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## Naga accord: Rijju to respond in Lok Sabha today

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, March 15:** Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijju will today make statement on Naga peace accord in Lok Sabha.  
 The accord was signed in August 2015 in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.  
 Home Minister Rajnath Singh had earlier refuted Rahul Gandhi's claim that he was not informed before signing a peace pact with Naga insurgent group NSCN-IM saying the Congress Vice-President's statement was 'completely false and baseless' and he 'misled' the Parliament.  
 The Home Minister's reaction came after the Congress vice president told the Lok Sabha that Singh was not aware of Naga peace accord which was signed in August 2015 in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.  
 Launching a scathing attack on Prime Minister Modi in Lok Sabha, Gandhi said the former released Pakistan from a small 'cage' in which it was put after the 26/11 attacks by his sudden visit to Lahore and bringing a 'fair and lovely' scheme to launder black money.  
 He alleged that Prime Minister Modi did not listen to anyone's opinion, including his ministers and party MPs, on issues like his visit to Pakistan and the Naga accord.

## BJP slams congress for neglecting Chandel district

**IT News**  
**Chandel, March 15:** Bharatiya Janata Party, Chandel, has alleged the state congress government of neglecting the district that has brought untold miseries to the residents of Chandel district.  
 The BJP statement issued by general secretary (Org), DB Solomon stated that developmental schemes and funds meant for poor and needy people of the districts were simply misappropriated and have gone to the pockets of the state SPF ruling Ministers, MLAs and officers.  
 It also pointed that irregularities, dereliction of duty by various District Level Officers and government employees of the districts have created lots of hardships and sufferings to the public. It further stated that work orders for PMGSY schemes have been issued to different individuals, surprisingly; there has been no development in pour district so far the statement added.

## No postponement in BJP National Executive meeting – Rijju

### Th. Chaoba to campaign at Assam from March 22

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 15:** Rumours about the postponement of the BJP National executive meeting scheduled to be held on March 19 has been proved wrong as Imphal Times has confirmed that there is no change in the date fixed for BJP National Executive meeting on March 19.  
 The matter has been confirmed after Imphal Times directly contacted National general secretary of BJP Kiren Rijju who is also the Union Minister of State for Home

today morning.  
 "There will be no change of date for the crucial meeting", said Rijju while talking to Imphal Times through Phone. Rijju along with other BJP leaders from almost all states of North East India are now presently stationing at New Delhi to attend the most important meeting of the BJP. The national executive meet may take up political resolutions on issues of nationalism and the party's commitment to welfare measures for the poor, likely

to be announced in the budget, said a BJP source from New Delhi.  
 Meanwhile, BJP Manipur Pradesh, President Th. Chaoba who had left for New Delhi on March 14 to attend the National Executive meeting has been assigned to start campaign at Assam from March 22, a source said. Before heading for Assam Chaoba will return back to Imphal on March 20.  
 Imphal Times had earlier reported that the central leadership of the BJP will

announce the next president of the BJP Manipur Pradesh on or before March 20. Imphal Times in its report had also stated that Chaoba whose term has been over will be asked to continue the post for the next term as there is no alternative to him to strengthen the party in the next upcoming state assembly election scheduled on 2017. It is not that there are no qualified contenders for the top post of the BJP Manipur Pradesh but it is the need for an experience politician that prompt the BJP central leadership to once more approve Th. Chaoba to continue the post.

## Dissident Congress MLAs voice heard; CM, Dy. CM rush to New Delhi

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 15:** Dissident MLAs of the ruling Congress party had finally succeeded to draw the attention of the Congress high command over their dissatisfaction to the Okram Ibobi Ministry. Source said that the matter which was submitted to the Congress High Command has been seriously considered and following that both the Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh and Deputy Chief Minister Gaigangam, who is also the President of AICC had rush to New Delhi to discuss the situation.  
 Source said that President of the AICC Sonia Gandhi sent an urgent message to both the CM and Dy. CM to make their

appearance today.  
 According to source from the CMO, before leaving for New Delhi, the Chief Minister had an urgent meeting with the Ministers of the state government.  
 Official confirmation could not be obtained at the moment but source said that Okram Ibobi Singh might take up some measures to satisfy the rebel Congress MLAs by either reshuffling the Ministry or using his own means as the party need to begin campaign for the next assembly election. This time Ibobi's better half Okram landhoni Devi, who is also the MLA of Khangabok Assembly constituency accompanied the Chief Minister.

