

# Editorial

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## RN Ravi paranoia: State BJP should now pressure central leaderships

The 50 points of the NSCN-IM did exist and another 18 points proposal to run the new government of NSCN-IM has been prepared by the collective leadership of the outfit. Imphal Times stands by its report. Denial of the report by Indian interlocutor RN Ravi while

talking to a daily paper published in Nagaland is expected, as we the Imphal Times had not reported that the matter has been tabled. The date for talks after the signing of the "Framework Agreement" between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India has not yet been officially announced. And what we in the Imphal Times had reported is the demand that has been prepared by the NSCN-IM collective leadership in consultation with its frontal organization leaders in a series of meetings held at camp Hebron, the liberated zone of NSCN-IM.

Based on a highly placed source, the blue print to make the proposal from the side of the NSCN-IM has been finalised and will be submitted during the first round of talk after the signing of the 'Framework Agreement' between the two entities. The term two entities is being coined here as the Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi seems to be working forward to find a solution with the outfit beyond the purview of the Indian Constitution or perhaps under some pressures from Christian organizations based in other countries.

Two of the major issues that may spark tensions in the North Eastern region, is the NSCN-IM proposal for restoration of nearly 5000 sq. miles to the Nagas which they claim to have been occupied by Assam. Thinking well about the probable problem if stand stuck to this demand, the collective leadership also put another option and that option is payment of compensation for the land in case they could not restore the land. The proposal for 3 states formula in Naga area by keeping the present Nagaland state as it is and by bifurcating portions of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur is one big issue that the government of India has to be considered with extreme care.

Interestingly the NSCN-IM also demanded a separate electoral system in this three proposed Naga states which is different from the present democratic electoral system of the country. Rejection of any demand is the right of the Indian Government authorities, but after the framework agreement that was signed between the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the NSCN-IM leadership on August 3 this year, any short of objectionable move will be strongly countered. And for that it is expected that the NSCN-IM may seek help from countries which do not want India to remain united and strong.

But another serious issue is the propaganda launched by NSCN-IM to the people of the NE region particularly in Manipur about a solution reaching soon. Taking advantage of the present development the NSCN-IM authority is recruiting cadres at different places of Manipur including Chandel, Tamenglong and Senapati districts besides other claimed Naga areas. The report of the mass recruitment is an open secret but both the state government and the central government is ignoring on what is actually going on at the ground. This report about recruitment of cadres openly has also been denied by the government.

Point here is that, the report about NSCN-IM proposal for 3 state and land compensation from Assam or restoration of the nearly 5000 sq. miles may be termed as false by RN Ravi. But things stand logical and true. They cannot hide what is happening around.

The Nagaland based daily paper report about the version of NSCN-IM interlocutor VS Atem did not said that they will not put up anything during the talk. Moreover he was quoted as saying that there may be more points like 75 to 100 to be put up during the first round of talk after the August 3 pact.

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# Manipur Cultural Integration Conference (MCIC): A Long March In Manipur

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 Secondly, MCIC progresses its movement with the approach of visiting the remotest part of the hill village and tribes of small population for protecting their unique identities on culture and language/dialect, folklore, death and birth rituals and their similarities with other major communities. With this approach, MCIC started building bridges for creating understanding of peaceful co-existence in Manipur. This kind of movement was the main activities of MCIC during 1967 to 1972. As an outcome of MCIC the 'Kut' Festival of Kuki-Chin family was initiated as early as December 1970 at Churachandpur. During the said period, many of the individual hill villages were visited, as for example i) Visit of Ukhrul during 28 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1969, ii) Thangal (Bishnupur) Rongmei/Chiru 25 to 30 October 1970, iii) Komlathabi, Chandel during October 1971, Jiribam in December etc. Over and above these approaches, the MCIC has also been holding several camps in different parts of Manipur and studied the Socio-Economic conditions of the people living there. Based on the report of our own spot studies; it has come to realization that economic disparity among the people of the state is one of the main causes responsible for creating misunderstanding among our self.

Without a suitable approach of removal of economic disparities between the different sections of the people inhabiting in Manipur, attempt to bring an understanding among our self for bringing social harmonies in the society may not bring any fruitful result. Then question arises how to remove this differential income in our infrastructure of population in relation to the present existing geographical landscape. Considering the potentialities of geographical landscape of the state and to scale down the level of economic disparities, MCIC initiated a new approach, attempting all round development programme with special emphasis on *Agriculture, Horticulture and Agro-base Industries or Industries based on the available bio-resources*. No doubt, our own local academicians and experts may generate hundreds of blueprints suitable to the existing geographical conditions. Even then another big question arises *how to implement those schemes effectively to the benefit to the people of the state*. To carry out or translate all the blueprint into action the state is required to empower its people in terms of skill development through existing higher educational facilities like post-graduate & research level, technology and medical and other professional courses to attend the degree of consciousness.

