

Editorial

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Some positive introspective on FA

Indian interlocutor RN Ravi, of the Indo-NSCN-IM peace talk is setting out for a final step to conclude the decades old issues. Newspapers report say he is meeting with some of the senior citizens of the state perhaps for a final round.

After the president of India Ram Nath Kovind had assured a solution to the issue while delivering speech on the inaugural day of the Hornbill Festival, the meeting of the three chief ministers of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh with the Union Home Minister Rajnath recently signals a possible conclusion to the issue.

Not just the things seen in the government side but also the way the NSCN-IM and its frontal body are gearing up for a new journey showed that, the long standing demand is yet to be fulfilled. NSCN-IM had replaced a new army chief and it had reorganized its administrative units by appointing CAOs. Source said that hectic preparation is on in the organization of the NSCN-IM to take charge for administration of their proposed demand in whatever way the government of India granted. The NSCN-IM now has no worries for a separate greater Nagaland state neither a sovereign Nagaland.

So far so good, the supporters of NSCN-IM seem to be happy with the agreed points between RN Ravi and Th. Muivah. The Chief Ministers of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam seem to be relaxed with the kind of settlement that the Government of India is going to bring. Even as no one of the Chief Ministers of the three states were let known the contents of the agreement, the three showed signs of relieve after meeting with the Union Home Minister some few days back.

Already, the Prime Minister and Home Minister of India had assured that there will be no disturbance to the territorial boundary of any North Eastern states while solving the vex Naga issue and the solution will sort out only under the framework of the constitution of India.

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh kicked start his political journey riding the issue of the Indo-NSCN-IM peace talk in the late 90s standing firm for the protection of the territorial integrity of the state. Until he became the Chief Minister of Manipur, he had shown his firm stands for the integrity of the state in his own way even by criticizing the political party he belongs too. After becoming the chief minister in March this year he has been taking up every possible task to bridge the differences among the various ethnic people of the state. From an editor of a local daily he is now in the top post of the state who can take decision. And he is well aware of any kind of separation that might disintegrate the state by any other arrangement like a separate administration. On the issue of 6th scheduled, it is irrelevant with the state of Manipur as the constitution of India has already incorporated Article 371 (C).

When the Chief Minister of the three states, particularly the Chief Minister of Manipur seem no worry, why the supporters of NSCN-IM seem to be happy and celebrate.

It is for sure that the final solution will be definitely under the framework of the Indian Constitution. And as per the Indian constitution any agreement which incorporate amendment of the constitution should be table in the floor of the parliament under article 368 of the Indian constitution.

This showed that whatever agreement that is to be inked between the interlocutor RN Ravi and Th. Muivah under the Framework agreement is not going to be final if it contents agreement that need amendment of the Indian Constitution.

As this column has earlier stated that a greater autonomy similar to that Article 35 (A) would mean creation of another Kashmir in the North East region. This would not be encouraged by Prime Minister Modi and the BJP. And the government of India would definitely not want any complication in solving the issues of the NSCN-IM. Which mean that the solution is likely under the purview of the already existed contents of the constitution of India.

A more autonomy to local bodies of Hill district, a special package for the NSCN-IM and some sort of integration base on culture and traditions by accepting a platform not at the government level is what may comes as a solution.

If the condition of agreement is in the way that is speculated, people of Manipur need to support the solution. After all empowering of local bodies like ADCs and Panchayat is a long standing demand for every citizen of the state.

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National & International

BJP attacks Congress for demanding 2002 riots' apology from PM Modi

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New Delhi, Dec. 11: Hitting out at Congress for asking Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "apologise in Jama Masjid" for the 2002 riots, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday said those who commit mistakes only they serve an apology. "This is a shameful statement by the Congress. They apologised for their deeds in 1984 anti-sikh riots and now they are creating a baseless controversy. The truth is only those people who have committed mistakes apologise, but those who have not done anything wrong why they will serve an apology," BJP leader Bizay Sonkar Shastri told ANI here. Another BJP leader S. Prakash, in Bengaluru, said instead of focusing their attention on development, the Congress was trying to evoke Gujarat riots to win over the Muslim votes. "The Congress has once again brought the 2002 riots into the campaign. Till now, they were silent on the issue. They are demanding an illogical apology from the Prime Minister. It was a communal riot where both Hindus

and Muslims were killed which happened in the aftermath of Godhra incident. "Several cases have been filed and many have been convicted also, unlike in 1984 riots, where the Congress did not show any interest to convict those who were involved in the Sikh massacre," Prakash added. Earlier on Sunday, BJP chief Amit Shah tore into Congress' demand, saying the matter was being raised to consolidate votes in the ongoing Gujarat Assembly election. "Congress' Charan Singh said Prime Minister Modi must go inside Jama Masjid and apologies for 2002 riots. Entire nation knows the allegations levelled on the Prime Minister by the Congress backed NGO were all false. Yet for vote bank consolidation, 2002 is being raised in 2017," Shah told the media in Gandhinagar. The first phase of polling took place on Saturday and recorded a voter turnout of 66.75 percent in 89 of 182 constituencies. The second-phase voting in remaining 93 constituencies is on December 14, and the votes will be counted on December 18.

