



The vehicle at which UNC President along with its IP secy came, now in custody of Manipur Police

UNC President Gaidon Kamei arrested Total shutdown declared - unconfirmed report

IT News
Imphal, Nov. 25: United Naga Council (UNC) President Gaidon Kamei (52) S/o (L) Landou Kamei of Noney Part 1 presently staying at Namdulong was picked up by Imphal West commando from Pheidinga. He was at the residence of Thomas Liangmei S/o Chairman Leimakhong Khunkhu Village since the last 2/3 days. Sankhui Stephen (36) S/o (L) Sankhui Thannok of Komsen Village, Chandul who was driving the Bolero in which the duo were travelling was also detained. He is currently the Information Secy. of UNC. Unconfirmed report said that



following the arrest of the UNC leaders total shut down has been called with immediate effect in all Naga inhabited area by the UNC.

It may be recalled that since UNC declared total shutdown of Naga inhabited areas of the state for 48 hours on 28 October followed immediately by indefinite economic blockade since 1st Nov, the state has been reeling under the shortages of essential commodities compounded by the demonetization move of the Modi Government, and the

situation is getting increasingly serious with many wholesale shops shutting down since the past few days. Few trucks bringing essential commodities to the state have also been vandalized and burnt to cinders by supporters of the ongoing blockade. Counter-blockades were even initiated by a few enraged groups in the valley but was talked out of such impulsive steps by various valley based CSOs. Meanwhile, unconfirmed report states that a senior

minister of the state is battling for the release of the detained UNC officials with the Ibobelled state government.

On the other hand, at a press meet held at Dewlahland against the arrest of the two UNC officials, President of Naga Student's body ANSAM reiterated the demand for the immediate release of the two arrested persons and questioned the commitment given by the state government to the Naga body on the issue of consultation of stakeholders regarding the formation of Sadar Hills as a full-fledged district. Acknowledging the continued suffering of the people in the state due to the indefinite economic blockade called by the UNC, the spokesperson puts the blame for the current imbroglio squarely on the state government. He also warns of intensified actions against anyone whether majority or minority if the demands of the group is not entertained.

Stalemate continues in Parliament over demonetisation; Lok Sabha adjourned for day

New Delhi, Nov. 25: The deadlock in Parliament continues for the seventh day on demonetisation issue as both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha were adjourned for the day following uproar by the Opposition parties on the issue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks on black money.

When the Lok Sabha reassembled at noon after first adjournment, the opposition including Congress, TMC and Left again raised the issue and shouted slogans. Amidst the noisy scene, the Speaker Sumitra Mahajan conducted Zero Hour. She tried to pacify the agitating members, however, the situation remained the same and she had to adjourn the House for the day.

Earlier, as soon as the House met for the day, Mallikarjun Kharge of Congress questioned the Prime Minister's reported remark that those criticising the demonetisation process do not have any problem with the preparedness, however, have a problem that they did not have the time to prepare themselves. Amid din, Speaker Sumitra Mahajan adjourned the House till Noon. Earlier, the House also pledged to strengthen the

efforts of upholding the constitutional values of delivering justice, equality and fraternity on the occasion of Constitution Day which will be observed tomorrow.

The Rajya Sabha has been adjourned for the day as the Opposition parties continued their protest on the remarks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

regarding black money. When the House met at 2.30 P.M. after lunch, the situation was no different. Congress members trooped into the well, raising slogans. Deputy Chairman P J Kurien adjourned the House as the din continued. The House witnessed two adjournments before adjourning for the day.

PM slams demonetisation detractors

New Delhi, Nov. 25: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured that the legitimate money of the people of the country is completely safe, terming the common citizen of India as soldiers against corruption and black money while insisting that world is changing and India must move towards cashless economy.

Speaking after releasing two books on Constitution in New Delhi this morning, Mr. Modi said, now people can spend also through latest mobile technology. He said, the world is changing and India must move towards cashless economy. Defending the government's decision to demonetise 500 and 1000 rupee currency

notes, Mr. Modi said some are angry on the initiative as they were not informed before the decision was considered. He said that those who did not get time to change notes are upset. The Prime Minister said, it is important to be connected with the spirit of the Constitution and to be aware of the various articles of it. He said though the nation celebrates Republic Day on 26th January with pride, however without Constitution Day celebration that is November 26th, Republic Day is incomplete.

The Prime Minister said that 26th November was decided to be observed as Constitution Day to celebrate the Constitution and to create awareness among the youth.

Asian Theatre festival kicks off

IT News
Imphal, Nov 25: Inaugural function of Asian Theatre Festival organised in connection with the Manipur Sangai festival was held today at Hongmehshang, the NT Theatre's Playhouse located at Changangei Ucheekon, near Imphal airport.

The inaugural function of the theatre festival organised by NT Theatre was attended by Dr. RK Nimai Singh (Retd. IAS), Consultant to the Government of Manipur as the chief guest while N Ashok Kumar (IAS) Special Secretary (Tourism) presided over it. Dr. Naorem Khagendra Singh, VC of the Manipur University of Culture also attended the inaugural function as the guest of honour.

On the inaugural day Kalakshetra's "Dak Ghar" was presented. Dak Ghar was originally directed by renowned Theatre Director Late Heishnam Kanhaihal who had departed for heavenly abode a month back.

