

Tripartite talk in stalemate as UNC sticks to its earlier stand, State representatives sets July 28 for next round of talk

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Tripartite talk between the United Naga Council (UNC), Manipur Government and Central Government is in stalemate as the UNC sticks to its earlier stand regarding the creation of new districts. As scheduled earlier, the seventh round of tripartite talk was held today at Senapati district head quarter. Agriculture Minister V. Hangkhalian and Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam represent the talk as representatives of the government of Manipur. The UNC team who attended in today's talk are Gaidon kamei, president, Ng. Lorho



, VP, S. Milan, General Secy., Gabriel Chinir, Asst. General Secy., Rockson Shimray, Art and Culture Secy., Ws. Kanral, Speaker, L. Adani, Advisor, KS. Paul Leo Express president of the UNC, Joshep Adnai, president of ANSAM, Asha Wungnam, President of the Naga Women Union and Solomon Arow President of the Naga Peoples' Organisation (NPO). Satyendra Grag, Joint

Secretary (NE), Union Ministry of Home Affairs, attended as representative of the India Government. In the last round talk held on March 23, the UNC had straight away stated that there will be no agreement unless the government of Manipur rolls back the creation of the new districts. In today's talk, the points agreed during the last talk at the same place were reviewed and UNC

representatives showed strong reaction to the non adherence of the three points.

As per source the UNC stated that there was non adherence to the 4 memorandum of understanding with the government of Manipur and the government of India's assurance on the matter. The UNC also stated that the state government had assured to issue advisory to concern authorities to ease out problem faced by general public subsequent to creation of new districts and also assured to finalize its stand on the UNC demand by April 10, 2018 and to inform the matter to both the Government of India and the UNC.

As none of the assurance could be presented in today's meeting from the side of the Government of Manipur the state government representatives agreed to prepare concrete proposal in the next round of talks which will be held on July 28, 2018.

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The political conundrum going on in Post Karnataka State Assembly Election is reaching climax with the Chief Minister BS Yeddyurappa resigned after failure to get majority in the state assembly floor test today.

The floor test for Yeddyurappa government to prove its majority was scheduled to hold at 4 PM. But the Chief Minister resigned before the test as the Chief Minister seem to realise that they will not be able to prove their majority.

As per protocol Pro tem Speaker K G Bopaiiah started the proceedings and read out the agenda of the session earlier today morning. Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa took oath as a member of the House. He was followed by Congress Legislative Party leader Siddaramaiah and all other

members of the House. The BJP has 104 members but is short of 8 MLAs to match the magic figure of 112. Congress has 78 and JD(S)+38.

With the resignation **Yeddyurappa is now the shortest serving chief minister in the country. Before accepting defeat BS Yeddyurappa said delivering an emotional speech in the Assembly said, "I will lose nothing if I lose power, my life is for the people."**

He said there was no way he could have served the people of Karnataka as the Congress was not even allowing the MLAs to speak to their family members. "My only aim to form the government in Karnataka was to help the poor and farmers and waive off their loans. All that Congress has done is try to divide the society on the basis of caste and religion. I wanted to serve the people of Karnataka," Yeddyurappa told the House ahead of the

floor test. He added, "People have blessed us with 104 seats. The mandate wasn't for Congress or JD(S) yet they formed an alliance to form the government. I condemn the backdoor politics done by Congress and JD(S)". He then said that he will resign as the chief minister of Karnataka. He will meet the governor after the Assembly session and submit his resignation.

Soon after BS Yeddyurappa announced his resignation on the floor of the House, DK Shivakumar held up Kumaraswamy's hand and flashed victory sign as JD(S) and Congress MLAs started celebrations.

However, former chief minister Siddaramaiah was not seen in the midst of the celebrations as per report by First post. Governor of Karnataka will now invite the majority party to stake claim for a new government.

Dedicated think tank for NE urged

By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, May 19,

The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) director general Prof Sachin Chaturvedi advocated for a dedicated think tank for the north-eastern region (NE) at the Union government level. Addressing the concluding day function of a seminar with the theme of 'Physical and Social Infrastructure for Regional Development' in the city on Thursday, he also pointed out that "instead of connecting different cities and urban centers in the remote and less-developed areas, the ideal approach should be to develop it in the framework of corridors for regional development". "Historically, the NE had strong trade linkages with the countries in south-east Asia and was a prosperous region. Post independence, the connectivity links were broken due to the creation of independent nations in the south Asian region. As a result, the NE became land-locked which stalled the pace of development," said Prof. Chaturvedi.

Organized by the Union finance ministry in collaboration with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the RIS and the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the two-day seminar also witnessed the participation of Prof Bhupen Samah, director of Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change & Development, PR Jaishankar, chief general manager of Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited, Dipok Kumar Barthakur, vice-chairman of State Innovation & Transformation Aayog with few other dignitaries.

