

Poetry Corner

Sleep

I travel far and alone,
Like a lone ranger;
Thinking only of my journey's end;
Passing through the woods fearing,
No harm could venture;
Volunteering all my strengths to travel happily,
I fear no worries, no insecurities;
Amidst the thorny buses, comfortably and energetically;
As I travel far and alone.

I see no move, I wander aimlessly;
Ramble and rambling,
I hesitate to hear distant cackle;
I condemn my pleasure,
I bear no burden,
I smell of earth,
And I breathe ravish;
As I travel far and alone.

How obscure I am, bothering not
Where to ends my journey;
I start in the middle of nowhere;
Dark and lonely into the woods;
I see no one, still mystery
No backwards, No side wards
Nor I step forwards;
Puzzling and unfathomable,
As I travel far and lonely.

I baffle to hear sounds lingering,
I baffle to see stream flowing by;
Nagging and gnawing,
As I struggle to march forward,
I move not a single pace;
Enduring an ingrain texture,
As I travel far and lonely.

I am curious to know, how deep I travel
Into the dark and lonely woods;
Nagging and gnawing,
Amidst the thorny buses;
Abiding by my immeasurably thirst,
That I hardly wear its durability;
I try to move and daze,
This huge indestructible stun;
As I travel far and alone.

I learn not physically, my unfeeling
Yes, I am carried away far and very far;
Into this dark and lonely wood,
Nagging and gnawing, as I try
Oh! My numbness, bewildering to feel my own sense;
This unfeeling perennial death of mine;
I Frighten coming out,
Amidst the thorny buses,
As I travel far and lonely.

I realize this truth, the strength all I need
As I carried away far and dark deep into nowhere,
It's just a trance, a fantasy of my will
Reliably well grounded;
My perception and creativity I do always have,
Penetrating through, as I travel far and alone
Carving hard all about my urge, strongly
Nagging and gnawing,
Amidst the thorny buses;
It's just about my one sleepless night,
That fancies my reverie,
As I travel far and alone.

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Regional Economic Agglomeration and Openness: The Economic Development of the North Eastern Region (NER)

Table 3: Some Important characteristics by State for the year 2012-2013: All Industries (Value Figures in Rs. Lakhs, Mandays in Thousand and Others in Number)

Characteristics	All India	Assam	Manipur	Meghalaya	Nagaland	Sikkim	Tripura	NER (Total)	%Share of NER
1. Number Of Factories	222,120	3,303	128	116	106	65	534	4,252	1.91
2. Fixed Capital	218,026,022	1,310,951	7,561	349,006	17,412	144,075	33,927	1,862,932	0.85
3. Working Capital	60,341,107	588,926	4,688	59,658	15,486	127,950	489	797,197	1.32
4. Invested Capital	314,411,215	1,927,084	13,946	427,749	26,665	234,076	51,468	2,680,988	0.85
5. Outstanding Loans	107,224,700	440,713	2,993	227,083	1,510	18,528	12,557	703,384	0.66
6. Number of Workers	10,051,626	140,896	5,213	9,483	2,677	8,052	25,793	192,114	1.91
7. Total Persons Engaged	12,950,025	167,835	6,084	11,986	3,039	10,278	28,526	227,748	1.76
8. Wages to Workers	11,089,620	95,366	2,763	9,422	1,111	6,626	7,360	122,648	1.11
9. Total Emoluments	23,805,727	177,562	3,341	16,933	1,828	23,258	10,491	233,413	0.98
10. Prov. Fund and Other Welfare Exp.	3,696,609	54,641	64	1,660	67	3,151	1,446	61,029	1.65
11. Fuels Consumed	26,754,523	211,243	3,205	76,271	680	5,910	12,991	310,300	1.16
12. Materials Consumed	392,949,410	3,429,184	22,692	144,001	48,639	161,064	53,466	3,859,046	0.98
13. Total Inputs	501,866,586	4,243,426	29,584	247,986	49,974	256,488	96,828	4,924,286	0.98
14. Products & By-products	528,558,114	4,526,780	28,957	319,309	58,220	586,102	105,676	5,625,044	1.06
15. Value of Output	602,594,536	4,985,210	34,912	349,265	58,971	631,265	136,302	6,195,925	1.03
16. Depreciation	15,533,081	112,554	951	24,586	176	9,969	4,665	152,901	0.98
17. Net Value Added	85,194,869	629,229	4,378	76,692	8,821	364,809	34,809	1,118,738	1.31
18. Rent Paid	1,642,164	5,337	28	1,851	59	635	383	8,293	0.51
19. Interest Paid	13,807,327	94,497	702	28,904	134	3,403	2,631	130,271	0.94
20. Rent Received	353,968	897	10	57	23	6	11	1,004	0.28
21. Interest Received	1,930,026	14,657	25	726	19	1,321	175	16,923	0.88
22. Net Income	71,928,627	544,538	3,676	46,666	8,656	362,098	31,978	997,612	1.39
23. Net Fixed Capital Formation	20,219,540	37,810	48	32,752	73	351	-2,892	68,142	0.34
24. Gross Fixed Capital Formation	35,752,621	150,364	999	57,339	249	10,320	1,773	221,044	0.62
25. Addition in Stock of									
(a) Materials, Fuels etc.	3,323,215	-15,239	-302	8,526	-28	5,855	-313	-1,501	-0.05
(b) Semi-Finished Goods	1,237,924	-5,552	-12	-2,538	-49	19	298	-7,834	-0.63
(c) Finished Goods	4,359,554	-26,297	-178	7,540	51	17,398	644	-842	-0.02
(d) Total	8,920,693	-47,088	-492	13,529	-26	23,272	629	-10,176	-0.11
26. Gross Capital Formation	44,673,315	103,276	507	70,867	223	33,592	2,403	210,868	0.47
27. Profits	44,426,292	312,335	271	28,073	6,761	335,689	20,040	703,169	1.58

