

Editorial

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The ticking time Bomb

The clock is ticking. There is not much time left to make the people of the state understand that dividing the erstwhile kingdom into two or three states will bring no good to any of the communities in the state.

The apprehension is logical, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to find a permanent solution of NSCN-IM and had also signed a 'frame work agreement' with the outfit on Aug. 3. If Mr. Narendra Modi is sincere enough, we the people of this country residing in this erstwhile kingdom that has become a part of India in 1949, Oct 15, people of the state should not have any doubt in believing that no proposal from the Rebel groups has been included in the framework agreement except recognition to the so called unique history of Naga as proposed by the NSCN-IM.

Recognition of the unique History of Naga as proposed by the NSCN-IM is perhaps a step forward to achieved the goal of the outfit which has been engaging in peace talk for over 18 years.

The kind of mass uprising in the state of Manipur during June 2001, where 18 precious lives were lost beside burning of almost all the political parties offices including the state Assembly, MLA quarters etc. was a clear indication to slow that any more that may hurt the sentiment of the people will burnt Manipur.

May be for the reasons all existing political parties in the state either the ruling or those in the opposition had time and again re-iterated their stand to protest the territorial integrity of the state.

And the same reason might compel the govt. at the center to assure safety of the territorial integrity of this erstwhile state. But how far me the people of Manipur have to trust their promise or Assurance. If one recalled the incident/uprising of June 2001, it was a day after the then Defence Minister of NDA govt. Mr. George Fernandes has assured the people of Manipur that the NSCN-IM-GOI cease fire will never reached in Manipur, the Govt. of India had declared the cease fire extension without territorial limits.

It is clear that the Framework agreement is put a skeleton agreement that needs to include series of demand from the NSCN-IM.

According to interlocutor R.N. Ravi, as of now no proposal has been signed with the NSCN-IM even though talks are going on. This reply of the interlocutor make us certain that the interlocutor does not want to disclose any details of the talks that is being going on between the NSCN-IM and GOI.

However Imphal Times through leaked document had reported about the expected proposals of the NSCN-IM in its previous issues. There is a possibility that the NSCN-IM might demand 3 state formulas for the Naga to counter the criticism from other Naga outfit. And about the demand of so called Naga area from Assam, they might ask compensation.

In that case the Govt. of India might find hard to convince the NSCN-IM and there is likely that the 18 years long peace process or the talk might landed in catastrophe.

It is at the juncture that we the people of state need to prepare for any outcomes.

Thanks to the UCM, AMUCO and other CSOs for organising the series of campaign called "People's movement for the convene future of Manipur".

Imphal Times only wish if the kind of campaign reaches at all Hill areas of the state to make the common people there understand that we the people of the state need to remain united.

5 killed in landslide in China

PTI Beijing, Nov. 6: At least five people have been killed in a landslide on a mountain caused by explosion at a quarry in northwest China. The incident happened in Yongdeng County in Lanzhou of Gansu Province on Thursday. The five workers from a local mining company were working at the quarry, where explosion are part of their daily duties. The explosion triggered the mountain collapse at about 6 pm. Rescuers had recovered all of the five deceased, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. The incident is under investigation.

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Manipur Education Policy, (A draft framework proposal)

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1. Introduction:- The pace of development of Manipur is also speeding fast to tune the speed of the fast changing global economic, political, Social and Cultural changes. Indeed, Manipur cannot slow down or lag behind the pace of the global changes. Moreover, the new Look East Policy of the Government of India has given a new impetus to the development vision of the state of Manipur. The geographical location of the state of Manipur has given the state an ample opportunity to receive the powerful thrust of the South East Asian countries in the field of economic cooperation, technology transfer, tourism, healthcare and cultural relations with this subcontinent called India. Here, if carefully and tactfully handled, Manipur will become a gold mine and if not will reduce to a mere transit point thereby a place of global remnant. Indeed Manipur can become another Singapore of India if we develop a system of education which will provide all the world class infrastructure and facilities

for the future generations to come. It is the indispensable task before us to make our younger generations to be an internationally acceptable standard citizen so as to enable them to represent Manipur, India to the world in various fields. We may discuss 7(seven) broad areas to bring up our generations to this world class standard. 1) Firstly, to make our children a perfect citizens who speak their mother tongue with modesty, understanding and courteously showing their pride of ethnic identity of being a Manipuri in their country as well as in the world, 2) Secondly, to make our children enable to speak, communicate, understand English as a foreign language if possible to the level of a native speaker to cope the world before them, 3) Thirdly, to make our children to excel in the profession of their choice to contribute to the nation making and global changes, 4) Fourthly, to make our children know the tradition, culture, thereby reflect the national character in them, 5) Fifthly, to love the nation and can view the human being as one family and spread the message of love to all mankind, 6) Sixthly, to enable to

actively participate in the changing global scenario and contribute to the welfare of the globe. And last but not the least 7) to make our children know various aspects of the planet such as the climate change, global warming, environment degradations and role of a Manipuri in saving these phenomena. 2. Elementary Education (Pre School and Primary):- Elementary stage is the most important stage in the whole set up of education. This is the stage in which the decision to make the future generation in the desirable direction in the society is to be taken. The first and foremost thing to be taught to the children in this formative stage is to introduce to his/her surroundings and the new environment in which he/she lives in and slowly lead him/her to the civilized society by enabling him/her to speak gently with modesty and courteously in his/her own mother tongue with respect to parents, teachers and persons around them. The child in this stage should be taught to express step by step in their mother tongue the beauty of the language and hidden treasure of the

cultural traditions of the state. When the children's mind is well equipped with the necessary receptive capacity, new things can be introduced so that the inborn and hidden quality in him/her can be led to a full grown knowledge. In the early stage of elementary education, the activities like singing together in mother tongue, playing together, dining together and visits to historical and cultural sites such as the Kangla, Khongiom etc. Over and above, visits to natural scenic beauties like Loktak Lake, waterfalls and parks will make the child feel love of the mother country, love of environment and appreciate the beauties of truth and nature. This is the making of the foundation for the future citizens. All the nursery rhymes using now in the pre schools of Manipur should be translated in the mother tongue of the children and be taught in the mother tongue so that the child's childhood imagination be strengthened. Moreover the traditional lullaby songs in the Manipuri language and the dialects be documented and be taught to the children in the pre school stage.