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This time State transport department hired Winger vehicles instead of utilising JNRUM Low Floor Buses

IT News
Imphal, Nov 25: Transport department of the Government of Manipur has introduced hired Winger vehicles for transportation of Sangai festival visitors instead of the low floor Buses procured under the JNRUM. Most of the JNRUM buses are now lying unused in the MSRTC campus and conditions of some are almost near to condemn. Last year the state transport department utilised the buses for the Sangai festival visitors but for reason best known the

Transport department authority, Winger vehicles are being hired to transport the Sangai festival visitors from different area of Imphal city. According to a Press statement of the department of transport 30 Winger vehicles will be introduced at different route for the local visitors to the festival. It said subject to the demand the number of vehicles may increase to 50. Frequency of the vehicle service will be at every one hours. The service will be introduced from MU gate

Canchipur to Andro Parking in Imphal East via Kakva Singjamei, Moirangkhom, North AOC, Minuthong; another From Hiyanthang keithel along MI road by passing Mongsangei keishamthong, Minuthong and then Andro Parking; From Malom keithel the vehicles come upto Andro parking along the Tiddim road towards Minuthong until it reaches Andro parking. There will also be service from Govt. Polytechnic, Shija Clinic and Langol Game Village.

'Printing errors' in new Rs 500

New Delhi, Nov 25: In its hurry to meet the demand for new notes, the Reserve Bank of India has made major errors which can have serious consequences for the demonetisation exercise. The gaffe—RBI has printed two variants of the new Rs 500 notes.

According to a report in *The Times of India*, the newspaper has seen at least

three case studies where the new Rs 500 note varied from each other. According to one customer quoted in the report, Gandhi's face has a more than visible shadow. Apart from this, he has pointed to alignment issues with the national emblem and also serial numbers. Another Mumbai resident has told the newspaper that the colours of the notes he

got were different. The report has cited one more such instance of variation. Meanwhile, a RBI spokesperson has termed them as "printing defects" that have propped up because of "the current rush". She has also said people can still freely use it for transactions or even return it to the central bank. (Courtesy : First Post)

Four National Highways projects cleared for the North Eastern region

PIB
New Delhi, Nov 25: The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has cleared four projects for the North Eastern region of the country, totalling 112.88 km, at a total cost of Rs 1173.98 Crore. Two of these projects are in Manipur and one each in Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

The first project is for strengthening of the existing two lane pavement and providing paved shoulder on

a 47.67 km stretch of NH 39 (Mao - Imphal section) in Manipur at a cost of Rs 230.46 crore. Land is already available for the project.

The second project is also for strengthening of the existing two lane pavement and providing paved shoulder on another 27 km stretch of NH 39 (Mao-Imphal Section) in Manipur at a cost of Rs 139.87 Crore. Land is already available for this project too.

The project in Arunachal Pradesh is for 4-laning of 10.9 km of Itanagar to Banderdewa Section of NH-415 at a cost of Rs 341.83 crores. The state government is providing 30/40 m ROW free from encumbrances for the project.

The project in Nagaland is for improvement 27.3 km of city portion of NH-39 through Dimapur and Kohima at a cost of Rs 461.82 crore. Land is already available for the project.

10th Jadonang Memorial Football NYC, KYC enters Semi Final

IT News
Imphal, Nov 25: Namdulong (NYC) and Kalalong (KYC) has entered the semi final round in the ongoing 10th Jadonang Memorial Football Tournament 2016 being underway at THAU Sports Complex, Thangmeiband. Nangdalung NYC defeated Longmai (LBYC) by 1-0 goal in the quarter final match on the first ground while Kalalong (KYC) defeated Chingmeirong (CRYC) by 1-0 goal in the 2nd ground. Gaipulan Dangei, Jry. No. 23 of Namdulong (NYC) and Thaimiei Kachungaj (Jry No. 9) of Kalalong (KYC) were declared as players of the quarter final match.



In tomorrow's quarter final match Namthanlong (NYC) will clash Gaidimjang (GFC) in the first round and in the 2nd round Dimdailong (DYC) will clash Sawombung Sairem (SSYC).

Winner of tomorrow's quarter final match will play semifinal match with the Namdulong (NYC) and Kalalong (KYC) in separate matches.

SC to hear petitions challenging demonetisation on 2 December

Source PTI
New Delhi, Nov 25: The Supreme Court on Friday fixed on 2 December the hearing on a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the decision to demonetise currency notes of Rs1,000 and Rs500 and the inconvenience faced by the common man due to it. A bench comprising chief justice T.S. Thakur and justice D.Y. Chandrachud said, "we will examine both aspects (inconvenience and constitutional validity) of the matter. Come on Friday at 2pm".

The bench, meanwhile, asked

attorney general Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the centre, to file additional affidavit, if any, explaining the "schemes and steps" taken to ease the situation that has arisen due to demonetisation. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for one of the petitioners who has challenged the Centre's 8m November decision on demonetisation, said the court should start hearing the matter from Tuesday itself. Rohatgi, however, opposed the contention and said let all the petitioners, who have approached various high courts on the issue, come to

the apex court which would take a call on 2 December as to whether the Supreme Court or the Delhi high court would hear them all. Centre has recently moved the apex court seeking transfer of all the petitions pending in various high courts to either the Supreme Court or one of the high courts. Yesterday, centre had filed an affidavit in the apex court on demonetisation and had said that the "bold move" would eradicate black money and slush funds operating since Independence which cast a "parallel economy" hitting the poor and the middle class.