

Chief Minister, Manipur Inaugurated RESERVE BANK OF INDIA, Sub - Office, Imphal at Thangmeiband Lilasing Khongnangkhang today, the 17th October 2015. Saturday 10.20 am



## N. Biren terms NSCN-IM's 3 state formula as an impossible dream

IT News

**Imphal, Oct 17:** Reacting to Imphal Times news report about NSCN-IM proposal for 3 states formula in Naga areas, MLA N Biren today said that the dream of the NSCN-IM will never be possible.

"They can put up any demand but the question is whether it will be accepted or not, 3 state formula as mentioned in this newspaper is the demand of the NSCN-IM but it is impossible", Biren said. Giving reason on why it is not possible, Biren said that Manipur was not created

by either India or the British and the allegations by the NSCN-IM about the division among Naga is 100% wrong.

"When Manipur was not merged to the Indian Union Mao, Tamenglong, Ukhrul etc. were all parts of the erstwhile kingdom however upto Mao it was Maipuri North, and Ukhrul as Manipur east but a Tangkhul politician had convinced the region into districts based on communal line", Biren said. He further added that there were no issues between Manipur and Nagaland.

The journalist turned politician, who is now an MLA in the Manipur Legislative Assembly also said that When British restored Independence to Manipur on August 14, 1947, the territorial council of the free Manipur consist of Tangkhul, Mao and other communities.

"The main agenda of the NSCN-IM is to disintegrate Manipur, but the attempt will never be succeeded as long as a single Manipuri survive", the bold MLA reiterated.

Biren also said that NSCN-IM do not represent all the



Nagas. In Nagaland, the people there rejected the outfit but the use of gun power made the people silence due to fear. Once they drop the guns they will be surely driven out from the state of Nagaland. "That time we the Manipuri should be ready to welcome them", the MLA said.

## RBI Sub office inaugurated in Imphal Now Banking system will improve in the state - CM

IT News

**Imphal, Oct 17:** Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh today inaugurated a sub-office of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at Thangmeiband Lilasing Khongnangkhang near Manipur Legislative Assembly office. The office is temporarily open at the office bungalow of the Chairman of the Hill Area Committee Manipur until the construction of the permanent building is completed at Mantripukhri where the state government has allotted 5 acres of land.

Speaking on the occasion, Okram Ibobi Singh said that the opening of the sub office of the RBI will improve the banking system of the state as well as the activities of the non-banking financial corporation can also be monitor from time to time. He said the state government has been pursuing the Union government for opening of a RBI office in the state since the last four year and it is a happy moment for all of us in the state.



He also appealed the RBI authority to open more banks at Hill areas of the state. Deputy Governor of the RBI, HR Khan who also attended the inaugural function of the sub office said that the newly opened sub-office will give more priority to provide financial literacy and financial inclusion to the people of the state. He also assured to check the requirement of the existing bank in the state and also said

that the office will look forward to open more bank other area to provide banking beneficiary to the people in farming sector, handloom sector among others. The Chief Minister also launched a web page of the RBI on today's occasion. Chief Secretary of Manipur O Nabakishore, Executive Director of RBI Dr. Deepali Pant Joshi, Regional Director of RBI North Eastern Region SS Barik among others attended.

## Naga people need unity for Framework Agreement to function

PTI

**Kohima, Oct 17:** Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang today said the Naga people were "badly" in need of unity to translate the Framework Agreement into a conclusive and peaceful resolution of the Naga political issue. "As the Naga political issue has entered a new phase after signing of the Framework Agreement on August 3 by the Government of India and the NSCN(IM),

we are badly in need of unity at this crucial time, if the Framework Agreement is to translate into a conclusive and peaceful resolution of the Naga political issue," Zeliang said during a function here.

The DAN government has adopted a state logo that has the word Unity in it, the Chief Minister said.

Leaders of political parties, church, tribes and Naga nationalist groups would

have to address the needs of the situation and unite forgetting their differences for the sake of the present and future generation of the Nagas, he said.

"This is not the time to criticise but a time to think seriously what is good," he said while calling upon all to step forward to put the talk into action and decide which direction Nagas should walk. Zeliang said youths would have to be roped in if the

movement is to make a meaningful and significant impact.

"I would like to see young leaders arise in Nagaland, who should set new agendas of social change through the process of changing our mindset," the CM said.

Naga Mothers Association Advisor Rosemary Dzuivichu said, "We need leaders willing to serve and not to be served." PTI NBS NNHU

## Manipur is yet to implement 99% of provisions under People With Disability (PWD) Act 1995

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**Imphal, Oct.17:** Manipur is yet to implement 99% of provisions under People With Disability (PWD) Act 1995 which defines Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act, said L.Nabakishwar Singh,IAS, The State Commissioner for the Persons with Disabilities, Government of Manipur.

Attaining the opening ceremony of the 8<sup>th</sup> Fortnight Barrier Free Campaign 2015 today held at Manipur Press Club, Imphal, Nabakishwar said section 44,45,46 of PWD Act 1995 clearly states that, there should be (1) adaptation of Universal Design in transport system like Bus, Railways, Aircrafts, (2) ramps in public

buildings including Hospitals, banks and Schools, Institution, market shade etc. (3) Causing curb cuts and slopes to be made in pavements for the easy access of wheel chair users (4) Braille symbols and auditory signals in elevators or lifts and installation of auditory signals at red lights in the public roads (5) engraving on the surface of the zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision and (6) Pasting Symbols at proper places.

