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## Amit Shah visits Govindaji Temple

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Sept 15:** BJP National President Amit Shah today visited Shri Shri Govindaji Temple at Palace Compound today morning before leaving Imphal. The BJ leader arrived yesterday and attended a BJP state level booth meeting at Hatta Kangleibung where nearly 50,000 BJP workers of the state attended.

## Dead body found

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Sept 15:** A dead body was found floating at a community pond at Khuyathong in Imphal West. Identity of the dead body could not be established at the moment. A police team picked up the dead body and deposited at RIMS morgue for autopsy.

## 5 dengue deaths in AIIMS, toll climbs to 14

**New Delhi, Sept 15:** The death toll due to dengue in the national capital mounted to 14 as AIIMS on Wednesday confirmed the five cases of fatalities due to the vector-borne disease which has also affected over 1,150 people this season. On Monday, the premier institute had said that it was looking into the details of these "five suspected cases". Till yesterday, at least nine deaths due to dengue were reported this year in the national capital, though the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), which compiles the report on vector-borne diseases on behalf of all civic bodies here, has maintained the death toll at four. Out of the total number of cases, August alone has accounted for 652.

## PM extends his wishes on Engineers Day

**PIB**  
**New Delhi, Sept 15:** The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has extended his best wishes on Engineers Day. He also remembered Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya on whose Birth Anniversary Engineers Day is observed in India. "On Engineers Day, best wishes to all engineers, whose intellect, dedication & curiosity has led to several path-breaking innovations. We salute with pride & joy Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya on his birth anniversary. He is remembered & respected as a pioneering engineer", the Prime Minister said.

## Father blames JNIMS doctor for giving him a semi conscious daughter

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Sept 15:** JINMS director, Dr. L. Deven's priceless effort to built good image of the one and the only government run Medical College in the state is getting bad name with various complaints of doctors' negligence while proving treatment to the patient. The hard earn image of the institution under the supervision of the Director JNIMS at which he received numerous applause from the public and civil society organizations for providing free treatment to patients who cannot afford treatment expenditures is likely to be ruined after some doctors and nurses in the hospital were alleged of intentional negligence. In a press meet held at Manipur Press Club today afternoon, father of a newly

delivered baby at JNIMS hospital has alleged authorities' negligence as the reason of the subconscious state of his daughter. N. Sangita, wife of Nandeibam Birjit of Yumnam Patlou of Imphal East District delivered a girl child in the hospital on cesarean surgery on August 3. To his surprised the child at which the consulting doctor assured normal birth is now in semi conscious state even after a month. "The baby was supposed to be normal but as the nurses injected a medicine which was different from the one that the doctor prescribed her condition is abnormal", Birjit said. The baby is second child and as according to the advice of the consulting doctor Dr. Devendra and Dr. Thaja, Sangita was admitted to JNIMS Gynecology ward on July 31. "Something which was not

supposed to happen occurred, they said it will be normal birth but cesarean was conducted on the day in an emergency way", Birjit said. After sensing some unusual happening, Birjit had approached the hospital authority to constitute an enquiry to find out what went wrong to treatment process while delivering the baby. However as the authority failed to provide positive response to his plea he is putting up the matter in the public sphere through media, Birjit said while talking to the media persons. "Everything was fine until the day when my wife was supposed to deliver our daughter", Birjit said. "But then the doctor told me to buy two injection as it was not available in the hospital, however, before I brought the injection the a nurse in the

ward already provided her another injection and following that my wife started vomiting", Birjit said. He further said that the doctor after inspecting the injection given to her by the nurse had told them that it was not the medicine he prescribed. As the condition deteriorated she was immediately taken to the operation theater and to his surprised the doctor told him that the baby was born in abnormal condition with serious respiratory problem. He was also told that the baby's brain will not function properly. Birjit appealed the people of the state to urge the JNIMS authority to constitute an enquiry into the matter so that those responsible for the condition of his daughter could be punished as according to the law of the land.

