

## Northeast news

### Indian government not committed to solve Naga problem: NSCN-IM

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There seem to be more hurdles in the ongoing much talked about Indo-Naga peace talk. According to reports, the NSCN-IM has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing apprehension in the commitment of the Indian government to solve the Naga political issue. The letter reportedly signed by NSCN-IM chairman Q Tuccu and its general secretary (chief negotiator) Th Muivah lamented that the talks that were supposed to take place at the highest level has been reduced to the Governor's level. "We are happy to learn that R

N Ravi, the interlocutor, at the formal talk on July 26 last that you are committed to solving the Indo-Naga political problem within a three-month's time, the letter read. It further added that 'there are still some core issues like flag and constitution which are yet to be agreed upon between the two parties.' The NSCN-IM further alleged that the commitment given by successive Prime Ministers of the country that the talks will be at the highest level and at a neutral venue outside the country and without any pre-condition has been dishonoured. "We have come to India on the invitation of the Prime Minister of India and several

rounds of talks have been successfully held and the August 3, 2015 Framework Agreement was signed in your presence, the letter read. The letter further added that "however, we are surprised that the talk is now reduced to a mere Governor's level". "Both parties have been patiently negotiating for the last 22 years and we are committed to working out an honourable solution," it added. "But, the recent changes and developments have created confusion and doubt in the mind of our people if an honourable political solution can be arrived at," it further stated.

### Arunachal: Namsing hosts health awareness programme

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A major health awareness camp was held at Namsing village under Mebo Sub-Division of Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday. The health awareness camp was held in view of outbreak of several cases of Japanese Encephalitis. The camp was organized by the Adi Baane Kembang in association with district medical officer of East Siang district. The camp was attended by executive members of ABK and officials of health department including public of Namsing village. In his message to the general public, Dr Kaling Dai, district medical officer, East Siang District said that, the people should focus on three things. These are mainly knowledge, attitude and practice. Dr Dai made it a point that, the common public must understand and have the knowledge about the diseases.

He also stressed on how to keep one secured by incorporating good attitude. He exhorted the people to commit for doing away or keep surroundings clean by means of practices and activities in the form of source reduction etc. He also said that, though several cases of Japanese Encephalitis have been detected in the district there is nothing to panic as the situation is now under control. However, he advised the people to keep themselves alert as preventive measures and use mosquito nets etc while doing source reduction activities as routine works. Dr Keni Lego, district Vector Borne Disease Control Programme Control officer presented a power point presentation regarding the various diseases like JE, dengue, malaria etc. He said that the source reduction and keeping safe by using mosquito nets are the only preventive measures from these diseases.

Though vaccine for JE is taken at this time, it won't protect one from the disease as this medicine will get effective only after three months of its injection, he said. Dr Lego vividly explained the cause and preventive measures of all these diseases, but said that the people needn't panic about the cases of outbreak of JE. He also said there was not even a single case of JE related death in the district. Meanwhile, ABK president, Er Getom Borang and ABK and secretary general, Okom Yosung has categorically said that, ABK is seriously concerned about the outbreak of these diseases. They have expressed concern over outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis and other related diseases in the Adi belt and Adi inhabited villages and blocks. Er Borang marked that, the outbreak of JE and large numbers of positive cases in East Siang made the ABK resolve to conduct such awareness programme.

## More State News

### "One Week-Long Free Children Heart Surgery Camp" at SKY Hospital

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To augment the ongoing heart surgical program of SKY Hospital, a team of 12 specialists from Healing Little Heart (HLH), United Kingdom (UK) will arrive at Imphal on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The UK Team in association with Heart Team of SKY Hospital and Manipur Heart Foundation (MHF) will conduct a "Week-long Free Children Heart Surgery Camp" at SKY Hospital on 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The U.K. Team consists of highly qualified and experienced Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon / Anaesthetist / Intensivist, Paediatric OT nurse, Perfusionist, Paediatric CTVS post-op ITU nurses. The joint team will be performing 3 - 4 open heart surgeries per day throughout the week. Any child with birth heart defect as little as 2.5 kg weight may benefit from the camp.

Patients above 18 years of age are not eligible for the camp. For them, routine SKY's heart surgery service will provide the operation at other time. Although any patient with birth heart defects below 18 years of age irrespective of caste, creed, religion or geographical boundary is eligible for the camp, children belonging to BPL family and EWS (Economically Weaker Section) of the society will be given priority. All charge from admission to discharge including operation charge,

OT charge, ICU charge and hospital charge will be free. Registration for the camp will start from 9:00 am of 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 on first come first serve basis. Mention may be made that a joint team of HLH, UK and SKY Hospital successfully conducted a similar Week-long Camp on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 when 9 children including one 2 months old child from Nagaland were operated successfully, giving them a new lease of life. Dr. L. Shyamkishore, Chairman

& Chief Cardiologist of SKY Hospital and President of Manipur Heart Foundation, British trained and experienced for 15 years and having British connection has been providing world class heart operations and interventional cardiac procedures free of cost or at low cost on the regular basis since 2015 with such free camp from time to time. He appealed to the people of Manipur and other North Eastern States of India to avail of such high standard heart care free of cost.

