

Editorial

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Leading from the front

The alacrity with which the Chief Minister personally took up the task of looking into the issue of supplying sub-standard commodities and items to the state security personnel after reports of sub-standard belts being supplied to the security personnel started doing the rounds on a social media website. The incident bodes well for the state and its public in more ways than one, and is sure to be a comforting thought to many when leaders come out in the open with wrongdoings and assure the people of handing out appropriate punishment to those involved in such misdeeds which affects the public one way or the other.

Given the rather lethargic response from the authorities during such uncomfortable unearthing by the previous governments for so long making the public to reluctantly accept and expect a similar response, the promptness of action on the part of the Chief Minister comes as a pleasant surprise to almost everybody in Manipur. Displaying his eagerness to bring the system in line with the aspirations of the people and the regulations under which it is expected to perform, Biren has succeeded in conveying the message of integrity and earnestness in discharging duties in the public domain. It has been a while since the people of Manipur saw a leader leading from the front and admitting to mistakes and more importantly, displaying earnest intent to address the same.

Another encouraging sign that the CM is a keen observer and follower of the trends, views and news of the state and its people has been confirmed with the latest incident. He has been known not only to air his views and opinions on matters of public importance since a long time, but also to interact with the public on social media thus making him accessible and approachable even if not in person, but through the social media and thus helping break down another social and political barrier that has stood between the leaders and the public for as long as one would care to remember. In order for a good leader to decide in various matters of public importance, it is vital to keep a tab on the pulse of the society and Biren is wise enough not to repeat the fatal mistake of his predecessors who, once elected, became the untouchables, approached only through channels that needs to be oiled and buttered - an abhorrent system developed and maintained to safeguard the interests of the very few indulging in blatant nepotism and cronyism.

The early signs are good, and despite the air of cautious distrust that is steadily being blown away, the Chief Minister now need to display the same eagerness and intent in finding out those involved in various forms of malpractices and in doling out punishments befitting the crimes without further delay as only a system of swift and impersonal governance and administration can win the trust of the public as well garner their invaluable support and assistance without which the grandest of ideas or the best of intents will come to naught. Action speaks louder than words.

Natl. News

Peace process with ULFA set to move fresh

Northeast News Agency Guwahati, June 8: After a huge gap, the peace initiative with United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) is set to move fresh.

Newly appointed peace interlocutor Dineswar Sarma hunkered down with a team of pro-talk rebel leaders in Guwahati on Wednesday. Sarma, who earlier served as Inspector General of Police in the state had a closed-door meeting with the ULFA delegation led by its leader Anup Chetia where both sides agreed to carry forward the peace process to find out a solution to the decades-old conflict, sources said.

Sarma, who replaced PC Haldar recently hoped that the solution is not far provided help and cooperation are received from the stakeholders.

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More State News

'Small reforms should be mingled to bring a transformation'

DIPR Imphal, June 8: The 5-day photo exhibition organised by The Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on the theme: "Sath Hai Vishwas Hai Ho Raha Vikas Hai" began yesterday at Phojing, Konthoujam A/C, Imphal West.

Rajya Sabha MP & President, BJP Manipur Pradesh, Ksh Bhabananda, Station Director in Charge, AIR, Imphal, Dilip Mayengbam, IPR Director, Meghachandra Kongbam and MCO, PIB Imphal, Loitam Premalata Devi graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest, President & Guests of Honour respectively.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Ksh Bhabananda expressed the Photo Exhibition may be treated as 3 years progress report of the Central Government in which the public can witness what the Government has done and what can be taken up further. He appraised the decision making power of Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and his innovative ideas to led administrative changes and improvement to fight against the problems of terrorism and Corruption.

With the new Government there is a paradigm shift from VIP culture to Every Person is Important (EPI) and small reforms should be mingled to bring transformation in the Country



the MP Rajya Sabha. He also expressed the importance of successful implementation process rather than just giving subsidies and made an assurance that the incumbent Chief Minister of Manipur will bring a big change in the state with his bold decision making process.

