

Counter blockade in different part of the city intensifies as UNC's talk with the center had failed to come up with an amicable solution. Source said UNC will continue the indefinite economic blockade as the talk between the Union govt. fails today.



## Are banks in Imphal killing patients undergoing treatment outside the state?

**IT News Imphal, Nov 15:** Even as the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed the people not to be panic by assuring adequate currency for exchange, many in the state of Manipur are facing extreme suffering and hardship as urgent money for their near and dear one undergoing treatment at hospitals outside the state could not be sent in time. Parents of students studying abroad are also facing the same as they are kept waited with the same treatments to individuals

*Students studying aboard too are harassed as wards are not facilitated to sent education fees in time*

who came for exchanged of money in front of the banks. "I have to sent money through Forex as my daughter is in urgent need of money for paying her educational fee, but from morning till now I have been kept waited along with these people who are coming for exchange of money", a frustrated father said to this

reporter. He further said that my daughter is doing post graduate at Sangai in China and last date for payment of her fee is only a left. If money could not be sent she may miss her exam, the father added. On the other hand, most banks here in the state particularly the

state bank of India is still crowded with thousands thronging in for exchanged of currency note. "My brother is undergoing treatment at a hospital at Delhi and if I did not sent money today doctors there might thrown the, out of the hospital", another lady who has been standing in queue in front of the state bank said to this reporter. She further added that the bank should arranged a separate entry or counter to deal for consumer of emergency need.

**Source AIR New Delhi, Nov 15:** Government has said, indelible ink will be used for disbursement of cash across bank counters to prevent people from returning again to withdraw cash. Briefing media in New Delhi, Economic Affairs Secretary Shaktikanta Das said it has come to notice that the reason for long queues at banks and ATMs is that the

same people keep coming again at different places. Shaktikanta Das said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley reviewed supply of currency for the second time in two days last night. He also said, Jan Dhan accounts with deposits above 50,000 rupees will be closely monitored. Mr. Das said, cash availability with bank branches and Post

Offices have been enhanced. He informed that a Special Task Force has been set up to monitor infusion of fake currency especially in the vulnerable areas. He quashed rumours that the new 2000 rupees note was fake because it was bleeding colour. He also urged people to not fall prey to rumours being spread through social media.

## Strong objections raised against inauguration and commissioning of Mapithel Dam

**IT News Imphal, Nov 15:** The Mapithel Dam Affected Villagers Organisation (MDAVO), JAC Mapithel Dam Downstream Affected People (MDDAP) and Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur (CRAM) has express their concern and objection to the proposed plan to commission Mapithel Dam by the end of 2016 which was pronounced by Okram Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur during the month of October, 2016. Speaking to the media person here at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal, Yumlembam Thouna, Convenor, JAC-MDDAP said that the proposed commissioning plan of Mapithel Dam is despite the non-completion of key infrastructure of Mapithel Dam, such as Power Generation, Water Supply and Irrigation facilities, etc. The Plan to commission Mapithel Dam is also despite the absence of a comprehensive downstream impact assessment and an object

absence of a plan for rehabilitation and alternative livelihood for communities in downstream areas. So, there is no reason to cause undue suffering to villagers by commissioning Mapithel Dam, he added. Yumlembam Thouna also said that the blocking of Thoubal River which have commenced from January 2015 without a detailed impact assessment and a comprehensive rehabilitation and resettlement plan of the communities, has led to enormous hardship to communities affected by the Dam both in upstream and downstream areas. The dam has led to inundation of residential areas, schools, churches, agriculture land, forest areas of more than 2000 hectares in Chadong Village, Louphung, Ramrei, Riha and Thoyee Villages, etc. The announcement to commission the dam project by simply closing up the shutter

gates, block topping roads etc for inauguration is a complete mockery, besides, the people living in the downstream villages such as Itham, Moirangpural, Tumukhong, Nongdam, Louphong and Maphou have come to face the scarcity of water, loss of livelihood source and survival threat due to the possible dam break, he added.

