

Ato Kilosor of NSCN-IM Th. Muivah popularly known as 'Abakaran' hospitalised



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General Secretary of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim Th. Muivah popularly known to his follower as Abakaran has been hospitalised in New Delhi.

Confirming it, NSCN-IM leader Karaiba Chawang told media that the 84-year-old Muivah was admitted to the hospital after he had complained of an "upset stomach". Chawang did not reveal the hospital's name but it was said to be a private hospital.

It was learnt that most NSCN-IM leaders swarmed to the national capital to be by Muivah's side. "There is nothing serious about his illness. He was admitted on Monday morning as advised by the doctors. He is most likely to be released by today," Chawang said. Sources in Nagaland said Muivah, who is the Ato Kilosor (Prime Minister)

of the Government of the People's Republic of Nagalim, was admitted to the intensive care unit of a private hospital as he had complained of "uneasiness". Like all other Naga insurgent groups, the NSCN-IM runs a parallel government with various ministries. The name of the NSCN-IM-run government is Government of the People's Republic of Nagalim.

A veteran in the Naga insurgency movement, Muivah is the face of the NSCN-IM which is arguably the most powerful rebel group of the Northeast. It was he who had led the extremist group in most peace parleys with representatives of the Central government in India and abroad and signed the "Framework Agreement" with the Centre in 2015 which is seen as a prelude to the final Naga peace accord.

AHRC calls for stringent action against those responsible for harassment and detention of students and professors of Manipur University

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The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) has called for quick and stringent action by the Government of India as well as the State Government of Manipur against the police personnel who have used brutal force against the students. The AHRC also wrote a separate letter to the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

The AHRC initiated the

action after receiving information from Human Rights Alert, Manipur regarding the continued harassment and detention of the students of Manipur University. The AHRC details the series of events that took place in the matter of the present impasse. There has been no rest at Manipur University since the Ministry of Human Resource Development appointed its new Vice-Chancellor in October 2016. After inquiry, he was suspended. In the meantime, he had appointed a Pro-Vice

Chancellor which led to student protests against him.

After three months of agitation, the semester examinations were being conducted at Manipur University. On 20 September 2018, a small group of students on campus gathered to discuss the Pro-Vice Chancellor's bid to take over as the Chancellor. However, the police dispersed the gathering, making the students flee. At around 12:15 after midnight of 21 September 2018, the students were shocked to see a large number of security force officials walking inside their hostels in search of the office bearers of the Manipur University Students' Union. They even entered the girls' hostel. This led to panic and chaos, as the security force destroyed hostel properties such as doors and windows.

The students in the hostel resisted the entry of the forces into their hostels and it was later learnt that the Pro-Vice Chancellor provided permission for the same. The security force resorted to using tear gas shells, mock bombs and even live bullets. Some students were even subject to torture and degrading

treatment. Panic stricken students soon gathered near the traffic island of Manipur University, where, yet again, another round of tear gas shells were used in order to disperse the crowd. This caused the students to run inside their hostel campus. Another round of searching was carried out at the Boys' Hostel by the security forces at around 3:30 a.m.

The police action continued until early in the morning, and in the meantime, the students were not allowed to buy medicine or seek medical attention for the injuries that they had sustained during the scuffle. Ambulances were only allowed inside the campus after 2 p.m.

A 48-hour bandh was also called by the All Manipur Student Union (AMSU), Manipuri Student Federation (MSF), Kangleipak Student Association (KSA), SUK, DESAM, along with the support of other organisations. The Manipur Teachers' Association (MUTA) has also stated that they will only sit down to resolve their month-long agitation after the teachers and students are unconditionally released.



Manipur Governor Dr. Nazama Heptulla offering tribute to Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi at GM Hall here in Imphal. Chief Minister N. Biren and other Ministers also joined the governor in paying tribute

Arthur Ashkin, Gérard Mourou, Donna Strickland win Nobel Prize in Physics

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American scientist Arthur Ashkin, French engineer Gérard Mourou and English professor Donna Strickland have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for their work in the field of laser physics. Dr. Ashkin has been awarded the Prize "for the optical tweezers and their application to biological systems," stated the official Twitter handle of the Nobel Prize, given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Mourou and Dr. Strickland have been awarded "for their method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses."

"The inventions being honoured this year have revolutionised laser physics. Extremely small objects and incredibly rapid processes are now being seen in a new light. Advanced precision instruments are opening up unexplored areas of research and a multitude of industrial and medical applications," stated the official website.

First private satellite TV channel launched

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today launched the first ever private run satellite channel today. Lamjingba groups Times of Manipur is the name of the newly launched channel. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh, Education Minister Radheshyam, Works Minister Th Bishwajit among others were present during the inaugural function of the

private TV satellite channel. Along with the TV Chennel, a Manipuri Medium News Paper was also launched under the name Time of Manipur. Speaking on the occasion chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the satellite channel will serve its purpose of spreading the happening in the state across the globe. He said that government will give every possible support to the newly established channel.

IBSD Cleans Imphal City during 150th Gandhi Jayanti

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Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), a National Institute of Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India, while marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi took the initiative to clean up Kangla Fort and Ima Keithel. This social activity was carried out by a large number of scientists, staff and students of IBSD who cleared and collected the garbage from these main areas of Imphal. Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo, Director IBSD, said this was organized to not only sensitise the people of the importance of sanitation and cleanliness for good health but also for

educated youth to set an example for others. Such activities are also important for the cleanliness and health of the rivers, into which most of Imphal's waste is being dumped indiscriminately.

During the cleaning of the market, several women vendors also joined in with the cleaning activities and helped unclogged several drains at the Ima Keithel (Mothers' Market), which is one of the largest all women's market in the world, and an economic hub of the region, said Sahoo.

Cleanliness drive were also conducted at various district head quarters including Kakching, Thoubal, Senapati, Ukhrul, CCpur, Tamenlong and other districts to mark the Gandhi Jayanti.