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**Agency**  
**Imphal, Feb 28:** Indian women's hockey team will today take on Germany on their South African tour. The match will start at 7:30 p.m. Indian time. In a match played at Stellenbosch yesterday, the formidable Germans beat India 3-nil. Indian eyes led by midfielder Ritu Rani were unbeaten on the tour before yesterday's match. They defeated hosts South Africa's international team twice and also won against Scotland by convincing 5-nil margin. The tour is being considered as a good exposure for the Indian team, that has qualified for the summer Olympics for the first time in 36 years.

## KMC cleans Kakching

**IT News**  
**Kakching, Feb 28:** Kakching Municipal Council in association with Kakching Bazar Business Welfare Association today conducted a cleanliness drive at Kakching market. Portable vegetable vendor sheds which built over road way sides were cleaned up in the drive. As the market being one of the crowded and ever increasing market in Thoubal District, the present market structure has become incompatible with time. KMC & KBBWA took up the initiative with the welfare will for people as prior to Government's step to make the market that meets peoples need. SDO of Kakching subdivision Charanjit who visited the drive whelmed over peoples' support on government's such effort.

## State budget is a hopeless legislative joke: BJP

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 28:** The recent state budget is a hopeless one, it has neglected the poor people of the state, said General Secretary of Manipur Pradesh Brahaitya Janata Party (Admin), Moirangthem Asnikumar. Speaking to Imphal Times over phone, the General Secretary of BJP Manipur Pradesh said that the recent budget is an anti-people; there is no reflection on farmers and poor people. The agriculture sector and poor people is neglected in the budget. The Governor of the state in his address to the ongoing Manipur Legislative Assembly session does not mention about the mechanism to curb corruption. The speech of the Government reflects the

attitude of the present Congress government, said Asnikumar. Stating that the 14-years of Ibobi-led Congress government in the state is a total disappointment' the General Secretary said that a decade is more than enough to reform a society and develop the state. The government left the people of Manipur living at the mercy of the God. The incumbent government has no governance at all; it is not a pro-active government. All the flagship program of the government is failed in the state. There is no policy for education, health and water in the state. The people of Manipur are suffering due to the sans of proper water policy of the state government, said

the General Secretary of BJP, Manipur Pradesh. The state government has taken a huge amount of money under PMKSY; however, it has implemented not a single welfare scheme for the welfare of the farmers and poor people of Manipur. The government is like a private company where the boss (Chief Minister, O Ibobi Singh) runs all the show. There is no good intention of the government and it is totally paralyzed in all front, he said. Under the PMKS program, which was launched by the Prime Minister in the month of July, 2015 for the welfare of farmers, the Central government had spent around Rs 50 Cr. However, the state government failed to submit even a single plan for the welfare of the farmers under the

flagship program of the present Central government, he pointed out. Meanwhile, General Secretary of BJP, Manipur Pradesh (Media in-charge) Basanta Sharma said that the present government failed to maintain the law and order situation of the state, and it left the state into anarchic. The Government has failed to protect the dignity of the state security force. The controversial suspension of 5 (five) personnel of Manipur Police is a perfect example of state government succumb to external influences.

## JNU row: HC to resume hearing on Kanhaiya's bail plea tomorrow

**New Delhi, Feb 28:** The Delhi High Court is likely to resume tomorrow, hearing on a bail plea of JNU Students' Union President Kanhaiya Kumar arrested in a sedition case. The Court had deferred the hearing on last Wednesday after police informed court that it will seek Kanhaiya's further custodial interrogation. Meanwhile, a Delhi court yesterday extended police custody of two other JNU

students, Umar Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya, arrested in the same case, by two more days. The students face sedition charges for allegedly raising anti-national slogans at the JNU campus during an event earlier this month. Talking to media yesterday, Delhi Police Commissioner BS Bassi said that he has asked the investigating police officials to transfer the case to a Special Police Cell.

