

# NSCN (IM) against Ravi as Interlocutor-cum-Gov Muivah in Dimapur, another round of consultation with civil society planned

Courtesy Morung Express Dimapur August 20,

The NSCN (IM) appears quite resolute on opposing any Government of India decision to have RN Ravi continue as the interlocutor for the 22 year-old Indo-Naga talks following his appointment as Governor of Nagaland. Ravi was inducted as the Governor of Nagaland on August 1 by the BJP-led NDA government in New Delhi. Speculations are of RN Ravi continuing as the GoI's interlocutor for the Naga peace talks, while also holding the political position of Governor, Nagaland state. His position as the GoI's



interlocutor however remains unclear with New Delhi still to make an official declaration. A senior leader of the NSCN (IM) told The Morung Express that its Collective Leadership have made it clear to the GoI it will not acknowledge Ravi as interlocutor. The leader, on

condition of anonymity, said that it has already communicated to the Prime Minister's Office in this regard. The message was forwarded in July-end not long after speculations did the rounds about Ravi taking the place of former Nagaland

Governor PB Acharya. The PMO was still to respond to the letter. "The interlocutor can be any but not someone holding the post of Governor, Nagaland," he added. Further, it was learned that the NSCN (IM) will be holding another round of consultations with the Naga civil societies. The leader said that the Ato Kilonser Th Muivah arrived in Hebron from New Delhi on August 19 and the consultations will likely occur by August-end in Hebron. It was not specified whether non-Naga communities of Nagaland will also be in the list of invitees.

## North East News

### NFR for better lighting in coaches; LED lights to replace existing bulbs

Courtesy Northeast Now Guwahati Aug 20,

Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has initiated a drive for replacement of existing incandescent lamps and CFL lights inside coaches by LED lights. This is being done to improve lighting in the interior of coaches. So far 1890 coaches have been retrofitted with LED lights and entire stock of coaches will be done within September 2019. This was informed in an official

release issued by NFR's chief public relations officer Pranav Jyoti Sharma. Energy saving of up to 40 per cent is possible by using of LED lights, the release stated. The initiatives would not only save of energy consumption but the inside of the coaches will be illuminated brighter, added the release. This initiative is part of the planning of Indian Railways for improvement of the travelling experience of the

passengers. It is also done in tandem with other initiatives for improving the coaches' interior to ensure more comfort, the release also stated. The NFR has already replaced conventional lighting in all its stations while in important stations like Guwahati, Dibrugarh, NCB, NJP, KIR and Rangiya, lights have been improved to 'airport standard lighting', the release further stated.

### Mizoram to have more air connectivity from September

Courtesy Northeast Now Aizawl Aug 20,

Mizoram in all likelihood is going to have services of three airlines from September. Notably, Mizoram is having air connectivity problems for quite some time now. Principal Consultant for Civil

Aviation, Wing Commander, Joe Lalhmimgliana on Monday reportedly said that three airlines – Go Air, Indigo and Alliance Air will start operation in different sectors connecting Mizoram. He was quoted as saying that that Go Air proposed to operate AIRBUS-320 daily service on Kolkata-Guwahati-Aizawl sector from September 23 next. Lalhmimgliana, who is now in Delhi, further informed that the other two airlines Indigo and Alliance Air are applying clearance from Director General Civil Aviation (DGCA).

## Training on Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme underway

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Training Programme on Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme on Essential Oils, Perfumery & Aromatherapy is being underway at MSME Technology Centre Imphal, Food Park, Nilakuthi, Imphal East, Manipur. The training programme was inaugurated yesterday and is sponsored by National SC/ST Hub, Ministry of MSME, Government of India under the aegis of Fragrance & Flavour Development Centre (FFDC), Kannauj and MSME Technology Centre Imphal, Ministry of MSME, Government of India. The training will be concluded on August 24. Speaking as Chief Guest of the inaugural function, Th. Surendranath, Director, Manipur Science & Technology Council, said that to be a successful entrepreneur one has to have a creative and innovative mind. Productions of items by such entrepreneurs need to retain identity of their product through registration of the product. He further added that



registration gives recognition of ownership of the product. Trademark, Patent, Copyright etc. are necessary to protect the rights of the owner, he added. Dr. S. Voirentomba Meetei, Project Co-ordinator, MSME Technology Centre Imphal, said that the training programme is to provide skill training to the entrepreneurs, belonging to SC/ST category having potential, to uplift their economic condition. The successful entrepreneurs in turn can provide employment to the unemployed youths, he added. The vision of MSME Technology Centre Imphal is to provide meaningful and purposeful training

programme for the entire North-East, he further added. The training conducted for the 2nd time for the SC/ST category has altogether 30 trainees. The training programme is organized mainly to enhance the technical skills of the youths who have the potential for running small scale industries. The training will focus on cultivation, processing, quality assurance and essential oils. It will also provide guidance to the trainees on availing financial assistance from the partner MSME financial