48 hours Manipur bandh called by the JAC against the Shifting of district Hospital from Sagolmang affects normal life in Ukhrul road

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48 hours state wide general strike called by the JAC formed against the shifting of the district hospital from Sagolmang area, which began from 5 am today morning had severely affected normalcy along Imphal Ukhrul road as well as at various part of Sagolmang, Pamegi and neighbouring area.

Since early morning today large number of supporter came out at the road and stopped all short of vehicular movement along the Imphal Ukhrul road at various places starting from Khurai heikhrumakhomg area. Report however said that the general strike failed to give any



impact to other places of the valley region. Except for the Imphal Ukhrul road inter district traffic was not affected. Khwairambandh Keithel and other business center including Lamlong Kheithel in Khurai assembly constituency have not been affected by the

bandh. Schools and other business sector in Khundrakpam assembly constituency as well as at many places of Ukhrul Imphal road has been affected. Bandh supporters burnt tyres in the middle of the road and placing timber and logs.

State govt. stands firm against all forms of disintegration: CM

Imphal, May 19, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has reiterated that the present coalition State Government will continue to stand collectively against all the attempts of bringing disintegration of the State in any form.

He was speaking at a press conference held at CM's Secretariat yesterday. N. Biren said that he on behalf of the State Government would like to make this joint stance clear to the public and the Central

Government in the light of the Naga peace talks interlocutor Shri R.N Ravi's reported statement hinting formation of an autonomous Naga Territorial Council to resolve the decades old Naga issue. Stating that there is no change of stance of the State Government on the State's territorial integrity issue, the Chief Minister iterated that the present Government would also never accept any form of disintegration among the people of the State apart from

boundary alteration. Assuring that the present State Government would never disappoint the people of the State but go together with them by keeping them on the loop on the issue, the Chief Minister urged the Centre to consult all the stakeholders and the State Governments concerned before taking any final decision. N. Biren also urged Shri R.N. Ravi to not give any statement to the media which may create anxiety to people's mind at this juncture.

Now, NPF to stake claim to form govt. in Nagaland

Courtesy EMN
Kohima, May 19,

Following the political developments in Karnataka and successive reactions in several other states including Goa, Bihar, Manipur and Meghalaya, the ripples appear to have reached Nagaland as well with former chief minister and present opposition leader TR Zeliang of the Naga People's Front (NPF) stating Friday that his party would stake claim to form government in the state. Zeliang took to social networking site, Twitter, to announce this.

"The NPF party will stake claim before the governor to form the government on the merit of our case as being the single largest party. Why should different laws be applied in different states on a same matter?" the leader of opposition tweeted on Friday afternoon. He expressed that after the development in Karnataka and subsequent logical questions raised by the single largest party in the states of Bihar, Goa and Manipur, it was time to 'query on the integrity of the Raj Bhavan' in the states. Stating that the NPF alone had secured 26 seats in the 2018 state assembly elections, Zeliang questioned why the NPF was not accorded the same privilege (as in Karnataka) and invited to form government or given 15 days' time to prove majority in the floor of the House.

When contacted, Zeliang, who is currently in Tuensang to campaign for NPF's Lok Sabha by-election candidate C Apok Jamir, said he would be returning to the

state capital Kohima on Saturday, following which, the party legislators along with party organisation will 'immediately' hold a consultative meeting to 'take stock of the situation'.

A communiqué from the 'information & publicity wing, office of the leader of opposition' stated that in Karnataka, the BJP without having the magic figure was being allowed to form the

government in the name of 'single largest party' whereas in Nagaland the NPF was not allowed to do so.

"With 26 members, it (NPF) was the single largest party in Nagaland but it was not accorded the same privilege which the BJP led by BS Yeddyurappa is being given in Karnataka on account of being the single largest party," the release stated.

"Laanthengminashi Eikhoi" an annual publication of the KCP released

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Proscribed group Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) has released its Bi-annual publication Laanthengminashi Eikhoi, Volume No. 11, issue No. 1, Summer publication (Kalen Chephong April to October 2018) yesterday. A released by S. Mangaal,

member in charge information and publicity secretary KCP said that the Bi annual publication content speech by the president of the KCP on occasion of the party's 38th Foundation Day. Besides, certain issues regarding the present socio-economic and political were also discussed in separate articles written by experts of the outfit.

Controversy over circumcision of minor

By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, May 19,

A bizarre incident of circumcision of a minor boy in Assam's Barak valley was reported recently, which has been denied by the Silchar Medical College & Hospital. The allegation was leveled that the minor from Hailakandi locality was forced to undergo circumcision.

However the registrar of surgery in the Silchar hospital stated that no external wounds was present

in the penis of the boy. Presently he is undergoing treatment at the hospital. A section of the Barak valley based media outlets reported that the boy was forced for the exercise on 7 May last. As the matter came to light, the police swung into action and registered a case, following which it was found that there was no evidence of circumcision. The investigation however continues to understand the situation why and how the news was generated.