

## DESAM volunteers storms at CM bungalow Threatens to intensify agitation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 12:** Large number of DESAM volunteers today storms to the Chief Minister's Bungalow demanding immediate action against those police personnel who were involved in the brutal assault of 5 students volunteers on October 29 at Singjamei Police Station. The students' volunteers of DESAM gathered at its office located at Keishampat and started the march to the Chief Minister's Bungalow at around 1.30 pm today. Surprisingly the volunteers instead of marching started running towards the bungalow shouting slogans to deliver justice to the five students who are assaulted in custody. President of the Students' group Moirangthem Angamba was among those injured in the custodial torture of that day. He was hospitalised at Raj medicity after the brutal assault inside the custody. Police who were on duty were taken by surprise by the move of the DESAM volunteers. They were left helpless as the large number of students volunteers came running till the Chief Minister Bungalow and sit in front of the Chief Minister Official Bungalow. As the police team present there find hard to control the situation additional police team were rushed and later the students were driven out till Nupi Lal Memorial complex. The police team however allowed 3 representatives of the students' body to meet the Chief Minister. The 3 representatives are A Anand, Vice President DESAM, Islauddin, Advisor DESAM and N Edison, General Secretary DESAM. Till the filing of this report the 3



students volunteers were still inside the CM bungalow. Speaking to reporters before meeting the Chief Minister, N Edison, general Secretary of DESAM said that they have been demanding punishment of those police personnel involved in the brutal assault

of their 5 colleagues inside the police station. He said the volunteers of DESAM have been staging various forms of protest demanding the same since the last few days. Even the Home Minister Gaikhangam had also assured to investigate over the

matter so that those found could be punished. Edison said that they are not ready to accept the the proposal of the Home Minister and there will be no turning back to the protest until justice is delivered to the students.



DESAM volunteers staging protest in front of CM bungalow

## Counter blockade against UNC sponsored economic blockade begins

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 12:** Angered over the frequent economic blockade called on national highways connecting the mainland India with the state, people in the Imphal had started ensuing counter blockade from today. The UNC economic blockade begins from November 1 after calling a 2 days total bandh at National Highways from October 28 against the state government's move to declare Sardar Hills as a full fledged revenue district. Following the economic blockade flow of essential commodities has been put to complete halt skyrocketing the price of those left for sale. Even almost all petrol depot here in Imphal has been completely dried. At around 12 noon today,



large number of people today came out at Imphal-Ukhrul road at Khurai Konsam leikai area and stopped all goods ferrying vehicles and pull down from being taken to Ukhrul side. Volunteers of YOS Club, Khurai Konsam leikai, Khurai Konsam leikai Chaokhat Khongthang Nupi Lup and AWON Lup

stated that they will impose the counter blockade until the UNC call off the economic blockade. At Khuyathong too large number of women folk came out and pulled down all goods from vehicles which were set to carry at Senapati side.

## Demonetization: People continue to throng at banks

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 12:** Some of the ATM in Imphal city starts functioning today however were close again due to insufficient money. People of the state continue to throng the banks, ATM and post offices this morning for their transactions in the wake of demonetization of high

denomination notes. Though there were some technical snags reported yesterday at some ATMs, many of them especially in the capital city restored today. Though the Second Saturday is a holiday, the banks have made elaborate arrangements to facilitate people to deposit their demonetized notes and

also for exchange. At many places lunch hours are skipped and employees are working extended hours. Meanwhile, the state government finance department has issued order to open all Post office in all the 9 districts of the state and to allow common people to exchange their currency note even on Sunday.

## PM Modi reiterates govt's resolve to root out corruption from the country

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 12:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reiterated his government's commitment to root out corruption from the country and said the defaulters will not be spared. He said all records since independence will be checked and if any case of unaccounted cash is found, nobody will be spared. Addressing Indian diaspora at

Kobe in Japan today, Mr. Modi also hinted at introducing new measures to crack down on black money after 30th of December. The Prime Minister said his government will do everything to protect the interests of honest citizens. Mr Modi said there is a need to free country from the menace of poverty. Mr Modi praised each and every Indians who accepted

the government's decision to demonetize 500 and 1000 rupees notes, even though they faced inconvenience. He said, money that has been looted has to be recovered. Mr Modi said when the present government assumed office it first opened bank accounts for the poor. He said, India is receiving record FDI and is moving quickly on the path of economic progress.

