

# Protective Thinking: Manipur State is still winning

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The uncertainty on the possible outcome of Naga Peace Talk even after signing the 3<sup>rd</sup> August Framework Agreement and latest social-political developments happening in Manipur as well as in Nagaland clearly shows that Manipur is still winning in countering the limited progress made by Naga Nationalists. This article shall highlight how Manipur is still winning in all fronts. Observers and followers of Naga Peace Talks can easily evaluate on the limited progress made by Naga Nationalist in achieving its political goals by observing the responses of Manipur State Government supported by its loyal state citizens in strongly opposing any possible deal made between GoI and Naga Representatives whenever they suspect the agreement to be surpassing Manipur state existence.

For easy understanding and to know latest updates on the status of Naga Peace Talks, one can begin by analyzing the outcome of June 2001 Imphal Uprising, Mao gate episode and finally the signing of 3<sup>rd</sup> August Framework Agreement 2015 and its aftermath rumors of extending Article 371 A to the Naga territories of Manipur and the constitutional manner in which Manipur Government deals with Central Government and the Naga Nationalist to keep Manipur integrity intact. Till today, counting from the beginning of Naga National Movement touching the period of 1949 Manipur merger with Union of India, Manipur State

government has done quite well in safeguarding the interest of Manipur State where an inch of present Manipur state territory and its area is not decrease in size. What is remarkable is that Manipur state government supported by its loyal citizens by banking on the complex working mechanism of Indian Constitution along with peoples solid support has withstood the continuous attack of Naga Nationalist armed groups and Kuki Nationalist armed groups in breaking up Manipur. The funnier side is that the Manipur State loyal citizens composed mainly of Meiteis brothers don't even owned areas of lands except for cases like Jiribam, Moreh etc and few settlements in the hills of Manipur traditionally inhabited by Nagas and Kukis yet the policies applied by them has till now keep Manipur winning in all front and observing the unchanged mindset of Naga and Kuki decision makers, one can conclude for time being that Manipur will keep winning for long time from now as they are lead by superb organizers and strategists. While on other side Nagas and Kukis are still ferociously debating on their history by quoting colonial British administrative records and reports not realizing that they share common interest and are meant to be allies if they are serious at all in achieving

their political goals in the near future. But loving Christian Nagas and Christian Kukis belonging to the same breed knows only the language of violence and intimidation, treachery, double standard game and nothing else. It is open secret that Manipur Government has always capitalized on the historic enmity between Nagas and Kukis of Manipur to protect Manipur state integrity. Naga-Kuki uncompromising attitude has always put Meiteis in advantage and the latest happenings show no sign of any compromise between the two major tribes of Manipur, this reality again confirm that Manipur is still winning. Keen observers of Naga National Movement know that Manipur is the key battle field apart from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on Indian Territory to decide the final outcome of Naga Peace Talks. They also know that Meiteis, Nagas and Kukis are major players in Manipur State politics where the stand of anyone of these ethnic communities determines the nature of its state politics even if the Meiteis love to put Manipuri identity tag to the Nagas and Kukis living in Manipur. In fact such policies implemented by Meitei's population created more identity crisis for the tribal's who own and love their own ethnic identity and detest the name 'Manipuri' given to them by the mighty Meiteis with aims and objectives to preserve the unity and

integrity of the state. Having said this, I also don't deny that many tribal's politicians and common people exists who are now more Manipuri and Meitei than the people born into an Ethnic Meitei where these Meiteinized and Manipurized (for better understanding) tribal populations are extremely loyal to the Manipur State and has contributed immensely in safeguarding the state integrity both in the past and present. Yet as a believer in democratic ideals and constitutional politics, every individual right to decide what he feel is right and good for him has to be respected and I don't condemn Naga tribal populations who wants to protect Manipur state integrity. In the same line, even Naga decision makers has to give up full dependency on GoI to fulfill its demand and ought to change tactics by engaging in constitutional war after regaining the trust of mass populations to achieve its political goals before the verdict of final defeat hit them sooner or later. In addition to the recent drama of strikes and public protest carried out in Imphal on Naga Framework Agreement as well on reports of extending Article 371 A in Naga territories of Manipur, the statement of Manipur Chief Minister Mr. N Biren Singh, stating that there was no hurry to summon special session of the state assembly to discuss the Framework Agreement signed between Centre and the NSCN IM since the Parliament had not tabled the matter during the last monsoon session, fully confirms that Manipur is still winning.

