online shopaholics.

Internet addiction is detrimental to not only fitness but also psychological state. Hacker programs a virus that gets into the pc and ruins valuable data. User's personal information like name, address, master card, bank details, and other information are often accessed by culprits when used on the web, leading to significant economic loss. Time spent online flies fast without consciousness. After getting attracted the user is trapped into the trap, users are trapped by a "net", spending less time with people in the real world. Less interaction and face-to-face communication, actually, may end in a decrease in social abilities.

The unnecessary emails, advertisements, etc. are sometimes said to be spam because they need the power to hamper the system and make the users face many problems. One of the main disadvantages of internet is that it serves as a major distraction at work place. Whether it is a student or a working professional everyone these days is addicted to internet. While internet is a great way to enhance your knowledge and grow professionally it can also distract you from work. As it is said people tend to adopt the bad habits faster so, instead of making the most of the information available on the internet to improve their knowledge and skills, people usually fall prey to the numerous sources of entertainment the internet offers. From gaming to watching videos, from listening to music to overspending while shopping online, from stalking their relatives and friends online to copying their lifestyle—people, these days, indulge in such useless activities and their work/studies take a back seat. Apart from this, hacking, spamming and other such notorious activities on the internet have also become quite common. Internet is such a great platform to enhance and promote one's business and grow professionally. We must use it for that purpose only rather than letting it distract us from work.

Food For Thought



By: Vijay GarG

Good nutrition has the power to empower the present and future generations. India's greatest national treasure is its people—especially women and children—but even after 75 years of independence, a majority of them do not get the required diet to meet their nutritional needs. Malnutrition remains a significant worry. A large proportion of children are still underweight (52%), stunted (36%), 'wasted' (19%) and anaemic (67%) according to National Family Health Survey data released this year. The Green Revolution, National Food Security Mission (2007) and coverage of the public distribution system (PDS), mid-day meals (MDM) and Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) have played key roles in augmenting the production of cereals and pulses and enabled the government to provide subsidized foodgrains to a large spectrum of our population and free lunch to more than 100 million school-going children, and also to supplement the diet of pregnant and lactating mothers. Public outreach systems helped support large numbers of the vulnerable. However, the nutrition challenge persists.

Many policy moves are recent initiatives, such as the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) Abhiyan and the National Nutrition Mission to address this problem. The need of the hour, though, is a multi-pronged approach focused on short supply chains, sustainable public food procurement and redistribution, a network of partners that support food-processing-driven rural livelihood diversification and diversified diets. To help make affordable food widely available, three partnerships are crucial: with panchayats, the private sector and schools. Private sector involvement could strengthen our food supply infrastructure and aid micro-food processing entrepreneurship in India's hinterland by deploying resources from schemes like the PMKSY and PPMFME. Under their 'sustainability pledge', businesses could engage rural FPOs, SHGs and the youth, help develop food infrastructure across agro-climatic zones to provide safe storage, timely processing and marketing of food commodities, control food waste at all stages and follow environment-protective practices. These interventions will not only reduce the carbon footprint of the food industry, but help ensure affordable nutrition choices across income groups through all seasons. An efficient food management system will translate into better transportability, longer shelf life of fresh produce, wider consumer choice and lower prices. A supportive regulatory and policy framework can catalyse all this. Prioritizing the promotion of local agriculture and food value-chain development, suitably re-configuring agriculture for nutrition security and building partnerships that are inclusive of rural stakeholders need high-level attention to improve India's nutrition statistics. Collective action is imperative to achieve self-reliance in nutrition.

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Relevance of Surya Puja and Chhath Vrat



By: Er. Prabhat Kishore

The Holy Purans deal with several types of stories related to Suryopasana (worship of Sun). The Sun is called the soul of the world in the Vedas. In the Vedic period, the Sun was considered to be the creator of the entire universe. The meaning of Surya is - all inspiring.

In "Rigveda", the world's oldest scripture, there is a detailed description of the worship of the Sun for the salvation of sins. Like fire, He is considered to be the sustainer and direct deity of the world. There are 14 hymns available in this Holy book about the Sun. In the 49th hymn, Suryadev has been invoked to wish for wealth. According to the 50th hymn, "Rising this day, O rich in friends, ascending to the loftier heaven, Surya remove my heart's disease, take from me this my yellow hue."

