

NSCN-IM drops demand for Greater Nagaland

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The NSCN have dropped the demand of greater Nagalim sending a sigh of relief to all neighbouring states and also paving the way for full formal agreement of the Naga imbroglio. After 20 years of negotiation, the Naga rebels have agreed to drop the demand for greater Nagaland and reached a common understanding with the Government of India that boundaries of neighbouring states will not be touched. However, on the flip side, the Centre revealed that it is exploring the possibility of granting the Nagas special constitutional status with some local variation, and some change to the Nagas in the neighbouring states. The Centre's interlocutor for NSCN(I-M) RN Ravi has conveyed to a parliamentary panel attached to the Home Ministry that initially the Nagas had stuck to the idea of unification of Naga-inhabited areas, resolutely maintaining their stand - 'No integration, no solution'. However, they have now reached a common understanding with the government that boundaries of the neighbouring states will not be touched. Instead, some special arrangement would be made for the Nagas, wherever they are. The negotiations were going on over some symbolic issues, which are sensitive to the government and the Nagas as well, and attempts are being made to reach a common understanding, Ravi said. As per reported in Assam Tribune, the interlocutor stated that it was implied in

the agreement that some special arrangement will be made for the Nagas. On being asked what the special arrangement will be, the committee was told that with respect to Nagaland, there is already a special arrangement. Article 371A of the Constitution makes it very clear that they are special and a special status has been accorded to them. A similar kind of status, with some local variation, and some change to the Nagas in the neighbouring states can be explored. The committee observes that any final agreement will have some implications for the three states - Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, where Nagas are residing in certain areas. The committee is of the considered view that any agreement that may be finally arrived at must allay the fear of the stakeholders in these states and the state governments must be kept abreast with the emerging dynamics of the talks. Subsequently, the government contemplated the details of power sharing with the Government of Nagaland or with other stakeholders. The interlocutor apprised the committee about the broad status of the negotiations and submitted that the negotiations were proceeding towards a position, where boundaries of any state will neither be changed nor altered, said the report. The interlocutor informed that while the government was moving forward with the NSCN(I-M), the integration of the other relatively smaller armed groups with the peace talks

was a challenge. The NSCN(I-M) had threatened to pull out from the talks if any other group was engaged by the Government of India. However, integration of these smaller groups was important as they were getting desperate. The government was successful in achieving this and during the last one year, six Nagaland-based Naga armed groups had come together and were formally engaged with the peace process. However, the NSCN(K), which had violated ceasefire in 2015, was not a part of the peace process. The committee was informed that the contours of the agreement had not been spelt out in the framework agreement. The framework agreement was just about the recognition of the uniqueness of Naga history by the Government of India, and an understanding that inclusive settlement will be within the Indian federation with due regard to the uniqueness of the Naga history. On August 3, 2015, the Framework Agreement was signed between the Government of India and the NSCN(I-M). It is an overarching agreement on broad principles and lays the foundation for a final settlement. Ravi stated that the government has been talking with NSCN(I-M) for the last 20 years and their position from the very beginning has been that Nagas were exceptional, Nagas were not Indians, Nagas were sovereign and any settlement could be reached only on the basis of the fact that this is a settlement between two sovereigns.

MAHUD Minister inspects under-construction water treatment plants and water reservoir

DIPR Senapati, Aug 23.

MAHUD and Town Planning Minister Shri Thounaojam Shyamkumar inspected the under-construction water treatment plants and a water reservoir at Koroingei, Sangakpham, Cachipur and Iroisemba yesterday. The construction projects are under the funding of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India to provide portable drinking water to all urban areas under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. Minister Th. Shyamkumar along with the officials of the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) inspected the construction sites at Koroingei, Sangakpham, Cachipur and Iroisemba. The Minister and the PHED officials reviewed the progress of the construction and gave necessary advice. MAHUD and Town Planning Minister Th. Shyamkumar said that the Centre has sanctioned the funds to his department and Public Health Engineering

Department is the implementing agency for providing portable drinking water to all. He said the department is targeting to complete the projects by the end of this year. It may be mentioned that the AMRUT scheme was launched

by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in June 2015 with the focus to establish infrastructure that could ensure adequate robust sewage networks and water supply for urban transformation by implementing urban revival projects.

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Asian Games 2018-Day 4

Manu Bhaker, Rahi Sarnobat Qualify For 25m Pistol Final



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It has been a bright start for India on day 4 as Manu Bhaker and Rahi Sarnobat enter finals in the 25m air pistol event. Anika Raina made it to the semis and is assured of a medal in Tennis. Day 3 was India's most successful day of the Asian Games in terms of medals won, winning five medals overall on Day 3. The team competition in women's gymnastics will feature Dipa Karmakar but she won't be a part of the vault event;



however, Pranati Nayak and Aruna Reddy finished above her to qualify for the finals. Shooting will see Manu Bhaker in 25m Pistol and



Anjum Moudgil in 50m Rifle 3 Positions in action. N Gaayathri and Rahi Sarnobat will also aim to make the finals. The Indian men's hockey

team also defeated Hong Kong by 18 - 0 goal. In the first half India score 14 goals when Hong Kong could not score a single. Yesterday, Indian women's hockey team mauls Kazakhstan 21-0. In Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman 87 kg quarterfinals event Harpreet Singh defeats Japan's Sumi Masato 8-0 to enter semifinals. Gurpreet Singh loses 6-8 to Islamic Republic of Iran's Mohammad Ali Gerai.