## Police Officers under training protest on failure to fix date for passing out parade

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 15:** The ASI and SI recruits who are undergoing training at the Manipur Police Training College (MPTC), Pangai today morning protested by shutting down the main gate of the Training Center on the alleged report of collecting money from them by some people on the pretext that the passing out parade would be held soon.  
 Speaking to the media persons, a trainee alleged that Director of MPTC H Chandramani have not made any arrangement for holding the passing out parade for them despite their training period have surpassed over one year. The recruits went into agitation mode today morning as the Director failed

to fix the date for holding the passing out parade after having repeated conversation with the representative of the recruits and the Director.  
 The trainee protestors alleged media persons that the Director have been collecting a sum of 500 rupees in addition to the ration money of 1000 rupees insuring to provide good food which does not happen, but instead the Training Center has been turned into a business center by forcibly selling books, lottery tickets, etc. Meanwhile, another 1600 rupees has been collected on the excuse that shoes would be provided.  
 The recruits alleged that in the first week of this month, some people close to the

Director asked them to give money so that the passing out parade would be held soon. As the situation became tense, Director Chandramani came to the spot and tried to convince them saying that the passing out parade would be held on March 21 or 30. But the recruits refused to accept the assurance saying that no fixed date was given, then the Director left the place.  
 In today's protest, the ASI and SI recruits blocked the road by placing tree logs and bamboos and other available materials.  
 The ASI and SI recruits numbering about 366 and 376 respectively have been undergoing training at the Manipur Police Training Center since March 15 of 2015.

## World Consumer Rights Day observed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 15:** World Consumer Rights Day was observed today at the auditorium of the High Court of Manipur, Mantripukhri. The programme was organized in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebration of the High Court Bar Association by Manipur State Legal Service Authority (MSLSA) in association with High Court Bar Association of Manipur (HCBAM), under the theme "antibiotic resistance".  
 Speaking the keynote address, Member Secretary of

RK Memcha Devi said that all people are consumers and today's observance is to promote and make aware the basic rights of all consumers and that those rights are respected and protected, and for protesting the market abuses face by the consumers and the social injustices which undermine them.  
 RK Memcha Devi further said that to promote the basic rights of all consumers, awareness programme for World Consumer Rights Day will be held at different corner of the state.

World Consumer Rights Day was first observed on 15 March 1983, and has since become an important occasion for mobilising citizen action.  
 M Okendro Singh, Education Minister (CAF/PD) of Manipur; Kh Binoykumar Singh, Senior Advocate and President of High Court Bar Association of Manipur (HCBAM) and Th Ibohali Singh, Leading Advocate General of Manipur attended as Chief Guests, President and Guest of Honour of today's function, respectively.

## State Medical students felicitated; express resentment over negligence of health sector

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 15:** State delegates participated in the recently held from 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Students National Conference at Patna was felicitated in a simple function at Babina Diagnostic Center, Porompat today.  
 Speaking to reporters, Yahia Khan, President of JNIMS Students' Union expressed his strong resentment over the Central Government's allocation of more fund in Defense Sector by neglecting Health Sector, which is already in deteriorated condition.

from JNIMS, Imphal led by Dr M Nara, President IDPD, Manipur Chapter attended in the three day long National Conference which was held under the theme "Health through Peace & Development".  
 While a Students' Wing for the very association was also initiated in the Conference. And of the Wing Yahia Khan has elected as Co-National Representative of Manipur Chapter, Students Wing while Surjit Laitgangbam and Thiyam Pinky has been selected as representatives for Eastern Zone.