Highlighting on the main theme of the exhibition "Sath Hai Vishwas Ho Raha Vikas Hai", Meghachandra Kongbam said that the exhibition is a kind of mela showing the achievements of the Central Government within a time period of 3 years. He applauded the Government for going together with the public by staying away from the VIP culture.

Meghachandra Kongbam stated that the Government has been making various Policies and Schemes for the welfare of the citizens in hills and remote areas for the overall development of the Country. He also advised the students about the importance of the photos displaying

the details of schemes for gaining knowledge for Civil Services Examination.

Delivering the welcome address to the gathering, Loitam Premalata said that the Central Govt. has launched around 105 schemes till March 2017 however some schemes are yet to be implemented in Manipur also. She also stated that the main objective of the photo-exhibition is to give awareness to the beneficiaries about the utility of various schemes of the Government.

Dilip Mayengbam stated that development is near for India with all the important welfare Schemes of the Central Government and there has been a big shift in the status of the country in international level since 2014 with the new Government at the Centre. India has now become a priority country for developed countries to become an ally.

News Editor AIR, Imphal, Shri Aribam Ibomcha Sharma, IIS & many school students also participated in the event.

Contd. from yesterday issue

Nagas Neo-resistance Approach

By: Dr. Aaron Lungleng

Later, the Naga Hills District Tribal Council (NHDTC) reorganized into a political organization called the Naga National Council (NNC) on the 2nd of February 1946. Mayangnokcha Ao was elected as the President. During the period of the NNC (1964-1975) Naga polity attained the highest peak that was to establish a sovereign independent Naga country. It was the worst of time yet the best of time to settle Indo-Naga conflict. It was during NNC time, the foundation of signing an agreement laid for peaceful Indo-Naga settlement between Gol and the Nagas. The 9 Point Agreement/ Hydari Agreement that recognized the right of the Nagas to develop themselves according to their freely expressed will yet, the 9 point agreement is taken as non-existent after gaining control of Nagalim through military might by the modern day colonialist (India).

Soon as the slogan of sovereign states "a completely natural independent" was raised with the indomitable spirit that spark for the Free Naga Nation and self-determination, India shrewdly designed a divide and rule policy inherited from the British colonial rule which resulted to the birth of the "non-ever sectional demand" (the present Nagaland state) by carving out a selected area of ancestral Nagalim to doze off Nagas dream as a free people once and for all. Indian policy of disintegration was materialized by the Naga moderates commonly known as the Naga People Convention (NPC) in 1963. Further, they (the Indianize Nagas) tried to assimilate and acculturate all the Nagas be it revolutionaries or the general civil Nagas into the mainstream of India.

The first cease fire (Sept. 1964- Oct 1967) between the two nations (India-Naga) reached at the intervention of R. Suisa (ex-MP & Tatar Hoho Member of the NNC), Bertrand Russel, Rev. Michael Scott and the churches of Nagalim on 6th Sept. 1964. AZ. Phizo head the NNC who since 1956 been in the overseas seeking foreign assistance in attaining Naga Independence while Smt. Indira Gandhi holds the government of India who succeeded the first Indian Prime Minister. Indo-Naga entered into cease fire for the second time in 1972 but, abruptly broke out in 1957 without

any lasting solution. According to Mullik (My Year with Nehru), the efforts of the peace talk proposal failed because Gol refused to withdraw its Army from the Naga areas and the Nagas refused for negotiation of a political settlement within the constitution of India. The best of times was turned down by the then leaders who plainly rejected the proposal of R. Suisa (1966) which he had deliberately discussed with the Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi who also conveyed her willingness to negotiate a Bhutan type status for Nagaland in a separate entity. The short sightedness blinded by totalitarian insisted to refuse any Naga Leaders to accept anything less than complete/full independent for self-determination of the Naga people.