How far are we conscious? No doubt, there is sub-conscious mindset to us. In every nook and corner, we frequently encounter people talking about the rising price of essential commodities, unemployment problems, low production of food stuff, juvenile delinquency, defects in educational institutions, lack of industries and industrial activities, lack of entrepreneurship, communication bottle-neck and low percentage of road density in the state etc. Simply we are capable for finding problems after problems but no one of us have ventured to solve these problems. However, MCIC assess the requirement of health services facilities and available medical manpower and essential super specialties to the growing population and status of health in the state. Accordingly establishment of a Medical college has been initiated. Similarly for empowering our growing youths MCIC initiated to establish a University to facilitate advanced knowledge systems and research in the State. Considering the potentials of geographic landscape and major occupational structure MCIC initiate for the establishment of an Agricultural university in a federal structure in the state. We presumed that federal structure would be suitable like the mountain ranges for horticulture cum Forestry and Animal husbandry

in the foot-hills; fisheries in the wetlands while rice research cum production will be in the valleys of Manipur. Now the state is having two universities, Agricultural University, two Medical institutes having full facilities for advance PG courses and research, IIIT and even for National Sport University etc. Several infrastructural developments schemes/protects has been reached out to the remotest part of the state as per the reports of the Government. Till date, the economic disparity among the people is increasing further and further. Then, what is wrong with us? What needs to be done in this context? Shall we undertake social education programmed on war footing to make aware to all people to understand the issue and existing problems in realities. Encountering all these issues the MCIC is still proceeding a Long March to achieve the gold of Revolution in the state. The Goal will be attain only after people are fully conscious. No political Party can solve our problem without the peoples' participation. To bring a status of systematic social security and peace full coexistence in the state each and every one of us should share the idea of MCIC and took participate in the process.

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## National & International News

### Notice to Centre on registration of FIRs by 'married women'

**ANI**  
**New Delhi, Nov. 28:** The Supreme Court has sought a response from the Centre on a plea seeking immediate registration of FIRs on complaints of cruelty and harassment of married women.

A bench of justices Madan B Lokur and UU Lalit issued the notice to the Centre on the plea filed by a NGO contending that in such cases, courts are proceeding on the erroneous premise that there is misuse of the law by women.

The petition expressed concern over the handling of cases of cruelty and harassment under the Indian Penal Code saying that married women are usually forced to compromise and settle the matter and the approach taken by police increases such

incidents instead of curbing them. It also sought that a mechanism be formulated to monitor and track cases lodged under the section and systematically study the cause of low rate of convictions in such cases.

### Kupwara encounter enters 15th day as fresh firing breaks out

**PTI**  
**Srinagar, Nov. 28:** Fresh exchange of fire took place between security forces and militants holed up in a forest in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, as the operation that has left one army officer dead entered its 15th day today. "Fresh firing has been reported from the Manigah forests of Kupwara this morning between security forces and the militants holed up there," a police official

said. The official said the exchange of fire lasted little over 25 minutes but no casualty has been reported so far. The operation in Manigah forests was launched on November 13 following information about presence of a group of heavily armed militants there. Colonel Santosh Mahadik was killed in the operation on November 17 while another officer

was among several soldiers during the fortnight long operation. One unidentified militant has also been

killed. The official said search operations were still in progress.

### Three killed, nine injured in attack on Colorado abortion clinic

**ANI**  
**Colorado, Nov 28:** The police arrested a gunman, who stormed a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Colorado Springs on Friday and opened fire in an attack that left at least three people dead and nine others injured, authorities said. The dead included a police officer and two civilians. Those injured are being treated at the area hospitals. The suspect first engaged in a protracted gun battle with the police but ultimately surrendered to officers inside the

building about five hours after the start of the violence, which played out under a steady snowfall in Colorado's second-largest city. Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers said that the toll could have been much higher. The Colorado Springs clinic has been the target of repeated protests by anti-abortion activists, and in recent years moved to new quarters on the city's northwest side - a facility derided as a "fortress" by critics of Planned Parenthood.

### CRPF Jawan Injured in Blast

**PTI**  
**Raipur, Nov. 28:** A CRPF jawan was today injured in a pressure bomb blast triggered by Naxals in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, police said. The incident occurred this morning when a team of 74th battalion of Central Reserve Police Force was on its way for security duty at Chintalnar weekly market, Sukma Superintendent of Police D Shrawan told PTI.

Ahead of the weekly market, a constable accidentally came in contact with a pressure bomb planted by the Maoists that exploded injuring him, Shrawan said. "The jawan sustained minor injuries on his legs in the incident," the SP said. Soon after the incident, security forces rushed the injured jawan to a local hospital where his condition was said to be stable, he added.

### Mark Sheet lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my mark sheet of 8<sup>th</sup> Semester bearing Roll No. 911308 of Manipur Institute of Technology on the way between Wangbal Thoubal to Imphal on November 26, 2015. Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned.

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### Manipuri Woman activist....

Currently she is working with female farmers in a remote corner of Manipur to empower them and bring them forth in the male dominated field of agriculture. The organisation also aims to get the youth of Manipur to contribute as agents of peace and reconciliation. Monika has worked on issues like human rights and AFSPA, racial discrimination and has spearheaded national campaigns. She is currently also the vice curator of Global Shapers Imphal Hub, an initiative by World Economic Forum. She was also the only Manipuri to be selected as one of British Council Global Changemakers from Asia Pacific in 2011.

current and emerging leaders around the world with their American counterparts. Participants are nominated and selected annually by the staff at U.S. Embassies around the world. The exchange brings up to 5,000 professional emerging leaders from around the world to the United States each year for programmes of up to three weeks, including more than 330 current or former chiefs of state or heads of government. Some of the notable IVP alumni include Anwar Sadat, 11-year president of Egypt and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.