

# Editorial

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## A different approach

Change- an attribute easier to wish than to implement. Desired change- an almost impossible challenge, especially when it relates to humans who are creatures of habit. Everybody has their own unique perspective of the world which is perhaps the most interesting aspect of human beings. But sometimes, along with these different perspectives rises different conflicts of interest. An ideal society resolves these conflicts for the greater interest and benefit of its members. Our present society, like most others prevailing today, unfortunately is far from perfect, yet we negotiate, bribe or just barge our way through in our daily struggle to survive. Every so often, individuals with altered mindsets or depraved morals continue to commit acts considered as aberrations, heinous or even bestial in nature. Understandably, the society spontaneously voiced its resentments and anger - demanding, and rightly so, a swift and exemplary justice for the crimes. Whatever be the reason or compulsion that led to these drastic incidents, there obviously is not one single reasoning human who does not condemn these acts. Yet condemning an act for which the perpetrator/s are yet to be identified or apprehended as the case may be, by burning down houses, destroying their properties or directing our ire against another fellow citizen has become the order of the day. While we should be steadfast and unrelenting in our demand for justice, excessive violence and prolonged acts of destruction of public property which are there for our own benefit and convenience should be curbed. This form of agitation which has been used for a long time, with a quite high level of success, needs to be changed. It is time to bring in a change in our mindset and try out other more subtle yet effective means of protesting against injustice and crime. One of the many ways which, perhaps we should try out is giving a reasonable amount of time for the Government and its concerned authorities to bring out the truth and identify the criminals, and to act accordingly as per the law in such a manner that would deter such acts in future. Failure of these concerned parties to bring results within such time may be countered with social boycott form all sections of the society in unison. Such a move would also enable the police and other concerned agencies to investigate the case in an orderly manner instead of mayhem and disruptions that will hamper the ultimate objective for which everyone is shouting for - to uncover the truth and act on it as per the law. A cohesive unit- that of the Government, the concerned investigating authority, the security and police, the judiciary and most importantly, the general public, working hand-in-hand would prove more productive and fruitful in bringing out the truth, rather than putting the blame squarely on the Government. Mutual trust, understanding and cooperation, and most important of all, restraint is called for in such circumstances. If each section of the society carries out its part earnestly, there will not be a stronger force. A change in our mindset- a change in our approach and game is all that is called for to set the wheels of change in motion- a change towards a better society and a better life.

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Haobam Marak Ngagom Leikai

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## National & International News

### 411 NE youths to join Delhi Police

**NP Guwahati, Jan. 25:** Altogether 411 youths from the Northeast are set to join Delhi Police, as part of the Central government's initiative to check escalating crime against people from the region in the national capital. Of the selected candidates, 33 per cent are female.  
Among the candidates, 87 are from Assam - 65 male, 22 female. Official sources said recruitment teams led by senior officers from Delhi Police flew down to eight Northeast state capitals to carry out

the recruitment process. The results of the tests were declared within a month.  
"Not a single complaint was received during recruitment. We adopted the latest transparent strategy for recruitment - like use of biometrics, OMR sheets, no oral interviews, computerised answers checking etc. The results were declared on the same evening after the written exam," said IGP Robin Hibu, the Nodal Officer for North East People in Delhi. "We will be calling the selected candidates soon to Delhi for training.

Their character verification are about to be completed by the respective state police," he said.  
The Delhi Police Special Unit for North Eastern States, Nanakpura, has prepared elaborate arrangements for training of the successful candidates. City-life orientation and Hindi speaking classes will be part of the training.  
"We will also encourage them to join the Delhi Police elite commandos to enable them to go for deputation to NSG, Ministry of External Affairs and other lucrative central deputations on

rank promotion later," the IGP said. Delhi Police has sought funds from DoNER Ministry for constructing housing facilities for these newly recruited police personnel.  
On completion of training, the 411 youths will be deployed in localities like Munirka, Kotla, Khirki Extension, Safdarjung, Sunlight Colony, Jamia, Janakpuri, Burari, Mukherjee Nagar, Civil Line, Timarpur, Mahipalpur, Vasant vihar, Ambedkar Nagar etc where sizeable numbers of Northeast people live.

