

## Sora people disallowed to pass Khongjom and Kakching Lamkhai over National Sports University crisis

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**Imphal, Nov 6:** In the aftermath of the Union Minister Vijay Goel statement indication his desires to change the location for the establishment of National Sports University from Yaithibi Loukol in Thoubal District to Koutruk, people of Sora Village who had tried to disrupt the visit of the Union Minister on November 4 are being blamed and since yesterday people of Sora Village were not allowed to travel beyond Khongjom and Kakching Lamkhai at either side.

Since yesterday, large number of people has been forcing back people from Sora who were coming towards Imphal at Khongjom. At first wrath over the decision large number of people from Khongjom and its surrounding villages burnt tyres on the road as a mark of protest to the union Minister's decision to shift the National Sports university. However later they stopped only the villagers of Sora and allowed any other vehicles or travelers.

Today too the kind of ban to the people of Sora has been intensified and more people check vehicles to find out people of Sora. On the other hand at Kakching too, large number of people supporting the establishment of Sports University at Yaithibi Loukol today came out at Kakching Lamkhai and forced to return back those villagers from Sora who was coming on the way.

### Bomb blast

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**Imphal, Nov 6:** Unidentified persons today blasted a hand grenade in front of one new constructed Shop at Uripok Mayai Leikai in Imphal West district at around 5 am.

The owner of the shop is identified as Arupam Bemol (50) and he is presently running an NGOs and a Jewelry shop. No any is reported injured in the blast.

No groups or individuals has claimed responsibility.



Sora Villagers are now blocked at each side of the road..

Meanwhile, Khongjom Circle Sports Development Organisation today organized a sit-in-protest denouncing the Union Minister Vijay Goel statement to shift the National Sports University at Koutruk.

Placards decrying the Union Minister terming it as an irresponsible statement has been used during the protest. The organization stated that those who are trying to spoil the dream of the people of the state are not the land owners of the proposed site and so

they don't have any rights to interfere to the process for the establishment of the Sports University. The organization further alleged that those who were creating trouble on the day of the visit of the Union Minister were instigated to do so by some vested interested people.

## Napet Palli locals decry over arrest of civilians

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**Imphal, Nov 6:** Meira Paibi of Napet Palli in Imphal East district today decry the arrest of a private company employee identified as Yumnam Somendro (42) son of Y Kulabidhu of Napet Awang Leikai early today morning. Somendro, an employee of Mahindra Company was arrested from his home at around 5 am today morning by a team of police led by Sub Inspector identified as Uttam who came in a Verma car and a Gypsy vehicle. The Meira Paibi alleged that the police team arrested

Somendro on the instigation of KCP Chingkeingamba @ Soviet, a group presently ensuing suspension of operation with the government. After locals of Napet Palli had driven out the designated camp of KCP Chingkeingamba group from Napet primary school on April 7, 2016. The meira paibi alleged that as a revenge the KCP Chingkeingamba group has been instigating the police with false charges to arrest innocent youths of the area. On the other hand the meira paibi also alleged that members of the KCP

Chingkeingamba group has also been threatening many of the youths of the area through mobile phone.

Speaking to the media person secretary of Meira Paibi said that Yumnam Somendro (42) son of Y Kulabidhu of Napet Awang Leikai is an employee of Mahindra Company and had returned back after attending a training at Ngapur. He was arrested on charge of visiting Nepal to meet UG group at Nepal during the said period. Kulabidhu was later he was released from the Porompat police station.

## MSAD resolved not to support Thabal Chongba organized by other organisation

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**Imphal, Nov 6:** Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) has resolved not to support any Thabl Chongba event organized at Delhi other than students' organizations. In a press

statement the MSAD said that the decision is taken for smooth flow of MSAD activities.

The organizing of Thabal Chongba by various organizations at any time is creating lot of

misunderstanding to the people besides misleading the Manipuri Community.

MSAD appealed the students not to support any thabal chongba organized by any organization other than MSAD or its allies.

## MTM Blames National Parties on Sports University Fiasco

IT News

**Imphal, Nov 6:** Meeyamgi Thougloloi Manipuri (MTM), the newly formed regional political party has condemned the ongoing politics on National Sports University in Manipur.

The party stated that National Sports University which was allotted to Manipur was not a gift of BJP or Congress. National Sports University is not a personal property of some politicians, so leaders should stop politicizing the issue immediately. It was achieved by the hard work and performance of Sports person of the state. By delaying the establishment of NSU in Manipur, both parties are disrespecting people of Manipur.

When the time is perfect to enroll students in the NSU, the visiting State MoS for YAS, Shri Vijay Goel's remark that Yaithibi Loukol is unfavourable to start NSU is a mockery to his own government. Ever since the NSU was included in the

Union budget in July 2014, series of inspection team and Ministers have been visiting the site and they were the one to finalise this location. Now, as election is around the corner, both Congress and BJP are playing politics the MTM said.

There were no protests from people against the official visit by Ministers or Secretaries before. The agitation against the establishment of NSU in Yaithibi Loukol was orchestrated by State BJP leaders at public announcement on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Similarly, the people of Manipur have reasons to believe that the bandh called by residents of Khongjom to establish the NSU is also orchestrated by Congress. Both parties should stop blame game. MTM stated that it welcomes NSU to be established anywhere in Manipur, in the interest of sportsperson as early as possible. "If State BJP thinks that low laying area is the main cause

for delayed in construction of Sports University in Manipur, will they also say that the Imphal-Jiribam National Highways cannot be maintained being hill area?" MTM questioned.

MTM further urged the Congress government to take strict action against organizations which are calling economic blockade and harassing people in the State.

