



DESAM Felicitated elected students' union volunteers

## War on black money: Impact on traffic movement and situations in the city

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**Imphal, Oct 11:** After the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi announced that Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes are ceased to be legal tender from the midnight of November 8, the normal landscape in the city has changed drastically. A visible view after have been pull up is decrease of traffic movement in the city and long lines of people in front of nationalized banks across the state.

**TRAFFICMOVEMENT**  
 The city is known for confused manner of traffic movements, thanks to Narendra Modi; his 'landmark' step to curb black money by pulling up high value notes has significantly reduced traffic movements at major areas of the city namely Wahengbam Leikai, Keishampat- Tiddim Road,

Paona Keithel, Thangal Keithel, BT Road, Kanglarpark and other roads connected with the capital city of Manipur.

When contacted to know the real situation, OC of City Traffic Police, Okram Doren Singh told this reporter of Imphal Times that the movement of vehicle has decreased in the last few days.

During the interaction, the OC also pointed out three reasons of declining traffic and congestion in the city—the first one is unavailability of fuels; increasing awareness on traffic regulations and notably demonetization of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 as well as unable to procure new notes from banks by the general public in the last 2 (two) days.

People have money in their hands and accounts but that money is useless till the new notes are available at ATMs and banks. Money is needed once we get out of home but this prevailing situation demands people to spend judiciously, he observed.

**PETROL PRICE HIKED**  
 The price of Petrol has been sky rocketed due to economic blockade along the two national highways of the state by UNC (United Naga

Council). As of November 11, 2016, the price of petrol in the city has reached between Rs 190 to Rs 220 at grey market. Chief Secretary of Manipur, Oinam Nabakishore on Thursday stated that there is no petrol and diesel in stock in the state. However, when contacted with one of the oil merchant (name withheld on condition of anonymity) at the grey market told that they obtain from different fuel agencies after much hardship. They need to stay and wait till midnight to get fuels from the people of their contacted agencies.

He also revealed that even if the government said that the state has no fuel in stock the public-run Indian Oil Corporation is providing petrol to few black marketers

at higher price. Meanwhile, transport services of private school vans have been halted due to unavailability of fuel in the market and new notes at banks and ATMs.

After the demonization of Rs 500 and 1000 and the unavailability of fuel in the market, a big impact has hit the general public like never before in the history of the state. Even general commuter are facing problems in plying from a place to other as the old currency notes of Rs 500 and 1000 have been banned all of a sudden.

People in large have the opinion that the government and concern authority need to do something at the behest of the mass and elevate the sufferings at the earliest.

## Newly elected students' union leaders felicitated

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Nov 11:** Newly elected students' leaders of various colleges in Imphal were felicitated today at Lamyamba Sanglen, Palace Compound. The felicitation programme was organized by the Democratic Students' Alliance

of Manipur (DESAM). The newly elected students' leaders were from Imphal College, Ng. Mani College, DM College of Arts and Commerce, etc. The students representatives were administered oath during the felicitation function.

## DESAM continues protest to punish officials

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Nov 11:** Members of the Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur (DESAM) continue its protest demanding punishment of those police officials involved in the custodial torture of five volunteers including its President M Angamba. Large number of students belonging to Birmangol College, Sawombung High School, Namjalang High School and Maheikol High School today came out at the street and form human chain from Sawombung Keithel till Birmangol College along the Imphal Ukhrul road today afternoon demanding appropriate action against those police officials who were involved in the custodial torture of the 5 DESAM Volunteers on October 29. Similar protests were also



staged at Indo-Burma road at Chanchipur area. Large number students belonging to USA Academy School, IPS, Temple of Learning and Dhaneshwor High School form human chain at the sideline of the road demanding the same. On the other hand the protestors at Sawombung area burn the effigy of Home

Minister Gaikhangam and SDPO of Singamei Police Station over its failure to initiate action against those involved in the torture of the DESAM volunteers. They also denounce the State Home minister over its failure to fulfill the assurance given to the representatives of the students' body some days back.

## Dept. invites suggestion to protect Pony



**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Nov 11:** After the State Cabinet has approved in Principal the Conservation and Development of Manipuri Pony", the Directorate of Vety. & Animal Husbandry Services is inviting comments/suggestions from all stakeholders and general public. It may be mentioned that the Cabinet had approved the Conservation and Development of Manipuri Pony in its meeting held on October 17, 2016. A release from the Directorate informed that the draft policy on Conservation and Development of Manipuri Pony is

uploaded in its website www.vetymanipur.nic.in for inviting comments from public. The comments shall be reached Saichhingpuii, Under Secretary, Vety, & A.H, Ground Floor, New Secretariat, Government of Manipur by letter or to the emails- spuii\_123@rediffmail.com or vetymanipur@gmail.com by 4.30pm of November 22.

## 34 of 77 names cleared for HC judges appointment: Govt to SC

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** The Centre today told the Supreme Court that it has cleared 34 names out of the 77 recommended by the collegium for appointment as judges in various high courts in the country. The government also apprised the bench headed by Chief Justice T S Thakur that as of now no file with regard to the recommendations for appointment as judges is

pending with it. Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi said, the Centre has already sent the fresh draft Memorandum of Procedure, MoP for consideration of the collegium on August 3, this year, but so far no response has been received by the government. The bench then said that it would convene a meeting of the collegium, which comprises four senior judges besides CJI, on November 15.