### Pakistan arrests 64 for providing financial aid to terrorists

**ANI Islamabad, Jan. 25:** The Pakistan Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has arrested 64 people under the National Action Plan for allegedly providing financial assistance to terrorists.  
Forty one such cases were reported in Punjab by 57 people involved. Fifty-one arrests have been made so far in the province, reports the Dawn.  
In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, four cases were reported and eight suspects were arrested.  
A nation-wide data issued by the ministry of interior and narcotics control on Sunday revealed that of the total arrests made in Punjab, 14 suspects were under investigation and 26 were challaned. 28 suspects were arrested in Diamer district of Gilgit-Baltistan for allegedly providing shelter and meal to terrorists.

### JD (U) blames BJP for political crisis in Arunachal

**ANI New Delhi, Jan. 25:** The Janata Dal (United) on Monday held the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) responsible for the political crisis in Arunachal Pradesh and accused Governor J.P. Rajkhowa of interfering with state government's functioning.  
"The entire crisis in Arunachal Pradesh is due to the Central Ministers. There was a deliberate attempt to pressurise the Speaker of the state assembly. The Governor of the state is responsible for interfering with the government's functioning, he should be recalled immediately. We condemn this and this is against the spirit of cooperative federalism," JD (U) leader K.C. Tyagi told ANI.  
The Union Cabinet yesterday recommended President's rule in Arunachal Pradesh. The recommendation has been sent to President Pranab Mukherjee for his approval.  
Arunachal Pradesh was rocked by a political crisis on December 16 last year as 21 rebel Congress

MLAs joined hands with BJP's 11 MLAs and two independents to impeach Assembly Speaker

Nabam Rebia at a makeshift venue. The Speaker termed the move as illegal and unconstitutional.

### Israel air raid targets Gaza after rocket attack: Army

**Jerusalem, Jan. 25:** The Israeli air force targeted a Hamas military training facility in central Gaza overnight Sunday in response to a rocket attack, the army said.  
A rocket was fired from the Gaza Strip Sunday night and struck southern Israel with no reports of casualties or damage, the Israel Defence Forces said on its official Twitter account. About 30 rockets, fired from the

Palestinian enclave controlled by the Islamist group Hamas, have struck Israeli territory since the end of the Gaza war in 2014, according to the Israeli army.  
Sunni militant groups claiming ties with the Islamic State jihadist group say they have been behind several rocket attacks in recent months, but Israel holds Hamas responsible for all such incidents.

### Bangladeshi journalist Altaf Mahmood dies

**ANI Dhaka, Jan. 24:** Altaf Mahmood, the president of the pro-Awami League faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), breathed his last at Dhaka's Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) on Sunday. He was 66 years old.

Altaf, a permanent member of the National Press Club, had been suffering from neurological problems and undergoing treatment at the hospital, reports The Daily Star.  
Mahmood, who was the executive editor of the Bangla daily Dintesty, breathed his last at the intensive care unit (ICU) of the hospital.

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## The Indo-Naga conflict: a question of internal Indian ethnic conflict or a conflict between two nations?

(Write up produced here is the lecture delivered at the Centre for Manipur Studies by *Kaka D. Iralu*)

When the NNC leaders later met Jawaharlal Nehru at Delhi on March 11, 1952, in the short interview given to them, Nehru banged his fist on the table and screamed:  
**Whether heaven falls or India goes to pieces and blood runs red in the country, I don't care. Whether I am here or any other body comes in, I don't care. Nagas will never be allowed to become independent.**  
Phizo, leading the delegation, replied: "Well, Pandit Nehru, you seem to know even more than God about our future. Goodbye."  
The delegation returned to face the might of the Indian Army, which Nehru sent to suppress the Nagas. The Nagas on their part, in order to consolidate their position and also in accordance with legal norms of establishing a modern nation state, established the Naga Supreme Court on July 4, 1954. On January 14, 1956, the Naga Constitution (Yehzabho) was approved and on March 22, 1956, the Federal Government of Nagaland was established.  
On the part of India, by November 15, 1954, Assam Armed Police and other Paramilitary Forces like the Assam Rifles had started killing innocent Naga civilians. This was followed by full-fledged Indian military troops moving into Nagaland by October 1955.  
To cut a long story short, I will here again quote B.N.Mullik who was then the Personal Secretary of Nehru.  
...Troops moved into Tuensang by October 1955 and the war with the Nagas started from then...  
About the number of troops deployed at this stage he writes:  
...Ultimately nearly two divisions of the Army and thirty five battalions of the Assam Rifles or Armed Police were in operation in the Naga Hills and Tuensang

