



Oil depot dried; Black marketers sell petrol at Rs 300 per litre

IT News
Imphal, Nov 13: With the UNC sponsored economic blockade along the two National Highway entering 13 days, oil depots here in the state capital are now running dried as oil tanker had stopped transporting fuel. Condition is no better with the day today required essential commodities. The UNC volunteers had stopped all sorts of goods ferrying vehicles at both NH-1 and NH 37. Report culled from the market suggests that if the blockade continues and transporters stopped ferrying of essential commodities, shops dealing with essential commodities too will be

emptied too. According to our reporter, some black marketers are now selling the petrol at Rs 300 per litre. One wanders how these black marketers are able to get the petrol at a time when almost all petrol pump are running dry. A total of 15 Oil depots are open in Imphal East and Imphal West. Total number of oil depot opened in the state is 37. Report however said that in Senapati district people there did not face problem of fuel scarcity. The United Naga Council (UNC) followed the indefinite

economic blockade on National High Ways from November 1 after 48 hour total bandh in Hill district called on August 28 and 30, in protest against the demand of Sardar Hill district.

Counter Blockade

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Imphal, Nov 13: In response to the UNC's indefinite economic blockade, various clubs, organisations and Meira Paibi Lup are ensuring counter blockade at Imphal-Ukhrul road and Imphal Senapati road.

Transport Minister declares ISBT functional after 5 years of inauguration

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Imphal, Nov 13: After almost 5 years of inauguration of the Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) constructed at Dingku Road near Khuman Lampak was declared functional today by the State Transport Minister Kh. Ratan. To mark the functioning of the ISBT, the Minister also flagged off a passenger vehicle. The Inter-State Bus terminus was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh in the presence of UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi on December 3, 2011. Soon after the inauguration the ISBT



complex has been left abandoned by the government authority for around 5 years. "The ISBT could not be made functional due to various reason", the Transport

Minister Kh rattan while talking to reporters said but did not mention the real reason on why it has been left abandon and remembered only now when the 11th Manipur Legislative

Assembly Election is just around 100 days. Ratan blames the frequent bandh and blockades even though he himself is a part of the government, as one reason for wasting the multi crore project. "Trucks, and other vehicles use to park here during prolong bandh and blockade as there are no proper secure location for vehicles to park", the minister said. Interestingly Ratan also stated that the recent 6.7 magnitude earthquake which occurred on January 4 this year is also one reason for leaving the ISBT- a wasted construction.

UNC's eco-blockade left state Govt. helpless; plead RN Ravi's interference

IT News
Imphal, Nov 13: State government seems to be left with complete helplessness to find a solution to the fuel crisis face by the people of the state due to the UNC's indefinite economic blockade. A prominent cabinet Minister of the Okram Ibobi Singh government today said that the government is communicating or in other word "pleading" R.N Ravi, the interlocutor of the Indian Government for the

peace-talk between NSCN-IM and Government of India. "The State Government has talk with RN Ravi to intervene the UNC sponsored economic blockade", Cabinet Minister for Transport, Kh Ratan today said at the sideline of a function for re launching of ISBT at Dingku road today. The Minister however said that the government is doing all its best to solve the problem of fuel crisis in the state.

Tribute paid to Fallen heroes of WWI

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Imphal, Nov 13: Remembrance Day or Poppy Day was observed at Imphal War Cemetery, Dewlahland, Imphal today, in remembrance of the members of the armed forces who had died in the line of duty during First World War. Each Year in November 11, Imphal Campaign Foundation (ICF) WWII led by Yumnam Rajeshwor, Co-founder of Imphal Campaign Foundation (ICF) WWII, paid floral tribute to the men and women who

gave their lives in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. November 11 is known as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day or Poppy Day. The day is observed on the nearest Sunday ahead or after of November 11 and hence Yumnam Rajeshwor along

with other volunteers of ICF WWII paid floral tribute to the men and women died on the day today at Imphal War Cemetery with a 2 minutes silence at 11 am, as respect. This day marks the centenary of the First World War. During the First World War, on the 11th hour of the 11th

day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. In many parts of the world, people observe this day for the fallen heroes who died in the line of duty during the war, today.

Eye screening camp

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Imphal, Nov 13: Lion Club of Imphal Valley organised an Eye Screening Camp at Brighter English High School, Kagailong, Imphal East today. The screening test is being organised as a part of its social responsibility programmes under "Save Vision" Centennial Celebration Project of the Lion Club International. Around 100 students from nursery to class 10, school staffs and around 25 locals from the surrounding were screened for any visual defects and eye problems. Lion Club of Imphal valley said that 16 individuals were identified who needed medicines and spectacles for correcting the visual defects.

Narinder Batra elected as new president of International Hockey Federation

New Delhi, Nov 13: Narinder Batra has become the first Indian to be elected the President of the International Hockey Federation. He was voted to the top post by an overwhelming margin during the penultimate day of the 45th FIH Congress in Dubai today. Batra, who is the president of Hockey India, defeated David Balbimie of Ireland and Australia's Ken Read to become the 12th FIH President and also the first Asian to grab the post. Batra got 68 votes in his favour while Balbimie and Read managed 29 and 13 votes respectively. 59-year old Batra, who became president of Hockey India in October 2014 after serving as its secretary, has criss-crossed the globe to seek votes in the last few weeks. Batra succeeds Spaniard Leandro Negre, who has been the FIH chief since 2008.

