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Manipur CM O Ibobi welcoming Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev with a warm embrace

## State cabinet discuss to amend MPS Rules 1965

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 16:** Various agenda including amendment of the Manipur Public Service Rules 1965, filling of vacant post at State Education department, YAS, and Block officers of Zilla Parishad were discussed today in the state cabinet meeting held today at CM Bungalow at 4 pm. Details of the meeting could not be get at the moment but

according to a source the meeting deliberated about the issue arises out the MPSC recruitment test. Source said that the agenda discussed today are Budget estimate for the year 2016-2017; engagement of M. Rahanuddin Choudhury as joint secretary Home and protocol Officer Govt of Manipur on Contract basis after retirement for a period of 2 years; Recruitment of staff nurse in JNIMS; upgradation of Lhungtin SDC circle to SDO/BDO Lhungtin Senapati Distrit; incorporation of 14 numbers of vacant posts of LDC to the ongoing recruitment process by re-designating as office Assistant cum - Computer operator in respect of Horticulture and Soil Conservation department and amendment of Manipur Municipal Act 1994 etc.

## Rahul Gandhi begins padyatra in Assam

**ANI**  
**Sivasagar (Assam), Feb. 16:** Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi, who is on a two-day pre-emption tour of Assam, began his padyatra here on Tuesday. He is expected to address his party workers at a rally after the padyatra. During a rally at Titabor yesterday, Gandhi had showered praise on Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi, saying that he had done wonderful things that changed lives of the poor, women, tea labourers and children in the state.

## 4 militants gunned down along Assam-Arunachal border

**ANI**  
**Lohit (AP), Feb. 16:** The security forces gunned down four militants at Lohit District near Assam and Arunachal Pradesh border on Tuesday morning. Out of the four slain militants, three belong to the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) (NSCN (K)) while one belongs to the United Liberation Front of Assam (Independent) (ULFA (I)). The security personnel have also recovered one AK-56 rifle and two pistols in the operation. The operation is still underway.

## RIMS Contract workers demand regularization and pay hike; disrupts routine work

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 16:** The grade IV contract workers of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) stormed the Administrative block today afternoon demanding job regularization and pay hike, disrupting routine administrative functioning of the institute. As a result, the interview for the die in harness recruitment scheduled to be held today has been postponed. Later, seven representatives of the contract workers met RIMS authority.

Speaking to media persons, a grade IV contract worker employed as attendant at medicine ward said that around 285 grade IV contract workers are presently employed at RIMS for more than 25 years, however, RIMS authority has recently published an advertisement for fresh recruitment for 134 regular posts for grade IV excluding 12 posts reserved for die in harness appointment. He further added that the medical superintendent of RIMS had stated earlier on 1 December of 2015 that the

contract workers would be regularized if any vacancy arise in the RIMS. However in the recent notification of the recruitment there is no provision from the RIMS authority for regularizing the contract worker. The contract workers demand to recruit the advertised vacant 134 posts from the contract workers. If the RIMS authority failed to fulfill the demand then the OPD and Administration block will be closed and various agitations will be organized.

## Khwaitramband Women vendors to meet CM regarding construction of temporary market sheds

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 16:** The women vendors of Khwaitramband keithel organized a rally to meet Chief Minister O Ibobi today. Hundreds of women who participated at the rally were blocked at Kangla gate and detained near the gate of GM hall by the police as the government has informed them that the meeting has been scheduled for 4 pm this evening. Speaking to media persons, Laishram Memma-President of the Manipur Keithel Phambi Apunba Lup, said the organization has given a date line till 15 of this month to complete the construction of the temporary market shed,

however the state government has not given any response. She further added the cabinet has decided to construct the temporary market shed at the Purana market and Hao market for 500 women vendors each. He further added the government inadvertently drew up a storm when it tried to construct the temporary market shed along Thangal Bazar road and now the government is trying to do the same thing by constructing the market shed on the side of the Johnstone Higher Secondary School which is against the cabinet decision. She further warned that the state government should clarify the hidden agenda for constructing

the market shed at the side of the Johnstone Higher Secondary School, and if the government failed to clarify then the women vendors would destroy the temporary market shed.

## First Mizoram renewable energy exhibition 2016 initiated

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 16:** President of the Mizoram Journalists Association today inaugurated the first Mizoram Renewable Energy Exhibition 2016 organized by Joram Energy Development Agency (JEDA). Various Renewable energy firms joined the exhibition which will continue till Friday. Director of JEDA Lalrin Mawia said that

## Mary kom, Sarita Devi, clinch gold



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 16:** India today witnessed the Boxing events of the 12th South Asian Games clinching gold medals with MC Mary kom, a five-time world champion, including a biopic of the Olympic bronze medalist, inspiring Sarita Devi to go beyond simply finding an easier way to move her things in her new start of this game after a one-year ban from AISA and Pooja Rani in their respective categories to help India clean sweep Boxing with

10 Gold medals. Yesterday, the host nation had won all the seven categories in the men's section. The Gold medal winners included Shiva Thapa (56kg), Mandeep Jangra (69kg), Vikas Krishan (75kg) Madan Lal (52kg), Dheeraj Rangi (60kg), Manoj Kumar (64kg) and L.Devendro, a Glasgow Commonwealth Games silver medalist, who is recovering from an injury, began India's gold rush in boxing when he pipped Mohib Ulla of Pakistan in 49kg category at the SAI campus in North Eastern Hill University on the outskirts of the city. Besides Boxing, Judo and Taekwondo are today's events with medal hopes of Gold. After the events, the Games will culminate with a closing ceremony this evening. India plant the medal tally with a total haul of 309 medals - 189 Gold, 90 Silver and 30 Bronze. Sri Lanka is in second slot, while Pakistan is in the third position.

