

# NSCN-K impeaches its Chairman Lt. Gen. Khango

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National Socialist Council of Nagaland ( NSCN – K had impeached its chairman Khango Konyak, and elected the outfit's founding chairman, late Shangwang Shangyung Khaplang's nephew, Yung Aung as the new 'acting chairman' of the organisation. It may be recalled after NSCN leader Khaplang passed away last year, the leadership was handed over to the senior most leader Khango Konyak. The communiqué signed by emergency session chairman, Kilonser Chowangsing stated that impeachment motion was conducted in compliance with the constitution of the NSCN. Khango has been found guilty of violating the party principles on various charges including 'Absolute control of power and functions without collective leadership.' "His impeachment had become necessary to save the party from further breakdown and confusion. All powers, functions and privileges he has been enjoying have been withdrawn", the press communiqué said. Following his impeachment, Yung Aung shall have been given charged as the new chairman as decided by the NSCN, the released added. The statement mentions that the party shall reserve its respect and honour for Lt.Gen. Khango in his position as the senior-most party member. Recognizing his long service the NSCN allowed a safe passage for him from the party unharmed. Aung, 45 years old, studied in Manipur till his graduation and is known to be an expert

in martial arts and polo. As per reported at times of India, Khango has left the NSCN (K) headquarters in Sagaing region of Myanmar along with some of his loyalists. Few top leaders of Indian-origin are believed to have gone with Khango. When Khaplang, a Hemi Naga from Myanmar, died in June last year and the leadership was passed on to Khango Konyak, a Naga from India, it gave Indian government hopes of breakthrough with the outfit, the only Naga outfit which is outside the peace process, as it tries to work out an all-inclusive solution to the Naga political problem. Indian security forces believed that would always be easier to talk to the leadership of Indian origin than that of Myanmar. NSCN (K) abrogated the ceasefire with the Indian government in 2015. Apart from Khango, the outfit's powerful army commander, Niki Sumi, is also an Indian-origin Naga. The NSCN(K), which is based in Myanmar, wants an agreement with the Myanmar government to cover ethnic Nagas living in India who are known as western nagas. Those in Myanmar are locally known as eastern Nagas but the outfits believe that both belong to one Naga territory despite the international border dividing them. NSCN (K) has a ceasefire agreement with Myanmar since April 2012 and has refrained from clashes since 2000. Recently the Myanmar government has made it clear that it would not allow NSCN (K) to sign the national peace agreement if does not give up its demand for separation.

## Tree plantation at Machengpat, Andro



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Members of Machengpat Youth Club Andro along with councillor of Andro Nagar

Panchayat Ward No. 1, Yumkhaibam Sanjoy today planted around 1000 sapling on both the road sides of Andro Machengpat road in Imphal East today morning.

## Original Admit Card and Mark sheet lost

I, the undersigned, Loitongbam Melody Chanu, studying class-XI at Kakching Khunou College, Kakching Khunou Umathel, Imphal, have lost my original Mark Sheet and Admit Card, registration No. 12922, bearing Roll No. 16696 of 2017 issued by the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur, on the way between Pallel to Kakching Khunou on August, 12, 2018.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.  
Sd/-  
Loitongbam Melody Chanu

# PM Modi visits flood – hit Kerala; rescue operations continue in full swing

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Even as rescue operations and evacuations are happening in full strength, thousands still remain stranded in various parts of Kerala. On Friday evening, news reports had stated that all the people of Ranni in Pathanamthitta district, which was badly affected on Thursday, had been rescued and the water levels have gone down. While conditions in some parts of the state were reported to have become better, areas in Idukki and Chengannur in Alappuzha still continue to be cut-off, making rescue and relief extremely challenging. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Kochi on Friday night and will be holding discussions with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday about the condition of the state. Pinarayi Vijayan reiterated on Friday evening that the flood situation in the state continues to be serious even as intense rescue operations have managed to take over 80,000 people to safety. Addressing a press conference on Friday evening at the capital Thiruvananthapuram, he said that 82,442 people had been rescued on Friday, primarily

with the help of Navy and fisherfolks' boats. According to official figures, 71,591 people had been rescued from Aluva district, 5,550 from Chalakudy, 3,060 from Chengannur, 2,000 from Kuttanad, and 741 from Thiruvalla and Aranmula. The Chief Minister also confirmed that 324 people had died in the floods since the onset of South West Monsoon on May 29. Over half of them- 164 across the 14 districts- had died in the deluge in the last days. "Central forces, police, fire forces, fishermen are all working together for rescue operations. Over 40,000 police officers, 3,200 fire fighters, 46 navy teams, 13 air force teams, 18 army contingents, 16 coastguard contingents and 21 National Disaster Response Force teams had been pressed into service. Disaster management, police, and fire forces are working together with Central forces," he said. 16 air force helicopters, 79 NDRF boats and 403 boats of the fishing community in the state were used in the rescue efforts. The CM noted that the rescue efforts had proved more tricky in Chalakudy and Chengannur districts. He also assured that as of 6am on Saturday, 12 big army boats will reach Chalakudy; 5 to Kalady, 15 to Chengannur and