## CM recalls roles of media in bridging gap between common people and the government

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 12:** One day media workshop on the role of media in development of hill area in Manipur held today at Sangai hall, Imphal hotel. The workshop was jointly organized by Manipur Hill Journalist Union and DIPR. Around 50 journalists from various media houses attended the workshop. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi,

who attended the inaugural session of the work shop as the Chief Guest, while speaking on the occasion highlighted the role media in running the government. "In a democratic country media plays an important role", Ibobi said. He further added that it is the media that points fingers to the wrongs of the government in policy or programme. Media

not only points fingers to the wrongs of the government but also tells the people about what the government has been doing for the welfare of the people. The Chief Minister also appealed the AMWJU and HJU to work together in consultation with the DIPR so that gaps between the common people and the government could be bridged.

## No shortage of salt in the country: Govt

**New Delhi, Nov 12:** Rubbishing rumours of shortage of salt in the country and the commodity is being sold at 200 rupees per kg, Government has made it clear that there is no shortage of salt in the country. Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan said, there has been no increase in the prices of the commodity. He told news agency PTI that on an average, salt prices are ruling at 14-15 rupees per kg same at

last year's level. In Uttar Pradesh, there were rumours of black marketing of essential commodities like salt after shopkeepers refused to provide change when offered with higher denomination notes. There were reports that salt has gone out of shelves and shopkeepers are selling it as high as 200 rupees per kg. Mr Paswan said, the Uttar Pradesh government should arrest those who have sold salt at inflated rates. He said, Centre has checked the price situation

of salt in other states as well. The Minister said, state governments should take immediate action if anyone is selling the commodity at such high rates. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav also said, there is no dearth of the commodity and it was adequately available across the state. He directed the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary (Food) and all District Magistrates to take action against those spreading rumours.

## PRJA strikes at demonetization; says the move as a political gimmick

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 12:** Anti-AFSPA crusader, Iron Sharmila's newly formed political party PRJA today strikes slashing criticism to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's overnight demonetization of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency note terming it as another political gimmick for the upcoming assembly election of 5 states including Manipur. In a press statement signed by its convenor Erendro Leichombam, the political party lambasted the Modi government as the measures which intend to hit those with black money give pains and suffering to the common people as there was no appropriate measures taken up at the ground.

"The BJP has been saddled with the intent of 'showing' that they are 'doing something' to tackle 'Black Money.'" Unfortunately, the measure—demonetizing 500 and 1000 notes without appropriate measures on the ground and without really hitting those with 'black money' in foreign shores—is merely a political side show to dupe the people into believing that the BJP is the crusader of anti-corruption and "anti-Black Money," the statement said. "The reality is that this overnight demonetizing of the currency hurts the common people, small business owners, KeithelEmas, Street vendors, Rickshaw, auto-rickshaw drivers, and many

daily wage earners who rely exclusively on cash transactions in Manipur. The inconvenience caused is widespread: today we see long lines in every bank, and shops and pharmacies have pulled their shutters down. This will continue for days, if not months. In the rural areas, banks have complained that the new currency notes have not reached their branches thereby creating panic and frustration, and in some cases have proved fatal. It is not a bold decision but one that really does not suit the purpose it says it will. It proves BJP's anti-people policy to score political points, which has been implemented inefficiently and without proper preparations.

The demonetization will leave big players untouched as their "Black Money" would be stashed away as immovable assets, Gold, or in Swiss Banks, or in foreign currencies—Dollars, Yens, Pound Sterlings etc. Modi's "Masterstroke" hurts the common people the most and in Manipur where a majority of lower middle class does not have a bank account and where 95% of business houses/shops and other services do not accept cashless payments, it is clear that BJP treats the hardship that has befallen on the "michampraja" as mere "collateral damage." In its desperation to hit a "sixer in the final over," the BJP government has exposed

itself as the party of big corporate houses. BJP has failed to address any of the illegal activities and ecosystem that breeds "Black Money" and corruption in the first place. PRJA believes that demonetizing currencies in such a manner is totally anti-people. We find the BJP Government's act as totally irresponsible since they did not consider the people's tremendous hardship before they played politics with the economy's most important medium of exchange—the currency. BJP has literally choked the economy by leaving business activities in a stand still condition. PRJA is committed to fighting against corruption but this act of

demonetization, which has come about without any support mechanisms for the common people, without any effective mechanism to aid the transition, has fed only frustration, inconvenience, and hardships in the lives of the common man. It says that BJP as a party will play all it takes to make a point while neglecting the needs of the meechampraja. It further added that BJP came to power promising that "Black Money" will be brought back to India from abroad to enable each citizen to receive 15 Lakhs rupees in their respective bank accounts. The PM Mr. Narendra Modi could not deliver on these promises in the last two and half years.

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**Corrigendum**  
 News report appeared in our yesterday issue regarding the felicitation function of elected students' leaders at Lamyamba Sanglen was organised by Joint Students' Co-ordinating Committee (JSCC) and not by DESAM. The error is regretted.