In Yajurveda, by saying "Chaksho SuryoJaya", the Sun is considered to be God's eye. In the Chhandogya Upanishad, the Sun is described as Pranavand the benefit of getting a son has been told on his meditation. The Koshitiki Brahman describes the worship of the Sun by offering water and sandalwood with Ardhya. Along with this, there is also a mention of Sun worship in various other literatures. The famous "Surya Shatakam" was composed by Mayur, the court poet of the sixth century ruler Harshavardhan.

Historically, the tradition of Surya worship was prevalent even in the Nav-prastara i.e. 8000-9000 BC. This inspiration of worship came from India to West Asia, Egypt, Greece and Rome. The Sun is a beacon of radiant energy, with

out which the creation is impossible to imagine. In the scriptures, the Sun is given credit for removing poison. Curing of mental diseases, leprosy, blindness has also been discussed in the Upanishads and Sanskrit literature by praising the Sun. The source of Surya's powers is his wives Usha and Pratyusha. In fact, Chhath Mahaparva is the combined worship of these two powers along with the Sun. We bow jointly to our adored God and Goddess by paying obeisance to the last ray of the Sun (Pratyusha) in the evening and the first ray of the sun (Usha) in the morning. The worship of mother power holds its own important place in the core of Indian culture. The value of maternal power can be seen in all the traditions of Shaivism, Vaishnav and Buddhist.

Archaeological evidence of the worship of "Matri Shakti" dates back to the early period of the development of civilization. The ritual of worship of Matridevi related to Sun may have started in the Kushan period (1st century AD) or even earlier. In the excavation, a number of soup-shaped paved clay watercourses have been found during the Kushan period. The idol of Matridevi and Deeya (lamps) were also used in this. From the Gupta period to the Pal Period, the adjustment of the two powers of the Sun, Usha and Pratyusha, is found in the sculptures.

The Surya chariot with four horses was conceived in early AD; but from the Gupta period, the idol of Surya with seven horses was made. The statue depicts a crown on the head of the Sun, a lotus flower in both hands, a coil in the ear, armor in the chest and foot-toe knee high boots. Two female on either side, male figures, chariots attached to seven or four horses and the charioteer Arun are also shown. The female figures are the two wives of the Sun (Shakti)- Usha and Pratyusha (Prabha and Chhaya). Pingal (Fire) and Dand (in place of Skand) are in standing on right and left side respectively. Pingal holds a pen and an inkpot in his hand and Dandis equipped

with a pendulum. In iconography, Indian artists clearly incorporated into sculpture all those traditions that had been in vogue for centuries.

Every year the adoration of Sun is performed on the Shastithi (sixth day) of Shukla Paksha in the month of Kartik and Chaitra and is popularly known as "Chhath". What is the similarity between Sun and Chhath? Why Surya Puja is called Chhath Puja? There are many stories in this regard in Vedas, Purans, Upanishads, Mahabharat and other scriptures. These stories are related to the Gods of different times. Due to lack of uniformity between them, it is difficult to come to the conclusion that which story is fictional and which is true. The form of Lord Surya has emerged from the word "Om" of Brahma.

The folk festival is a mirror of the cultural heritage of every state; be it Ganpati Puja in Maharashtra, Bihu in Assam, Onam in Kerala, Pongal in Tamil Nadu or Lohri in Punjab. Similarly, one of the folk festivals of Magadh (now Bihar and surrounding regions) is "Chhath" in which purity, faith and reverence are at their culmination. It is performed as an essential responsibility of the public life of the State. This is the reason that now Chhath has been taken out of the purview of the festival and is called Mahaparv.

In this great festival, Lord Surya is worshipped for world peace, family happiness and prosperity. The Chhath Parv has become world-wide; and apart from Indian subcontinent, now this festival is also held in countries like Mauritius, Fiji, Guyana, Surinam, America, Trinidad and Indonesia. The oral and moral characters of the Gita are visible in this Mahaparva and in this sense, this Mahaparva has become a symbol of culture by taking the form of personal faith and reverence.

Known by names like Surya Shashti, Pratihar Shashti, Dala Shashti and Chhath Vrat, this great festival has a tradition of worshipping both the Astachalgami Surya (the setting sun) as well as

Udiyaman Surya (the rising sun) respectively on the sixth and seventh day of the Shukla Paksh of Kartik and Chaitra month. It ignores the saying that everyone bows to the rising sun. So, the first inspiration from Chhath festival is that even if there is a shadow of sorrow on one's internalization or externalization, then one should continue with it. This tradition of Surya worship is a cultural heritage of thousands of years.