## AMBA observed 65<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Governor Najma Haptulla lauded the roles of Bar Association

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Sept 15:** All Manipur Bar Association (AMBA) today observed 65<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day today at Cheirap Court Complex, Imphal. Speaking as the Chief Guest of today's function, Dr. Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur said that seeing a vibrant bar in the state is very comforting and felt assured that one of the three pillars of Democracy is thriving in the country. Foundation day has always remained a very significant event for an establishment, an occasion not only for celebration but also for introspection as it provides an opportunity to all the concerned to reflect on the activities of the past as well as to explore the ways and means for overcoming the new challenges to move forward, she added. "Manipur is considered as a frontrunner in the field of women empowerment as it is heartening to see that women have not lagged behind in the field of justice delivery" said Dr. Najma Heptulla. Dr. Najma Heptulla also said that working on a judicial system for dispensation of Justice is not new in Manipur as it already had a well organised justice delivery

system. The present systematic representation of lawyers in the administration of justice began in Manipur after the British left the Indian sub-continent in the year around 1947. As aware, the edifice of Democracy in the country rests on three pillars namely Legislature, Judiciary and Executive. The essence of true democracy lies only when the three pillars are well balanced as they have definitive roles to play and complementary to each other under the sacrosanct guidelines of the Indian Constitution, she added. Dr. Najma Heptulla further said that somewhere in the country a large number of pending cases are waiting for disposal though everyone is well aware and conscious of their rights and duties under the law which is a shameful work. Instead we should make a concerted effort to improve the situation as the dictum says "Justice delayed is justice denied." Timely delivery of justice should be given the importance, she added. With the advancement of technology, use of computers, e-mails and internet is

increasing today at break-neck pace and so the countless occurrence of cyber crime in the country. To face this challenges of today's trends, members of bar in the state should get ready. Manipur being a border state having long international boundary with Myanmar, the state would be having issues involving international law like international environmental law and international criminal law sooner or later. A legal fraternity should also be considering settlement out of courts to face such issues. Abstraction is most important for both national and interstate and internal level which can help in reducing a large number of cases in the courts, said Dr. Najma Heptulla. Encouraging or concrete capacity building initiatives in international law by organizing specialized training programmes, workshops and seminars, Dr. Najma Heptulla urge the association to give more importance in providing free legal service to the people as legal fees are increasing day by day and a large number of poor people cannot afford to pay their legal service fees. In such scenario, lawyers should come forward with a certain

amount of dedication and sacrifices as legal justice is beyond their reach due to higher service fee, she added. On 15 September of 1951, the Manipur Bar Association came into existence and since then the number of members of the Association and its activities has been increasing day by day. In the year 1993, the Manipur Bar Association was renamed as the All Manipur Bar Association and it has a total membership of more than one thousand and seven hundred members on its roll. More than 300 women have already been enrolled as a member of the Manipur Bar Association since women members began to enroll in the year 1970. Senior Advocate H Chandrajit Sharma, President of AMBA, I Hemochandra Singh, Revenue, Law and Legislative Affairs, Forest and Environment Minister of Manipur, Th. Iboh Singh, Advocate General of Manipur, Senior Advocate N. Ibotombi Singh, Chairman of Bar Council of Manipur and Senior Advocate Kh. Binoykumar Singh, President of High Court Bar Association of Manipur attended the as guests of today's function respectively.

## SC issues notice to Centre, EC on plea to debar convicts from contesting polls for life

**New Delhi, Sept 15:** The Supreme Court has issued notices to the Centre and the Election Commission on a plea seeking directions to debar convicts from contesting polls for life. The petition, filed by advocate and Delhi BJP spokesperson Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, said, in the Executive and Judiciary, when a person is convicted for any criminal offence, he or she is

suspended automatically and debarred from his services for life. However, after conviction and undergoing sentence, a convicted person can form his own political party and is eligible to become the office bearer of any political party. The plea also seeks a direction to fix minimum educational qualification and a maximum age limit for persons to contest elections.

## 29 people on board missing AN-32 aircraft presumed dead, says IAF

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Sept. 15:** The families of those on board a missing AN-32 aircraft of the Indian Air Force have been informed that their relatives are "presumed dead". There were 29 people on the transport plane which had vanished over the sea after it took off from Chennai for Port Blair on July 22. "The Court of Inquiry, upon very careful scrutiny of the circumstantial evidence available and in light of extensive search and rescue operations carried out, has concluded that it is unlikely that the missing personnel on board the ill-fated aircraft would have survived the accident.

which has made the search difficult. "No fewer than 201 search and rescue sorties, using all suitable aircraft at our disposal were undertaken. Approximately 2,17,800 square nautical miles (Sq Nm) have been covered multiple times by these aircraft," the letter stated. "International emergency response teams and satellites from USA also did not help in getting any concrete information about the missing aircraft," it added.