Institutes after starting their business and the mode of earning income through their production. M.S. Khaidem, Project Co-ordinator, Manipur Small Farmers' Agri Business Consortium, Smt. Salle Ashui Pao, Deputy Director, Khadi & Village Industries Commission, Imphal, Smt. L. Ibetombi Devi, Manager, National Small Industries Corporation Limited, Imphal and Shri T.N. Singh, Asst. Director (Stats.), MSME DI, Imphal were present as the inaugural function. The function was attended by the staffs of MSME Technology Centre and the trainees.

### Assam takes pride as Chandrayaan-2 successfully enters moon's orbit

Courtesy Northeast Now Guwahati Aug 20,

India's second moon mission Chandrayaan-2 has successfully entered the moon's orbit on Tuesday. The duration of Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI) maneuver was 1738 seconds beginning from 0902 hrs IST. The orbit achieved is 114km x 18072 km. Informing about this remarkable success of Chandrayaan-2 mission, ISRO stated on its official Twitter handle: "Today (August 20, 2019) after the Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI), #Chandrayaan2 is now in Lunar orbit. Lander Vikram will soft land on Moon on September 7, 2019." As per a notification released by ISRO, all the systems of Chandrayaan 2 are working successfully.



The health of the spacecraft is being continuously monitored from the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru. The monitoring operations are being done with support from Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) antennas at Bylalu in Karnataka. India created a history on July 22 with the successful launch of Chandrayaan 2. The Rs 978-crore Moon mission was launched from the second launch-pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, in Andhra Pradesh. Among those responsible for Chandrayaan-2 successful launch, role of three scientists from Assam — J N Goswami, Dipak Kumar Das and Hridam Rajeev Singh, are worth mentioning. Astrophysicist J N Goswami is the chairman of the advisory board for Chandrayaan-2 mission. Dipak Kumar Das is director of ISRO's Space Applications Centre. Hridam Rajeev Singh was a member of the team which produced the Stage I Solid Stage Rocket Boosters for Chandrayaan 2.

### Assam Rifles organises photography workshop for school children

IGAR (South) Imphal Aug 20,

Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a photography workshop for the students of Pole Star School, Patsoi, Imphal West District on yesterday. The workshop was aimed to provide a platform to children, to have an insight into basics of photography and interact directly with renowned professionals in the photography field. The Battalion organized the photography workshop by getting a renowned professional photographer namely, Mr. Rajesh. The photographer not only explained and taught the basic nuances of photography, but also shared his own real life experiences while learning photography. The photographer covered introduction to photography, its application, basics of



camera operations, basic composition, rules including framing and camera angles. Mr Rajesh shared his insights on choosing a camera, lighting aspects, controlling shutter speed and exposure and various photographic functions. Though cautious about handling the cameras, the students had a good time experimenting and then posing with the various cameras. Learning photography is a never ending process. From acquiring a new camera and going out for a shoot for the first time, the experience, and

the photographs ensure that this is a hobby that gets really addictive. More than 120 students who underwent the photography workshop were delighted with the whole experience which made them more confident, inspired and motivated. They expressed their gratitude to the unit for organising the workshop at their school. This initiative of Assam Rifles not only encouraged students to take it up photography as a hobby but also motivated them to take it up as a profession.

### A R Organises Drug Awareness Programme



IGAR (South) Imphal Aug 20,

Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a drug awareness programme for a drug free Manipur at Sagolmang Company Operating Base (COB) for the students of Government High School on yesterday. In response to the concerns of the villagers, parents and Meira Paibis during the monthly security meet, Sagolmang COB planned and conducted a drug awareness lecture for the

youth and children of their area of responsibility. The Battalion organised a lecture cum interactive session on "Drug Abuse and No Alcohol", giving an insight to the attendees about the ill effects of drugs and alcohol on human body and various measures to counter the drug menace. The school staff and children expressed profound gratitude to Assam Rifles for organising such an awareness programme for them and appreciated the efforts and commitments of Assam Rifles in making Manipur a drug free state.

### Passport lost

I have lost my Original passport (Republic of India) Bearing No P0394111 With Date of Issued on 19/05/2016 and Date of Expiry on 18/05/2026 issued by Regional passport office, Guwahati on the way between my Resident to Imphal Head Post on 14/08/2019. Finder are requested to handover the same to the Undersigned.

Sd/-  
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