

Ruckus at SBI MU Branch; security guard injured

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Imphal, Nov 28: Bank customers waiting in queue for withdrawal money at State Bank of India (SBI), Manipur University Branch, Canchipur today turned hostile and resorted to violent activism destroying portion of the bank office after the demand for allowing withdrawal of Rs. 5000 and more has been rejected by the bank authority. The incident happen at around 10 am today morning. The irate customers destroyed the counters and some of the desktops at cash counter have been destroyed. Many furniture including the window glasses and partitioned glasses were vandalized.

What prompted the mob to behave in such a barbaric way could not certain at the moment, but those customers said that they cannot control their anger after the bank authority announced to allow withdrawal of Rs. 4000/- per customer but on the condition that there is guarantee that every customer on the line will get the money. "This bank allow us to withdraw only Rs. 2000 at a time and that too after standing in queue for around 3 days", said a senior citizen who join the act of vandalism. He said with Rs 2000 how the



family is going to be run as the price of essential commodities is sky rocketed with the price of potato reaching Rs. 80 per kg.

"Now the Manager said that we will be allowed to withdraw Rs. 4000/- but there is no guarantee that everyone in the line will get the money".



Security officer M. Shyama

another customer said. But the bank manager of the SBI MU branch, Mr. Pranab Sen has another story to tell. He said as the bank presently has limited stock of currency note he can't assured serving all the customers. He further added that understanding the sentiments of the customers he had announced allowing withdrawal of Rs. 4000/- per

customer from their account and was agreed by every customer.

"The ruckus actually begins after a customer entered and said that he will not allow anybody to withdraw the money if he was not allowed to withdraw a sum of Rs. 24,000", Pranab Sen said. He further added that following an argument between the person and him he created ruckus prompting others to resort in violent activism.

The Security officer of the bank identified as Mutum Shyama sustained head injury while trying to control the angry customers.

Irate customers vandalize SBI Leimakhong branch

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Imphal, Nov 28: At around the same time when customers at SBI MU branch has been creating ruckus over withdrawal of money, customers of another SBI Branch at Leimakhong today vandalize the bank office for bias attitude of the bank staffs. Report said that civilian customers of the SBI Leimakhong branch were

allowed to withdraw a sum of rupees 2000 each and following that many had been on queue for withdrawal of the money. However, some of the army personnel who came from the Leimakhong Army head quarter were allowed to withdraw an amount of Rs. 1000/- . Sooner the announcement was made the civilian customer protested and demanded equal treatment to all

customers. A team of police from Saperniema police station who rushed the spot to control the situation allegedly threatened the civilian customer showing their service weapon. The attitude of the police personnel had fueled the anger of the civilian customers and poured their anger by vandalizing the office of the Bank. Many properties were destroyed in the mob action.

Bank officers condemn

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Imphal, Nov 28: State Bank of India (SBI) Officers' Association has condemn the vandalism at the bank office by the customers. Talking over phone a representatives said that the bank employees has been working days and night to solved the money crises of the people but instead of understanding the effort of the people it is wrong to pour their anger to the banks and its properties.

Congress stages sit-in-protest against demonetization



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Imphal, Nov 28: As a part of the nationwide protest against government decision of Demonetization functionaries of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee today stage a sit-in-protest in front of Congress Bhavan at BT Road Imphal. Similar protest was also staged at Thoubal by the Thoubal District Congress Committee in front of its office at Thoubal.

MPCC President MLA TN Haokip, VP MLA T. Mangibabu, Secretary organization MLA RK Imo, MLA Preshaw Shimray, MLA Victor Keishing among others participated the protest. The Congress party along with other opposition political parties has been protesting the sudden demonetization which they term has created lot of problems to the common people.

"The queues outside banks and ATM have not shortened, the demand for currency not meeting, even ATM have also become cashless, huge demand of new note are not meeting by the bank in short RBI is something fail to manage currency crises due to demonetization", agency quoted an opposition leader speaking to media at new Delhi.

The opposition party, particularly the Congress has stated that the public in India especially in rural area, where no proper banking channel available or nonavailability of cash in those branches, faces many problems due to government moves on demonetization. Businessman and traders, shops sale are down during November also face many problems. Hence opposition parties are protesting against the government.

KCP Poirei Meitei Lup claims

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Imphal, Nov 28: Armed group KCP Poirei Meitei has claimed the hand grenade found at the ground floor of the JNIMS OPD yesterday. In a press statement the outfit said that it was a warning to the Director-in-Charge of JNIMS Dr. L. Deven. It reiterated the allegations against the director over misuse of fund and irregularities in the appointment of nurses as well as withdrawal of arrears amounting to Rs. 10 Lakhs by violating the RR of the institution.