10 more to Thiruvalla. More army boats are expected to arrive by flight to Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam. 4 air force helicopters are set to reach Chalakudy and Chengannur on Saturday morning while three navy helicopters are expected at Thiruvalla, Aranmula, and Kozhencherry. While admitting that the rescue operations were tough on Friday, the CM assured that it would be easier on Saturday with the help of more helicopters and boats. The CM also noted that some people were reluctant to get on the helicopter. The Chief Minister committed to paying private vehicles involved in rescue operations a cash fee, adding that he did

not wish to add to the victims' difficulties by imposing financial trouble. The Chief Minister dispelled rumours about critiquing Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, PH Kurian, stating, "False news has come. I haven't shamed him. I only conducted a general review. He is working very dedicatedly." The state's Forest and Wildlife Protection Minister K Raju who is in Germany to attend a conference had received severe flak for not being present at the worst floods the state had faced since 1924. Pinarayi Vijayan said that the Minister would be back soon. The Chief Secretary had a video conference with the Cabinet Secretary, reiterating

the needs of the state. "We said we need 600 boats and more helicopters. We also asked them for use of the Kochi navy airport since the Cochin International Airport has been closed." Small planes were green-lighted for use of the naval airport. As of Friday evening, 2094 relief camps across the state housed 3,14,391 people from 70,085 families. The CM assured that the camps were providing food, water and medicines to the people. The helicopters and boats were also used to distribute food to those in isolated areas as well as in relief camps. The Chief Minister also expressed his gratitude to other states that had come forward to help Kerala: Punjab, Maharashtra and Telangana would provide packaged food while the Chief Minister of Delhi has reportedly assured a donation of Rs 10 crore along with other assistance. Indian Railways had provided 1,50,000 bottles of drinking water and is more expected to arrive. The CM added that petroleum products couldn't reach through flooded roads. When the CM was asked about 37 journalists who were stranded at Cheruthoni, he replied that everyone else in that place would also be facing the same problem.

## MAKU and Humanism Foundation organises Plantation drive at Kumbi

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Matingleiba Kumbichasing (MAKU) and Humanism Foundation has jointly conducted a mega mass Plantation drive cum awareness rally at Kumbi under Bishnupur district today. Around 2000 saplings were planted during the mega mass tree plantation drive, which was participated by around 500 people from schools, colleges, local governing body (Kumbi Municipal Council) and local clubs from Kumbi. Assembly constituency. The plantation drive was conducted under the theme "live green and let green live" and the main objective was to create the awareness about the importance of preventing trees

among the people of the locality. Managing Trustee of Humanism Foundation, Wahengbam Rorkyachand Singh said that Kumbi is one such village where all the three valuable gifts of nature - land, river and hills are available; and it is the duty of the people of the Kumbi to preserve and protect the precious gifts. The plantation drive is a call to all the stakeholders of this Assembly Constituency to plant tree and protect our environment. Co-ordinator of MAKU, Wahengbam Rajiv Meetei said that the voluntary organisation (MAKU) will organise tree plantation programmes across the assembly segment and will take the responsibility to maintain the planted saplings till full grown.



## Engineer, lawyer set up group to monitor "biased, fake" news

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An aeronautical engineer from Mumbai and a Delhi-based lawyer have come together to set up a group, which will monitor news reports and social media posts that are "biased and fake" and take necessary action. The organisation, "India Against Bias Media" (IABM), has been formed by Vipul Saxena, an aeronautical engineer, and Vibhor Anand, a Supreme Court lawyer. The group has been filing cases against disseminators of reports, which are aimed at, "destroying religious and social fabric of the country", Saxena said. However, journalists expressed concern over the setting of the group, saying it may harass and intimidate scribes and social media users. The duo had been working on the project for the last two years, but made a soft-launch of the forum on Twitter over a week ago. Since then, they have filed almost two dozen cases, mainly of sedition, across the country against several people. "We are getting full support from people of clean and responsible media and not going to deter from wrong doers. Either self regulate or we regulate them legally. We are teams of professionals from all domains backed by strong teams of lawyers across," Saxena tweeted yesterday.

The 54-year-old dismissed suggestions that his organisation was like a pressure group or a media watchdog and also denied any political affiliation. "Our team of legal experts will deal with those who indulge in circulation of biased, fake, manipulated, morphed or doctored contents which could create social or religious disharmony, trigger riots or show disrespect to people on top constitutional posts like prime minister and president. "We will never stage dharna or protest march, but will deal with such people legally as we have full faith in the Constitution," Saxena told Agency. He said in the last four to five days, IABM has filed sedition cases against actor Swara Bhasker in several police stations across the country and also a YouTuber, Dhruv Rathi. Bhasker had tweeted a picture of a man tied to a jeep as a "human shield" by an Army officer in Kashmir last year to deter stone-pelters. Besides, cases were lodged against a few journalists for their tweets in the wake of an attack on JNU student leader Umar Khalid in New Delhi, Saxena said. "Most of the cases have been filed under IPC sections like 120(B) (criminal conspiracy), 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot) and 153(A) (promoting enmity between different groups)," he said. If individuals booked under

these charges express regret or say sorry for their comments or tweets, IABM will withdraw the cases against them, Saxena said. "We are not trying to silence dissent or suppress the freedom of speech and expression. We are trying to make people responsible for what they speak or write," the aeronautical engineer said "We can not remain a mute spectator and see the country's social harmony being vitiated," he asserted. Asked who will decide whether a news report is "biased or fake", Saxena said, "We have teams of professionals who know which news contains truth and which one is motivated." He said the Press Council of India (PCI) has proved ineffective in its job as a media regulator. "When the PCI starts doing its true job, we will pack our bags," Saxena added. City-based journalist Jatin Desai was critical of the new group, saying its existence will prove detrimental to democratic values of the country. "Forming different opinions and openly expressing them are the heart and soul of a democratic country. These people are trying to harass journalists and people (social media users) by selectively filing cases against them. "Dissent can never be suppressed. Otherwise, we will have a handicapped democracy," said Desai, a member of the Mumbai Press Club.