

## Chief Minister N. Biren proves majority by voice vote; Y. Khemchand elected Speaker

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**Imphal, March 20:** BJP government led by Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh today win the vote confidence in the Assembly floor by voice vote today while BJP MLA Yumnam Khemchand has been elected as the Speaker of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly by defeating the congress rival Govindas Konthoujam on voice vote in the house today.

32 MLAs, leaving aside the Speaker, supported the BJP Chief Minister in the floor test today. Even as BJP manage to get only 21 seat in the house of sixty, the party is supported by 4 NPP MLAs and 4 NPF



MLAs some of whom who had been inducted in the N Biren Singh cabinet ministry and the lone LJP MLA as well as the lone Trinamool Congress MLA, a Congress MLA and one Independent MLA supported the Chief Minister N.Biren. It is now clear that

Nongthombam Biren is the new Chief Minister and upto six month there is no way to create any obstacle to the new BJP led government of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly. On the other hand, BJP MLA Yumnam Khemchand who got elected from the Singjamei Assembly Constituency has

been elected as the Speaker of the 11<sup>th</sup> Manipur Legislative Assembly by defeating Govindas Konthoujam of the Congress. Soon after the new speaker has been elected, a meeting of the business advisory board was convened to begin the session.

## Detained UNC leaders released unconditionally; Grand reception held at Senapati Town Hall

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 20:** Following the lifting of the 139 days economic blockade on both the national Highways, charged sheet frame against two leaders of the United Naga Council (UNC) Gaidon Kamei and S. Stephen Lamkang had been withdrawn and the CJM Imphal East today released both the leaders.

A grand reception function of the two UNC leaders – President Gaidon Kamei and Publicity secretary Stephen Sk was held today at Senapati Town hall today.



The two leaders were released after an agreement was reached between the government of India, Manipur Government and the UNC in yesterday's tripartite talk held at Senapati district head quarter. Gaidon and Stephen were produced today at 10.30 am at the CJM Imphal East court and later released from there. Talking to reporters UNC President Gaidon Kamei appreciated the move of the new N. Biren Singh led BJP

coalition government for understanding the sentiments of the Naga people. Whether or not the UNC's strong stand for revocation of the formation of the 7 new districts will be the agenda of the understanding, leaders of the UNC, had not spelled out anything on the matter saying that the grievances of the Naga people (UNC) has been fully endorsed by the new state government. Yesterday too after the

tripartite meeting, general secretary of the UNC, Milan had stated that the government of Manipur had agreed to start consultation with all stake holders to redress the issue arising out of the prolonged economic blockade. At Imphal East CJM Court today, soon after the two UNC leaders were released, UNC representatives said that issues of the UNC will be discussed in the next political level talk.

## Teenage student found dead with still-born baby

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, March.20:** A teenage girl student set to appear the class XII exam conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM) starting today was found dead early today morning with a still born baby beside her. What is more shocking is that the umbilical cord of the still born baby was found connected with its dead mother.

Both the dead bodies of the teenage mother and the infant were found inside a pond at Irengband under Kakching Police Station.

The deceased has been identified as Laitonjam Sanalembi Chanu (age 18) daughter of L. Rohidas @ Inaobi of Irengband Hawairou Laibung leitai.

According to family members, the girl was a student of Kakching Higher Secondary School preparing to appear the class XII Science

examination which starts today. She reportedly went out of her home yesterday evening. Family members assumed her to have eloped with her boyfriend and have been waiting for traditional formalities from the groom's family.

However, after report about a

death body found inside a pond not far from her home they went to the site where her slipper was found near the pond. The body was later fished out of the pond and family members identified the deceased teenager. Shocking part is that a still born infant with the umbilical cord still attached

to its mother was also found. Police team had registered a case against the incident and the death body has been deposited at RIMS morgue. The family member seems to know the identity of the boyfriend of the deceased and as per report reaching here the boyfriend is now absconding.



## Congress will fight tooth & nail to any attempt on dist. roll back

**Imphal, March 20:** The Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) welcoming the lifting of economic blockade imposed by the United Naga Council (UNC), warned that it would fight tooth and nail if the BJP government rolls back the creation of seven new districts in Manipur.

Nambol MLA N Loken, opposition leader and former Chief Minister of Manipur

Okram Ibobi Singh said that the Congress party will not accept any move or attempt of the BJP to roll back the decision of the seven new districts in Manipur. He reiterated that creation of the new districts was purely for the purpose of administrative convenience considering the hardship of the people.

"Will the BJP leave the people of Manipur to suffer and die

by remaining a silent spectator and allowing the economic blockade to continue had it not come to power?" asked Ibobi. He opined that the manner the economic blockade was lifted was suspicious and reeked of raw hunger for power of BJP.

Expressing his appreciation to Prime Minister Modi for materializing his commitment given to the people of Manipur in lifting the

blockade, Ibobi said that it would be very unfortunate and tantamount to "murder of democracy" if all the initiative taken up by the BJP was only to come to power.

"It would be most unfortunate if the blockade was planned between the BJP and the UNC which is a frontal organization of NSNC-IM, just to bring itself in to power at the cost of the suffering of the people", he asserted.

