

## Nagaland Political crisis

**Kohima, July 16:** 43 NPF MLAs led by NPF Legislature Party Leader TR Zeliang along with Lok Sabha MP Neiphiu Rio yesterday met Governor PB Acharya and apprised him of the present crisis in the Government. MLA & NPF Spokesperson Tokheho Yephomi in a release said the 43 elected MLAs are mandated by the people to run the affairs of the State and under no circumstances can these MLAs be termed as trouble makers or imposters. He insisted that the incumbent Chief Minister Dr. Shihzoelie Liezietsu, who is not elected, has been running the affairs of the State for the last 8-9 days with just 11 MLAs, which is totally unimaginable and has never happened in the history of India. Defending Acharya directive for floor test, Tokheho said that the Governor is doing so as per the Constitutional provisions and requirements. In a separate release, Press Secretary to NPF Legislature Party Leader Azeu Namcyin Hau said that the 43 legislators pointed out the abnormal functioning style of the incumbent Chief Minister was totally unacceptable. According to the release, Acharya maintained that whoever proved majority must run the government. The Governor said BJP-NPF alliance must not be broken for stability and development. Zeliang also said that the minority Government headed by Dr. Shihzoelie should be asked to step down honorably instead of heading to the legal battlefield to cling on to power. The release said MP Rio cited the "dictatorial and autocratic attitude" of the incumbent Chief Minister. He said the Chief Minister does not want to reconcile with anybody, not in the interest of the Party or in the interest of the Naga people.

## Notice for 2<sup>nd</sup> Counseling

**Imphal, July 15:** As per a notice issued by the Controller of Technical Education, Manipur, some seats are vacant for admission in 1<sup>st</sup> Year Diploma in Engineering Courses in the Government Polytechnic, Imphal for the academic session 2017-18. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Counseling will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at the Multipurpose Hall of the Government Polytechnic, Takyel, Imphal at 11:00 a.m. in order of Merit list of the Combined Entrance Test for Admission in Diploma Engineering held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. Willing Candidates who have applied for the said examination should bring their Original testimonials at the Counseling, the notice states.

## Removal of locals from key posts not unexpected: RPF

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**Imphal, July 16:** Asserting that over the years even after the forced merger of Manipur into India in 1949 the latter has not changed its imperialist outlook when dealing with the former, the Revolutionary People's Party has admitted that it is not surprising that officers from mainland India were co-opted into key position in administrative positions like the advisor to the chief minister, chief secretary, chief justice, chancellor of university, deputy commissioner and heads of different offices among others. The seed of installing puppet governments in Manipur had sprouted with the signing of the instrument of merger on September 21 and it has worked as planned by the imperialist to promote a hegemonic rule. This was stated in a press release issued by the RPF yesterday. It added that it is also not surprising that MLAs, bureaucrats, high ranking police officers and cohorts in their corruption ring have wrongfully amassed quite a large amount of money meant for development and

## Tree Planted

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**Imphal, July 16:** As part of the 68<sup>th</sup> Van Mahotsav Bharat Swabhimana Trust and Patanjali Yoga Samiti Imphal West District, Chingamkha College Road Youths Development Association and 6<sup>th</sup> Assam Rifles E Coy of Chinga Post today planted tree saplings at Chinga Hill. Y Khemchan, Speaker also attended the tree plantation program which was held under the theme of United Nation world environment day observation "Connecting people to Nature". Y Khemchan appeals to the people to water the planted trees on daily basis so that it grow up well and help in protecting the environment.

welfare schemes of the people for their own pocket without investing them on the concerned projects. It further added black laws are put into effect so that genocide and inter-ethnic conflicts can be orchestrated and put at risk the lives and health of many persons. The outfit also charged that the Indian government is playing divisive policies and ignoring right to self determination under democratic and international law. The influx of illegal migrants to the state has created a demographic terror, cautioned RPF. It further added that small products of the region particularly the indigenous crops and other handloom products has been slowly dominated by the outsiders and finally making the people dependent to the outsiders has suppressed the dignity of the manipuri day after another.

## Site inspected

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**Imphal, July 16:** Art and Culture Minister L Jayantakumar along with local MLA, Parliamentary Secretary and other government officials inspected Wakha Ching and its surrounding areas for the construction of Manipur University of Culture, here today. Speaking to the media persons during his visit at the site said that construction of Culture University in the state is one of the major projects for the government. The construction work of the university was delayed due to the recent floods in the state, he added. Jayantakumar appeals the people of the area to extend full cooperation for the successful implementation of the culture university project and the local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary to take the key role of the project.

## Those opposing Framework Agreement are anti-peace, anti-Naga: NSCN(IM)

**By: Samudra Gupta Kashyap Guwahati, July 16:** The NSCN(IM) on Saturday reaffirmed its faith in the Framework Agreement that its leaders had signed with the government of India in August 2015, described it as one that would protect "the right, the identity, the land and the future of the Nagas", and at the same time said those opposed to the agreement were "anti-Naga National Issue and anti-peace process." A crucial joint council meeting of the NSCN(IM)'s steering committee and the Council of Kiloners (members of its own government) held on July 12, in a resolution also said that the NSCN(IM) and government of India had signed the Framework

Agreement as "two entities" and that it was signed "in consideration of the sovereign right of the Nagas and the security interest of India." "The historic Agreement, which was made in consideration of the sovereign right of the Nagas and the security interest of India, will protect the right, the identity, the land and the future of the Nagas," a press release issued by the NSCN(IM)'s media wing, said. The press release, quoting another resolution of the meeting said that individuals or organizations that were opposed to the Framework Agreement would be termed as "anti-Naga National Issue and anti-peace process." The NSCN(IM) and its