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Private companies from Thailand displayed products for possible entrepreneurs

ANI

Imphal, Nov. 28: Seven private companies from Thailand displayed their wide range of daily products before potential and possible entrepreneurs from the state at the Hotel Classic Grande on Saturday here. Products ranging from body lotion, lingerie, bedding products, energy drinks, fruit juices and daily products were displayed in order to attracted entrepreneurs. The products were displayed during the Manipur-Thailand business summit and business matching in integration of Manipur into the Global Value Chain through South East Asian countries. The event was organised by

the Manipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry in association with Office of the Commercial Affairs (OCA) Royal Thai Embassy and was sponsored by Directorate of Tourism, Government of Manipur.

"Once the connectivity from Manipur to Thailand via Myanmar will be completed then trade and commerce between these countries with Manipur will grow by many folds," said state chief secretary O Nabakishore Singh who was present as chief guest of the programme. He said that if this road connectivity is completed then trade and commerce relations with Myanmar and Thailand will bloom.

Drug peddler caught



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Imphal, Nov 28: Volunteers of the Awang Chaokhong Development Club (ACDC), North AOC, Imphal and 1st IRB personnel posted at Kangla Northern Gate today caught one drug peddler along with some Heroin (no. 4) and syringe from North AOC opposite of Classic Hotel at around 1:40 pm. The drug dealers have been identified as Laishram (O) Geeta, aged 50, wife of (L) Laishram Ajit from

Komlakhong.

The irate local volunteers cut her hair as punishment and released after warning her not repeat it again.

According to the president of the club Ramthar Keishing, the lady caught today not only supply heroin but she herself is also a drug user. "She was caught many times and handed over to police for using and dealing with drugs but she keep repeating it", Ramthar Keishing said.

This time, she has agreed to accept any form of punishment if caught again, he added.

According to Geeta, she bought the drug from a person known as one Md Ibungo of Komlakhong at Rs 2500 to use it for herself and also to sell. Along with the drugs , 46 pieces of Heroin (No. 4) and 16 pieces of syringe was also seized from Geeta. All those seized articles along with the drugs were burnt in public.

Monetary assistance provided to body builder Suraj



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Imphal, Nov 27: A group of people who formed a platform called "Iramdam Mapao" at Social networking site Facebook has extended assistance to Body Builder N. Suraj of Chingmeirong Maning laikai who is taking part in the World Body

Building Championship from November 29 at Thailand. Advisor of the Iramdam Mapao L. Dhaballo Singh along with other members had handed over a sum of Rs. 9,700/- to N. Suraj as monetary help. The members also wish the body builder a grand success

Currency crisis:

With no adequate cash, Banks in Imphal are left as scapegoats

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Imphal, Nov 28: With irresponsible activities of the Reserved Bank of India (RBI) authority, banks in Imphal are now left as scapegoat to the wrath of the common men.

A reliable source said that cash requirement for the state are decided by the RBI authority in consultation with the state government. RBI is the sole authority to look into the requirement of cash in every bank. But without going into proper access on what type of denomination is required by the common people the RBI takes its own decision and so far after the demonetization RBI has sent Rs. 681 crore in new denomination mostly in Rs 2000 currency note.

"Last Friday the RBI sent Rs 83 crore for the SBI and Rs. 60 crore for the UBI here in the state of Manipur. It is only this time that new denomination of Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 has been mixed along with the Rs. 2000 denomination", a bank official who does not want to disclose his identity said to Imphal Times. "Above all why the currency chest of the RBI here in Imphal

are left half empty?" asked the bank official.

On being enquired about the incident happened today at the MU Branch office of SBI at Canchipur, the official said that it is natural that the Manager of the bank satisfied all the customers and the few cash in stock would have created headache to the manager as his branch is yet to get the allotted amount of Rs. 1.5 crore. All he did was to manage with the stock remained in his bank the official clarified.

Meanwhile, Banks in Imphal, particularly the UBI and SBI branches are still seen crowded with their customers who comes for withdrawal of money for buying their day-today requirements even after 20 days of demonetization of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 denominations.

Some went back by cursing the bank with Rs. 4000/- in Rs. 2000 denominations as in a state like Manipur placing for using the Rs. 2000 denominations are less. Others who were force to return as the bank go out of cash. On the other hand those with Rs. 2000 denomination are facing problems of getting change

while buying essential commodities from the market.

"Why are the banks not proving us Rs. 100 or Rs. 50 denomination? Why the shopkeepers are have no change to return while buying essential commodities? Where have all the smaller denominations gone? Are some people deliberately freezing the smaller denomination?" asked a customer of UBI bank.

The question strikes an idea of some people deliberately keeping the smaller denomination as the talk about some people exchanging demonetize currency note at 20% or 30% has been spreading.

If the authority of the reserved bank of India is concern about making success of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bold move than the authority should not remain idle, instead should access the demand of the public and make the banks filled with smaller denomination of Rs. 50, Rs. 100 and of course Rs. 500/- . Their irresponsible behaviors are making the bank scapegoat to the wrath of the common people.