Left Alliance dominate vote count in Nepal polls

ANI
Kathmandu, Dec 11: Nepal's Left alliance - Communist Party of Nepal- Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Center) - is looking all set to form the next government in the country after voting results begin to pour out. The Communist Party of Nepal- Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) has emerged victorious in 70 federal constituencies and is leading in 11 constituencies so far, the Kathmandu Post reported. The party has also won the election in 134 provincial constituencies and is leading in 20 others. Its alliance partner, the Maoist Center, has won in 27 federal constituencies and leading in eight parliamentary constituencies while the party has emerged victorious in 59 provincial constituencies and is leading in nine others. The biggest and the oldest party of Nepal, the Nepali Congress, has won in 15 federal constituencies and is leading in seven constituencies. The alliance of agitating Madhesh based parties, who got united as Rastriya Janata Party, has secured 11 of the total seats contested under the First Past the Post

(FPTP) system. The Nepal Election Commission has informed that 98 of the 194 candidates have been elected under the FPTP electoral system which also includes three women representatives. With the vote counting and the results of the House of Representatives and the Provincial Council is underway in Nepal, the new government is expected to be formed by mid of January. According to these trends, it seems Nepal is all set to get a government led by the communist parties for the next five years if the alliance stayed for long otherwise the new government formed next month should stay for at least two years, as per the Nepali constitution. According to the new constitution promulgated in 2015, which witnessed widespread protest and bloodshed in the southern plains, has given the authority to Nepalese President to choose Prime Minister from the party which has highest seats in the parliament. The process will start after the EC submits its final results to the President which is likely to be done by the end of December.

More state News

Press tour: Villagers of Kwatha interacts with media persons

Imphal, Dec 11: A 2-day Internal Press Conducted Tour was organized by Directorate of information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur at Kwatha in Tengnoupal District on 8th and 9th December, 2017. The tour was mainly organized to highlight the developmental work and grievances of the villagers of Kwatha Village. Media persons from reputed media agencies including DIPR Staffs took part in the tour. The tour was flagged off by N. Krishnakumar, Deputy Director, IPR, from the DIPR office complex, Keishampat at 8 am on the 8th of December, 2017. The media team was warmly welcomed at the Tengnoupal District Headquarter by Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh, SP, and Rabindra Singh, SDO, Tengnoupal District, on the way to Kwatha. Interacting with the media persons, Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh said that for the time being the SP office is functioning from the office attached to Manipur Rural Bank, as the District is newly formed. The Department is facing difficulties in safeguarding the Indo-Myanmar Border in Tengnoupal District because of the lack of infrastructure and manpower. And so the Police Department along with the Assam Rifles is taking up steps to maintain the law and order situation of the District. Moreover, the District Administration is trying



their level best to meet the demands of the people and bring peace and harmony among the different communities within the jurisdiction of the District, he further added. Rabindra Singh said that even though the District is not up to the ideal level but things are improving and in the next 3-4 months some changes may be seen in the said District. The administration is trying to bridge the gap between the public and the Administration even if there are difficulties in reaching out to the remote areas, he added.

On reaching Kwatha, the media team was welcomed by the village authorities and share the grievances of the villagers. A village authority member interacting with the media team said that the villagers are facing many problems. The main plight of the villagers is the lack of proper road connectivity. Even though there has been some developmental work in the recent days because of the festival, the road leading to Kwatha village is not completed as per the steps taken up by the previous Government and the

present Government. The main source of income for the villagers, fermented Bamboo shoots (Soibum Khangba), has been affected due to flowering of bamboos. It will take upto 10 years to start from the beginning. Cultivation of rice is also at the brink because of the menace of the rodents. Procuring Charcoal (Meitan Louba) becomes the only means but it is seasonal and so the source of income is almost to the level of zero. The villagers will suffer a lot in the coming years and so wanted the Government to look into the matter, he said. He further said that the only means to curb the present situation is to start cultivating vegetables, pineapple, banana plantation etc., suitable to the climatic condition of the area. These are the alternative means to earn income for the livelihood of the villagers. All villagers want the concerned authority and departments to look into the matter to support the villagers for their livelihood, he added. Taking opportunity of the media interaction, the villagers appealed the government to take up the government schemes at the earliest. The media team left the village on the same day and reached DIPR office, Imphal, the next day after halting the night at Moreh, as there is no accommodation facility at Kwatha village.

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