The invincible NNC faded from suzerainty in the Nagas struggle for self-determination soon after the signing of the Shillong Accord in 1975 on the 11th day of the 11th month without any condition accepted the constitution of India and surrendered their arms to the Gol. The dream of the free Naga people to become a sovereign nation and to take her rightful place in Asia's new chapter in history shattered on this very day. It was the representatives of the NNC responsible to the Naga National Government (you name it whatever) that signed the agreement, therefore; it was the NNC that capitulated, betrayed and humiliated the Naga nation in the highest act of treason. Observe whether the allegation to NNC stands logical consistency or otherwise.

Had the accord out rightly not been condemned to salvage the Naga nation as well as had not the courage with a vision to form a new revolutionary government (National Socialist Council of Nagalim) in 1980 on the 21st of March, Nagas are left to rootless people without a history, but remain a mere Indian (whether you are a distinct being either in biological or cultural). Own brothers and leaders may forsake but Gol never forsake! By the grace of the Almighty and by the virtue of visionary statesmanship Isak Chishi Swu and Th. Muivah the Nagas are taken to the greater height from neighboring nations to the international platforms that India cannot hide the Nagas reality any longer, but force to be more pragmatic rather

than using colonial abusive policy.

Realizing that there is no glory in war and conflict, but, only leads to destruction of humanity by the two national entities, the historic Indo-Naga political imbroglio, a ceasefire and peace talk was agreed upon by the then Prime Minister of India, Narasimha Rao and President of NSCN, Isak Chishi Swu and Gen. Secretary NSCN, Th. Muivah to settle Naga issues amicably through political means as the matter was purely a political stalemate. Ever since, ceasefire between the Government of India and the NSCN (I-M) extend indefinitely notwithstanding the core issues but to remain elusive subjected to the progress of the talks until the "Framework Agreement" that signed on August 3, 2015. The FA has not yet been publicly known, but NSCN leaders interpreted to it as enduring peaceful co-existence of the two entities within the concept of share sovereignty. Th. Muivah in his address on its "38th Republic Day" asserted that the historic Framework Agreement recognizes the unique history, identity, sovereignty and territories of the Nagas. It also recognizes the legitimate right of the Nagas to integrate all Naga territories. On the other hand, the prime peace envoys (Gol) wherever they got interpreted according to their suited political conveniences and gain which paramount Indo-Naga peace deal to a mere "Indian electoral politics". On top of that, in the midst of signing the framework to settle Indo-Naga political problem, she is frantically fencing Indo-Myanmar border where half part of Nagalim is conquered by the Myanmar military junta. It is observed that Indo- Naga political problem is not Indian unitary states dispute, but

pertaining to modern colonial issues indistinguishable with suppression by might when Nagas refused to join the Indian Union, thus, "Uniqueness of Naga History" stands undisputed and unparalleled with any merged Indian unitary states due to the Naga non-consent to Indian Union ever since or before Indian Independent in 1947. So, the Nagas political issues cannot be equally labeled with other struggling people and the doctrine of Indo-Naga political settlement cannot be borrowed by any people that have assented to Indian Union.

If Indian constitution is a legal law to the Indian, the Gol should not shy away from confronting what is right from the beginning. Dividing the Nagas is clearly revealed by Nehru "One of their grievances is that under our constitution, we split them up in different political areas. Whether it is possible or desirable to bring them together again is for us to consider. Also, what measure of autonomy we should give them so that they can lead their own lives without any sensation of interferences (Secret personal letter from Nehru to Medhi, No. 1116-PMH/ 56, New Delhi, May 13 1956). Therefore, under no circumstances, integration (the birth rights) of Nagas cannot be stopped by any land and people.

Further, as India is a member country of the United Nations Organization as well as a signatory member state of the Global Human Rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Right (UDHR) that enshrine basic Human Rights (Art. XV. Everyone has the right to a nationality. (To be contd....))

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