Frontier Division and in the adjoining areas...and though there were nearly one security troop for every adult male Naga in the Naga Hills Tuensang area, there never was a time when it could be claimed that the Naga guerrillas had been broken into submission...  
(B.N.Mullik, My Years With Nehru, 1948-1964, Allied Publishers, India, pp.308, 312, 313)  
These Indian troops (fifty four thousand in total) between 1955 to 1956, burnt down to ashes six hundred forty five Naga villages out of eight hundred sixty one Naga villages existing in those days. All the village granaries were also burned to ashes and within one year over one lakh Nagas died from bullets, aerial bombardments, rape, torture, murder, starvation and disease.  
On June 30, 1956, a totally devastated Phizo through his Ministers (Kiloners) sent a long and desperate message to the Prime Minister of India. I quote here a few excerpts from that letter:  
...People are being killed without ceasing. Houses and villages are being burned daily. What justifiable necessity impelled the Indian Congress Government in directing the Indian Army to start killing our Naga people and burning all our houses, we do not know. If these barbarous cruelties are meant to compel the Nagas to accept the Indian Constitution and be a member unit within the Indian Union, these acts of conscience-less inhumanity are highly improper. Village after village - has been surrounded and the people compelled to give their fingerprints as a token of loyalty to India and acceptance of the Indian Constitution. Nagas as a

people and the Naga Government strongly condemn your policy now being put into practice in Nagaland.  
Our Naga position must be understood. Naga people made the position of our country very clear to the Government of India from the very inception of the emancipation of the Indians and the starting of the Government of Free India. Nagaland belongs to the Nagas only and nobody else. We cannot feel ashamed to state this simple fact, or be frightened to stand on our national rights and defend our honour.  
We wanted to part in a most friendly atmosphere with your goodwill, but failed. The controlling reasons for the Nagas to remain as a distinct nation, and thus enjoy national independence, need not be explained to the most eminent champion for the freedom of the dominated people and nations in Asia and Africa. The great author of "Discovery of India" and of "Glimpses of world history" knows that the Nagas are no more a peculiar people or unreasonable than any other virile nation.  
We should not be misunderstood. And your great Government should not attempt to make this simple issue of the Naga case as having political or constitutional complications with the Republic of India.  
You knew very well that Nagas did not participate in the Indian election. Your Government have been fully informed of our Naga position, either by telegram or through letters, on all the appropriate occasions. Firstly, Nagas are not Indians, and we do not want to become Indians. Secondly, Naga territory is not and

has never been a part of the Indian territory. And we cannot give you our country. This is the actual position...  
...If the Congress Indian Government is determined to wipe out the Nagas from the face of this earth, WHAT CAN WE DO? You have the capacity to do so. But is not killing people a horrible thing to do in spite of disagreement with you? Is it not contemptible to resort to terrorism for the usurpation of other people's land? The ORDER TO KILL TEN MEN in each village, and to wipe out big villages, have been already made known to the Nagas...  
...THE ORDER and directives for DECIMATION and ANNIHILATION must be immediately called off, without delay.  
Bombardment with 3-inch mortar shells against our people's camps and people in the fields continues daily. Shelling the villages with cannon (type EXRC. CE 9719, C.Co/ 2/44) started on June 28, 1956. All these must be stopped.  
If killing the people, sniping the workers in the fields of cultivation, raping and molesting women and girls, and burning houses and villages are stopped, YOU MAY BE SURE that our Naga people, and our Home Guards, will fall heartedly respond in real faith, as these are what we are against.  
We are wholly and absolutely at your mercy. And, in the name of humanity, we submit this appeal to you to stop tears and bloodshed...  
(An appeal to the Prime Minister, India, Urtra Headquarters, June 30, 1956)

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