## I have an exam tomorrow, says PM Modi on Budget 2016 in his Mann ki Baat

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Feb 28:** "I have an exam tomorrow," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in the 17th edition of 'Mann Ki Baat' on Sunday, referring to presentation of the General Budget in Parliament. Modi made the statement while advising students appearing for board exams, for which he even roped in sports icons like Sachin Tendulkar and Vishwanathan Anand. Modi said he was "full of confidence" ahead of his "examination" by 125 crore people, a trait which he wanted students to emulate when they appear for their

examinations for Class X and XII, starting on Tuesday. In his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', he emphasised that students should appear for the exams with a "positive approach" having a free and calm mind without any anxiety. He also asked parents not to put pressure on children. "Friends, your exams are starting. I too have an exam tomorrow. The country's 125 crore people are going to take my examination," the Prime Minister said. "But you must have seen how healthy I am feeling, how full of confidence I am. Let my exams take place

tomorrow and yours day after and may all of us succeed so that the nation succeeds... Move ahead with a free mind, without any tension of success or failure," he said in his 35-minute programme. To lay stress on a positive and tension-free approach, Modi roped in Sachin, Anand besides Bharat Ratna scientist CNR Rao and spiritual leader Murari Babu, whose messages were played during the programme. The guests gave their own examples of how they approached exams in their respective fields, keeping tension aside.

## Naveen Patnaik elected BJD president for 7th term

**Agency**  
**New Delhi, Feb 28:** The announcement of Patnaik's election was a mere formality as he was the lone candidate to file nomination papers for the post. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was on Sunday formally declared elected as BJD President for the 7th consecutive term. Announcing Patnaik's election as the regional party's chief, returning officer Pratap Keshari Deb said as many as 80 state executive members have also been elected with the completion of organisational poll process which had

commenced in the last week of December. The announcement of Patnaik's election was a mere formality as he was the lone candidate to file nomination papers for the post. Patnaik is the founder president of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), which came into being after the death of Biju Patnaik in 1997. The party's organisational elections are held every three years. Soon after the announcement of election results, Patnaik thanked the supporters and asked the ministers to guide the workers of the party. Noting that BJD has become a powerful regional party,

Patnaik said its significance in the national politics has also increased considerably. The party's most important strength is that it has won the trust and confidence of the people of Odisha, he said. Describing Odisha's prosperity and pride as BJD's goal, Patnaik said the party's battle against "historic negligence" towards the state has raised the faith of the people in BJD which aims at ensuring inclusive growth. The ruling party has programmes for all sections of society starting from farmers to labourers, women, students, youths, tribals and dalits.

## AMASI laparoscopic surgery workshop at Ukhrul

**IT News**  
**Ukhrul, Feb 28:** In association with Shija Hospitals & Research Institute, Langol & CHSRC Ukhrul, Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India (AMASI) East Zone organized a two day AMASI Laparoscopic Surgery Workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016. A surgery team led by Dr. Jugindra Sorokhaibam, treasurer, AMASI East Zone cum Consultant General & Laparoscopic Surgeon (MS), Shija Hospitals conducted free laparoscopic surgeries for five patients during the workshop. The team also



consists of Dr. Chandragupta Ch., Consultant General & Laparoscopic Surgeon (MS), Shija Hospitals; Dr. Kennedy T., Anesthetist, Shija Hospitals and Dr. Rocky L., Sonologist, Shija Hospitals. Free Ultrasound Screening along with free detailed consultation was also conducted for 190

patients during the workshop. The workshop was held to popularize Laparoscopic Surgery (Keyhole Surgery) and to enlighten its advantage in Ukhrul District. The workshop was supported by staffs of Shija Information Centre Ukhrul; CHSRC Ukhrul and Shija Hospitals.

## Winners of Nongpok Ningthou Nongpok Panthoibi award announced

**IT News**  
**Imphal Feb 28:** The 21<sup>st</sup> Panthoibi Cultural Research Centre for Performing Arts (PACRECPA Society) has announced the recipients of "Nongpok Ningthou-Nongpok Panthoibi" award for the year 2016. The award distribution

function will be held on March 22 at Lamyamba Sanglen, Palace Compound. Three books - *Larei Lathum, Manipuri Latharaobagi wapu amanshing nunglen and Chow swasti ras humphumar* will be released at Lamyamba Sanglen Kowang Mamang Imphal on

the day. A released said that "Life Time Achievement" award will be confer on to Moirangthem Kumar Singh and Laikhuram ongi RK Sabitri Devi, Umangia Haraoba award will be confer on to Umang Lai kanba Lup(UKAL), Journalist award given to Sapam Aruna.