Chhath Vrat is a four-day long festival, which are considered very spiritual. Purity, cleanliness and following the Vidhi-Vidhans (rules) are the first condition of this festival. There is a general opinion that if the wishes are fulfilled by this festival, then any mistake has to face the consequences too. Therefore, as much as the devotees have faith in this festival, there is also the fear that no mistake may be made.

This Vrat begins with a Nahay-Khai, in which devotees take bath in the rivers or other water bodies. Then pumpkin curry and rice (may be accompanied by other dishes) made from rock salt is eaten. On the second day, i.e. on Kharna (Lohanda), pure ghee linen bread along with kheer (prepared with sugarcane juice or jiggery) are offered as Prasad. The third day is the Sandhya Ardhya to the setting Sun. The second Parvan Ardhya is offered to the rising sun on the last or fourth day. Vratists standing in water, soups laden with Puja items kept nearby and crowds of devotees to help the fasts - together makes the atmosphere devotional.

Among the many fasts observed in the Sanatan Dharma, Chhath is the only such fast in which we worship the deity (Sun) whom we see every day directly and who is the promulgator of life on this earth. This most eco-friendly festival promotes casteless society and is the symbol of equality, fraternity, unity, and integrity.

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Protect Lips in Winter with Argan Oil & Coconut Oil



By: Shahnaz Husain

The lips, like the eyes, add character to the face. They are the focus of attention when we speak. The lips also add balance to the face, along with other facial features like the eyes and the nose. As far as beauty is concerned, appropriate lip makeup can enhance the beauty of the face. In winter, keeping the skin of the lips soft and smooth can present a problem due to the lack of moisture and the effect of lip makeup.

Nutritional deficiencies can also lead to dry, chapped lips. Sometimes, even cracks may develop. Vitamins A, C, and B2 are important for the lips. So, foods like citrus fruits, ripe papaya, tomatoes, carrots, green leafy vegetables, nuts, whole grains, oats, and milk products may be included in the diet. Of course, it's best to take your doctor's advice before making

changes in your diet, especially if you have any medical condition. Use glossy lipsticks and lip balm. Avoid soap and powder on lips. Remove lipstick with a cleansing cream or gel. Apply almond oil or cream at night and leave it on.

Taking care of the lips only helps with lip makeup. As far as care is concerned, I must mention that the skin of the lips is thin and delicate. It does not contain oil glands. That is why it becomes dry and chaps easily, especially during winter. After washing the face, the lips may be rubbed gently with a soft towel to remove dead skin. Apply cream of milk (malai) daily and leave it on for an hour. If the lips become dark, add a few drops of lemon juice

to the cream of milk. At night, apply pure almond oil or an almond cream daily on the lips and leave on overnight.

Oils like Argan and Coconut oil also help to nourish the skin on the lips. Today, it is being increasingly used for cosmetic purposes to make cosmetics like moisturizers, creams, lotions, face packs, hair oils, hair conditioners, etc. Argan oil is rich in unsaturated fatty acids and Vitamin E. Since it contains Vitamin E and antioxidants, it helps to delay the visible aging sign and even rejuvenate the skin. It protects the youthful properties of the skin, like elasticity and resilience. As it is easily absorbed by the skin, it can be ideal for the care of the lips. The fatty ac-

ids also nourish and soften the skin. The oil was used for medicinal purposes to cure skin problems and also heal and soothe burns. It nourishes the skin and improves skin texture. Argan oil can be used directly on the skin. Use only a few drops directly on the lips.

Coconut oil has also been valued for its nourishing and moisturizing ability. It has a great skin-softening ability and helps to make the skin soft and smooth. It may be applied to the lips and is also said to protect the skin from the damage caused by exposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun. It is said to protect the skin better than cream. It also helps to heal cracks on the lips. In fact, it can be used to remove makeup from the face, including the lips. Coconut oil may be applied on the lips and left on overnight. Or, it can be left on for 15 minutes and wiped off with moist cotton wool. The advantage is that, unlike other preparations that may contain synthetic ingredients, coconut oil can be safely applied to the lips and even ingested. Another advantage is that, unlike other oils, coconut oil does not become rancid.

Coconut oil and Argan oil-based lip balms and lip creams can also be used for the care of the lips.

