

Editorial

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Disquieting discourses on development

The frantic spurt in developmental activities in the state albeit after a prolonged stint of disruptions, reluctance and agitations should have to be regarded as a positive sign of the Government gearing up to meet the challenges of the increasing needs of the people in all spheres of life. But this quickening pace of development entails an inherent risk of doing more harm than good. Mindless removal and destruction of natural resources and altering the social setup through these activities could create an irreversible and permanent change to the very identity of this land if not carried out with care and persistence. The results of this haphazard and impulsive rush towards development are beginning to show- roads littered with stones and dust, left untended for months with the resulting protests and roadblocks becoming an everyday affair- something that has entered the realm of a basic procedure. The steps that followed suit - that of laying the long neglected roads are even more frustratingly interesting, sometimes with even carpets of tar that can be rolled up, but more frequently turning out to be works of art- an illusion of a road with the same bumps and rolls that was there before the whole exercise began. Garbage being dumped along roadsides, drainage systems being filled up even before they are completed and the peculiarity of the stench in different parts have actually served as a landmark of sorts. Zero garbage campaign turned out to be utter rubbish, not to mention the motorized road sweeper having vanished from public domain for reasons best known to the authorities themselves. Lack of proper waste management system have turned half of Langol and Lamphel area into a dumping ground that will one day spread out to cover even the Capitol building, with the Waste Management Plant at Lamden Khunnou turning out to be yet another white elephant for the state government. With Imphal Municipality office embroiled in agitations and strikes, we all should be prepared for a long smelly haul. Parking, or the lack of it is another outcome of development- construction of malls and multi-storied markets without giving a thought about the facility for the shoppers to park their vehicles. Should we also add the lack of subways and footbridges along busy intersections and junctions, as a result of which everybody is using the landing of the flyover to cross over, playing the dodging game, the prize- one's limb and life intact. All these can be remedied and reversed, if the Government puts a cohesive, holistic and sustainable plan of action and acts upon it in earnest. What is of greater concern is the danger of our ecosystem being changed irreversibly: case in point- construction of Ithai barrage. The tag of the largest freshwater lake in northeast India accorded to Loktak Lake may soon be history, as is the threat to the last remaining natural habitat of the "Sangai" in the world- Keibul Lamjao being perished gradually. Development does not equate commercialization. We have a greater duty to preserve and build up our ecosystem. Development should complement and evolve around the unique natural identity of a place and not the other way round.

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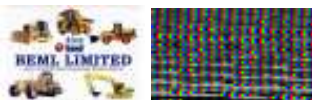
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The stand of NSCN on the National Principle

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The hard reality is that everything comes from the principle and that nothing stands when the principle is murdered. The Naga nation is in the Naga national principle as the oak tree is in the acorn. After the failure and betrayal of NNC to the cause, the Naga people were left without a political organization to guide and lead the people in their national movement. People without their national organization are just a group of individuals living together without any orientation to a common future. Our national political principle has to be defended at all costs if we are to stay alive as a free people. So the question arises who will go and fight for the people and advocate for their cause? People as individuals however strong and wise they may be can never save a nation. It will be saved only through a mandated national organization. Out of such circumstances and historical necessity the competent authorities convened a national assembly and it unanimously approved the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN) on January 31, 1980, at Tonu, which was formed in the national workers meeting at Nokba village. NSCN is not a faction as alleged by some people from some quarters. No one should doubt about the legitimacy of NSCN as the one and only authentic political organization of the Naga people. It is built upon the solid ground of Naga national principle. It is undoubtedly a principle-based organization that has passed through many acid tests of trials and ordeals. Even after the murder of NNC the Naga people continued their struggle but under the banner of NSCN, which is now running decades. But where were those stooges of the enemies when NSCN under the leadership of Isak and Muivah fought against the enemies in the east and west shedding tears and blood? Where were they when NSCN campaigned in the international political platform for support to the cause of the Nagas covering five continents? 2 Where were they when NSCN organized the people into a formidable political force under one banner? Where were they when NSCN and Government of India (GoI) entered into a ceasefire agreement on the basis of the declared three terms? Where were they when GoI, in response to NSCN's unwavering stand on their history, recognizes the unique history and position of the Nagas?

By unique history it means - the Nagas have been a free people and they have never been a part of India or others either by conquest or consent. The term unique history may not be applicable to those people who have sold out their history. Where were they when NSCN and GoI mutually agreed to accept the universal principle that sovereignty lies with the people and that sovereignty of the Nagas lies with the Naga people and sovereignty of India with the Indian people? Is not the recognition of our sovereign right a giant step? Do they understand the differences between shared-sovereignty of the two entities and division of autonomous power between the center and the state? One school of thought advocates for total sovereignty, which justifies absolute monarchy whereas another school of thought advocates for pluralism, which validates shared-sovereignty between two entities. People and nations today do not believe in the concept of total isolationism. They are now for the doctrine of interdependent relationship among people and nations. Coexistence of the two entities/equals is a natural as well as social necessity. Where were they when GoI recognized the sovereign right of the Nagas over their land and its resources beneath and above it? 3 Where were they when GoI recognizes NSCN as the legitimate organization of the Naga people that represents the aspiration and the issue of the Nagas? Many things have happened in Nagalim during the leadership of NSCN. In spite of the fact, they are talking nonsense as if they are ignorant of what has happened in their own country. We suppose they were somewhere in other planets or perhaps, they are too young to understand the issue. The Nagas have a lot of reasons to thank and appreciate the present Indian leaders who have taken bold steps vis-à-vis Indo-Naga political issue especially the honorable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, the architect of the historic 'Framework of Agreement'. They are committed and prepared to work out the best possible solution that respects the right of the Nagas and guarantees the security of India. Let us not blame the Indian leaders or the Devil. They are not the roadblocks, but it is those Naga