Source: Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy, RBI

Table 4 presents the sector compositions of the NER at factor cost from 2004 to 2011. The share of agriculture and allied activities exceeds that of the industry sector during the whole sample period. The share of agriculture and its allied activities has increased from 20% in 2004 to 23% in 2011 while that of the industry sector marginally increased from 8% in 2004 to 10.63% in 2011. However, compared with other sectors, the service sector has significantly improved and has contributed a major share to the economic growth of this region (De U.K., 2011), mainly due to a rise in state-sponsored public administration expenditure (Srivastav, 2010). Even though the service sector of the region is growing significantly, it doesn't create additional employment and income-generating opportunities and its basic structure has not been altered (Srivastav, 2010). The share of the service sector largely increased from 40% in 2004 to 67% in 2011.

Table 4: Components of NSDP of the NER at Factor Cost by Industry of Origin (at Constant Prices): 2004-2011 (In Rupees Billion & % Share)

Year	Agriculture and its allied activities (in Rupees Billion)	Industry	Service	Sum Total	Agriculture and its allied activities Share (%)	Industry	Service
2004-05	213	108	462	783	27	14	59
2005-06	217	106	497	820	26	13	61
2006-07	222	107	534	864	26	12	62
2007-08	235	106	569	910	26	12	63
2008-09	245	97	637	980	25	10	65
2009-10	259	122	697	1,079	24	11	65
2010-11	273	127	761	1,161	24	11	66
2011-12	283	132	826	1,242	23	11	67
2012-13*	282	121	833	1,235	23	10	67

Source: Author's calculation from the data of Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy, RBI.

* 2012-13 has excluded for Sikkim due to non-availability of data. Assam contributes majority of manufacturing output of the region. Thus, the NE states should develop value chains link between their economic activities so that there is a win-win condition prevails among the States. Since Guwahati is the major business hub of the NER, it should act like the New York of the region. Given the infrastructure and economic opportunities, it is prudent to set up most of the business based on Guwahati. It will save time and increase efficiencies and productivities. For example, when most of the companies establish in Guwahati, it will generate and raise income and employment to the local people. Larger the economic activities, higher are the need of resources. (To be contd.....)