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National & International News

Islamic militancy, Maoists active in Assam: Tarun Gogoi

PTI Guwahati , Nov. 6: Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi today said Islamic militants and Maoists are active in the state but his government was keeping a strict vigil on their activities. "Islamic outfits, Maoists and all other insurgent organisations are trying to create trouble in the state but we are vigilant," Gogoi told PTI. He claimed containing insurgency was the "single-most achievement of my three terms in office but there are several forces trying to destabilise the state and its development". "My government has been very pro-active on this front and we shall continue to be vigilant," he added. Gogoi claimed that militant groups like NDFB(S) and ULFA(I) have been considerably weakened with most of its top leaders either eliminated or captured. "The outfits, earlier active in the state, have been thoroughly marginalised and now they are

trying to merge together and organise themselves," he said. ULFA(I)'s leader Paresw Barua has already formed United Liberated Front of South West Asia to bring together the marginalised groups, he said. According to Gogoi, when he came to power, insurgency was at its height and was the "number one problem confronting the state". As a result, development was "totally stalled" but my government was successful in bringing about a change in the scenario by tackling the problem of insurgency effectively. "I have succeeded in bringing development and people have now almost forgotten about insurgency," he added. The government's thrust on road communication, education, health, e-governance and particularly on agriculture, horticulture and sericulture has transformed the rural economy with youth no longer willing to join insurgent groups, he claimed.

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'Repeal Armed Forces Special.....'

Calls for the repeal or amendment of the AFSPA – including from official bodies – have come from near and far for a number of years. Several UN human rights bodies have recommended that the AFSPA be repealed or significantly amended. These include the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2014), the Special Rapporteur on violence against women (2014), the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (in 2013 and again in 2015), the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (2012), the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2007), and the UN Human Rights Committee (1997). In recent years, prominent Indian bodies have recognized the brutality of the AFSPA and echoed demands for repeal or amendment. The Justice Jeevan Reddy Committee set up by the Government of India to review the working of the AFSPA, has advocated its repeal. The Fifth Report of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission seconded this

recommendation. The Verma Commission, set up by the government following the gang rape in Delhi in 2012, called for the repeal of sanction provisions under the AFSPA as they relate to sexual offences. In 2015, a High Level Committee on the Status of Women also reportedly advocated its repeal. In 2012, the Extra Judicial Execution Victims Family Association, Manipur (EEVFAM) filed a petition at the Supreme Court of India, alleging that between 1979 and 2012, 1528 people were extrajudicially executed by security forces in Manipur. A court-appointed fact-finding commission – popularly known as the Santosh Hegde Commission – studied 6 of these cases, and found that the deaths were not lawful. In its report, the Hegde Commission agreed with the observation of the Jeevan Reddy Commission, that the AFSPA had become "a symbol of oppression, an object of hate, and an instrument of discrimination and high-handedness." The case is still pending in the Supreme Court.

More state News

One Day Training programme on Child Protection held at Chandel



ITNews Chandel, Nov.6: Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Manipur organised a One Day Sensitisation cum Training Programme for ASHAs and AWWs on Child Protection at the Multipurpose Hall, New Secretariat Campus, Chandel today. S. Shambhunath, ADM Chandel, V. Mingthlinga, DPO (ICDS-Cell), Chandel, N. Binodkumar, DSWO Chandel and M. Binimola Devi, District Public Health Nursing Officer, Chandel graced the program as the Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.

In the technical session of the program, Gyanilaxmi Thongam, Programme Manager, State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) and Keisam Pradipkumar, Former Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Imphal east deliberated on the topics of "Illegal Adoption and its remedies" and "Salient Features of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000". The program was attended by various officers of Chandel, ASHAs, AWWs and Social Organisations of the District among other.

Govt. Schools needs more attention from Edn. Minister

ITNews Thoubal, Nov.6: Lourebam Ukhongshang Upper Primary School under Heirok constituency of Thoubal District celebrates the School's Annual Cultural Meet cum Prize Distribution program on November 4 at the school campus in Lourebam Chinglaka. Tekcham Bikomdash Meitei, ZEO, Zone-III who is also DI/DDO of Thoubal, N. Apabi Singh, Head Master of the School, and Y. Shyamo Singh, Pradhan, Lourebam Gram Panchayat graced the function as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour. While speaking on the function as Chief Guest, Bikomdash expressed his good feelings to see a large number of students and improvements in the government

schools under Heirok Constituency, which falls under Education Minister's when most of the government schools in other places were facing tough times. He further sought Education Minister's more attention while improving the Schools even more better. He also said to bring improvements in a school, equal effort must be given by Teachers, guardians and students. Moral Education is the most important and crucial knowledge. Humans will not be different from any wild animal if there is no moral, said DI. As part of the function, different cultural programs performed by students were show and prizes were distribution for the School's annual sports meet and other literary programs.