## All India entrance examination for admission to the under-graduate programme (AIEEA – UG-2017) to be conducted

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**Imphal, March 20:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> All India Entrance Examination for Admission (AIEEA) to the Under-Graduate Programme in Agriculture & Allied Courses will be conducted by the ICAR, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The intending

candidates for the Academic Session 2017-18 as State Nominee may apply for the 22<sup>nd</sup> AIEEA 2017. The selection of the state nominees will be done according to the merit (marked scored) basis of the said examination. The willing candidates must

have been passed or appearing in the 10 + 2 Examination with the subjects of physics, chemistry and biology/agriculture/mathematics. The online application form and other details for the examination can be obtained from the ICAR website www.icar.org.in.

## All India Federation of self financed colleges urged Govt to pay attention towards small colleges of the Country

**Imphal, March 20:** To highlight the problems being faced by thousands of technical institutions of India, 2<sup>nd</sup> executive committee meeting of All India Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (AIFSFTI) was organized. Dr. Anshu Kataria, President and Sri R S Munirathnam, Chief Patron addressed the meeting and urged central Government to

save the small dying self financing technical institutions of India. Sri R S Munirathnam, Chief Patron while discussing about faculty ratio said that KAW committee has recommended faculty ratio as 1:25, where in AICTE, the prescribed ratio is 1:15. Munirathnam requested HRD to consider the request of KAW committee and fix the

faculty ratio as 1:25. Sri KVK Rao, General Secretary while speaking said that there should be level playing field for all type of Institutions including Private Universities, Deemed Universities, Self financed Colleges etc. He said that as AICTE, Indian Nursing Council (INC), Dental Council of India (DCI), Medical Council of India (MCI), Central Council of

Indian Medicine (CCIM) etc regulates and allots the intake capacity, admission process, administration process, eligibility process, examination process, syllabi, fee structure etc of private colleges, on the similar pattern private universities and deemed universities should be brought under the ambit of AICTE or the state regulatory body.

## NSCN-K sets to observe 38<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

### S.S. Khaplang greets colleagues of WESEA region, calls on educated youths to join the struggle

**IT News**  
**Imphal, March 20:** Naga rebel group the NSCN-K led by S.S. Khaplang is all set to observe its 38<sup>th</sup> Republic Day tomorrow. On the eve of the observance, President of the armed outfit, S. S. Khaplang greets the revolutionary fraternities of WESEA region and also to the people of the region who had extended support to the liberation movement.

In his message the President calls on educated youth of the region to join and strengthen the National Liberation struggle under the leadership of the NSCN/GPRN.

"For several decades, the GOI have been playing diabolical and divisive policies to wreck the "Naga National Movement" as a result many whimsical and fickle minded leaders and groups have succumbed to these conspiracies and their chapters disgracefully terminated and consigned to sad memories only. It is inevitable that in a vexed revolutionary struggle, there will appear many

created reactionaries to sabotage the authentic movement. The NSCN/GPRN had however, successfully weathered all the political turbulences and managed to salvage the Naga struggle from decimation. The NSCN/GPRN now stands as the lone legitimate political authority fighting for the inherent freedom, identity and rights of the Nagas. The NSCN/GPRN in particular is avowed to carry on the fight to the last man standing", Khaplang writes in his message.

He stated that since the ancient times, the Nagas lived as free, sovereign village republics and the status quo was further reaffirmed in a historic Plebiscite of 1951, where in 99.9% Nagas voted to remain independent. Whereas, the GOI refused to acknowledge the sovereign existence and rights of the Nagas and commenced outright military aggression upon the Nagas setting off thus, one of the most protracted and vicious political conflicts in the region. Though numerically miniscule and lacking in resources,

with indomitable spirit, the Nagas began counter colonisation with every resource available at our disposal. All out armed confrontation between India and Nagas ensued in the year 1955 with massive deployment of Indian troops all over Naga inhabited territory, the armed group present added.

Recalling on how the Naga freedom movement struggled, Khaplang said that during the formative stages of the struggle, the Nagas sought assistances from abroad and during 1960's, the Nagas undertook Alee commands (foreign missions) to Pakistan and China and received military trainings, weapons, indoctrinations etc to fight and repeal the occupational forces from Naga country.

He further stated that The Nagas remain indebted to these two sympathetic countries for providing the much needed moral and material help during the most critical stages of the struggle. The Kachin brothers also provided food and

shelter and the KIO/KIA escorted the Naga Alee Command groups and assisted us in every possible ways to and fro China while en-route Kachinland. The unreserved love and support, the Kachin brothers extended to the Nagas remains recorded with deep gratitude.

"The Nagas foreign policy is non-violent, the Nagas are friendly and peace loving people always desiring to co-exist peacefully with all her neighbouring countries. We neither covet from our neighbours not an inch of land nor do we tolerate any ulterior designs to infringe upon our rights or encroach into our ancestral homeland. However taking advantage of the friendliness of the Nagas, the occupational forces intruded into our country and forcefully occupied our land and subjected our people. The Naga therefore in upholding our inherent right responded to the aggression and continues to fight to this day," Khaplang added.