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United Naga Council: Failed Report Card - I

UNC UNWELCOME IN NAGALAND
UNC was an unwelcome intruder in Nagaland. During the Presidentship of Mr. RK Theko and his successor Mr. G. Gaingam as its President, they forcefully pleaded for UNC becoming a member organization of Naga Hoho. But the Wokha Summit of 1994 and Kohima Summit of 1995 have adopted a formal resolution and rejected the plea. NSCN-IM assassinated a prominent Naga leader, Mr. Povezo Soho in 1995. The Chakhesang in Phek District of Nagaland issued quit notice on Tangkhuls in Phek and the NSCN-IM responded with a death sentence on those who signed the Quit Notice. As a follow on, 21 Tangkhuls were killed in Kohima and Dimapur by unidentified gunmen during the period from 8 May 1995 to 6 June 1992. [Aheibam Koireng Singh, Ethnicity and Inter Community Conflicts, Akansha, N. Delhi, 2007.] UNC emergency crisis meeting on 17 October 1995 resolved and accordingly depute a high delegation of UNC to Nagaland for bringing the situation to normalcy. [UNC, A Brief Report of the United Naga Council Manipur for the year 1995-1998, Imphal.], How far

it bore fruit is to everyone's knowledge. **UNC CAMPAIGN FOR 'NAGAS WANT SOLUTION NOT ELECTION'**
UNC as members of Action Committee of Naga Hoho/NGOs for enforcing ban in the election held under Indian constitution boycotted the assembly and general election at the Naga inhabited areas of Manipur and Nagaland in the Seventh Assembly Election and Twelfth (1997) and Thirteenth Lok Sabha Election (1999). Consequently, Kuki got elected from the outer parliamentary constituency. Even with their ban 09 Naga MLAs got elected. Kukis also benefit from it as they got elected in 11 assembly seats. This discredited the mainstream Naga political leaders and led to the loss of their significance. Consequently, it created a rift within the Naga community and depleted the support base of the UNC. And with the increase in the number of Kuki MLAs and MP getting elected from the lone ST Reserved MP seat, and the hike in Local Area Development Fund, coincidentally, the otherwise minnow Kuki outfits became emboldened to match the might of otherwise .

UNC AND NON-COOPERATION AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT
The Chief Minister of Manipur in the year 2005 declared 18 June, the day 18 people laid down their lives in Imphal in protest against the extension of GOI-NSCN-IM Cease fire "without territorial limits" on the day in 2001, a state holiday calling it "Integrity Day". In protest, UNC declared Non-Cooperation and Civil disobedience Movement against the Government of Manipur. But the Naga people were not enthusiastic about it, as none of the Nagas have given up their job under Manipur Government and the Zeliangrongs, Ipuiis and Puimeis have time and again expressed their resolve to remain co-existed with their Meitei brothers. **UNC IN ELECTION AND THE BLOW TO NAGALIM ASPIRATION:**
The UNC took part in the 9th general assembly election objective [UNC, Call for Democratic Expression of our Birth Right, Position paper on the 9th General Election 2007, Manipur, 2007]. The UNC claimed themselves to be mandated by the Naga people through the NPC declaration of August 2001. UNC's initial success

of this misdemeanor is a spat from their Founder President, RK Theko and UNC saying that the NSCN-IM is attempting to wipe out the Congress Organisation from the Naga areas through the UNC. UNC floated a common front which has been christened as the United Naga Democratic Front (UNDF). In Nungba AC, UNC first fielded former Technical and Higher Education Minister, Gangmumei Kamei but ditched in the last minute by the UNC by withdrawing the support. The success of Gaikhangam in Nungba and Khaingthuanang Panmei in Tamenglong was a direct blow to the UNC and its mentor NSCN-IM and the aspiration of its promised land 'Nagalim' Khaingthuanang Panmei got elected after he was forced to announce retirements from the election by the outfit while in their captivity. And now it is to everyone's knowledge that many of the candidates they earlier fielded have joined other parties as they see no prospects for changing their fortune considering the growing apathy of the Naga people towards UNC. Example being Khasim Ruivah, Samuel Jendai [Common syllabus, alternative arrangement, endorsement of NPF and others will come in Part II]