"It is with a feeling of profound sadness that the Court of Inquiry has recommended that your son/daughter be presumed to have been fatally injured," read the August 24-dated letter from Indian Air Force to the families of those in the aircraft. An IAF source said the families have been given the information so that they can go ahead with insurance and other administrative formalities. The letter came annexed with a certificate of presumption of death. "The search for missing AN32 is still in progress," defence sources said. The plane did not have an underwater locator system,

**Congress-led Govt faces no Confidence Motion**  
**Shillong, Sept 15:** The No Confidence Motion of the Opposition against the Congress-led Meghalaya United Alliance - II Government will be taken up in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly today. The No Confidence Motion was admitted in the Assembly yesterday by Speaker Abu Taher Mondal. The Motion requires support of at least 10 members. In the House of 60, 14 members from the Opposition rose supporting the No Confidence Motion. Admitting the No Confidence Motion, Speaker Mondal said the motion would be moved today at 12 noon. The Speaker has also admitted a No Confidence motion against him which would be taken up on the last day of the autumn session of the Assembly tomorrow.

## Engineers are Nation Builders

**By : Priyadarshi Dutta**  
September 15 is observed as the Engineers' Day in the honour of Dr. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya (1861-1962). India's pioneering engineer and administrator, who was born on that date. The centenary was so thoroughly a man of action that his memoir, written at the age of 90, begins only with his entry as Assistant Engineering in Public Works Department of Bombay Government in February, 1884. He leaves out his birth and family details as much as his boyhood days. The memoir focuses only on his working life, containing little personal details. Even his foreign visits that were six in number were generally filled with visits to institutions, factories and workshops with hardly any time for leisure. His mind was focussed on nation's progress, as evident in several books that he authored. Our scroll of nation builders generally contains names of freedom fighters, politicians and administrators. Most of them hailed from professions like law, teaching, journalism and even medicine etc. But the role of engineers who actually built modern India brick and mortar remain understated. Though medicine and engineering were conventionally coveted

disciplines to study in India, engineers were perceived only as a professional class working for salary. Their contribution towards nation building was ignored. There is a crying need for an authentic history of engineering in modern India. Engineering as an academic discipline was introduced by the British in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The initial object was to produce civil engineers who could assist the British in the development works. These development works consisted of road building, bridge construction, canal excavation, irrigation work, drinking water connection, sewerage work etc. The Thomason College of Civil Engineering, Roorkee (now IIT Roorkee) was established in 1847. Its establishment could be attributed to the Ganga Canals project that British were taking up - on the lines of Western Yamuna Canals and Eastern Yamuna Canals on which work were continuing since 1817. Millions of devotees who watch Ganga Aarti on the banks of Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar perhaps do not know it is product of Ganga Canals project in which many unnamed Indian engineers had worked under the British. Sir Ganga Ram (1851-1927) of Lahore, the first Indian engineer of repute was an alumnus of Thomason College. Later he turned an

agriculturalist, who turned thousands of acres of arid land in Punjab arable with his knowledge of irrigation engineering. A College of Engineering at Pune, from where M. Visvesvaraya graduated in 1884, was started in 1854. In 1859, came the Madras College of Engineering, which trained civil engineers in both military and civil disciplines. In 1880, the Government College of Howrah, later called Bengal College of Engineering-Shibpur, was founded. It started producing India's first batch of mechanical engineers apart from civil engineers. The names of most of the early Indian engineering graduates who must have played seminal role in building roads, bridges, canals, water supply facility, sewerage, irrigation is apparently lost to history. When Benaras Hindu University was established in 1916 these different engineering disciplines were already recognized amongst Indians. Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya got included the studies of different engineering disciplines like metallurgy, mining, industrial chemistry etc in the university curriculum. Pt. Malaviya realized the importance of engineers in advancing nation's prosperity.