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**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** First session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly adjourned sine die today and interestingly the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the sitting lasted for only 13 minutes 12 seconds. The sitting is perhaps the shortest sitting in the history of Manipur Legislative Assembly as well as in the entire state assembly of the

North East India. On December 15, 2015 Nagaland State Legislative Assembly hold a sitting for just 30 minutes and adjourned sine die after completion of obituary reference. As for the Nagaland state Assembly ruled by Naga People's Front (NPF)-led Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN), there are no opposition and may be due to the reason the sitting might

have been completed in 30 minutes. Unlike Nagaland Assembly, Manipur Legislative Assembly is having a strong opposition this time with a total strength of 27 Congress MLA with former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh as the opposition leader. As for today's session there were no other business then passing of the Manipur

Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2017 and The Manipur Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2017 which were moved and introduced by Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren. Both the Bills were passed and Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Y. Khemchand after taking the consent of the house adjourned the sitting sine die.

## Morning joggers rounded up drug peddler cop; handed over to police

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** Morning joggers today rounded up a police head constable along with huge quantity of illegal drugs inside Khuman Lampak main stadium and later handed over to Imphal West Police station. According to report the drug peddler has been identified as Okram Raju Singh. He serves as head constable of police telecom attached to 1st IRB posted at Khuman Lampak Sports complex. According to a source, Okram Raju Singh was caught red

handed peeling and stuffing SP and N-10 tablets into numerous polythene bags near the back gate of the hockey stadium. Accidentally a group of evening joggers spotted him and when check out of suspicion he was caught with the drugs. As per his statement the police constable procured the tablets from the areas nearby Lilong police station. Authorities suspects the cop to have been the main drug suppliers inside Khuman Lampak Sports complex which is home to many aspiring

athletes, the National Sports Academy and SAL/SAG. It is also suspected that the person also supplies the drugs to women security personnel of 1st IRB Mahila Battalion. Okram Raju s/o (L) Okram Sunder Singh and Okram (O) Inaobi Devi from Thoubal Achouba Keithel Makha is a head constable of Manipur police telecom and was attached to 1st IRB posted at Khuman Lampak last year. Raju said that the drugs were for his own consumption and did not reveal where he procured it from.

## RIMS staffs protest

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** Students, Non-teaching and teaching staffs of Regional Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) today staged a protest demonstration against authority's failure to appoint a full time Director of the premier Institute. After superannuation of the Director in-Charge Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, the Institute has been running without a head till today. The teaching and non-teaching staffs of RIMS has been urging the authority to appoint a head of the institute as without a competent head they staffs face several difficulties in the functioning of the institute. executive meeting of Teachers and Medical Officers Association (TAMO) of RIMS, RIMS Nurses Association Lamphelpat (RNAL), RIMS and Non-teaching Employees' Welfare Association (NTEWA) held on the 22nd March 2017 at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences has also line up series of agitation on the same demand. The demand are - To suspend in addition, the routine operation theatres (OT) from the 24th March, 2017; To suspend in addition, the emergency OT except obstetrics emergencies from the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017; Complete shut-down of the functions of the Institute from the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 onwards

## N. Biren's cabinet to expand; 3 cabinet ministers inducted



**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** BJP's N Biren led coalition government has expanded its cabinet ministry today evening by inducting 3 cabinet Ministers at 4pm today. Those

inducted as cabinet ministers are Th.Radheshyam of Heirok Assembly Constituency, Nemcha Kipgen the lone BJP MLA who was elected from Kangpokpi Assembly constituency and

V.Hangkhalian of Churachandpur Assembly constituency. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister will also appoint parliamentary ministers at 6 pm at Chief Minister's secretariate

## Sapam Ranjit Singh (Amuba) murder case solved

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** Heingang Awang Leikai Leikha Lampak murder case which proved to be an unfortunate mystery has been solved today. The deceased Sapam Ranjit Singh @ Amuba (25 yrs) S/O Sapam Iboyaima Singh of Heingang Awang Leikai presently residing at Achanbigei Mayai Leikai raped the 15 year old daughter of Thoudam Romeo Singh of Achanbigei Leirak Achouba about one month back. Yesterday night at 9.22 pm, the minor rape victim called out the deceased with the help of her mother Tombinou and the deceased was taken away on an Activa by the rape victim's maternal uncle namely



Soram Sanjoy Singh and her boyfriend Akoijam Roshan Singh (25 years) of Khundrakpam and thrashed him to death using an iron rod. After that Roshan eloped with the daughter of Tombinou. At present, the girl, her mother,

her uncle Sanjoy and her boyfriend Roshan are in custody. The investigation team of Imphal East comprises of Adl SP Ops IE, SDPO Porompat, DSP CDO Robinson, OC DSO, OC Heingang and OC WPS.

