

## NSCN-IM attacks state SF camp at Nungkao

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**Imphal, Dec 17:** At another daring attack to the Manipur government, cadres of NSCN-IM attacked the post of 7th IRB post located at Nungkao village near Noney in Tamenglong district under Tousem Sub division and took away 20 weapons by overpowering them. Report added that some personnel of the 6th MR had also been stationed at the post after conducting ROP yesterday and 4 weapons of the 20 which were taken away belong to them. Unconfirmed report also added that a personnel of the 7th IRB has been killed in the attack by the NSCN-IM cadres. It said around 70 well equipped cadres cordon the camp at around 11 am today morning and started firing towards it indiscriminately before entering the camp. Later, the cadres took away the weapons.

## MNRF claims blasts at Nagaram

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 17:** Manipur Naga People's Front (MNRF) has claimed responsibility of the three bomb blasts that took place at Fairyland and Nagaram here in Imphal yesterday evening. In a press statement signed by one Thomas Numai, Assistant Publicity Secretary, MNRF, the outfit said that the blasts were carried out to the residence of Shangreihang, elder brother Th. Muivah, Mingyao, Special Contrator and Leishisan retired MCS officer at Fairyland and Nagaram. It said all the families belong to Somdal Village, the native of NSCN-IM, Tamreipam Ruivah, Deputy Chief of Army Staff NSCN-IM and Chipermui Muivah Chief Finance NSCN-IM.

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# 24 hour bandh put normal life to complete halt

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**Imphal, Dec 17:** At could be term as another Nupilal, life in Imphal and across the valley region of the state was put to a complete halt after women folk of the region enforced the 24 hour bandh called against government failure to contain the NSCN-IM in the state. Since early morning today large number of women folk came out in the street and stopped all sort of locomotion in the street of Imphal. Even vehicles on rituals ceremony were not allowed to pass by the women folk. Almost all shops and business establishments in Valley region shuts their shutters in support of the 24 hour bandh. Offices, banks and other entrepreneurs remain closed. The bandh is called by the 4 women bodies of Khwairamband Keithel in protest against the government inaction to the NSCN-IM cadres who are responsible to the killing of 3 Security forces along Imphal Moreh road on the previous day. Women folk with sticks on

their hand were seen almost at every places here in Imphal imposing the 24 hour bandh. At Jiribam too the 24 hour bandh called by the women folk had affected normal life completely. Bandh supporters today vandalize 4 vehicles which were coming towards Imphal and Tamenglong. The report said that 3 vehicles bearing registration number AS 11 CC 1391, AS 11 BC 6096 and AS 11 BC 6370 were vandalized by the bandh supporters at Gulathon area. The vehicles were heading towards Tamenglong. The report said that due to the bandh a total of 378 loaded vehicles are stranded at Jiribam. Among these 28 trucks are oil tanker vehicles. At Thoubal district, large number of women folk came out in the street and place symbolic coffin of the three police personnel in the middle of the road and halted all sort of vehicular movements. At wanjing too women folk enforced the bandh. At Bishempur, Moirang and Nambol area the bandh is stated to be total.

## Scene turn ugly at Chingmeirong, police fire tear gas shells, 4 women injured in police action

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 17:** The 24 hour bandh turn ugly at Chingmeirong area as some of the supporters had started using abusive word to Naga community and started attacking to the MBC Church by pelting stones. Report said that around morning the women folk came out in the street of Chingmeirong and prevented all sort of vehicular movement and even those on cycle were not allowed. Later after some times some people who came from now where started confronting with people in front of the MBC Church and following that some knowingly or unknowingly started pelting stones to the MBC Church. A police team which arrived at the scene tried to contain the mob but



as the situation was likely to go out of hand the police team fire several round of tear gas shells. 4 ladies were injured in the police action. Those injured have been identified as Pukhrambang Thoi (33 years)

w/o P Shyam, Ahanthem Thoi (32) W/ O A Bijoy, Akoijam Santi (28 ) W/o Ak Ghannashyam and Arus (45) w/o Inaoton. Condition of P. Thoi is stated to be critical after a tear gas shell hit at her right thigh.



At Keishampat area large number of bandh supporters today hang the effigies of UNC President Gaidon Kamei and Publicity Secretary Stephen Lamkang. Slogan decrying the prolong economic blockade as well as NSCN-IM cadres excess has been shouted. Vehicles including those of the police were forced to return back.

## SSUM urges to declare UNC as terrorist group; submits Memorandum to PM

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Dec 17:** Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) has urged the prime Minister of India to declare United Naga Council (UNC) as terrorist group for inciting communal enmity among the various community of the state and for holding the breathe of the common people by imposing prolong economic blockade in the state. A memorandum has been sent to the Prime Minister office regarding the matter, said a statement of the students' body. It said Manipur has been undergoing through a state of social turmoil. This turmoil includes artificial famine of essential items of daily consumption for more than a month, corresponding situation of price rise, and communal propaganda and

tensions. This turmoil is the direct result of economic blockade imposed on National Highways passing through Manipur, by the United Naga Council (UNC). It added that the economic blockade imposed by the UNC had directly targeted the general public. This blockade is akin to a situation of war time siege and inhuman embargo. It has caused immense hardship and untold miseries across communities in both the Valley and the Hills. SSUM said that such inhuman embargo is not the first of its kind in Manipur. It recalls the calamity, of 2011, caused by a hundred days economic blockade. The students' body stated that the UNC had been indulging in spreading communal venoms amongst the people of Manipur. It said

the UNC was instrumental in carrying out ethnic genocide of the Thadou community in 1990s. In 1993, the UNC ordered quit notice upon the Thadous and massacred thousands of them, including women and children, in cold blood. Several hundred Thadou villages were destroyed and thousands were forced displaced. However, the Governments had turned blind eyes to all these crimes and the criminals were never punished. The students' body also expressed apprehension of chaos in Manipur if the UNC is let free to indulge in all such criminal activities. Many more bloodshed, victimization, communal hatred and clashes would add to the ongoing social turmoil designed by the UNC, it added.