(The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India)



‘Grave threat to humanity’: EAM S Jaishankar highlights crises posed by terrorism at UN meet in Delhi

Agency
New Delhi, Oct 29:

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday described terrorism as “one of the gravest threats” to humanity, lauding the counter-terror sanction measures taken by the UN. He also touched extensively upon the use of new technologies by terror groups, saying that the internet and social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the “toolkit of terrorists and militant groups”. The remarks came at the beginning of a two day meeting of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee in Delhi.

“The UN Security Council, in the past two decades, has evolved an important architecture, built primarily around the counter-terrorism sanctions regime, to combat this menace. This has been very effective in putting those countries on notice that had turned terrorism into a state-funded enterprise.



Despite this, the threat of terrorism is only growing and expanding, particularly in Asia and Africa, as successive reports of the 1267 Sanctions Committee Monitoring Reports have highlighted,” he said.

“Terrorists are abusing new technologies to spread disinformation, foment discord,” opined UN Chief Antonio Guterres in a message at the UN meet.

“Another add-on to the existing worries for governments around the world is the use of unmanned aerial systems by terrorist groups and organised

criminal networks. Being a relatively low-cost option, with an increasing ease of accessibility, misuse of these unmanned aerial platforms for these nefarious purposes by terrorist groups such as weapons and explosives delivery and targeted attacks have become an imminent danger,” Jaishankar added.

“Terrorism is a global problem and a global threat. I’m incredibly grateful to Minister Jaishankar for using India’s Security Council presidency to focus on this crucial issue and advance his eight-point

plan... We’re also working with the G7 and Global Internet Forum to counter-terrorism and we continue to press tech companies amongst whom are also the internet’s biggest players to crackdown even harder on the extremist content online,” added UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly.

The external affairs minister said these forces use technology and money, and most importantly, the ethos of open tolerance, to attack freedom, tolerance and progress.

“Internet and social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the toolkit of terrorist and militant groups for spreading propaganda, radicalisation and conspiracy theories aimed at destabilising societies,” he said.

“Another add-on to the existing worries for governments around the world is the use of unmanned aerial systems by terrorist groups and organised criminal networks,” he said.

India logs 1,574 new COVID-19 cases, 9 Covid deaths in 24 hours: Centre

Agency
New Delhi, Oct 29:

With 1,574 people testing positive for the coronavirus infection, India’s tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,46,50,662, while the active cases declined to 18,802, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated today.

A decrease of 596 cases has been recorded in the active covid caseload in a span of 24 hours, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The death count has climbed to 5,29,008 with nine fatalities which includes five reconciled by Kerala, while one death each has been reported

from Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana and Maharashtra. it said.

The active cases comprises 0.04 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.77 per cent, the health ministry said.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.95 per cent and the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 1.11 per cent, according to the health ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,02,852, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

According to the ministry, 219.62 crore doses of covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

India’s COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4, 2021, three crore on June 23 last year and four crore on January 25 this year.

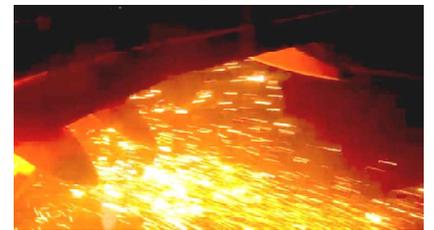
IndiGo aircraft Grounded at Delhi Airport After One of its Engines Caught Fire

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Oct 29:

A major tragedy was averted when one of the engines of IndiGo aircraft operating flight (6E2131) from Delhi to Bangalore was returned to bay after one of its engines caught fire at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on Friday night.

“An aircraft operating flight 6E2131 from Delhi to Bangalore experienced an engine stall during take off roll. The take off was aborted and the aircraft safely returned to the bay. All passengers are being accommodated on an alternate aircraft. We regret the inconvenience caused to the passengers,” the airline said in the statement.

A passenger, Priyanka Kumar, travelling by the same flight posted a video of the incident on Twitter, purportedly showing one of the engines on



fire and sending off sparks, describing it a “scary experience on Delhi runway.” “Indigo 6E 2131. Scary experience on Delhi runway! This was supposed to be a take off video but this happened,” the user, @PriyankaKumar, tweeted.

