

## Nagas Don't Want to Break Relationship Between Hill and the Valley

**Imphal, Feb 6:** Nagas do not want to break the relationship between the hill and the valley, this was stated by Sugnoo (Thoubal) MLA Kangujam Ranjit Singh. "It will be wrong to blame the Nagas for the present situation of Manipur," Ranjit stated, adding, "In fact the NSCN (IM), led by Thuingaleng Muivah has been spreading hatred amongst the innocent Nagas at gun point." Ranjit continued that the Congress party is a party which has taken big role in the independence struggle of India. "Unlike the BJP, the party is not communally biased to any religious sections of the society." Taking a dig on the demonisation, Ranjit said, "The BJP led government at the center has imposed unnecessary hardship to the people. They should be given a befitting lesson in the coming election."

## Liquor seized

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 6:** A team of Bishnupur police today seized large quantity of local liquor from Bishnupur area at around 5.30 today morning. As per report, the police team seized the liquor while searching a four wheeler vehicle at Bishnupur Keithel. Around 200 litres of Distilled Illicit Country (DIC) Liquor. The vehicle carrying the liquor was also seized.

## SC asks Centre to link all mobile numbers to Aadhaar within 1 year

**New Delhi, Feb. 6:** The Supreme Court on Monday directed Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government to register details of identity of every mobile user within a year. The apex court said that there are over 100 crore mobile subscribers while making it mandatory for all mobile subscribers, including those having pre-paid SIM cards, to have their phone number linked to Aadhaar without fail within one year. The court also directed the Centre to devise a way so that each person with a pre-paid sim would have to fill and deposit a form whenever he or she recharges.

## Traffic along NH 37 disrupted as Makru Bridge collapses

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 6:** Transportation of essential commodities to the state along NH 37 under tight security escort amidst the prolong economic blockade by UNC has been put to

## Five injures in election campaign scuffle

**Imphal, Feb 6:** Five workers of BJP candidate L. Rameshwor of Keirao assembly constituency were injured in an alleged attack by the Congress supporters while the BJP supporters were conducting campaign rally. Rameshwor has appealed to the authority concern to look into the matter and also appealed to the workers to concentrate on their campaign activity instead of disturbing others. "So far we have been proceeding peacefully to campaign for votes and we have neither attacked others nor retaliated to any attacks at us. We want to have a peaceful democratic atmosphere. Let the people elect their representatives of their choice." Said Rameshwor. He said if his opponent congress candidate MLA Karam Thamarjit has wild workers the Keirao constituency will be full of violence and appealed his opponent to have the same feeling of contesting the election in a peaceful manner.

complete halt since early morning today after portion of Makru Bridge has been collapsed. Report reaching here said that the bridge has been already in deteriorating condition with the authority responsible for maintenance of the bridge had failed to provide its service. The BRO was the agency responsible for fixing of the bridge and also for maintenance of the road stretch along NH 37 but yesterday the Union Government had announced to hand over the maintenance and construction work of the High Way to National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. Since the UNC called the economic blockade along the

2 national highways the state government has been ferrying essential commodities including fuel along the NH 37 using large number of security forces. After the condition of the Makru Bridge has been deteriorated and the BRO had allowed crossing of only specific number of loaded trucks, the security forces has been escorting only 300 loaded trucks per day. As the fuel trucks are transported in limited numbers people of the state are facing extreme problem in getting fuel. But as the Bridge has been collapsed ferrying of loaded trucks had been put to complete halt and it is expected that people of the state may once more face scarcity of fuel as well as other essential commodities.

## Former CM Radha Binod Koijam joins BJP

**Imphal, Feb 6:** Former chief minister of Manipur Radhabinod Koijam was today received as a member of BJP at its office in Imphal in a function that released a charge sheet against Congress government. Radhabinod said the Congress government has not been aware of the people and it worried only for its council of ministers and MLAs. The people of Manipur have suffered for the past many years under the Congress regime. It is time for the people to work

under one roof to bring a better Manipur, added Radha Binod. BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav said the wrong doings of the Congress government led by chief minister Okram Ibobi are punishable according to law. He also said in the upcoming election the BJP will defeat the Congress in the valley constituencies and the NPF in the hills. BJP will be the next government in power in the state and Congress will sit in the opposition, added Ram Madhav.

