

Protest rally staged against Govt. initiative to shift NSA from Yaithibi Loukol

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Imphal, Nov 9: Large number of people from Wangjing and Khongjom area today staged a protest rally against the government new move to shift the National Sports University complex from Yaithibi Loukol to Sanjenbam and Koutruk area in Imphal West district. The protest rally begins from two ends - one from Khongjom side and the other from Kakching Lamkhai in Thoubal district. The rally was organised under the initiative of the National Sports University demand committee at Yaithibi Loukol to apprise the central leadership for construction of the Sports University at Yaithibi Loukol where all procedure for construction of the University complex has been completed. On the other hand people of Sora Village to staged a sit-in-protest at their village denouncing acquisition of land from at Yaithibi Loukol for construction of the sports University.



As a result large number of people who were heading towards Khongjom demanding construction of the National Sports university from Kakching site have been halted by a strong team of police. Placards and banner denouncing the State BJP functionaries Th Chaoba and the Union Minister of YAS Independent charge Vijay Goel were carried during the rally. Words threatening serious consequences over the failure to begin construction of the Sports University were also written in the placards. As the rally has tendency to break unwanted clashed between the rallyist and those staging protest against the establishment of the Sports University, police team prevented them from passing beyond the sign board to

welcome the Kaching town. A fierce confrontation occurred between the rallyist and the police team. The police team having no choice fire rounds of tear gas shell to disperse the rallyist. Later the people from the Kaching gathered at the oil depot stand right behind the National Highway at Kakching Lamkhai. On the other hand around 1000s people from Heirok, Khonjom and Wangjing gathered at Kodompokpi ground and begin the rally at around 12 noon. They were supposed to hold a public meeting at Slopeland Public School ground. Before reaching the Slopeland Public School campus, the rallyist were told about the incident that took place near Sora at which the police stopped and disperse the rallyist from Kakching site on the ground that the Sora villagers too are staging protest at their village. However, police halted them at Khongjom area to foil any unwanted circumstances occurred due to the differences between people in Sora and the rallyist. The Rally then snakes to the lane leading to Yaithibi Loukol where the National Sports University was proposed to construct. Later the rally

Imphalites once more face fuel scarcity due to Highway economic blockade; black marketers sold Petrol @ Rs 200 per liter

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Imphal, Nov 9: With the on-going economic blockade along the two national highways of Manipur. Prices of petrol has shot through the roof in Imphal, Manipur due to scarcity of fuel at every oil depot of the capital. Long queue of vehicles outside petrol pumps were notice due to rationing of fuel which has led to many people spending hours, waiting for their turn. Petrol was being sold at the price of around 80 rupees to 100 rupees per litre in the black market when the news of economic blockade was published at print and electronic media. Unfortunately, petrol price have shoot up in just a blink of an eye starting from 150 rupees to 200 rupees per litre but the actual price in the state is 63 rupees per litre. "We get the petrol from petrol agencies with extra payment from the actual price and sold it in the black market with a

rate triple time the actual price and the payment which they have made", said Memtombi, 68-year old woman who sold petrol somewhere near oil depot in Imphal area in black market. Memtombi said that in a day, if they are lucky enough, they use to sell around 80/90 litres and with less luck, around 30/40 litres but it is not an easy task selling petrol in this weather, as they also had to pay huge amount of money to police personnel so that they could reserve the spot of selling the petrol for the day. We do not want to sell the petrol at higher rate but with such situations, they have no any other options except to sell with triple the actual price. Many only inquired the rate and if the rate is high, they will pass to the other leaving harsh dialogue while others will accept the rate, she said. "I will resume selling vegetables and stuff in the market once the economic



blockade is call off", Memtombi said when being ask, what will she do when the blockade is lifted. With the rise of the petrol price, it has hit a huge impact to the vehicle owners and business community. In the name of the economic blockade, many have been taking advantage for their own benefit. How long will the public be left to suffer when such situation hit the state. In the past, people of the state has already faced huge impact of economic blockade but still

no positive solution have not been arrange by the state government and concern department. Still, many Local residents stand in long queues in front of the only-running petrol filling station to get their vehicles refueled while other petrol pumps remained closed with the sign of "PETROL NIL". Could it be blame to the political and civil unrest and lack of connectivity that have led the increase in prices of various commodities in Manipur including fuels?

PREPAK to observe 'Athoubasinggi Ningsing Numit'

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Imphal, Nov 10: Like every year, the proscribed People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) will observe 'Athoubasinggi Ningsing Numit' and appealed to the people of the State to widely observe the day which falls on November 12 by offering floral tributes at the memorial site of the martyrs of the outfit who lost their lives in fighting for independence of Manipur. According to a statement issued by Leibak Ngakpa Luwang, Secretary-In-

Charge, Publicity and Propaganda of PREPAK, the outfit said that 'Athoubasinggi Ningsing Numit' has been observed since November 12, 1979 in remembrance of Kameng Leimarok incident of November 12, 1978 and Kabowakching incident of November 12, 1985 in which top leaders of the outfit lost their lives in the hands of security forces while fighting for the independence of Manipur from the colonial rule. It further appealed to the