The incident took place at around 10 pm when the control room at the airport received a call from the CISF control room regarding fire in engine of the IndiGo aircraft at 10.08 pm. The pilot of a SpiceJet plane that was behind the IndiGo aircraft in the

line up while taxiing alerted the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) about the fire in the engine. The plane had 177 passengers and seven crew members. Later, passengers were safely de boarded, sources said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has ordered officials to submit a report in the incident after looking into it. “Concerned officials at @DGCAIndia have been directed to look into this and furnish a report at the earliest,” the ministry said in a tweet.

Baba Farid College of Management and Technology’s Principal, R.K. Uppal, his D.Litt. dissertation examines how banks are Transforming through e-Delivery Channels

IT Correspondent
Bathinda (Punjab), Oct 29:

Prof (Dr.) Rajinder Kumar Uppal, a prolific writer, an outstanding academician and the more ingenious guide has won accolades not only in the academic field but also in the genre of research. Presently, he is serving as a professor of economics at Baba Farid College of Management and Technology (Punjab). An abstract of my D.Litt Thesis, “Managing Transformation In Indian Banks Through E-Delivery Channels: Challenges And Opportunities,” has been published in a top-rated Research Journal, Finance India, which has been indexed by Scopus, ABDC, JEL, Cabells, and UGC Care. Finance India Journal ranks third worldwide according to the American Statistical Association. Transformation is a dynamic process during in which all known tenors undergoes metamorphosis. It is a fluid state with uncertain outcome. Due to its fluidity, it is difficult to determine its course. The significant transformation of the banking industry in India is clearly evident from changes that have occurred in the financial markets, institutions and products. Hence, during transformation, all known parameters of the earlier regime continuously change. Managing transformation is, thus, a challenging task. From providing plain vanilla banking services, banks have gradually transformed themselves into universal banks. ATMs, Internet banking, mobile banking and social banking have made anytime anywhere banking the norm now. The present study is mainly concerned with different e-delivery channels of various bank groups and empirically analyzed how banks are managing recent bank transformation with various e-delivery channels and what type of challenges they are facing



Prof (Dr.) R.K. Uppal

and what type of opportunities may be there. The study has been based on a sample of 1200 customers of four-bank groups, namely public sector banks, old private sector, new private sector and foreign banks. This number of customers has been, further, divided into 40 branches (i.e. 30 bank customers have been selected from each branch). The customers of only e-banks having experience in dealing with e-channels were included to know their perceptions and expectations regarding e-banking. The respondents have been asked to respond on a five points likert scale. Similarly 300 ebank employees of selected banks responses have been analyzed. The ebank employees 75, from each bank group have been taken. Similarly impact of each e-delivery channels has been analyzed for the bank performance. The study is descriptive and empirical in nature where secondary and primary data is used to address the objectives. The researcher used the various statistical tools for analyzing the data procured from the respondents/secondary data selected for the study like co-efficient of contingency, regression analysis, chi-square test, t-test, correlation analysis etc. Overall, survey results conclude that customers are not much aware about all e-channels though they prefer ATMs due to cost effectiveness and con-

venient access. Customers like better e-banks for prompt and innovative services. Even the majority customers want to shift towards e-banks which is also an indication for dominance of e-banks over partially IT-oriented banks. They favour transformation for its positive impact on banks’ competence where IT plays a crucial role. The key issues that the banks must widen awareness, give knowledge about new technology through presentation, material should be logical and in regional language. Similarly ebank employees are satisfied from e-delivery channels and in their opinion in the competitive environment transformation in banks can be properly managed in e-channels. Overall, post-e-banking period is testimony for improvement in profitability mainly because of decrease in interest based business and increase in non-interest income. Total productivity is

also improved in post-e-banking period where fully IT-oriented banks are the most benefited though partially IT-oriented banks also follow with successive efforts. Financial sector reforms assisted impressive development of Indian banking industry. But in the recent global competitive environment, where IT is facilitating tremendous advancements with efficiency improvements banking sector reforms in India are by no means complete. Plans are afoot to modernize the financial system to make it compatible with best international practices. Though, e-banks are gaining momentum but partially IT-oriented banks need further development by fully adopting new technologies. E-delivery channels used by foreign and new private sector banks have become threat and also at the same time motivation for Indian public sector banks.

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND&PS), MANIPUR AT CHEIRAP COURT COMPLEX

ANNEXURE - I

Scheduled I VIII, Form No. 100
High Court Criminal Process No. 4

CASE NO. :- SPECIAL TRIAL NO. 54 OF 2022

FIR No. 76(9)1987 MRH-PS
U/S 21 ND & PS Act

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED

(Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

1) Name, Description and address of the Accused:
Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei (23 years) now aged about 58 years S/o Khama Vaiphei of Moreh Prem Nagar, Moreh Ward No. 3, P.S. Moreh.