## Manipur Maoist claims attack

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 6:** Maoist Communist Party Manipur, today claims responsibility to the attack on Indian army camp at Sagolmang area in Imphal East on the adjoining night of February 4 and February 5. A statement of the outfit said that the armed cadres of the Maoist Communist Party Manipur has been launching operation to strike at those armed group ensuing suspension of operation with the government, who were

responsible of killing of two workers recently. It further added that the cadres has been conducting operation at various places including Ukhrul district and Saikul area. It said on the adjoining night of Feb 4 and 5 some armed cadres, ensuing SoO with the government were reported to have been present at Saikul area and following that the cadres of Maoist Communist Party rushed the site. But later it was came to know that the cadres had fled the area and took refuge inside the camp of

Indian army located at Sagolmang in Imphal east. The statement said that the cadres fires some round of gunshots and return back as they have not prepared to attack the Indian army post. Moreover, bark wire were seen fencing at the paddy field which lies next to the Indian army post so could not strike more, the statement added. On the other hand the Indian army too tried to find the position of the Maoist cadres using flash light, the statement added.

## MYFA urges Assam CM and Education Minister for inclusion of Manipuri as indigenous “Manipuris” are residing in Assam since time immemorial”

**IT News**  
**Silchar, January 6:** The Manipuri Youths Front Assam, MYFA, today submits a memorandum to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Assam minister Dr.Hemanta Biswa Sharma demanding the inclusion of Manipuri community of Assam as indigenous ethnic community of the state. In their memorandum signed by Seram Herajit Singh, president of MYFA, mentioned that the Manipuri community are coming from neighbouring state Manipur from 300 years ago under

different historical circumstances like war, matrimony and business matter. In their memorandum, the Youths Front also cited many historical points of the earlier settlement of Manipuri in Assam as supportive points. In the said memorandum it is also narrated that the there have good relations between the Ahom kingdom and Manipuri king because of which many Manipuri princes were married to Ahom. From the reliable sources, it is also learnt that as per the report of Census of Assam

1881, the population of Manipuri community in Surma Valley is 47356 while the population of this community in Brahmaputra and Hills tracts is 149 and 115 respectively. From many historical books and documents and also from many research findings, it can be noted that Manipuri community is residing in different parts of Assam before the historic incident of Seven years of devastation. While talking with this correspondence, MYFA supremo S.Herajit, today over the phone from Guwahati,

opined that from the many historical books and documents it is clear that the Manipuri community of Assam is indigenous in nature. So the State government should include Manipuri as indigenous community of the state. He also added that, if the state governments fails to fulfill the demand than the Front will lodge a series of strong democratic form of agitation in near future. Nilu Singh, member of MYFA also attended during their visits to submits memorandum.

## NFP facing wrath from intending candidates after ticket announcement

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Feb 6:** A day after the Central Election Committee of the Naga Peoples' Front (NPF) has finalized the candidates of the party to contest in the upcoming Manipur assembly election, intending candidates of some assembly constituencies has showed its anger to the party leadership. The NPF Central Election Committee had announced names of candidates to contest in 15 assembly constituencies. Supporters of intending candidate of Phunyar Assembly constituency identified as one Hoppingson had vandalized the NFP office at Phungyar over denial of ticket to their candidate. The

NFP had name K Leisho has the NPF candidates from the constituency. On the other hand many NFP members had expressed anger to the allotment of party ticket to Dr. Alexander Pao from Karong Assembly constituency. Five former intending candidates of the same party had threaten to resigned from the party against the issuance of NPF ticket to Dr. Alexander Pao. It is likely that the five candidates field a consensus candidate in the assembly constituency. The NPF also field candidate at Kangpokpi, Saitu and hengelep Assembly constituency. Meanwhile report reaching here said that member of the

ADC Chandel, TS Kanlul Anal has also tender resignation from the NPF for providing ticket to ST Victor Nunglung as NPF candidate for the Chandel Assembly constituency. On the other hand, NPF Chandel sub-division also demanded immediate review of the list of candidates declared by the central election committee of the NPF on February 4. Office bearers of the NPF Chandel Sub Division in a letter to the President of the NPF stated that if the party fails to review the list then the Chandel unit NPF will launch cease work strike in Chandel Assembly constituency with immediate effect.