"Why the Home Minister is unable to deploy additional forces along the highways and provide full security to the Trucks which are stranded near Tadubi areas. Reiterating the Government announcement that fuel stocks will last for 15 days, despite economic blockades, why petrol pumps in the city are closed and black marketers are selling fuels illegally?" , the newly formed regional Political party questioned. It further stated that both Congress and BJP should be held responsible for the present unrest in the State.

## India Kaleidoscope Film Festival to showcase in United States

NEW YORK, Nov 6:

Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI) and The India Center Foundation are launching India Kaleidoscope, an exciting new festival that will present film lovers with a chance to immerse themselves in the unique sights and sounds that make up the Indian regional, independent film landscape. These films, which delve into the most relevant and pressing topics facing India, are being made by today's most progressive filmmakers working in regional languages such as Marathi, Kannada, Tamil, and Bengali. Their films are insightful, topical, and provocative, bringing to light the dynamism and the challenges that face modern India and her many diverse

communities.

"Consistent with our mission to offer a platform for barrier-breaking and emerging work from the subcontinent, the films featured in India Kaleidoscope film festival are eye opening studies from all corners of India," said Priya Giri Desai, a Founding Director of The India Center Foundation. "The India Center Foundation is proud to present many of these new voices for the very first time in North America. The festival represents the kind of work we hope to continue: quality collaborations that result in exposure to new sights and sounds to inspire our audience."

"India Kaleidoscope is an auspicious start to MoMI's collaboration with The India Center Foundation. This

dynamic partnership is proven by the quality of the Festival lineup and the participation of so many emerging and established film directors," said the Museum's Chief Curator, David Schwartz.

### Foundation day

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**Imphal, Nov 6:** Manipur Women Foundation observed its 7<sup>th</sup> foundation day at Manipur press club of Mojr Khul today. MP Dr T Meinya Singh, Yaru Bandrier ZP member Samom Nabakumar, Deputy Director of Veterinary department Moreh Sorokkhaibam Saroja Devi, Social worker Haobijam Gitanjen Meitei and President Youth MPP Paonam Khaba Meitei graced the function as chief guest, president and guest of honor respectively.

## Arvind Kejriwal tackles Delhi air pollution: Ban on construction for 10 days, schools to remain shut for 3 days

New Delhi, Nov. 6:

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday spelled out the list of measures to be undertaken by the government in an effort to reduce the worsening air pollution in the city. Speaking to reporters after an emergency Cabinet meeting on the issue, Kejriwal announced a ban on construction activity for the next ten days and shutting down the city's Badarpur power plant for the next five days. Schools will also be remained shut for the next three days, said Kejriwal. Kejriwal said that except for emergency services, generator sets will not be allowed to function for next 10 days. A complete ban on burning of leaves and sprinkling of water on roads were also among the list of actions announced by the chief

minister. Weekly vacuum cleaning of roads will begin from November 10, he said. Responding to a question on crop burning, Kejriwal said he was not pointing fingers at anyone. "We are not pointing fingers at anyone. We need to sit down and come out with a solution," he said.

He revealed that artificial rain was discussed at the Cabinet meeting and requested the Centre for its support. "Crop-burning will continue and so can't expect relief soon," Kejriwal said. On Saturday, Kejriwal described Delhi as a toxic gas chamber and blamed neighbouring state farmers for adding to the city's pollution woes by burning crop stubble. "Pollution levels in Delhi are so high that Delhi has become a

gas chamber. Smoke from other states because of stubble burning and meteorological factors are responsible. The environment minister should call an emergency meeting of the chief ministers of Delhi and its neighbouring states on Monday so that immediate steps to tackle the issue can be taken... This situation needs the intervention of the Centre at the highest level. Farmers should be given incentives to find alternatives to burning stubble," said Kejriwal after meeting Union Minister for Environment Anil Madhav Dave.

Later on, Dave called for a meeting of all the neighbouring states chief ministers and environment ministers to come up with solution to the worsening crisis.

## The fourth edition of Northeast Festival 2016 kicks off amidst gusto and delight

ANI

**New Delhi, Nov. 6:** Exotic cuisine, rich heritage, colorful culture and tradition and music marked the beginning of the fourth edition of the Northeast Festival at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) here. BJP leader and former Assam minister Himanta Bishwa Sharma gracing the occasion, said, "Our government is committed in promoting the northeast and our state, and such festivals attract more tourists. That way we are benefitted as our tourist inflow is going up every year. People get a positive

impression about our state Assam and the entire northeast through such events".

Chief guest Dr. Satyendra Garg, who is the Joint Secretary (Northeast) in the Ministry of Home Affairs, said, "It is a privilege to be here and I had a chance to work for the northeast for nine years. I love the northeast. Our present government is working so that people from the northeast become a part of mainstream. We are investing more on infrastructure and on the Act East policy which surely will not only connect the

northeast to India, but also to South East Asia."

"I have many north-eastern friends. I have visited before and every time we get to see new things. I am eagerly waiting for Papon. I am not new to the northeast, their culture is so unique. It is so awe inspiring to watch their dances, traditions. It's beautiful", said Visesh, a student.

"It is a gathering for everyone. All religions, castes and creeds come here to enjoy the food and culture. Northeast India is one of the unexplored destinations and it is a peaceful land. I have been to

Kaziranga, Shillong and I have been a regular visitor in this festival", said Piyali, a Delhiite.

In the evening a rock music contest between colleges, bands of Delhi and parts of northeast highlighted the young music talent of the region. Fashion shows comprising the best northeast handlooms were showcased by around 20 young designers and models of the region.

Finally, the heartthrob of Assam and Bollywood singer Angaraag Papon Mahanta enthralled the crowd by performing some of his hits.