## NGOs condemn DESAM and JCILPS for allegedly terming local Bengalis as Bangladeshi

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** A group of NGOs from Jiribam district of Manipur and surroundings on Tuesday condemned the members of organizations like Democratic Students Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) and Joint Committee for Inner Line Permit (JCILP) for allegedly calling the Bengalis residing in the state as Bangladeshis and demanded apology from them. Members of non-governmental organizations like Social United Network, Talash NGO, Barak Awami Students Front, AMSA and others in a joint press release said that the people from Bengali communities have contributed a lot for the development of Manipur and they were residing in the state

as Indian nationals. The JCILP has been spearheading the agitation for inner line permits in Manipur for the past two years. An inner line permit is a special pass required to enter certain restricted areas in the country. Even Indian citizens need a permit to enter Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram. Manipur has been demanding such permits since 2012 to restrict the entry of 'outsiders'. No Indian national can be termed as outsiders in any state of the Indian Territory but these organisations are spreading hateful thoughts among the innocent local people. We condemn their moves and also offer them to join us with

positive attitude to take positive steps for the development of the state, the members said. The members also said that a large number of Manipuris are residing outside Manipur peacefully and most of them live in Bengali dominating Barak Valley. The Bengalis in Barak Valley are not disturbing the Manipuris and the groups should understand this. They are agitating against the Bengalis but if similar agitation gets sparked in Barak Valley; it will not be possible for the state to bring back all the Manipuris residing there. So it is better to keep peace among the communities and fight for the issue of development, they added to say.

## Symposium to revive traditional rituals held

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 23:** A symposium to revive the indigenous traditional ritual of Meitei people was held today at Lamyanba Shanglein Palace Compound. The main topic was the traditional rituals of Deeping at the foothill of Baruni Hill. The symposium organized jointly by Yelhou Eenat Sindam Lup, Imphal and Ebenthou Yumjao Lairembi Thougul Lup was attended by Samjetsabam Kondumba, konung Maiba Hanba, Gojendro Thouroijam, President, Ebenthou Yumjao lairembi Thougul Lup, Soibam Leikai, Imphal East, B. Kulachandra Sharma, Scholar



and Naokhomba, General Commander (UFO) as dignitaries on the dais. Speaking at the sideline of the symposium, Gojendra Tharoiijam said that the symposium is being organized to let the younger generation understand the

traditional rituals of community as many have forgotten our culture. He also said that various traditional games like Mukna, Kangei, etc. has been left out by the present generation and reminding them about our rich culture is the need of the hour.

# US gives list of 721 'illegal' Indian immigrants, GOI says deportation to take place only after verification

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, March 23:** The US has given a list of 271 people claiming they were illegal migrants from India, but the government has not accepted it and would allow their deportation only after proper verification, union minister Sushma Swaraj said on Thursday. "We have not accepted this list and have sought more details. We have said that it is only after we verify the details, can we issue an emergency certificate for their deportation," the External Affairs Minister said. Addressing concerns by members during the Question Hour in Rajya Sabha, she said it would not be correct to say that there has been a change in the US policies after the Trump administration has come to

power. Several members expressed concern over the effects of the steps being taken by the Donald Trump administration on Indian citizens including skilled professionals living there. Referring to skilled workers, Swaraj said regarding H-1B and L1 visas for professionals, four bills have come to the US Congress but they have not been passed. She said the government was engaging with the US at the highest level to ensure that the interests of Indian people or the IT industry are not affected. "We are conveying to them that IT professionals are not stealing jobs but contributing to the US economy and making it stronger," the Minister said. Anand Sharma (Cong), while greeting Swaraj on her recovery after having been unwell, said it is

important that skilled professionals are not confused with illegal migrants. Swaraj said she had earlier stated that some Bills have been moved in the US, but the government was taking steps so that they are not passed in such a form. She said the Foreign Secretary had met US Congress members who had been all praise for Indians. Even in 2012, a figure had come that 11.43 migrants lived there, of whom 2.60 lakh were Indians. "We did not accept the figure because it cannot be considered authentic without thorough verification," she said. She said "there are no authentic figures on the number of undocumented Indian immigrants in the US", adding that the government provided travel

documents only after the concerned person was conclusively identified as Indian. "In case we don't provide travel documents, they would be jailed," Swaraj said, adding that from 2014 till date, 576 people have been provided travel documents. Responding to questions on social security, she said these issues have been raised in the past and can be taken up again later "as you say right now a sword is hanging on jobs". On H1B visas, she said there have been "flip-flops" in the past and the number of these visas rose from 65,000 to 1.95 lakh and then again went down to 65,000. "It is not that all these changes have happened only after the Trump administration has taken over," she said.