It has now fixed the PIL filed by 1971 war veteran Lieutenant Colonel Anil Kabotra, a former Army official, on the issue for further hearing on November 19. The apex court had earlier rapped the government for delay in appointments to higher judiciary despite recommendations made by the collegium in this regard and had said the entire institution cannot be brought to a grinding halt.

## Cracks appeared between BJP and NPF at Nagaland

**Kohima, Nov 11:** In a significant political development, Nagaland BJP, a long time ally of the NPF in the DAN, has decided to speak out against what it described as mis-governance and misdeeds of the State Government as it could no longer remain silent when people were in utter misery.

This was contained in a representation submitted to the Nagaland Governor P. B. Acharya, state BJP President Visazolie Lhoungu, Advisor I. K. Sema, former President Dr. Chuba, State executive member Dr. Temsuwati and convener H. K. Khulu and vice president James Vizo. A party member said that this

memorandum would also be handed over to the Prime Minister. The cause of dissatisfaction for the Nagaland BJP was the unceremonious manner in which its legislator Mmholunmo Kikon was sacked as parliamentary secretary without any reason assigned.

## Assam gives its all to ensure success of ATPA Shield Football Tournament

**ANI**  
**Jorhat, Nov.11:** The craze for sports in India's North Eastern states is unprecedented, and one such instance of affection for games can be seen among the people of Assam, particularly Jorhat, who wholeheartedly supported the recently-concluded ATPA Shield Football Tournament 2016 through participation and financial support. Assam never lack in talent.

Given attention, guidance, facilities and modern infrastructures, talented sports persons can surely sparkle in national level as well as at international level. Assam Tea Planters' Association (ATPA) Shield is one such few major football tournament that is played in Assam. Many reputed clubs from across the state competed for this coveted trophy. Clubs like OIL XI, BSC, ASEB, Assam Police, etc besides

some other experienced local clubs participated in this prestigious tournament. However, the participation of Lajong FC from Shillong in the tournament drew maximum attention from the fans. The final match was played between Lajong FC and OIL XI last evening in Jorhat Stadium. The clash saw the OIL team trounce Lajong FC 3-1 to retain the prestigious ATPA Shield Tournament.

## Schools affected

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Nov 10:** Normal functioning of the schools here in Imphal has been severely affected as students' transport vehicles today cease work due to non-availability of petrol. Following the economic blockade called by ATSUM and MUTSU along the two national highways in connection with the reservation fiasco at Manipur University and in addition to this steering down strike called by Tanker drivers', almost all petrol depot here in Imphal have been reported dried and stopped distribution of the fuel. After the school transport service vehicles had announced to stop service today, school like Little Flower School, St. Joseph, Nirmalabas among others were forced to close as maximum number of students was unable to attend classes.

## Transgender beauty contest

**ITNews**  
**Imphal, Nov 10:** A beauty contest exclusively for transgender community was held today at the auditorium of Tribal Research Institute (TRI), Chingmeirong here in Imphal. The contest organized by an organization called Sana Ebemba is titled Miss Manipur Queen, 2016. Mentioned may be made that transgender community which was once an obscured gender has been given recognition as third gender by the Supreme Court of India. The community now is seen freely organizing event crossing beyond the stigma and discrimination faced by them in the early days.

## Steps will be taken to strengthen Sports Science Set-up in the Country, says Union Sports Minister

**PIB**  
**New Delhi, Nov 11:** A number of steps will be taken to strengthen Sports Science set-up in the country. These include opening of Sports Science Centres and purchase of sports science equipments for the Sports Complexes of Sports Authority of India. A few universities will be identified in the country where sports science department can be opened. The decision was announced by the Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Vijay Goel after a brain-storming session held in New Delhi today with former eminent sportspersons, sports administrators and others associated with sports promotion in the country. The Minister said that it is imperative to give world class sports science support to our sportspersons so that they can achieve their full potential at the highest level. The Minister said that an effort will be made to support individuals and organizations which are promoting sports in

their own ways in different parts of the country. He also stressed the need to significantly enhance the budget of the Department of Sports and stated that he has already taken up the matter with the Union Finance Minister. Shri Goel said that our international players should take part in national championships of their respective sports so that the upcoming players get encouraged. On the issue of foreign coaches, he said that the government has already decided to issue open advertisement for engaging foreign coaches wherever possible. It will be ensured that Foreign coaches who are engaged train Indian coaches as well. The Minister also said that the existing sports facilities in the country including in SAI must be optimally utilized. Today's 'Chintan Workshop' was attended among others by Shri Jagbir Singh and Shri Viren Rasquinha, former Indian Hockey Captains, Shri Gagan Narang and Shri Morad Ali

Khan, both Shooters. A free flowing discussion took place in the workshop on measures that are required to be taken for achieving the twin objectives of Sports Policy – 'Excellence in Sports' and 'Broad-basing of Sports'. Today's meeting was a part of the on-going efforts being made by the Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Vijay Goel to forge consensus on the vision for sports in the country and initiate coordinated efforts for promotion of sports. He has already held two meetings with National Sports Federations and a round table discussion with sportspersons of eminence who have been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and coaches who have been conferred with Dronacharya Award. Later, Shri Vijay Goel felicitated the Winner Indian Women Hockey Team of Asian Champions Trophy at the Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium.