

## 7 new districts including Jiribam District created amidst chaos

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**Imphal, Dec. 09:** The state government has, by an order of the Governor of Manipur on 8 December 2016, created 7 new districts by bifurcating 7 existing districts. According to a notification issued by K Radhakumar Singh, Commissioner (Revenue), the existing 7 districts and the details of the bifurcation is as follows: **IMPHAL EAST DISTRICT-** (1) Imphal East District (Porompat, Keirao Bitra and Sawombing Sub-divisions). (2) Jiribam District (Jiribam & Borobekra Sub-divisions). **SENAPATI DISTRICT-** (1) Senapati District (Tadubi, Paomata, Purul, Willong, Chilivai

Phaibung, Tuijang Waichong, Song-Song & Lairouching Sub-divisions). (2) Kangpokpi District (Kangpokpi, Champai, Saitu Gamphazol, Kangchup Geljang, Saikul, Lungtin, Island & Bunge Chiru Sub-divisions). **THOUBAL DISTRICT-** (1) Thoubal District (Thoubal & Lilong Sub-divisions). (2) Kakching District (Kakching & Waikhong Sub-divisions). **CHANDEL DISTRICT-** (1) Chandel District (Chandel, Chakpikarong & Khengjoy Sub-divisions). (2) Tengnoupal District (Machhi, Moreh & Tengnoupal Sub-divisions). **UKHRUL DISTRICT-** (1) Ukhrul District (Ukhrul, Lungchong-Maiphai,

Chingai & Jessami Sub-divisions). (2) Kamjong District (Kamjong, Sahamphung, Kasom Khullen & Phungyar Sub-divisions). **CHURACHANDPUR DISTRICT-** (1) Churachandpur District (Churachandpur, Sangaikot, Tuibuong, Mualnuam, Singngat, Henglep, Kangvai, Samulamlan & Saikot Sub-divisions). (2) Pherzawl District (Pherzawl, Thanlon, Parbung, Tipaimukh & Vangai Range Sub-divisions). **TAMENGLONG DISTRICT-** (1) Tamenglong District (Tamenglong, Tamei & Tousem Sub-divisions). (2) Noney District (Nungba, Khoupum, Longmei (Noney)

& Haochong Sub-divisions). Further, two offices of the Additional Deputy Commissioner with Headquarters at Mao in Senapati District and Jessami at Ukhrul District has been created. It is also stated that the district boundaries will be as per the existing boundaries of the concerned Sub-divisions and in the event of any disputes relating to the district boundaries, the matter will be decided by a District Boundary Commission headed by a retired Judge of High Court with Administrative Secretaries of Home, Revenue and Tribal Affairs & Hills of the state government as members.

## Do not violate Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932- AMCOM

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 9:** The All Meitei Club Organisation, Manipur (AMCOM)—a major component of Meitei Youth Front, South-East Asia (MYFSEA) demanded the State Government to follow the Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932 which clearly says that the agricultural land of Meitei community should not come under the newly created district which can create communal hatred in the future. Speaking to media persons at the office of AMCOM, Paona International Market, Ng Mangal, President of MYFSEA said that the state government has created 7 new districts which is a right move but in creating the new Kangpokpi District, the government have failed to fulfill their demands to preserve the agricultural land of the Meitei community as per the Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932. Many of the Meitei community villages have come under the Kangpokpi District which was already under the Imphal-West District administration. It directly violates the Manipur Darbar Act, 1932, he added. The President of MYFSEA also said that more than 20 villages settled by Meitei community have now come under Kangpokpi District, which is unacceptable under any