## Action plan for conservation and management of Loktak lake monitored

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**Imphal, Dec 17:** In pursuant to the terms and conditions laid down by the Planning Commission, Government of India, the project implementation on Short Term Action Plan (STAP) for Conservation and Management of Loktak Lake was monitored by an independent third party namely, Karunya University, Coimbatore and Development Alternatives, New Delhi. The evaluation brought out positive impact in terms of ecosystem recovery and socio-economic benefits to the people residing in and around Loktak Lake. Removal of Phumdis, mechanically and manually, under Phumdi Management, restored open water area, improved water quality, increased the water holding capacity along with fish yield

and number of migratory birds, better navigation of the area and massive reduction of invasive plants like salvinia, paragrass etc. giving space for the growth of indigenous plant species. There is also improvement in the ecosystem of the lake because of the conservation of the biodiversity. The number of resident and migratory bird has increased from 14,000 to 35,000 in 3 years (2010-2013) and also that of Sangai, from 90 to 203 in a span of 6 years (2006-2013). Over and above, under Water Management, with the improvement of 22 silted inflowing streams, de-siltation of critical areas in the lake, construction of 6 cross regulators and sanitary toilets in 6142 households, flood during wet season and availability of water in the lean season has been mitigated.

Water holding capacity of the lake has also increased and fical coliform and nutrient loading were also reduced through this process. In the catchment areas, afforestation and agro-forestry has also been taken up conserving the soil and moisture of the watershed villages thus improving their livelihood. With these, the degraded catchment areas are re-vegetated and also promoted settled agriculture in the critical watershed areas. There is also reduction in soil erosion, thereby increasing the water holding capacity of the Lake. Livelihood programme were taken up to avoid deforestation of the catchment areas by the villagers. 481 micro-enterprises were established and 16 hatcheries were open under the Sustainable Livelihood and Resource Development programme.

# Schemes on Welfare of Minorities & other Backward Classes in Manipur

**Imphal, Dec. 17, :** The Department for the Welfare of Minorities and Other Backward Classes (MOBC), Manipur was established in 1998 for the protection of interests of Minority and OBC communities and taking up welfare programmes/ schemes for them under the assistance from Central Government and State Government. The department so far constructed OBC Boys' Hostel at DMC of Commerce, OBC Girls' Hostel at Ideal College - Akampat, OBC Muslim Girls' Hostel at Hafiz Hata, OBC Boys & Girls' Hostels at Kiyamgei. Construction of OBC Boys' & Girls' Hostels at Lilong Haoreibi College, OBC Boys'

& Girls' Hostels at Sangaiyupham and OBC Girls' Hostel at Lamding Model Higher Secondary were under process. The department under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India had been providing OBC Post-Matric Scholarship for students above Class X and OBC Pre-Matric Scholarship for students from Class I to X since 2001-2002. On the other hand, the department under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India had been providing Minority Pre-Matric Scholarship since 2008-2009, Minority Post Matric Scholarship since 2007-2008 and Minority Merit cum Means based

Scholarship since 2007-2008. Seven districts namely Churachandpur, Tamenglong, Senapati, Ukhrul, Chandel, Thoubal and Imphal East were selected for the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme under Central Plan Schemes during the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Plan to construct houses, Labour Rooms, PHC Buildings, ITI, Anganwadi Centres. The State Government focused on the Economic Development Programme (EDP) under State Plan and provided grants to beneficiaries to improve socio-economic status of Minority and OBC communities. Grants were provided for economic activities such as Fishery,

Vegetable Farming, Irrigation Pump Set, Poultry, Tailoring, Embroidery and Carpentry. The Skill Development Programme (SDP) which started since 2002-2003 aimed to enhance the skills of the target groups by giving training in income generating schemes/trades such as Bamboo Craft, Mobile Repairing, Paramedical, Embroidery, Tailoring, Hospitality, Carpentry, DTP etc. The State Government under Housing Scheme provided CGI sheets to poor and needy Minority and OBC communities since 2007-2008. Under the Health Scheme, the State Government provided financial assistance to the beneficiaries who had

undergone treatment in government hospitals and health centres. Under the scheme beneficiaries have been provided plastic water as sanitary item since 2014-2015. Individuals whose annual family income below Rs 22,000/- were beneficiaries of those schemes. The State Government had been providing Coaching Programmes for poor and needy minority students for subjects - Science, Mathematics and English since 2009-2010. Grant-in-aids were given to Wafk Board, Manipur for payment of registration of Madrasah, Modernisation of Madrasah and Scholarships; to State Haj Committee for Haj Pilgrimage and related

matters; to Manipur State Minorities Commission for taking up issues related to protection of Minorities' Rights and creation of awareness of Minority Welfare Programmes; to Manipur Minorities and Other Backward Classes Economic Development Society (MOBEDS) for conducting coaching, taking up various deposit works of different departments and extending educational loan for course like MBBS, B.E., NDA and MCA/MBA to the target groups; and to State Commission for OBCs for upliftment of OBCs in the state which culminated in the adoption of reservation policy for OBCs in the state. (DIPR)