Due to lack of currency SBI might not open tomorrow - CS

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Imphal Nov 9: Due to lack of 100 and 500 currency notes in SBI might fail to open ATM tomorrow however UBI have sufficient requirement said by Chief Secretary O.Nabakishor in a press meet held at Old Secretariat. He further said that after the surprised announced by Prime minister to ban on 1000 and 500 currency note on late evening of 8th November. All the ATM and Bank offices are

all close yesterday and bank resume work today and ATM will be open from tomorrow all over the country however due to shortage of 100 and 500 currency notes in SBI might fail to open ATM yesterday however people can reached to UBIATM. He further said that 2000 currency will arrive tomorrow evening from Calcutta in Air India flight and 500 notes will be soon available as still in printing process. 100 and 500 note will also reached tomorrow evening from Guwahati. He further appeal to the people of the state not to panic about the shortage currency, state government has soon fulfill all the requirement demand. In today meeting commissioner of finance, Chief General manager of RBI and assistant General Manager of SBI were also present.

people to lit light in every household at night time and to stop all kind of entertainment programmes including screening of films in cinema halls, premier show at BOAT, film release etc on the observance day. Pledging to continue struggle against the colonial rule till the independence of Manipur kingdom from the hands of the colonial rule and establishment of an egalitarian society, the outfit prayed for the departed souls to rest in peace.

Aided School teachers demand ROP benefit

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Imphal, Nov 9: All Manipur government aided school employees coordinating committee appeal to the state government to extent the benefit under ROP 2010 to the employee of aided school, in a press meet at held at Manipur press club today. Speaking to the media person president of the committee L. Sunder Meitei said that there are 604 government aided school across the state and having more than 5000 teacher and producing more quality education in the HSLC Examination when compare to full flagged government school. He further added that committee has been submitted various memorandum to the concern authority to fulfill the demand however state government has given any response about the matter.

banks to exchange large amounts of old notes for the new legal tender would make the banks suspicious; and banks in turn would convey their suspicions to the tax authorities who would then catch the culprits. "Black money" would thus get exposed, and this would discourage further transgressions in future. Now, the second part of this argument, even assuming that "black money" actually consists of cash-hoards, makes little sense. If a person possesses, say, unaccounted money of Rs.20 crores, and that too in 500 and 1000 rupee notes, then such a person will certainly not come with the entire Rs.20 crores to a bank to change it into the new legal-tender (he will not be allowed to do so anyway); he would rather send several factotums to the bank, each carrying a small amount, and would do so over a number of days prior to the December 30 deadline. In fact even this prolonged effort would be unnecessary, since all sorts of intermediaries would come up fairly soon who would do this job of exchanging old notes for new ones on behalf of customers for a consideration. With such "black operators", exchanging "black money" from the old legal tender to the new legal tender, the idea, mooted by "experts" on several TV channels, that demonetizing 500 and 1000 rupee notes would unearth illegal cash-hoards makes little sense.

PM Modi's step against black money a 'political gimmick': Tripura CM

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Agartala, Nov. 10 : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar has sharply reacted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's step against black money and corruption by banning Rs. 500 and 1,000 notes beginning November 9 and said this is nothing but a political gimmick aimed at diverting the attention of the common people from his failures. "We can term this as a gimmick, a drama or a spark but if the Prime Minister or the political heads of his party think that the people of our country are fool then they are making a mistake. There is no reason to believe that people are so foolish," Sarkar told the media here. He said that the poor especially in rural areas will be the worst sufferers as they shall not be able to exchange the notes in absence of bank and bank account. Sarkar said, "Now, what has it ultimately led us to? Are there banks everywhere in our country? What is our experience in Tripura? We are

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By: Prabhat Patnaik
New Delhi, Nov 9: Narendra Modi went on national television at 8 p.m. on November 8 to announce that from midnight of that very date, i.e. in a mere four hours' time, 500 and 1000 rupee notes would cease to be legal-tender. The justification advanced for this bizarre move was that it would strike at "black money". An additional argument was thrown in, to the effect that fake currency notes used by "terrorists" would now cease to be effective, and some particularly enthusiastic supporters of the government even went to the extent of calling it a "surgical strike against terrorism". I shall come to the fake currency issue later. Let me first look at the "black money" argument which even President Pranab Mukherjee has gone out of his way to endorse. This argument, namely that the demonetization of 500 and 1000 rupee notes constitutes an attack on "black money", is based on an utter lack of understanding of the nature of "black money," a conception of it that is staggering in its simple-mindedness. The implicit understanding is that "black money" consists of hoards of cash which are held in trunks or pillowcases or buried under the earth. With this understanding, it is then suggested that if 500 and 1000 rupee notes are demonetized, then people going to

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More importantly, however, this very conception of "black money" is absurd. Indeed the term "black money" itself is a misnomer, since it conjures up the image of a stock of money which is supposed to be held not openly, in the form of bank deposits, but clandestinely in the form of currency notes, and that too in pillowcases or in containers buried in the earth. Actually when we talk of "black money" we have in mind a whole set of activities which are either entirely illegal, such as smuggling, or drug-running, or procuring arms for terrorist organizations, or are undertaken in excess of what is legally permitted, or are not declared at all so that taxes are not paid on them. If 100 tonnes of minerals are extracted but only 80 tonnes are declared to be extracted, in order to reduce tax payment, then we have a case of "black money" being generated. Likewise, if \$100 of exports are undertaken but only \$80 are declared, and the remainder \$20 are kept abroad in Swiss Banks, which is against the law, then we have a case of "black money" being generated. Or if rupees are changed into foreign exchange through the hawala route and kept as deposits abroad, then we have a case of "black money" being generated. In short, "black money" refers to a whole set of undeclared activities.

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