critics and traitors. It is political talks between the GoI and NSCN as two entities where Mr. R. N. Ravi, the emissary of the Prime Minister of India, represents the GoI and Mr. Th. Muivah and his team (NSCN leaders) represents the Naga people. Mr. R. N. Ravi has said that there arises no question of many negotiations and many solutions. There is only one issue, one negotiation and one solution. Therefore, government of India is talking with the NSCN as two entities. On the issue of reconciliation and unification of all groups the late honorable Chairman Mr. Isak Chishi Swu had issued a statement appealing to all without exception to forgive our past mistakes as we have forgiven them too in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. He had also appealed to them to get on board the bus of the 'Framework Agreement'. If they do not come forward it is their problem. A handful reactionary elements nurture the wrong notion that rebellion against the established government is a service to the people. It is treasonous. They are making a paper tiger out of a rat so that revolutionary patriots are intimidated. What 4 absurdity! They are illegitimate child of the enemies of the Naga

people. Our people know that they are being paid and guarded by the hostile agency and forces. They have deviously stated that the taxation system of the government is a 'looting machine.' Be it informed that they are false preachers who are out there to poison the mind of the people in the sweet name of democracy and freedom of speech. Even if they keep preaching against the government, we believe every sensible Naga understands the fact that taxation is the bloodline of all governments on earth. Every citizen is duty-bound to pay taxes to the government. Governments by law collect taxes, direct or indirect, from all goods, properties, institutions, land, water and everything, even a needle. If any one defies payment of taxes to the government, he is committing a great sin against the state. It is nothing but an attempt to pull back the wheels of history. In fact, NSCN has been running the legitimate national government of the Naga people since day one with taxes from the people. People are our political as well as economic banks. However, extortion and illegal taxations being collected by illegal organizations and business mafias in the stolen name of the people and revolution has to be combated and dealt with firmly by the government.

Open Letter to Director RIMS

Revoke the inappropriate focus and suspension of a single doctor

Sir,
We know that a lot of staffs including PGs, Nurses, blood bank, Anaesthetist and senior Gynaecologist were involved in the care of the patient who unfortunately died recently leaving 2 young children. This happened in a very busy Obstetrics and Gynae department where most of the times, the number of patients presenting and those who are currently being admitted, outweighs the available resources and thus constantly imposed a huge challenge in proving high standard of care. In a hugely concerning fact, this is a centre where there is huge failings within the prevailing systems e.g non-availability to even performed an ECG to even one of the institute own's professor while he was having a heart attack. I sincerely believed in the current prevailing system with the available facilities and resources, the final outcome of the unfortunate patient most likely won't have changed and would continue to be a serious threat to all patients. This is especially when we know that a caring and highly trained individuals like Dr Trinity Meetei has been involved as part of a team who look after the unfortunate patient. Please note that Dr Trinity himself was involved in another emergency (life saving) surgery for a patient when all these events unfolded. I believed it must be very challenging for the concerned authorities to face the immense pressure from the patient's relative who just have lost one of their loved ones. I think it is natural for them to want some form of justice and an explanation for the loss of their loved one. But the suspension of Dr Trinity and of only one doctor, as a form of delivering justice looks like a very hastily taken decision and that also in front of cameras that have been widely circulated in the public.

I believed there is no formal charges that has been given to Trinity as a reason for the suspension, which is in itself may reflect a non-thorough enquiry. I believed that Trinity and the patient and her family, are a victim of a 'system' that needs to seriously introspect and look for means to change and improved. An honest and a serious re-examining of the current practices are need of the hour, such that no further incidences happened to patients and involved doctors who I sincerely believed have done as much as they could within the available resources and existing structure. RIMS is teaching institute and its actions have severe implication to everyone especially to the Patients and to its trainees.

The present actions of RIMS authorities in its attempt to bring swift action to the sad incident, is instead giving a dangerous and serious picture of having victimised a 'single doctor', when many other individuals are involved and seems to have completely ignored the 'system inadequacies' that seems to have directly resulted in death of the patient. It is unlikely Dr Trinity and his team could have done anything differently in the 'prevailing circumstances', to improve the patient's outcome and should not seek to liable only a single individual. If the 'prevailing system' and the same 'process of suspension' continues then it is likely for more sinister events to continue, leading to worsening of the morale of the already stressed staffs without addressing the bigger threat to everyone. This can lead to further similar incidences thereby worsening the deteriorating patient-doctor relationship. Lets request our concerned authorities which I know has the same objective of better healthcare and better working environment for all the staff, to please focus improving education and bring changes to the existing infrastructure and avoid further harm to patients and its staff. I hope the RIMS authorities who comprised of my beloved teachers and seniors, to please consider removing the career destroying and inappropriate suspension order to Trinity and provide ample support to him and his family. I sincerely believed one of the best means of RIMS giving justice to its patients and its staff, is by introspecting into the current system and implementing patient-centred changes that would prevent further such tragic incidences. Thanking you all.

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