## Centre should make public contents of framework agreement with NSCN-IM : Former Nagaland CM

Courtesy  
Dimapur Sept 16

Former Nagaland Chief Minister S.C. Jamir on Saturday asked the Modi-led government to make public the full contents of the framework agreement signed with the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM). On August 3, 2015, the central government and the NSCN-IM signed the framework agreement. But neither side released its details. The separatist group has been in talks with the government since 1997 after the signing of a ceasefire agreement. "It is expected that whatever agreement is drawn up would be in the best interest of the Nagas," Jamir, a Naga political stalwart, said. Exhorting the central government to hammer out an honourable solution to the Naga insurgency problem without any further delay, the former Odisha governor appealed to various Naga ethnic tribes



to unite and recognise the "contemporary political reality". Jamir called for an end to what he called "political polemics". Voicing optimism about a new political environment, the Nehruvian leader said, "The people of Nagaland can embark again on a well-ordered and progressive administration to promote rapid economic development of the state in order to catch up with the rest of India." But he said this would require renewed determination, dedication

and commitment for the people of Nagaland. However, he said: "Let the final political settlement be made first." Jamir said the pace of development in Nagaland should have picked up after the agreement of ceasefire was signed between the government of India and various Naga armed groups. "Sadly, that has not happened due to political instability, rank misgovernance and rampant corruption indulged in by those in power," he stated.

## Associate of 'Hizbul Mujahideen militant' held in Assam, claim police

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DAYS AFTER an alleged Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) militant from Assam, identified as Qamar uz Zaman, was arrested in Uttar Pradesh, the police Saturday claimed to have arrested a "close associate" in Assam's Hojai district. The alleged associate was identified as Shah Newaz, 39. A team of Assam Police went to UP to question Zaman,

while a police team from the Hindi heartland state reached Hojai on Saturday to primarily question Shah Newaz. Officials said the police may also question other people suspected to be involved with Zaman. Zaman, who was untraceable since July 2017, was said to have joined the HM after a gun-wielding photo of his emerged on social media in April this year. The police said it has now emerged in investigation

that Zaman may have visited Assam recently and was helped by Shah Newaz. Both are said to be childhood friends and their association has developed over the years since both were into pharmaceuticals-related business, it was informed. "It has been learnt that Zaman had come to Assam last month and met, among others, Shah Newaz. Shah Newaz also supposedly bought him a mobile phone and a SIM card, which was now been recovered from his possession by UP Police," Hojai Superintendent of Police Ankur Jain said. Neither Zaman's family nor Shah Newaz had alerted the police that the suspected militant was visiting his home, Jain said. The police are also investigating whether Zaman, during his recent visit, made new contacts in an effort to draw more people towards the militant outfit. "We are investigating. Everything will be confirmed after that (once the probe is over)," Jain added.

## Gorakhpur infant deaths: Former BRD college principal claims robbery, papers missing

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Former Gorakhpur BRD Medical College principal lodged an FIR on Friday alleging that his campus residence was robbed and that several documents relating to the deaths of children last year were missing. Over 70 children had died in the hospital in August last

year. Rajiv Kumar Mishra, the complainant, was arrested in connection with the incident and is out on bail. Police said that the "stolen" documents were photocopies of original documents, and that their loss will have no bearing on the investigation in the case. According to the FIR, the robbery took place sometime in between September 4 and September 13, when no one

was at the house. "The things missing include some jewellery, around Rs 80,000 to Rs 1 lakh in cash and documents related to the oxygen supply, which I received from the government during the case," Gorakhpur SP (north) Rohit Singh Sajwan said. "I spoke to Mishra and he confirmed that the documents missing were not originals...It won't affect the probe," ens

## Working with Commerce Ministry to ensure FDI in defence reflects in data: Nirmala Sitharaman

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New Delhi Sept 16

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said she is working with the commerce ministry to ensure that foreign direct investments coming in the sector are reflected in the FDI data clearly. Currently, she said, there is a problem in collating foreign direct investment (FDI) data related to the defence sector. "I am working with the commerce ministry so that the numbers are very clear," she said, adding that a lot of investment is happening in this segment. "Many Indian players themselves are producing a lot of major items for instance

recently we have given the order for India made guns. How is that possible...so there is lot happening. But, I suppose if you just go in search of defence FDI, probably you are searching where it is not clearly defined," Sitharaman told PTI in an interview. The minister was replying to a question on why FDI in defence sector has not picked up despite liberalisation of the foreign investment norms. She also said that there is a need to clearly define goods for defence sector under Harmonized System (HS) of code. "...Somebody who is investing in, let's say, making

sensors, is also producing for defence. There are lot of people who have FDI coming in for production of sensors. Have we taken them on board? We do not know. We are at a stage where we really have not defined defence industries. "So, the broad spectrum of nothing much is happening in terms of defence production is yet to be tested," Sitharaman said. As per the current policy, in defence sector, foreign investment beyond 49 per cent has been permitted through approval route in cases resulting in access to modern technology in the country or for other reasons.

FDI limit for defence sector has also been made applicable to manufacturing of small arms and ammunitions covered under Arms Act 1959. According to a written reply given to the Lok Sabha by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry C R Chaudhary, defence industries have attracted a meagre USD 10,000 (about Rs seven lakh) foreign direct investment in 2017-18. In 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 defence industries received USD 0.82 million, USD 0.08 million, USD 0.10 million foreign inflows, respectively. In 2016-17, the industries failed to attract foreign direct investments.

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