circumstances. Many areas located within Sekmai Assembly Constituency have come under the newly formed district. State government must bring out the proper map of the newly formed Kangpokpi District which directly affect the Meitei community settled in nearby hill areas, he added. The President further said that those Meitei communities who does not have any constitutional rights after the announcement of New district, the agricultural land must remain as theirs as per the Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932. The act must be rightly followed by the State government, he added. Meanwhile, E Gyaneshwor, Assistant Secretary of AMCOM said that most of the Meitei villages of the Imphal-West district have been affected due to the creation of the Kangpokpi district as their land have been settled by the tribal people which is now included under the Kangpokpi District Map. AMCOM strongly condemn the new map of Kangpokpi District, he added. Gyaneshwor also said that countless numbers of memorandums have been submitted to the state government regarding the preservation of the agricultural land of the Meitei community

from being part of Sardar Hills/ Kangpokpi District once it comes into effect. As the government has announced the new district, the exact map for the agricultural land of the Meitei community must be put before the public, he added. The assistant secretary further said that on 5 April, 2011 a hearing was held at Chief Secretary where the proper documents and proofs were shown and have come to the conclusion to follow the Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932. State government could have consulted the forum before deciding any state or district boundaries which could affect the Meitei community. The forum strongly condemns the formation of Kangpokpi District with the same map allocated for the Sardar Hills, he added. Appealing the state government to follow the Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932 and to let the villages which was already under Imphal-West District as it is, the state government must hold full responsibility for any outcome in the future, including communal mob/riot. State government should bring out the exact boundary map of the new district without crossing through any Meitei community and must follow the Manipur State Darbar Act, 1932.

## One day peoples' convention held

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 9:** One day Peoples' Convention was held today organised by United Committee Manipur (UCM) at GM Hall, Imphal. During the convention, following resolutions were taken: To Persuade United Naga Council (UNC) not to impose economic blockades in the future, State Government must persuade to uplift the economic blockade in the interest of the people of the state, the communities resolve to maintain the peace and harmony and territorial integrity among each community of the state, the long standing demand of the people- the Highway Protection Force must be deployed along the National Highways at the earliest and State and Central Government must lift the indefinite economic blockade called by UNC and UNC must be awarded the right punishment as per the law of the land. Professor W Nabakumar of Anthropology Dept, MU was the Moderator while UCM President Elangbam Johnson was the President of today's convention in which more than 30 speakers representing different social organisations expressed their views and suggestions on the basis of which the resolutions were taken



## 2nd India International Science Festival (IISF) 2016 commenced

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**Imphal, Dec.9:** The 2nd India International Science Festival (IISF) 2016 has started on Wednesday, 7 Dec. 2016 at National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi under the focal theme "Science for Masses", with the inauguration by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister- Science & Technology and Earth Science, Govt. of India. The Science Festival was jointly organised by Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science, CSIR and VIBHA and hosted by NPL, New Delhi. The IISF-2016 aims at communicating science and technology to the masses and provide a common platform to the common people and scientists. The IISF-2016 includes activities such as Young Scientists Meet, Scientific Workshop, National Level Competitions, DST-INSPIRE National Level Camp, Science Village/Mega Science Camp, Involving Students in Guinness Book of



World Records, Industry-Academia Interaction, Showcasing of Outstanding achievements, International Science Film Festival, Mega Science , Technology & Industry Expo and Outreach & Pre-event activities etc. The State Councils of Science & Technology from all the states in the country are participating in the Mega Science, Technology & Industry Expo. The Mega Science Expo aims at showcasing India's contributions in the world of science, technology, innovation and society. The Manipur Science & Technology Council (MASTEC), Imphal is participating in the Mega Science Expo. By occupying pavilion/stall no.21 in hall no.7, Expo.7 of IISF and highlighting the activities/ achievements (science popularisation / communication, Human resource development, Technology Demonstration & Transfer, IPR etc.) of the council in the state of Manipur through posters, video shows, display of its publications and interaction with the visitors. The Festival will continue till December 11,2016.