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## Seminar on Medicinal & Aromatic Plants

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, March 15:** Manipur State Medicinal Plants Board (MSMPB), Directorate of AYUSH in association with Volunteers for Scientific Action on Rural Development (VOSARD), Laming organized a One Day State Level Seminar on Medicinal & Aromatic Plants of Manipur at the Conference Hall of Laming High School in Thoubal District today.  
 The State Level Seminar on Medicinal & Aromatic Plants of Manipur was Sponsored by National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPP), New Delhi, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.  
 L. Manao Singh, Retired Member, Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC), Manipur, Rk. Tilotama Devi, Additional Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Lamphalpat and Dr. L. Promila Devi, Joint Director

(AYUSH) Member Secretary, Manipur State Medicinal Plants Board (MSMPB), Directorate of AYUSH, Lamphalpat graced the Inaugural function as chief guest and guests of honours respectively. Dr. K. Lokendro Singh, Director of AYUSH, Government of Manipur as the functional president.  
 Resource Persons of the program, Dr. P. Kumar Singh, Prof. Life Science Dept., Manipur University, Dr. P. Kalanjoy Singh, Proprietor, Sida Hidak Herbal Medicine Manufacturing-cum- Health care, Phumlou Siphai, Dr. O. Kumar Singh, M.Sc Horticulture Junior Subject matter specialist Dept. of Hort. & Soil Conservation, Bishnupur deliberated on the "Saving Indigenous Endemic Medicinal plants of Manipur, Cataloguing in data base and awareness campaign for their

conservation".  
 "Pharmacological Studies of Rare & Endangered MAPs found in North-East States", "Role of Medicinal Plants in the Modern Health Care System", While Dr. L. Promila Devi, Joint Director/ Member Secretary, Manipur State Medicinal Plants Board (MSMPB) stressed on the topic of "Important role of Farmers for Collection and Storage of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants".  
 During the program, an open discussion was also held on the topic "Medicinal & Aromatic Plants of Manipur" under the moderator of Dr. K. Lokendro Singh, Director of AYUSH, Government of Manipur. AYUSH & Homeo Doctors, College Teachers and ASHA's from different Districts of the State also attended the programme.

## Irom Sharmila scholarship to JNUSU, Rohith Vemula

**New Delhi, March 15:** The 2016 Irom Sharmila Scholarship was jointly awarded to Rohit Vemula (posthumously) of the Ambedkar Studies Association, Hyderabad Central University and Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union yesterday. The cheques for scholarship was received by the Joint Action Committee on behalf of Vemula and JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar on behalf of the students' body. According to Ajay Patnaik, JNUTA president, who handed over the scholarships,

"the award goes to them as student representatives/bodies seeking to strengthen India's constitutional democracy by upholding the constitutional ideals of fraternity, equality and right to life, and inspiring many others across the country."  
 The Irom Sharmila Scholarship was instituted by a faculty from Delhi University in 2012. Professor Nandini Sundar, Faculty of Social Science, DU has set up the scholarship. It is open to any post graduate student (MA-Phd) enrolled in any educational institution in Delhi in any subject who

comes from an area with internal armed conflict, including Northeast, Kashmir and Central India.  
 The award is based on a combination of financial need, academic merit, contribution to society and suffering as a result of armed conflict. The scholarship is a lump sum of Rs. 50,000 (Rs.60,000 if shared). Sharmila also extended her solidarity via a video message that was played on the occasion where she said, "I think building a university is just like a temple for young minds. So why should government or concerned

authority restrict their thoughts and debates? I extend my solidarity to students' democratic, progressive movements and voice of dissent in university campuses to justice for Rohith Vemula and other student."  
 A 22-year-old Kashmiri student became the first person to receive the scholarship in 2013. Iymon Majeed, a student of MA political science from Jamia Millia Islamia has been writing about experience of Kashmir with Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 and militarism for various publications.

## JNU panel recommends rustication of Kanhaiya & 4 other students

**New Delhi, March 15:** A high-level committee of JNU has recommended rustication of Kanhaiya Kumar, Umar Khalid, Anirban Bhattacharya and two other students for their alleged role in a controversial event inside varsity's campus on 9th February. Anti-national slogans were allegedly raised at the event. Quoting sources, PTI reports that a decision on the recommendations by the panel will be taken by the Vice Chancellor and Chief Proctor of JNU after a thorough scrutiny of the suggestions.  
 A meeting of the university's

top brass chaired by the Vice Chancellor yesterday discussed the report. Following this, the varsity issued show-cause notices to 21 students including Kanhaiya and Umar, who were found guilty of having violated its discipline norms.  
 The committee was formed on 10th February to probe the event organised to protest hanging of the Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru. Kanhaiya, who was arrested by Delhi police, was released on bail on 3rd March, while Umar and Anirban are still in judicial custody.