

# Kashmir Lockdown and its Implications

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Removing article 370 and 35a were on the agenda of BJP for a long time. For BJP, it is a delivering of a promise to their constituency when they removed 370 and 35a. Hence, it makes sense for them to rejoice and take a moment off from the regular publicity and propaganda and move towards a widespread heightened propaganda till they reap the fruit of their recent doings.

There are multiple arguments that are roaming around in favor of the removal of these provisions and against it. First, no special status to a particular state must be given. Mainstream politicians in Kashmir, such as Mufti and Abdullah, have argued that these are not special provisions. These are rather conditions with which the state of Jammu and Kashmir joined the Indian Union. These provisions allowed Kashmir to have its own constitution, its own flag and it protects the land and resources of Kashmiris. These

conditions are now no more. For these politicians, BJP's decision breaks the bridge that link India and Kashmir constitutionally. Second, there is a new Kashmir on the way. We see on the ground another bridge being built using the brute force of military and paramilitary. In order to lay the foundation of this new relationship between Kashmir and India, there is heavy deployment of military and paramilitary forces with complete restriction on movements and communication. The brute force of the Indian state has put a lid to Kashmir. This is the foundation of a new Kashmir.

Mainland Indian can buy property in Kashmir. Indian state wants integration of its peripheries culturally and politically. It is the duty of the state to do so. Congress directed it in its own way. BJP is building Akhand Bharat. Ultimately, it is about strengthening the unity of India. Furthermore, it will improve the material and social conditions of communities listed as Schedule Caste in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. Most importantly, Ladakh and Jammu are

happy about it. The territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been carved out into three pieces and people fear the beginning of settler colonialism in Kashmir.

Indian, if it makes as much effort as the Chinese are making in Xinjiang and Tibet, can push in people to Kashmir and motivations to settle there as a service to one's country and get paid for a good job is high for Kashmir than the northeastern state. It could become a factor for rapid increase in settler population. However, we need to see the things as they unfold.

The implications of these arguments do not limit themselves to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir; it extends to the region with states such as Nagaland and Mizoram with so called special provisions. If the mood is to remove the special status of all the state, then there are reasons for the region to fear. The governor of Nagaland had to assure that the resources of Nagas will remain protected under 371A. The government of Jammu and Kashmir publicly went on saying

that he has heard nothing before the abolition.

With all these on its plate, BJP is not directing its attention on the Naga Issue. It wants to resolve the Naga Issue within three months. We can only hope to see what it unfolds. Whatever the outcome, it would entail more militarization of the region given that one or the other would be left unhappy and would have to be taken to task by the state.

When it comes to Manipur, the civil society bodies are demanding special constitutional protection for the land and resources and for restriction of people coming to settle in the valley. The unfolding in Kashmir must make things unsettle if BJP is stripping off constitutional safeguards over land and resources and with the fear it can very well strip off similar safeguards in the north east state, the future of the indigenous people's movement for the protection of their land and resources at least in the valley area looks bleak.

# North east News

## Death for Tripura youth for minor's rape-murder

Agency Agartala Aug 22,

A fast-track special court in Tripura on Wednesday awarded death sentence to a 27-years-old youth accused of raping and murdering a minor girl last year, a government Public Prosecutor said. This is the first time in Tripura the death sentence was awarded under the POCSO Act.

The special fast track court judge in North Tripura district Gautam Sarkar awarded the death sentence to Sanjoy Tanti, accused of raping and murdering a 7-year-old girl on September 24, 2018.

"Police had recovered the mutilated body of the victim from a jungle at Maheshpur (in northern Tripura) three days after the rape and murder. The accused during

the probe confessed to his crime," government public prosecutor Sudharshan Sharma told IANS over phone from north Tripura district headquarters Dharmanagar. He said the judge after hearing the views of 21 witnesses and examining various evidences delivered the verdict under various sections of Indian Penal Code including 302 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

## NPF delegation calls on Ravi; seeks early solution to Naga issue

Courtesy Northeast Now Kohima August 22,

A delegation of the Naga People's Front (NPF) called on the newly appointed Nagaland Governor R N Ravi to congratulate and welcome him on Wednesday.

This was stated in a press statement issued by the press bureau, NPF central headquarter.

It stated that during the meeting, the NPF delegation expressed hope that an amicable and acceptable solution to the Naga political problem would arrive soon under the able initiative of the Governor. The NPF delegation which

was led by its secretary general, K G Kenye also expressed that the dual charge of Ravi as interlocutor and the Governor should not contradict and hamper the ongoing political dialogue. The delegation also said rather it should facilitate more in expediting the solution at an early date. The delegation also briefed the new Governor that during 1964, when the first cease fire agreement was signed, the regional NPF party legislators had resigned from the Assembly to pave way for a peaceful solution. And in the second cease fire agreement which took place in the year 1997

between the NSCN (IM) and the Government of India, the NPF party on the call of the Naga Civil societies in 1998, boycotted in participating the election expecting the Centre to hear the cry of the Naga people.

Therefore, the NPF reiterated to the Governor that it avowed its stand that the Naga political problem as the top most priority for the party and is ready to pave way for any new arrangement for the welfare of the Naga people.

It meanwhile asserted that the party would extend full cooperation for any peaceful and amicable settlement to the vexed Naga political problem and for which the solution is in sight.