Whereas complaint has been made before Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei has committed the offence punishable Under Section 21 ND & PS Act (FIR. No. 76(9)1987 MRH-PS) and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon stating that Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.

2) Name of the accused:
Mr. S.J. Thanga Vaiphei

Proclamation is thereby made that the Mr. S. J. Thanga Vaiphei is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the 7th day of December, 2022.

3) Place:
Imphal

Dated 05th Day of October, 2022

Name Correction

I, the undersigned, Thongam Onin Singh, serving as Havildar of 4th Assam Rifle, do hereby declare that I have recorded my wife’s name Thongam Inaocha Devi as Thongam Ongbi Inaocha Devi in my service record. My wife’s correct name is Thongam Inaocha Devi and I would like to rectify my wife’s name as Thongam Inaocha Devi in my service book.

Sd/-
Thongam Onin Singh
Husband of Thongam Inaocha Devi
Taobungkhok Makha Leikai,
P.O Langjing, P.S Patsoi
Imphal West District, Manipur

Name Change

I, the undersigned, Dayana Hijam, do hereby declare that I have renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old name **Dayana Devi Hijam**, as I have assumed my new name **Dayana Hijam**.

In future my name shall be known as Dayana Hijam in all my documents and others.

Sd/-
Dayana Hijam
w/o Maibram Abungcha
Sagolband Moirang Leirak,
Imphal West, Manipur - 795001

(Adv/2 days)

Tribalism raising its ugly head in Naga civil society: CM Rio

Agency
Kohima, Oct 29:

Asserting that tribalism is raising its ugly head in the Naga civil society, Nagaland Chief Minister Nipuihri Rio on Saturday urged the need to foster peace, oneness and harmony in the state.

Addressing a gathering of students during the culminating programme of 75 years of the Naga Students Federation (NSF) held at Naga Solidarity Park in Kohima, Rio said that division in the Naga society started in the 1960s and the division continues "unabated" till today.

The Chief Minister said Naga political groups have divided themselves into several camps. "Many well intended decisions and actions of the government, and many law and order situations are often viewed and interpreted on tribal

lines," said Rio.

He said, "Sadly, at present, there is no single true pan-Naga organisation, be it a civil, tribal, or student organisation. Therefore, the prime need of the Naga society at the moment is oneness, unity and harmony."

Nothing was able to bring the elected representatives together except the agenda of the Naga political issue, Rio said, further recalling the formation of the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), an opposition-less Government, for a solution and in the pursuit of Naga unity and oneness.

Nagas need new awakening and concerted efforts to stock the flame of Naga nationhood, patriotism, and oneness, which according to Rio is the best way to rekindle the flame of oneness and harmony.

He said the NSF was set up not just for student-related activities but also to preserve the

rich identity, culture, customs and heritage of the Nagas. Though the Naga movement is inconclusive, he said, the Government of India has recognised the uniqueness of the Nagas—the Naga identity.

While urging the youth to preserve the same, he also urged the NSF to play a catalytic role in this regard. "If the Naga youth is conscious of identity and tradition, Nagas will have continuous growth in years to come. There is a need to build good human qualities," the Chief Minister added.

K Temjen Jamir, Convener of the Planning Committee, said the event is significant and is a historic celebration for the Nagas. It is a celebration like no other—a celebration of struggle, he said.

The Naga Students' Federation was formed at a time when there were no proper educational institutions anywhere

in the then Naga Hills and the few that got higher education also had to study from outside the Naga homelands.

Arunachal Pradesh's former minister of home & finance attended the event as the guest of honour. While the Myanmar Nagas presented a folk song, Poumei Naga Tsidoumai Me presented a chicken dance, Tangkhul Katammao Saklong presented a folk dance, Eastern Naga Students' Federation presented a cultural presentation, and Coloured Keys presented the welcome song.

The event began with the unfurling of the NSF flag by MLA and former NSF President Y Vikheho Swu, and invocation by Reverend Dr. Zelhoy Keyho. NSF President Kegwayhun Tep delivered the welcome note. A solidarity message was also delivered by North East Students' Organisation (NESO).

