



## Centre defends Manipur killings

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(Courtesy: The Telegraph)  
**New Delhi, Dec. 3:** The Centre today told the Supreme Court that "killings are part of the sovereign function discharged by the Union of India through the army", saying security forces could not be blamed for collateral deaths that critics describe as extrajudicial murders in Manipur. "The army is only discharging its sovereign function of defending the country from external aggression and terrorist attacks, it cannot be blamed if some people are killed. The killings are part of the sovereign function discharged by the Union of India through the army," Attorney-General Mukul Rohatgi told the court. A bench of Justices Madan B. Lokur and U.U. Lalit is dealing with two petitions that have sought an inquiry by the CBI or a special investigation team into an estimated alleged 1,500 extra-judicial killings by the army and other security forces in Manipur between 2000 and 2012. The army and other security forces operate in Manipur under the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, which ensures effective immunity by making permission from the Centre mandatory for taking legal action against erring personnel. The Attorney-General, who was assisted by defence ministry counsel Col R. Balasubramanyam, said the alleged 1,500 extra-judicial killings could not be treated as a regular law and order problem. (Contd on page 2)

## Truckers to begin steering down strike along Imphal-Jiribam road from tomorrow

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 4:** All Manipur Road Transport Drivers and Motor Workers' Union (AMRTDMWU) is set to begin indefinite steering down strike from tomorrow along Imphal-Jiribam road in protest against the burning of the 2 loaded trucks at Jiribam yesterday. The steering down strike was announced today by the union in a press meet held at its office MG Avenue, Imphal. Speaking to the media person Maimon Anil Meitei, General Secretary of AMRTDMWU said that the decision of the steering

down strike has been taken against the burning of the two cement loaded trucks by miscreants yesterday at around 6:40 pm at Leingakpokpi, near Leingakpokpi police station of Jiribam. He further added that frequent incident of looting, burning of trucks are all due to the negligence of the home department. The incident of burning of the two trucks is also blamed to the state home department as the incident occurred near the Leingakpokpi police station. He said that the union had submitted memorandum

time and again to provide sufficient security for the protection of the transporters in the National Highways but no any action has been taken up till today. The transporters' body demanded proper compensation of the damage in the incident besides deploying adequate security for the protection of the transporters. The steering down strike is also supported by Manipur Truck Owners' Welfare Association. The Association also blamed state Home department for the burning of the two loaded trucks.

## ILPS movement to encounter roadblock

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 4:** The build-up for another round of agitation by JCILPS from December 16 over the government's silence on the three Bills for implementation of ILPS is bound to suffer a setback with the intervention of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A source with Imphal Times said that the Commission has directed the Manipur Government to furnish Action Taken Report regarding the turmoil and unrest over the passing of the three ILPS Bills by the Manipur Legislative Assembly on August 31, 2015 which cost the lives of 9 tribal protestors at

Churachandpur district head quarter. The directive was served acting on the representation submitted by one T. Romeo Hmar, Convenor of Manipur Tribal Forum. In its directives to the Chief Secretary of Manipur, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes had termed the Bills as Anti-Tribal and directed the Chief Secretary about the need for explaining the details by appearing in person if the action taken report to solve the political problem of the tribal people is not submitted within 15 days. According to a documents available with Imphal Times, the period for submission for the action taken report has been over as the directives of the Commission to the Chief Secretary of Manipur is dated 10/11/2015. But it is not certain whether the Chief Secretary has been summoned by the

Commission or not. Meanwhile, another source said the government of Manipur has sent detailed report of the proceedings of Manipur Legislative Assembly session which passed the 3 ILPS related Bills without any opposition from any member of the house present on the day. The source added the in the report to the Commission, the state government had mentioned the details of the MLAs present in the house. Mention may be made that 18 tribal MLAs including the NPF and the Congress MLAs were present at the assembly session on the day of passing the three ILPS related Bills namely - The Protection of Manipur Peoples (PMP) Bill, 2015; The Manipur Land Revenue & Land Reforms (MLR&R) (7th Amendment) Bill 2015 and The Manipur Shops and Establishment (MS&E) (2nd Amendment) Bill 2015.

## MUSU Election postponed; RO submits resignation

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec. 4:** Election for Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) scheduled today has been postponed following confrontation between groups of the contesting candidates and the Returning Officer of the election. Tension remains high in the University complex as groups of the rival candidates confronted against the approval of a candidate during scrutiny held yesterday whose attendance was alleged by another rival group to have not reached the mark. The matter was reached to the table of the Vice chancellor even a HOD of a specific department who had submitted the records of the student's attendance to the election committee. However, the suspension order was revoke today prolong meeting between

the VC, election committee, Registrar and student representatives. A twist in the situation occurred compelling the VC to postpone the election after Returning Officer of the election Prof. M Ranjit of Mathematics Department, submitted resignation before the commencement of the election. Earlier, in the morning students from Computer Science Department staged protest in front of the office of Dean of Student's Welfare against the direct suspension of HOD of the Department, Prof Tejmani Sinam. The Professor was suspended late evening yesterday after he failed to turn up on summoned by VC of Manipur University over a controversy over the attendance record of an Independent candidate contesting for the post of Secretary Games and Sports.