## ARMY recruitment rally at Imphal (Manipur) from 10 oct to 18 oct 2019

IT News Imphal Aug 21,

Army Recruitment Rally would be held at Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium, Imphal (Manipur) from 10 Oct 2019 to 18 Oct 2019 for enrolment of youths from Manipur only. The online application has already started from 11 Aug 2019 and will remain open till 24 Sep 2019. For registration online login to [www.joinindianarmy.in/Candidates](http://www.joinindianarmy.in/Candidates) who have registered in the

previous rally can login directly and check eligibility and apply fresh. The Army career offers Professional advancement, Job Satisfaction, Job Security, Economic Stability, Social Status, Quality of Life and Variety & Adventure. The vacancies are for Soldier GD (10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> std), Soldier Technical (12<sup>th</sup> std with Physics, Chemistry, Maths & English), Sol Clerk/Store Keeper Technical (12<sup>th</sup> std with English & Maths/Book Keeping/Accounts as compulsory subject in 12<sup>th</sup>)

& Soldier Tradesmen (8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> std simple pass). CEE will be conducted at Rangapahar on 24 Nov 2019. For any other query contact on phone No 03862-249012&8974958673 from 0830 AM to 0200 PM on working days for entire duration. Note: All candidates, parents and guardians are advised to be beware of touts during rally and not to fall prey to propaganda. There is no transaction of money involved for selection in Indian Army at any stage.

## Bomb hoax at Guwahati railway station

Courtesy Northeast Now Guwahati Aug 22,

Sensation prevailed at the Guwahati railway station after a bomb alert was sounded early Thursday morning.

The police were on their toes after a packet containing some suspicious objects raised the alarm.

The packet was recovered from near the railway lines near the station.

Later police confirmed that the packet did not contain any explosive materials. It was just a bomb hoax.

Police were of the view some miscreants had thrown the packet just to create a sensation.

## Hepatitis B and C screening camp at Guwahati Press Club

By a Correspondent Guwahati Aug 22,

Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre, Chennai has organized a daylong Hepatitis B and C screening camp at Guwahati Press Club on 7 September 2019 (11 am to 4 pm). Subsequent expert opinions by consultant hepatologists from the multi-speciality hospital will also be made available for those

participants, who test positive for the disease. Currently, chronic Hepatitis Band Care the major burden of the liver diseases in India which eventually lead to cirrhosis of the liver and hepatocellular carcinoma. However, a simple screening test can provide an opportunity to treat the disease and to identify patients, who are at risk of hepatocellular carcinoma.

For the person, diagnosed negative for Hepatitis B can be protected by giving proper vaccines. The initiative of Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre ([www.relainstitute.com](http://www.relainstitute.com)), which can be termed as an important example of social healthcare initiatives, is expected to benefit member-journalists of the press club in northeast India to fight against Hepatitis B and C.

## A R Conducts Football Match

IGAR (South) Imphal Aug 22,

Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a friendly football match at football ground of Kameng Sabal Football Club on yesterday in I/West district. The

match was organised by Chingmeirong Company Operating Base (COB) and played between the troops and Kameng Sabal Football Club. The match was aimed at fostering competitive spirit and sportsmanship amongst the youths of the area. Both teams played with full vigour and enthusiasm

showcasing true team spirit by the teams. Subsequently, teams gave their best efforts on the field. At the end of the match, both the winning and the runners up teams were felicitated with tokens of appreciation. The event concluded with tea and refreshments for all attendees.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Tree Plantation Drive

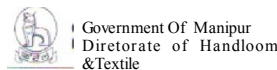


IGAR (South) Imphal Aug 22,

Kakching Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a tree plantation drive at Waikhong football ground, Thoubal district on 20th August 2019. About 50

saplings of various trees were planted by the Company Operating Base (COB), Waikhong of the battalion along with Waikhong Youth Club. Tree plantation drive started since 1950 and it has increased National awareness of environment protection. The

tree plantation drive was observed with the aim to fight global warming and to reduce its impact to some extent. All the attendees pledged to carry forward this initiative and contribute towards increasing the green cover in newly formed Kakching district of Manipur.



### NOTICE TO LOOM MAUFACTURERS Imphal, the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

No.HL-127/H&T/2019(Pt.-I): All the approved Loom Manufacturers of Manipur are hereby informed that Directorate of Handlooms & Textile, Govt. of Manipur is to provide Fly Shuttle Loom and Self Picking Looms to 2500 (Two thousand five hundred) weavers under the Loom Up-gradation Scheme of this Directorate for the year 2019-2020 on DBT in kind.

2.0 For this, Looms shall be procured from the approved loom manufacturers with a proportion of the weavers concerned in co-ordination with the District Handlooms & Textiles Officer. Therefore, all the approved Loom Manufacturers of State are hereby informed to contact the project Manager (Handloom), District Handlooms & Textiles officers for the above purpose on or before 02.09.2019.

3.0 It is also further informed to all the un-approved Loom Manufacturers of the State, who are willing to supply Fly Shuttle Loom and Self Picking Looms, to submit their applications with relevant documents through the respective project Manager (Handloom) for obtaining approval of Government on or before 31.08.2019

Sd/-  
Director of Handloom & Textiles  
Manipur