## Demonetisation problems will end in 10-15 days: Centre to Supreme Court

**New Delhi, Dec. 9:** In a hearing on its decision to impose demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency notes, the government today told the Supreme Court that the problems being faced by people will be over in "10-15 days". Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi, representing the government, said it is "not sitting around doing nothing" and claimed no violence or unrest has been reported in the last month. "The government is not sitting around doing nothing. In 10-15 days, it will be over," Rohatgi told a three-judge Supreme Court bench, which is hearing a number of petitions challenging the note ban. The Supreme Court asked the Centre whether its demonetisation decision was taken in absolute secrecy. The apex court is hearing a plea seeking rationale behind putting the entire nation to "such great difficulties". The Supreme Court asked, "When you made the policy on demonetization, was it confidential?" The three-judge

bench has framed nine questions for the adjudication to decide whether demonetisation was unconstitutional or not. Appearing on behalf of the petitioner, noted lawyer Prashant Bhusan argued that there was no preparation from the government to deal with the impending situation caused by demonetisation. "There was no cash in ATMs, recalibration was not done well and cooperative banks were being discriminated against," Prashant Bhusan told the apex court. Senior counsel Kapil Sibal, appearing for another petitioner, told the court that contrary to the government's claim, there was no cash in the banks. Former Finance Minister and senior counsel P Chidambaram told the court that all the Reserve Bank of India printing presses can print only 300 crore currency notes per month. Replacing every demonetised note with a new note will take at least six months, Chidambaram told the court. Last week, the apex court had

asked the government to see if something could be done to lessen troubles people were going through since demonetisation was announced on November 8. The matter will be next heard on December 14. **State limit of withdrawals: SC** In its observations, the Supreme Court asked the government to state the threshold limit of cash that each account holder can withdraw from banks across the country without being refused. The bench of Chief Justice TS Thakur, Justice AM Khanwilkar and Justice DY Chandrachud also asked the government to state if it could relax curbs on accepting deposits by the district cooperative banks after imposing certain conditions. On cash withdrawals, the court asked the Centre to spell out the limit of cash an account holder can withdraw as it was told that though the government said each account holder can withdraw up to Rs 24,000 per week, the banks were instead giving them only Rs 8,000 to Rs 10,000.

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## Tripura adjusts to demonitisation, introduces mobile ATMs

**ANI**  
**Agartala, Dec. 9:** Exactly a month after the demonitisation drive in the country things are almost normal in India's north eastern state of Tripura, with locals appreciating the Centre's bold step. Banks have introduced mobile ATMs that move from one busy point to the next to save the time of customers waiting for cash. "Initially there was problem as only Rs.2000 notes were there and we had to wait in long queues (outside ATM), but now, this mobile ATM is helping us to get small denomination notes and is reaching every point. Today, I could withdraw money from one, and most importantly, get Rs. 500 notes," Gayatri Choudhury, a college teacher, said. "Replacing Rs. 1000 notes with Rs. 2000 notes was a problem,

but now, hopefully, we have got relief from that," she added. Ashim Bhattacharjee, a medical representative, said, "I think whatever step has been taken on demonitisation is good. The government's step is good and we have not had much of a problem. The situation is improving gradually. Today, we got the mobile ATM service and it is really good." To serve people in the market places, who are in need of liquid cash, banks have set up a mini-ATM from which anyone will be able to withdraw Rs 2,500 after swiping their cards in the machine. Besides, busy market places the mobile exchange vans would also visit other places like hospitals so that patient parties can get notes without having to leave the premises of the hospital. Meantime, very little number of people we found outside banks and ATM counters which again shows that the situation is

almost normal. However, people complained on the unavailability of small denomination notes. While another person claimed that though there is little rush in the ATM counters but in the bank counters it is almost normal. PN Chowdhury, who had withdrawn cash from a bank counter, claimed, "In the very beginning, it was problematic, but in the last few days I have seen that the situation has become normal. Though within ATM counters, there is a scarcity (of notes) but at bank counters, it is almost normal. There is a problem at this moment." Since the demonetisation drive began on November 8 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the situation is fast improving and it is finally pushing India's most cash-based economy in the North East towards cashless transactions.