Indian women's hockey team mauls Kazakhstan 21-0

Four Indian players scored a hat-trick each as the women's hockey team mauld lowly Kazakhstan 21-0 to notch up its second consecutive win in the Asian Games yesterday. Goals rained thick and fast in the Pool B match at theGBK Hockey Field with as many as 10 Indians out of 18, who took the field, entering their names in the scoresheet. The Indians scored almost at will against the hapless Kazakhstan team but the scoreline missed the all-time Asian Games record of 22-0 by a goal. The Indian women's team had beaten Hong Kong 22-0 in the 1982 Asiad. Navneet Kaur (11th, 12th, 16th, 48th, 48th) top-scored with five goals while drag-flicker Gurjit Kaur, who had also scored a hat-trick in India's 8-0 thrashing of Indonesia in their opening match, had four strikes (8th, 36th, 44th and 51st). Lalremsiami found the target in the ninth, 19th and 29th minutes while Vandana Katariya (28th, 37th and 52nd) was the fourth player to score a hat-trick in the lopsided match. India, who had won a bronze in the 2014 Asian Games, are currently ranked ninth while Kazakhstan are 34th in the latest FIH chart. India is the highest ranked team in the competition.

Dipa Karmakar hurts her knee, pulls out of team final

Jakarta, Aug 22. In a major disappointment for the Indian contingent, star gymnast Dipa Karmakar has pulled out of the women's team final at the Asian Games 2018, which is scheduled later in the day on Wednesday. Karmakar hurt her right knee during a practice session ahead of the team final qualification on Tuesday. The Indian team, comprising

Karmakar, Pranati Nayak, Pranati Das and Aruna Buddha Reddy qualified in seventh place for the final. Karmakar had been out of action for nearly two years following her highly-talked about fourth-place finish at the Rio Olympics. She underwent a surgery to repair the ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) on her right knee, that made her miss the World Championships in 2017 and

the Commonwealth Games 2018. She made a grand comeback at the Gymnastics World Challenge Cup in Turkey in July, where she won the gold in vault. According to reports, Karmakar had been training on foam pits in Delhi during the national camp in a precautionary measure not to put pressure on her right knee. However, only hard pits are being used at the Asian Games, which added to her woes.

Asian Games 2018 Medal Tally

Sl No.	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	32	21	12	65
2	Japan	14	18	20	52
3	Korea	9	12	15	36
4	Indonesia	5	2	5	12
5	Iran	4	3	6	13
6	North Korea	4	1	3	8
7	India	3	3	4	10
8	Chinese Taipei	3	2	6	11
9	Mongolia	3	2	4	9
10	Kazakhstan	1	5	10	16
11	Uzbekistan	1	3	6	10
12	Thailand	1	1	8	10
13	Lebanon	1	1	2	4
14	Macau	1	1	0	2
15	Philippines	1	0	4	5
16	Jordan	1	0	1	2
17	Vietnam	0	3	6	9
18	Kyrgyzstan	0	3	3	6
19	Hong Kong	0	2	7	9
20	Turkmenistan	0	1	0	1
21	Myanmar	0	0	2	2
22	Malaysia	0	0	1	1
23	Singapore	0	0	1	1
Total		84	84	126	294

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Indonesian Couple Name New Baby 'Asian Games'

Agency Jakarta, Aug 22. Sports-mad Indonesian couples have named their new baby 'Asian Games' to mark her arrival as the country kicked off the world's second-biggest multi-sport event. The little girl - full name Abidah Asian Games - was born about a month early in co-host city Palembang, just hours before Saturday's opening ceremony, her parents told AFP on Tuesday. "We already had a first name for her but didn't

have a last name," new father Yordania Denny said, cradling the new arrival in his arms in the front room of their modest house in the north of the city. So the parents, who now have three children, drew inspiration from what they regard as an "historic" moment. "Such an event is rare. It only happens every few years. And not to mention that it's in Palembang - it's rare for Palembang to host such an...event." The city's residents are

fiercely proud to be in the international spotlight, with banners lining the streets and TV screens showing the sports live in many restaurants. Many Indonesians have only one name and many, but not all, Indonesian children have their father's surname as their first name. The new parents remained coy when asked if they hoped the name would help turn their daughter into a future sporting star. "If she has the talent and motivation we will support and

motivate her," mum Vera said, although her husband hinted which sport he would prefer, saying that "Indonesia is good at badminton". They also said that they would allow Abidah Asian Games to change her name in the future if she does not have the same appreciation for the regional Olympic event. The August 18-September 2 Asian Games features 17,000 athletes and officials and is being held in the capital Jakarta and Palembang on Sumatra island.