Blessing ceremony of Ngakuimiza Asai held

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Imphal, Nov 13: Even though no official announcement has been made by the BJP on whether the party, which is in power at the center and whose popularity is gaining absolute momentum in the state of Manipur, will be fielding candidates in all the 60 Assembly segments in the upcoming 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly, the party had showed signed to make sure that a BJP candidate will be fighting the election from 44- Ukhrul Assembly Constituency. BJP ticket aspirant Ngakuimiza Asai, is going ahead a step forward from other BJP ticket seekers in the constituency to fight the upcoming Assembly poll. A blessing ceremony for his candidature was held at New Delhi BJP office on November 11 in the presence of Delhi BJP leaders Prasant



Arora and Manas Deka. Both are influential functionaries of the Delhi Unit BJP. Besides the two functionaries three women representatives of the BJP Manipur Pradesh were also attended in the blessing ceremony. Those attended state BJP women leaders are Mrs. Sorojini Devi, Mrs. Promodini Devi and Mrs N. Jeevanmala Devi. Besides the BJP functionaries large numbers of his

supporters from Ukhrul Assembly Constituency were also present during the blessing ceremony. Mentioned may be made that NPF candidate Samuel Risom got elected in the last Assembly Election but the seat now is vacant after Risom along with 3 other NPF candidates tendered resignation over the passing of the IFPS related Bills by the Manipur Legislative Assembly.

PTI
New Delhi, Nov 13: Aiming to reach out to more viewers in the northeast, public broadcaster Prasar Bharati is planning to launch by Christmas a new Doordarshan channel 'DD Arunprabha' in the region. Officials told PTI that in a recent meeting, the Prasar Bharati board approved a proposal to launch the channel, which will

focus primarily on the viewers of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim but will have content for other states of the region as well. It is expected that the channel will come up by December 25. "The Board has cleared the decision. We expect to launch by December 25," Prasar Bharati Chairperson A Surya Prakash said when contacted. "We are very happy with this development

as we want to pay greater attention to the northeast," he added. Doordarshan already runs a channel for the northeast region. Sources said that a lot of programming content for 'DD Arunprabha' is already being planned by Doordarshan including a special show that focuses on the region's diverse and delectable cuisine.

New Doordarshan channel planned for NE

Personal pain, national gain

By now, either our cash woes would have abated a little or we would have got used to them. There is no doubt that ordinary, honest citizens, small businesses, agriculturists, etc have been hit hard by the Midnight Modi Missile launched without warning. Rs 500 notes, if not Rs 1000 ones, are the most common and convenient legal tender across the economic divide. So parting with them in a huff without adequate back up or access to lesser denominations is most distressing. The pinch and pain are quite plain. Should a, er, 'the' good part of the nation, which leads an ATM to mouth life, suffer for the crimes of the bad ones? That's a Rs 100 note question that defies answer. We can only fall back on the PM for some clarity. His candid speech - I listened to the angrezi version delivered in chaste Hinglish - was assuring and did assuage our apps, meaning, apprehensions a bit. He did not mince words in saying that the honest people would be put to 'temporary' (read terrible) hardship and even took their consent for 'sacrifice' for granted. A crumb of comfort comes from the confidence that Modi himself may not have a collection of those cursed currency, though the same cannot be said of some of his own colleagues, compatriots and of course, his cherished enemies in the opposition. So, if

Modi can't do this, nobody can. But all his honourable intent risks being undermined by gross official miscalculation & shoddy handling of the cash crunch. Our physical misery is also aggravated by other legitimate angsts. Simpletons sans tons of notes, but just a purseful, went scurrying out, stalking streets and knocking on shops like thieves, to make nocturnal deals with unsuspecting parties of the other part, in a bid to be rid of the suddenly soiled stuff. In hindsight, we must admit we were shaken and shamed by these acts of panic; a pang of anger did rise up against the Government for making good people feel guilty about their own money. If not skeletons, many bones tumbled out of family cupboards and tins too. That night and the dawn after, ours felt like a country of criminals. And to be unwittingly equated to real robbers was even more mortifying. Now, there are those who held hard-earned tax paid money in 500s and 1000s. There are also the ones who had hard-earned albeit stacks of black, which was illegal but not immoral, and can be legitimised by owning up and paying up. But the worst are the privileged politicians whose stashes of cash were not just illegal but ill-gotten and immoral. Alas, Modi's carpet bombing, or rather, carpet bagging, swept everyone

summarily off their feet, without distinction! And in that lies a major credibility hole. Most of us are open sellers of goods or services produced or delivered by us. In any case, we are not the ones who sold public assets like spectrum or coal blocks on the sly! We cannot be bundled and made bedfellows of the sordid, spoiled, scandalous scammers who actually stole both our notes and votes. Okay, this latest attack on corruption is a 'minor' blow to the common man; but this should have been preceded by big blows to political moneybags across parties and regions, all of whom had their wrongful riches flashing like neon signs all along. Much of that loot may have scooted the land and much may be invested in, well, land, but still, sacks and suitcases are aplenty. No war on corruption can carry credence without targeting the fountainhead, namely, politics. For instance, forget Swiss banks, 100 day targets, Letters Rogatories, etc that none understands. Just a visit without visa by IT sleuths to the very Indian TN would have yielded in fifteen days flat enough black gold to fill the fiscal deficit and even leave a hefty surplus for lending to impoverished America whose financial woes Trump trumpeted to emerge triumphant. (Contd on page 2)

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