Yumlembam Thouna further said that the move to commission of Mapithel Dam despite multifaceted violation manifest the undemocratic and forceful nature of the Government and will undermine the rights and interest of the people affected by the dam. Considering the threats and the livelihood of the people affected

by the dam, MDAVO, JAC-MDDAP and CRAM reiterate that IFCD, Government of Manipur should resist from commissioning the Mapithel Dam project until and unless the impending issues are resolved and forced inauguration of the dam will invite unwanted incident which state government should give serious concern, he added.

## National Press Day, 2016 Celebration

**DIPR Imphal, Nov. 15:** The Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur will observe National Press Day with a One Day Workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 10:00 am at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Manipur, Banquet Hall, Imphal. Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, Hon'ble Governor Manipur, Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister Manipur and Shri K. Radhakumar Singh, IAS, Commissioner, IPR, Manipur

will grace the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively. On the occasion, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, Hon'ble Governor will present the Manipur State Journalist Awards, 2016 to seven journalist in different categories. The awardees are - (i) Shri Ranjit Oinamcha, Editor (Paoljel) for Best Editor for National Integration and Communal Harmony, (ii) Km. Babycha, Staff Reporter (Hueiyen Lanpao) for Reporting on

Science and Technology, (iii) Shri Kshetri Meghajit, Sub-Editor (Naharlogi Thoudang) for Parliamentary Reporting, (iv) Km Nomita Khongbantabam, Reporter (Hueiyen Lanpao) for Reporting on Art and Culture, (v) Shri Ibomcha Yumnam, Staff Reporter, (Poknapham) for Rural Reporting, (vi) Shri Naorem Gyanand, Special Correspondent (Hueiyen Lanpao) for Reporting on Special reference to Women and Child and (vii) Shri Brahmachariyam Devchandra Sharma, Staff Reporter (Poknapham) for Reporting on Health and Hygiene.

As part of the programme for National Press Day, 2016, there will be a workshop on the topic "Reporting from Conflict Area, a Challenge to the Media" W. S. Hamjai, President, AMWJU and Shri Yumnam Rupachandra, Editor-in-Chief, Impact TV will present papers and Shri A.K. Sanaton, Former President AMWJU will be the Moderator. Musical Performance by Media Professionals is also organised as a part of the programme.

## SC refuses to stay Centre's notification demonetising Rs 500, Rs 1000 notes

**Source AIR New Delhi, Nov 15:** Supreme Court today refused to stay the government's notification demonetising Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes but asked it to spell out the steps taken to minimise public inconvenience. A bench comprising Chief Justice T S Thakur and D Y Chandrachud said that they will not be granting any stay as some advocates had

insisted on it. The bench asked Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi to file an affidavit about the measures already undertaken by the government and the RBI to minimise public inconvenience and also the steps likely to be undertaken in future. Without issuing any notice to the Centre or the RBI, the bench posted the matter for further hearing on November 25.

## Ritual ceremony of pottery Goddess held



**IT News Thoubal, Nov. 15:** Prayer ceremony of the indigenous Goddess of pottery - "Malem IMA Chai Kambhang Leibak lairembi" was held today morning at Nongpok Sekmai ground at Thoubal district. The ritual ceremony organized by NESA Club Nongpok Sekmai and Village committee was

attended by Retd. IPS Thokchom Radheshyam, titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba, Chairman and Councilor of Sikhong Sekmai Municipal Council. Potters were of the area who had been preserving the tradition were honoured by presenting gifts on the occasion.

Speakers on the occasion recalled the significance of the pottery goddess. Titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba appreciated the people of Nongpok Sekmai for preserving the traditions which has been following since time immemorial. Retd. IPS Th. Radheshyam while speaking on the ritual ceremony suggested a temple for the pottery goddess and assured all possible help from his side. Potteries is a one time industry of the people of the state before the coming of plastic other metal pots in the state. Potters easily make a living those days but due to the outside influx of product from outside the state the trade now is nearing to extinction.