The Fourth Meeyamgi Numit held at Kakching



IT News
Kakching, Oct 29:

District Administration, Kakching today organized the fourth "Meeyamgi Numit" (People's Day) in respect of Kakching District at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Kakching. Altogether, 28 departments opened their stalls for delivering public services and addressing public grievances during the day.

Some of the services provided/grievances addressed

during the event includes, Health check-up counters were set up by Health Department where the public got their BP and Sugar check up. Langmeidong CD Block have issued 29 Birth certificate and one Death certificate.

As many as 31 nos. of applications of MOAPS and 11 CMUPS were received from the general public of the district by District Social Welfare, Office, Kakching.

SDO, Kakching have also issued 2 Birth Certificate and 14

Income certificate. SDO, Waikhong have issued 24 Birth Certificate and 24 Income certificate while 6 Land conversion were also done by SDO Waikhong.

Unlike other months, public turnout was comparatively low in today's Meeyamgi Numit.

In respect of Kakching district, Meeyamgi Numit will be held on every 4th Friday of the month. Today's Meeyamgi Numit was attended by District Level Officers of Kakching District.

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KKL Secretary General alleged...

It is akin to appointing a Football Player as a Hockey Coach. This question has also not been answered till date. To this the Minister who had earlier stated that he had earlier selected the Boxing Coach by himself feigned ignorance on the matter."

The KKL also alleged that YAS Director is responsible for the non implementation of the scheme for Centre of Excellence under the Khello India

Programme in Manipur till date. The Notification to this effect was issued by the Regional Director of Khello India Rajinder Singh as early as the 18th of June 2020 for eight States including Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Telegana and Manipur. While Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland have already started implementing this programme, it

is yet to be initiated in Manipur. This programme would have ensured a flow of Rs.1.25 Crores for the first year this has not been utilized for.

The KKL appealed Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to intervene in the matter and save the future of Sports in Manipur by replacing the present Director of YAS, Manipur and calling for a fresh selection of the Coaches for Khello India.

China imposes fresh lockdown in several cities as COVID cases spike

Agency
Beijing, Oct 29:

Taking preventive measures, China on Friday imposed lockdown in several cities across the country and also ramped up COVID restrictions as fresh cases continued to spike in the recent days. The restrictions, including lockdowns, were imposed the China said it continues to implement the 'zero-Covid policy'. In the wake of the lat-

est COVID guidelines, the Chinese citizens have been asked stay indoor under the zero-Covid policy and the authorities are distributing food to them. The zero COVID policy also includes travel bans and mass testing.

Talking about the COVID developments, World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus had said in May the system is unsustainable.

As part of the restrictions,

the local residents in Shanghai, and other cities have been asked to stay at their homes as authorities ordered mass testing. Several other cities, including Beijing and Wuhan, are also under lockdown due to rising COVID cases.

The authorities in the southern city of Guangzhou have suspended schools and dining restaurants due to the COVID cases.

As per a survey by Japanese bank Nomura, over 23.2

crore Chinese citizens were in a lockdown till Thursday – up by 80 lakh since last week.

The fresh restrictions have been imposed due to rising coronavirus cases in the country. China reported 1,321 new infections on Thursday, its highest tally in two weeks.

The Nomura survey further stated that the number of cities under lockdown accounts for 24.5% of the country's GDP, up from 22.9% last week.

Sports

Men's FIH Pro League: India score a come-from-behind 4-3 win against New Zealand



Agency
Bhubaneswar, Oct 29:

India rode on a brace of goals by forward Mandeep Singh to fight back brilliantly from a two-goal deficit and prevail 4-3 against New Zealand in the opening match of the FIH Pro League Season 4 at the Kalinga Stadium here on Friday.

It was a lionhearted performance from the Indians as they went ahead early in the first quarter but were staring down the barrel as the Black Sticks scored once in the second quarter and twice in the third to make it 3-1. The Indians played attacking hockey with a lot of cohesion and defended superbly as they came back despite being a man down for 10 minutes in the third quarter.

Mandeep Singh scored in the 51st and 56th minutes while Harmanpreet Singh (41st min) and Mandeep Mor (13th min)

scored for India, while for New Zealand, Sam Lane scored a brace in the 22nd and 35th minutes while Jake Smith contributed a goal in the 34th minute.

The two teams were evenly matched when it came to shots at goal with India having nine and New Zealand having 11. The Black Sticks however earned 11 penalty corners as compared to only 1 for India.