### Kamrup (M) geared up to celebrate I-day with patriotic fervour

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The Kamrup (Metro) district administration is geared up to celebrate the ensuing Independence Day with a three-day programme. This was announced by the deputy commissioner Biswajit Pegu while interacting with media at the conference hall of his office in Guwahati on Thursday. A cleanliness drive will be undertaken as part of the celebration on August 13 next across the district. Pegu also said that all the statues and busts of

prominent personalities situated at different locations of the district will be painted fresh commemorating with the occasion. All the parks in and around Guwahati will be cleaned and plantation drive will also be carried out. The district administration has also lined up several competitions like essay writing, elocution and painting for students on the occasion. The subject for essay writing and elocution is 'The Mahatma'. Competitions will be held in select schools and colleges of the district.

The competitions have prize money of Rs 10,000 for first prize, Rs 7,500 for the second prize and Rs 5,000 for the third prize for all categories. The evenings will witness competitions in patriotic songs and drama. Quiz competitions will be held on August 14 with India's independence as the theme. There will also be awareness campaign against use of contraband substances and traffic snarls. The central function of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day will be held at Khanapara's Veterinary College playground. The district administration has

sought full cooperation from schools, colleges and also from Gauhati University and the Engineering College. Police medals, Bir Chilarai Award will be awarded on the occasion apart from felicitating freedom fighters of the district. The district administration has also made arrangements for shows of patriotic movies for students. The deputy commissioner has informed that the district administration has already communicated with cinema hall authorities in this regard. These shows for the students will be totally free of cost.

### Protest meeting on Kashmir issue protest at Irawat Bhawan

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Yesterday, as a part of the national protest day, a protest meeting was held at Irawat Bhawan, BT Road, Imphal on the scrapping of articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution of India and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh by the Union government led by BJP. The protest meeting was held under a Presidium of Kshetrimayum Santa (secretary Cpm Manipur), I. Sotinkumar ( secretary CPI Manipur), N Ratan (secretary RSP, Manipur), KH Apanthoi (chairman AIFB Manipur) and Sarat Salam (secretariat member of CPM Manipur). Addressing the meeting Dr. Nara Singh, National council member of CPI, appealed to the people of Manipur to prepare for the participation in the bigger movement to be announced within a few days by the National leadership of the left parties. He was followed by Kshetrimayum Santa. In his



address Santa said that the 5th August, 2019 will be remembered as a black day in the democratic history of the country as the articles 370 and 35A was scrapped and Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two union territories. The aspirations of the people of the weaker States particularly of the North Eastern Region are under threats. He appealed to the people to be vigilant against the undemocratic and unconstitutional practices of the NDA government led by Narendra Modi. Laishram Sotinkumar,

addressing the meeting, warned the central and state government for their anti North Eastern Region particularly of Manipur. He said that the assent to the Bill on Manipur People's Protection, 2018 is pending in Delhi. Khumdrum Gyaneshwar, secretary of AIFB Manipur, explained that the cherished dream of the hindutva forces fulfilled with the abrogation of the articles 370 and 35A. The next target may be States in the North Eastern Region. Kangjam Manoranjan,

secretariat member of RSP Manipur, cautioned that any eventuality may occur in the country and appeals to be prepared for that to save the country from the onslaught of the right wing hindutva forces. The protest meeting was also addressed by Sarat Salam (secretariat member of Cpm Manipur) and KH Surchand (secretariat member of CPI Manipur). The meeting condemned the unconstitutional and undemocratic move of the central government towards Jammu and Kashmir.

### Assam Rifles Conducts Free Medical Camp

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Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a free medical camp at Thiyam Konjin village on 07 August 2019. The medical camp commenced with an informative lecture on 'Health, Hygiene and Sanitation' by the unit medical officer followed by an interactive session during which various queries raised by the attendees were clarified. The locals were also enlightened on basic healthcare issues including precautions against common viral diseases as well as importance of hygiene and sanitation for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. As part of the camp, a dedicated medical team under the unit medical officer provided medical assistance to the locals of the area. In addition, to the medical checkup, consultation on various diseases and health related issues as well as free medicines were distributed to

the needy patients. A mobile dental clinic was also established for carrying out dental checkup of the locals. A medical team under the dental officer from 12 Dental Unit Assam Rifles (DUAR) provided free dental treatment and medicines to the attendees. The medical camp received

an overwhelming response from the local populace and witnessed an attendance of over 250 locals of nearby villages. All the attendees conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for facilitating the outreach of the medical facilities and requested for more such camps in the future as well.