While demanding revoke of their HOD before the voting begins, students joining the protest told media that the suspension of the teacher was very unreasonable. Even if have to be suspended, there should be an enquiry before jumping to the decision. The protestors blamed the University authority for exercising over power. Meanwhile, a large number of students lead by another candidates who came to cast their vote gathered in front of Old Social Science Block

which was supposed to be the venue of voting site. The whole campus remain intense with the confrontations between groups of students till late afternoon, however there was no report of any violent incident. Later, the situation was settled after the University authority and student representatives held a meeting and agreed to revoke the suspended Professor without any condition. The meeting also decided to reschedule the election tomorrow (that is December 5).

## Bravery award to two Manipuri boys

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 4:** Two boys from Manipur have been selected for the National Children Bravery Award-2015 by the Government of India. The selected boys have been identified as Master Maoris Yengkhom of Yaikul Police Lane and Master Chongtham Kuber of Tera Loukrakpam Leikai. A press statement released by Manipur State Council for Child Welfare,

Moirangkhom stated that both the boys have been elected for the bravery award in the category of 6 to 18 years of age. The prestigious award will be distributed by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India ahead of the coming Republic Day which will be held at New Delhi. Moreover, the two brave boys will also take part in the Republic Day Celebration in New Delhi on January 26, 2016.

## Girl students awarded scholarship

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec. 4:** All Manipur Elementary School Teachers Association (AMESTA) distributed "Women in Education 2015" scholarship to 6 female students whose mothers are teachers at a function held at Manipur Press Club today. Ch. Santakumar General Secretary of AMESTA said that

the scholarship is sponsored by Canadian Teachers Federation and All India Primary Teachers Federation to promote women education. T. Rameshwor Singh, former President of AMESTA, Dr Rajendra Singh, Yaima Singh, President of AMESTA, A. Keilyani Devi, Vice president of AMESTA graced the function as presidium members.

## NSCN-IM imbroglio revealed by three scholars - Aheibam Koireng, Sukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam and Homen Thangjam

Produced here is the notes from the editors of the book called "Claims & Refutations: Compilation on Naga Political Movement, Published for: Centre for Manipur Studies (CMS), Manipur University (MU) & Conflict and Human Rights Studies Network, Imphal

The underground political movement of the Nagas has traversed a long way. Along the way it left innumerable milestones, which are the stuffs of legend and history, and created many a friends as well as foes. One remarkable achievement was that it could forge a political unity of identity amongst the racially varied and linguistically diverse tribes inhabiting different realms of territorial spaces in Indo-Myanmar territory practicing different ways of lives. The identity, or more so, the development of political identity of the Nagas is the major source of conflict in Northeast India. The mission for the cultural identity has been a non-starter even today. In Manipur, Naga

identity is largely a post-independence (*sic*, India's) phenomenon fuelled with the formation of NSCN (IM) contradictory to that of the Naga Hills which was a pre-independence one. So they developed a historical narrative as a strategy to meet their political needs. The taming of the NSCN (IM) has a corresponding effect to the political project of Naga identity. Similarly, communities under Naga fold have been fluctuating. Simply with the revelation from the statement of Isak Chisi Swu about the Naga identity, it brings to light that the story of "Unique History of Nagas" is just a political response of the Government of India (GoI). Aspirations of the Naga political movement

for territorial expansion took shape in the agreement on boundaries (No 6) of the 9<sup>th</sup> point Agreement signed between the representatives of Dominion of India and NNC in 1947. However, the agreement could not be implemented. But, it was crystal clear to the NNC leadership of those times that there was no Nagas in Manipur. AZ Phizo visited Manipur with a proposal to initiate a collective movement against India. Though, it could not concretise, it nonetheless decided to have separate movement but support each other. Thus, on the part of the NNC leadership, Manipur was never in their cartographic imagination. NSCN (IM)'s recent territorial assertion in

Manipur, irrespective of community belongingness is an unpopular claim in the state. With no option, they have even tried with attempted manoeuvring of electoral politics, but their unpopularity remains the same. UNC then initiated the demand for Alternative arrangement from July, 2010 onwards, primarily demanding, among others, severing of all political ties with Government of Manipur. It is a failure in the initiation itself as none of the member of UNC respected the resolution. Despite all their movements proving to be misadventure, it has created intra and inter-community confusion and tension in Manipur. The first and the second demand was

observable but the third demand was mostly through official channel as it is one of the demand of NSCN (IM) based in Manipur. The fourth movement was initiated under the banner of Alternative Arrangement. When they try to co-opt and extended their proposal to Chin-Kuki-Mizos particularly the KNO, both sides being fully aware of each other's ploy tried to outwit each other. So, the proposal was reportedly not materialized. The only and core demand for the Nagas during NNC was the sovereignty of the Naga Hills. However, with the formation of NSCN and later NSCN (IM), the demands multiplied with fluctuating priority and intensity.

### Good news for Uro-related patients

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