However, he said regarding the effective implementation of the provisions the state, he has written letters to the concern departments including transport and medical, but no positive report

has come so far. Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) too has written clearly in their bye laws regarding the provisions for PWD, but he said it still remains a matter of discussion. In Manipur, 99% of the provisions under the act still fail to be implemented, he added.

He further said, PWDs will be able to be free from barriers only when the facilities under the Act are implemented effectively.

Launching the campaign, Nabakishwar also released poster and leaflets during the ceremony.

While in his key note address of the ceremony, Dr.Sapam Jasowanta, Secretary General, Handicapped Development (HD) Foundation, Manipur

said being handicapped does not weaken them, but attitudes by their surroundings are the problem.

When they are free from all the barriers such as Attitudinal barriers, Environmental/Physical barriers, Systematic barriers in employment and civic programs, Communication barriers and Architectural barriers, they will be able to lead a normal life, he furthered. During the Fortnight Barrier Campaign jointly organized by HD Foundation and The office of state commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt of Manipur, which will continue till 31<sup>st</sup> of this Month will conduct certain forms of awareness programs.

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**Imphal, Oct 17:** An imposters who collected money from the people promising them Aadhaar Card were today apprehended by staffs of Porompat SDO today morning. The person had been identified as Md Jamir Alam (35) son of Md

Moinudin of Minuthong Hapta Mana Ingkhool of Imphal east district.

Speaking to the media person SDO of Imphal East Laishram Delina said that Md Jamir was using her name and identified himself to people as census officer and collected Rs 300 to 1000 from the people by saying

he will provided Aadhaar card. She further added that he was caught from Lamlong Higher Secondary school while trying to organize awareness programme for Aadhaar card distribution on the payment of the said amount. Later, the person was handed over to Porompat Police.

## Kut Celebration Committee salutes tribal Martyrs

Siamechinthang Tangpua

**Lamka, Oct.17:** Chavang Kut Celebration Committee salutes the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the Tribal peoples on August 31, 2015. Bearing in mind the existing circumstance the committee offer explanation for the decision to organize an event in a solemn and muted nature, it said.

In a press release, the Kut

committee Churachandpur said that the cultural event is planned to lost numerous cognate groups and wide to boost cultural integration, solidarity, and a peaceful and positive

deterrent to tragic incidents such as, witnessed in Churachandpur. The occasion will feature cultural integration and traditional items representing Tribal common heritage that

forge unity, informed T.S. Haokip, Secretary and T.Samuel, chairman of Chavang Kut Committee.

The committee said that as a mark of respect, members of various cognate groups will collectively honour the nine tribal martyrs at the Cemetery or at the Morgue.

Night program will not be held nor did any activity encourage that promotes frivolity it added.

## MLA Biren asks Neiphio Rio to study before making comment on ILPS issue

Wahengbam Rorrkychand

**Imphal, Oct 17:** Member of Manipur Legislative Assembly, Nongthombam Biren has questioned the authority of Nagaland MP, Neiphio Rio and Chief Minister of Mizoram, Lal Thanhawla who are urging the Government of India not to give consent to the Bills.

His comment came after Neiphio Rio recently justifies about his letter to Prime Minister of India urging the government of India not to give its consent to the bills as it reportedly against the welfare, desire and will of the tribal people.

While requesting the MP of Nagaland and Chief Minister of Mizoram to mind their own business rather than to be a part in the division of Manipur, N Biren also asked their (Neiphio Rio and other politicians from Nagaland and Mizoram) problems in introducing permit system for non-Manipuri people in Manipur on lines with other three northeastern states-

Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland where ILPS was already implemented to protect their land and people from the alleged looming threats posed by large scale non-local migrants.

He also urged the MP of Nagaland to study the Bills thoroughly before making any comments as their unsolicited remarks might add fuel to communal tension and divide the state of Manipur in communal lines.

After yearlong protests under the leadership of Joint Action Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS), the Manipur Assembly had passed the three Bills- The Protection of Manipur People's - 2015; Manipur Land Revenues and Land Reforms Bill (MLR & LR) (Seventh Amendment) - 2015, and The Manipur Shops and Establishments Bills (Second Amendment)-2015 on August 31, 2015.

However, soon after the bills were passed some tribal organisations opposed Bills with the apprehension

that the "Anti-tribal Bills" would undermine the existing land ownership pattern in hill areas and majority community- Meitei would grab their lands.

In an exclusive interview with this reporter of Nelive at his Majorkhon official residence, N Biren, who is also a member of drafting committee of ILPS Bills clarified that there is no question of argument over the Bill (MLR & R) as it is an amendment to the existing undisputed MLR & LR Bill. In consultation with legal experts, the bills were amended "within the scope of the Bills and relevant to the subject matter of the clause to which it relates" as per the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

"There is no inconsistency with the existing MLR & LR which is currently in force in Manipur and two other Bills. However, if any human errors are detected and found to be stand against any section of the indigenous people of Manipur, the state government is ready to call back the Bills," the MLA retorted.

The hills areas in Manipur are protected under Article 371 (C) as Scheduled Land under which no one could settle at the specified areas except by the scheduled tribes of the state. The objective of the Bills is to protect the land and people of the state from the unchecked influx of non-Manipuri and safeguard the holistic interest of the indigenous people.

"Since it does not affect the interest of the any community of the state, there was no room for consulting Hill area development committee at the time of amending the MLR & LR Bill. While Any Bill should be prospective and not retrospective," said the MLA.

Condemning the recent unrest at Churachandpur district and death of civilians during anti-ILPS Bills protest demonstrations, the MLA also said that such rumours spread out by political leaders and some section of the society misled the people that led to instigation of public uproar against the Bills.