## Bihar Police seize property of rape-accused RJD MLA

**ANI**  
**Nawada, Feb 28:** The Bihar Police on Sunday seized the property of former labour minister and RJD MLA Raj Ballabh Yadav, who is accused of raping a minor. An order for the same was passed by a Patna court on Saturday. Soon after the order was passed, the police had surrounded his residence-cum-party office located at Pathra

English locality under Muffasil police station of Nawada. The state BJP party members had on Saturday held a protest at the Bihar sharif hospital chowk led by ex-deputy chief minister Sushil Modi, who issued a warning that if the accused is not arrested within a week then Nalanda would be closed next Monday. On Thursday, the police had

arrested a woman named Sulekha Devi, her daughter Chhoti Devi, mother Radha Devi and younger sister Tushi Devi in connection with the case. The accused women had apparently lured a school girl on the pretext of attending a birthday party and took her to the MLA's residence instead where the 54-year-old MLA raped the minor on February 6.

## 20 Congress MLAs are right while Home Minister is wrong. Why?

**By: Ningombam Bupenda Meitei**  
According to The Sangai Express (English edition) news - *Dy CM gives clean chit to cops, dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016* - it states, "Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Gaikhangam has categorically stated that no Manipur police personnel harassed or assaulted or abused with communal words any team of the Naga Students' Federation (NSF)." In the same news, the Home Minister of Manipur is recorded to have tabled his own statement on the floor of the House in Manipur Assembly, saying, "The Government of Manipur or the State police do not have any communal outlook and this I would like to convey to the

NSF through the Manipur Legislative Assembly." According to The Times of India, *Five cops suspended in Manipur, NSF calls off stir, dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016*, it states, "The Manipur government has suspended five police personnel, including Sub Inspector (SI), bringing to an end the tussle between Naga Students' Federation (NSF) and Manipur Police over harassment of NSF leaders by some policemen." The same news also further conveys, "Following the suspension, the NSF has reportedly withdrawn its ban on movement of vehicles owned by Manipuris in Naga areas." In the said news, it also writes, "In a letter sent to the president of NSF, Manipur Additional DGP C

Doungel said five police personnel have been suspended in connection with the February 14 incident and that a departmental inquiry is being contemplated against them." According to Business Standard, *Congress MLAs in Manipur revolt against home minister, dated 28 February, 2016*, Nongthombam Biren, Congress MLA, said, "We held an emergency meeting at my residence on Saturday night. We resolved to urge Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh to take up appropriate actions against Gaikhangam." He also further stressed, "We are demanding a special meeting of the Congress Legislature Party on Monday [29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016] to discuss

the issue." The events can be chronologically summarised as follows; 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: The incident, regarding the NSF's alleged issue with Manipur police, took place. 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016: NSF decided to ban Meiteis/Manipuris' vehicles in Naga areas. 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016: Manipur DGP talks to Nagaland DGP on NSF ban of Meiteis/Manipuris' vehicles. 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: NSF started banning Meitei/Manipuris' vehicles in Naga areas. 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: Manipur DIG Range 1 I.K. Muivah - NSF talk on the NSF ban failed. 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: Home Minister Gaikhangam, in

Manipur Assembly, said no wrong done by Manipur police to NSF on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: Home Minister Gaikhangam suspended 5 Manipur police personnel in connection with the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 incident. 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: 20 Congress MLAs revolted against the Home Minister Gaikhangam, who is also the President of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, for suspending 5 Manipur police personnel. 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016: A special meeting of CLP (Congress Legislature Party) under the chairmanship of Manipur CM Okram Ibobi Singh, who is also the CLP Leader, to take place to discuss the unfolding events and issues related. (Contd. on page 2)



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