## JAC Anti Tribal Bills lobbying central leadership for separate administration of Outer Manipur

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**Imphal, July 16:** A joint delegation of the Joint Action Committee Against Anti-Tribal Bills (JAC) and representatives from Mizoram's apex civil society organizations and political parties are in New Delhi since July 11 this year to appraise the Union Government of the situation pertaining to some of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the JAC and Manipur Government by emphasizing the need for a separate administrative setup for the tribal people of Outer Manipur including the Zo (Chin-Kuki-Zomi/Mizo) descendants of Southern Manipur. A statement by the JAC said that the joint delegation met various Union Government officials and leaders from the North East Region including Pu R.N. Ravi, the Interlocutor

for the ongoing Indo-Naga Peace Talks. With the Indo-Naga Framework Agreement expected to conclude soon, the joint delegation from Manipur and Mizoram appraised the Interlocutor of the mounting apprehensions and concerns of the Zo people in present Manipur; the undying aspiration of the Zo people for integration of their ancestral lands was also discussed at length. The representatives from Mizoram also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's Office as well as the Ministry of Home Affairs, and presented a copy of the same to Pu R.N. Ravi which describes the historically distinct identity of the Zo people of Manipur and stressed on the need for them to be able to determine their own future. It also dwelled on

the marginalization of the Zo people in Manipur and called for the fulfilment of their enduring desire for integration of Zo ancestral lands under the same administrative unit. The memorandum was signed by various civil society organizations and political parties of Mizoram including the Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA), Mizoram Upa Pawl (MUP), Mizo Hmeichhe Insiuhkhawm Pawl (MHIP), Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), Mizo Students' Union (MSU), Zo Re-unification Organization (ZoRO), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mizoram State, Indian National Congress - Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC), Mizo National Front (MNF), Zoram Nationalist Party (ZNP) and Mizoram People's Conference (MPC). It may be noted here that two

months have passed since the signing of the MoU between the JAC and Manipur Government in the presence of a witness from the Ministry of Home Affairs, but some of the points of understanding are yet to see the light of the day. With the Government stating its readiness in the MoU to provide all financial assistance for the construction of Tribal Martyrs Park and Tribal Martyrs Hall, ground work for the Park at Mata Dam, Lamka was initiated by the JAC with borrowed funds and contributions from well-wishers with the hope that the same may be ready for inauguration on Tribal Unity Day (August 31, 2017); however, the State Government is yet to release any amount towards the construction of both Tribal Martyrs Park at Lamka as well as Tribal Martyrs Hall at Singnat.

## 1 day cleaning program

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**Imphal, July 16:** MLA L Radhakishore, Chairman of Manipur Pollution Control Board today appeals the people of the state not to dispose any kind of solid waste wherever or anywhere they want. Speaking on the sideline on the occasion of one day cleaning program at Thangal Bazar, Thangmeiband Watham Leirak and Muchi Leirak organised by Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency Development Forum, MLA Radhakishore said that under the NAMAMI Mission efforts will be made to clean the major rivers in the state which falls into Loktak Lake. Radhakishore also said that as approved by the central pollution control board, quality monitoring cell will be set up at old assembly road. In Imphal west areas, Khurai Lamlong, Singjamei, Kwakeithel, Tera, Unipok etc to monitor the air pollution in the state on daily basis.

## Bangladesh: 4 islamic militants surrendered in Dhaka



**By: Siam Sarower Jamil Dhaka, July 16:** Four suspected Islamic extremists surrendered to law enforcers Sunday following a massive raid being conducted at a suspected militant hideout in Chaurabari area of Nayarhat village in Savar since Saturday night. Mufti Mahmud Khan, director of legal and media wing of Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) confirmed the news to the Morning Star. Earlier, the law enforcers called on the extremists several times for surrender. Mufti Mahmud Khan said,

Tipped-off that the house was being resided by extremists, the battalion personnel cordoned-off the house around 1:00am. Other residences of the nearby houses were evacuated, he said. The extremists opened fire on the law enforcers around 3:00am, Mufti Mahmud continued. They also opened fire targeting the battalion members some time before 7:00am when RAB also retreated, he said. He said they assume presence of more than one extremist inside the house but it is not possible to say their numbers

right now. Meanwhile, the owner of the house was taken into RAB's custody and being interrogated, the battalion official said. He, however, did not disclose the name of the house owner immediately. "It is not possible to say which extremist organisation they belong to but it is certain that they are Islamic extremists", he added. Meanwhile, locals and journalists present at the spot heard several gunshots and also saw smoke coming out of the house.

## NEFIS welcomes Supreme Court order directing CBI to conduct investigation into cases of extra-judicial killings!

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**Imphal, July 16:** North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) said it welcomes the order of Supreme Court directing Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to conduct inquiry into the cases of extra-judicial killings in Manipur by the Army, the Assam Rifles and Manipur Police. In a statement the NEFIS said that the present ruling also pointed out the compromised nature of the investigation which would result if one depended on the State Police

to probe such cases. It should be known that Manipur Police has not registered any FIRs at the behest of the kin of those killed in encounters. This decision is a step ahead in repealment of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) which gives soldiers sweeping powers to arrest or interrogate people in "disturbed areas" or states dealing with separatists or insurgents. This law has been used by the army to use draconian measures against Indian people.

By denying the right to rule of law, the Indian state has kept North-East people relegated to the status of second class citizenry in the country that claims itself to be the world's largest democracy, the statement said. "While NEFIS welcomes this move as a vindication of democratic movement against AFSPA, one has to see what more can be achieved on the ground. It awaits the repeal of AFSPA, only which could restore civil liberties in the North-East" the NEFIS statement said.