## Irom Sharmila to Contest against Manipur CM Okram Ibobi Singh

**PTI**  
**Imphal, Feb. 6:** Rights activist Irom Sharmila will contest against Manipur Chief Minister and Congress candidate Okram Ibobi Singh from Thoubal constituency in the Assembly elections to be held next month. Sharmila will contest from Thoubal seat, convenor of her party People's Resurgence and Justice Alliance (PRJA) Erendro Leichonbam, said. Known for her fight against Armed Forces Special Powers Act, Sharmila is a political greenhorn while Congress has been in power in Manipur for

three successive terms under Ibobi Singh. Congress on February 3 had released a list of 60 candidates for Manipur Assembly elections, with Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh contesting Thoubal seat. In August last year, the 44-year-old Iron Lady broke her 16-year-old hunger strike, the world's longest such campaign, and declared that she wants to become the chief minister so that she could press for repeal of the contentious AFSPA. While launching her party PRJA in October last year,

Sharmila had said she would contest from two seats - Thoubal and Khurai. While she belongs to Khurai, Thoubal is the Assembly constituency of the Chief Minister. Leichonbam said the party has already started campaigning in Thoubal for Sharmila. However, there is no word yet about her contesting Khurai seat. Leichonbam said PRJA, which recently was allotted 'whistle' as the party's symbol, is likely to field altogether 10 candidates for the Assembly elections to be held on March 4 and 8.

## Nagaland cabinet to submit memorandum to PM to exempt it Part IX A of Constitution

**Dimapur, Feb. 6:** Nagaland cabinet has decided to submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister to issue an ordinance to exempt the state from the provision of Part IX A of the Constitution which deals with the municipalities. According to a communique issued by the media cell of Chief Minister's Office, the decision was taken in an emergency meeting of the state Cabinet, was attended by special invitees comprising legislators

from all tribes yesterday. The decision comes in the wake of various tribal organisations opposing elections to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) with 33 per cent reservation of seats for women and demanding the resignation of Chief Minister T R Zeliang and his cabinet. However, the agitating tribal bodies and civil societies rejected the decision, saying it is a total sellout of the Article 371(A) of the Constitution

which accords special provisions to the state of Nagaland. Nagaland Tribes Action Committee (NTAC) Kohima has expressed shock over the decision. NTAC Kohima convener K T Vilie and secretary C T Jamir in a release said the people of Nagaland are aware that the State Assembly is empowered to make laws and amend them as per a need of the State as empowered by Article 371 (A) of the Constitution

## NTAC shocks over Nagaland cabinet decision

**Kohima, Feb 6:** Nagaland Tribes Action Committee, NTAC Kohima has expressed shock over the decision of State Cabinet to submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister to amend the provision of Part IX A of the Constitution. NTAC Kohima convener K T Vilie and secretary C T Jamir in a release said that the people of Nagaland are aware that the State Assembly is empowered to make laws and amend them as per a need of the State as empowered by Article 371 (A) of the Constitution. This move of the Cabinet, NTAC Kohima said is sheer mockery of the state Assembly itself, the Democracy of the state and

the people of the state in general. It also termed that the decision of the Cabinet is a total sell-out of Article 371 (A). Therefore, NTAC Kohima said the decision also confirms the urgency of the demand for the resignation of the Chief Minister T R Zeliang before further damage to the state is done. Meanwhile, Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation, ENPO has resolved to extend support and total solidarity to the resolutions adopted and demanded by NTAC and JCC to restrict opening of government offices and movement of government vehicles till the demands were fulfilled.