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Peace Pact with Manipur Insurgent Group

Recently, a **tripartite agreement** was signed by the **Centre (Home Ministry), Manipur govt.** and the **Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF)**. ZUF is a **Naga armed group operating mostly in Manipur** and has been demanding a **separate State for the Zeliangrong Naga tribe** (Mongolian race) for more than a decade. The armed group is the **follower of Rani Gaidinliu**, freedom fighter from Manipur, who was jailed by the British for 14 years.

The peace pact is significant in fulfilling the PM's vision of **'Insurgency free and prosperous North East'**.

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Indian National Congress Foundation Day

On **28th December 1885**, the **Indian National Congress (INC)** was founded in Bombay, with **Allan Octavian (A.O.) Hume** as its **General Secretary** (**Lord Dufferin** was the **erstwhile Viceroy** of India). The **early leadership of INC included** - Dadabhai Naoroji, Pherozeshah Mehta, Badruddin Tyabji, W.C. Bonnerji, Surendranath Banerji, Romesh Chandra Dutt and S. Subramania Iyer, among others.

The first Session of INC (Bombay - 1885) was presided by W.C. Bannerjee. First Woman President of INC - **Annie Besant** (1917 - Calcutta). First Indian Woman President - **Sarojini Naidu** (1925 - Kanpur).

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Vaccine for H9N2 Avian Influenza

Indian Council of Agricultural Research - National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (ICAR - NIHSAD) has developed an **'inactivated low pathogenic avian influenza (H9N2) Vaccine** for chickens'. It is the **first indigenous vaccine for H9N2 virus**.

H9N2 is a **subtype of influenza A virus**, which causes human influenza as well as bird flu. It was **isolated for the first time in Wisconsin, US** in 1966 from turkey flocks. H9N2 virus **infections in humans are rare** or likely under-reported due to mild symptoms.

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