New Zealand are playing in the FIH Pro League after missing two seasons because of Covid-19 travel restrictions. However, they came out fighting and nearly won the tough encounter against the hosts.

However, it was Mandeep Mor who put India ahead in the first quarter as he converted a field goal in the 13th minute. New Zealand had to wait till the 22nd minute to level score as they earned a penalty stroke and Sam Lane stepped up to beat Kishan Pathak in the goal. The two teams created

several chances but they stayed 1-1 at half-time.

Jake Smith made it 2-1 for New Zealand when he scored at the start of the third quarter in the 34th minute and a minute later, the Black Sticks seemed on their way to victory when Sam Lane scored his second goal to make it 3-1.

The Indian fight back started when Mandeep Singh was brought down by a defender just as he shaped up to take a shot at the goal and India were handed a penalty stroke. Harmanpreet Singh stepped up to convert the stroke to make it 2-3 for India.

Graham Reid's wards kept up the pressure but the New Zealand defence thwarted them on two occasions. Their troubles were compounded when midfielder Sumit was shown a yellow card and sent to the sin-bin for 10 minutes as it was his second offense of the match.

New Zealand tried to take advantage of the extra person on the field and launched some good attacks, one of which earned them two back-to-back penalty corners. However, the second one was saved by Goal-keeper of the Year PR Sreejesh.

India continued to attack in the fourth quarter and Mandeep Singh got into the attack when deflected in a pass from Mandeep Mor to make it 3-3.

In the next minute, Dilpreet Singh had a chance of giving India the lead but his shot was saved by the New Zealand goalkeeper.

With just four minutes remaining on the clock, Manpreet Singh gave India the lead by scoring a crucial goal off a solo effort. The seasoned forward from Punjab made a superb run from the 23-yard line, got into the shooting circle showing the defenders a clean pair of heels and shot past the goalkeeper.

New Zealand pulled out their goalkeeper to add an extra attacker but the Indians defended well. The Black Caps bagged a couple of penalty corners in the last minute but failed to score as goalkeeper Kishan Pathak palmed out a strong drag flick.

India thus could not be denied a memorable come-from-behind win that set them off on a winning note in the FIH Pro League cluster in which Spain is the third team.

Women's football making 'significant' strides in popularity, sponsors: FIFA

Agency
New York, Oct 29:

Women's football is making enormous strides in sponsorship and popularity worldwide, according to a new FIFA benchmarking report that analysed 294 clubs across 30 leagues.

Clubs included in the report saw year-over-year commercial revenue growth of 33 percent and "strong growth" in merchandise sales, while more than three-quarters of leagues surveyed had a title sponsor in 2022, compared to 66 percent a year ago. "The data in this year's report underscores that organisations that are prepared

to invest in women's football are receiving a return," Sarai Bareman, FIFA's chief women's football officer, said in a statement.

"We expect this will only increase as more clubs and leagues, as well as broadcasters and partners, truly recognise the unique growth opportunity that exists in women's football."

She added FIFA had seen "significant developments and milestones" in the women's sport since launching its women's football strategy four years ago.

With the 2023 women's World Cup less than nine months away, FIFA has every-

thing to gain from the growing popularity in the women's sport. The body's Chief Business Officer Romy Gai said last week it had rejected a number of bids for the quadrennial's broadcasting rights for being too low, after a 2019 report showed that 1.12 billion viewers tuned into the last tournament.

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Online Essay Competition

Commemorating the 126th Birth Anniversary of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot, Team Imphal Times is organizing an Online Essay Competition. This is the 2nd time that the Team Imphal Times is organizing an Essay Competition. This year theme is – "Manipur's Socio-Economic Problems: System Failure or Individual Fault."

All submitted essays will be published in the Imphal Times newspaper and the name of the winners will also be published. The word count for the essay must be between 1000 and 1200 words.

1st prize Rs 5000, 2nd prize Rs 3000, and 3rd prize Rs 2000 with certificates. The competition is opened to all individuals and every submission must be accompanied by a photo/image of the candidate. The last date of submission will be 6 pm on October 30.

All participants should enclose details of their identity. Father's or Mother's name, Address, Qualification, Contact No. (Cell Phone or Landline) should be enclosed at the of submitting the write up. Language medium : English.

Participant can be sent by e-mail to: imphaltimesessaycompt@gmail.com in MS Word or PDF format.

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