## NYK Sangathan celebrates Foundation Day

**IT News Imphal, Nov 15:** The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Imphal East celebrated its foundation day here today in collaboration with Social Economic Educational and Cultural Development Association Manipur. The celebration was graced by District Youth Coordinator of NYK Imphal East Kh. Ibohanbi Singh, President of SEECDAM Seram Neken, and Vice-Chairman of Small Scale Industries Council, Kolkata P. Loken Singh as chief guest, president and guest of honour. In connection with the celebration, the Social Economic Educational and Cultural Development Association Manipur inaugurated a Skill Upgradation programme on production of Kouma products under the sponsorship of NYK Imphal east. 25 women participated in the training programme to be conducted for four months at Singjamei Kshetri Leikai.

## KCP Poirei alleges irregularities in appointment of staff nurses at JNIMS

**IT News Imphal, Nov 15:** Armed group KCP Poirei Meitei Lup has alleged that the Director of JNIMS and Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh have reserved 15 seats of the total 234 posts for recruitment of staff nurses at JNIMS. A statement said that, state cabinet had approved recruitment of 234 posts of staff nurses at JNIMS but the Director of JNIMS Dr. L Deven in connivance with the Chief

Minister had notified for recruitment of only 219 staff nurses posts. When investigate by a team of the outfit it has been come to the picture that the Director is collecting Rs. 20 to 25 lakhs from intending candidates to field the 15 seats. The armed group also alleged that instead of handing over recruitment process for the selection of the candidates, all procedure for selection of the nurses has been handed over to a firm called GI facility

service located at the third floor of a gas agency building at Loklobung, Imphal. The armed group also alleged the director of conducting the recruitment test in violation of the reservation base on qualification approved by the state cabinet. The outfit further warned serious consequences if the director did not stopped the kind of irregularities committed to the appointment of staff nurse at JNIMS.

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## Manipur sports academy training future champs with poor backgrounds

**AN Imphal, Nov. 15:** Several sports persons from the north-east have put the remote region on the world map recently, and in an attempt to continue with this, a sports academy has been imparting training in Wushu and kick-boxing to youth despite their poor background. The youth of the country, especially from the northeast region, draw inspiration from internationally acclaimed sports achievers from the region like five-time World Amateur Boxing champion

Mary Kom, former Indian Football captain Baichung Bhutia, recent gymnastic sensation Dipa Karmakar and many others. And to help them achieve their dreams, the Nawang Sports Academy in Manipur is playing a crucial role. Situated in the foothills of Pidonu and Langthabi hills range in Sekta village, the academy is shaping and moulding the lives of youngsters, especially those hailing from villages. The academy has drawn more than 60 students from the underprivileged sections of

society and is imparting Wushu and kick boxing training free of cost. It is Nawang Ngangom, founder and coach of the Nawang Sports Academy, mission to divert the youth from the menace of drugs and channelise their energy in more productive and healthy activities. "Our academy aims to divert the youths from the menace of drugs, and promote them in sports so as to bring laurels for the state and the country both in international and national arena. And, today some of my students have

already signed a contract with an international arena in World Championship," Nawang said. The success of the academy can be measured from the fact that 80 students have won gold medals at various national and state level tournaments. It has also produced 12 silver medalists and 15 bronze medalists. Among the prodigies of the academy are Asian Games boxing gold medalist Dingko Singh and weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu. Impressed with the skills of

the students, nine of them have also been offered jobs by the Indian Army and other security agencies. "Today, I would not be a part of the Indian Army had Nawang Sir not helped me. Setting up his sports academy in our locality, Sekta, has given us a lot of benefits and opportunities. Our parents couldn't afford to send us to school, but this academy has shaped our lives by providing us free sports trainings and facilities," said Phijam, a student from the academy, who has joined the Indian Army.