## Maoist Communist Party Manipur calls statewide General Strike on Feb. 21

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 16:** Despite the revelations and confessions of Head Constable Thounaojam Herojit on the fake encounter case where Chungkham Sanjit and Rabina lost their lives, there still is a powerful lobby working to suppress the repercussions as well as the inevitable outcome, and even when the civil society organizations have the perfect opportunity to lay bare the insidious and sustained

secret campaign of fake encounters and murders that the state government has been carrying out for a long time, nothing specific or substantial has been taken up on the issue. It is becoming increasingly clear the civil organizations have been gagged and silenced. The unfortunate development or the lack of it, regarding the fake encounter case of 2009 has prompted the proscribed group Maoist Communist

Party Manipur to declare a statewide General Strike on February 21 as a wake-up call to everybody to force the truth out. This was stated in a press release signed by Nonglen Meitei, Secretary Publicity and Propaganda of the group. The release further added that anything related with religious ceremony and journalists will be relaxed, while urging the people to resort to vehement protests and strikes to bring the culprits to justice.

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, Feb.16:** The Delhi High court on Tuesday rejected the plea, which sought the National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe in the sedition case against arrested JNU students' union president Kanhaiya Kumar. While rejecting the plea, the court said that it was 'premature' to ask the NIA to probe the matter, adding the petitioner has not approached

## Delhi HC rejects plea for NIA probe

the government till now. Stating that the incident took place on February 9, the court said it can't assume that the Delhi Police is not investigating the same. The plea was mentioned before a bench of Justices B.D. Ahmed and R. K. Gauba. The petition had also sought a judicial inquiry in the entire case. The petition alleged that Delhi Police was not investigating the case properly and the

matter should be transferred to the NIA. A Delhi court yesterday extended Kanhaiya's custody for two more days. The JNU student union leader was arrested last week on charges of sedition for allegedly participating in an event on the campus to mark the anniversary of the execution of 2001 Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru, in which anti-India slogans were raised.

## If anti-national means this, God save our country

**Courtesy - The Telegraph**  
**Kanhaiya Kumar**, the JNU students' union president, addressed a gathering on the campus on Thursday evening. The following day, Kumar was arrested on the charge of sedition for taking part in a march on Tuesday where anti-India slogans were raised. The following is the near-complete Hindi speech Kumar delivered on Thursday, translated by JP Yadav of The Telegraph from a recording uploaded on YouTube. The recording does not feature the beginning of the speech. Other than that, the translation below reproduces the speech in full. They are the ones who burnt the Tricolour. They are followers of Savarkar who apologised to the British. They are the ones who, in Haryana, have changed the name of one airport. There was one airport named after Bhatag Singh. The Khattar government has now named it after one Sanghi (a person associated with the RSS). What I mean to say is that we don't need the certificate of patriotism from the RSS. We don't need a nationalist certificate from the RSS. We belong to this country. We love this country. We fight for the 80 per cent of the poor population of this country. For us, this is nation worship.

We have full faith in Babasahab (Ambedkar). We have full faith in the Constitution of India. We want to say this very forcefully that if anyone tries to challenge the Constitution, be it the Sanghis, we will not tolerate. We have faith in the Constitution. But we don't have faith in the Constitution that is taught in Jhandewalan (RSS headquarters in Delhi) and Nagpur. We don't have faith in Manusmriti, we don't have faith in the caste system in this country. The Constitution and Babasahab Ambedkar talk about corrective measures. The same Babasahab Ambedkar talks about abolishing capital punishment. The same Babasahab Ambedkar talks about freedom of expression. And we want to uphold the Constitution, we want to uphold our right. But it's shameful and sad that the ABVP, in association with their media friends, is running an orchestrated campaign. Yesterday, the ABVP joint secretary said that we fight for fellowships. How ridiculous it sounds! Their government, Madam ManuSmitri Irani is ending fellowship and they accuse us of fighting for fellowships. Their government has reduced the higher education budget by 17 per cent. Our hostel has not been built for the past four years, there is no

Wi-fi. BHEL gave us one bus but the administration has no money for oil. And ABVP people stand like Dev Anand claiming that they will get hostels built, they will get Wi-fi and they will get fellowships. They will be exposed if there is a debate on the basic issues in this country. We are proud of being JNU-ites because we discuss and debate the basic issues concerning this country. We raise issues related to the dignity of women, Dalits, tribals and minorities in this country. And so, their Swamy (Subramanian Swamy) says that *jihadis* live in JNU, that JNU students spread violence. On behalf of JNU, I want to challenge RSS ideologues. Call us and hold a debate. We want to debate the concept of violence. We want to raise questions about the frenzied ABVP's slogans, their slogan that they will do *tilak* with blood and aarti with bullets. Whose blood do they want to spill? They aligned with the British and fired bullets on the freedom fighters of this country. They fired bullets when poor people demanded bread; they fired bullets when people dying of hunger talked about their rights; they have fired bullets on Muslims; they have fired bullets on women when they demand equal rights.

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